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## ***Former Royal Mail Ship, St Helena returns to Portland after seven years***

***A ship which used to carry goods from Portland to a remote island in the South Atlantic Ocean, has returned to the isle once again.***

The St Helena, formerly known as the Royal Mail Ship St Helena, was spotted arriving into Portland Port by Paul Dallaway this afternoon.

The 6,767-tonne cargo and passenger vessel was once the sole source of supply of all goods for St Helena - a small island found 1,500 miles north west of Cape Town. It was also one of the last working Royal Mail ships in the world.

The vessel made regular trips between St Helena and the UK from 1977 until it took its last voyage from Portland Port in 2011.

The 1,800 tonnes cargo ship left Dorset to make more regular trips between Cape Town, Ascension Island and St Helena to improve access to the island.

However, St Helena's long awaited airport was opened in 2016 and the ship was subsequently sold.

It made its last voyage from St Helena in January 2018. Its final voyage was marked with a public holiday on St. Helena. The RMS St Helena was then renamed the MNG Tahiti and began a new life as a floating armoury in the Gulf of Oman. ***From Portland Echo***



## ***Falkland island up for sale***

Covering 39.9 square miles, Pebble Island is the fifth-largest of the 778 isles that make up the Falkland Islands, a British overseas territory in the southwest Atlantic Ocean. The island is being sold by the ancestors of a merchant called John Markham Dean who bought it from the British government in 1869, reports The Times.

"His descendant, Claire Harris, has been unable to find anyone to value the island so will seek offers when it goes on the market this year," the newspaper adds.

Harris, the granddaughter of the last Dean to live on and farm the island full-time, said: "My father managed the island from the UK for many years and is passionate about the place, as are my husband and myself and most other members of our extended family.

"I have been managing the property for the last ten years and it's because neither I nor my sisters, or our seven children, are now in a position to keep it going that we have decided, very sadly, to sell.

"Many would say Pebble is the most beautiful in the Falklands because it is varied, with three hills, beaches, cliffs and lakes."

The island was also the site of a pivotal attack during the Falklands War, which saw the British pitted against Argentine forces for control of the archipelago. A 45-strong SAS team launched a raid on an airbase on Pebble on 14 May 1982 that resulted in the destruction of 11 Argentine planes. Today, the island is home to two memorials from the war.



It is also famed as an "Important Bird Area" (IBA) as designated by BirdLife International, in recognition of the large number of rare birds there.

Riki Evans, 49, lives on Pebble from October to March while running the island's guest house, which will not be included in the sale.

"I don't think whoever is going to buy the island will turn it into Las Vegas, there is too much water," he said. "I guess it will suit someone who likes peace and quiet, the fresh air, the silence.

"You would also have to like sheep, or at least not hate them."

The island is a 45-minute plane journey from Stanley, the capital and largest town of the Falklands archipelago.

## Bishops to Arrive on St Helena

Confirmation has been received from the provincial office of His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town that His Grace will be coming to St Helena on 10<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> November for the purpose of the Consecration and Enthronement of Bishop Elect Dale, who will become the seventeenth Bishop of the Diocese of St Helena.

His Grace will be accompanied by Bishops Stephen Diseko (Dean of the Province) and Allan Kannerneyer who will be the presenting Bishops at this historic occasion."

The Service of Consecration and Enthronement will be held at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm. All are welcome to attend this service and most importantly to support one of our own St Helenians who has been elected to this prestigious position as leader of the Anglican Church on island.

As His Grace, Bishops Stephen Diseko and Allan Kannerneyer will be on island for a week, plans are being made for them to visit the three parishes and to meet and greet as many people as possible. Further information will be announced later.



*His Grace the Archbishop of Cape Town,  
Dr Thabo Makgoba*



The family of the late **Ann Williams** would like to send a special thank you to all of the hospital and physio staff - in particular Dr Rhys, for their care, attention and support to both Ann and the family during and after her stay in hospital. Your good sense of humour made her time there less arduous.

Special thanks also go to Fr Dale and to Fr Clive and Fr Jack for conducting the funeral service, Jackie Moyce for her unwavering love and support and for reading the lesson, Sharon Wade for reading the eulogy, Joy George the organist, Roy Williams and his team, Davina and Colin for the wreath-making, Solomon & Co. for the service sheets, to all the ladies at Corporate HR, Debbie Leo, Alison Laycock, Cheryl Bedwell, Gift and Vee Sibanda, Johnny Joshua, Johnny Isaac and Daniel Leo.

To all who assisted so readily, those who attended the funeral, called or sent messages of condolences and paid floral tribute, we very much appreciate your kindness and support to us all during a very difficult time; may God richly bless you all.



**Death leaves a heartache no-one can heal  
but LOVE leaves a memory no-one can steal**

The angels gathered near your side  
so very close to you  
For they knew the pain and suffering  
that you were going through  
I thought about so many things  
as I held tightly to your hand  
Oh how I wished you were strong  
and happy once again  
But your eyes were looking homeward  
to that place beyond the sky  
Where Jesus held His outstretched arms  
it was time to say goodbye  
I struggled with my selfish thoughts  
for I wanted you to stay  
So we could walk and talk again  
like we did just yesterday  
But Jesus knew the answer  
and I knew you loved Him so  
So I gave to you life's greatest gift  
the gift of letting go...





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# Editorial

This has been a hectic week, not least for myself. Of great interest in the paper is the response letter to last week's article about Marine Protected Areas. It is really pleasing that the Marine Team in National Trust is putting their view across. It takes the topic of Marine Protected Areas further into the public domain. We hope that we have a letter from Executive Council on this issue next week.

What is happening in the select committee in UK is also fascinating but I'm afraid that everything else than Brexit will be kicked out in the 'long grass' - at least at the moment.

Enjoy your Carnival weekend.

**Mike**

**Contributed**



## CARNIVAL 2018 – SPIRIT OF THE SEA - GOOD TO KNOW

*Carnival is this coming Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October. The parade will leave the top of the town, for the seafront, at 3pm. Entrance fee onto the seafront is 1.00 pound for adults and 50p for children 15yrs and under. If you are participating in the parade, your entrance fee can be collected at the top of the town before the parade starts – this will also ease any congestion at the seafront area. It is preferred that you bring along coins rather than notes for your entrance fee. The usual Public Transport will be available leaving the East and West sides of the Island; please enquire with Joshua's Bus Service for pick up times. There will be face painting at the top of the town starting at ½ 1:00 for 1.00 pound per person*

A few reminders: The seafront parks along the Swimming Pool Side, from opposite the arch to the customs area, will be closed from 4:00pm on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct to allow for carnival preparations.

*The seafront road will be closed to all vehicular traffic from 7:00 am to midnight on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October*

*The main street parks will be open, however we would be grateful if all persons parking here during the afternoon, could ensure that they do not overhang the park, which could cause concern for the parade floats*

*There will be marshalls present throughout the parade for your safety and alcohol is not permitted in the parade – we kindly ask for your co-operation for a successful parade. Children must be supervised at all times*

*Carnival T shirts are still available at Moonbeams for 15.00 pounds adults and 12.00 pounds for children*

*There will be prizes for the best costumes and we look forward to seeing you all at Carnival – get into the 'spirit of the sea'*

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# CELEBRATING ONE YEAR OF COMMERCIAL FLIGHTS AT ST HELENA AIRPORT

Sunday, 14 October 2018, marked the one year anniversary since the start of commercial flights into St Helena. This is a momentous milestone for St Helena Airport.

The first commercial flight arrived at St Helena Airport from South Africa on Saturday, 14 October 2017, with 72 passengers onboard.

To date (excluding the past weekend's flights), there have been 104 scheduled flights to and from South Africa. This has seen 6208 passengers arriving and departing from St Helena Airport on these flights.

As with any airport, St Helena Airport has also experienced delays due to unfavourable weather. Despite the wet winter season, there have only been seven delays to Saturday flights during the first year of commercial services. Nevertheless, commercial flights have afforded thousands of people quick access to and from the Island, enabling many Saints who have not been back to the Island for several years to return to visit friends and family, and become reacquainted with St Helena.

Chief Executive Officer and Accountable Manager of St Helena Airport Ltd, Gwyneth Howell, said:

"This period has flashed past us and much has changed. In the past year, as an operation, we have learnt a lot and improved our services along the way. We would like to thank our customers, contractors, ASSI, SHG, and of course our Airport Staff for their unstinting efforts."

To commemorate the one year anniversary of commercial air services, SAAirlink's Chief Executive Officer, Rodger Foster, is due to visit the Island next month.

**SHG**

**15 October 2018**



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## "Only" Seven Delays to Passenger Flights

On Monday St Helena Government issued a press release to celebrate the "momentous milestone" of one complete year of an air passenger service linking St Helena to South Africa. Included in the excited text was, "Despite the wet winter season, there have only been seven delays to Saturday flights during the first year of commercial services." The word 'only' has raised some eyebrows among those who have read or heard the contents of the press release.

No.	Date of delay	Number of days delayed
1	28/10/17	2
2	21/04/18	2
3	02/06/18	1
4	14/07/18	9
5	18/08/18	5
6	01/09/18	3
7	06/10/18	3

A total of 25 days delay have so far accumulated, causing horrific extra expense for many St Helenians and visitors. Since June there has been a delay every month causing thousands of pounds of extra expense to affected passengers. The adverse affect this has had on the much hoped for tourism based economy has yet to be fully calculated but is expected to be so large no right-thinking person will consider travelling to St Helena in the winter months for leisure and pleasure. With the first delay occurring in April this year and last year's October delay being repeated this year, many in tourism services have resigned themselves to seeing a few tourists for just five months of the year. They have also resigned themselves to the writers of press releases (and the many members of the grand committee who check and alter press releases) remaining on a different planet in a parallel universe where fiction is reality and nonsense is wisdom.

## NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on

**Wednesday, 7 November 2018, at 9 am  
at the St Helena Community College,  
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, 5 November 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.



# French Ambassador's Visit



A heart-warming reception was hosted by Governor Lisa Honan at Plantation House on Wednesday evening so that selected members of the community could meet His Excellency Christophe Farnaud, the Ambassador of France to South Africa.

The evening began with a general meet and greet whereby invited guests were introduced to His Excellency, and made to feel welcome in his company.

Governor Lisa Honan welcomed everyone in her opening speech and mentioned that this first official visit by a senior French official in recent times, coincided with the 197<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Napoleon's arrival on St. Helena as a prisoner.

Governor Lisa Honan said in her speech that she is honoured to welcome Ambassador Farnaud to St. Helena with the theme of his visit being cooperation between St Helena, the UK and France in that it is built on shared history. She went on to say that now that the island has air access, St Helena is open to the rest of the world and we as islanders must exploit that access for our benefits.

Governor Honan concluded her speech by leaving those present with a question in each individual mind – how well has St Helena done over the past year? Obviously there were mixed feelings as to prioritising the accomplishments that are note-worthy of St Helena and general chit-chat reflected that whilst St Helena might have had over 3000 inbound passengers on the scheduled Airlink flights, it has not gone very far towards aiding residents with a reasonable cost of living.

His Excellency Ambassador Farnaud said he is very honoured to be the first French Ambassador to officially visit St Helena and spoke of the island's ties with the French both long ago and in recent times. His visit follows on from Gover-

nor Honan, French Consul Michel Dancoisne-Martineau and other ESH roadshow members promoting St Helena as a tourism destination in Paris last year.

An outstanding, regal presence from the Ambassador who is a naturally tall gentlemen, gave one much hope that his visit will promote opportunities for joint French/British tourism and strengthen links around historical connections as well as highlight potential French foreign investment on St Helena.

The reception at Plantation had a very friendly feel and everyone present enjoyed delicious canapés and fine wine. It also marked three years since the start of the St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd, which manages the French properties associated with Napoleon and his exile to the island many years ago. In the 160 years that France has officially owned Napoleonic sites on the island, this is the first time that an Ambassador, as head of diplomatic mission, has visited his domain in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean.



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# FCO on the Overseas Territories

The UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office [FCO] submitted written evidence for the British Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee inquiry in to the 'Future of the UK Overseas Territories', addressing matters including security, the environment, same sex marriage, hurricane relief, economic stability, sovereignty and more.

## **'By Definition OTs Are Not Sovereign'**

The OTs are largely self-governing territories under British sovereignty but are not constitutionally part of the UK. Most people living in the OTs are British nationals. By definition, the OTs are not sovereign so have no international legal personality separate from the UK," the FCO said.

"The UK, as the sovereign power, has a fundamental interest and responsibility to ensure the security, defence and good governance of the OTs and their peoples.

"For most OTs the UK Government relies on elected OT Ministers and legislatures to deliver expected standards of governance in areas devolved to them. They have broad responsibilities including education, health, environment, immigration, economic development, sport and culture, social policy, and transport.

"The Governor's powers vary between OTs, but in general include responsibility for external affairs, defence and internal security including the police, and the public service."

## **Legislating For OTs**

The FCO said, "The 2018 Sanctions and Anti Money Laundering Act [SAML] enables the UK to impose and implement sanctions regimes in order to comply with our obligations under the United Nations Charter and to support wider foreign policy and national security goals. Improving transparency of Beneficial Ownership information is a key part of the HMG Anti-Corruption Strategy.

"The aim of the international beneficial ownership campaign agreed by Ministers in the summer, is to improve transparency and raise international standards and norms. In response to parliamentary debate, it includes a provision requiring the Secretary of State to prepare a draft order in council by the end of 2020 requiring any OT Governments who have not yet done so to introduce public registers of company beneficial ownership.

"We acknowledge the illfeeling created in the OTs as a result of this legislation. Many OT Governments felt that Parliament had interfered in an area of their devolved responsibility.

"Some OTs have put forward proposals for constitutional reform to address this concern. Ministers have asked OT Governments to submit detailed written proposals for consideration, while making clear our position that we believe the current balance of powers is broadly the right one."

Following the passage of the Bill the FCO referenced above, some of the OTs accused the UK of colonialism, with the islands' leaders calling it a return to "base colonialism," an "affront," an "unacceptable act of modern colonialism," and an action that would "overturn democracy in the relevant territory."

The islands' general position is that they maintain registers, provide information to official entities at request and will make the registers public when it becomes world standard, which it currently is not.

## **Same Sex Marriage**

The FCO said, "Since same sex marriage legislation came into force in the UK in 2014, the British Antarctic Territory, the British Indian Ocean Territory, the Falklands Islands, Gibraltar, the Pitcairn Islands, Saint Helena, Ascension, Tristan da Cunha, and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands have all recognised and enabled same sex marriage.

"Change in the Caribbean Territories is notably slower and rights to same sex marriage are being contested in the Bermuda and Cayman courts. The UK Government has been clear that the OTs must fulfil their international obligations on the issue of LGBT equality. Encouraging legislative change continues to be a priority."

## **Economic Stability**

The FCO said, "Most Caribbean OTs, Bermuda and Gibraltar have developed successful financial, business and professional services and tourism industries. The Southern Oceans Territories have generally developed successful fishing industries as well as agricultural activity and export their products around the world.

"However the OTs face structural challenges in creating sustainable economies due to factors such as their small populations, limited natural resources, high international competition, or [for some] remote geographies. Their economies are largely characterised by a high reliance on one or two industries, proportionately large public sectors, a highly mobile capital base, and a significant reliance on imports for food, raw materials and manufactured goods.

"This makes them more vulnerable to global economic shifts, changing regulatory standards and natural disasters. In turn, these vulnerabilities have a direct bearing on their fiscal sustainability and their subsequent ability to provide public services or invest in infrastructure."

## **'Decision Not To Support Chagossian Resettlement'**

The submission also addressed the British Indian Ocean Territory — an island which British authorities forcibly removed the islanders from between 1967 and 1973 to create a military facility — saying that, "successive UK Governments have expressed profound regret about the way Chagossians were removed from the islands" and "following a comprehensive review, the UK Government announced in November 2016 its decision not to support Chagossian resettlement on BIOT."

'Any Decision To Terminate British Sovereignty Through Independence'

The FCO said, "The position of successive UK governments over many decades is that any decision to terminate British sovereignty through independence should be on the basis of the clear and constitutionally expressed wish of the people of the relevant OT. Were this to happen, and where independence is a viable option, the UK would help to achieve it."

**From Bernews (Also see page 9)**

## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2018/88:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 3 Bedroom Dwelling**, Blue Hill adjacent to Deborah Lawrence. Applicant: Damon Bowers
2. **Application 2018/90:** FULL Planning Application for **Erection of a Bus Shelter**, Nr the Colonnade, Ladder Hill, adjacent to the Ladder Hill Fort. Applicant: Property Division, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (SHG)
3. **Application 2018/91:** FULL Planning Application for **Erection of a Bus Shelter**, Bagley's Point, Sandy Bay, adjacent to Vincent Thomas. Applicant: Property Division, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (SHG)

Copy of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email [Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh) stating the application reference number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make representations on the above application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh)

Public Review Commencement Date : 19 October 2018  
Public Review Closing Date : 2 November 2018



## TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF SIDE PATH ROAD

The following is a public announcement from the Roads Section:

**The Roads Section would like to advise the public that Side Path Road will be closed from 9am on Monday, 22 October 2018 for approximately three weeks.**

This closure is for 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and is to allow Masons from the Roads Section to carry out repair work on a retaining wall.

For the duration of the works, the diversion route will be via Constitution Hill Road. As normal, only Emergency Services will be granted access.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public for their cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience this temporary closure might cause.

**SHG**  
**16 October 2018**

<http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh>





## ***Foreign and Commonwealth Office should give up responsibility for the Overseas Territories***

The management of the British Overseas Territories does not fit well with the other work and responsibilities undertaken by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. At the first oral evidence session held on Tuesday by the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee into the Future of the Overseas Territories a questioner, Bob Seely MP, asked a former Governor of Bermuda, "do you think the amount of time the Foreign and Commonwealth Office spends in looking after Overseas Territories is an efficient use of Foreign and Commonwealth Office time, - - - is that a good use of the FCO's time and money?" The reply from George Fergusson, former Governor of Bermuda and of Pitcairn was, "My personal view is that it is not".

Taking the point further another member of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Andrew Rosindell, asked, "Is it not therefore time to have one Government Department? We have the Scotland Office, Wales Office and Northern Ireland Office. Should there not be a Department for all the territories of the Crown with which the UK Government have to work and liaise and for each Government Department to co-ordinate through, or should the Cabinet Office, perhaps, take responsibility for all the British territories? At the moment, it is very disjointed. There is no one Minister who looks after all the different issues." Rosindell went on to point out the current situation led to frustration in the Overseas Territories due to not being fully included in and consulted on all the issues. The former Governor, who was also a senior advisor in the Cabinet Office agreed with Rosindell's suggestion. He said, "I do see the advantage in that. Going back to an earlier point in this exchange, the Cabinet Office would find it slightly easier to get other Whitehall Departments to pay attention to territories. It is quite a difficult thing for a small part of the Foreign Office, which otherwise does not do domestic policy, to tap into other Whitehall Departments, which is the Cabinet Office's day-to-day activity."

Bob Seely gave emphasis to this point asking, "Should we hive off the Overseas Territories in some kind of structure that is separate from the Foreign Office?" Ex-Governor George Fergusson replied, "In my personal view, yes. When I started I was Governor of Pitcairn from 2006, which is when I got involved in this business. In the period since then the Foreign Office has invested more in terms of money, people and effort in the Overseas Territories area, but it still seems to be an odd adjunct to what the Foreign Office is increasingly and rightly focused on."

The Cabinet Office holds a central position of responsibility within the UK Government. It covers a wide varied of functions but its main purpose is to support the Prime Minister. If Overseas Territories were added to the list of Cabinet Office responsibilities the Territories would jostle for attention with European and Global Issues, Economic and Domestic Affairs, National Security, Technology, Government property and several policy units. On the one hand Overseas Territories would move closer to the centre ground of UK Government administration but, as another witness giving oral evidence, Susie Alegre, observed. "I think it would be useful to have a

focus. Having said that, yes, the Foreign Office does not appear to be the natural fit, my understanding is that, certainly within the Overseas Territories directorate, there are people who really understand and get what the Overseas Territories are. Whether they are in the right place in Government to transmit that is a different question. One thing you do have to be careful about in creating a new Department is that it does not just get put in a cupboard because it is just about the Overseas Territories. You have to bear that in mind while moving it."

The British Overseas Territories will never be the centre of attention for any UK Government and finding a place within the government administration which guarantees we will be properly listened to will always be difficult.

Susie Alegre is Director of the Island Rights Initiative; an organisation which focuses mainly on the human rights of residents in the Overseas Territories. The Island Rights Initiative submitted written evidence on behalf of the St Helena Government to another House of Commons Committee, The International Development Committee, in February this year. Put simply, the submission by the Island Rights Initiative explained how difficult it is to be a self-governing territory and at the same time very heavily dependent on the UK Government for financial aid.

The first session in the Foreign Affairs Committee Inquiry into the Future of the Overseas Territories brought out some interesting subjects for discussion. Five submissions of written evidence have recently been published however the written evidence submitted by organisations in St Helena is still to be published. Full details of views and opinions published so far can be seen at, <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/foreign-affairs-committee/inquiries1/parliament-2017/inquiry13/publications/>



**Susie Alegre – Director  
Island Rights Initiative**

**George Fergusson –  
Ex-Governor**



# Your Opinion Counts

## **Marine Protected Areas (MPAs) - championed by and for local communities**

**(An open letter from the St Helena National Trust  
Marine Team)**

The article in The Independent (12 October) [titled '*Protecting marine areas seems a good idea – but they may have insidious political effects*'] has misrepresented marine protected areas (MPAs), their roots in communities, and the great opportunities the MPA around St Helena can offer the island.

Like the Saints, a great many local communities around the world have taken positive steps to protect their waters, including the Pitcairn Islanders and thousands of UK citizens who contacted their MPs last year asking them to #BacktheBlueBelt.

Crucially, within the Saint community the local fishermen themselves are among those championing the MPA, by calling for the completion of the Fishery Ordinance, for example. They are fully behind the development of St Helena as a one-by-one pole and line tuna fishery, working closely with the International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF), the Blue Marine Foundation, and the National Trust. It is these same Saint fishermen who recognise the need to ensure intergenerational security of fish stocks and are actually calling for a decrease in some of their fishing quotas. St Helena's fishermen know that St Helena Government (SHG), the National Trust, Blue Marine Foundation, and the IPNLF are supporting them to safeguard St Helena fish stocks and ecosystems for future generations here. A key indicator of how highly fishermen regard the development of their MPA and the supportive work of the Trust's Marine Team, is that the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) chose to elect a member of our Marine Team onto their committee. Together we can continue to work with SHG and the St Helena Fisheries Corporation, to champion and develop sustainable fishing on the island, in an open and transparent way.

For marine protected areas to help enhance local fisheries, safeguard threatened marine species, and provide other economic opportunities, they do have

to be managed and patrolled properly - something we strongly advocate. The relationship between the Trust and SHCFA will therefore be vitally important to ensure local involvement in upcoming decisions with SHG about the future of St Helena's MPA.

Engaging the wider community and island visitors about the ocean is core to the Trust's work. Since February, our Team has grown to include three Saints to work at better understanding how we can achieve this goal together. We have been collaborating with the Castle, Elected Council Members, and EMD Marine Section to secure a building on Jamestown Wharf which will become a community Marine Centre and EMD research laboratory. We hope that this facility will inspire and foster a greater understanding of the incredible marine environment of St Helena. The Trust will of course host open discussion groups to ask Saints how best to make this centre a place where the ocean and islanders can come together - designed *by* the community, *for* the community.

To showcase how amazing the ocean within St Helena's MPA is and the great work that is being carried out on St Helena, the Trust recently screened the full BBC Blue Planet II series, with each episode being introduced by a person on St Helena working with the ocean. These screenings were well attended with a total of c.500 people joining one or more evenings.

Over 250 locals, including school children, have participated in community beach and dive litter clean ups and we have partnered with SHG and SHAPE in an island-wide marine plastics project, which aims to reduce, reuse and recycle plastics in innovative ways.

The Trust is proud to have participated in the highly successful annual SHG Marine Awareness Week in March and has subsequently delivered numerous marine themed sessions with all the island schools. The SHG Director of Education, the four Head Teachers, IPNLF and

SHCFA are all enthused by, and fully supportive of, the Trust's aim to increase marine content within their curriculum and inspire a greater connection to the ocean and the vast MPA that surrounds us all. Long may we continue to hear IPNLF's "*one hook, one line, one fish at a time*" ringing out from local schools here!

Large protected areas, like that of St Helena, are undoubtedly effective, especially for species with large ranges like green turtles, whale sharks and yellowfin tuna. Small marine protected areas can also be effective, but you wouldn't expect migratory species to be happy in a small back yard, so we also need large MPAs in our oceans. This MPA provides a huge opportunity for St Helena, both environmentally and socio-economically.

The reality is, healthy oceans support us – they provide us with clean water to swim in and enjoy, healthy fish populations to eat, and spectacular marine environments and phenomenal ocean animals that attract visitors and therefore investment. The ocean around St Helena is truly amazing and we feel so fortunate to live and work here within the community. Let us not forget, that in 2016, it was the Saints that drove the establishment of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Category VI (sustainable use) MPA – an area nearly the size of France! This IUCN Category means only sustainable use of resources, which ensure intergenerational security, can take place; such as pole and line fishing and ecotourism. The team is proud to support these and other sustainable local practices.

The Trust is thrilled to be working and collaborating with SHG, fishermen, schools and the community, to fully support the MPA and the incredible conservation work that has been, and continues to be done, on St Helena. So in short, we believe that protecting marine areas is not just a good idea – it is a great one!



# From St Helena Government

## **EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 11 OCTOBER 2018**

Executive Council met yesterday with one item on the open agenda. This was to consider two proposed amendments to the Public Finance Ordinance, 2010 and to advise whether the Public Finance Amendment Bill 2018 should be published and presented as Government Business at the Legislative Council Meeting to be held on 26 October 2018.

Both amendments relate to advances made by the St Helena Government to individuals and organisations under the provisions of the Constitution which refers to "Borrowing or Lending by the Government of St Helena".

The proposed amendments to the Public Finance Ordinance make provision for the total amounts that could be advanced to be increased from £1,000,000 to £2,000,000.

The second amendment allows these advances to be exempted from being approved by Legislative Council.

Council advised the Governor that they were content to recommend that the Bill is presented as Government Business at the next scheduled Legislative Council meeting on 26 October subject to agreement that the details of any advances made, are set out and laid in a Sessional Paper in accordance with the Constitution and that this should be done twice yearly.

Council also advised the Governor that the SHG Financial Regulations should be updated to include a cap of £500,000 on the maximum amount that could be advanced to any one organisation.

**ExCo**

**12 October 2018**



## **UPDATE ON ST HELENA AIRPORT PROJECT CONSTRUCTION WORKS**

Following discussions with staff, subcontractors and suppliers, St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to advise that work will recommence in all areas with effect from Monday, 15 October 2018. Staff who have continued to provide essential services during this interim period are thanked for their dedication and commitment to the project.

SHG is pleased to note that all staff who received an offer of ongoing employment have now accepted and works can therefore resume. Normal hours and working arrangements will continue. Transport providers are requested to operate as normal so that staff can get to work.

SHG offers sincere thanks to staff, subcontractors and suppliers for their continued support and looks forward to working with them to complete the project successfully.

**SHG**

**12 October 2018**



## **THE AMBASSADOR OF FRANCE TO SOUTH AFRICA TO VISIT ST HELENA**

St Helena Government is pleased to announce the visit of His Excellency, Christophe Farnaud, the Ambassador of France to South Africa, from 13 October to 20 October 2018. This is the first official visit by a senior French official in recent times. This visit follows from a visit to Paris and Cape Town by Her

Excellency, Governor Lisa Honan, French Consul, Michel Dancoisne-Martineau, and other Enterprise St Helena roadshow members in November 2017 to promote St Helena as a tourism destination following the opening of St Helena Airport.

The week of His Excellency's visit will mark three years since the start of the St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd, which manages the French properties associated with Napoleon. It will also coincide with the 203rd anniversary since Napoleon's arrival on St Helena.

Ambassador, Christophe Farnaud said:

"I am very honoured to be the first French Ambassador to be officially visiting St Helena. This visit will allow us to work together to enhance our cooperation, in particular in the field of tourism, through the valorisation of the Napoleonic sites." The visit is jointly hosted by the Governor and the French Consul and aims to:

- promote the opportunities for joint French/British tourism and the opportunity of two-centre holidays in South Africa and St Helena
- raise awareness and strengthen the links around historical French/British/St Helenian connections
- highlight the opportunities for French foreign investment on St Helena

The programme will include events with local tourism providers, engagement with Prince Andrew School, meeting elected members, and a set of cultural events to mark the Island's shared history.

Governor Lisa said:

"I am delighted to be able to welcome Ambassador, Christophe Farnaud, to St Helena. The theme of the visit is cooperation between St Helena, the UK, and France. That cooperation is, of course, built on shared history. But that relationship has multiplied to the modern relationship between the three which we have today. Now that we have air access, and now that St Helena is open to the rest of the world, we must exploit that access for the benefit of St Helenians."

Michel Dancoisne-Martineau commented:

"This is a major first in the history of the French properties on St Helena Island. In the 160 years that France has officially owned the Napoleonic sites, this is the first time that an Ambassador, as head of diplomatic mission, will visit his domains in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean."

**SHG**

**15 October 2018**



## **THANK YOU FROM ST PAUL'S PARISH FOR ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL COFFEE MORNING**

This Event was held on the 25<sup>th</sup> September at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre – organised by St Andrew's Ladies for Church and Parish Funds. Just over 50 people were in attendance who thoroughly enjoyed the morning, and was very generous in their spending which brought the 'Takings' to the sum of £330.00. Thank you for your friendship and support. Thank You too for the use of the Centre; to the organisers and helpers and those who donated items and or cash, all very much appreciated.

**SINCERE THANKS & GOD BLESS.**

**PRESS  
RELEASE**

 Enterprise St Helena

#### APPOINTMENT OF BUSINESS ADVISOR FOR ENTERPRISE ST HELENA

We are pleased to announce the appointment of Mr Neil Foster as Business Advisor for Enterprise St Helena.

A key objective of Enterprise St Helena is to help businesses to develop in order for the Island to become economically self-sustainable, and therefore Neil's main focus will be to work with on-island businesses in helping them to identify opportunities, formulate strategies and provide advisory support.

Neil has extensive background with technology and business process improvement in the hospitality industry and his experience also extends to a work term in Kenya supporting farmers with understanding the opportunities and challenges to become more sustainable when, similar to the challenges faced on St Helena, aid funding was reduced.



Neil is familiar with St Helena through his connection with Tristan da Cunha, where he has become a keen supporter of the island's interests, most recently helping raise an awareness of high quality Tristan Lobster, the number one source of income for the Island.

Accompanied by his wife and two young children, Neil is expected to take up his post in November 2018.

In response to his appointment Neil has commented: *"I'm delighted to join team ESH and community of Saints where I look forward to learn more about the needs and explore socially beneficial and sustainable business initiatives together."*

*A few weeks ago I had a close-up discovery of how a distinctly St. Helenian product is received by outside markets. At the Roastery of a top global coffee company on a recent trip to nearby Seattle, I asked about St. Helena coffee figuring this would be THE place to inquire if anyone anywhere would know. The roaster shared with me the coffee was a favorite of hers, with only an empty burlap St. Helena coffee sack exhausted of its precious cargo now hanging proudly on her office wall as a reminder.*

*As I think through the lengthy list of St. Helena treasures I've learned about, there are common themes of exclusivity and opportunity.*

*It's a great honour to be involved at this exciting time in St. Helena's history, which includes the first major transportation enhancement in centuries, high above the seas, and super-fast data linkage across the planet in the works, along the bottom of the ocean. Each of these developments is a marvel of human engineering and a major turning point to help the community uncover a new landscape of possibility."*

Martin George, Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise, said: *"We are pleased to have the professional calibre of Neil on board with Enterprise St. Helena. Neil is well-suited to St. Helena's developing climate and his background, experience and affiliations across several industries and institutions of practice will provide the platform necessary for assisting multiple businesses."*

*Neil will add to the services that already exist from within Enterprise St. Helena, further demonstrating our commitment to enabling business capacity, opportunities, and growth."*



**We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Neil and we look forward to his tenure with ESH and the business community.**

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# APPLY FOR A CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP TODAY



CHEVENING

Applications for Chevening Scholarships to study in the UK are now open until Tuesday, 6 November 2018, with applications to be submitted via: [www.chevening.org/apply](http://www.chevening.org/apply)

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with demonstrable leadership potential who also have strong academic backgrounds.

Please visit: [www.chevening.org/apply/guidance](http://www.chevening.org/apply/guidance) for detailed information on the eligibility criteria and scholarship specifications or contact Manager of the Governor's Office, Sandra Sim, via tel: 22308 or email: [sandra.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sandra.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh)





**FESTIVAL  
OF  
RUNNING  
2018**



# Triathlon

**WEDNESDAY 07 November**

**Starting at 16:30**

**Starting Line: Lower Wharf**

**The Triathlon will challenge your swimming, cycling and running abilities along a route in and around Jamestown**

**Enter as a team of 3 or test your individual endurance**

# Trail Run

**SATURDAY 10 November**

**Starting at 09:00**

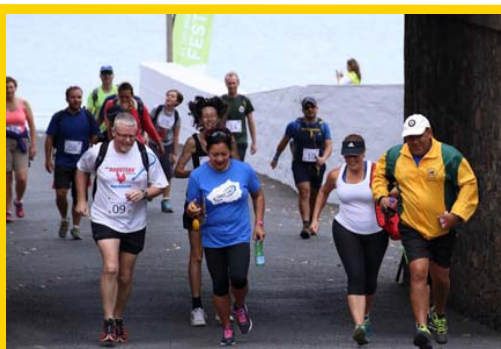
**Starting Line: The Cenotaph**

**A 15km race from the lowest point on the Island, Jamestown, to the highest peak, Diana's Peak.**

## “SIGN UP TODAY!”

**Entrance Forms are available at the Tourist Office**

**£5.00 Entrance fee covers: Marathons, Jacobs Ladder Challenge & Trail Run – Entrance for children FREE**



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**For more information please contact Shelley Magellan-Wade on 22158 or email address [shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh](mailto:shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh)**



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Tourism: [www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com)











Enterprise St. Helena (ESH) will have a unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill. The unit will be available for occupancy from November 2018.

Applications should be submitted to Charlene Young, Finance Co-ordinator in the form of an extended business brief with a 3 year cash flow, detailing your planned business and intended opening hours via email [charlene.young@esh.co.sh](mailto:charlene.young@esh.co.sh) or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by close of business on Friday 2nd November 2018.



For further information please contact Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on 22920 or e-mail [michielle.yon@esh.co.sh](mailto:michielle.yon@esh.co.sh)

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## Expressions of Interest (EOI)

The St. Helena National Trust (SHNT) Marine Team in collaboration with EMD and SHAPE is currently seeking tender for a boat/ boats to help with the exciting new DEFRA project, over the next six months.

This tender involves 6 (or more) boat trips from Jamestown Wharf to and from Shark's Valley and Lemon Valley, to assist with marine debris collection.

The project will commence on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

Interested persons should place EOIs into a sealed envelope, addressed to Beth Taylor, Marine Team, SHNT.

Tenders can be left at SHNT front office before 24<sup>th</sup> October, 16:00.

For further enquires, contact the SHNT Marine team, 22569 or email [beth.taylor@trust.org.sh](mailto:beth.taylor@trust.org.sh)



BLUE MARINE  
FOUNDATION







***Top Floor, The Market, Jamestown.***

(Phone: Mobile 63715 email: tony.peters@helenta.co.sh)

ITEM	VEHICLE	QTY	PRICE
Snorkel kit (round shape)	Landrover defender 300 TDI	1	£80
Rear shocks	Rover 25 /200	2	£35 each
Front brake discs (vented)	Renault Megane 1.6 Petrol 2002	2	£20 each
Front + rear brake discs	Toyota RAV4 2.0 Diesel/petrol		£20 each
L/H door mirror	Ford Transit MK6 2000-2006	1	£40
Front shocks	Escort MK5	4	£45 each
Rear brake discs + rear brake pads	Ford Focus /C-Max 2.0 TDCI Diesel 2003 on	1 set	£60
Front coil springs	Fiesta MK4 1.3 Petrol	4	£28 each
Front brake calipers	Isuzu Trooper	2	£80 each
Front coil springs	Escort Mk5		£20 each
Shock absorbers (2 fr, 2 rear)	Toyota Surf LN130	4	£40 each
Rear brake shoes	Toyota Hilux 2.4D LN105R	1 set	£48
Front brake pads	Toyota Hilux 2.4D LN105R	1 set	£28
Rear brake shoes	Toyota Surf/Prado 3.0 L	2 sets	£45 set
Front brake pads	Toyota Surf/Prado 3.0 L		£28 set
Timing belt	Citreon/Peugeot/Fiesta/Fusion 1.4 diesel	1	£28
Fuel injection pump seals	Ford 1.8 turbo diesel		£20 each
Timing belt kit	Landrover 300 TDI later model	1	£68
Timing belt kit	Landrover defender 200 TDI		£48
Handbrake shoes	Mitsubishi Pajero 2.8		£40
Radiator	Mitsubishi Pajero 2.8	1	£90
Front brake discs (solid)	Fiesta MK2 1.1	2	£15 each
Water pump	Fiesta 1.6 Diesel 2007/08	1	£38
Front brake discs (vented)	Ford Fiesta MK4 1300	2	£20 each
Clutch kit 3pc (disc 236mm, 21 teeth)	Toyota RAV4 2.0 diesel	1	£200
Front lower suspension arms	Ford Fiesta/Fusion 1.4 diesel 2002	2	£35 each
Turbo-charger (good 2nd hand)	Ford Fiesta 1.5 TDCI	1	£80
Front swivel housing	Landrover Discovery 1	1	£90
Rear brake shoes	Nissan Navara D22 2.5 pickup		£30 set
Rear brake shoes	Nissan Navara D40 2.5 pickup		£30 set
1 litre cans 80W90 gear oil			£6 each
4 shocks (2 front, 2 rear)	Fiesta XR2		£40 each

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11 <sup>th</sup> December 2018	13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019
	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2019

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St Helena Community College

Your Gateway to Opportunity

## Expression of Interest for Language Training

The St Helena Community College, is seeking expressions of interest from those persons who are interested in participating in the following Language training opportunities:

### ► French Language training

### ► Spanish Language training

A **Taster session** for French and Spanish training will be hosted at the St Helena Community College on Monday, 29 October 2018.

If you would like to attend the Taster session please register your interest with the St Helena Community College by no later than Friday, 26 October 2018.

For further information interested persons are requested to contact the Acting Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning Angela Benjamin on telephone 22607 or via email: [angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:angela.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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## ***PRESS RELEASE: CHANGE TO SERVICES*** ***Change in Directory Enquiries Services***

Sure SA Ltd advises all customers that effective 1 November 2018; Directory Enquiries Services will be carried out during normal working hours only i.e. Monday to Friday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. excluding Public Holidays. Directory Enquiries will not be available outside of these hours.

For those customers who do not have access to a printed version of our Telephone Directory; a limited number of our latest version is available from our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown. An updated electronic version of our Telephone Directory will be published on our website effective 1 November 2018; where it may be viewed and downloaded for reference purposes. It is planned for an updated printed version of our Telephone Directory to be made available in 2019.

Customers are advised that faults with services and any other queries relating to our services may be reported on a 24 hour basis by calling our free service number 121; or alternatively call 22222/22900. Customers may also report faults or raise queries relating to services via email [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh)

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes; please contact our Customer Services team on telephone 22900 or email us at [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh)



# VACANCIES WITHIN CORPORATE FINANCE

Are you looking for an employment opportunity in Finance and Accountancy? Corporate Finance has four vacancies in their Central Finance team:

## SENIOR ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

An opportunity is available for a Senior Accounts Executive.

The post holder will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above
- ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 2 or equivalent
- At least 3 years' experience in a similar accounting role
- At least 2 years' experience in supervising staff

Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum.



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## ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN

An opportunity is available for **two** Accounting Technicians to support the Financial Reporting and Performance Management functions.

The post holder will be responsible for providing the Financial Accountant and Senior Management Accountant with technical support meeting the financial management objectives of the Treasury, promoting and ensuring compliance with financial management and financial reporting frameworks across all service areas in the Saint Helena Government.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Accounting Technician Level qualification (*ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Qualification (CAT), AAT or equivalent*)
- At least 2 years' relevant accounting and budgeting experience
- Experience in the preparation of working papers and schedules for statutory accounts

Salary for these posts range from £11,034 - £18,114 per annum.

## BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER

An opportunity is available for a Business Support Manager.

The post holder will be responsible for the day to day efficient operations of the Business Support Unit delivering a customer focused service and supporting Corporate Finance in meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business (RFQ Level 4)
- 3 years working in an Accountancy, Finance or Business Support Role
- 2 years management experience
- 2 years working in an administration role

Salary for this post ranges from £11,034 - £18,114 per annum.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of finance and accountancy. The salary ranges for these positions reflect the pathways designed to reward professional development and technical competence.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Connie Stevens, Head of Finance Services on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: [connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail [gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 30 October 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**

**16 October 2018**



## **VACANCY FOR IMMIGRATION OFFICER**

### **(6 month fixed-term with possible extension)**

An opportunity is available within the Police Directorate to anyone 18 years of age or over seeking to start a career and develop new skills or build on existing skills.

The **Immigration Officer** will be responsible for applying the Immigration Ordinance, Regulations and Policies to ensure the border is secure, in country casework is managed effectively and for the production of St Helenian passports to international standards. Some of the main duties include:

- Determining the admissibility of passenger and crew arrivals at the air and sea port including travelers arriving on the MV Helena, yachts, cruise ships and other visiting vessels.
- Assess applications for British and British Overseas Territories Citizen passports for compliance with documentary requirements and assess the right to nationality.
- Maintain a database of all arrivals and departures to the island.
- Prepare and present cases to the Immigration Control Board.

As this is a frontline service, applicants should have:

- GCSE Math's and English at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification;
- Class A Driver's License;
- Good written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills and the ability to deal with the public from diverse backgrounds;
- Good customer care skills, have an eye for detail and the ability to act on their own initiative within policy guidelines;
- Ability to maintain control of own emotions in difficult situations and work under pressure.

The successful candidate will be required to work varied shift patterns to cover the arrivals and departures at different entry points. However, the Immigration Service will seek to be flexible around hours not related to time specific operational duties.

The successful candidate possessing the relevant qualifications and experience will be paid at Entry Level Grade C, commencing at £10,704 per annum.

For further information about the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Emerald Newman, Senior Immigration Officer on telephone no. 22626 or email [emerald.newman@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:emerald.newman@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application packs are available from the Police Directorate or Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted through directors, where applicable, to Clare O'Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail: [clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> October 2018.

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**Director of Policing**  
**12 October 2018**



# Fund Raising Events

Cancer Support & Awareness month celebrations continued on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October with the ever popular mufti day which saw many schools, departments, organisations and members of the public worn a colour of their choice in support of Cancer Support & Awareness Charity.

Saturday a coffee morning at the Jamestown Community Centre attracted 160 people excluding the many helpers in aid of the charity.

A welcome speech by member Nicholas Yon was accepted by a great applause from all present, followed by the serving of hot drinks and various cakes and savouries donated by members of the organisation and the public.

The miscellaneous stall was set up selling Cancer Awareness merchandise and other bits and bobs followed by the draw of the raffle and the most popular bingo.

This was another successful coffee morning according to member Sandra Sim.

The events continued in the evening with a Pre-Carnival dance party in the form of Blue Crush at Donnyz place.

The venue had been decorated especially for the occasion by the staff and helpers to set the scene for night.

A small entrance fee was taken on the night towards the charity and it was estimated around 300 people pass through on the evening.

Blue Crush drinks, specially made for the night was a fast seller and was enjoyed by all.

Mia Henry, member of the Carnival working group commented



excellent evening, dance floor pumping, tunes were spot on, the atmosphere was far from blue and a very successful night and good times by all.

On Sunday there was a private luncheon for cancer survivors and their spouses at the Godfathers Rock club, this was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The next event on their calendar is Carnival 2018 to be held on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October starting at the hospital at 3pm.



# Fund Raising Events

## Cancer Awareness Charity Receive £1,000 from Mantis

Colin & Marlene Yon of Cancer Awareness Charity received a cheque for £1000 from Mantis employee Jennifer Andrews.

Colin Yon, Chair of Cancer Awareness said – *We are very grateful to receive this amazing donation. A big, heartfelt thank you to the Mantis Team for putting on the hugely popular Pink Tea event. May there be many more.*

Matt Joshua, GM of Mantis said – *Everyone is touched by Cancer in one way or another today. We are pleased to have done our part in the island's massive fund raising drive in the month of October for this incredible Charity. Thank you to all who donated so generously and support our Pink Tea event.*



## Making Ends Meet Quiz Night Held at Rosie's Taste for Life

On the evening of Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October, Rosie's Taste for Life was buzzing with 13 teams of between 5 and 6 members each, that were ready to battle it out in a Quiz hosted by Sharon Wade whose quiz-hosting skills date back to the RMS St Helena days. The quiz was held in aid of Making Ends Meet, a charity organisation on the Island whose main objective is to assist those in our society facing financial difficulties and struggling to make ends meet. Being a charity event, members of each team were more than happy to part with the £5.00 participation fee. Raffle tickets were also sold on the night with numerous prizes donated by various individuals and organisations on the Island. The teams were made up of a cross-section of the Island's inhabitants and ranged from locals, expatriates and even featured a team made up of teenagers who held their own against the seasoned adults. The winners for the quiz were Rosie's Rebels who barely pipped second place Team Toastie. In fact, Team Toastie had been leading for much of the night until the famous picture round with questions based on pictures of various places, signposts, landforms and features around the Island, taken in both the past and present. In third place was, the Quizinaires.

A great vibe was experienced throughout the night as teams battled for the honours. The prize for first place was a Fortification Tour sponsored by Magma Tours, second place was a Distillery tour sponsored by The St Helena Distillery and third place a Plantation House Tour sponsored by Governor Lisa Honan. A total of £496.00 was raised from the Quiz entrance fees and the raffle.

The Making Ends Meet committee would like to thank Rosie's and staff for hosting the event, Sharon Wade the Quizmistress, all the participants who made it so much fun, individuals and organisations who donated prizes for the quiz and for the raffle (these are too many to mention but as always Making Ends Meet says a huge thank you to you all).

We look forward to your continued support.



The Saint FM Team

# VACANCY GENERAL OPERATIVE

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit an individual to work within the Roads Section.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate basic numeracy and literacy skills.

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



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For further details regarding the post, interested persons should contact Mr Deon Robertse, Roads Manager on Tel No: 23765 or e-mail: [roads.manager@helanta.co.sh](mailto:roads.manager@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail [gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Monday, 22 October 2018.

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**Environment and Natural Resources Directorate, 5 October 2018**

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Secret of the South Atlantic



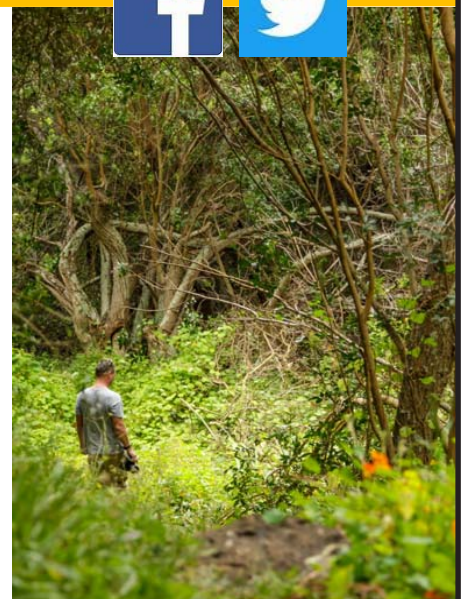
St Helena Tourism are offering registered tourism businesses the opportunity to digitally promote their business across St Helena Tourism's social media platforms; namely Facebook and Twitter.

This promotion requires content to be provided by the proprietors of the businesses, which will then be shared on social media.

All interested parties will be entered into a schedule with one business being promoted each week.

If you would like to be promoted or discuss the initiative further, please contact the Marketing and Communications team on 22158: or email [Nicole.peters@tourism.co.sh](mailto:Nicole.peters@tourism.co.sh)

All tourism related businesses must be registered with the St Helena Tourist office in order to be promoted. If you have yet to register and would like to do so, please email [melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh](mailto:melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh).



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## GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 14<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018

The second and final round of Bank Of St Helena Sponsored golf competition took place on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2018. Once again the gods smiled down on us and gave us perfect weather for golfing. Cloud cover to kept the temperatures down visibility was good and no precipitation. An enthusiastic 18 players took part in the competition. The format was stroke play and full handicap was applied. Being a 36-hole competition the total net score from the second round of 18 was added to the net score of the first round of 18 to determine the overall winner. Mrs Josephine George the Managing Director (Designate) for Bank Of St Helena presented the prizes to the winners. Top on the leader board to claim the trophy and the first Prize was Mr Brian Fowler with a total 135. His great performance from the first round came in handy. In second place after having an excellent round of net 6 under par for the day was none other than the Captain Bramwell Lumukwana with 139. Peter Johnson maintained his consistency from the previous round and came in third with 141.

Anne George landed her ball closest to pin for the ladies on Hole number 7 and took home the prize for the ladies. Leon Crowie is getting back to form slowly but surely he was closest to pin for the men on the 5<sup>th</sup> Hole and took home the prize. Douglas Augustus and Bramwell Lumukwana shared the two-ball pool. Congratulations to all the winners.

Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 is the first qualifying round of the Open Championship. Tee off time is 10:00a.m. 39 players will take part. All players are requested to be at the Clubhouse at

### Sunday 21 October 2018 Open Championship

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Qualifier Round

Fee £15.00

10:00 hours

Group 1 1000 hrs	Group 2 1010 hrs
Henzil Beard	Anita Roberts
Norman Thomas	Peter Johnson
Paddo Johnson	Roy Reynolds
	Stuart Moors
Group 3 1020 hrs	Group 4 1030 hrs
Pat Henry	Mike Harper
Neil Joshua	Martin Cranfield
Ray Yon	Danny Duncan
Tony Green	Arthur Francis
Group 5. 1040 hrs	Group 6 1050 hrs
Larry Legg	Deon Roberts
Jeffrey Stevens	Brian Fowler
Gerald George	Danny Thomas
Raymond Henry	Brian Joshua
Group 7 1100 hrs	Group 8 1110 hrs
Tony Winfield	Martin Barkley
Ronald De Reuck	Bramwell Lumukwana
Gavin Crowie	Johan Theron
Nicky Stevens	Peter Bagley
Group 9 1120 hrs	Group 10 1130hrs
Douglas Augustus	Donald Bowers
Helena Stevens	Anne George
Lyn Leo	David Breed
Blessing Gurure	Larry Thomas



09:00a.m for a photo shoot prior to tee off. All the best to the players and make sure you have fun.

**Report by;**  
**Bramwell Lumukwana**  
**Captain.**

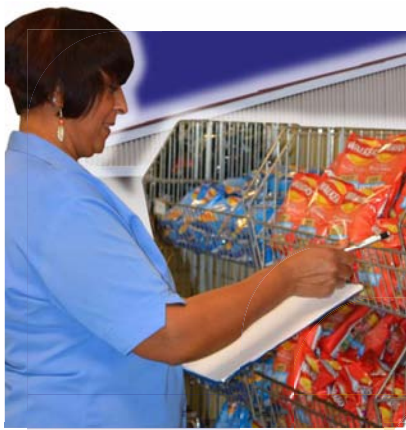
# THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018 @ 11:00  
FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
Unit 3 Longwood Enterprise Park

Transport is available.  
Contact 23249

## PRAISE & WORSHIP

For sale is a Ford Escort car mk 5,  
in good running order.  
Insured and MOT until October  
2019.  
Asking price is £2000.



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Main Office Building, Jamestown or  
alternatively an electronic copy can  
be requested via e-mail address:  
hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should  
be completed and returned to Nicola  
Essex, Human Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
by 24 October 2018

### Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop

### Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent Customer Service skills
  - Be literate in Maths & English
- Have some knowledge & experience in Food Handling

Salary for the post will be £3.10 per hour – Working approximately 11 hours per week

## ***Fury and Outrage***

BURNING A HOLE Fury as £4billion of Britain's foreign aid budget goes towards fixing POTHoles abroad

Campaigners said the news 'beggars belief' while councils at home face a £14billion bill for repairing our own pothole-plagued roads

OUTRAGE erupted as it emerged the Government has spent nearly £4 billion of foreign aid money on improving roads and railways around the world – including projects in Pakistan and India.

As Britain's own transport infrastructure grinds to a halt, the foreign aid spending watchdog revealed taxpayers have spent £265 million on a new roads corridor in Pakistan.

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This was to boost road safety, upgrade its national highway infrastructure and to "strengthen private sector engagement," according to the Independent Commission for Aid Impact (ICAI) report. Some £37 million has been spent on projects in India to improve "access to better quality transport" and upgrading state and rural roads.

This is despite the fact that India has its own space programme and is planning to spend £10bn on a fleet of warships.

Other spending included £700 million fund to provide transport, water and electricity on an island the size of Birmingham on Lake Victoria in East Africa. The project included building an "all-weather road".

DFID hit back by saying "The Sun's online headline completely misrepresents the findings of the ICAI report, focussing as it does exclusively on a very narrow area of DFID's work in this field, namely potholes. The main thrust of DFID's work in this area centres around improving transport services and infrastructure in developing countries"

## ***Good Season for the Falklands***

Some 41 ships are expected to visit the Falkland Islands this coming cruise season which begins on Saturday with expedition vessel "Ushuaia". Total calls in Stanley are estimated in 108 while some 170 in the Camp, but much will depend on the weather.

"Expedition ship Ushuaia will open the new cruise ship season, arriving on Saturday" confirmed Sullivan Shipping Coordinator Carli Sudder. Ushuaia will be closely followed by Sea Spirit, Zaandam, Midnatsol and MS Expedition during the following week. Penguin Travel Manager Marta Allendes said the Falkland Islands Company's (FIC) first vessel is the Zaandam next Friday carrying 1,440 passengers.

Ms. Allendes said: "We are expecting in total 29 visits as Port Agents," and Penguin Travel will be offering tour services to 24 larger vessels. She said this year they expect, "more than 44,000 passengers visiting Stanley on board FIC vessels," an increase of 10% on last year.

A new move for them will be to provide tour services, "to the visiting Celebrity ship, a vessel that we have been providing Port Services to for many years."

She said they were planning, "new excursions once our new FIC Launch arrives, we are also investigating tours that could see guests in kayaks. Capacity on a number of tours is increasing which will allow more of our guests to enjoy more of The Falklands."

Ms. Sudder was also optimistic for the season: "We hope to see 41 ships visit the Islands; over 108 calls to Stanley and 170 calls to Camp (this figures may change as the season goes on). This is an increase on last season."



# SAINTS MOTOCROSS CLUB FUND RAISER



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## *A choir for Christmas*



*Monday  
practices start on  
22nd October*

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Christmas songs and carols  
You don't have to read music or  
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sing in harmony... it's for fun,  
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all welcome. 6—7.30 pm. St John's  
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## TIP OF THE WEEK

Fridges and freezers work more efficiently when full. Fill space in your freezer with empty boxes.

Place bottles of water in empty fridge space – the cold water will help keep the temperature down and you have the benefit of cold water to drink when you want it.



# HALLOWEEN FAMILY NIGHT OUT

Sandy Bay Community Centre

Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Starting at 8.00pm

Entrance Fee - Adult's £1.00 Children - 50p

Mix Music Provided for the evening

There will be a fancy dress competition for the kids,  
so get those custom's and enter if you dare!

There will be treat's for the kiddies

So bring along the family along and enjoy a happy Halloween

Sandy Bay Community  
Centre

Will be open on  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2018  
From 4.30pm

Come along Chill out  
and wine down the  
weekend

## BONFIRE NIGHT

Sandy Bay  
Community Centre

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018

Time - 7.00pm

Entrance Fee - Adults £1.00

Children 50p

Music by DJ Darren

Prizes for the best dress guy

The fire will be light at  
8.45pm