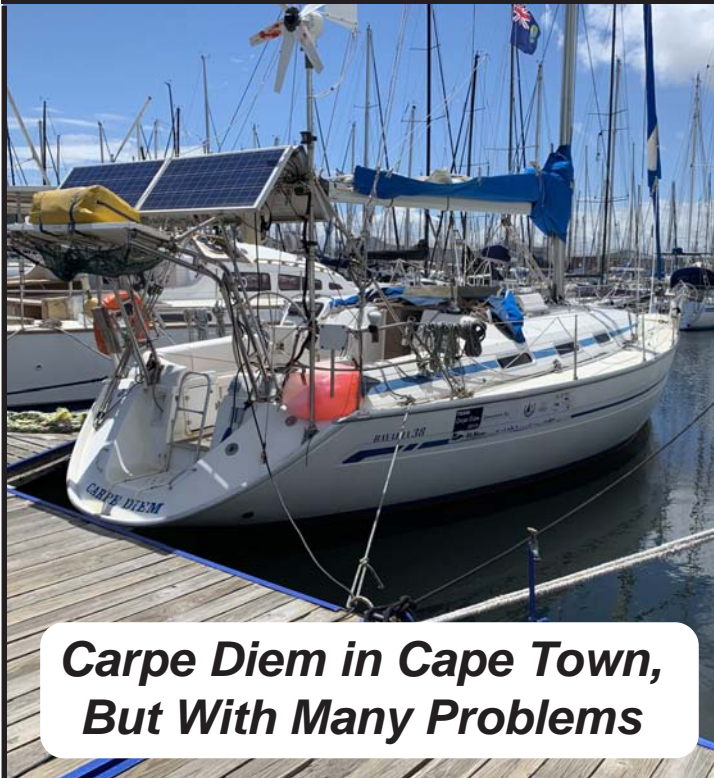


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***Carpe Diem in Cape Town,
But With Many Problems***

Beginning of the end of Slavery on St Helena



Christmas Messages 2018

Festival of Lights 2018

Crowds...by St Helena standards, lined the streets of Jamestown from China Lane down to the Sea-front on Wednesday night 19th December, to await the parade we have come to know as the 'Festival of Lights'. Pilling Primary School put on yet another fantastic light show where they led the parade with two floats of their own creation.

The leading float following the Ambulance and the Fire Service was an over-sized Christmas tree that was mounted on a truck and presented with lighted skirting and a large hoop which forms part of Pilling Primary's School logo design. Next in line was a decorated truck carrying the sound systems and this was followed by a large procession of children who were all dressed in very colourful costumes and lights just for the occasion. A giant Snowman followed, with red and white lights to colour his form and another vehicle carried an igloo showing Santa at home at the North Pole.

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Festival of Lights 2018



All pictures from Festival of Lights - Ed Thorpe

ENTERTAINMENT NEWSFEED IN BRIEF.....

Saint FM Roving Reporters

St Pauls Primary School brightened up the streets of Jamestown with their colourful Christmas parade last Thursday. Loud music blared from a variety of beautifully decorated floats which were followed by crowds of children, teachers, parents and friends of St Pauls Primary School.

Leading the parade was a car decorated for the occasion with a parent dressed as an elf followed by their cheerleaders who entertained viewers with well-choreographed dances at Pilling School, New Bridge and in front of The Canister.

This event sure brought the Christmas Spirit to town and was enjoyed by participants and spectators alike. It was said that St Pauls Primary School raised a healthy sum of money and members of the public are thanked for their generosity.

Keeping the spirit alive, Mantis St Helena hosted Christmas carols on the terraces at the Hotel last Friday 14th and this was attended by approximately 50-60 people. A group of 17 singers accompanied by keyboardist Andrew Radley, provided the backing vocals to a number of well-known Carols under the direction of Teeny Lucy.

Also on Friday evening, Pilling Primary School held their Christmas Bonanza in the school playground and this was extremely well-attended by the public. Those participating had the opportunity to run car boot sales alongside of classroom stalls and various raffles. There was staged musical entertainment whereby a variety of performances from staff, pupils and friends



Festival of Lights 2018

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In all there were about 20 vehicles in the procession and many were decorated at home to be driven into Jamestown just for the evening. There was a large Santa Sleigh complete with reindeer, Brian & Bonita Peters decorated their entire car in the shape of a lighted Christmas tree and Craig Yon's classic golden Ford van from bygone ages was decorated to the hilt to play a part in the Festival of Lights. In amongst the vehicles were many people taking part, some were wearing large boxes dressed as Christmas presents, 13 others were under a large lighted Chinese dragon and there was even a battery-operated toy car carrying two small children.

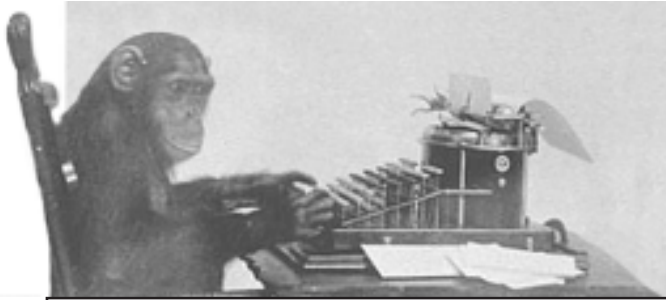
It was reported that the event carried a great Christmas atmosphere and was thoroughly enjoyed by all who went into Jamestown for the occasion.

of the School captured everyone's attention. There was also a surprise appearance from Santa and Dominick the Donkey before the event wound down just after 10 pm.

Friday night also saw a spectacular light show at Donnyz Place on the Seafront, with special Fire & Ice effects – a first for St Helena, to celebrate 20 years of Donnyz being in operation. Invited guests were in attendance for a welcome speech by Tara Wortley and congratulatory messages were extended to the proprietor Mr Donny Stevens and his staff. In his thank you remarks, Donny commented that he and his team do what they do because of you!.....touching words which inspired great participation in the way of music, dancing, laughter and fun for the remainder of the evening, especially from the younger members of the community.



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Editorial

This week brought into sharp focus the long-established and on-going problems that exist with social media as a source of reliable information. For myself I have never thought social media ever was or ever could be a reliable source of information and as a result, I just don't bother with it. I have enough trouble with the Daily Mail without adding Trump's Twitter and the Lord knows what else.

The events in and around the crew of the Carpe Diem after arriving in Cape Town brought a sharp focus to what is reliable information and what is not. At the Independent we went immediately to a reliable source to find out the facts about what we had heard was happening. We went to the Chairman of the Cape to St Helena Race Committee, John Levin. Why should he be reliable? As a long-standing and respected member of the Royal Cape Yacht Club it is reasonable to assume he would have a lot to lose in terms of his own reputation if he made up a story instead of giving the facts. More important, he has nothing to gain by bending the truth about what happened in front of the Royal Cape clubhouse at Duncan Road, Cape Town. More than that, John Levin was there. He was not only an eyewitness; he was closely involved in the events as they unfolded.

As the events in Cape Town unfolded I was emailed a contribution to some social media platform or other on what was supposed to be happening. The contribution included, "Apparently, bad blood between the crew and the skipper during the 18 day voyage caused this parting". Using the word 'apparently' can be taken to mean 'I'm guessing'. It could also be that the contributor is hoping that bad blood was the reason. Or maybe the real reason is one which is not liked by the contributor so a bit of mud-slinging is a form of defence in the hope that some of it sticks. Whatever it is, using the word 'apparently' casts doubt on the information following that word.

John Levin in his account was very clear about what happened and did not shilly-shally with any vague stuff about apparently, "they responded they had no problem with James, who was a good skipper, but sailing was not for them and there was no way they could sail back." was one clear statement of fact. "All 3 reiterated a few times that it had nothing to do with James who had been an excellent skipper" was another clear statement in John Levin's explanation of what happened and what he did to assist both the three returning crew members and James and Josh Herne; full details inside this issue.

There are two rules to remember when reading or hearing anything about anyone. The first is, don't believe everything you read or hear. The second rule is, DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU READ OR HEAR. Despite our best efforts at publishing accurate accounts of current events, we at the Independent can get it wrong sometimes, we are only hu-

man. If we do, we like to publish a correction in a later edition as soon as possible.

In the early hours of Thursday morning we had our very own power outage at our home. Of all the homes on the Island, sheltering 4,500 souls ours was selected as the one to be plunged into darkness just at a time when neither of us was in bed. The dogs started jumping around; probably thinking a new game was being played.

Earlier on Wednesday evening the lights were regularly flickering and I kept losing my email and internet links as I tried to complete bits and pieces for this issue. Eventually I fired off an email to Barry Hubbard at Connect for him to read when he got into the office on Thursday morning. My email read, "Hello Barry, For maybe three nights I've noticed the lights flashing on and off and now, as I try to cobble together another edition of the Independent, my internet connect keeps dropping out. So far the dishwasher and fridge remain unperturbed. What is the cause of these momentary blips and when will they cease? Kindest, warmest, Vince." That was at 10pm on Wednesday. About three hours later the whole lot went kaput and darkness reigned.

With no electricity when we woke up on Thursday I thought I had better ring someone. Couldn't. The phone wasn't working, no electricity. I was thinking about going straight down to Seale's Corner to check things out; it was serious, I could not even have a cup of coffee. Then the dogs started barking. A Connect van pulled up at the gate and three electricians descended on our powerless home. Not long after they found the cause of our very own power outage, fixed it and went off wishing us a happy Christmas.

With the benefit of electricity I fired up my laptop and watched a dozen emails drop into the Inbox. One told me, "Nobody else is complaining so probably something specific to your house. Colin has arranged for Paul Herne to visit and check there are no loose connections." The second one from Connect told me, "They found a fuse on an electricity pole arcing so that is easily fixed. Normally these things happen on Christmas day so it is a bit earlier this year! Happy Christmas." And a Happy Christmas to you too Barry, and all the staff at Connect. **Vince**



The Cape Town Carpe Diem File

The correspondence below, between the St Helena Independent and the Royal Cape Yacht Club, shows how the story developed on the Carpe Diem crew in Cape Town.



**John Levin – Chairman of the Cape to St Helena Race Committee
Member of the Sailing Academy Committee and past Commodore of the Royal Cape Yacht Club**

**18th December 2018 – 7:25pm
Hello John,**

News has reached me that three of the Carpe Diem crew have had second thoughts and decided that participating in the Cape to St Helena race is not such a good idea.

I also heard the three who have 'jumped ship' reported their intention to do so first to you and then to James as skipper. What I do not know is WHY they have decided to take the action they have.

Conjecture points me to two main reasons; one, 18 days on the open ocean was more than they had bargained for and decided they were not up to it, or, relations between the skipper and these three deteriorated somewhat during the their time at sea – for valid or invalid reasons.

I will be grateful if you can give me some indication as to why they have decided to fly home for Christmas.

Also, I understand you are trying to recruit some replacements for James and that James and Josh will compete as a two-man crew if this is required.

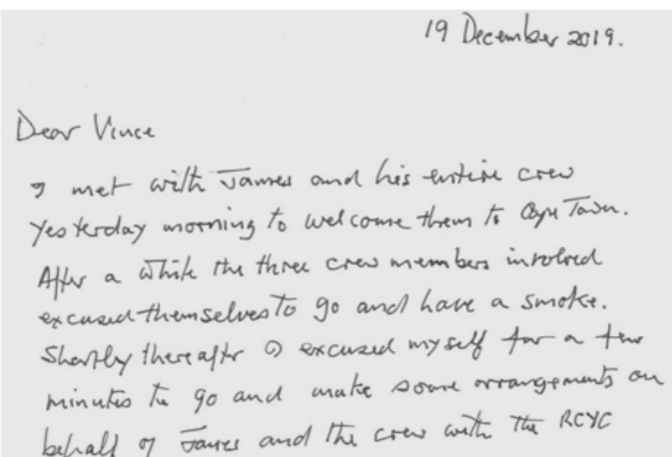
Please confirm whether my information source is correct.

Kind regards

Vince Thompson

Editor

St Helena Independent



19th December 2018 – 8.11am

Dear Vince

"I met with James and his entire crew yesterday morning to welcome them to Cape Town. After a while the three crew members involved excused themselves to go and have a smoke. Shortly thereafter I excused myself for a few minutes to go and make some arrangements on behalf of James and the crew with the RCYC manager.

I was still busy with the manager when a rather shaken James came through to her office and told us he had just been ap-

proached by the 3 boys with their bags all packed and been informed they were leaving but could not get out of them what the problem was. I responded by asking James if he would like me to go and talk to the boys to which he responded in the affirmative.

I went outside and found the 3 outside the front door of the clubhouse waiting for a taxi. I asked what the problem was to which they responded they had no problem with James, who was a good skipper, but sailing was not for them and there was no way they could sail back. The eldest of the three said he had never been away from home for so long, that he had a three-and-a-half year old child back home and he was missing his family dreadfully. He went on to say he was responsible for his younger brother and could not leave him behind.

Andrew, who had earlier been introduced as a journalist covering the race, indicated that he too was missing his girlfriend and could not face sailing back. All 3 reiterated a few times that it had nothing to do with James who had been an excellent skipper.

I made no effort to persuade the boys to change their minds as I considered it to be in no-one's interest to do so. Instead I asked them where they were going, to which they responded they were going first to Immigration to inform them of their change of plan and then they were going to the Missions to Seamen, which is just next door to the Immigration building, where they would sleep that night till they could make other arrangements. I asked them whether they had money with which to buy their tickets and whether they had informed their families, to both of which they responded affirmatively. I told them that as Race Chairman I felt responsible for them and asked them to let me know when they would be flying back and where they would be staying, which they undertook to do, but at the time of writing this I have not heard. I also explained that they should keep James informed as he remained responsible for them in law and would have to give them a discharge from the boat, which they also undertook to do.

Indeed some hours later Andrew came back with the discharge form which he had obtained from Immigration, which James signed.

We are now endeavouring to find two replacement crew members to join James and Joshua for the return voyage.

Kind regards

John"

19th December 2018 – 12:34pm

Dear Vince,

Further to my email this morning, which I sent from home, I have just realised that one correction is needed to my handwritten letter, namely - when Andrew brought down the crew discharge form for signature by James, he was told that it would be signed as soon as he produced the return air tickets. I don't know whether that has been done as yet because I have just got to the club and find that James and his son have been taken out for the day.

Regards, John

19th December – 9:13pm

Dear John, Hilary,

As I'm sure you can imagine the news we first received yes-

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The Cape Town Carpe Diem File



***Hilary Ackerman, Sailing
Events Manager, Royal Cape
Yacht Club***

terday has ricocheted across St Helena causing a variety of reactions.

The St Helena cricket team travelled to Botswana and gave an excellent account of themselves in a World T20 qualifier, coming third behind Namibia and Botswana who both qualified for the next stage of the competition.

Our yachting ambassadors can still give an equally good account of themselves but, sadly, not in the same comprehensive way.

I will be most grateful if you will send me information on any further developments either concerning the three returnees or about James, Josh and any replacement crew members that may be recruited.

Thank you for the information sent earlier today it has been used in local news broadcasts and will be used again in Friday's St Helena Independent.

Kind regards

Vince

20th December 2018 – 8:34am

Will do Vince. I would appreciate your copying me on any articles appearing.

Regards

John

20th December 2018 – 2:30pm

John,

The attached are drafts and not yet submitted for printing.

Vince

20th December 2018 – 3:56pm

Dear Vince,

Thank you very much for having permitted me to see your drafts before printing. (I have read them on my telephone to where my office mails are also received). Lucky Hilary Ackermann our Race Secretary is still at the office hence the mail now from the club.

Your articles are absolutely accurate and no one can ask for anything more than that.

As a matter of interest, Hilary telephoned Andrew earlier this afternoon to ask him to let her have copies of their air tickets, which he promised to email during the course of the afternoon. As at time of dictated this they have not arrived as so Hilary has just tried to telephone Andrew again but the phone goes onto voice mail.

I do hope that he gets in touch with us, as he undertook to do, as we obviously feel some responsibility for them while they are in Cape Town. Do you perhaps know whether they have in fact been in touch with their families and whether they do have the means for getting back to St Helena?

Needless to say, I will keep you up to date with any information coming my way.

Kind regards

John

20th December – 4:29pm

John, Hilary,

I am not a follower of social media, however something posted by Andrew's father indicated (among other things) that his son and the Owens brothers are due to arrive at St Helena airport on Saturday afternoon.

You will appreciate there are all sorts of 'versions of truth' circulating among the fertile rumour-mongering grounds in St Helena.

I will add your email below and this reply to the 'Carpe Diem Cape Town File'.

Kind regards

Vince

20th December – 6:14pm

Thank you for this information Vince. I am relieved to know that the youngsters have arranged their tickets for getting home. It is just a pity they have not kept me informed as they undertook they would.

I myself am not on Facebook at all so I am totally unaware of the rumours swirling around. Maybe it is better that way!

Kind regards

John

Father and son team remain to fly the flag for St Helena in Cape to St Helena Yacht Race

After the crew of the Carpe Diem finally won the battle with the ocean waves, arriving at Cape Town's Royal Cape Yacht Club on Tuesday morning, it was not long before shock waves came back, tsunami fashion, and hit St Helena early on Tuesday afternoon. The shock news was broadcast on Saint FM the following morning.

On Tuesday the Independent was informed by a reliable source that only James and Josh Herne remained to crew the Carpe Diem in the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race starting on 26th December. Early on Wednesday morning another equally reliable source responded to a request for more information. Until John Levin, the Chairman of the Cape the St Helena Race Committee, gave a full account of what transpired on Wednesday it was not known exactly why three of the crew decided to give up and come home by plane instead of aboard the Carpe Diem.

John Levin spoke with all crew members as he made a point of being present to welcome them to Cape Town upon their arrival. It was soon after the first greetings were exchanged that the Owens Brothers and Andrew Turner dropped their bombshell. They will not be continuing and have decided to drop out of the Cape to St Helena race. The reason for this, which had perplexed everyone who was aware of the situation was, as John Levin described it after talking with them, "sailing was not for them and there was no way they could sail back". Another reason given was that family and girlfriend were being missed and if the older Owen brother was coming home the younger brother would also have to return with him.

James Herne was described by John Levin as looking "rather shaken" by this completely unexpected and unwelcome turn of events but James and Josh soon committed themselves to continuing with competing in the yacht race as planned. John Levin had told them he will try to find replacement crew members but James and Josh vowed to continue even if it was only the two of them crewing the Carpe Diem.

Governor Lisa's Christmas Message

Tourists will often remark to me about the character of the island and the people who live on it. That they are one big happy family. When you live here, you and I know it's more complicated than that. Like any family there are ups and downs, and it got me thinking how similar St Helena is to my family, especially at Christmas time when some families come together.

I grew up having big family Christmases.

My mum and dad worked really hard to make sure Christmas Day was a success. The extended family descended on us and it was quite chaotic. My parents guided us through the year and every decision they took was in the best interests of the family, never for themselves. Sometimes they got it wrong sometimes it was right. They made the best of what we had. I think there are parallels between the role my parents played and perhaps your Councillors on St Helena.

Next my great-aunt Lizzie turned up at Christmas every year. As kids we always thought of her as living in the past and a bit old fashioned, but as we got older and we got to know her, and as the sherry started flowing on Christmas Day, we realised she had some interesting things to say and she helped us to find opportunities as we got older. Her heart was in the right place, she seemed strict but wasn't really. I think of parallels between her and perhaps the role of the Governor.

Godparents and family friends came through the door as Christmas arrived. They had such interesting backgrounds and my mum and dad had met them through lots of different walks of life. They had a lot of loyalty and commitment to my family. Us kids took them for granted and didn't always appreciate what they did for us, but looking back they were almost part of our extended family. These are perhaps the TC officers.

When Christmas cards started arriving through the door in early December, I can remember the excitement of hearing them drop on to the mat. They brought news from elsewhere, gossip, advice, and updates. The cards kept distant friendships alive. You knew there was a set of people who were always interested in what you were doing even as our own family was changing and developing. These remind me of Saints overseas and the strong relationship they have with the island, however long they have been away.

Then there were my aunts and uncles. They all came for Christmas Day. Mine was a big, but close knit, family. My aunts and uncles kept the wider family together, taught us the value of family supporting one another, working quietly behind the scenes, and keeping my brother, sister, and cousins all on track. If one of us succeeded, the whole family celebrated. They had big families themselves. Sometimes there were family disputes, but these were usually resolved, especially in time for Christmas. I think there are parallels with the St Helena Public Service particularly with the appointment of our St Helenian Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary which should be a huge cause for celebration.

And finally there were the neighbour's, always able to help



out in an emergency, who spread their help around our street community, and were known to everyone for their generosity and kindness. I see these as St Helena's voluntary sector.

So my message is that St Helena is a family, but not just for Christmas. We are all better if we pull together, support one another and look forward. My family helped me to become the Governor of St Helena. Think how successful St Helena can be going forward in unity, together.

Merry Christmas from my family to yours!

A festive poster for 'Family Fun Day'. It features several colorful balloons (yellow, orange, blue, green, red, purple, pink) and a red banner with the text 'Family FUN DAY' in a stylized font. Below the banner, it says 'at Francis Plain on Tuesday 1st January 2019 in aid of the St.Pauls Church Parish Funds'. At the bottom, there is a list of activities: 'Hot Food', 'Bar Facilities', 'Tuck Shop & Ice-cream', 'Table-top Stalls', 'Face Painting', 'Various Sports & Side Shows', 'Tea & Cake Stall', and 'Raffles'. The text 'Starting at 12 noon' is at the bottom left, and 'Call Joy on 24717 if you would like to book a table-top stall' is at the bottom right.

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Christmas Message from Bishop Dale

"I greet you in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ."

At this time of year there are many St Helenians and visitors from United Kingdom, Falkland Islands, Ascension, South Africa and other parts of the world who are travelling home to celebrate the Christmas festivities. We all know that travelling home to St Helena can cost quite a lot of money, but when we see the sheer joy and emotions when family and friends meet, for the first time in many years, (in some cases), one realises that the journey was worth it. This is just one of the things St Helenians do for love and family. As a result, the airport is buzzing with families welcoming loved ones back home. As our tradition a lot of preparation is going on, street lights are being put up, homes are sparkling with all different colours and arrangements of lights, the school children are singing Christmas carols in Jamestown outside the Canister, shops decorating their windows with lights and decorations, all the merchants unpacking the Christmas goodies, and I know somewhere along the line we have people planning the carnival through the town on Christmas Eve. This is Christmas, St Helenian style. At the same time, St Mary's on Ascension will be preparing for their Christmas festivities, Ascension Island style.

Among all of this preparation, we can forget the real reason why we celebrate Christmas, even though our children in the primary schools performed excellent dramas with St Pauls performing "Stable Manners"; Pilling Primary performing "Christmas Counts", Harford performing "Bethlehem" and school children on Ascension Island participating in a wonderful Christingle service. On all four occasions the churches were packed as parents and family went to see the dramas. Amongst the other hustles and bustles of Christmas, this did focus our attentions on the reason for the season.

These remind us of the spiritual side of Christmas where God loved the world so much that he became a little baby boy; born of Mary and Joseph, in a stable among the cattle and



the donkey, laid in a manger so that each and every one of us is no longer a slave to sin and death; but a loving child of God who can live with God forever. At this time of Christmas let us also visit the cribs in our churches to see God's greatest gift to us to give thanks in worship for the hope of eternal life. When we gaze upon the baby Jesus; it is not about him alone, it is about me and you; and each and every one of us. As Flor McCarthy wrote: "For Christ can be born a thousand times in Bethlehem but it would all be in vain unless he was born in me."

So when we say, let us put Christ into Christmas, it means we reflecting Christ to each other. It means how we care; how we love; how we forgive, how we spend our time with family and friends; how we look after the elderly and the vulnerable and the lonely so that the love of Christ is shared with everyone.

May God richly bless you this Christmas, both our communities here and on Ascension Island.

+Dale, St Helena



Lt. Coral and all at the Salvation Army would like to thank everyone on island and across the miles for their support, prayers and words of encouragement throughout 2018. Special thanks to all those who have sent monetary gifts and donations of clothes and other goods for our 'Quality Seconds' shop. Your kindness and generosity has been overwhelming. We wish you and all your families a truly wonderful and blessed Christmas and may the Christ of Christmas remain in your hearts and homes long after the Christmas season is over. We pray that 2019 will bring you all good health and happiness.

We wish you enough.....

We wish you enough sun to keep your attitude bright no matter how grey the day may appear.

We wish you enough rain to appreciate the sun even more.

We wish you enough happiness to keep your spirit alive and everlasting.

We wish you enough pain so that even the smallest of joys in life may appear bigger.

We wish you enough gain to satisfy your wanting.

We wish you enough loss to appreciate all that you possess.

We wish you enough hellos to get you through the final good-bye.

Take care of each other and God bless.

AVERAGE INCOME FROM FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT UP TO £8,500 IN 2017/18

The Statistics Office released estimates of average incomes from full-time employment for the 2017/18 financial year today, updating the estimates for 2015/16 and 2016/17 released earlier this year. The estimated median annual before-tax income rose to £8,500, an increase of 3.3% compared to the previous year. But retail prices rose on faster than this on average (4.1%); when price inflation is taken into account, pre-tax incomes from employment fell slightly in real terms by 0.7%.

Note that the median measures the 'middle number', so half of full-time employees earned less than £8,500, and half earned more. A more detailed analysis of the statistics shows that when inflation is taken into account, the lowest earners and female workers have experienced a small average increase in income, whilst the highest income earners and male workers have experienced a small average decrease in income. The estimates are derived from records maintained by the Income Tax office using methodology consistent with previous releases. Only incomes from employment above an analysis cut-off (set around the level of the Minimum Income Stand-

ard) are included; any income from self-employment and investment is excluded. Incomes of persons employed by the Government of St Helena following international recruitment (Technical Cooperation Officers) are not considered typical and so are also excluded from the statistics on incomes.

More detailed statistics on incomes, including the differences between lower and higher paid employees, and the differences in incomes between men and women, are available in the latest Statistical Bulletin attached or found on the St Helena Government website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistical-bulletin-no-11-2018-wages/>

Detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'Incomes' file at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics-data.

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ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES JANUARY 2019

As part of their Neighbourhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their 'Beat Surgeries' in various places around the Island throughout January 2018.

These surgeries are designed to take place in busy areas where it is easier for more people to attend. Members of the public are encouraged to use these surgeries to raise any concerns or issues affecting them, or to report crimes or give information on any offences or offenders. Police will also be available for community engagement, consultation, help and advice.

Please see below the dates, times and venues for January.

| Date | Time | Venue |
|----------------------|-----------------|------------------------------------|
| Thursday, 3 January | 5pm – 7pm | V2 Paradise, Longwood |
| Tuesday, 8 January | 4.30pm – 6pm | Sea View / Alarm Forest areas |
| Thursday, 10 January | 2.30pm – 4.30pm | Sandy Bay Shops |
| Saturday, 12 January | 2pm – 4pm | Blue Hill areas |
| Monday, 14 January | 4.30pm – 6pm | Rupert's Valley |
| Tuesday, 15 January | 11am – 1pm | Half Tree Hollow Supermarket |
| Tuesday, 15 January | 5pm – 7pm | Silver Hill, Levelwood |
| Thursday, 17 January | 11am – 1pm | MTB's Shop, Half Tree Hollow |
| Saturday, 19 January | 11am – 1pm | Market Square, Jamestown |
| Friday, 25 January | 3pm – 5pm | Scotland area / Phillip Johns Shop |
| Tuesday, 29 January | 2.30pm – 4.30pm | Longwood Avenue, Longwood |
| Tuesday, 29 January | 5pm – 6.30pm | Briars Village |

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18 December 2018



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ALL I WANT FOR CHRISTMAS IS.....A FANCY HAT!!

Last Friday 14th December, Harford Primary School held a Fancy Christmas Hat Competition at the School. 56 children took part and they were grouped as Early Years, Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2. Early Years included Nursery and Reception year groups and emerging as winners were Diego Francis in first place, Saskia Soto in 2nd place and Irie Ellick in 3rd place. The children displayed a wide range of ideas about Christmas, which they formed on to hand-crafted and ready-made hats and Diego's first-place was a winter wonderland scene.

Judges Mr Gary Cameron, Miss Robin Yon-Bowers, Miss Christy Bedwell and Miss Sharon Wade had a very hard time coming to a final decision. The hats were judged on originality, creativity, effort and presentation and marks tallied were very close. The children paraded their variety of beautiful hats whilst others watching cheered them on, teachers were singing Christmas songs and the entire Hall at Harford Primary took on a festive feeling under their outstanding hand-crafted decorations.

In Key Stage 1, which were contestants from Years 1 and 2, Kyron Yon emerged as the winner, whilst Kelsey Peters and Kylen Leo won a tied 2nd place and there was also a tied 3rd place where Mia Hopkins and Julio Henry took the honours. Kyron's note-worthy design was cleverly crafted from the heads of plastic picnic forks which had been spray-painted green to form the branches of a Christmas tree.

Key Stage 2 included children of ages from Year groups 3, 4, 5 and 6 and Tyson Crowie came out on top with a hat that had been created to display the perfect Xmas dinner of a golden-brown chicken surrounded by roast potatoes, vegeta-



bles, stuffing and gravy. In a tied 2nd place were Joel Henry-Williams and Charlotte Leask and tied 3rd place went to Axel Francis and Danny Ansell.

All entrants are to be commended on the quality and range of ideas that made up a fantastic Christmas hat parade, as well as the family and friends who were allowed to assist them on this occasion.

A big thank-you is extended to the Headteacher and Staff of Harford Primary School who hosted a wonderful event for the children before school closed for the holidays.

EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 18 DECEMBER 2018

Executive Council met today to consider a recommendation to increase the Minimum Wage by 8 pence from £3.05 to £3.13 per hour for workers aged over 18, and from £2.10 to £2.18 per hour for workers aged 16-17 with effect from 1 April 2019.

The recommendation was made on receipt of a report by the Employment Rights Committee appointed by the Governor in Council in accordance with Section 7(2) of the Employment Rights Ordinance 2010.

In their deliberations, members considered the impact on employers and consumers noting that a balance needed to be struck between protecting incomes and avoiding negative effects on local businesses. It was also noted that previous updates to the Minimum Wage have delivered real increases in median wages for the lowest 25% of earners. A 'real increase' means an increase over and above inflation. The August 2017 Minimum Wage increase of 35p was a greater than inflation increase and the July 2018 increase was an inflationary increase.

Members also noted that the increase meant that the gap between the average wage and the minimum wage on Island would decrease further and asked that work should take place in 2019 to review the Labour Market Strategy and within this

to work to carry out an evaluation which considers the impact of increasing the minimum wage over time.

Members were content to approve the increases and to recommend to the Governor that the changes to the Employment Rights Regulations should come into force on 1 April 2019.

Under "any other business" the Governor informed Members of a forthcoming exhibition entitled "Napoleon and the South African Wine the Emperor used on St Helena" to take place at Groot Constantia in Capetown in February 2019, which she will be attending. The Governor sought approval from Members to loan to the exhibition the wine cooler which was part of Longwood New House furniture now displayed in the dining room at Plantation House and to permit the St. Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd to export for the time of the exhibition a few items presently at Longwood House. Members were happy to approve provided the necessary documents were in place to ensure safe shipment to and from the Island.

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18 December 2018



**St Helena
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Sandie Walters from Cutting Edge would like to inform her customers that she will be unavailable from 15th December until 26th January.

She would like to take this opportunity to wish all her customers a Merry Christmas & a Happy & Healthy New Year and look forward to being of service to you in the New Year.



Merry Christmas



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I refer to the Independent of last week dated 14th December 2018, in "Your Opinion Counts", reference a letter written by Mr Tish Moreau.

I sympathise with Mr Moreau and his plight of not being able to purchase land and invest in St Helena. I do not want to put him off or anyone living overseas of building a home on St Helena, but he should be aware that the process is long and painful. I was in a similar situation in trying to purchase land and eventually made a purchase in 2014.

It took two years for The Planning Dept to eventually give me consent to build. When I finally had permission to build the Island's suppliers ran out of sand, lengthening the process further. I also shipped cement from the UK so my project would not be further delayed as there is always a limited supply on the Island. The developer of the land did not stand by his agreement and we are now in the fifth year of this project. Although the house is completed and a building certificate has been issued, as yet, we still await an occupancy certificate from The Planning Dept, despite meeting all of our conditions.

The process of trying to invest in St Helena can be very long winded and extremely frustrating at times. As Lord Ashcroft alluded to in his interview with

Saint FM and the write up in the Independent, the bureaucratic processes need to be looked at in order to become more time efficient, so as to be encouraging to potential investors.

I hope "change" will happen and go forward into 2019 and beyond but this will need to start at the top of all organisations

Yours faithfully,

Patrick Thomas

Dear Editor,

I refer to the letter entitled 'Without Prejudice' that was printed in the St Helena Independent of 14 December 2018.

The Land & Building Disposal Policy was approved by Executive Council in March 2016 and sets out the St Helena Government's (SHG) policy on the disposal of Crown Land and Buildings. Provision is made for disposal whereby a) SHG identifies the land or building for release onto the market, b) an individual applies to acquire land or buildings which they have identified or c) where a land transfer is requested or initiated by SHG. Mechanisms also exist for dealing with agricultural and national forest lands or where virgin or barren land or SHG's investment portfolio are involved.

Our conflict of interest process establishes whether applicants are related to our staff. An independent audit of the disposal of land in question was carried out and established that that process was carried out fairly and correctly in accordance with established procedures. All expressions of interest in land are now logged and kept on record.

Land is limited on the island and the Directorate is mindful of the need to ensure that land is made available speedily, in line with the land development control plan and other related legislation and policies.

I would like to invite your writer of the letter to make an appointment with our property team to discuss the application process further.

With kind regards,

Derek Henry

Director of Environment and Natural Resources

Dear Editor,

Today, the 18th December, is the 200th Anniversary of the beginning of the Abolition of Slavery on St. Helena.

Sir Hudson Lowe proposed and islanders agreed that from Christmas Day 1818 all children born to slaves would be free.

This was the beginning of the end of slavery on the island and Christmas day this year marks the 200th Anniversary of this momentous event for the children of the slaves of the time for which they were grateful to Governor Sir Hudson Lowe

Slavery itself was not finally abolished until 1832, 14 years later, when the EIC formally and finally abolished all slavery, but this generation born 200 years ago from Christmas day 1818 were free.

Have a Happy Christmas!

Barbara B. George

ADDITIONAL FLIGHTS FOR 2019/2020

St Helena Government is pleased to announce additional flights to and from St Helena for summer 2019/2020. In addition to the scheduled service to St Helena that operates each Saturday, this additional flight will be scheduled on a Tuesday between December 2019 and May 2020.

These additional flights, much like those for 2018/19, have been programmed to take into account the peak period of travel, to meet anticipated demand and to offer a greater flexibility in the length of stay on St Helena – 3, 4, or 7 day stays (and multiples thereof).

Director of Tourism, Helena Bennett,

said:

"It is fantastic news that we are able to announce to the travel trade that the mid-week flights will continue for the summer of 2019/2020. This will allow potential tourists, business people and friends and relatives overseas, the opportunity to plan their trip to our wonderful Island and home".

Chairman of the Economic Development Committee, Councillor Lawson Henry, commented :

"This is good news for St Helena and those wishing to travel here during this time. This is the kind of planning that needs to go into building a tourist destination and I hope it will bring much

needed confidence and stimulus into our economy, particularly the hospitality sector. I would like to thank our partners in DFID for their support."

Further information will be published when flights and flight dates have been finalised, and when tickets will become available for purchase.

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17 December 2018



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AIRLINK



ST HELENA
AIRPORT

Beginning of the end of Slavery on St Helena

Simon Pipe

On Christmas Day 200 years ago, a new law marked the beginning of the end of slavery on St Helena. But it was only possible because a powerful council member was lured off the island long enough for it to be voted through. It meant that from 25 December 1818, all children born to slave mothers were granted freedom, from birth.

Island historians say the pioneering move helped create the integrated society that exists on St Helena today.

Next year, the Museum of St Helena will stage an exhibition celebrating Governor Hudson Lowe's humanitarian achievement.

It is intended to shine a new light on the man who was reviled for the way he treated Napoleon during the fallen emperor's exile from 1815-1821.

Adam Sizeland, the museum's director, said Hudson Lowe had enlightened ideas. But William Doveton and another councillor, Robert Leech, argued that any abolition of slavery would undermine the island's society and economy.

They both owned lots of slaves themselves.

Leech died, leaving only Doveton in the governor's way. And then Doveton was offered a knighthood – the only time such a high honour has been given to a St Helenian. He sailed to London to receive the honour, taking him away for long enough for Governor Lowe to pass his law.

"It could well have been a cunning ploy to get rid of Doveton," said Adam this week.

"There is some suggestion of that. There is no proof but it would be a clever way of doing things."

The new law meant that children would become apprentices of the East India Company, achieving full freedom in their late teens.

A new slavery law in 1792 had already banned the import of slaves to St Helena, 15 years before England abolished slavery. It also restricted the punishments that slaves could be given, though some owners still committed terrible abuses.

Adam said: "This measure in 1818 came in much before the British Empire had introduced similar measures, so it's quite significant.

"Ninety five per cent of people alive on St Helena today could trace a direct link to a slave.

"I think this progressive attitude on St Helena helped remove some of the racial boundaries and tensions you still see around the world today, where slavery continued to a much later date."

Fellow historian Basil George agreed.

"Slavery is part of our society," he said. "They were the largest group in our community until slavery was abolished in 1834.

"There were no burial sites for slaves. There are only two slave grave stones that show our slave ancestry. You would bury your slave like you buried your dog. They were not considered human.

"We had this very divisive society, but after abolition, within a



few generations we came to have a uniform identity.

"This is something that is very special to St Helena. We came through that, within a few generations, to be integrated with a common identity. Whereas in America, they still haven't come through the trauma."

But he said the story of Saints' slave ancestry had been overshadowed by the story of the island's role in taking in Africans liberated from captured slave-running ships, after England outlawed the slave trade.

"Nobody is raising the matter of what we did when we were on our knees when the East India Company pulled out. We were all dirt poor.

"But we took in and looked after 25,000 liberated Africans at a time when our people were emerging from slavery."

We are told our constitution reduced the power that governors had over St Helena, but an episode from Christmas 200 years ago – when children of slaves were granted automatic freedom – suggests not everything has improved.

In 2015 the Wass Report compared Governor Mark Capes to Hudson Lowe, who ran the island when Napoleon was in exile. It turns out both of them wanted to get rid of councillors who were blocking their plans.

Capes simply sacked the entire Legislative Council, giving no warning and no reason – and waited the maximum 13 weeks to hold an election, shutting down democracy in the meantime. Only through Sasha Wass QC did we learn it was because councillors – for good reason - would not let him move the prison to Half Tree Hollow.

Lowe had no such power over slave-owning councillors who opposed moves to free infants born to slaves. William Doveton was an immovable obstruction. But then Doveton got offered a knighthood, which meant resigning from the council so he could sail off to England to collect it. Was it a ploy to get him off the island? It looks like one.

How different things might have been had Capes tried the same tactic. Arise, Sir Rodney, Sir Lawson, Dame Christine, Sir Ferdie, and all the rest...

East India Company issue more St Helena coins

The East India Company Bullion, in cooperation with the government and treasury of St. Helena, have issued a new Proof-quality gold coin collection, including some of the world's most significant coins which opened new routes of trade and shaped international commerce. Following on the great success of the first "Empire Collection" gold coin set issued in 2017, which highlighted the specific monarchs who shaped trade, the second series Empire Collection focuses on some of the more distinctive individual coins that built an empire over four centuries. They are assembled in an exclusive set, each with an exceptional story to tell about their contribution to greater international commerce, and, in many cases, local monetary stability. The need to provide a comprehensive means of trade and wealth was behind the minting of many gold and silver pieces, some of which would eventually provide the anchor to a more permanent structure of national commerce where the trade coin was introduced.

One of the coins in the collection is the St Helena halfpenny



The St. Helena Half Penny, the First Local Coins to be Introduced by the East India Company, 1821

The English East India Company was granted the original charter issued by Oliver Cromwell in 1657 to govern the island of St. Helena. The charter was later reaffirmed as a Royal Charter by the restored King Charles II in 1660, which accorded them the sole right to fortify and colonise the island. St. Helena's first local coins were introduced in 1821 and minted with the crest of the East India Company on the obverse and the inscription **ST HELENA 1821 HALFPENNY** surrounded by a wreath on the reverse.

Other coins in the collection include Portcullis Money, Britain's First International Trade Coin, 1601, Hog Money, the First English Coins of North America, 1615 – 1616,

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The Guinea, the Coin of the Colonies, Elephant & Castle, 1663 – 1816, The Cartwheel Penny, The First Coins to be Exported to the Australian Colonies, 1797 – 1799, The Rix Dollar, The First Silver Coin Ever Sent from England to Ceylon, 1821 and the East India Company Rupee, a Uniform Currency Declared, 1835



East India Company Rupee – 1835

The East India Company sells more than coins which are connected with St Helena. You can buy 250 grams of St Helena coffee for £95 if you wish. As Harrods are selling 100 gram bags of St Helena coffee beans (when available) for £60 or more, the East India Company price may be considered a bargain by some.



St Helena coffee - £250 a sniff



REAPPOINTMENT OF SHERIFF FOR ST HELENA

Ethel Yon OBE was today reappointed as Sheriff of St Helena by HE Governor Lisa Honan.

Mrs Yon took the prescribed Oaths before the HE Governor in the Governor's Office at the Castle (see photo attached). Mrs Yon's appointment is effective until 31 December 2019. The Sheriff of St Helena is nominally responsible for enforcing Court Orders, with this usually carried out by the Police Service on the Sheriff's behalf. The Sheriff is also responsible for summoning Jurors when a Jury is required, either in the Supreme Court or for a Coroner's Inquest. Her most conspicuous public role, however, is the swearing in of Governors and Acting Governors.

SHG, 19 December 2018

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The Business Development Team of Enterprise St Helena (ESH) have been visiting and listening to businesses across the island about the issues facing business development and growth. As a result, ESH is reviewing its current policies on grant funding and modifying these to improve the support available to businesses. ESH is therefore pleased to announce that the ESH Board has approved and endorsed the following amendment to the following existing grant:-

Capital Investment Grants (CIG): Tourism & Hospitality – Accommodation, Food & Beverage

- **Interest Relief in conjunction with the Bank of St Helena.** ESH may now offer to fund up to 75% to a limit of £10,000 for new and existing business, of the costs from interest charges incurred on a bank loan, including those with a deferral period.

This grant is available to those businesses who have benefitted from the CIG: Product & Service Enhancement Grant. Applicants will need to demonstrate the viability of their business case, and terms and conditions apply.



For further information please contact the Business Development Team on telephone number 22920
or email ryan.belgrove@esh.co.sh, mandy.obey@esh.co.sh, or delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh

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Holiday specials - Limited Availability

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Grant Funding for Civil Society Organisations

Charities, Clubs, Community Centres, Associations...

Max £4,000 per Application per Grant Round

Only **2** Grant Rounds as limited funding available.

This is the final Grant Round for this financial year!

Closing date for applications is 25th January 2019

Eligibility

- Based on St Helena and have a constitution that complies with the Charities Ordinance 2005. *However, consideration will be given to applications from organisations that are neither a charity or constituted group. Such organisations will be expected to take steps towards becoming a charity or association.*
- Hold a bank account that requires at least two signatures
- Verifiable Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year
- Has vetted Committee Members (if applicable)
- Has a Safeguarding Policy (if applicable)
- Compliant with any current Grant Agreements held with the CDO

Projects:

- Equipment for day to day activities
- Special one-off events and activities
- Community and organisational development
- Capital works

For an application form or further information e-mail
community.sthelena@gmail.com or alternatively call Kirsty Joshua on
Tel: 23999 after 5:00pm.

Community Development Organisation  community.sthelena@gmail.com



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Festive Season Openings 2018

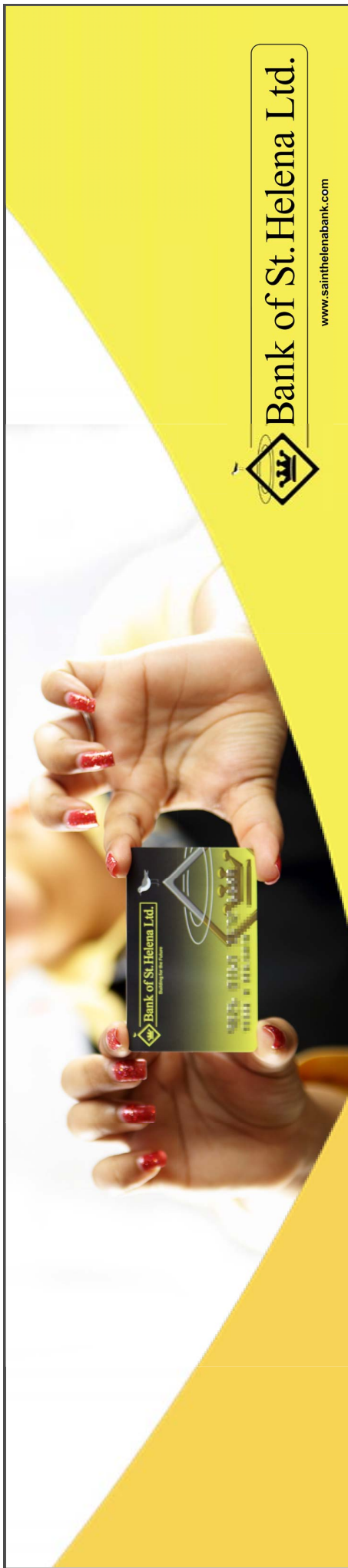
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| Monday, 24 December | Closed | 09:00 - 12:00 | | | |
| Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December | Closed | | | | |
| Thursday, 27 December | Closed | 09:00 - 14:00 | | | |
| Friday, 28 December | Closed | | | | |
| Saturday, 29 December | Closed | 09:00 - 12:00 | | Closed | Closed |
| Monday, 31 December | Closed | 09:00 - 13:00 | | | |
| Tuesday, 01 January 2019 | Closed | | | | |

Please Note: International Remittance Services will close at 11:00 on Monday 24 December, at 13:00 on Thursday 27 and at 12:00 on Monday 31 December 2018.

The Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk will open as usual on Saturday 22 and 29 December 2018 from 10:00 to 14:30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Wednesday, 02 January 2019.

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WITHDRAWAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFER PAYMENTS OUTSIDE OF BANK BRANCHES

Business Establishments are advised that with effect from Thursday, 01 November 2018, Bank of St Helena Ltd will no longer process Account Transfer forms completed outside of Bank branches.

Local businesses accepting Account Transfers as a form of credit payment from their customers for the goods or services they have purchased will no longer be able to present these to the Bank for processing.

Account Transfers will still be available for use within the Bank's branches/kiosks, for those customers wishing to make transfer of funds.

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Bank of St Helena urges family members or otherwise authorised persons to contact the Compliance and Operations Section at Bank of St Helena Ltd on telephone number 22390 or via email address compliancesupervisor@sainthelenabank.com, if this applies to you.

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CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2018/19

All SHG directorates/services will be closed on the 25th and the 26th December 2018 and the 1st January. The following table provides details of opening hours between 24th and 31st December 2018. Normal business will resume on 2nd January 2019.

| SHG Directorate | Service | Details |
|--------------------|--|---|
| Corporate Services | Post & Customer Service Centre | Monday, 24 th ; Thursday, 27 th ; Saturday, 29 th & Monday, 31 st December 2018 open from 8.30 am – 12 noon. Normal opening hours will resume from Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019. |
| | Customs | Closed 24 th December 2018 – 1 st January 2019 inclusive. (2 Officers will be on call) |
| | Port Control | Closed 24 th December 2018 – 1 st January 2019 inclusive-. Emergencies only. |
| | Archives | Closed 24 th December to 1 st January 2019 inclusive. |
| | Corporate Services, The Castle | Open 24 th , 27 th , 28 th and 31 st December 2018 from 0830 to 12 noon. This also applies to the switchboard services. Archives – closed all day on 24 th , 27 th , 28 th and 31 st December 2018 and 1 st January 2019. |
| | Judicial Services | 24 th December - open from 0830-1230. Closed from 25 th – 31 st December and 1 st January 2019. |
| Airport | Administration | Air Access Office will be open with reduced staffing on the following days: Monday, 24 th December 2018 from 8.30 am to 4 pm Thursday, 27 th December 2018 from 8.30 am to 4 pm Friday, 28 th December 2018 from 8.30 am to 4 pm Monday, 31 st December 2018 from 8.30 am to 4 pm Contact Number: +290 22721 |
| Education | Education Learning Centre, Jamestown | The Education Office and St Helena Community College will close on Friday 21 st December and re-open on Wednesday 2 nd January 2019. For enquiries during the festive period the ELC will be open on the following days: Monday 24 th December from 10 am to 12 noon Thursday 27 th December from 10 am to 12 noon Friday 28 th December from 10 am to 12 noon Monday 31 st December from 10 am to 12 noon |
| | Public Library | Open Saturday, 22 nd December 2018 from 10 am – 1 pm and 6 pm. Closed Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Tuesday, 1 st January 2019 and will re-open on Wednesday 2 nd January 2019. |
| | Prince Andrew School and all Primary Schools | All schools will close for the Christmas holidays on Friday 14 th December 2018. The first school day for 2019 will be on Tuesday 15 th January 2019. |
| Health | Administration | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Closed* Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Closed* Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Closed* Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Closed* Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Staff on call. Contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on 22500]. |
| | Mental Health | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Closed* Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Closed* Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Closed* Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Closed* Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Staff on call. Contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on 22500]. |
| | Dental Department – Emergency Clinics | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Open from 08:30 to midday only* Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Open from 08:30 to midday only* Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Open from 08:30 to midday only* Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Open from 08:30 to midday only* Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : On each of these days the Department will be open for emergencies from 8.30 am to 9.30 am and for pre-booked appointments from 10.30 am to midday]. |

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|---------------------------------|--|--|
| | Environmental Health | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Closed* Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Closed* Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Closed* Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Closed* Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Staff on call. Contactable via the Hospital Switchboard on 22500]. |
| | Community Nursing Services | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 1 pm Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 1 pm Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 1 pm Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 1 pm Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Open for Nurse Triage in the Jamestown Outpatient Clinic only. Essential Community Nursing services, which include home visits and Palliative Care will be conducted throughout the festive period, as required]. |
| | Pharmacy | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am – 1 pm Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am – 1 pm Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am – 1 pm Saturday, 29 th December 2019 – Open from 9 am to 11 am Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 1 pm Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. |
| | Laboratory | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Open from 9 am – 1pm Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Closed* Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Open from 9 am to 1 pm Saturday, 29 th December 2019 – Closed Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Closed* Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Staff on call for emergencies only]. |
| | General Hospital - Emergency Department | Open 24 hours a day for Emergencies only. |
| | Doctor's clinics Jamestown Outpatients (pre-booked appointments) | Monday, 24 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 12:30* Thursday, 27 th December 2018 – Closed Friday, 28 th December 2018 – Open from 8.30 am to 12:30* Monday, 31 st December 2018 – Closed Wednesday, 2 nd January 2019 – Normal Working Hours. [* Note : Open for pre-booked appointments only]. |
| Safeguarding | Residential Units (Cape Villa, Deasons, CCC) | No changes to opening and closing times over the Festive period. Contacts as usual. |
| | Children's Services | Closed on Public Holidays. Usual working hours over the festive period. Emergency on-call available as usual via the Police. |
| | Adult Services | Closed on Public Holidays. Usual working hours over the festive period. Emergency on-call available as usual via the Police. |
| Environment & Natural Resources | Essex House | Calls will be diverted to the Director, Derek Henry on 24580 |
| | ANRD | Agricultural Services- Veterinary Emergency calls- 62039 or 26162 Agricultural Services – Forestry call 24432/62701 or 24791 |
| | Housing | On Call Services from 21 st December 2018 to 3 rd January 2019. Call 25430/62962 or 24217/63753 |
| | Works Section | Works call out : 24999 or 24959/62911 |
| | Waste Management Services | Domestic & Commercial Waste Collection: All domestic and commercial waste collection services throughout December 2018 and January 2019 will remain mostly unchanged except for the following: There will be no domestic or commercial waste collection on Tuesday, 25 th December 2018 (Christmas Day) and on Tuesday, 1 st January 2019 (New Year's Day). Customers who ordinarily have their waste collected on a Tuesday will instead have it collected on the preceding day - Monday, 24 th December 2018 (Christmas Eve) and Monday, 31 st December 2018 (New Year's Eve), respectively. Horse Point Landfill Site: The site will remain open 24 hours a day, seven days a week. |

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| SHG Directorate | Service | Details |
|-----------------|---------------------|--|
| Police | Police Headquarters | Throughout the Christmas holiday period normal operational Policing and Emergency response will be available. Commencing 17 th December 2018 to 2 nd January 2019, Police support and auxiliary services such as liquor licensing, firearms licensing, driver's examination and vetting certificates will not be available. For any emergencies call telephone number 999, you may be asked for further details of the emergency, always give your contact details and location. |
| | Fire | The fire service office will be closed on 25 th , 26 th December and 1 st January. Normal response procedures for all emergencies. |
| | Prison | We are open as usual with the following exceptions: No visits 25/12/18 – Christmas Day 26/12/18 – Boxing Day 01/01/19 – New Year's Day |
| | Immigration | Monday 24 th December 2018 8am to 12 noon Tuesday 25 th December 2018 CLOSED Wednesday 26 th December 2018 CLOSED Thursday 27 th December 2018 CLOSED Friday 28 th December 2018 8am to 12 noon Saturday 29 th December 2018 operating from the airport only Monday 31 st December 2018 8am to 12 noon Tuesday 1 st January 2019 CLOSED Wednesday 2 nd January 2019 8am to 16.00hrs For emergency queries during periods of closure please contact Police Headquarters on Tel No 22626 |
| | Emergency Planning | The office will be closed on the 25 th , 26 th , 27 th , 28 th December and 1 st of January. In an Emergency the response will be via 999. |
| | Sea Rescue | Throughout the Christmas holiday period the Sea Rescue facility will be open from 8 am – midday on the following dates, 24 th , 27 th , 28 th and 31 of December 2018. If you require an emergency response from the Sea Rescue please call 999. |

We would like to thank you for your custom, we hope you enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the festive Season.

Susan O'Bey
Chief Secretary



| Date | Tourist Office Tel: 22158 | ESH Office Tel: 22920 |
|---|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| Monday 24th December 2018 | 8.30 am - 12 noon | |
| Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th December 2018 | Closed | |
| Thursday 27th & Friday 28th December 2018 | 9.00 am — 3.00 pm | Closed |
| Monday 31st December 2018 | 8.30 am — 12 noon | Closed |
| Tuesday 1st January 2019 | Closed | |
| Wednesday 2nd January 2019 | Open as normal | |

Please be advised that a member of the business development team will be available at the Tourist Office on the days in which the office at Ladder Hill is closed.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone

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

If this opportunity interests you, please send your CV to recruitment@sure.com by **31st December 2018**.

If you have any questions regarding this role please contact Alan Ibbotson, Chief Finance Officer on E: alan.ibbotson@sure.com or Shara Robinson on E: HR-Admin.Manager@sure.co.sh or T: 22800



VACANCIES SEA RESCUE SERVICE

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has opportunities for motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Sea Rescue Crew as follows:

Fixed-Term Sea Rescue Crew for the period January to March 2019:

The purpose of the post is to protect and save life at Sea. Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

1. Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
2. To achieve and maintain a good standard of physical fitness, capability and skills through participation in the appropriate Training Programme. To contribute to the training of auxiliary coxswains and crew.
3. Support the wider Police Directorate through deployment when required within limitation of training given, as a Special Police Constable.
4. Under the direction of the Sea Rescue Service Deputy Manager, responsible for ensuring the maintenance and proper use of all Sea Rescue facilities, boats and equipment ensuring it is in a state of readiness at all times.
5. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and be a confident swimmer with the ability to pass a fitness test.

Prospective candidates should have:

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Related experience in the maritime field, such as coxswain /crew

Hours of work will be 35 per week and the successful applicant will be required to be on-call for emergencies and will be required some weekends as per an on-call and Aircraft cover rota.

Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £9,053 per annum.

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2. Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.
3. Ensure that standards are maintained and that the service is in line with the Police Directorate's Values and Code of Ethics.
4. Must be able to attend Sea Rescue weekly training sessions.
5. Must be able to work some weekends to support flight operations.
6. Must be available for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota inclusive of some weekends.
7. Respond immediately and safely to all Sea Search and Rescue emergency incidents in an efficient and professional manner.

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Prospective candidates should have:

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience in maritime field, such as coxswain /crew

Rate of pay for the post is £4.11 per hour for hours worked, plus a monthly retainer of £70.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile and application form, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail simonwade@helanta.co.sh or Mr Leeroy Caswell, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager Tel 25215, email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources, The Castle (or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Friday,

4 January 2019.



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.

Michael Miskel

Acting Director of Police, 18 December 2018

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| Monday 31 st December | 9am to 1pm |
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Or email gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 4th January 2018.

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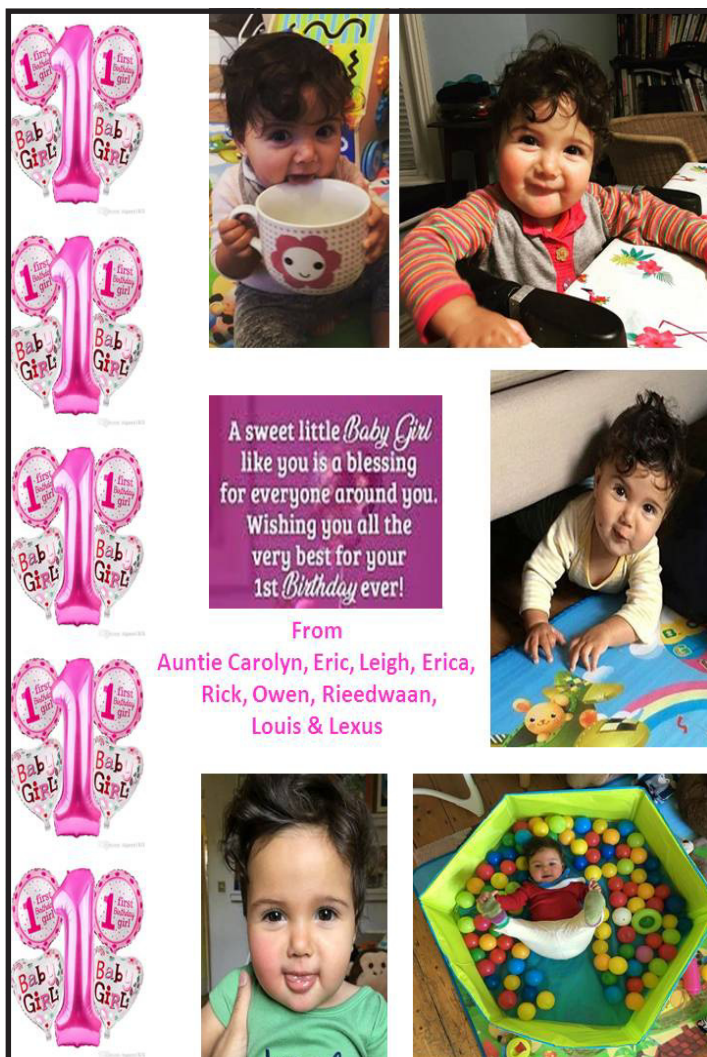
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From all at Saint FM & the St Helena Independent.



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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last Sunday Liverpool totally outplayed Manchester United to beat them 3-1. Mane put Liverpool 1-0 up with a good finish only for Lingard to equalise after a mistake by Allison. Shaqiri came off the bench and scored two goals to give the Reds a deserved win.

This result put Liverpool back on top of the table it also was the final straw for the Man United board as Mourinho lost his job the following day. It was time for him to go; he had lost the respect of the Players and the fans; the style of football was the worse I have seen by a United team in the Premier League era. Mourinho's press conferences was mostly embarrassing for us the fans; some of the things that he said suggested he got one or two screws loose.

Who is going to replace him is the next big question. The interim period up until the end of his season will see United Legend Ole Gunnar Solskjaer take over the manager's role. He will be assisted by Sir Alex's former assistant Micky Phelan.

Solskjaer spent 11 seasons at Old Trafford, scoring the winning goal in the 1999 Champions League final.

Michael Carrick and Kieran McKenna, both part of Mourinho's coaching staff, will continue to work under Solskjaer.

Solskjaer's first match in charge will be against Cardiff a team he manager for 8 months in 2014.

He was relegated from the Premier League with the Bluebirds.

United will look to appoint a permanent boss at the end of the season.

According the British press Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino is the only name on Manchester United's list to replace Jose Mourinho. United are prepared to pay £42m in compensation to get the Argentine.

In other matches Southampton ended Arsenal's 22-match unbeaten run and won their first home league game since April thanks to Charlie Austin's 85th-minute header. Saints beat the Gunners 3-2 in what was new manager Ralph Hasenhuttl first home match.

Hazard scored one and set up Pedro's opener as Chelsea hung on for a 2-1 win against Brighton.

In the early match on Saturday Jesus scored twice and Sterling once as City beat Everton 3-1.

This victory, City's 10th in a row at home in the league.

Crystal Palace secured their first Premier League victory without Wilfried Zaha in over two years thanks to captain Luka Milivojevic's superb strike in a disjointed win against Leicester at Selhurst Park.

Newcastle returned to winning ways as Rondon scored the only goal in their match with Huddersfield.

Eriksen scored an injury time winner for Spurs as they beat a resilient Burnley team.

Watford went 3-0 up against Cardiff only for the Welsh team to score two late goals, Watford manage to hand on for a 3-2 win.

Wolves beat Bournemouth 2-0 and West Ham defeated the bottom team Fulham by the same score line.

The 4 next round of Premier League games will start tonight at 8pm as Wolves host the top team Liverpool. On Saturday Arsenal will play Burnley; Bournemouth play at home against Brighton, Chelsea host Leicester, Huddersfield will face a battle at home against Southampton; City play Crystal Palace, Newcastle host Fulham and West Ham play Watford at home. New United manager Solskjaer travel to the Welsh capital to play Cardiff.

There is one game on Sunday; Everton play at home against Spurs.

There will also be EPL games on Boxing day; 27th, 29th & 30th December, 1st and 2nd January.



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St Helena Football Association

The SHFA District Football will kick off on Sunday 23rd December.

Sunday 23rd December

5pm: St Paul's v Jamestown

7pm: Longwood v HTH

Sunday 30th December

5pm: Jamestown v Longwood

7pm: HTH v St Paul's



Tuesday 1st January

5pm: Longwood v St Paul's

7pm: HTH v Jamestown

The SHFA will also be involved with some fund raising events during the block leave.

Raffle tickets will be on sale today from 10am-1pm outside of the canister and the International Squad will have tickets on sale on Christmas Eve. The star prize will be on view during these days. We are hoping to have the Ford Focus ST mounted on a truck and will join us for the Christmas Eve Parade.

The Port to Port Sponsored walk will take place on Thursday 27th December. The walk will start at the Airport at 9.30am and finish at Rupert's Jetty via the Haul Road. Transport will be provided for walkers from Rupert's to the Airport. We would like people taking part in the Sponsored walk to be at Rupert's by 8.30am. They will then be transported to the Airport to commence registration. Persons who don't have a sponsor paper can register on the day for a fee of £15.

So far we have 70 sponsor papers out.

Two support vehicles with first aid and water will be available along the route.

Bank of St Helena Youth Games 2018

The Bank of St Helena Youth Games came to a conclusion on Monday with the Athletics which was sponsored by John and Shirley's ice-creams. This proved a tough event for the 17 persons who took part especially after many of them had competed in the Prince Andrew School athletics day which was on Friday. There was still some stand out performances. Brooke Yon competed in 9 events picking up 6 Gold's; 1 silver and 2 bronze; Amy Thomas picked up 6 silver and 4 bronze; Phillipa Castell picked up 3 Gold; 3 silver and 3 bronze, Layla Clarke picked up 1 Gold; 1 silver and 1 bronze, Katie Rose Thomas picked up 2 Gold and 3 Silver, Annika Lawrence picked up 4 Gold and 2 Silver, Shannon McGee picked up 1 Bronze and Jordanna Peters picked up 1 silver medal. In the boys events, Aiden Yon-Stevens picked up 9 Gold's, and 1 Silver; Christo Crowie picked up 2 Gold and 7 silver, Joey Thomas had 6 bronze medals, Luke Bowers picked up 2 Gold Medals, Trystan Thomas had 3 Gold and 2 silver, Christian George picked up 3 Gold and 2 silver and Ethan Timm picked up 1 bronze medal.

Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay picked up the Athletics shield with 98 points; HTH came second with 72 points; Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest 3rd with 43 points and St Paul's 4th with 21 points.

This was another successful Youth ages with 55 youngsters picking up at least 1 medal. The events were well attended. We were however disappointed that more competitors didn't compete in the Swimming and Athletics especially as in these events they can pick up more medals. We will look at different days and times for these events next year in the hope of more people competing.

On Tuesday evening during the end of year New Horizons Party the Sportswoman and Sportsman awards was presented by the bank of St Helena Manager Joey George to Brooke Yon and Aiden Yon-Stevens as these two won the most medals. Joey then presented the District Shield to the winners who were HTH.

We at New Horizons wish to thank the Bank of St Helena for once again sponsoring the games. They have been the lead sponsor since 2005. We would also like to thank all the sponsors of all the sporting events. Thanks also to all who helped out with officiating. Final big thanks to all who took part in the Games so many times in the past our Bank of St Helena Youth games have proved to be a stepping stone in representing St Helena on the international stage.

| Total Points | District |  |  |  | Total Medals | Rank by Total Medals |
|--------------|---------------------------------|--|--|--|--------------|----------------------|
| 200 | HTH | 32 | 12 | 4 | 48 | 2 |
| 178 | Jamestown/Blue Hill/Sandy Bay | 21 | 20 | 13 | 54 | 1 |
| 112 | Longwood/Levelwood/Alarm Forest | 6 | 20 | 22 | 48 | 2 |
| 79 | St Paul's | 8 | 10 | 9 | 27 | 3 |

The winner of The Bank of St Helena District Trophy will be determine by the district with the most Points; 5points for gold, 3 points for silver and 1 point for bronze. In-case of points being the same, the team with the most gold points will be in the higher ranking









Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Bank of St Helena Youth games with Bank Manager Joey George



3 HTH team members' winners of the District Shield

Bank of St Helena Youth Games 2018

| Rank | Name | District |  |  |  | Total |
|------|-------------------|----------|---|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Brooke Yon | HTH | 14 | 3 | 2 | 19 |
| 2 | Amy Thomas | LLA | | 6 | 4 | 10 |
| 3 | Phillipa Castell | JBS | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| 4 | Cerys Joshua | SP | | 5 | 4 | 9 |
| 5 | Vivieene Ponsford | HTH | 5 | 3 | | 8 |
| 6 | Kati-Rose Thomas | HTH | 3 | 4 | 1 | 8 |
| 7 | Rebecca Young | JBS | 2 | 2 | 4 | 8 |
| 8 | Annika Lawrence | HTH | 4 | 3 | | 7 |
| 9 | Danielle Benjamin | SP | 2 | 2 | 1 | 5 |
| 10 | Jordana Peters | SP | | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 11 | Dani Thomas | SP | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| 12 | Layla Clarke | LLA | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 13 | Demi George | LLA | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 14 | Courtney Green | LLA | 2 | | | 2 |
| 15 | Latisha Fowler | JBS | | 2 | | 2 |
| 16 | Jordan Stone | LLA | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 17 | Alaina Crowie | LLA | 1 | | | 1 |
| 18 | Laura Duncan | SP | 1 | | | 1 |
| 19 | Tatelyn Royals | JBS | | 1 | | 1 |
| 20 | Hanna Hickling | LLA | | | 1 | 1 |
| 21 | Tyanne Williams | LLA | | | 1 | 1 |
| 22 | Karla Williams | JBS | | | 1 | 1 |
| 23 | Shannon Mcnee | LLA | | | 1 | 1 |

| Rank | Name | District |  |  |  | Total |
|------|--------------------|----------|---|---|---|-------|
| 1 | Aiden Yon-Stevens | JBS | 9 | 2 | 2 | 13 |
| 2 | Christo Crowie | JBS | 2 | 9 | 1 | 12 |
| 3 | Vinnie Cavesmith | HTH | 10 | | | 10 |
| 4 | Trystan Thomas | JBS | 3 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| 5 | Stefan Thomas | LLA | | 8 | 2 | 10 |
| 6 | Matthais Young | LLA | 5 | | 3 | 8 |
| 8 | Rieedwaan Richards | JBS | | 3 | 4 | 7 |
| 7 | Christian George | SP | 4 | 2 | | 6 |
| 9 | Ma-Kyle Fuller | JBS | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 |
| 10 | Joey B Thomas | LLA | | | 6 | 6 |
| 11 | Colby Thomas | LLA | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 |
| 12 | Brett Isaac | JBS | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| 13 | Luke Bowers | JBS | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| 14 | Christoper Herne | SP | 1 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| 15 | Jia Peters | SP | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| 16 | Joey Thomas | LLA | 2 | | 1 | 3 |
| 17 | Blaine Joshua | LLA | 2 | | 1 | 3 |
| 18 | Brandon Harris | SP | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 19 | Sean Cansick | SP | 1 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| 20 | Josh Williams | JBS | | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 21 | Vontray Thomas | JBS | | 2 | | 2 |
| 22 | Dominic Richards | LLA | | 2 | | 2 |
| 23 | Thomas Hickling | LLA | | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| 24 | Robin Williams | JBS | 1 | | | 1 |
| 25 | David Young | JBS | | 1 | | 1 |
| 26 | Hugo Francis | LLA | | 1 | | 1 |
| 27 | Kyron Anthony | LLA | | 1 | | 1 |
| 28 | Andreas Caesar | JBS | | | 1 | 1 |
| 29 | Owen Richards | JBS | | | 1 | 1 |
| 30 | Scott Thomas | LLA | | | 1 | 1 |
| 31 | Liam John | HTH | | | 1 | 1 |
| 32 | Ethan Timm | LLA | | | 1 | 1 |



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ENTERTAINMENT NEWSFEED IN BRIEF - Continued from PAGE 3 Saint FM Roving Reporters

'Coyote Ugly' set the scene for the entertainment at Rosie's Taste 4 Life the same evening where some bar-top dancers performed a variety of moves to music by DJ Jeremy Johns. DJ Kimmy Boom Bang then took over for the remainder of the evening, providing great dance tunes for those who chose to stay until late. Rosie's had a 'Hell No to H2O' insert into the evening, where instead of selling water (like in the movie 'Coyote Ugly') a watergun was called for to cool all those on the dance-floor.

On Saturday 15th December, Making Ends Meet held a Christmas Market at Plantation House. There was a good turn-out from the public, who were able to choose from a wide variety of goodies which were on sale under a large marquee which was erected near Jonathan's paddock. It was reported that Amphibian's provided delicious fish-fingers and Santa also made a stop on his way to the North Pole, giving an atmosphere of an English summer afternoon.

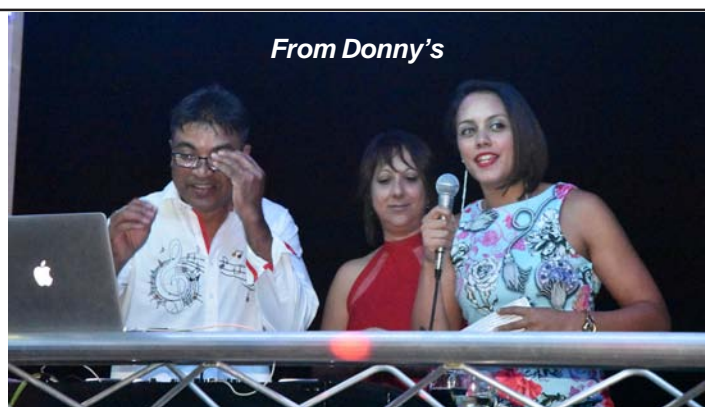
The Oasis Bar marked 10 years of business under the proprietorship of Freddy Maggott on Saturday evening at the Oasis Bar in Half Tree Hollow. Live entertainment was provided by Island Politics and those attending enjoyed a relaxed and happy atmosphere.

Saturday evening also saw the Salvation Army band in attendance on the Bridge in Market Square, Jamestown, just like they used to do on a weekly basis in years gone by. Well-known Christmas carols were the theme of their performance which was very well-received by all singing along and those passing through the town. The familiar sound of the instruments played by members of the Salvation Army gave a nostalgic feel to the town centre and it seems invoked many memories in our older generation who were in attendance.

Christmas Carols carried the pattern into Sunday 16th December by way of performances at Bertrand's Cottage in Longwood and at the Mule Yard in Jamestown. Gavin Jack and Friends hosted the carolling at Bertrand's and a combined Band with members from both the Salvation Army and Gettogethers Orchestra, provided a stellar performance in Jamestown.

At Bertrands, 13 people sang in the Gardens to backing vocals by Gavin Jack, who also presented several readings throughout the hour-long event. Everyone then moved to the Lounge for Mincemeat Pies and non-alcoholic Mulled Wine. Whilst there was a good crowd attending at the Mule Yard, it did not seem as fully-packed as in years gone by for the 'Let The People Sing' programme. However, the quality and spirit of the music and singing did not change, if anything it gets richer and more robust as the years go on.

Rosie's Taste 4 Life hosted their very first Children's Christmas Party on Monday 17th December and approximately 150 tickets were sold to the little ones who wanted to meet Santa, receive gifts, eat and drink their favourite foods and generally enjoy the evening. A Disco with DJ Jeremy Johns rounded off the festivities.



The Bank of St Helena Youth Games Athletics competitions concluded this year's event on Monday 17th December and the closing ceremony was held on Tuesday 18th December. More on the BOSH Youth Games in Nick Stevens' report, but we can say that Half Tree Hollow emerged as this year's winners since several years ago.

On the evening of Tuesday 18th December, Plantation House was the venue for Christmas Carols with invited guests and it was said that there was enthusiastic singing, fuelled by the fine wine and finger foods that Plantation House is known for.

The fantastic 'Festival of Lights' hosted by Pilling Primary School travelled through the streets of Jamestown on Wednesday night 19th December, and as you all know by now, it was a hugely successful night which seems to grow bigger and brighter each year. The Headteacher, Staff and pupils of Pilling Primary are to be commended for yet another event which was presented on a grand scale and certainly enjoyed by all.

To round up the week's events, staff and clients of SHAPE gathered in front of the Canister yesterday 20th December for their annual Carolling event. Alex Vanguard provided musical accompaniment for leading vocals by Nikita Moyce, Collette Braaf, David O'Connor and Suzanne Williams, to name just a few whilst others sang back-up and did a few dance twirls in front of the pavement. This was much to the delight of on-lookers and passers-by who filled the streets of Jamestown on a busy shopping day.

Saint FM and the Independent were not left out of the festivities as they enjoyed a traditional staff lunch at Anne's Place yesterday. Thanks are extended to Richard, Jane and their team for providing an array of goodies which were enjoyed by the media team.....and hopefully will generate extra energy for the exciting days in the festive season that are ahead of us.



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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



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| SATURDAY 22 nd DECEMBER 2018 | 9 AM - 7 PM |
| SUNDAY 23 rd DECEMBER 2018 | 10 AM - 1 PM |
| MONDAY 24 th DECEMBER 2018 | 9 AM - 5 PM |
| TUESDAY 25 th DECEMBER 2018 | CLOSED |
| WEDNESDAY 26 th DECEMBER 2018 | CLOSED |
| THURSDAY 27 th DECEMBER 2018 | 9 AM - 1 PM |
| FRIDAY 28 th DECEMBER 2018 | CLOSED |
| SATURDAY 29 th DECEMBER 2018 | 9 AM - 1 PM |
| SUNDAY 30 th DECEMBER 2018 | CLOSED |
| MONDAY 31 st DECEMBER 2018 | 9 AM - 1 PM |
| TUESDAY 1 st JANUARY 2019 | CLOSED |
| WEDNESDAY 2 nd JANUARY 2019 | 9 AM - 7 PM |



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If I had a voice

If I had a voice I would make myself heard,
People will hear me speak to the world,
I would talk about freedom,

The freedom of animals trapped alone,
People would hear me, but never will see me.

If I had a voice I would talk about the oceans,
People will feel me impact on the world,
About the ocean polluted, by our ignorant ways,
Sea creatures are crying, their homes destroyed,
People would hear me, but now they will see me.

If I had a voice I would talk about our streets,
People will see me change the world,
As I clean the street of all our trash,
They watch me rid the world of our disgrace,
People would hear me, but now they will know me.

If I had a voice I would talk about the skies,
People have watched me make a difference,
I clarify the chemicals and toxins,
Rushing into the air polluting our atmosphere,
People can hear me, but now they will hear me.

By Jeremiah Ellick

Year 9

Ascension Island (aged 13)

MOONSHINES BAR FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Sat 22nd Dec Bar open from 8.30pm

Sun 23rd Dec Joshua 2 will have music for dancing from 7.30pm

Mon 24th Dec xmas eve Bar will open from 6.30pm

Wed 26th Dec Boxing Day open from 3pm

Thur 27th Dec Mix music for dancing by Tony Goat from 5pm

Friday 28th Dec CLOSED

Sat 29th Dec open from 6pm mix tunes from the Bar

Sun 30th DEC usual opening from 3pm

Mon 31st Dec New Years Eve Dance the new year in with mix. Tunes by DJ Prudi from 8.30pm

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Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend and the Christmas period

Friday 21st December open from 1.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Wayne Boom Bang.

Saturday 22th December open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Wayne Boom Bang

Sunday 23rd December open from 4.00pm till late mix Tunes and & Karaoke with Jeremy Johns

Monday 24th December open from 5.00pm till late

Wednesday 26th December open from 5.30 till late mix sounds DJ Henry

Friday 28^h December open from 5.00pm till late disco DJ CJ.

Saturday 29st December open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Jerome .

Monday 31st January 2017 open from 3.30 pm till 8.00 country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by Wayne Boom Bang.

Merry Christmas to all of you'll from Silver Hill Bar.



Blue Hill Community Centre

ALL INVITED GUESTS WHO REQUESTED TRANSPORT FOR THE SENIOR CITIZENS COCKTAIL PARTY AT THE BLUE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE ON MONDAY, 31 DECEMBER ARE ADVISED THAT PICK UP TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

**STARTING AT THE CANISTER
EN ROUTE TO HALF TREE HOLLOW**

2:45

SAPPER WAY

3:00

HEAD O' WAIN

3:20

All Blue Hill district residents/former residents, their guest and Associate members of the Blue Hill Community Center and their guests are invited to this year's Christmas Social to be held at the Centre on Friday, 28th December from 8.30pm. Music provided by Colin Peters. A cash bar will be available and snacks will be provided.



FRIDAY 21ST DECEMBER
2018

ROSIE'S RESTAURANT
WILL BE CLOSED DUE TO A PRIVATE FUNCTION

ROSIE'S BAR
WILL BE CLOSED UNTIL 4PM

4PM- RE-OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

FRIDAY SUNDOWNER

9:30PM

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SATURDAY 22ND DECEMBER 2018

9:30PM

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SUNDAY 23RD DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Restaurant & Bar Opens 12noon
Rosie's Christmas Dance Party from 9pm until Late
DJ Lucia Kara

MONDAY 24TH DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Restaurant will be **CLOSED**
Rosie's Bar will be **opened** from 11am until Late

TUESDAY 25TH DECEMBER 2018

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Rosie's Christmas Day Meal
Booking Only- Call 25507 by 21st December 18
to reserve your table.

WEDNESDAY 26TH DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Bar & Restaurant will be open from 4pm
10Pm Kimmy Boom BANG

THURSDAY 27TH DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Bar & Restaurant will be open.
Keep the Vibe Alive until the end with
Rosie's Thirsty Thursday

FRIDAY 28TH DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Bar will be open FROM 11AM.
"DAY LIGHT DISCO"

KIMMY BOOM BANG WILL APPEAR AT 4PM UNTIL 9PM
Rosie's Restaurant will be Closed
Bar will Close at 9:15pm

SATURDAY 29TH DECEMBER 2018

Rosie's Bar & Restaurant will be **closed** due to a private
Function



CELEBRATIONS

**GOODBYE 2018
HELLO 2019**

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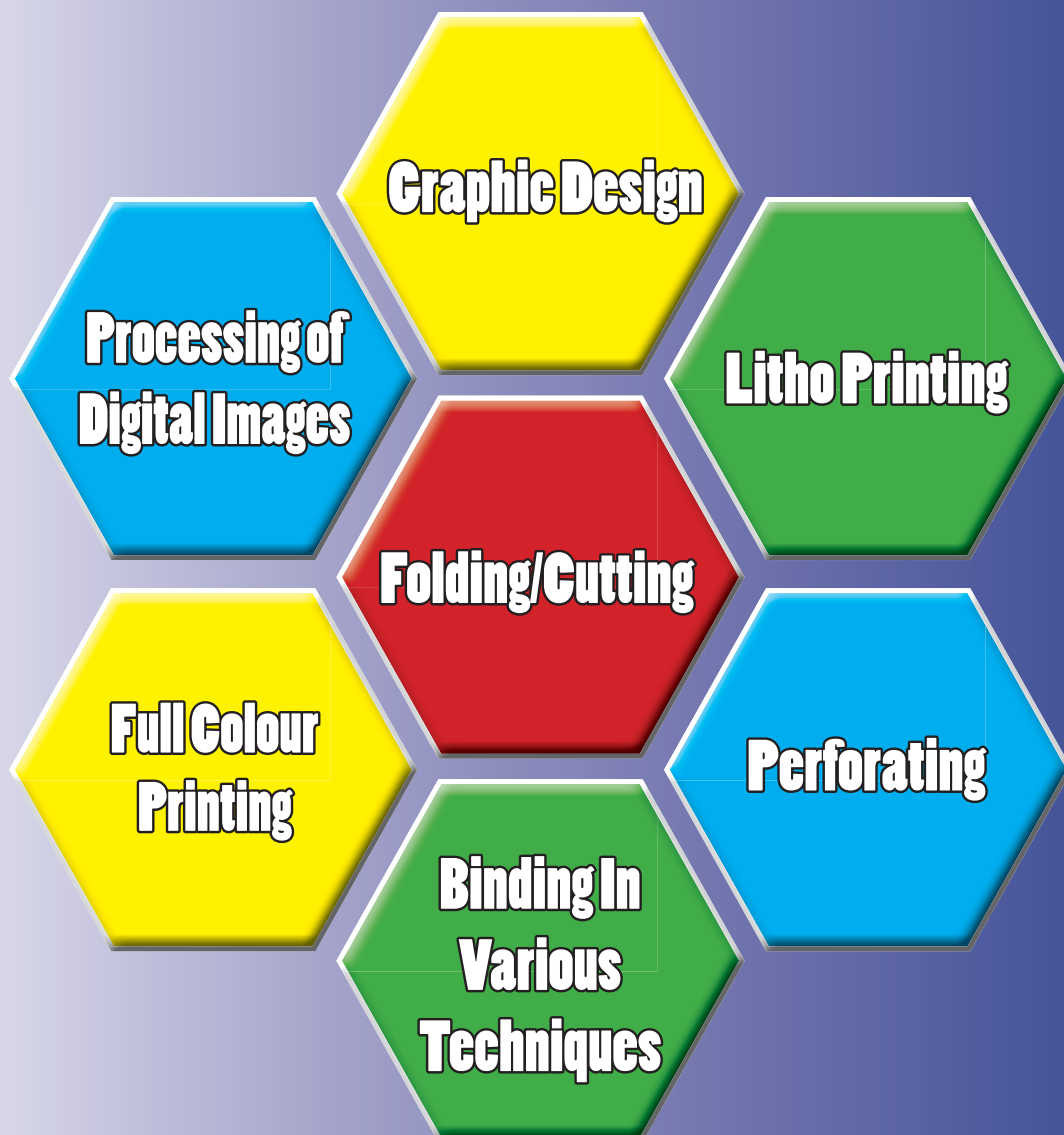
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**FRIDAY 28TH SUNDOWNERS
& SANRAYS FISH FRY**

**SATURDAY 29TH
OLD SKOOL CLASSICS**

One small step for Liberated Africans

Last week Executive Council endorsed the recommendations set out in the long awaited report on how and where the exhumed remains of Liberated Africans, currently stored in the Pipe Building, should finally be laid to rest. The long-standing saga continues however, as funding needs to be available to carry out the recommendations.

The final recommendations from the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) to Executive Council are:-

Liberated African Remains are:

- Reburied at the site identified in Rupert's;
- A memorial is created at that site;
- An interpretation centre is developed ideally at part of the Depot Building in Rupert's.

It is further recommended that the grave goods unearthed during the 2008 excavations form part of the reburial.

The LAAC also recommends a principle that no subset of the remains should be retained for further study/exhibition: the LAAC considers it important that all of the remains are reburied in a final peaceful resting place.

In the report's Next Steps and Action Plans an investigation of funding sources is scheduled to be completed by January next year and a loan agreement signed by June for certain items to be displayed at the museum. Apart from the dates when fourteen other actions are to be completed remain to be confirmed. They include plans for a memorial, the reburials and prioritise other aspects of St Helena's slave history for consideration.

The report on Options for the Reinterment of the Excavated Liberated African Remains was published in November. Executive Council gave the go-ahead for the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) to be set up on 17th October last year. They also asked for the report with recommendations on what and where should be the final resting place for 325 exhumed and articulated human remains to be with them within six months so they could make a decision and bring an end



Annina Hayes together with Peggy King Jorde (right) at the opening of an exhibition at the St Helena Museum where the graves of the exhumed Liberated Africans was the focus of attention

to a very unattractive situation. The March deadline came and went; a report was ready for publication in June this year but was deemed to be in need of revision. Finally, last month, councillors received the revised and very detailed report.

The Liberated African Advisory Committee considered all options in detail including, repatriation to Africa, an Ossuary, where the remains should go and if all remains should be reburied or some should be retained for either research or exhibition. The treatment of the artefacts found with the remains in some of the graves was also considered as well as the question of a memorial.

At the same time Annina Hayes has returned from a visit to New York where she met with Peggy King Jorde and others to raise awareness of St Helena's slave history. Interest was high, even intense, and Peggy King Jorde has been continuing to raise awareness on St Helena's behalf since her visit to the Island with the PT Film crew. Hopefully the efforts of Annina and Peggy will help attract the funding needed for the reburials, the memorial and the information centre.

UK Government sets out the Overseas Territories 'divorce' from the European Union

Lord Ahmed of Wimbledon, Foreign Office Minister for the Overseas Territories wrote to Lord Jones of Cheltenham yesterday explaining the arrangements for cutting the Overseas Territories ties with the European Union. Lord Ahmed explained in his letter to Lord Jones that, "I will be writing to OT leaders following the most recent JMC (Joint Ministerial Council) on 4-5 December to explain how the UK Government is committed to maintaining the effects of as many as possible of these non-binding provisions, which are not already covered by an existing arrangement, on a bi-lateral UK-OT basis."

The two page letter explains in some detail what needs to be done, in law, to replace arrangements made by EU member states with Overseas Countries and Territories (OCTs). All British Overseas Territories apart from Gibraltar and the Cyprus military bases liaise with the European Union through having the status an OCT. European funding and environmental protection are two significant strands in the EU-OCT relationship. Britain's break-up with the European Union means the British Overseas Territories will lose their OCT status.

Tariff free access to the UK market for Overseas Territories is currently provided for under European law. After the UK breaks with the European Union the Taxation (Cross-Border Trade) Act will need to be passed through the UK Parliament to maintain the tariff free trading relationship. On funding currently provided from European Union funds. Lord Ahmed's letter explains that European Development Fund (EDF), Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services in Territories (BEST) and Horizon 2020, all EU funded programmes, will be guaranteed by the UK Treasury for the life of existing projects. In future, funding of similar projects will have to join the fight for money alongside a multitude of other worthy causes, starting with the 2019 UK Government Spending Review.

It is clear the Overseas Territories will need to organise a professional, vigorous and sustained campaign to gather political support within the UK for protection of existing EU funding levels together with allowances for inflation and recognition in monetary terms for emerging priorities such as climate change, economic development and self-determination.



Bernice Thomas would like to send Seasons Greetings to Son Phillip, Darren, Teri & Harley-Rae, Oksana & Alex, in the UK and other family & friends here & overseas.

Joan Peters would like to wish a Merry Christmas & Happy New Year to her sister Joyce, Raymond & Andy Williams, Stedson, Mavis & Jeffrey of Thompsons Wood, Felicity Walters and all other friends & family.

christmas mum norma dad roger,alan holly andrew Renae & Leona of barracks square Brother david & family Sister shandy & family hope you all have a wonderful time may god bless marina & hector , happy christmas nanny, papa,, alan, andrew, ,holly,shandy & david have a good one all our love chrissy & family merry christmas mum shandy & colin & perry, and daughter haylyn ,auntie di & eric and all my friends hope

you all have a merry christmas love melly osborne

Merry Christmas Dad Peter Caswell and his partner Ninsilda Hope you have a wonderful Christmas and a prosperous new year Love and miss you Son Steve, Daughter Sarah, Son-in-law Mark & your grandchildren Connor Sophie and Gracie in the Falklands.

Merry Christmas Mum Marianne Yon Hope you have a wonderful Christmas at home and a prosperous new year Love and miss you Son Steve, Daughter Sarah, Son-in-law Mark & your grandchildren Connor Sophie and Gracie in the Falklands.

To our siblings Gaba, Robyn and Joshua Wishing you and your family a wonderful Christmas.

Sending hugs to our niece and nephews and love from their cousins All our love from Steve, Sarah, Mark and kids.

To my Godmothers Rosie Mittens, Tessa Peters and their family Wishing you a very merry Christmas Love and miss you loads Hugs and kisses from Gracie-Rae Dalton

Merry Christmas to our special friends in our lives Cole Lubbe, Tracey Williams and Joyce Greentree Wishing you peace, joy, and all the best this wonderful holiday has to offer. May this incredible time of giving and spending time with family bring you the joy that lasts throughout the year. Miss you guys lots Love from Mark, Sarah and kids here in the Falklands

To the Yon's and Caswell family

Merry Christmas Papa Billy, uncles and aunts, cousins and the extended family Thinking of you all at Christmas Love and miss you all From Mark, Sarah and kids here in the Falklands

To a very special cousin Roxanne Coleman and Kristianne Merry Christmas Love and miss you both Sending huge hugs from the kids Love Mark, Sarah, Connor Sophie and Gracie - Rae

To the Seventh Day Adventist Church Merry Christmas to you all. May God bless you with a festive, loving and peaceful celebration this Christmas and all throughout the year. Love from the Dalton family here in the Falklands

For Keith Joshua , Heather, Tony &

**BASIL AND BARBARA
GEORGE**
Send their Greetings
To
**FRIENDS AND FAMILY
HERE AND ABROAD**
For
**A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
And
A PROSPEROUS NEW
YEAR**

Thank You

On December 1st 2017 I travelled to South Africa to receive medical attention because of failing health. I would therefore like to thank everyone who was involved in helping to make it possible for me to do so. In particular I would like to thank the Doctors and medical staff here and in South Africa for the much needed care and attention that they gave me.

I am greatly indebted to my family, my friends and the many people who cared, comforted and encouraged me before leaving the island and after returning a month later.

Special thanks are also extended to the then Father Dale Bowers (now Bishop of St Helena) for his many visits and prayers of healing, the churches which include the Anglican Church, Salvation Army, Seventh Day Adventists. The Rock Christian Faith and others. To all I say a big "Thank You. Merry Christmas. Happy New Year and God's Blessings

Alan
Wellington House



Camiller all of Longwood Avenue
Hope you all have a lovely christmas
sorry we cant be home with you all
will be thinking of you all

Love Lesley Dencil Latham Gabi &
Adrian
Mpa Falklands

Patsy & Larry Green & family Prudie
& Martin Peters
Protiea & Cody, Samantha Carlos &
family
Gordon & Ivy Yon
Mrs Sybil Williams
All of Longwood

Have a lovely Christmas
Love
Lesley Dencil Latham Gabi & Adrian

Brother Stuart, Vanessa, Paris &
Ozel, Brother Michael, Delia,
Marayka & Julian, Brother Chrissy,
Mandy & Jade, Brother Sudo &
Delphia.
Wishing you all a very Happy Christ-
mas & Happy New Year
With Love from
Sister Pammy & Steve

Brother Briany Leo
Wishing you a very Happy Birthday
for 24th and a very Merry Christmas
& a Happy New Year.
From Sister Pammy & Steve

Peter & Olive, Mrs May, Beasy &
Patsy, All the Dubbs family and all
other family & friends on St Helena
& around the world.
A Merry Christmas & a Happy New
Year
From Pammy & Steve

Keegan, Shinade, Tiana & Tiego on
St Helena and Becky, Jolene & Talia
on Ascension Island
A Very Merry Christmas & a Happy
New Year
From Auntie Pammy & Uncle Steve

A very Merry Christmas and Bless-
ings for the New Year to my Pre-
cious Daughter Belinda Henry & Son
Mikey
Have a lovely time. Love and Miss
you both from Mum & Eddie xxxx in
Surrey UK.

A Merry Christmas and all the best
for 2019 to Brother Belfred &

Gladys, Brother Stevie, Delray, Dale,
Skyler & Brydon, Rudie & Shunell,
Lacosta & Rick, Laufia & Koa &
Stacey, Ashley & Ziontai
Merry Christmas and a Happy new
Year.
With love from Sister and Auntie Bea
& Eddie.

Best Wishes to Win McDaniel & Nicky,
Uncle Cedie & Glenda, Elaine &
Anthony Hopkins, June & Fred Henry
& Family, Elaine & Sam Arms & The
Lawrence Family at Rosemary Fields.
Have a lovely Christmas and Good
health to you all for 2019.
With love from Bea & Eddie.

Greetings to My Sisters June Plato,
Doris Williams & Iona Thomas, Broth-
ers Rodney, George & Iris Buckley
Have a Lovely Christmas and a Happy
New Year
love you all from Brother Eddie & Bea.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New
Year to Martin Jackson Buckley &
Grace, Cisco Buckle, Lyn Buckley &
Sebastian, Gavin & Karen Buckley,
Alistair, Elaine & Dontai, Carl, Kamella
& Elias, Stasia & Aiden Plato, Andrew
& Delrae, Kurt Plato, Tiffany & Chris,
Ian & Gavi Williams & Family, Colin
Doggie Thomas & Dannie, Rex Doggie
Thomas, Steve & Debbie Williams &
family and Campbell & Ann Buckley
also Helena, Kurt & Pierre Buckley-
Whitney & Darren Plato, Lucille &
Ruby In Port Stanley, Falkland Islands.
Love to you all from Uncle Eddie &
Bea in Sunny Surrey. UK

Best Wishes for Christmas & The
New Year to My Sons Jaie-Jaie
Buckley, Cruyff Buckley, Martin
Henry & Kerry.
Have a lovely time. Miss you all with
love from Dad & Bea xx

Special Christmas wishes to Grand-
daughter Charlie Jade.
Have a lovely Christmas. Hope Santa
brings you lots of pressies.
Love You.. Hugs & Kisses from Papa
Eddie & Nanny Bea xxx
And a Merry Christmas and A Happy
New Year to Nola..
Love and miss you from Eddie & Bea
xxxxxx

Merry Christmas to Grandsons Jolan,
Kalem & Maison.

Have a lovely time.. Hope you all get
lots pressies and don't eat too much
chocolate.

Love you all from Papa Eddie & Bea
xxx
Greetings to Shirelle, Ian & Chase
Lawrence on Ascension Island and
also Mandy Plato on Ascension Is-
land. Have a lovely Christmas and
New Year with love from Eddie &
Bea.

Merry Christmas and A Happy New
Year to Goddaughter Kaia Lou on
Ascension Island. We hope you
have a lovely Christmas and A Happy
New Year. Love you Auntie Bea &
Uncle Eddie xxx

Merry Christmas and A Prosperous
New Year to all other family & Friends
on St. Helena, Ascension Island &
The Falkland Islands. If you weren't
mentioned it was not done intention-
ally. Have a lovely time wherever you
all are. Enjoy and take care from
Eddie & Bea xxx

A special daughter Danielle Williams
in Afghanistan, Daughter Natalie &
Leroy and Daughter Michelle &
Rodney Dennis.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a
happy New Year
From Mum Mavis & Peter
Brother Barry, Tina & Frankie Joe,
Sister Cilla Thomas, Jill & Phillip in the
UK

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a
happy New Year
From Sister Mavis & Peter
Melaine & Keith Applegate in the UK,
Elaine, Matthew & Lily-Rose, Fiona,
Paul & Nathan Williams, Perry &
Darren Henry, Mark Thomas & family
& Seth Leo on the Falklands.
Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a
happy New Year
From Auntie Mavis & Peter

Doris Smith & all the family in the UK,
Dr Shub, Raxa, Priya & Anjali, Linda
& David Moyce & family in the UK, all
our Salvation Army Friends, Lt Coral
Yon & family, Carl Carolissen &
Shirley and all other family & friends
here & overseas.....to many to men-
tion.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas & a
happy New Year
From Mavis, Peter & family

To Mum and grandma Hilda Timm,
Dad and grandpa Ray, brother and
uncle Jeremy, Grandma and great
grandma Molly Timm, Auntie Karyn
and Uncle Chrissy, Olivia and fam-
ily, uncle Lawrence, Errol and fam-
ily, Mum Dotty and dad Patrick Henry,
Sylvia and Paul. And to the rest of
our family and friends who are too
many to mention. We wish you all a
very merry Christmas and a happy
new year. Love and miss you all.
From Simon, Erica, Blake and Max
in the UK. Xxx

***Merry Christmas and a Prosperous
New Year 2019 to all my
dear friends on the Island from
John Ekwall in Sweden***

Greetings to all my family and
friends on the island especially
Muma Lulu and sister Janet out at
Longwood. Wishing everyone a
great Xmas and good luck for the
New Year with lots of love from
Delma, Laura, Dan and baby Charlie
(Helston Cornwall).

To sister Madonna, Shane, Hai-lyn
and Sharna
Hope you have a wonderful xmas
and a happy new year!
Love from sister Kacy and Chris on
the Falklands

Sister Leeanne, Phillip, Kallis and
Kianna
Hope you have a wonderful Christ-
mas and a happy new year!
Love from sister Kacy and Chris on
the Falklands

Sheena, Martin and godson Henley
Happy Christmas and a very happy
new year!
Love Kacy and Chris on the Falk-
lands

Special Mum and Dad, Karen and
General.
Hope you have a great Christmas
and all the best for 2019!
Love and miss you loads
From Son Chris and Kacy on the
Falklands

To Papa Arthur
Have a wonderful Christmas and a
very happy new year!
From Grandson Chris and Kacy on
the Falklands



Dad Patrick (Beans) and Miss Barbara
Hope you two have a smashing Christmas and a very happy new year.
From Kacy and Chris on the Falklands

Mum Sandra Henry
Hope you have a good Christmas and a happy new year.
From Kacy and Chris on the Falklands

Eric, Nelly and Sandro
Happy Christmas to you all, hope you have a wonderful time
Love Chris and Kacy on the Falklands

Stacey, Monroe and Maya
Happy Christmas, hope you have a wonderful time
All the best for 2019!
From Chris and Kacy on the Falklands

Claire, Allwyn and Chloe,
Happy Christmas and a very happy new year
From Kacy and Chris on the Falklands

Andrea Benjamin!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Hope you have a great Christmas and all the best for 2019!
Love and miss you loads

Kacy, Anty and Lisa on the Falklands

Special Granddad "POPS"
Hope you have a wonderful xmas at home, and a very happy new year!
Love Kacy & Chris on the Falklands

All Aunties, Uncles, cousins and friends
Hope you all have a very happy Christmas and a happy new year!
All the best for 2019
Love from Kacy and Chris on the Falklands

On the Falkland Island
To Daughter Fiona & Paul Williams, Grandson Nathan, Daughter Nikita & Nathan, Grandsons Joshua & Tyrone
Have a very merry Christmas & a Happy 2019
Love you Loads
Mum Wonda, Brian, Cody, Kurtis & Annalise xxx

In the UK
To Brother Barry, Tina & Frankie-Jae,
Merry Christmas & a happy 2019
Love Sister Wonda, Brian & Family xxx



Sister Priscilla, Mel & Keith,
Merry Xmas & a Happy 2019
Love Sister Wonda, Brian & Family

Andrew Thomas, Michelle & Rodney Dennis,
Have a wonderful Xmas
Love from Auntie Wonda, Brian & Family

On Ascension Island
To Brother Percy Thomas,
Merry Xmas and a Happy 2019
From Sister Wonda, Brian & Family

Clare & Stuart Grey, Kelly, Myles, Wyatt & Mila, Celia, Darren & Jorden,
Merry Xmas to you all,
Love Auntie Wonda, Brian & Family

On Island
Brother Harold, Joan & Ricky
Sister Ethel & Brian
Sister Mavis & Family
Sister Anita & Family
Wishing you all a happy xmas and a bright 2019
Love from Sis Wonda, Brian & Family

Derek, Fyianna, Adam and Emma,
Merry Xmas from Auntie Wonda, Brian & Family

Son Kurtis, Annalise, Son Cody and Brooklyn,

Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year
Lots of Love Mum & Brian

Mum Melvina Clifford, Sister Bridget, Cyril & Craig
Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year
Love Brian Wonda & Family
Brother Andrew & Emma Clifford, Thea & Jorden (In the UK)
Merry Xmas & a Happy New Year
Love Brother Brian, Wonda & Family

Grandad Fred Crowie & Family in the UK
Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year!
Miss you Loads, Don't drink too Much!
Love you Always!
Winnie, Annalise & Kurtis

To Auntie Maureen & Family in the UK,
Enjoy Yourselves, Don't work too Hard,
Merry Xmas and a happy new Year!!!
Love Winnie, Annalise and Kurtis

To wish families and friends, 'A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.
Love & Best Wishes.
From, Vera Scipio & Family, London.



The St Helena Sea Rescue held a Certificate Presentation at the Sea Rescue Facility for permanent and Auxiliary crew who successfully gained their VHF License and 15 and 40 Nautical Mile Coxswains License on Friday, 14 December 2018.

Thank You

Colin & Judy Nicholson would like to thank all their wonderful friends for helping to make their holiday of a lifetime so special. It was great spending time with you all and sorry to those we missed.

Merry Christmas and a Healthy 2019 to you all