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Launch of Wine Exhibition

Full Supreme Court Coverage



South Africa has Credit Rating Reduced to 'Junk' while British Leaders Watch as Finance and Industry Plummet



Wicked Wahoo's First Birthday



Launch of the Wine Exhibition - in pictures

The wine of exile exhibition was launched in Groot Constantia yesterday, among the guests were South African politicians, Diplomats and VIPs within the tourism industry including the South African film channel SABC A program of events included speeches from Governor Lisa Honan, the CEO's of the Iziko museums and Groot Constantia estate and the ambassador of France to South Africa Christopher Farnaud.

Four wines were included in the official opening including a themed menu they were the Groot Constantia Brut Rose, Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Groot Shiraz 2016 and Grand Constance 2015 Much interest and awareness of St Helena was raised yesterday, in particular the Napoleonic connection.



**Report from Groot Constantia
by Tammy Williams**



**Michel Martineau, begins the tour with the CEO of
the Iziko Museums of South Africa, Rooksana
Omar (in pink coat)**



**Napoleon's wine glass that he took into battle
with him**



Serving Wine



The wine cooler from Plantation House



**Ambassador of France to South Africa,
Christopher Farnaud, Governor Lisa Honan,
Director of Tourism Helena Bennett**



Another of the historical exhibits

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The four wines served yesterday, Groot Constantia Brut Rose NV, Groot Constantia Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Groot Constantia Shiraz 2016 and Groot Constantia Grand Constance 2015



Honoured guests, Politicians and VIPs



The full story in next week's Independent



A friendly face, Graham Vass



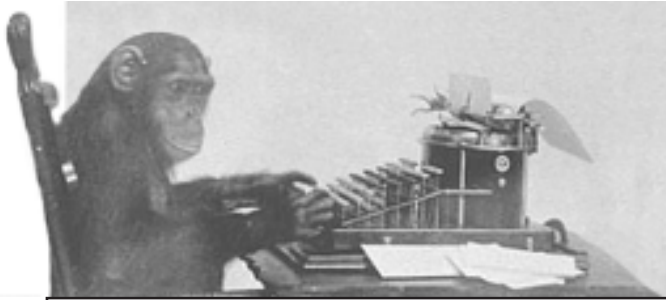
Faces behind the scenes: Michel Martineau and his fabulous team from the Iziko Museum



More Exhibits



SABC talks to the French Ambassador



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Editorial

It's a strange collection of news this week. Eric Benjamin attracts a lot of attention for the wrong reasons and much is being made of Napoléon's liking for the wines from Groot Constantia. Me being me I did have to wonder if Napoléon really did drink wine from the Cape. I did a bit of digging and found a report about a drinks provisions list compiled for the Emperor for his consumption while in exile here. The list was sold by auction in Salisbury, Wiltshire. The list is reported to be dated 1820 and shows a daily allowance of 50 bottles of wines and spirits together with a monthly allowance of 34 bottles of from France, Spain, Portugal and South Africa. I'm not convinced this report in The Drinks Business dated 29th September 2015 is entirely accurate but the report does mention 31 bottles of 'Cape Wine' on the daily list and 14 bottles of "Constanter" (Constantia) wine on the monthly list.

It's a lot of wine! Obviously the wine supplied was drunk by all members of Napoleon's entourage but 50 bottles a day means no-one ever went thirsty for a single second.

In addition to the wine in the provisions list, which sold at auction for £800, there was also a formidable range of food; 50 lbs of beef and veal, 68lbs of bread, 50lbs of mutton and pork, one roasting pig, two turkeys, 12 pigeons, four ducks, nine fowls, two geese, 42 eggs, 15 bottles of milk, cheese, mustard, salt, flour, rice, vegetables and "tongues". With items either provided daily or monthly like the wine. How did they manage to do this? The MV Helena only left a few days ago but I noticed today the chiller cabinets in shops are starting to look bare already. How did they manage to keep this supply going in the days of sailing ships when today, with engine-driven ships and planes it is still stop-start, yes and then no, maybe next ship maybe never.



That had better be shipped with my month's supply of Groot Constantia wines

The forecast says it will be a dry weekend - Vince

Exports from the Overseas Territories after Brexit



Lord Jones of Cheltenham has been asking questions about agriculture and meat exports from the Falklands after Britain leaves the European Union. Lord Ahmad, the UK Government's Foreign and Commonwealth spokesman in the House of Lords gave an answer which is less than encouraging. "The EU's non-preferential import duty on sheep meat is 12.8 per cent, plus a fixed amount, on average, of €55.68 per 100kg, depending on the cut. Implementation of such terms may render this trade no longer profitable." Lord Ahmad finished by saying "the majority of Falkland meat exports go to the UK and the Government will maintain duty-free access to the UK market post-EU Exit for all goods originating in British Overseas Territories, which will ensure the Falkland Islands' meat industry remains viable."

At a time when the St Helena Government is restructuring taxes to encourage exports our dear old Mother Country is making sure the whole of Europe is "no longer profitable" for exports of coffee and prime cuts of tuna.

Correction to last Week's Independent

We wish to point out that the late Brian's surname is FREDERICK - no S on the end.

Imprison them in St Helena

As the final bastion of the Islamic State (so-called) is encircled by the US backed Syrian Democratic Forces a Trump supporting news website follows up one of Trump's tweets. Trump is tweeting about European countries taking some of the IS prisoners, at least 800 of them. The website, Front Page Mag, offers the option, "every last one of these monsters could be fenced in forever on say St Helena". They continue by suggesting Europeans should have prisons after the fashion of Guantanamo military prison. The UK does have immigrant detention centres already and their reputations are just a shade better than Guantanamo under President J Dubya Bush.



Dragging this Island into the discussion every time someone somewhere needs to find a place to exile a particularly dangerous and unwholesome person or persons is too regular an occurrence. Would SHG offer the old Blue Hill School as accommodation for a few Islamic State so-called soldiers?

RMS and Extreme E Racing

We have reported previously about the RMS being renamed 'St Helena' and being converted into the mobile administration centre and car carrier for the Formula E cars. Readers may remember the new Formula E set-up starts in January 2021 and the five race calendar runs through to August as electric 4x4s compete in endurance races in the Amazon, The Arctic, the Sahara, Himalayas and Indian Ocean Islands. The events will be televised but not broadcast until October/November 2021 in a five episode documentary format. This in itself is unusual, to say the least. Even more remarkable is the results of the races will not be publicised until the races are broadcast on TV three months after the racing calendar has been completed.

Alejandro Agag, The Chairman of Formula E, is quoted in Autosport "There is going to be a lot of the documentary part of it. The science part of it, we're going to have scientists on the boat." By 'boat' Agag is referring to the ship which used to be our RMS. There is a good possibility the former RMS will be shown in the TV series. Agag added, "It's going to be a lot of content – we're going to do a lot of teasing". By this Agag meant there will be regular snippets of information about the races on-line before the TV series starts in October/November. On the format for the TV series Agag explained,



Team Peugeot Total

"We call it a docu-sport – this halfway between a documentary and a sport." It is understood Channel Four in the UK is close to completing a deal to broadcast the 2021 Formula E season.

Napoleon's Favourite Wine?

A government press release this week tells us of an exhibition at the Groot Constantia wine estate; dating back to 1685 it is the oldest in South Africa. The exhibition promotes the link between the vineyard and St Helena at the time of Napoleon and the exiled Emperor's partiality for wines from the Constantia Valley, tucked away on the other side of Table Mountain from Cape Town. The exhibition is opened today and continues until June.



A half bottle of Grand Constantia can cost up to £50 for a half bottle (375 ml) while other wines offered from the Constantia valley vineyard range from £14 to £27 for a full bottle (750ml).

The exiled Emperor would surely have chosen the £50 bottle and bought it by the case. James M'Gregor, a missionary who lived in St Helena a few years after Napoleon died noted in his memoirs that the average annual charge to the British Government for keeping St Helena going was about £90,000 before Napoleon arrived. During the seven years Napoleon lived here the figure rose to an average of £242,000. M'Gregor points out the cost to the British Government of Napoleon's exile was at least £1 million. £1 million in 1815 is worth £86,739,633.86 today's devalued money. Some of that would have been spent on the finest wine that can be produced from the Constantia Valley in the shadow of Table Mountain.

Supreme Court Sentencing

"You seemed to regard her need for money as giving you leverage in trying to take sexual advantage of her"

Judge Patrick Thomas QC sentenced Eric Benjamin on Tuesday afternoon. After giving a brief description of each of the offences Benjamin was charged, Judge Thomas concluded with the following words.

"There is no mitigation from the way you have conducted yourself since these matters came to light. You fought this case to the bitter end. Your positive good character, your work for the island, are of little weight bearing in mind the way you abused your high reputation in order to commit these offences with, as you thought, impunity. Your age cannot assist you. Your ill-health does. You have had heart and prostate trouble, and you are diabetic. This means that the effect on you of a prison sentence will be greater than it would be on a healthier man.

Having decided on the appropriate sentences, I step back and consider totality. Having done so, I reduce the sentence I had in mind for Count 3 by 6 months. These are the sentences of the court:

On Count 3, 4½ years' imprisonment

On Counts 1, 2 and 4, 6 months' imprisonment on each, all sentences consecutive.

This makes 6 years' imprisonment in all.

You may expect to serve two thirds of this sentence, after which you may expect to be released on licence. If you reoffend during the period of licence, you can expect to be recalled to prison. You will be obliged to report your address to the police for life. In the circumstances of this case I cannot find it necessary to make a Sexual Offences Prevention Order, so I do not. I make no order for costs".

Benjamin was found guilty on all four charges brought against him; two counts of sexual assault, one of indecent assault and one of attempted rape. The attempted rape was referred to by the judge as

Count 3 for which Benjamin was sentenced to 4½ years' imprisonment. The two sexual assaults and the indecent assault each earned him a further six months in prison.

Benjamin has an offence dating back 50 years however this historic offence was ignored; he was sentenced on the basis of someone with no criminal record. One of the offences he was found guilty of on Tuesday dates back 20 years. Judge Thomas said when sentencing Benjamin, "I, and everyone else I am sure, will ignore the blemish on your record over 50 years ago and treat you as a man with no convictions. But you have held a dark secret: 20 years ago you took advantage of a 16-year-old girl and kissed her on the lips while trying to force your tongue into her mouth. A sexual act which you knew perfectly well she did not want."

The other offences were more recent. Judge Thomas continued, "And then, towards the end of 2016, you did the same thing to another young woman, who had gone to you for help. Like the first girl, she did not make public what you had done, though she did report it in confidence to her line manager. The



Eric Benjamin being sworn in as Speaker of the Legislative Council, 30th July 2013 by former governor Capes. Council-lors elected Benjamin as Speaker at a Legislative Council meeting six days earlier.

young woman was desperate for help, and you were the person to whom she turned again not long afterwards. You must have thought that her silence meant that she was a safe target. This time, as she was once again alone with you in the study which you also used as a photographic studio in your home, you went much further. You forced her to the floor and started to remove her clothing, telling her you wanted to have her just once. Fortunately her phone rang, and you were sufficiently distracted to enable her to make her escape. But you had already gone so far in what you intended that the jury who heard your case was sure that you attempted to rape her." With this girl Benjamin was charged with sexual assault for the first offence against the girl as well as attempted rape on the second occasion the same girl had to turn to Benjamin for help.

The fourth offence was described by the judge during sentencing as one which occurred after the attempted rape where the abused, at that time had remained silent despite Benjamin committing two sexual offences against her. "Still she did not make public what you had done. This meant that when a third young woman came to your studio at the end of 2016 you felt safe enough to try to put your tongue in her mouth when you kissed her against her will. And even now all three women kept quiet about you."

After a long period of silence endured by all of the girls Benjamin preyed upon, Judge Thomas described how the truth finally emerged into daylight. "Each of the latter two ladies was seeking help and counsel from a psychologist, and as a result that lady came to know that you had behaved in similar abusive ways with those two women. Professionally and sensibly she knew that she had to do something about this. She consulted the Attorney General's department, and acted on the advice she received. She did not tell either

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“You seemed to regard her need for money as giving you leverage in trying to take sexual advantage of her”

of the women anything about the other, but she encouraged and advised them to speak to the police. With immense bravery in the circumstances, which calls for the highest commendation from anyone concerned about the interests of justice, they separately came forward.

Their complaints were handled with tact and sensitivity by the police. The first complainant was also seen, and the case for the jury to consider was complete.”

Judge Thomas gave his view on how Benjamin reacted to the charges levelled against him. “Your response to the truth emerging was to lie: you denied what you must have known you had done, and I have no doubt you relied on your prestige in the community as a shield against the truth emerging.” Later in his sentencing Judge Thomas observed, “But the actual sexual assaults were relatively, I stress relatively, minor, and not persisted in at the time. If you had had the courage to admit what you had done those, of themselves, might not have called for an immediate custodial sentence. As it is, they do, and the custodial sentences must be consecutive, though tempered by the principle of totality.”

When assessing the severity of each offence Judge Thomas explained that guidelines exist but they are a guide and when sentencing he could step outside the guidelines “either upwards or downwards”. On Count 1 the judge said, “It was committed against a 16 year old girl, who had been entrusted to you, a much older and highly respected man, for you to take photographs of her with the backdrop of this island. As a result of her age, the breach of trust element and the location, an isolated spot where she must have felt very alone and unprotected, this attempt to force your tongue between her lips is a Category 3A offence”,

Continuing through the list of offences Judge Thomas said, “The similar offence against the other two women would fall into a lower category, 3B, but it is plainly an aggravating feature that you had already committed the first offence. It also an aggravating feature that, although these ladies were not, perhaps, to be described in the words of the *Guidelines* as particularly vulnerable, they were, each of them, certainly vulnerable in a variety of ways which you, in the position you held as a lay advocate, knew all about. They had approached you for help. The second complainant had a variety of problems which had led her into financial difficulties and put her at grave risk of losing her job, which she later did. She actually approached you in the hope of borrowing money to help her through her difficulties, and it is a disturbing feature of what happened later that you seemed to regard her need for money as giving you leverage in trying to take sexual advantage of her.” The judge added, “The third complainant, as you well knew, also had a variety of emotional and financial problems. Again, there was an element of “if I do something for you, you should do something for me” about your dealings with her.”

Judge Thomas then gave his assessment of the most seri-



Judge Patrick Thomas QC took over from Judge Charles Ekins for the Benjamin trial as Judge Ekins stated he knew the defendant and therefore could not judge the case

ous charge, attempted rape. “The offence which formed Count 3, the offence of attempted rape, is plainly the most serious of these charges. The second complainant, desperate for help, had gone to you again. You must, as I have said, thought that this gave you free rein to do what you wanted with her. You were saying that you just wanted her once. You forced her to the floor, and started to remove her outer clothing, and removed some of your own. Her phone rang, and perhaps this brought you to your senses. She pretended it was her office on the phone, and you let her go. She fled. But still, despite all this, and for reasons that anyone could understand relating to your status on the island, she did not report the matter to the authorities. This was a Category 3 B offence, but with significant aggravating features as I have outlined, and as a completed offence has a starting point of 5 years’ imprisonment with a range of 4-7 years. The psychological effect of what you did to this already troubled young lady, as she explained in her realistic and well-expressed Victim Impact Statement, was very considerable. “

The judge commented on the work of the jury. “Your case was heard by a jury of your peers, and they decided that they were sure of your guilt. I will comment now on how impressed I am, as a judge who has over many years taken part in many, many jury trials, by the focus and diligence of the jury of islanders who heard your case and judged you impartially and without fear or favour.”



Judge Patrick Thomas QC

Also See Insert

FORMAL MEETING OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2019

The next formal meeting of Legislative Council will take place on Friday, 1 March 2019, in the Council Chamber.

The following Bills have been approved by Executive Council for presentation as Government business at this meeting:

- **First Supplementary Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill, 2019**
- **St Helena National Trust (Amendment) Bill, 2019**
- **Medical, Dentistry and Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2019**

These Bills can be found on the Publications page of the St Helena Government website, via the following link: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/.

First Supplementary Appropriation (2018/2019) Bill, 2019

This Bill seeks to increase the 2018/19 budgets approved by Legislative Council in July 2018 for the respective directorate expenditure based on the latest available forecast.

St Helena National Trust (Amendment) Bill

This Bill seeks to amend the St Helena National Trust Ordinance, 2001, to further regulate the powers and procedures of the Trust and the composition and procedures of the Trust Council.

The Bill makes provision for the appointment of a Director of the National Trust who will be responsible for the day-to-day functioning of the Trust.

The Bill also provides for the accounts of the Trust to be audited either by the Chief Auditor or an auditor approved by the Chief Auditor.

Medical, Dentistry and Pharmacy (Amendment) Bill, 2019

This Bill seeks to amend the requirements in the Medical Practitioners Ordinance, 1910, the Pharmacy and Poisons Ordinance, 1937, and the Dentists Ordinance, 1955, relating to the qualification to practice medicine, pharmacy and dentistry in St Helena.

The order paper for the ninth meeting of Legislative Council will be made available closer to the date.

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Thank You

The ST Matthew's and St Mark's Ladies Guild would like to thank all who attended their Tea Dance on 12th January. The amount raised was £126.46. Thanks are also extended to those who donated prizes for the Raffle.

Your generosity is very much appreciated.

MEETINGS WITH GOVERNOR DESIGNATE IN UK

Dr Philip Rushbrook, Governor Designate for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, would like to meet with the diaspora in the UK prior to taking up his post in May 2019. The following meetings have been arranged:

- **Saturday, 16 March, at the Jury's Inn, Fleming Way, Swindon, Wiltshire, SN1 2NG, starting at 3.30pm**
- **Tuesday, 26 March, at the St Helena Government UK Office, Alliance House, 12 Caxton Street, London, SW1H 0QS between 5pm and 6.15pm**

For further information, please contact the St Helena Government UK Representative, Kedell Worboys, by email: shgukrep@sthelenagov.com or tel: 0203 8187610.

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LADDER HILL ROAD CLOSURE

The Roads Section of ENRD would like to inform the public that the Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road to be closed on Wednesday, 27 February 2019, from 9am to 3pm.

View from the top of Ladder Hill Road



Ladder Hill Road will be closed to all vehicles and pedestrians to enable the Rock Guards to carry out a controlled rock removal.

Appropriate signage and flag men will be in place and, as normal, only Emergency Services will be granted access. Persons wishing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel across country and via Side Path Road or Constitution Hill Road.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

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MAKING A FORMAL COMPLAINT ABOUT SHG SERVICES

St Helena Government (SHG) aims to provide the best quality and standard of service to its customers but there may be occasions where you are dissatisfied with the standard of service received.

If you have received a service that falls below your expectations then SHG wants to hear about it.

SHG Complaint Procedure

Submitting a complaint about SHG can be done via the straightforward and simple Complaint Procedure. SHG treats all complaints seriously and deals with them promptly and professionally. The organisation learns from complaints which help us to improve our service to customers.

The SHG Complaint Procedure covers all sections of SHG with the following exceptions:

- Complaints on Hospital services should be made via their separate procedure
- Complaints regarding the St Helena Police Service should be made in line with the requirements set out in the Police Service Ordinance (available on the SHG website)
- SHG staff wanting to make complaints against managers or other staff members should follow the Code of Management procedures

How do I make a complaint?

Complaints can be made in writing using the SHG Complaint Form – General, available on the SHG website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/complaint-procedures/>, by telephone, email or in person via the following contact details:

Miss Linda Benjamin

Information and Research Support Officer

Corporate Support

Corporate Services

The Castle

Jamestown

Tel: 00 (290) 25252, fax: 00 (290) 22598 or email: customer.relations@sainthelena.gov.sh

Ideally, a complaint should be made within one month from the day that you have received a disservice. Anonymous complaints can be submitted to SHG but you will not receive a response if a contact name or address is not provided.

Complaints can be made through your Councillor, Lay Advocate or the Public Solicitor.

What happens to my complaint?

SHG will aim to acknowledge receipt of your complaint within three working days and will aim to send you a more detailed response within 10 working days to inform you of what action has been taken as a result of your complaint.

What happens if I do not get a response or I am not happy with the response?

If either of the above happens, you should make a stage two complaint by completing the SHG Complaint Procedure Form - Stage 2 and 3 available on the SHG website here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/complaint-procedures/> and submit to the Information & Research Support Officer via the above contact details.

SHG will aim to acknowledge receipt of your complaint within three working days and you will be informed of the person investigating your complaint. You can expect a more detailed response from the appointed investigating officer within 10 working days informing you of what action has been taken as a result of your complaint. Alternatively, it may explain that a full response will be sent to you later and the reasons for the delay. The response will also tell you when the officer intends to conclude the investigation.

What happens if I still do not get a response or I'm still not happy with the response?

If this happens you should make a stage 3 complaint. Again, complete the SHG Complaint Procedure Form - Stage 2 and 3 and this time submit it to the Chief Secretary at the Castle or via email: susan.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh The Chief Secretary will aim to acknowledge receipt of your complaint within three working days and will state how the review is to be conducted. She will appoint a Reviewing Officer who will aim to respond to you within 28 working days. Their response should let you know why action has been delayed and when you are likely to receive a response.

Further information can be found on the Complaint Procedures page of the SHG website: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/complaint-procedures/>
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Customer Satisfaction Survey

Your opinion matters

Customers are reminded that the Bank's Customer Satisfaction Survey **ends, Thursday, 28 February 2019.**

Forms are available:

- From the Bank Hall, at our main branch, in Market Street, Jamestown
- On our website, www.sainthelenabank.com; or
- Can be requested in hardcopy or electronic copy from our Customer Service team on telephone number 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

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Vehicle Loans

IMPORTANT!
DO YOU OWN YOUR VEHICLE?

Would you like to sell your vehicle but have a bank loan secured on it?

- When you take out a vehicle loan with Bank of St Helena Ltd, you agree for the Bank to use the vehicle as security for the loan.
- Should you wish to sell the vehicle, before your loan is completed, you must contact the Bank to advise of your intentions.
- You will be informed of the remaining loan balance; in line with the Terms and Conditions of your loan agreement, two options are available to you:
 - ⇒ Settle the outstanding loan balance immediately; or
 - ⇒ Provide alternative security of a value sufficient to secure the outstanding loan balance
- The Bank will hold the vehicle as security until the loan is completed.

IF YOU SELL YOUR VEHICLE WITHOUT SETTLING YOUR LOAN, THE BANK CAN SEIZE THE VEHICLE FROM ITS NEW OWNER.

Before you purchase a vehicle on St Helena:

- Contact the Lending Section at Bank of St Helena Ltd on telephone 22390 or email personalending@sainthelenabank.com, provide the vehicle registration number and enquire if there is a charge on the vehicle.
- If you are planning to apply for a vehicle loan with the Bank we will confirm if there are any charges on the vehicle as a part of our procedure.



**2018/19
Agriculture
Programme**

Enterprise St Helena

**Farm to Fork - Supply Local, Buy Local!
Celebrating Local Ingredients & Local Dishes!**

When: 16 March 2019

Where: Prince Andrew School

Time: 11am till 2pm

The Agriculture Programme and Hospitality Upskilling will be co-hosting this event with the main focus of the day being on finding St Helena Chef of the Year as well as Street Food Chef of the Year.

These competitions are open to anyone over the age of 18 years. For the Chef of the Year category, you will be required to produce a main course as well as a dessert using a selection of ingredients from the chef's larder table.

Competitors for the Street Food Chef of the Year category would need to produce their signature dish as well as a healthy local street food dish. The public will assist the judges with the judging in this category.

The prizes for both categories are as follows:

Gold medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & a set of Tsuki chef knives

Silver medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & a set of Sabatier chef knives

Bronze medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & Tzuki Cleaver

This will also be an opportunity for producers to sell fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc.

To enter the competitions or to book a stall please contact Mike Harper (email mike.harper@esh.co.sh) or Delia Du Preez (email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh) on 22920.

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



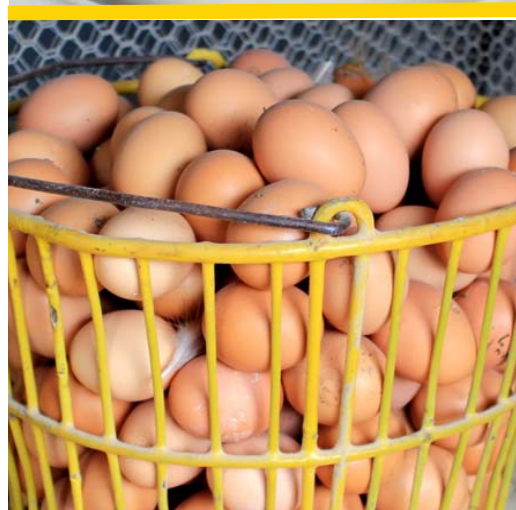
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St Helena Whale Shark Festival



Come and join us for an immersive evening of:

- **How lasers can help us save whale sharks**
- **Experience whale sharks in virtual reality**
- **Competitions, prizes, bouncy castle**
- **Free fish fry 5pm-7pm**

Music by **Island politics**

All ages welcome
At the Mule yard
22nd Feb from 4:30pm-late



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Have GCSE English & Math's Grade C or above or equivalent?

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Would you like to be a part of a professional, unique , dynamic and diverse team of people?

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Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

The completed forms should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Anya Richards, HR and Admin Officer at Coleman House, Market Street Jamestown

Or email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 1st March 2019.

Follow us on Facebook (Link) [st helena police directorate](https://www.facebook.com/sthelena.police)

and Twitter (Link) [@sthelenapolice](https://twitter.com/sthelenapolice)

Want to know more about the role of a constable, speak to an officer during their community engagement or on their beat surgery or make an appointment, telephone email Acting Chief Inspector Jonathan Thomas on 22626. jonathan.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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.

VACANCY FOR CUSTOMS OFFICER

An opportunity is available within the HM Customs and Excise Section to anyone seeking to start a career and develop new skills or build on existing skills.

Key duties of the Customs Officer is to ensure:

- Effective control of all arrivals in Saint Helena and the assessment and collection of revenue;
- Enforce Customs and associated legislation regarding Duty, Prohibited and Restricted goods; and
- Board all vessels and aircraft on arrival in Saint Helena, to enforce customs regulatory procedures.



This is a frontline service and applicants should have:

- Good customer care skills; have an eye for detail and the ability to act on their own initiative within policy guidelines;
- Experience in cash handling;
- GCSE Math's, English and IT at Grade C or above and a clean vetting certificate; and
- Class A Driver's License.

The successful candidate will be required to work unsocial hours including early mornings/late evenings/night shifts, weekends and Public Holidays and must be prepared to board vessels and yachts in all weather conditions. The successful candidate possessing the relevant skills and experience will be paid at Grade C, which is £8,613 per annum. A monthly non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for work performed out of hours.

For further information about the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Miss Juliette O'Dean, Acting Head of Customs on telephone no. 22287 or email juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources or Corporate Finance and should be submitted through directors, where applicable, to Clare O'Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail: clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

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Professional Development Opportunities

Always wondered about fulfilling your true potential?

Enterprise St Helena is here to assist you with achieving just that!

Skills Development Grants are potentially available to Saint Helenians on island as well as offshore with the intention of upskilling the Private Sector, Non—Government Organisations and Social Enterprises with business related skills. ESH will grant fund at 75% of total cost of course, with the minimum amount being granted at £500.00 up to a maximum of £5,000.00

For further information please contact: The Business Team on telephone 22920 or email Delia on delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or Mandy on mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR CARERS AND CARE ASSISTANTS

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

The Directorate has the following vacancies:

Senior Care Assistants (Ebonyview)

Under the support and direction of the Manager, you will lead and guide Care Assistants in providing compassionate, person centred care to vulnerable adults requiring 24 hour support and living in residential care.

The successful candidate should have an NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care, Level 2 Adult Literacy and experience of working with challenging behavior.

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

Care Assistant (Ebonyview)

You will assist in the provision of care and well-being of our service users within the Learning Disabilities residential care homes, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible whilst being as safe as possible.

The successful candidate should have:

- entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy,
- be a First Aider (or willing to undertake this training)
- have a minimum of 6 months experience working with adults who have learning/other disabilities or impairments living in the community, and
- previous experience of working in a care environment.

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

Please contact: Learning Difficulties, Residential and Community Manager, Ebonyview, **Nicolene Adams on 23343** or email nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information about the posts.

Senior Care Assistant (CCC and Cape Villa)

You will provide high quality health and social care to frail, older people in full time residential and day care.

The successful candidates should have the following:

- NVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care
- GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above, or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3
- 1 year's experience of working with elderly people.

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

Care Assistants (CCC and Cape Villa)

You will assist in the day to day care of residents in a way that promotes their independence, choice and social wellbeing.

The successful candidate should have:

- entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy,
- should be willing to engage in training to enhance your knowledge and skills in the care of our residents.

The salary for this post is £6,890 per annum.

Activity Worker

You will carry out recreational and therapeutic activity programmes to improve the overall health of people living in residential care and within the community. You be responsible for all aspects of preparation for activities and reporting back any incidents or concerns to the Activity Coordinator

The successful candidate will have the following: Functional Skills L2 in English and experience of working within a care or educational environment and/or have experience of working with adults/children with disabilities and/or the elderly.

The salary for this post commences at £5, 572 per annum.

Please contact: CCC Manager, **Wendy Henry** for an informal discussion about CCC vacancies on telephone number, **25331** or email wendy.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh If you would like to have further information about vacancies at **Cape Villa please call Gillian Brooks**, Trainee Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager on **22713** or on email Gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh Job profiles and application forms can be requested from **Lisa Thomas, Administration Assistant** on telephone number **22713** or email lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh Applications should be returned, through Directors where applicable, to **Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer**, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or email sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by **Friday, 08th March 2019**.

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Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director, 19th February 2019, **Safeguarding Directorate**



COUNTRY FAIR



Calling all farmers! Supply Local, Buy Local!

The 2018/19 Agriculture Programme will be hosting the finale event on **4 May** on **Francis Plain** in the form of a **Country Fair** with an agriculture competition, categories for which are detailed below.

Please note that there will be a minimum requirement of 3 entries for each particular category to be eligible for the competition. Where fewer entries exist a consolation prize will be awarded for effort.

Judged prior to Country Fair			
Livestock	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Cattle			
1. Best bull	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
2. Best cow and calf (under 12 months)	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
3. Best heifer (10-18 months)	£150.00	£75.00	£50.00
2. Pigs			
1. Best boar	£70.00	£35.00	£20.00
2. Best sow and weaners (under 6 weeks)	£70.00	£35.00	£20.00
3. Sheep			
1. Best ram	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
2. Best ewe and lamb (under 3 months)	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
4. Goats			
1. Best billy	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
2. Best ewe and kids (under 3 months)	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00
5. Poultry			
1. Best cockerel	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
2. Best laying hen	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
3. Best pullet	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
4. Best pair of ducks	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
5. Best pair of geese	£25.00	£20.00	£15.00
Youth (Under the age of 26)			
1. Top youth farmer (Livestock)	£150.00		
2. Top youth farmer (Arable - open or covered)	£150.00		

Flower Garden	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Best flower garden	£50.00	£25.00	£15.00

Arable Land	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Open Fields			
1. Best food garden over 1 acre	£150.00	£75.00	£40.00
2. Best food garden under 1 acre	£100.00	£50.00	£25.00
2. Covered Production Units			
1. Best covered production unit – soil planting	£150.00	£75.00	n/a
2. Best covered production unit- hydroponics	£150.00	£75.00	n/a

Pasture Land	1st
1. Best managed pastureland between 5 & 9.99 acres	£100.00
2. Best managed pastureland between 10 & 49.99 acres	£200.00
3. Best managed pastureland over 50 acres	£300.00

Judged at Country Fair			
Children (Between the ages of 8 & 16 years)	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Best rabbit	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
2. Best guinea pig	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
3. Best dog	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00

Stalls	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Individual Stalls			
1. Fresh flower arrangement	£15.00	n/a	n/a
2. Largest half dozen of chicken eggs	£15.00	n/a	n/a
3. Jams	£20.00	n/a	n/a
4. Preserves	£20.00	n/a	n/a
5. Confectionery	£20.00	n/a	n/a
6. Largest carrot	£20.00	n/a	n/a
7. Largest pumpkin	£20.00	n/a	n/a
8. Largest sweet potato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
9. Largest tomato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
10. Best broccoli	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
11. Best cauliflower	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
12. Best cabbage	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
13. Best carrot	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
14. Best pumpkin	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
15. Best sweet potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
16. Best potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
17. Best onion	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
18. Best tomato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
19. Best cucumber	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
20. Best hand of bananas	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
21. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit	£25.00	n/a	n/a
22. Honey	£30.00	n/a	n/a
23. Needle craft	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day	£300.00	£200.00	£100.00

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 4 MARCH 2019 FOR LIVESTOCK, YOUTH FARMERS, FLOWER GARDENS, ARABLE & PASTURE LAND CATEGORIES

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 26 APRIL FOR CHILDREN, INDIVIDUAL AND DISTRICT STALLS

To enter categories please register with Delia Du Preez or Ryan Belgrove, on telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or ryan.belgrove@esh.co.sh



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VACANCIES AUXILIARY 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 Auxiliary Sea Rescue Crew.

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

- Carry out directions from the Officer in Charge when at sea rescue incidents ensuring work is carried out within the standard operating procedures.
- Make safety critical decisions during sea rescue operations and other deployments, ensuring the safety of the public, other agencies and the sea rescue crews.
- Ensure that standards are maintained and that the service is in line with the Police Directorate's Values and Code of Ethics.
- Must be able to attend Sea Rescue weekly training sessions.
- Must be able to work some weekends to support flight operations.
- Must be available for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota inclusive of some weekends.
- Respond immediately and safely to all Sea Search and Rescue emergency incidents in an efficient and professional manner.

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.
- 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 Craig Scipio, Deputy Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25215 or e-mail craigscipio@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 Anya Richards , Human Resources & Admin Officer at Police Headquarters, Coleman's House (or email Anya.Richards@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Monday, **1 March 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.

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David Lynch
Director of Police
13th February 2019



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HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking Senior Staff Nurse to join their nursing team. Offering excellent levels of nursing care, utilizing evidence based practice, supporting and mentoring junior staff are key requirements of this role.

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

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

The applicant must have proven recent Senior Staff Nurse Experience or completed competency levels 2a, 2b and started with 2c.

Salary for the post commences at **£12,690** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Senior Staff Nurse level 2c £14,138**.

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

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

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Thursday, 28 February 2019.

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Akeem Ali (Dr) 13 Feb 2019

Director of Health



Enterprise St Helena (ESH) have units available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the Jamestown Market & ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill.

Applications should be submitted to Emma Peters, Receptionist/Administration Support, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email emma.peters@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Thursday 28th February 2019.

Terms and Conditions apply.



**For further information please contact: Michielle Yon,
Director of Resources**

on 22920 or email: michielle.yon@esh.co.sh

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DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

DO YOU WISH TO CONTRIBUTE TO SHAPING THE FUTURE OF ST HELENA?

Supported by a management team and working closely with the Education and Employment Committee, you will carry forward educational improvements across the whole Directorate; continuing to improve and monitor standards of education across three primary schools, one community high school, and the adult and vocational learning, teacher training and special educational needs sectors.

You will manage and develop the Directorate, introducing educational improvements and training opportunities, in line with the changing economic needs of the island through the St Helena Community College and in collaboration with Enterprise St Helena (ESH) through the 'upskilling' of the labour force.

As you review, develop and monitor implementation of the Directorate's Strategic Plan, you will develop early year's provision and monitor educational standards whilst supporting the development of links between schools and the local community and with overseas education partners. Taking full responsibility for the education budget you will identify efficiencies and implement revenue generating opportunities.

A natural and dynamic leader, you will have strong negotiating and influencing skills. Holding a degree in education you will demonstrate education senior management experience and be extensively versed in current best practice in education management and approaches to school improvement.

Requirements

The successful applicant will:

- Be in possession of a degree in Education
- Have substantial senior management experience in education
- Be extensively versed in current best practice in education management and approaches to school improvement
- Have experience of managing successful change programmes and processes.
- Have significant experience of resource management in an organisation with a large staffing complement
- Have significant leadership experience
- Have strong influencing and engagement skills

Salary for this post will be at the rate of £45k per annum.

For a chance to get a better understanding of this exciting role, you should contact Robyn Franconi, Business Manager, Education Directorate on telephone number 22607

or on email robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a copy of the Job Profile can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted to the Director of HR & Organisational Development by no later than Monday, 25th February 2019.

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VACANCIES WITHIN CORPORATE FINANCE

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

SENIOR ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

An opportunity is available for **two** Senior Accounts Executives.

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

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

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



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

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

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Emma Thomas, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: emma.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 26 February 2019. Corporate Services, St Helena Government, The Castle, Jamestown, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ Telephone: +(290) 22720 Facsimile: +(290) 22450 E-mail: lindsay.shankland@sainthelena.gov.sh www.sainthelena.gov.sh

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Corporate Services 12 February 2019

**Expressions of
Interest
in Traditional
Crafts & Trades**

Enterprise St Helena

Are you interested in learning or sharing a local traditional craft or trade?

Over the years traditional crafts and trades seem to be declining locally, and the new Sustainable Economic Development Plan identifies that the development of traditional crafts and trades presents an opportunity.

Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from existing providers willing to provide upskilling training in traditional crafts and trades such as Shoe Repair, Upholstery, Tailoring, Sail Repair, Inlay and Wood Turning etc.

In addition we are seeking expressions of interest from individuals interested in upskilling in traditional crafts and trades.

For further information or to register your interest please contact Mandy O'Bey, at Enterprise St Helena on Tel No: 22920 or on e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh.



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Sure Ascension has a vacancy for **Networks Technician**

We are looking to recruit a dynamic and proactive person to join our Networks Team on Ascension Island.

Primary objectives of the post are:

- Being responsible for day to day operations which includes installation and maintenance duties associated with:
 - ◇ Telecommunications Voice Switching, CPE, Payphones and Telecommunications Power Systems.
 - ◇ Mobile (4G & 2G) System.
 - ◇ Earth Station Satellite and Radio Fields.
- Candidate should hold a minimum of National Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering or equivalent and have at least five years experience in the Telecommunications field.
- Candidate will be required to undertake callout duties and work flexible hours.
- A valid driving licence is essential.

Join our small dedicated Networks Team and enjoy some of the many benefits including free uniform, annual and sick leave entitlements, entitlement to join the company international pension plan and a discretionary incentive bonus scheme. Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of this post can be discussed with Geoffrey Augustus, Senior Manager on Tel: +247 66559 or Email: geoffrey.augustus@sure.co.ac

An application form and copy of the job description can be obtained from Karen Buckley, Human Resources & Administration Officer on Tel: +247 66802 or Email: karen.buckley@sure.co.ac

Application Forms should be submitted to the Human Resources & Administration Officer, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Georgetown, Ascension Island by **4pm on Friday 15 March 2019**.



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JOB VACANCIES

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

- **HEAVY MAINTENANCE (Construction Worker)**
- **MESS ATTENDANT**
- **FLOATER CLERK – VOLCANO CLUB**
 - Handle U.S and St. Helenian currency and all conversion ratios
 - Responsible for daily cash receipts, transmittal and deposit of all moneys
 - Preparing and tracking of taxation documentations
 - Merchandise inventory
 - Ordering and receiving of goods
 - In Addition to supporting Office Staff, applicant is required to fill in at the Package Store, Volcano Club Bar and also cover all aspects in the Snack Bar.
- **FIRE FIGHTER TRAINEES**
- **FIRE FIGHTERS**

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

Applicants must:

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

WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge. Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

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





**COMING
SOON**

Shredder machine

Plastic waste is shredded into flakes which will be used in the other machines to create new things. You can select the output size of these flakes by changing the sieve inside the machine to create different patterns and processes.

Extrusion machine

Extrusion is a continuous process where plastic flakes are inserted into the hopper and extruded into a line of plastic. These lines can be used to make new raw materials such as 3d printing filament, make granulated plastic, spun around a mold, or used in your own new and creative ways.

Injection machine

Plastic flakes are heated and injected into a mold. It's a relatively quick process which is well suited for creating small objects repeatedly. You can make the molds completely yourself by using CNC mills or lathes, or by simply welding them.

Compression machine

Plastic is heated inside the oven and slowly pressed into a mould with a carjack. Well suited for making large and more solid objects, the oven itself is also a great machine for prototyping and making plastic tests with.



VACANCY FOR HEAD OF FINANCE

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a finance professional to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a leadership role. We are looking for a Head of Finance to join the team and play a central role in guiding the Trust's financial activities.

This job will present the successful candidate with the opportunity to join a leading charity organisation doing great things for St Helena and her people. Work will be office based but there will be opportunities to join our field teams as they go about their work.

Applicants must be exceptionally organized, highly motivated, and have a proven track-record of leadership in a finance role. Experience working with SAGE 50 accounting software and preparing accounts for annual audit will be strongly favoured.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and our built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset that we have.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you. The salary for the post is £12,138 per annum.

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 8th March @ 16:00

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Wash only when
the washing
machine is full –
or adjust the
water volume
setting.

Invitation to Tender

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

**Refurbishment of No.2 Ladder Hill Barracks,
Ladder Hill**

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from
Miss Tiffany Lawrence
Procurement Officer

Essex House
Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270 or
email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh



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A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 26 February 2019, at 10am, meeting at Ladder Hill Barracks.

If you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Theron Henry, on telephone number 22270 or email theron-henry@enrd.gov.sh. Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Wednesday, 06 March 2019.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 17th of February 2019



Monthly medal

On Sunday the 17th of February 2019 the club hosted our monthly medal competition for the month of February. The competition was played in the Stroke Play format and kicked off at 12h00.

The winner was Ronald de Reuck with a score of Nett 63. Two shots back, Gerald George took the second place. The two ball competition was shared by two players, Ronald de Reuck and Pat Henry. Well done to all the winners.

Next Sunday the 24th of February the club is hosting a "Texas scramble – pick your own partner" competition with tee off set at 12h00.

Any interested person who would like to join this competition, or join the golf club, are welcome to make contact with us at the club on Wednesday afternoons or on our weekly competition on Sundays, alternatively leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We welcome any new members to our club. Members are also reminded of the AGM to be held on the 24th of February 2019.

The Club is also hosting a Dinner / Dance social evening planned for the 8th March. £12 for visitors and £6 for club members. See list on notice board. All is welcome.

Contributed by;
Deon Robbertse
President

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AIRPORT

The St Helena Airport is providing an excellent opportunity for an experienced Aviation Security Officer to join a professional team, to undertake duties in implementing the protection of aircraft, the airport premises, the public, passengers, crew members, property and assets.

The position requires a very high level of customer care and for the officer to be comfortable in dealing with clients in a professional and courteous manner. The successful candidate should be approachable and assertive whilst able to demonstrate a calm personality in difficult circumstances and whilst enforcing the policies which are principle to an effective operation.

Training will focus on the use of security screening equipment and security systems, for the controlling of access to the airport facility and in complying with the operating procedures for maintaining a safe and secure working environment. Applicants should have a good command of English, be computer literate, physically fit and in possession of a clean driving licence (Class A & B)

A knowledge of aviation and previous security experience is highly desirable. However, training, in line with the OTAR's and the security training programme will be given to the successful applicant

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5 year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information or to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins Monday to Friday, at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero

The closing date for this position is 8th March 2019. Interviews will take place on 14th March 2019 and the successful persons will commence work April 2019. Should we not contact you by 11th March 2019 you can consider your application not successful on this occasion.

SHFA International Football Team Ynys Mon 2019

We just over 14 weeks to go before the St Helena Football Team is due to leave the island to take part in what would be a historic first ever Football Tournament. The management team has selected 14 outfield players from the 22 players who are still currently in training.

Players selected so far are: Defenders: Julian Henry; Dane Wade; Mike E Williams, Ross O'Dean, Kyle Yon and Lee Yon. Midfielders: Jacob Duncan, Ryan Benjamin, Clayton Benjamin, Brett Isaac, Matthais Young and Jordan Yon. Forwards: Rico Benjamin & Ronan Legg.

We still have a long way to go to reach our target to be able to send the 20 man squad if we are unable to raise sufficient funds then a smaller squad of possibly 18 will be sent.

In approximately 6 weeks' time a further 4-6 players will be added to the selected squad from the following: Goalkeepers: Jia Peters; Keith Yon and Deon Yon; Defenders: Brandon Harris & Trystan Thomas; Midfield/Forwards: Liam Yon, Cody Thomas & Jace Williams.

On Monday the squad along with the New Horizons Athletics group did a 12 minute run of which the results was used to calculate everyone's VO2 Max. VO2 Max is the maximum or optimum rate at which the heart, lungs, and muscles can effectively use oxygen during exercise; it is used as a way of measuring a person's individual aerobic capacity.

The level of fitness is also determined by the individual age.

12 Minute Run results for SHFA Squad

Name	Distance ran	VO2 Max	Fitness compared to age
Lee Yon	3010	56	Superior
Jace Williams	3000	55.78	Superior
Matthais Young	2900	53.34	Excellent
Ryan Benjamin	2850	52.42	Superior

Jacob Duncan	2820	51.75	Excellent
Brett Isaac	2800	51.31	Excellent
Julian Henry	2790	51.08	Excellent
Kyle Yon	2760	50.41	Excellent
Dane Wade	2720	49.52	Excellent
Brandon Harris	2650	47.95	Good
Clayton Benjamin	2650	47.95	Excellent
Ross O'Dean	2610	47.06	Excellent
Rico Benjamin	2600	46.83	Excellent
Jia Peters	2480	44.15	Fair
Cody Thomas	2480	44.15	Good
Ronan Legg	2440	43.20	Fair
Jordan Yon	2440	43.20	Fair
Mike E Williams	2420	42.81	Good
Trystan Thomas	2420	42.81	Fair
Liam Yon	2280	39.68	Fair
Keith Yon	2150	36.77	Good
Wayne Crowie	2040	34.31	



12 minute Run New Horizons Athletics Club

Aiden Yon-Stevens	3160	59.35	Superior
Christian George	2880	53.09	Excellent
Riley Yon	2350	41.24	Fair
Ethan Harris	2130	36.33	Fair
Ty Williams	1980	32.97	Fair
Lebron George	1880	30.74	Fair
Tyler Anthony	1880	30.74	Fair

Next week the squad will once again play 3 matches in 4 days against local teams. Matches will be played on Monday; Tuesday and Thursday starting at 5.30pm.

SHCA Cricket Results & Fixtures

Sat 16 Feb 2019

Woodpeckers 65

Tris Moyce 28

Adrian Bowers 12

Challengers 66

Phillip Stroud 30*

A Langham 26*

S-L Thomas 4/18

Jordan Yon 2/10

Performance Points

S-L Thomas 3, P Stroud 2, A Langham 1



Sun 17 Feb 2019

Allstarz 266/9

Clayton Leo 49

Brendon Leo 45

Ross Henry 2/25

Brendon Leo 2/36

Heat 168

David George 42

Damien O'Bey 31

Ryan Belgrove 3/43

Gavin George 2/24

Performance Points -R Henry 3, B Leo 2, C Leo 1



Pirates 351/8

David Young 69

Rhys Francis 62*

AJ Bennett 6/22

Rhys Francis 2/27

Lions 104

Alan Thomas 30

Simon Scipio 16

Rex Young 4/52

Christopher Herne 2/56

Performance Points

AJ Bennett 3, David young 2, R Francis 1



Fixtures

Sat 23 Feb 2019

1.30pm

Woodpeckers V Pirates

Umpires: Allstarz



Sun 24 Feb 2019

10.30am

Challengers V Heat

Umpires: Pirates

1.30pm

Allstarz V Lions

Umpires: Mustangs

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last weekend we saw a break for EPL football as the 5th round of the FA cup took place.

Watford reached the FA Cup quarter-finals for the second time in four seasons after a hard-fought win against battling Queens Park Rangers.

Capoue's scored the only goal in first half stoppage time, after Cleverley's miss-hit, proved the difference.

Championship side QPR went close through Massimo Luongo, while Watford keeper Gomes marked his 38th birthday with a fine save to deny Wells.

Watford progressed after scoring from their only shot on target. They will now play home to Crystal Palace.

Crystal Palace beat Doncaster Rovers 2-0 on Sunday with goals from Schlupp and Max Meyer. The Eagles have never won the FA Cup, losing twice in finals to Manchester United in 1990 and 2016, but this was also only the second time in 23 years they had reached the last eight.

On Saturday Ashley Cole scored on his debut for Frank Lampard's Derby this was however not enough as Brighton had by then took a 2 goal lead with strikes from Brighton's Anthony Knockaert and Jurgen Locadia. Brighton progress through to the Quarter Finals to play away at Millwall.

Millwall defeated AFC Wimbledon scoring the only goal in the 5th minute. Murray scored what proved to be the winner; he was also the goal scoring hero in the previous round when his goal in the 94th minute knocked out Everton.

After a goalless first half the EPL Champions Man City scored 4 goals against Newport County on a terrible pitch. Youngster Foden scored twice and Sane' and Marhez scored one each. Newport who had a good FA Cup run scored a consolation goal through Pdraig Amond.

Man City will now play Swansea in the next round. The Swans defeated Brentford 4-1.

Wolves overcame spirited Bristol City at Ashton Gate to reach the FA Cup quarter-finals for the first time since 2003.

After a quiet opening, Cavaleiro stroked home the only goal with the game's first shot following good work by Doherty down the right.

Wolves will now face Manchester United. Manchester United scored two first half goals with strikes from Ander Herrea and Paul Pogba to defeat Chelsea.

The result throws Chelsea's Manager Sarri's reign deeper into crisis, while United delivered the perfect response to their first defeat under Ole Gunnar Solskjaer.

As Chelsea slumped tamely to another defeat, their fans turned on Sarri. They jeered his substitutions, mocked his 'Sarri-ball' philosophy, demanded the return of Frank Lampard as manager, and joined United's fans in chants of "you're getting sacked in the morning".

In Tuesday's Champions League matches Liverpool drew 0-0 at home against Bayern Munich despite dominating the game. Although this result might give Bayern an edge in the tie, I feel Liverpool might create even more chances in Munich as Bayern will no doubt attack the 'Reds' more and leave more

space at the back.

In the other match Lyon drew 0-0 with Barcelona despite the Spanish team having 25 shots at goal.

On Wednesday Man City came from 2-1 down and with 10 men they beat Schalke 3-2. Atletico Madrid defeated Juventus 2-0 in the other match.

This weekend will see the first domestic Silverware contested in England as Chelsea play Man City in the EFL Cup at Wembley on Sunday.

We will see Premier League matches on Friday; Saturday, Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Friday evening Cardiff will host Watford and West Ham will play Fulham at 19.45.

Saturday matches will see Burnley play at home to Spurs in the early game; Bournemouth will host Wolves and Newcastle will play Huddersfield Town at 3pm. In the late game Leicester City will host Crystal Palace.

Two matches will be played on Sunday both starting at 14.05. Arsenal will play Southampton and in the match of the weekend Liverpool will come to Old Trafford for a mouth-watering clash with their fiercest rivals Manchester United. Liverpool will no doubt go into the game as favourites and if they manage to pick up all 3 points I think it would give them the confidence to go on and win the League. If however Liverpool drop points it will hand a huge advantage to Man City; especially as the Manchester derby will need to be rescheduled for later in the season due to FA Cup commitments.



On Tuesday Cardiff host Everton; Huddersfield play Wolves and Leicester play Brighton at 19.45. Newcastle will play their match against Burnley at 20.00.

On Wednesday Arsenal will play Bournemouth and Southampton will play Fulham at 19.45.

The 8pm matches will see Chelsea host Spurs; Crystal Palace will play Man United, Liverpool will play at Anfield against Watford and Man City will host West Ham.



VolkerWessels would like to thank everybody who has expressed interest in joining us to work on the Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island.

VolkerWessels were delighted to hear from a large number of people who have matching skills and experience, which would be valuable for this project. In the coming months we expect USAF to either consider further re-design and consequent re-rendering of the project or award a package of works.

We will keep you up to date of events through Saint FM and thank you again for your interest in this project.

People in Blue Hill Not Happy with Social Housing

A meeting was held at the Blue Hill Community Centre on Monday 21-02-2019 at 7 pm to oppose the Application 2019/17 for "The Conversion of the Blue Hill School into a 5 Bedroom Dwelling for Social Housing", adjacent to the Blue Hill Community Centre.

The meeting was chaired by Mrs Joan Evans who will be making Representation on the above application on the behalf of the Blue Hill residents.

Approximately 47 members of the Blue Hill Community attended this meeting to voice their concerns. They also expressed their views and made suggestions for the continued use of the Blue Hill School as a recreational venue.

An objection letter composed by Joan was passed around for the perusal of all persons present. This Letter of Representation will be presented to the Planning Office this week.

The application for the conversion of the old Blue Hill School



into Social Housing is not considered by the Blue Hill community as an appropriate location, for a number of reasons.

The residents of the Blue Hill District wish for this application to be revoked and wait with anticipation for the outcome at the next LDPA meeting.

The meeting was concluded at 8.30 pm.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.30pm till late mix tunes from the bar .

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

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FRIDAY, 1 MARCH 2019

This year it is being hosted by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Come along and join us at the Seventh-day Adventist Church, Jamestown, starting at 7 pm. As we come together to join women around the world in worship, fellowship and prayer.

Refreshments will be served.

All are welcome – Men also will be most welcome.



Leslie Clingham of Bottom Woods would like to inform the public that he is available for taxi services to carry a maximum of 6 passengers either in airport transfers, local taxi & tours, all medical appointments, group transfers for the weekend bar visits and lots more.

Prices are affordable to suit your pockets, so contact Leslie now on 61441.

Also are you looking for a rental car, short or long term?

Leslie has a car for rental at £10 per day for short term and long term clients will receive a discount.

To find out more you can call him today.



Mr & Mrs Banana

Bishop's 8,000 mile trip for confirmation in world's most southerly Anglican cathedral

Three people were confirmed this week in the most southerly cathedral in the Anglican Communion – but the cathedral's bishop, Tim Thornton, had to travel some 8,000 miles from his office in London, England, for the service. The Falkland Islands are not within an Anglican Communion province but is an Extra Provincial area under the metropolitan authority of the Archbishop of Canterbury. The Bishop to the Falklands is a post held by the Bishop at Lambeth – the senior episcopal assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace.

Despite the remoteness of the cathedral on the South Atlantic islands, a full slate of clergy were present for to watch Denise Blake and Antonia and Stirling Marcus make their confirmation vows during what was described as a "joyous" service. In addition to Bishop Tim, the interim priest in charge of the Falkland Islands, Ian Faulds was joined by other Christ Church Cathedral clergy Kathy Biles and Betty Turner. Also present was the Chaplain-in-Chief of the Royal Air Force, John Ellis, and Forces padre Alice McDermott.

A new Rector will be sought for the Falkland Islands shortly after its previous Rector, Nicholas Mercer, returned to the UK in December to take up a new role in Bolton Abbey later this year.



The Revd Ian Faulds, Bishop Tim Thornton, Denise Blake, Antonia and Stirling Marcus with Orlaith. Denise, Antonia and Stirling were confirmed this week at Christ Church Cathedral in Stanley on the Falkland Islands.



Catholic Horses

One day while he was at the track playing the ponies and all but losing his shirt, Mitch noticed a priest who stepped out onto the track and blessed the forehead of one of the horses lining up for the 4th race.

Lo and behold, that horse - a very long shot - won the race.

Before the next race, as the horses began lining up, Mitch watched with interest the old priest step onto the track. Sure enough, as the 5th race horses came to the starting gate the priest made a blessing on the forehead of one of the horses.

Mitch made a beeline for a betting window and placed a small bet on the horse. Again, even though it was another long shot, the horse the priest had blessed won the race.

Mitch collected his winnings, and anxiously waited to see which horse the priest would bless for the 6th race. The priest again blessed a horse.

Mitch bet big on it and it won. Mitch was elated. As the races continued the priest kept blessing long shot horses, and each one ended up coming in first.

By and by, Mitch was pulling in some serious money. By the last race, he knew his wildest dreams were going to come true. He made a quick dash to the ATM, withdrew all his savings, and awaited the priest's blessing that would tell him which horse to bet on.

True to his pattern, the priest stepped onto the track for the

last race and blessed the forehead of an old nag that was the longest shot of the day.

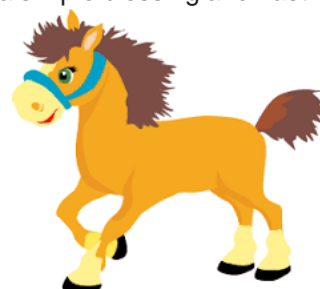
Mitch also observed the priest blessing the eyes, ears, and hooves of the old nag. Mitch knew he had a winner and bet every cent he owned on the old nag.

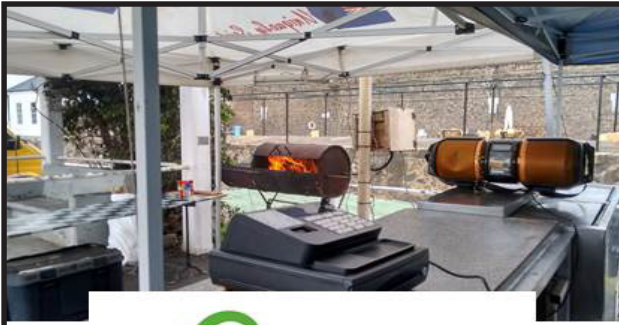
He then watched dumbfounded as the old nag come in dead last. Mitch, in a state of shock, made his way down to the track area where the priest was.

Confronting the old priest he demanded, 'Father! What happened?

All day long you blessed horses and they all won. Then in the last race, the horse you blessed lost by a Kentucky mile. Now, thanks to you I've lost every cent of my savings — all of it!'

The priest nodded wisely and with sympathy. 'Son,' he said, problem with you is you can't tell the difference between a simple blessing and Last Rites.'





Summer is still knocking around, so let's make the most of it while's it here.

Amphibians Bar & Grill will be at Longwood Avenue this Saturday 23rd February from 1pm.

Island Politics will be jamming the afternoon away from 3pm and will follow with the DJ pumping the tunes until late in the evening.

Make the most of your summer, island style and have a day out on the green!!

Wicked Wahoo's First Birthday

Monday 18th February 2019 saw the first anniversary marked of the most recent business in the entertainment world, Wicked Wahoo in Rupert's Valley.

Wicked Wahoo is owned by Julian 'Borb' Thomas and operates to the public on the Thursday to Sunday alongside of any private events throughout the weekdays.

The week entertainment normally starts with a pool competition that has become a regular fixture in many people's week to week schedule, Friday saw regularly theme nights such as BBQ, Fish Fry, Curry, Indian and more, Saturday is a more chilled relaxed night and ending on the Sunday with water sports afternoon or wind down afternoon after the weekend.

Over the past year Wicked Wahoo has held many special occasions at the premises to include African night celebrations, birthday, anniversaries, Christmas and retirement parties and next weekend will host its first wedding celebrations.

Julian told Saint FM that business has been steady for the past year and he is pleased with how the business has progressed over the year.

He would also like to thank all who have supported his business over the past year and look forward to your continued support.





St Helena
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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2018/77:** OUTLINE Planning Application for **Construction of a New Prison & Police Custody Building**, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0446 Longwood North, adjacent to Crown Land. Applicant: Prison Project Board

Public Review Closing Date for Application 2018/77: 22 March 2019
2. **Application 2019/18:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, Nr High Knoll, Red Hill on Parcel 1200 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Daphne Francis. Applicant: Claire George
3. **Application 2019/19:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 3 Bedroom Split Level Dwelling**, on Parcel 0283 Alarm Forest, adjacent to Anya Richards. Applicant: Simon Francis
4. **Application 2019/20:** FULL Planning Application for **Demolition of Existing House and Construction of 4 x 2 Bedroom Dwellings for Rental Accommodation**, on Parcel 0053 Deadwood, adjacent to Jacqueline Leo. Applicant: Nicholas Grey
5. **Application 2019/21:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a 3 Bedroom Dwelling**, on Parcel 0315 New Ground, adjacent to Jason Augustus and Kaye Johnson. Applicant: Timothy Francis
6. **Application 2019/22:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to the Verandah, Internal Alterations to Existing House and Change of Roof Profile**, on Parcel 0296 Half Tree Hollow adjacent to Martin Yon. Applicant: Shelley Henry
7. **Application 2019/23:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Scipione Fun Park, comprising a Go-Kart Track, Mini Golf Course, Viewing Deck, Picnic Area, Wall Climbing Frame, Kids Soft Play Area and Zip Line**, Merrimens Forest, St Pauls on Parcel 0595 Scotland. Applicant: Craig & Paul Scipio

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Review Commencement Date : 22 February 2019

Public Review Closing Date : 8 March 2019

Andrew Chawora
Locum Chief Planning Officer

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

As a recent first time visitor to the island, I am in awe of how beautiful it is. There are two things which concern me.

1. Considering you have such a variety of endemic species, I am concerned

as to why you persist in spraying your verges with toxic chemicals. Whilst I understand why you do it, would it not be better to employ someone to clear these? When you spray you are poisoning the wildlife. The insects weaken and the birdlife eat the poisoned insects, in turn this kills off both species. Therefore you are contributing to the demise of endemic and non endemic species throughout the island. Soon there will be none left, how very sad!!

2. Secondly, I was very aware of just how many litter bins there are dotted around, even in the remote parts of the island. So, WHY OH WHY is there so

much litter?? It was lovely to see one of the local schools at Rupert's Beach doing a beach clean! BUT why should they clean up after the adults that leave it behind???

As a half SAINT I am proud to call myself one, BUT for how long will this beautiful place stay as such? PLEASE, PLEASE look after it. I should like to come again and not find that another endemic species has become extinct!!! Many thanks for a wonderful visit, I'll be back!!!

Fiona Jinks (nee Peters)

South Africa has credit rating reduced to 'junk' while British leaders watch as finance and industry plummet

April will be coming around soon and governments around the world are starting to present their budgets for the 2019-20 financial year. The South African Finance Minister presented his budget this week and it was not a happy occasion. After Jacob Zuma's chaotic reign as the President of the Republic of South Africa the new president is trying to restore some kind of order but there is a long way to go and several power centres in South Africa will strongly resist the strong and sour medicine which needs to be taken before real improvements can be gained.

The Magnificent Seven Economic Indicators

1. South Africa's economic growth rate has been revised downwards to 1.5%

2. State Owned Enterprises such as Eskom (national power utility), South African Airways, South African Express Airways, the South African Post Office and the South African Broadcasting Corporation all rely on government cash injections to stay in business. Some of them have the begging bowl out for more government cash.

3. South Africans of working age total 38 million. 16.4 million are employed, 6.2 million are unemployed and 15.4 million are "not economically active".

4. The Social Services budget soaks up 60% of all government expenditure and State wages take up another large slice of government expenditure.

5. Savings in expenditure are forecast but may not happen as failing state businesses ask for more money. No tax increases in the budget apart from a below-inflation increase in fuel levies and an increase in sugar tax equal to inflation.

6. Government debt is forecast to increase over the next few years, (it has doubled since 2008) but international money markets are signalled not to lend money to South Africa as the credit rating agencies reduce the status of South African Government Bonds to 'junk'.

7. £1 billion is to be spent on land reform – helping landless South Africans buy land and settle restitution claims. A further £75 million will be spent buying farm equipment for "re-settled farmers".

Meanwhile back in Britain, where the government debt has also more than doubled since 2008, Honda have decided to close its Swindon factory, Nissan have decided not to build its new X-Trail model at its prestige factory in Sunderland and Jaguar-Land Rover are losing money hand over fist. The next

bad news for Britain's car industry is due to come from Ford. Banks and financial firms are leaving London's financial centre at the rate of £185 billion a day and new investment is at its worst level since the 2008 financial crisis. Productivity and unemployment are falling while wages are rising; exports have fallen sharply.

Westminster politics is in crisis and will probably remain so long after the dust raised over Brexit has settled. The political party system is fracturing (there have been signs of it happening for years) and, of course, no-one with the power to do something has a clue what to try to replace it with.

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION THEFT AT GENERAL HOSPITAL

St Helena Police are currently investigating a theft which took place at the General Hospital on Saturday, 16 February 2019, between 11.45pm and midnight.

Missing is a distinctive handbag measuring approximately 30cm x 50cm, in a colour described as 'Blue Ocean'. The bag has twin handles and on the outside there is a picture of Niagara Falls, with the wording 'Niagara Falls' written in red. The inside lining of the bag is blue with a zipped pocket and it has a single pouch within the lining.

If anyone has any information on this theft, regardless of how minor it may seem, or know of the whereabouts of this bag, please contact Police Constable, James Venning, on tel: 22626 or email: james.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG, 20 February 2019



SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS IN ST HELENA FISH PROCESSING PLANT

It has come to SHG's attention that a potential bidder has received business plans relating to the fisheries plant. Following due consideration, in the interest of fairness and to ensure that the procurement process is transparent and robust, SHG has decided to extend the deadline date for submission of proposals in the fish processing plant by four weeks in order to allow all participants in the process to receive the business plans and consider their bids accordingly.

The deadline for submission is therefore now 17:00 GMT on Friday, 15 March 2019. The period for any clarification of the further information will be the next three weeks (i.e. expiring 17:00 on 9 March 2019). **SHG, 14 February 2019**

Supreme Court Sentencing

“Her life has had its real hardships and problems and what you did played a significant part in that”

Cyril Graham, better known as 'Caesar', pleaded guilty when brought before the Supreme Court to answer a charge of indecent assault of a child. The offence was committed 50 years ago and took place on Ascension. When sentencing Graham Judge Thomas addressed the length of time between the committing of the crime and being charged before the Court, “It can take and frequently does take many many years for a child to be able to talk publicly about what has happened to her, her in this case, him in others, so long ago which has had such an effect on her life. I have already stressed my understanding of the way in which your victim expressed herself in the victim impact statement that I have considered. It is a frank and open and honest document. She does not say that what you did is the cause of all her unhappiness, she does say and I entirely agree with her what you did must have had a significant part in the problems that she has had in later life.”

The Judge continued, “One of the matters I have had to consider is whether the level of sentence in this case is increased by an element of severe psychological harm. This is a particularly cold thing to say but it has to be said, the guidelines are based on the understanding that activities like yours result in psychological harm but there is nothing here that indicates that the words that there are appropriate in the context of this case and therefore for the equivalent offence which is an offence of sexual penetration of a person under the age of 13 I am satisfied that the right category range is 3B which gives a starting point of 4 years custody and a range of 2 to 6 years custody for the court to consider.”

Judge Thomas added, “There is a lot to be said about you and what has happened since but I am going to start with what you did. You were a friend of this little girl's, as she then was, family. On your account which is the basis upon which I sentence you, you went to the cinema with her and other children and whilst you were in the cinema you put your hand under her knickers and there was a small but obviously crucial degree of penetration of her private parts with one of your fingers. That is what you have admitted and although the account that she gave in circumstances is very different the difference is not such that it would require anybody, least of all her, to give evidence, the effect of the offending is exactly the same. Her life has had its real hardships and problems and what you did played a significant part in that.”

The incident did not come to light until 2016 and Graham was arrested in 2017. Judge Thomas said, “There has been significant delay since, agreed not to have been caused by you. As I make it plain that frankly would have little weight in the sentencing exercise that I am conducting, were it not for the fact that upon your arrest you immediately made an admission to what you had done and that therefore I accept that you are genuinely remorseful and that the effect of waiting upon you has been highly significant. There is remorse and delay and you have 50 years of good character to place before the Court. I am unimpressed by the suggestion that you were in drink when you committed this offence; drink is usu-

ally an aggravating rather than a mitigating feature of any offending. The fact that you were at the time an alcoholic is I think possible but I do not regard that in the context of this case as any great level of mitigating effect.”

Judge Thomas then sentenced Graham, “That brings me to a sentence of two years, which is one capable of being suspended. I will put you out of what must be your intense anxiety. My view is that this is a case where suspension is a proper step to take. You are now elderly, you are physically weak and you have a number of medical problems that I know about. In all the circumstances it seems to me that all of the matters that I have discussed entirely justify the suspension of the sentence that I pass and therefore the sentence upon you is one of 2 years imprisonment suspended for a period of 18 months, I reduce the total period of suspension because of the delay and that has significantly affected you which has not been your fault. If in the next 18 months you reoffend then you will entirely deserve to and you will serve this sentence. If you do not you will not. In addition I have already directed that you be subject to reporting conditions for 10 years and it is a criminal offence to break that order. I have considered as I have been invited to consider the possibility of imposing a Sexual Offences Prevention Order upon you but such an Order can only be made if it is necessary to prevent further offending of the same kind and nobody looking at this case could think that is necessary.”

“He is he judge with the human touch, who regularly walks to court, will have a chat in the street, and is a passionate believer in the jury system”

Judge Patrick Thomas who replaced Judge Ekins as the Supreme Court Judge for the Benjamin trial could normally be found within the precincts of Birmingham Crown Court. He has recently retired from a life in the legal profession but any and all matters of a legal nature have an enduring interest for him. “My father was a solicitor, my grand fathers were solicitors and I am married to a solicitor. You could say the legal profession is in my blood,” he told the Birmingham Mail newspaper when he was interviewed after his retirement.

The interview took place in his office at Birmingham Crown Court where he was trying a murder case. Now aged 69, Judge Patrick Thomas appears to be approaching retirement very gradually.

Judge Thomas has experience of many different judicial systems around the world. Now he is adding the St Helena judicial system to his long list.

Also See Pages 6-7

BABY MASSAGE SESSIONS

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Business Closure

The Dog House at Alarm Forest will finish trading on 8th March 2019.

This is due to the high freight and customs duties incurred. We would like to thank the loyal customers we acquired over the short period we were operational.

Our objective was always keeping prices to a minimum, so all pet food would be affordable to all pet owners on the island. Sad to say this could not be maintained.

WE STILL HAVE SEVERAL BRANDS OF COMPLETE DOG FOOD AVAILABLE IN DIFFERENT FLAVOURS.

***Thanks to all
Olga & Paul Laban***

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold a meeting on **Monday, 4th March 2019, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Thursday, 28th February 2019.**

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