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Last week we left the Carpe Diem with the Herne's aboard on the north coast of Australia, getting ready to head out into the Indian Ocean. Sailing up the east coast of Australia and then westwards along the northern coast, the Herne's had been island hopping; stopping regularly at islands they passed for a day or two or maybe a week or two. There was to be one more port to call at before the Indian Ocean beckoned.

Approaching Darwin was an event in itself. First, James decided to entertain himself by taking the shorter route between some small islands instead of going around them. Going between them meant there were some tricky currents to navigate and the tide into crocodile infested Fannie Bay which is the mooring for Darwin. The currents and tide were, as James put it, challenging. Everything went according to plan until the Carpe Diem crew were just about to tie up at the mooring. At that moment a Moth hydrofoil went skimming by – until it hit an obstruction which broke the hydrofoil clean off. The small and flimsy boat capsized at the same time. Not the best thing to do when crocodiles are gliding through the water looking for food. The ship-wrecked hydrofoiler was dragged aboard the Carpe Diem complete with all limbs, and then what remained of his boat was tied to the dingy the Herne's used to go the last mile to shore; the boat being dragged along with them. The very grateful survivor of his wrecked boat and the crocodiles rewarded the Herne children with ice cream and cans of soft drinks.



A Moth Hydrofoil skimming through the water

In Darwin the Herne's met up again with friends they made along the way and will see again after they finally get back to St Helena. Meeting new friends, meeting up with them along the way and seeing them when they call at St Helena is a fairly regular occurrence for the Herne's and for others among all the salty dogs who have crossed the world's oceans. The informal brotherhood of trans-ocean yachties has been formalised a little bit by the founding in 1950 of the Ocean Cruising Club (OCC). This club has no club house apart from the world's oceans and its ports. The club has more than 250 port officers around the world whose job is to help other yachties become familiar with a port and of course to renew acquaintances. James Herne is the Port Officer for St Helena and the OCC Port Officer flag hangs in the St Helena Yacht Club. In Darwin one of the first things the Herne's saw was Sweetheart. Sweetheart was a 17 feet long crocodile which attacked dinghies, outboard motors and fishing boats in the waters around Darwin in the 1970s. Sweetheart was eventually caught by staff from the Northern Territories Parks and Wildlife and they took the croc to another location where there weren't any dinghies, outboard motors and fishing boats. Sadly, Sweetheart drowned on the way after getting entangled with a log. The old girl, or boy, still lives on in The Northern Territories Museum in Darwin. The museum is by Fannie Bay, Sweetheart's favourite hunting ground.

Sweetheart still manages to frighten some people 39 years after drowning.



Jacob and Sadie have no fear of this bronze replica of Sweetheart at Cullen Bay Marina, Darwin

The Herne's were in Darwin for about a week. James was impressed by a musician who played some unusual music using four didgeridoos each with a microphone at the bell end of the four feet long tree branch, hollowed out by termites. Didgeridoos have been used by Australian Aborigines for at least 1,000 years and they remain ever popular.

Finally leaving Darwin for the open ocean the Herne's set course for the Ashmore Islands which are about 200 miles off the nearest coast on the Australian mainland. For the Hernes starting in Darwin it was 500 miles and three days sailing. When the Hernes stopped at Ashmore they were still in Australian territory but Indonesia is much nearer. Ashmore is a reef with three islands, all uninhabited apart from officials in boats and planes checking the Hernes and other yachtie visitors are not illegal immigrants sneaking across from the nearest Indonesian Island. The officials also protect the marine reserve established around the reef. The ocean is clear and the coral reef was stunningly beautiful but the wells on land are all contaminated after phosphate was mined on the island in the 19th century.

After Ashmore it was another 1,500 miles of sailing to the Cocos (Keeling) Islands. Another low lying group of 27 islands with just two, Home Island and West Island being inhabited. About 600 people live there. Called Cocos Malay they are Sunni Muslims who speak Malay rather than English but the islands are still within the boundaries of Australia. The Keeling part of the name is from William Keeling who discovered the island in 1609. The islands are part of the Australian External Territories so the status of the island is

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not much different from British Overseas Territories.

The Hernes arrived with a 30 knot wind blowing in the sails and the wind remained for the whole time they there. They stayed two weeks, waiting out the weather but in the meantime Josh enjoyed the pastries and kept an eye on the many sharks populating the coastal waters.

The next island on the route was Rodriguez , a further 2,000 miles on. The sailing conditions had been lively with 30 - 40 knot winds all the way. At one point the auto-pilot broke so it was all hands on deck. Fortunately the auto-pilot was repaired the following day. When on land at Rodriguez James noticed the local cooking included plo, chow chow and black pudding which reminded him of St Helena. But the plo was made with flour, not rice. The island lies 350 miles east of Mauritius and is part of Mauritius but has its own local government. Unlike the other Indian Ocean islands the Hernes had visited Rodriguez is well populated with over 40,000 people. It has big fresh fruit markets and many shops.



Shopping in Rodriguez

Once more the Hernes met a fellow yachtie who they would meet again after returning to St Helena.

This time it was an 82 year old Norwegian Lars Jung who was sailing around the world single-handed. He has been to Antarctica where his son joined him and took the opportunity of shooting an excellent short film as his father sailed the yacht sailed between icebergs.

Leaving Rodriguez it was another 400 miles to Mauritius. They made for Grand Baie where the yachts find sheltered water for mooring. This meant a regular sailing trip to Port Louis, the main town for provisions, restaurants and entertainment. The population appeared to be well off and are of Asian-French origin leading a westernised way of life. There are very many large Chinese fishing boats in the port with even larger ones lined up outside. There is a Chinese presence in the town revealing an active financial interest in Mauritius by the Chinese.

Jacob and Josh learnt to play the harmonica while in Mauritius. An ex-US Navy submariner from another yacht called '3⁄4 time' taught them. Their harmonica tutor had made a name for himself by finding a way to send and receive emails while in a submerged submarine.

In the meantime James was in the Grand Baie Yacht Club and joined the crew of another yacht to take part in a local yacht race. On one occasion at their own mooring they noticed a couple taking several photos of them as they got on and off the yacht and walked around the yacht. They were a suspicious couple who thought the Hernes were about to steal

someone's yacht. It all got sorted out with the local police in the end. On another occasion James was giving out boat cards advertising his business, St Helena Yacht Services. A security guard came up to him to check what it was he was passing out. James gladly gave him a card and urged him to sail to St Helena some time soon. After eating, racing other yachts, playing the harmonica and enjoying hot meals cooked by someone else the Hernes took to the ocean again.

They avoided Reunion Island because there are too many sharks there and it is not possible to swim. Madagascar was also passed by because some disease had broken out there and the mosquitoes are malarial. Other nasties such as dengue fever are also carried by mosquitoes. Neither malaria nor dengue fever ever leaves anyone who has contacted it so the safest thing was to head straight for South Africa. It could have been possible the South African immigration would not let them land if their passport showed they had visited Madagascar.

After two weeks sailing from Mauritius they arrived at Richards Bay, KwaZulu Natal. Durban, to the south of Richards Bay, was avoided as it had been damaged by recent storms. In Richards Bay the weather was fine, big tuna were there to be caught and the swimming was good. The yacht club and marina were free to use and safe. There were many good restaurants and all the other usual facilities. Richards Bay also has monkeys, lots of them. There are reports of monkeys attacking dogs and humans shooting monkeys.

After four days at Richards Bay the Hernes prepared to sail south, around the coast of South Africa and towards the South Atlantic.

CHANGE TO NURSERY ENROLMENT

The following is a Public Announcement from the Education & Employment Directorate:

The Education & Employment Directorate would like to advise all parents and guardians of children who will be turning three years old that the following change has been made to the times for enrolment into Nursery schooling on St Helena:

- Children, who have reached the age of three years by 31 August 2018, can start their Nursery schooling at the start of the new school year on Tuesday, 4 September 2018
 - Children, who will reach the age of three years between 1 September 2018 and 31 December 2018, can start their Nursery schooling at the start of Term 2 in January 2019

All children who reach the age of three years after 31 December 2018 will start their Nursery schooling in September 2019.

This decision has been made in consultation with Nursery teachers and the Education Committee in order to enhance teaching and learning opportunities and improve educational outcomes for all children.

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After one or two conversations this week my thoughts turned to Strategies. I don't often think about strategies but every organisation has one. An organisation without a strategy is seen to be without direction and not to be taken seriously. For this reason I suppose, most strategies are full colour and glossy with lots of diagrams, photos and with text which is split up into easy-to-read sections.

It seems to me the production of a strategy is seen as a big deal with loads of meetings, endless revisions to the text and too much money spent on giving the final version of the much prized strategy an appearance which is intended to indicate the organisation producing it is as modern and 'with it' as any other. A big sigh of relief must be expelled by all concerned when the thing is finished. That is where things often go astray; deciding a strategy is the start not the finish. Sometimes the whole thing starts all over again to produce an Implementation Plan and of course there are Policies for this, that and the other. All are needed otherwise people in the organisation have no guidance on what they are doing and why. Although the question has to be asked, do all these strategies, policies and plans give the required direction in every case? Looking through some of these documents I've collected over the years it is often the case that not much is added to the strategy by the addition of policies and plans. One Implementation Plan I just checked out sets out an Objective and then seems to indicate the way that the objective is to be achieved is to write another plan. Who is kidding who here?

Nothing is achieved by forever writing plans, someone somewhere has to DO something. And do something which is significant, a game-changer. What it is that is intended to be DONE is what any organisation's people need to know – clearly and succinctly, and that I believe is what should be in all Plans. The work should be in the Plans, strategies can unkindly be described as wish-lists; we can all write them. Then of course there is the too regular answer from a government official, especially a UK Government official when told this or that plan, initiative or project is not working. "We have spent loads of money on it" is the standard reply. The discussion never gets as far as wondering why this or that is not working after spending loads of money on it.

How about this for a Strategy? We have an airport which is half what it was intended to be, so what can we do about it? End of Strategy.

The Policy arising from this strategy is to make the best of what we've got because no-one is going to pay in our life times for upgrades to the airport to make it what was originally intended.

So what's the Plan? Objective – make it easier for people to get here. How? We all know the answers but is anybody listening? The Cape Town Connection is supposed to be reinstated soon, after its early disappearance from the original flight schedule; it is widely thought Cape Town should be the preferred South African destination for St Helena flights, if the passenger loadings on the Cape Town connection are encouraging switch the flight to Cape Town and fade out Johannesburg. When the Cape Town connection becomes a possibility so does changing planes at Windhoek for passengers travelling from Europe and elsewhere. For Europe, Frankfurt is the easiest and most obvious European destination from Windhoek with a choice of other European destinations available from there. Are plans finalised for promoting this route and the other African destinations from Windhoek which will open up? Qatar Airways opens up the Middle East just a little bit with flights from Doha to Windhoek so why not give that option some exposure.

With more options and good marketing there is a chance of more tourist arrivals on a Saturday afternoon. More arrivals makes a permanent second flight each week more of a possibility. One other well known 'blocker' to more tourist arrivals is the fares, perceived by many to be too high. Certainly the air fare from South Africa to St Helena, and back, when seen as an add-on to the air fare from Europe, North America, the Far East or Australia is a big add-on. It's unavoidably seen as an add-on because there are no through fares and no amount of clever marketing is going to change that.





We now have a Companion Fare which gives a discount to two people travelling together out and back. That's a start but there is a variety of other fare packages which could be possible. A Family Fare could give more discount to a group of four or more travelling together; this kind of fare would fit well with some Saints who want visit home as well as, for instance, groups of divers. Beyond that there are Youth Fares, Frequent Flyers, Advance Purchase, Late Bookings and Group Fares. Variable ticket pricing already exists because there are about five different Economy Fare prices but no-one knows what they are going to pay until they make their booking. It is confusing and secretive and not good for public relations. If a discount is offered it should be advertised everywhere; most airlines do that. Air Namibia is happy to tell you they will fly you from Windhoek to Frankfurt and back for as little as $\pounds 593$. They are not at all shy about saying so.

The big question here is do we know enough about marketing St Helena to know which of all the different types of discount fares that could be used is going to put extra bums on otherwise empty seats. Does anyone fly regularly back and forth? Why do they do it? If a discount was triggered after the 3rd or 4th flight would such people make more journeys than originally intended? The answers to these questions and others like it are probably not known but is anyone making any attempt to find out? Much has been made of the two-centre holiday idea; spend a few days in South Africa and then pop over to St Helena for a week or a few days if there are two flights a week. How is the two-centre holiday

being promoted? Is it being promoted at all?

All of that is the more obvious, easier stuff and even if all of it is done to maximise the number of passengers on planes it will not get us very far along the road to where we want to be. Direct flights from Europe need to be positively encouraged and a good hard look at tourism service provision in St Helena is needed. With fewer passengers arriving than was hoped for it is necessary to offer services which encourage visitors to spend more while they are here. How exactly is that to be done?

All of this involves everyone to some extent from the remote and silent DFID to the one-man taxi driver business. At the moment I can't hear anyone talking about it all in a meaningful and purposeful way.

Vince

BASIL READ BUSINESS RESCUE

On Wednesday, SHG gave St Helena Independent the following information regarding the current Basil Read Business Rescue process:

"Current Position

Basil Read is still undergoing the Business Rescue Process which they entered into on 15 June 2018. Basil Read plan to lodge their business rescue plan on 20 August 2018.

SHG continues to work with the business rescue practitioners, staff and suppliers to manage the situation. Contingency plans are in place if needed.

Airport Construction

The business rescue process has resulted in delayed payments from Basil Read to some of their staff, suppliers and subcontractors involved in the remaining construction work under the Airport Project.

We can confirm that one of Basil Read's subcontractors involved in the fuel commissioning process withdrew from the Island pending payment for earlier work.

However, works on-site at the Bulk Fuel Installation are continuing. Basil Read and SHG continue to work together to ensure completion of the remaining construction work.

Airport Operations

St Helena Airport continues to operate as normal. This is of

the utmost priority to all parties involved who are working to ensure that there is no interruption to the air service to St Helena.

Planned Communications

Regular updates regarding the business rescue process will be provided to local media by SHG. As the situation is constantly evolving, this will be done either via a verbal briefing from the SHG Press Office or a statement to the media."

For readers of the St Helena Independent and listeners to Saint FM this statement from St Helena Government does not tell us anything we do not already know. We must at this stage hope that the business rescue process is successful and that funding has been secured for the new Basil Read business plan. What SHG fail to explain is the crucial element of funding. As far as we are aware, a business plan has to be presented on 20th August and secure funding obtained at that stage or not more than two weeks thereafter. Otherwise liquidation is inevitable.

Successes from a business rescue process are far between, therefore we hope that the SHG/DfID 'contingency plans' are robust. Not everybody have as strong faith in the process as SHG appear to have in this media briefing.

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Robrecht Willaert is Director and Editor-in-Chief of Travel Magazine, a leading monthly trade journal targeting all professionals in tourism in Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg. His magazine is read by the decision makers among the tour operators, travel agents, tourism trade organisations and tourism boards in those three countries and beyond.

Mr Willaert is different from most of the journalists who come to St Helena to see for themselves what we have here. He will not be returning home to write an article about St Helena for the travel section of newspaper or magazine which will be read one day and forgotten the next by most of his readers. He is collecting information for a second edition of a reference book published by his company, giving information on the new and more unusual destinations in the world of travel. The reference book is a source of information for any and all travel agents, tour operators and all the rest in Belgium Holland and Luxembourg.



"I think there is no event which is important which is not encrusted in a bigger whole"

Robrecht Willaert came to the Saint FM studio for an interview on 8th August. An appropriate date to make a public appearance as it was the 203rd anniversary of Napoleon setting sail from Britain to his exile in St Helena and Robrecht is from Belgium, Napoleon's downfall at the Battle of Waterloo was on his home soil. Waterloo is just a 34 minutes drive from his office.

Mr Willaert has a quiet authority about him, which is something to be expected from a man who informs and influences the travel trade in the Low Countries at the highest level. He arrived last Saturday and leaves this weekend. It was clear that by Wednesday he had seen most places and many people in his search for information to include in the travel trade reference book. St Helena has been allocated 16 pages in a publication which will feature 20 to 25 destinations.

Unsurprisingly his comments are very much the same as the several tour operators and travel trade representatives who have visited this Island;- a flight from Cape Town would be better, a passenger change at Windhoek to make it a little easier for people travelling from Europe, direct flights from Europe are needed, improvements to roads and buildings are urgently needed. He also added that with smaller planes than originally planned carrying fewer passengers St Helena should encourage the luxury end of the travel market to try to make up some of the lost revenue to the Island. This means the tourism services providers will need to raise the level service offered and the overall quality of what is offered. For years St Helena was to be a tourism destination aimed at the 'high value – low volume' sector of the travel market. This mantra was quietly forgotten a couple of years ago and now it is a question of taking what we can get. Robrecht's observation that we should refocus on the higher end of the market should be given serious consideration.



Another comment was that the private sector and government of any country need to talk to each other. That's really talk; not just take up pre-decided positions and then proceed to talk at people instead of with people. Without proper communication, Robrecht said, nothing will happen. The reference book will be published towards the end of this year. After leaving St Helena on Sunday Robrecht and his publishing company will continue to monitor developments in St Helena to ensure their description of St Helena as a tourism destination is up-to-date and accurate at the time the reference book is published.



EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 7 AUGUST 2018

Executive Council met today with just one item on the Open Agenda. This was to discuss the proposed increase in the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) for the up-rating of Income Related Benefits (IRB) and Basic Island Pension (BIP). Council noted that the proposed uplift would take account of the recent tariff increases for water and telecommunications introduced by Connect St Helena Ltd and Sure South Atlantic Ltd respectively on 1 July and 1 August 2018. The proposed uplift will see Income Related Benefits increase from $\pounds 67.90$ per week, and Basic Island Pension will increase from $\pounds 67.30$ to $\pounds 70.20$ per week. In both cases this represents a 4.3% increase.

Executive Council Members recommended and the Governor agreed to approve the increase in MIS and the amended Social Security Regulations, both to come into effect from 10 August. In noting that the increase had been delayed due to budget constraints, Council agreed that an ex-gratia payment should be paid to recipients at the same time to offset the week lost. Further details will issue in a separate press release shortly.

Council noted that a further price collection will take place in September. Members were also keen to see a review of the Minimum Wage take place at the same time.

The Governor took the opportunity to inform Members of Council that the issues relating to payment of UK pensions to recipients living on St Helena, have been successfully resolved and all pensions (90 in total), have now been reinstated.

The meeting closed at 11am. *ExCo* 7 *August 2018*



EXECUTIVE COUNCIL APPROVES CHANGE TO MINIMUM INCOME STANDARD

Executive Council approved a change to the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) that is used to determine the rates for Income Related Benefits (IRB) and Basic Island Pension (BIP) on Tuesday, 7 August 2018.

The approved Social Security (Amendment) Regulations, 2018, will come into effect from Friday, 10 August 2018.

The rate for BIP for those with 30 qualifying years or more will increase from £67.30 to £70.20.

The rate for IRB for a single person household will increase from $\pounds 65.10$ to $\pounds 67.90$.

DETAILS	IRB	BIP
Current rates (£)	65.10	67.30
New rates (£)	67.90	70.20
Increase (£)	2.80	2.90
Increase (%)	4.3%	4.3%

In addition, the rate for IRB for an additional adult in the household will increase from \pounds 38.00 to \pounds 38.90.

Individuals receiving BIP and households receiving IRB will shortly receive a letter from the Social Security Office detailing how the change in IRB and BIP rates will affect them. The MIS has been revised as a result of the six-monthly price check performed by the SHG Statistics Office on the predetermined basket of goods and services. This price collection (referred to as the 'shopping basket') was performed at the end of the last financial year but due to the delay in the Government Budget being approved could not be implemented earlier.

Executive Council noted that in line with the policy to review prices every six months, another price collection will take place in September 2018 and any changes that are necessary to the MIS will come into effect from October 2018. Executive Council also noted that this uplift took account of the recent increases to water and telecommunications tariffs by Connect Saint Helena Ltd and Sure South Atlantic Ltd.

Executive Council also agreed that an ex-gratia payment be made to households and individuals in receipt of IRB and BIP. The payment recognises the time lapse since the approval of the 2018/19 Government Budget and the approval to uplift the MIS on Tuesday and is equivalent to the increase that would have been received in that week. This payment, along with the uplift, will be made through the current payment mechanism on Thursday, 16, & Friday, 17 August 2018.

The detailed Executive Council Memorandum that accompanied the Regulations can be found on the SHG website at: http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/councils/executive-council/.

Members of the community who would like further information about eligibility for both BIP and IRB can contact the Social Security Office at the Post Office Building, Jamestown, in person by appointment or on telephone no. 22605 during normal working hours.

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Expressions of Interest

The Saint Helena Government are seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified Contractors to undertake the proposed Removal and Refurbishment of Metal Access Doors on Balloon Filling Room at Bottom Woods, Met Station.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato on telephone 22270 or email markplato@enrd.gov.sh.

The closing date by which Expressions of Interest are to be submitted is 12noon on Friday, 17th August 2018 and should be addressed to Miss Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.



Send Anthony Nails to Las Vegas

The Dive Travel Awards for 2018 are now open for votes on the DIVE Magazine website. St Helena features in two of the three voting categories. St Helena is one of the top twenty-five dive destinations which made it to the final round of voting and Anthony Thomas' Sub-Tropic Adventures is included in the top twenty-five dive centres or resorts.

A total of 71 dive destinations were nominated together with 461 dive centres or resorts but only the Top Twenty-five in each category went through to the final vote. Voting remains open until 31st October on-line at http://divemagazine.co.uk/ travel/8182-dive-travel-awards-2018-the-vote-is-open

The winners will receive their awards in Las Vegas at the Dive Equipment and Marketing Association's annual jamboree to be held in Las Vegas from 14th to 17th November. The *Independent* encourages everyone with a computer to log on to the DIVE Magazine website and vote for Nails. It is possible to vote for two other dive centres or resorts at the same time but you cannot give all three votes to Nails. Just vote once for Nails and leave the other two votes; we just cannot give any votes to the opposition.

In the destination category Indonesia is out in front with 37% of the votes so far. St Helena has 2.21% of the vote and is in 12th place out of the twenty-five destinations that can be voted for. With a little help from her friends St Helena should be able to get into the top ten.

In the dive centres and resorts category Sub Tropic Adventures is in 8th place with 1.78% of the votes which puts Anthony Nails in a good early position. Once again dive centres in Indonesia are the front runners because diving in Indonesia is very popular. But Nails has a sporting chance of getting into the top five if enough people get on-line and click the right buttons. If he is in the top five maybe he will be invited to Las Vegas for a few days by DIVE Magazine, all expenses paid! Remember you have until the end of October to do your bit to get Anthony Nails on a plane to Las Vegas. Indonesia St Helena

The Dive Travel Awards 2018 Vote is now open! A total of 71 destinations, 461 dive centres or resorts and

208 liveaboards were nominated by DIVE's readers, but only the Top Twenty-five in each category were sent through to the final vote. Voting is open until 31 October and we'll provide regular updates along the way. Winners will be announced at DEMA, to be held this year in Las Vegas from the 14 to 17 November.



Sub-Tropic Adventures 1.78% - 8th St Helena 2,21% - 12th

ROCK STABILITY INSPECTION UPDATE

Works are continuing on the rocks above Upper Jamestown, following the visit of the Geo-Tech Surveyor, Chad Douglas, in June.

The Rock Guards of the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate have now finalised the drilling and netting phase and will shortly commence the final work phase which is the construction of the buttress.

The Rock Guards, who carry out regular rock stability inspec-





tions, expressed concerns about a section of rock in the Upper Jamestown area on 21 June. On 23 June, Geo-Tech Surveyor, Chad Douglas, visited the Island to carry out an inspection of the area. His assessments indicated that there is no imminent risk of a rock fall and an appropriate work programme was put in place to further secure the area. The public will be kept updated as works continue. **SHG** 6 August 2018

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Bank of St Helena joins forces with US on-line payments processing company in bid to make using travel money easier

Allied Wallet, a Los Angeles based payment processing company announced on Tuesday it was proud to have formed a partnership with the Bank of St Helena.

Using a prepayment card means putting cash from your bank account onto a card and using the card to pay for goods and services. As the money on the card is spent it can be topped up again with more cash from the bank account. This type of card is more secure than cash. If cash is lost when travelling it can usually just be kissed goodbye. If a prepayment card is lost or stolen that can be reported and the card is cancelled and a replacement card issued.

Allied Wallet said in their announcement they will partner with the Bank of St Helena to offer the Bank's customers a prepaid card solution for use while they travel. They go on to say this will bring a new opportunity to the people of St Helena as well as its visitors and economic partners. In turn, it will enable Allied Wallet to further their economic development and lengthen the reach of their global payment services.

Allied Wallet's Chief Executive said, "We're very excited to partner with a forward-thinking bank and bring a new opportunity to the British territory of Saint Helena. Our prepaid solution will grow the economy by giving the bank patrons a simple and secure means for spending money in or out of the country – and we're happy to be able to protect them and their funds as they travel and spend,"

Another advantage for travellers is a prepaid card means there is no need to search for Rand, British notes or any other currency. While it is St Helena Pounds that went on the card it can come off as any currency. There is still the need to know what the exchange rates are and what the charges are for changing the St Helena money into another currency when-

Cape to St Helena Yacht Race Gathers Pace

News came from the Royal Cape Yacht Club this weekend that nine yachts have now entered for the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race starting on 26th December. That's three more than two weeks ago. The Royal Cape Yacht Club is accepting entries for the race until the end of November and hope that about fifteen yachts will take part.

The latest entry is 'Banjo' which took the Line Honours in the 2014 race when is set the record for the Cape to St Helena Race at 9 days 13 hours and 36 seconds. Banjo will be skippered again by Kevin Webb who skippered Banjo when his yacht set the record in 2014.

Kevin Webb is a member of the Port Owen Yacht Club in St Helena Bay, South Africa. Another entry is from the Hout Bay Yacht Club to the south of Cape Town; the yacht is the Gryphon, owned by HB Development Trust and skippered by Theo Yon. The other seven entries so far are all from the Royal Cape Yacht Club. St Helena Yacht Club hopes to enter James Herne's Carpe Diem if enough sponsorship can be attracted to fund a St Helena entry. There are sixteen weeks left before entries for the race are closed.







ever it is used to make a purchase. Also you are saved the bother of looking closely at every coin to see if it is a 5, 10, 20 or 50 cent piece. In their announcement Allied Wallet say St Helena Bank customers will find it much easier to spend in and out of their country into other currencies all with one simple and safe card.

While the prepayment card is featured in the Allied Wallet announcement there is a wide range of other services they are able to offer. The announcement mentions payment solutions for merchants, enabling them to accept, and presumably make, global payments. Allied Wallet say they have solutions for every size of business. More details available at https://www.alliedwallet.com/merchant-services/

Joey George, Bank of St Helena Managing Director told the Independent, "we have a confirmed prepaid debit card programme with Allied Wallet, the programme itself is still in its implementation stages and there are a number of technical and operational tests to be completed before we are able to officially offer a live prepaid debit card programme to Bank of St Helena customers." She added, "A timeframe for roll out is not yet confirmed, but we are optimistic it is imminent. This is all very exciting for St Helena and we here at Bank of St Helena are very proud to have achieve this major milestone." Allied Wallet has offices in Los Angeles and London. Founded in 2002 the company has grown rapidly and is reported to have won several awards for the quality of its services mainly in the areas of payment card processing and merchant services.



UK Member of Parliament says Overseas Territories should be recognised as equals

A Cayman News Service reported on Friday about an official visit by four UK MPs to the Caymans to discuss the Cayman Government's push for constitutional changes to the relationship between the Cayman Islands and the UK Government. When questioned about Cayman's decision to take legal action against the UK's decision to impose beneficial ownership registries Henry Smith, one of the four MPs making the official visit said "we need a revised Constitutional arrangement which much more recognises the Overseas Territories as equals in the British family, therefore I think this has highlighted we need reform in this respect." Mr. Smith is a mem-



The Cayman Islands Financial Centre, where a dispute over registration of beneficial ownership is causing deep discontent about the Caymans relationship with the UK

ber of the International Development Committee who oversee the policy, administration and spending of DFID and seems to be someone for St Helena to have on our side.

Another MP on the official visit, Martin Vickers, told Cayman's media, "We go away from this visit much better informed and I think that is vitally important and I think we will, as a group, want to make a report to Government and I will hope that they will take our views seriously."

Another House of Commons Committee, which oversees the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, has recently announced it will be holding an Inquiry in to the Future of the Overseas Territories.

The problems St Helena is experiencing arising from lack of proper communication and understanding with the UK Government is also a problem for some other Overseas Territories. The budget speeches at the recent Legislative Council clearly indicated how difficult the relationship is right now. After the official visit to the Caymans by a group of MPs they readily say they are better informed. Similar visits are needed in St Helena. Arrangements were reported to have been made for Lord Bates to make a 24 hour visit to St Helena but it did not happen. At the time of the supposed visit the Independent was promised answers to questions we were invited to raise with DFID and a letter from Lord Bates to the people of St Helena to be published in the Independent was also offered. While questions were submitted and great interest was expressed in receiving a letter from Lord Bates nothing has yet resulted from the promises and suggestions.

Move to close legal loophole allowing Brits to eat dog meat

UK law makes it illegal to buy or sell dog meat but it is entirely legal to eat your own dog if it has been humanely killed. This loophole in the law will soon be closed if Scottish MP Dr Lisa Cameron has her way, and she is not expecting any opposition to her proposal to make eating your own dog illegal.

The Prime Minister and the Foreign Secretary have already lined up behind Cameron's proposal. Dr Cameron is chair of the All Party Parliamentary Dog Advisory Welfare Group. She believes there has been an increase in the human consumption of dog meat in the UK.

Dog meat is eaten by humans mostly in China, North and South Korea and Vietnam however it is known for humans to eat dogs in a limited way in several other countries. The Swiss like dog meat in their sausages and they are also partial to cat meat because it tastes like rabbit, they say. In Nigeria eating dogs is quite widespread. It also happens in the United States however a law banning this is now going through Congress. The alleged increase in eating dog meat in the UK is thought to be among Far East and South East Asians however dog welfare charities say they have not come across any instances of this happening. The methods used to check whether a human has eaten a dog is best left to the imagination.



Henry Smith MP, Member of the International Development Committee (DFID Watchdog) Co-Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group on Animal Welfare (not to be confused with the Dog Welfare Group in this report) and one of the four MPs who went on an official visit to the Cayman Islands.

In this photo Henry is campaigning against the mistreatment of puppies by ruthless breeders in the UK

DARK SKIES LIGHTING CONSULTANT TO VISIT

As part of St Helena's work to introduce Dark Skies legislation, Dark Skies Lighting Consultant, James Paterson, will be visiting the Island from 18 August to 1 September 2018.

Dark Skies legislation will mitigate light pollution in order to preserve and sustain the natural environment of St Helena. Introducing Dark Skies legislation will enable St Helena to eventually apply for International Dark Sky Status with the International Dark Sky Association (IDA).

More than one-third of the world's population, 60% of Europeans and nearly 80% of North Americans are now unable to see the Milky Way due to light pollution. This is not the case on St Helena and the Island is keen to keep it that way. Dark Skies legislation has many benefits including, protecting the natural environment, conserving its biodiversity, protecting the night sky and reducing energy waste and carbon emissions.

During his time on-Island, James will be assisting with the public consultation process and will be able to explain the details and requirements of Dark Skies legislation.

Alongside of this, James will also be training key local SHG staff and other stakeholders in the implementation of the Dark Sky Management Plan.

During a two-day workshop, James will deliver tuition to help attendees with interpreting many of the technical issues which the Island will need to address if Dark Sky Status from the IDA is eventually achieved. Further information on the public consultation sessions will be issued shortly.

Time will be set aside in the visit programme for electrical contractors and wholesalers to meet with James outside of the public consultation sessions. Electricians and wholesalers wishing to attend these separate sessions are invited to contact Gillian Francis by emailing: gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh or calling: 22314. #StHelena #DarkSkiesLegislation #DarkSkyStatus #AltogetherGreener #StHelenaTourism

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THEFT AT ST HELENA DONKEY HOME

St Helena Police are appealing to the public for information about a black litter bin and five bags of donkey dung that was stolen from the St Helena Donkey Home in the Blue Hill/Casons area over the weekend of Saturday, 4, and Sunday, 5 August 2018.

Chairperson of the St Helena Donkey Home, Teeny Lucy, said:

"We have a tiny team of volunteers that work to keep the donkey's general health and hooves well and their pasture in good condition. We also organise fundraising events in our own time.

"It makes us very sad and disillusioned when some people ransack our shed, steal our bin, and tip the rubbish out everywhere, as happened this weekend.

"We would like to ask anyone in the Blue Hill area who notices any unusual activity at the Donkey Home to please report it."

If anyone has any information, no matter how small it may seem, they are encouraged to contact the Police via telephone number: 22626.

*StHelena #DonkeyHome #Theft #AppealForInformation https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/ https://twitter.com/StHelenaGovt

SHG, 9 August 2018



IT-Support

The Equality and Human Rights Commission is seeking invitations to tender for the provision of I.T. Support.

Work will include upgrading the network infrastructure and synchronising all computers, maintaining hardware and software.

For further details and a specification, interested persons may contact Mrs Carol Thompson on telephone 22133 or email admin@humanrightssthelena.org

Bids must be sent in a sealed envelope to Mrs Thompson, Equality and Human Rights Office, PWSD Yard, Jamestown by no later than 31 August 2018

APPLICATIONS FOR THE UK GOVERNMENT'S PRESTIGIOUS CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS OPEN TODAY

Applications for Chevening Scholarships to study in the UK are open from today, Monday 6 August, until Tuesday, 6 November 2018, with applications to be submitted via: www.chevening.org/apply.

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with demonstrable leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds. The scholarship offers full financial support for future leaders to study for any eligible master's degree at any UK university whilst also gaining access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences. Over the last 35 years, 50,000 outstanding professionals have had the opportunity to develop in the UK through Chevening. There are more than 1,500 scholarships on offer globally for the 2019/2020 academic year, demonstrating the UK's ongoing commitment towards developing the leaders of tomorrow.

Governor Lisa Honan said:

"We are looking for ambitious, professional, forward-thinking leaders from any walk of life. There is no such thing as a 'typical' Chevening Scholar, but one thing that all of our previous scholars have in common is that they were bold enough to step forward and apply.

"If you are chosen for Chevening, you will receive a first-rate UK education which can open doors in your career. You will also become part of the global Chevening Alumni network full of dynamic influencers who have shared the same experience as you will, and can offer mentorship, advice, and contacts.

"There is a lot to potentially gain from submitting a thoughtful application, so if you or someone you know has what it takes to be a Chevening Scholar, I would encourage you to apply before the 6 November deadline." Head of Scholarships at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Ben Coates, said:

"The UK continues to play a leading role globally. Home to some of the world's best universities, brightest students, and most revered academics, the UK's higher education sector promotes the exchange of information and ideas, as well as the building of knowledge and networks. Chevening Scholars find themselves immersed in that world, and emerge having grown academically, professionally, and personally as a result of their time in the UK.

"Chevening Scholars share the best their country has to offer with those they meet in the UK, and then share the best the UK has to offer when they return home. The role that the Chevening community plays in building bridges between countries is as important now as it has ever been."

"Over the last 35 years, many of those selected for this scholarship have gone on to become respected leaders across a range of sectors. Being a part of the Chevening network instils a strong sense of pride and responsibility, and I've personally seen how this opportunity has transformed lives."

Chevening's Head of Programme Management, Louise Thomson, said:

"Chevening allows you to explore whatever you're passionate about. You can choose from over 12,000 master's courses at over 150 different higher education institutions. UK institutions consistently rank highly in global university rankings, so be prepared for an academically challenging and fulfilling experience. However, the UK is a classroom like no other - you will learn so much outside of the classroom simply by interacting with people from all over the world, travelling around the UK in your spare time, and getting involved in the communities you live in.

"Chevening organises an exclusive programme of events and activities, enabling you to experience Britain's heritage and history, discuss international policy, and interact with thought leaders at a range of academic, cultural, and social events. "Recently, scholars have visited 10 Downing Street in London, faced history at Edinburgh Castle in Scotland, climbed Mount Snowdon in Wales, stood pitchside at Old Trafford in Manchester, and witnessed the beauty of the Giant's Causeway in Northern Ireland. Some have even visited Hogwarts at the film studio where the Harry Potter films were shot.

"With so much to learn and achieve, a year goes by in a flash. During this time, your academic knowledge deepens, your networks expand, and your ambitions evolve, leaving you motivated and better equipped to return home and achieve your dreams."

The call for new applicants follows the selection of Zedella Young from St Helena who won an award to study at a UK university this year. Successful applicants have been sharing their stories through the #ChosenForChevening hashtag on Twitter and Instagram.

More information

Visit www.chevening.org/apply/guidance for detailed information on the eligibility criteria and scholarship specifications. **Contact**

Manager of the Governor's Office Sandra Sim on tel: 22308 or email: sandra.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Funding for Non-Government Organisations, Charities and **Community Centres.**

The Community Development Organisation (CDO) wishes to invite all interested persons and organisations to a discussion on exploring new funding opportunities, with James Bramble the newly appointed External Funding Coordinator for the St Helena Government.

Why should you come?

If you would like to explore new donor avenues for external funding, attendance is a must! Non-Government Organisations rely on money from a variety of sources and it is noted that funding such endeavours has become particularly challenging, in light of budget reductions and fundraising limitations on St Helena. This meeting is an opportunity for your organisation to highlight your funding requirements, and for James to explore and seek off-island international donors.

Who:	James Bramble - External Funding Coordinator
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- Wednesday 15th August @ 5:00pm When:
- Where: Museum of St Helena

We look forward to seeing you there. For further information please contact Kirsty Joshua on 23999 after 5:00pm or alternatively e-mail: community.sthelena@gmail.com.



PUBLIC NOTICE



SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCIES FOR SENIOR CARERS AND CARE ASSISTANTS

The Safeguarding Directorate is committed to delivering a fantastic service to clients under our care. To make this happen we need exceptional individuals with the right attitude and skills who share our passion for delivering the best quality care experience. Our staff are important in creating a caring, family environment so our residents can enjoy a happy and comfortable life.

We have vacancies for Senior Carers and Carers on both a permanent and fixed-term basis.

Senior Care Assistant Community Care Centre-(CCC)

To assist in developing and sustaining high quality health and social care for frail older people in fulltime residential and day care. NVQ level 3 Health and Social Care. GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above, or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3. One year's experience of working with elderly people.

The salary for this post commences at £9, 034 per annum.

Care Assistants (CCC and Cape Villa, Learning Disabilities)

Assist in the day-to-day care of residents in a way that promotes their safety, independence, choice and social wellbeing. Applicants should ideally have attained entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy. You should also be willing to engage in training to enhance your skills and knowledge in the care of our residents.

The salary for this post commences at £6, 890 per annum

For further details about these posts, please contact Wendy Henry on telephone no. 25331.

Copies of the relevant job profiles and application form can be requested from Sasha Osborne on telephone number 22713 or email <u>sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> Applications should be returned, through' Directors where applicable, to Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to <u>sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> by Thursday, 23rd August 2018.

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

Stephanie Jones Director, 0# August 2018 Safeguarding Directorate

Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, St Helena Government, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ Telephone: + (290) 22713 E-mail: stephanie.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh

www.sainthelena.gov.sh

Are you interested in promoting your business internationally?

Expressions of Interest for attendance at International Travel Shows

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) is providing exciting and unique opportunities for local Tourism related businesses to play a vital part in the promotion of our Island by accompanying the St Helena Tourism Team to various forthcoming International Travel Shows. Attendance at these travel shows will create an opportunity to network with leading international tour operators and buyers; and obtain an understanding of the international tourism industry. The forthcoming International Travel Shows are as follows:

- ⇒ The World Travel Market (WTM) Travel Show will be held 5 -7 November 2018 in London. It is a leading global business to business trade show.
- ⇒ Destinations Travel Show will be held 31 January 3 February 2019 in London. It is the UK's biggest and longest running public based travel show packed with hundreds of leading and independent tour operators and tourist boards from around the world.
- ⇒ ITB Berlin Travel Show will be held 6 10 March 2019 in Berlin. It is the biggest international travel show in the world which is both a business to business and public based travel show.

Interested persons should be:

- $\Rightarrow \qquad \mbox{Registered with the St Helena Tourist Office and operating a Tourism Business of a high standard on St Helena}$
- $\Rightarrow \qquad \text{An ambassador for St Helena}$
- \Rightarrow Able to promote/sell St Helena (and their business)
- \Rightarrow Able to engage/communicate with the travel trade and travel media
- $\Rightarrow \quad \text{Personable}$

Expressions of Interest should be submitted in writing to Juliet Williams, Tourism Manager, The Canister, Jamestown by no later than Friday, 17 August 2018.



For further information please contact: Juliet Williams, Tourism Manager on telephone 22158 or email on juliet.williams@tourism.co.sh

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St Helena Ísland Secret of the South Atlantic



Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from suitably qualified businesses or individuals to carry out the following works at the Canister Building in Jamestown:

- Seal the flashing of the roof to stop water ingress and paint roofing sheets
- Scrape and paint the exterior walls
- Replace window sills on the first floor
- Create two rear disabled access doors in accordance with the approved design
- Remove existing air conditioning units

Expressions of Interest must be submitted by 15:00 on Friday 17 August by email to merrill.joshua@esh.co.sh or by letter addressed to Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill.



VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY SUPPORT

The Judicial Services Section has an opportunity for a highly motivated individual to work in their small but busy office as Temporary Support. This post is on a temporary basis from August to January 2019. Duties of the post include:

Duties of the post include.

- Assisting with registration of trademarks and patents

- Assisting with maintaining the Powers of Attorney Registry in accordance with the Powers of Attorney Ordinance, Cap 36 and in relation to the Registered Land Ordinance, Cap 65

- Assisting the Judicial Services Manager with administration of all court related matter



- Assisting with collating court statistics

- Assisting with transcription of judicial proceedings in preparation for Supreme Court and Court Appeal Hearings and despatching to various parties

Prospective candidates should have a GCSE in Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent qualifications, be proficient in IT and preferably have experience in working in an administrative and people focused environment. This post requires significant contact with the public and therefore good interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills are essential, as is the ability to maintain confidentiality. The post holder must be able to work both independently and as part of a team.

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

For further details regarding the duties of the post, interested persons can contact Yvonne Williams, Judicial Services Manager on Tel 22340 or e-mail yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources, 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 Tuesday 21 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.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. **Corporate Services 7 August 2018**

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Interserve Defence Ltd Ascension Island South Atlantic Ocean Tel +(247) 66339



www.interserve.com

Vacancies

General Operatives (6)

Ref SS25963

Short Term Contracts - Ascension Island

Interserve Defence Ltd are recruiting 6 general operatives / labourers to work on the Ascension Island Base. The contracts will commence 13 October 2018 and end 14 April 2019. There will be an opportunity to return to St Helena for leave during Christmas/New Year, flight dates are 12 December 2018 and 12 January 2019.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and an end of tour bonus. Unaccompanied accommodation, meals at the mess and work clothing will be provided.

The successful applicants will be responsible for providing labour support for all Work Area Packages of the contract, additional minor new works and project enabling works including working with sub-contractors, assisting skilled tradespersons, concrete, trenching works etc.

Secondary duties may include but not limited to pest control, grounds maintenance work, refuse collection, deep cleaning, plant and transport operations.

We are looking for persons mature in attitude, flexible, reliable and self-motivated; have an open approach and will pass on their knowledge, experience and show a willingness to assist others. They will be capable of obtaining MOD basic level security clearance, a Visa from the Ascension Island Government and must be declared medically and dentally fit to work on Ascension through Interserve's Company doctor.

Interested persons should submit CV to apply or contact <u>Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk</u> for further information, tel 00247 63400 or 66339.

Closing date Friday 17 August 2018

Interserve is one of the world's foremost support services and construction companies. Our vision is to redefine the future for people and places. Everything we do is shaped by our core values. We are a successful, growing, international business: a leader in innovative and sustainable outcomes for our clients and a great place to work for our people. We offer advice, design, construction, equipment, facilities management and frontline public services. We are headquartered in the UK and listed in the FTSE 250 index. We have gross revenues of £3.3 billion and a workforce of circa 80,000 people worldwide.



JOB VACANCIES

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

Communications Operator/Repairer

Essential Duties & Job Functions:

- Works with Communications team maintaining and troubleshooting Telephone, computer and TV systems.
- Works on overhead cable lines, replacing cable, splicing fiber and copper cables and assists in replacing telephone poles when required.
- Maintain telephone central office, telephone end instruments, Public Address (PA) system.
- Maintains manual and/or computerized central office records including cable records, line records, subscriber service records, and spare parts inventories.
- Must be able to climb telephone poles and work at heights.
- Training will be provided specific to this position.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

Tower Maintenance Technician

Under direction of the Tower Maintenance Supervisor, the Tower Maintenance Technician is responsible for performing all aspects of tower maintenance.

Essential Duties & Job Functions:

- Responsible for performing corrective maintenance and corrosion control on fixed and semi-fixed antenna structures
- Replacement of tower lights (beacon/strobe), troubleshoot and resolve tower maintenance/emergency issues.
- Ensures procedures are being followed while making certain highest level of quality standards are met.
- Maintains adequate levels of tools, equipment, and other maintenance supplies.
- Supports other department staff as needed or directed.
- Completes all PMs and repair projects on time and on budget.
- Must have drivers license with clean driving record.
- Must be able to climb and work on antenna structures and work at heights.

MAINTENANCE/ROADS & GROUNDS TRADES HELPER

- Perform grounds maintenance services in all areas of the Base
- Using a variety of hand and power tools/equipment
- Assist in the loading and off-loading ship operations
- Operate/Learn to operate forklift and other vehicle equipment.
- Performs other related duties as assigned.

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 <u>E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil</u> or phone 247-62225

Wolf Creek Federal Services, Inc. • PO Box 4127, Patrick AFB, FL 32925 • T: 321-494-0900 • F: 321-494-4046



St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest from the Private Sector to provide a footpath clearance service for 8 of the island footpaths.

These paths include; Mackintosh to Spring Gut; Hardings to Casons; Maskelyne's Observatory; Brown's Hill to Prince Andrew School, Casons Gate to Rosemary Plain, Butchers Grave, Peak Hill road to Francis Plain and Longwood Boundary.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by no later than Friday, 17th August 2018.

Our footpaths contribute to the overall tourism product and provide opportunities for visitors and residents to explore our picturesque landscapes as well as promote a healthy lifestyle. It is also important that individuals or businesses who are interested in carrying out this work understand the need to preserve the environment whilst providing a safe passage for walkers with different levels of mobility.

As part of Enterprise St Helena's procurement procedures, interested persons are required to produce a copy of their Public liability Insurance.

For further information please contact Melissa Fowler, Tourism Manager on Telephone 22158 or alternatively email melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh



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Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 28 August 2018 Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time

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- Interested Persons Should:
- Have excellent Customer Service skills
- To price goods and stack shelves when necessary.
- To perform cleaning duties as necessary.

• Salary for the post will be £3.0569 per hour – Approximately 22 hours per week

Dive Travel Awards 2018

VOTE NOW!

Both St Helena and Sub-Tropic Adventures have been shortlisted for the Dive Travel Awards 2018, in association with Dive Magazine.

Visit the website on <u>bit.ly/2LRZAMa</u> enter a valid email address and vote for St Helena (Destination) and Sub-Tropic Adventures (Dive Centres or Resorts).





Sub-Tropic

Voting closes 31 October.



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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 2018/74: FULL Planning Application for Replacement of Dilapidated Metal Panels with Marine Ply on the Front Elevation of Property, Main Street on Parcel 040016 Jamestown adjacent to Essex House. Applicant: Cyril George
- **2.** Application 2018/75: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a 4 Bedroom Dwelling, Terrance Knoll, St Pauls on Parcel 0578 Scotland, adjacent to Rosemary Walton. Applicant: Andrew Crowie
- 3. Application 2018/76: FULL Planning Application for Installation of 7 Telecommunication Cabinets and Microwave Back-Haul Equipment, Nr White Wall (HTH1359), Nr Property of Ms Patricia Peters (HTH1357), Property of Ms Sarah Musk (FP0301), Property of Ms Hazel Jackson-Higgins (SBE0047), Adjacent to the Property of Ina & Gary Benjamin (TH020017), Nr Hutts Gate on (LWS0371) and on the Property of Mr Theodore Fowler, Nr Red Hill, Levelwood on DPRR0030. Applicant: Sure SA Ltd
- Application 2018/77: OUTLINE Planning Application for Construction of a New Prison & Police Custody Building, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0446 Longwood North, adjacent to Crown Land. Applicant: Prison Project Board
- Application 2018/78: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a Carport and Garage, Sapper Way, St Pauls on Parcels 0480 and 0481, adjacent to Donald & Wendy Arms. Applicant: Patrick and Pamela Young

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	: 9 August 2018
Public Review Closing Date	: 24 August 2018

David Goodrick Ag Chief Planning Officer







Come and join in our... Activity day with the National Trust at Rupert's Beach on Thursday 16th August 2018 Starts at 10am to 2pm

Contact Martina Peters, Conservation Projects Manager on 22307 or email: martina.peters@trust.org.sh

Activities will include:

- Beach clean
- Making fishing rods and play fishing game
- Raft making
- Sand sculpturing

And more...



"To ensure a future for St Helena that is rooted in the firm foundations of our past, by providing trustworthy information, effective management and conservation of St Helena's heritage" SAINT HELENA LTD

TIP OF THE WEEK ...

Unplug your phone from the charger (and the charger from the wall) when your phone is fully charged.

TRAVELLING TO ASCENSION, THE FALKLANDS OR TRISTAN DA CUNHA?

MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT DOCUMENTS FOR ENTRY

St Helena residents planning travel to Ascension Island, the Falkland Islands or Tristan da Cunha are reminded of the following entry requirements. Being aware of the requirements in advance will ensure travel is as smooth as possible and avoid instances such as refused entry.

Ascension Island

Ascension Island has recently introduced a new E-Visa System. The majority of visitors to Ascension will require an entry e-visa. There is no 'visa on arrival' facility.

There are seven e-visa categories - Tourist, Business, Scientific/Research visitor, Transit/Double Transit, Contractor, Employment and Employment Dependents and Accompanying Family.

If you are visiting Ascension, you must ensure that you have at least six months sufficient validity on your passport to cover your stay on Ascension from the time you arrive. British Emergency Travel Documents and British and St Helenian Emergency Passports are generally accepted for travel to Ascension Island.

Subject to certain exemptions, it is an offence to enter Ascension without a valid e-visa; if you try to visit Ascension without a valid visa, you may be refused entry and required to leave immediately.

Persons exempted from requiring an e-visa include:

- Employees of Ascension Island Government on a local contract
- Civil servants of the UK, Falkland Islands and St Helena who are visiting Ascension Island in their official capacity

A full list of exemptions can be found here: https://www.ascension-visas.com/faq

Entering Ascension Island with criminal convictions

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) has a duty to protect Ascension Island, its residents and those living in or travelling to the Island temporarily.

Historic criminality will not necessarily lead to an unsuccessful e-visa application.

All prior criminality **including spent convictions**, with the exception of minor road traffic offences should be declared at the point of application. 'Minor road traffic offences' do not include alcohol or drug-related driving offences which should be declared. The Administrator may make independent enquiries to verify the veracity of any statement made.

Applicants found to have concealed material facts about their criminal record may be denied an e-visa or have an e-visa which has been issued revoked and could face a penalty of a fine not exceeding £1000, or imprisonment not exceeding 12 months, or both.

For further information on the Ascension e-visa application process, please visit: https://www.ascension-visas.com/faq. To apply for an e-visa, please visit: https://www.ascension-visas.com/apply. If you cannot find an answer to your question, please contact AIG via: www.ascension-visas.com/contact-us.

Falkland Islands

Entry to the Falkland Islands is controlled by their Customs & Immigration Department, located in Stanley.

Visitors

All visitors to the Falklands are required to apply for a visitor's permit.

This can be obtained on arrival on production of a return ticket, evidence of sufficient funds available for the duration of stay and evidence of pre-arranged accommodation. Medical insurance cover which includes cover for medical evacuation to a third country and is valid for the duration of stay on the Falkland Islands is recommended for all visitors. Visitor's permits are normally issued for a maximum period of one month. Permission for a longer stay can be obtained in advance of travel by contacting the Falkland Islands Government Customs & Immigration Office on tel: +500 27340 or email: admin@customs.gov.fk

Working on the Falklands

Any person who does not have Falkland Islands Status or a Falkland Islands Permanent Residence Permit will require a Work Permit to undertake employment in the Islands. These must be obtained in advance of travel. Visitors to the Falkland Islands are not permitted to take employment. For more information, please contact the Falkland Islands Government Customs & Immigration Office on +500 27340 or email: admin@customs.gov.fk

Entering the Falklands with criminal convictions

All applicants for permits to enter the Falklands (other than those just visiting) are required to declare all criminal convictions on their application form.

Spent convictions will need to be declared, in addition to any current ones. The only exception to this is minor driving offences that did not result in a disqualification from driving – these do not need to be declared.

Any applicant who has a current (i.e. unspent) conviction on their record **may** be refused a permit. An application is more likely to be refused if the applicant has a history of repeat offending.

Whether or not a conviction is regarded as spent is decided under the Rehabilitation Provisions of the Falkland Islands Criminal Procedure and Evidence Ordinance.

Tristan da Cunha

Before you can enter Tristan da Cunha you will need the prior permission of the Island Council. You should apply to the Administrator's Office via email: tdcenquiries@tdc-gov.com

You must have a confirmed and fully paid return passage, comprehensive travel and medical insurance that cover the cost of medical treatment and evacuation to Cape Town and sufficient funds to cover the cost of your visit. A landing fee is payable on arrival at the Island.

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SHFA Football Results and Fixtures

Axis 3 v Bellboys 3

G/S Axis: Rico Williams, Josh Fowler, Dennis Owen G/S Bellboys: Ryan Benjamin 2, Scott George MOM: Dennis Owen (Axis) YPOM: Matthias Young (Axis)

Rovers 8 v Crusaders 1

G/S Rovers: Tyler Benjamin 4, Ronan Legg 3 (1P), Rico Benjamin G/S Crusaders: Josh Benjamin MOM: Tyler Benjamin (Rovers) YPOM: Trystan Thomas (Rovers)

Sunday 5 August 2018

Wolves 11 v Saints 1 G/S Wolves: Jacob Duncan 3, Greg Phillips 2, Cody Thomas 2, Wayne Yon 2, Jace Williams, Liam Yon G/S Saints: Phillip Isaac MOM: Jace Williams (Wolves) YPOM: Brandon Harris (Wolves)

Wirebirds 4 v CSB 2

G/S Wirebirds: Mario Green, Clayton Leo, Rick Thomas (P) G/S Chop Shop Boys: Owen Richards, Clayton Yon MOM: Declan Franconi (Wirebirds) YPOM: Conrad Clingham (Wirebirds)

Sun 12th Aug

1.30pmSaints v HartsOrganisers: Wirebirds3.30pmRovers v AxisOrganisers: Bellboys



Second Round league Fixtures Sat 18th Aug 1.30pm Harts v Bellboys Organisers: Rovers 3.30pm Axis v Crusaders Organisers: Saints

Sun 19th Aug 1.30pm Saints v Wirebirds Organisers: Chop Shop 3.30pm Rovers v Wolves Organisers: Chop Shop

Due to the adverse weather last weekend there was no Junior Football. Junior football this week will be on Sunday starting at 9.30am.

Pitch 1 9.30am: Jungle Rangers v Yellow Devils Referee: Tanisha Benjamin 10.15am Young Harts v Dream team Referee: Nick Stevens

Pitch 2 9.30am: Chop Shop v Rangers Referee: Gareth Johnson 10.30am: Allstars v new team (name to be decided) Referee: Christian George

GOLF REPORT – contributed by Deon Robbertse

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On Sunday 5th of August 2018, eighteen players participated in a four ball better ball competition over 18 holes. The game was played in sunny weather with very little wind. Winners on the day were the team of Lawson Henry and Bramwell Lumukwana with a nett score of 55. The runners up were the team of Neil Joshua and Norman Thomas with a nett score of 60. Only Peter Johnson returned with a score of two and was the winner of the two shot competition.

This coming weekend the club is hosting a Par 3 competition with tee-off time starting from 12h00.

Members are also advised of the half-yearly golf club meeting that will be held on Sunday the 26th of August.

Since the Island is busy with a healthy living campaign, why not consider taking up golf as a sport that is good for mind and body. The health benefits of playing golf includes, staying fit, improve muscle tone and endurance and can help you lose weight and body fat.

Any persons who would like to join the golf club are welcome to contact the club at 24421 or visit our Facebook page St Helena golf Club.

VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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

Applicants must have GCSE's 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 and 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 ranges from \pounds 7,226 per annum to \pounds 7,562 per annum, depending upon qualifications.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs. Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone number 22607 or e-mail wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 17 August 2018.

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

Mrs. Shirley Wahler Director of Education & Employment 9 August 2018



Football Flash Back - Nick Stevens



Crystal Rangers 2010



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St Paul's Primary at Primary Schools Tournaments

On Monday the 6th August 2018, St Paul's Primary School football and netball teams took part in the annual Primary Schools Tournaments. The day was opened by Mrs Wendy Benjamin (Assistant Director) and Mr Nicky Stevens (Manager of New Horizons), who both welcomed the schools and reminded everyone about the importance of good sportsmanship.

The day proved to be a highly successful one for St Paul's Primary as they won both the football and netball cups, along with some personal achievement trophies. Tyrone Peters-Clingham won Best Goalkeeper, Micadean Crowley won Highest Goal Scorer and Best Player of the tournament and Jaydee Caswell won the trophy for Most Promising Player. For the girls, Leah Bedwell won the trophy for Best Player and Jayann Fowler won the trophy for most promising player.

St Paul's Primary drew, to play first against Pilling Primary. The boys played with determination and skill, Micadean Crowley scored 4 goals, Kieran Williams 1, Jaydee Caswell 2 and Taylan Phillips 1. Tyrone Peters-Clingham also made an impressive save. The girls played equally well with Jayann Fowler scoring 3 goals and Kaelyn Thomas scoring 2 goals. St Paul's played their final matches against Harford Primary, again both the boys' football and the girls' netball was very exciting to watch as the players threw themselves into their games. The netball match ended in a 3-3 draw which led to 5 minutes extra time each way and St Paul's emerged as the victors. The boys again proved to be on form and was ahead by half-time. This gave the year 3 and 4 boys an opportunity



to display their technique, even scoring a few goals. All three schools played really well and the atmosphere was one of healthy competition and fun. It was fantastic to see all three schools displaying good sportsmanship and encouragement for each other. The day ended with a short speech by Mrs Benjamin, who commented on the evidence of skills displayed by the teams and thanked the primary PE staff, the Prince Andrew PE staff and New Horizons for their hard work in helping the children to develop, this was followed by a presentation of trophies and certificates.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Tony Winfield and Mr Christian Yon for giving up their time to give our boys some extra coaching, Miss Karen Henry and team for their continuous hard work at school in PE sessions and lastly, thanks to those parents who made it to Francis Plain to support the school – you helped to give the whole day a vibrant atmosphere.

ST PAUL'S PRIMARY'S OPEN DAY WITH PRIZE PRESENTATION AND ENTERTAINMENT

Her Excellency Governor Honan, Director of Education, Assistant Director of Schools, Invited guests, parents, guardians and families attended St Paul's Primary School End of Year Entertainment and Prize Presentation Ceremony on Wednesday 1st August.

The morning began with KS1 entertainment and prize presentation followed by KS2. Mrs Pat Williams Headteacher, reflected on what the school had been up to over the year, their successes and achievements, also paying tribute to her staff that have worked tremendously over the past year and in short staff situations.

Following this after both KS1 and KS2 speeches, the children put on a fantastic programme of music, drama and dance which had everyone in laughter and feeling proud.

The entertainment kicked off and ended for both KS1 and KS2 with a sterling performance by the St Paul's Primary School choir, the children sang two beautiful songs, 'One and a Million' and 'Be the Change' which had powerful messages about the importance of our children and our earth.

The choir showed off their skills by singing two part harmonies as well as accomplishing two key changes within one of the songs.

Nursery 1 presented a song 'This ole house' and Nursery 2 did 2 songs 'Hello Mr Sun' and 'Music, Music, Music'.

Reception presented a Play/Song entitled 'The Hungry Caterpillar'.

Year 1 presented a play 'Jack & the beanstalk'.

Year 2 presented a play entitled 'Short Pants'.

Year 3 presented a play 'Hakuna St Helena' followed by a

song entitled 'Hakuna Matata'.

Year 4 presented a play entitled 'Life in ancient Greece, Rome and Egypt.

Year 5 presented a song 'Reach for the stars' followed by a play 'Tales of O'Malley.

Year 6 presented a rap.

The prize presentation followed and prizes were awarded to pupils in KS1 and 2. They also had for Reading Champion of the year in each class, who were Erin Benjamin, Ellie Bedwell, Marley Thomas-Lawrence, Ephrem Stroud, Aisha John-Bagley, Ty Young and Leah Bedwell.

Outstanding overall performance throughout the year from Yr 1-5 went to Danyl Muranganwa, Terriona Constantine, Paisley John, Ephrem Stroud, Maya Yon and Allie Fowler.

Best efforts were Machi Robinson, Tiana Benjamin, Marley Thomas-Lawrence, Zach Francis, Alona Yon, Brianna Henry and Taylan Phillips.

Pupil of the year went to Paisley John in KS1 and Ella Riley in KS2.

Individual subject prizes were given to Year 6 children. You have the list for this Leigh for KS2.

The Headteacher, staff and pupils would like to say a big Thank You to all who attended their End of Year Entertainment, Prize Presentation and Open Day 2018.

Following the prize presentation invited guests, parents and friends were invited back to the school for tea and refreshments, after which the school was opened for viewing. A positive, great day for St Paul's Primary School!



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