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RÉPUBLIQUE FRANÇAISE

Longwood house has always had an air of mystery about it, we know it 'belongs to the French' and managed by the 'Frenchman' we know lots of tourists visit, generally it has a comforting and all too familiar air about it leaving us to embrace it's presence within the community without question. But could Napoleon's house, its legacy and its French connection have even greater value for St Helena? One we have not begun to fully realise?

On Friday 23rd February my next steps in the journey took me to the French General Consulate headquartered in Queen Victoria Street in Cape Town. My host was the Consul General himself, Laurent Amar, the visit saw a gentle handshake with the French Ambassador, Christophe Farnaud and a bump into Michel Dancoisne-Martineau and Pierre Branda who has just returned from Table Mountain and were on their way out the door to get Pierre back to the airport for his return trip back to France.

Laurent took me on a tour throughout the Consulate where I was able to meet with his colleagues, each of which explained their different roles, he explained that the French Embassy in Cape town was responsible for the bilateral relations between France and South Africa whereas the Consulate is responsible for taking care of the French community which cover the Western, Eastern and Northern Cape including St Helena and interestingly enough Tristan Da Cunha with Michel being their representative on St Helena.



Consul General Laurent Amar in his office



With a colleague Ingrid Bekker

Laurent said "The French General Consulate is the point of contact for French citizens living abroad so when they need a passport they can ask for it from the Consulate, when they want to get married they can marry in the Consulate" adding "We also have the responsibility to represent France in Cape Town, so in that case we are part of the French Embassy and we support activities of the embassy locally"

There are three honorary Consuls, a lady in Port Elizabeth, a gentleman in East London who has served for fifty years and finally St Helena's Michel Dancoise-Martineau whose role Laurent describes as "Completely different because the

French community on St Helena is very limited. Therefore his main role is to be the director of the French domain and also to represent France which he does very well but it is not a job that you can do easily, so, having the French presence is important and this is what Michel does superbly" Honorary Consuls have other jobs, they do this on a voluntary, unpaid basis in addition to representing their country.



Michel Dancoisne-Martineau

To bring home the French presence that today exists in our home are to use names that are easily recognisable, like L'Oreal, Danone, Parmalat yogurts and if none of these trigger that familiarity then what about Renault and Peugeot-Citroen? And in case you're still not impressed, did you know that (French aeronautics) Airbus equips 2/3 of the South African Airways air fleet? Almost 300 French companies are present in South Africa, contributing to the local economy. There must surely be a place for St Helena and Napoleon?

I asked Laurent about the power of relationships which is becoming increasingly clear in my journey; the bilateral relations once described have now evolved to 'trilateral' relations because it includes St Helena. Laurent complements this thought "The exhibition which opened yesterday is a perfect illustration of that, the relationship between St Helena and France through the wine that was grown in the Groot Constantia Wine Estate, so what we can do from that is to promote St Helena and Cape Town to French tourists. We can also go back to the Napoleonic history; we are in the process with tourism agencies of promoting St Helena and Cape Town as part of a Napoleonic route. There are also other places where Napoleon is revered and it would be good to explain this because it is not generally well known and also we should take advantage of the anniversary of the Bicentenary which will happen very soon and this might be a big opportunity for us to promote the Napoleonic domain in St Helena"

A little fact with tremendous implications is that France is the world's most popular tourist destination with 83 million visitors annually, among them 120,000 South Africans travel to France each year, with the same number of French citizens visiting SA annually, ranking France as the 3rd visitor country. The penny drops in a moment for me and I begin to methodically in my head start to piece the bits together, what if we could gage some of this traffic coming into South Africa, even

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just a fraction of these tourists would make an impact. And now I am left wondering why we have not begun to capitalise on this, we have after all a complete assembling of the Napoleonic branding, prepared, packaged and ready to go and Laurent ices the cake when he adds “*Napoleon is known by every French citizen, his legacy is still very present in France, our very own legal system was built during the Napoleonic period*” So it is safe to assume that out of the 120,000 French tourists visiting South Africa, most if not all will have some knowledge of Napoleon, which brings me to the next question, how can we concentrate our efforts into ensuring that part of their trails includes St Helena along the way?



French Associations in Cape Town

Michel Dancoisne-Martineau answers the question by adding “*The French Ambassador during his recent visit to St Helena promised our Governor Lisa Honan and LegCo on his return to South Africa he will do a project on behalf of France to promote the island in South Africa and amongst all the French living in South Africa, hence the recent exhibition on the link between St Helena, Napoleon and South African Wine.*”

To this event were invited high ranking dignitaries of the South African Government and many other diplomats from other countries as well as Her Excellency the Governor of St Helena. This effort has established many contacts and links that now has to be taken up by St Helena government and Tourism to establish permanent links that will continue to bring visitors to the island.” Michel further added “Above all, we should aim to be much more aggressive on the highly competitive tourism market in order to impose Saint Helena and not only to suggest it. This would mean working more closely with tour operators and travel agents in South Africa as well as private institutions and government departments like Iziko that I was so happy and proud to work with on this wine exhibition”

Both Michel and Governor Lisa were featured on the South African channel SABC, watched by millions in South Africa which added to the efforts to get St Helena recognised and promoted. I have learnt a lot on this expedition, new faces, new thoughts generating new ways of doing things. May I be honest? I think St Helena is at a standstill, stuck in a rut and I appreciate that politics may be preventing us from getting on with the stuff that needs doing but I am also grateful, another drive pass Khayelitsha Township and I am reminded that life still has quality on St Helena.

So, the stage has been set, new contacts and partnerships have been created, new opportunities for St Helena, a brave new world has dawned, what will we do with it?

To find out more about the work of the Honorary French Consul and the Napoleonic properties on St Helena go to <http://www.napoleonsthelena.com/en/>

Next week: Part three

The Airlink story: Freedom of the African skies
The third and final part of my journey takes me to the headquarters of Airlink in Johannesburg

For sale are the following items:

A Laura Ashley 2 seater snuggler sofa bed in dove grey £1500

A Laura Ashley large 2-3 seater sofa in dove grey £1500

A Laura Ashley king Size metal framed bed cream in colour £700

A roll of Primo Ultra Curlew top quality, hard wearing, stain resistant carpet 11meters x 5 meters including Luxury 11mm underlay 55m² and carpet grips £1400

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Editorial

It cannot be denied that illegal transplants of human body parts make unpleasant and gruesome reading. It has to be recognised that the demand and desperate need for organs for transplant is very high and this immediately attracts the criminal element. World-wide demand creates a pressure which means the opportunity for large profits is attractively high and those without a conscience and obsessed by greed will stop at nothing to stuff their pockets with cash. The situation creates the usual environment where the poor are exploited and the rich get exactly what they want.

For the poor it means they give away a kidney and gain an Ipad, or something similar. For the rich it means the new body part they have bought on the black market has transformed their lives, given them a better quality of life and probably several more years on this earth. The criminal walks away with fats wads of cash gained through exploiting both a gruesome situation and the poor organ donor.

It is not a South Africa problem it is world-wide. The notes of a National Health Service Blood and Transplant Board meeting held two years ago help to put the whole thing in perspective. When discussing the prevention of Organ Trafficking and Transplant Tourism in the UK the note explained, "Human trafficking for the purpose of organ removal is a form of modern slavery that exploits the donor and risks disease transmission to the recipient. There is evidence that at its worst, neither donor nor recipient survives and the only people who benefit are those who exploit the desperate donors and recipients."

The note goes on to claim that the UK Human Tissue Authority have a tight grip on regulating human transplants and that rumours of black market activity in the supply of human transplants in the UK are not substantiated. This may be true or it may be an optimistic assessment which smells slightly of

'letting sleeping dogs lie'. The notes do refer to Brits who go abroad for transplants and then returning to the NHS for after-care. Between 2000 and 2016 the NHS have records of 395 people who did exactly that. It is conceded only some of these people had a legal transplant.

On the face of it, 395 is a very low number when the pressure for organ donors from people requiring a transplant is so high. The NHS tells us, "According to evidence presented to The Guardian (newspaper), 106,879 solid organs were transplanted in 2010 across 95 World Health Organisation member states, a total that met only 10% of the global need. It is not known how many of these transplants were performed legally and illegally, although experts have estimated that one in 10 of these transplants were performed illegally on the black market.

The estimates are that over 1 million people in this world want an organ transplant at any given time and of those who manage to get one more than 10,000 illegally obtain the organ for transplant in any year. As the NHS try to point out, the best way to beat the criminals is to donate your own body parts after your death. If more people did this the demand would reduce, the number of people dying while waiting for a donor would reduce and the price people are prepared to pay for a body part on the black market would also reduce. If the price reduces enough, criminals would not bother getting involved in the illegal trade in human organs.

I haven't seen the Barn all week because cloud continually forms and rolls over it as moist air is forced upwards by the ever prevailing south easterly wind. I hope to see the Barn tomorrow, for the sake of air passengers who want to fly in and have been trying to get here since Tuesday.

Have a good weekend, whatever the weather

Vince

Netcare has a history of illegal kidney transplants

In September 2010 the Netcare private hospital group, the biggest in South Africa was charged with performing illegal kidney transplants at one of its hospitals. Netcare's hospital in Pretoria is used by the St Helena Government Health Directorate for St Helenian hospital patients who are flown to South Africa for treatment. The September 2010 charges against Netcare involved their St Augustine's Hospital in Durban. According to reports in the South African media Netcare initially denied the charges saying they were unjustified and there would be a vigorous defence against the charges.

Netcare, Netcare Kwa-Zulu (Pty) Ltd and the group's Chief Executive, Dr Richard Friedland, were charged by the Director of Public Prosecutions for offences committed in 2001 and 2003 against the Human Tissues Act. It was alleged the Netcare Private Health Group made more than 22 million Rand (£1.17 million) by taking kidneys from desperately poor Brazilians and Romanians who sold their organs at a knocked down price. Netcare then sold the kidneys to an Israeli crime syndicate at a huge profit. Netcare was accused of more

than 100 illegal transplant operations during that time.

The Times of South Africa quoted from the charge sheet which included over 100 counts of fraud, serious assault, forgery and organised crime. "Israeli citizens in need of kidney transplants would be brought to South Africa for transplants at St Augustine's hospital," the charge sheet read. "They paid kidney suppliers for these operations." The kidneys "were initially sourced from Israeli citizens, but later Romanian and Brazilian citizens were recruited as their kidneys were obtainable at much lower cost than those of the Israeli suppliers." The charge sheet said documents related to surgeries were forged to make it appear that the recipient and the donor were family members, a requirement of South African law. Israeli kidney suppliers were paid \$20,000 while Brazilians and Romanians were paid \$6,000, it said.

Two months later, November 2010, Netcare KwaZulu (Pty) Ltd pleaded guilty and were fined for illegal kidney transplants. "It has emerged that the conviction of a hospital in respect of human tissue cases such as this one may be the first con-

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viction in the world,” said a national police spokesperson in a statement. Netcare KwaZulu was fined Rand 4 million (£215,000) after it pleaded guilty to charges of illegal kidney transplants at St Augustine’s Hospital in Durban. A similar amount was confiscated from the healthcare company in view of the profit it had made from the transplants.

Four surgeons, a doctor, two Netcare employees and a translator who were connected with the charges were summoned to appear in court. The charges against Netcare’s chief executive, Dr Richard Friedland, were unconditionally withdrawn.

The Scandal Spreads

Three months later, in February 2011, the group of eight surgeons, doctor, Netcare employees and the translator appeared in court to answer the charges against them and at the same time reports emerged that illegal kidney transplant operations had also taken place in Johannesburg and Cape Town. The Christiaan Barnard Memorial Hospital and the UCT Private Academic Hospital at Groote Schuur, both in Cape Town and both Netcare hospitals were named. In Durban one of the accused surgeons, Professor John Robbs, claimed that the Durban surgeons were being made scapegoats while surgeons from Johannesburg and Cape Town were not being prosecuted. Netcare confirmed that illegal transplant operations had been performed at its Garden City Hospital in Johannesburg.



Netcare’s hospital in Johannesburg

Netcare issued a statement in which it referred to reports about the cross-border (Israeli transplant patients coming to South Africa) kidney operations that were performed between 2001 and 2003 at three Netcare hospitals in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban, as well as certain state hospitals in Johannesburg and Cape Town. However the National Prosecuting Authority requested that Netcare no longer give comment to the media and it decided to comply. A Western Cape government spokesman said no state hospitals were involved. South African media reported, “According to Netcare’s statement, it is working closely with the investigating team and prosecuting authority. Netcare stopped its independent investigation into cross-border transplants in 2004 after being requested to do so by the investigative and prosecuting team. The Netcare board had requested an investigation into the operations “which were performed at several Netcare hospitals” but was told that it could disadvantage the police investigation. According to Netcare, police had taken their files and documents in 2003 and had still not returned them. “Netcare is stunned that illegal operations were performed at its facilities and will not support any of the actions of its staff if they are found to be illegal,” read the statement. In May 2015 Netcare’s St Augustine’s Hospital in Durban hit the headlines once more when a patient expressed his anger

when surgeons who had operated on him for a cancerous kidney had subsequently ‘lost’ the kidney. It was explained the kidney “did not reach the laboratory”. Later a hospital spokesman said the kidney was “mistakenly discarded”.

The aggrieved patient complained to News24 “I was just diagnosed with cancer in September and was at this hospital for nine days in October. The infected kidney was vital in finding a way to treat me going forward. It would have told us to what extent the cancer has spread. My entire family and I have been experiencing so many painful emotions.”

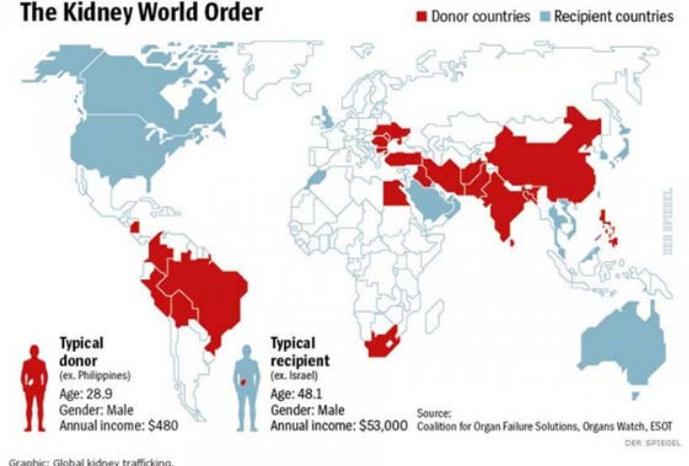
Another South Africa media report in April 2016 quotes reports from the World Trade Organisation and the United Nations. It is quoted that 5-10% of organ transplants worldwide are undertaken with criminal intent and illegal organ trafficking is an organised crime involving a host of players: a recruiter who identifies the vulnerable person, the desperate seller, the organ transporter, hospital or clinic staff and medical professionals, middlemen and contractors, buyers and organ banks where the organs are stored.

It is also explained that human organs are obtained for transplant operations in three main ways. The first scenario involves traffickers forcing or tricking victims into giving up their organs. Secondly victims formally or informally agree to sell an organ and are then cheated by not being paid (or being paid less than promised) and, thirdly vulnerable persons – such as migrants, homeless or the illiterate – are treated for an ailment which may or may not exist and their organs are removed without their knowledge.

This particular South African media report ends by giving some gruesome details of kidneys for sale on the internet.

The trade in human kidneys

The Kidney World Order



The countries shown in dark grey (red) are the poorer countries where people supply kidneys to richer people mainly in the countries shaded light grey (blue)



You're in safe hands

Burglaries - more frequent and more stolen

Three burglaries in one month is unusual and it may be the start of a worrying trend. Last month there were burglaries at Sharon McDaniel's shop and Mylyn's Takeaway in Market Street, on Francis Plain 330 litres of fuel were stolen together with a car battery. Other thefts, bordering on burglary occurred including theft of a handbag from the General Hospital. Sharon McDaniel's shop was also burgled in December 2017 along with the Geek Boutique.

In 2018 there were eight crimes described as burglaries in the police appeals for information but again there were other thefts which came close to being burglaries; such as theft of a car from outside a house or a theft from a car. Just two months of this year have passed by and the 2018 burglary total could turn out to be less than in 2019.

Some thefts and burglaries appear to be well planned and well executed. Carrying away 330 litres of fuel from Francis Plain is unlikely to have been decided on a whim after a night out drinking. This kind of theft is very different from a break-in to get alcohol and cigarettes as a bit of bravado after the pubs and cubs have closed on a weekend night. The burglaries last month at Sharon McDaniel's shop and Mylyn's takeaway was for alcohol and cigarettes as well as food and cash. A "large number of items" were carried into Market Street and taken away. That too would have needed some planning to ensure an undisturbed getaway.

In 2018 two burglaries involved thefts of large amounts of cash; one in July, the other in September. The other burglaries appear from the descriptions to have caused damage only or thefts of low value. One burglary took place at someone's home; the others were at business premises or public buildings. In 2019 the number of more serious burglaries appears to already have equalled the 2018 total.

This is an unwelcome trend which will be confirmed when press releases advise all businesses to make sure there is no cash left on the premises overnight and for doors and windows to be securely locked. Maybe the Bank of St Helena should install a night safe so businesses and individuals can deposit their takings after the bank has closed. For door locks, deadbolts are strongly advised.



Bank Night Deposit Safe

True Night Deposit Safes are usually installed by banks and/or other financial institutions to allow their customers to deposit cash after the bank has closed for the day.

This type of installation consists of a small swing-open door, a chute through the wall and a safe on the inside of the bank to accept the deposits. Each customer is provided with a key to the swing-open door and some lockable pouches for the cash.

This facility enables merchants who close their stores long after the bankers have gone home to deposit their cash in the bank as they may not have safes strong enough to protect their cash overnight. A formal deposit is done the next day in the usual manner.

ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES - MARCH 2019

As part of their Neighbourhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their 'Beat Surgeries' in various places around the Island throughout March 2019.

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

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

Date	Time	Venue
Friday, 8 March	10am -12 noon	Ladder Hill
Friday, 8 March	1pm - 3pm	Sandy Bay Shops
Monday, 11 March	5pm - 7pm	Longwood Avenue
Tuesday, 12 March	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Rupert's
Sunday, 17 March	1pm - 3pm	Rosemary Plain/Thompsons Hill
Tuesday, 19 March	5.30pm - 7.30pm	Gordons Post
Wednesday, 20 March	10am - 12 noon	SHAPE, Sandy Bay
Thursday, 21 March	5.30pm - 7.30pm	New Ground Point
Friday, 22 March	5pm - 7pm	General Hospital
Monday, 25 March	11am - 1pm	Silver Hill Shop, Levelwood
Monday, 25 March	5pm - 7pm	The Briars
Friday, 29 March	10am -12 noon	Blue Hill Shop

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SHG, 7 March 2019



John Levin finishes as chairman of the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race

John Levin finally closed the book this week on the Cape to St Helena 2018 yacht race. He has handed over the chairmanship of the race committee for the Cape to St Helena 2020 to Dale Kushner who is well known to St Helena Yacht Club members who volunteered to help as the 2018 race contestants arrived in James Bay.



John Levin owner and skipper of Indaba accepting the Governor's Cup from the Governor for the 2018 race

John finished his term of duty with a short speech at an event at the Royal Cape Yacht Club on Tuesday when he thanked all those who made a major contribution to the success of the Cape to St Helena race.

Cape to St Helena 2018, Adieu.

All good things come to an end and so it is with the 2018 Cape to St Helena race. All that is left is for me to thank all those that made this event possible.

On St Helena we already thanked all those on the island who made the event possible and handed trays as a token of our appreciation to:

- her Excellency, Governor Lisa Honan;
- Ms Helena Bennett, the director of tourism;
- Merrill Joshua, in charge of special projects with Enterprise St Helena;
- James Herne, Commodore of the St Helena Yacht Club for his massive contribution to the success of the event;
- Neil George and his team who managed the finishing line, on behalf of the St Helena Yacht Club.

Now I would like to ask Andrew Collins, Rear Commodore Sailing, to present trays to:

- Linda Masse, on behalf of Wesgro;
- Ron Caris, on behalf of AW Ship Management Limited;
- Andrew Sickler, on behalf of Yacht Haulers;
- Jimmy Jacka, owner of "Maximus" for use as start vessel;
- David Abromowitz, on behalf of Abromowitz Sharp & Associates for VIP boat;
- Simon Balman, Social Media & Cape to St Helena website;
- Stiaan Viljoen, donated fridge to St Helena Yacht Club

in name of RCYC;

- Hilary Ackerman, Race Secretary;
- Kerry Pryde, Race Communications;
- Toni Mainprize, RCYC General Manager;
- David Elcock, Safety at Sea;
- Boet Koopmans, Marina and arranging transport;
- Vitor Medina, RCYC Commodore on behalf of the Club.

There is one more person we would very much also like to recognise but unfortunately we only have thirteen trays available, and that is Elliott Magadela, our Marina Operations Manager for the able manner in which he assisted with the unloading of the yachts and arranging for the cradles to be returned to the club. Accordingly, may I ask Elliott to come up and accept a small gift as a token of our appreciation.

Finally, I would like to pay tribute to the competitors. Without doubt this is one of the nicest events that I have ever participated in, not only because of the event itself but because of the very special people who participated. The camaraderie amongst competitors experienced during this event is something which I have not experienced in any event before this. To you the competitors thank you so much for having made this event possible and for the great spirit which you brought to bear on the event.

This brings us to the end of the 2018 event and with it the start of the next event, due to start in December 2020. On the basis of "the King is dead, long live the King" it gives me great pleasure to announce the name of the next Race Chairman, Dale Kushner.

Dale, who comes with the blessing of the General Committee of the Club is in my opinion the ideal candidate for the position. Not only is he an ex-Commodore, thus giving him keen insight into the workings of the Club but is passionate about sailing in general and ocean sailing in particular. Besides being an extremely competitive and successful racing yachtsman, he brings to the event a strong Corinthian spirit which I believe is part of the charm of this event. So, without further ado, may I introduce to you, Dale Kushner.



Dale Kushner who sailed 'Yolo' single-handed in the 2018 Cape to St Helena race is Chairman of the Race Committee at the Royal Cape Yacht Club for the 2020 race.



PRESS RELEASE

Change in Sure's Pay As You Go Mobile Service 1 April 2019

Sure SA Ltd will be revising the Pay As You Go Mobile tariffs effective 1 April 2019.

Changes in prices effective 1 April 2019 are as follows (excluding SHG 10% Service Tax):

Service	Unit	Current Price	Price at 1 April 2019
International Calls	Minute	£0.90	£0.94
International SMS	Each	£0.25	£0.26
Out of Bundle Data	MB	£0.15	£0.16

We would also like to remind our customers that we offer a Post Paid Monthly Mobile Service with added value in calls, text and data bundles. For more information about these packages, please visit our website www.sure.co.sh; or visit our Customer Service Centre in Jamestown.

Should customers have any queries relating to the changes to the Pay As You Go tariffs they can contact Sure's Customer Services team on telephone 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh.

Dear Members of the Public,

As requested at the Public Meeting held on the 16 Jan 2019, **UNIFIED SAINTS** wish to advise that another Public Meeting will be held at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre **on Monday 18 March 2019 at 07:30 PM.**

Her Excellency Governor Lisa Honan, Executive and Legislative Council Members have agreed to attend, to discuss the following agenda:

1. The outcome of the independent review of the MOU;
2. Is there any intention of SHG to request funding from DFID for shipping to stabilise freight rates in view of the fluctuation of bunkering and currency adjustment factors?
3. SHG to undertaking a value for money exercise to improve efficiencies and savings thus not raising cost until the economy can afford it;
4. The progress of the review of the Social Security Ordinance and in particular the definition of household income as per the Social Welfare Review of April 2013 in relation to Income Related Benefits, Basic Island Pension and any other associated allowances;
5. Undertake a review of the Income Tax Ordinance where the taxable income allowance is increased to £8,000 pa to create an incentive for people to work longer hours and still be able to take home the minimum wage rate;
6. Review the Income Tax Ordinance to remove tax free incentives;
7. Airing proceeding of Council Committee and Executive Council meetings via radio and other mediums so that Elected Members are held accountable;
8. Consider engaging an Ombudsman to address public concerns about SHG.

Everyone is encouraged to make a special effort to attend and use this opportunity to their best advantage in presenting their case and to gain valuable information into the workings of St Helena Government.

REMEMBER THERE IS STRENGTH IN NUMBERS!! UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!!

Yours Sincerely, Jeff Ellick

How ‘connected’ is the Commonwealth

A Connected Commonwealth – the theme for this year’s Commonwealth Day on Monday

“The Commonwealth offers opportunities for the people, governments and institutions of this richly diverse worldwide family of nations to connect and cooperate at many levels through far-reaching and deep-rooted networks of friendship and goodwill.”

It’s a long sentence in the Commonwealth press release and it pulls together many aspects and aspirations the Commonwealth has for itself. Connections among a diverse group of 53 sovereign nations which incorporates just about every race, religion and culture need to be nurtured, encouraged and developed if this group of nations is to hang together. The Commonwealth of Nations hangs together around the Commonwealth Charter; a 16 point document covering Democracy, Human Rights, International Peace and Security, Freedom of Expression and the Rule of Law among other formidably tough ambitions, hopes and desires. Number Sixteen in the Charter is Good Governance. On this subject all Commonwealth countries have signed up to confirming their “commitment to promote good governance through the rule of law, to ensure transparency and accountability and to root out, both at national and international levels, systemic and systematic corruption.”

Transparency International publish a Corruption Perception Index every year. The index has its critics – the assessment and scoring mechanism is too simplistic, perceptions of corruption is very different from proven corruption and the index is limited to assessing public sector corruption while scandals in the private sector are ignored. However, in connection with Good Governance, the index does give an indication of the confidence those that are governed have in those that govern them. Looking at how Commonwealth countries are rated in the Corruption Perception Index confirms that emphasis on how the countries connect and hang together is a very appropriate theme for Commonwealth Day 2019.

There are 53 nations in the Commonwealth. There are 17 Commonwealth countries in the top ranked 53 in the Corruption Perception Index; that’s very nearly a third of all Commonwealth Countries who appear to be trying to live up to the aspirations of Good Governance. New Zealand is beaten to the top spot by Denmark whose assessment scored one point better at 88. The United Kingdom, ranked at number eleven, scored 80. Grenada was one of the countries scoring 52 in the assessment and was ranked at number 53 among the countries who are trying to “root out, both at national and international levels, systemic and systematic corruption” as the Commonwealth Charter puts it.

Commonwealth Country	Corruption Perception Ranking
New Zealand	2
Singapore	3
Canada	9
United Kingdom	11
Australia	13
Barbados	25
Bahamas	29
Brunei	31
Botswana	34

Cyprus	38
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines	41
Dominica	45
Rwanda	48
Saint Lucia	50
Malta	51
Namibia	52
Grenada	53

At the other end of the rankings there are eight Commonwealth countries in the bottom 53 of the Corruption Perception rankings. These countries give the impression of doing little to root out corruption.

Commonwealth Country	Corruption Perception Ranking
Sierra Leone	129
Papua New Guinea	138
Kenya	144
Nigeria	144
Bangladesh	149
Uganda	149
Cameroon	152
Mozambique	158

One hundred and eighty countries were assessed with the bottom place going to Somalia who only gained ten points in their assessment. Mozambique, the Commonwealth country perceived to have the most corruption managed to gain twenty-three points. The gap between the best and the worst is wide; a large and long Commonwealth bridge is needed to span all the Commonwealth countries and offer meaningful connection. St Helena is not a full member of the Commonwealth and so does not appear in the list; our association with the Commonwealth is through the British Government.

The Commonwealth Charter includes at number fourteen in its core values and principles:-

RECOGNITION OF THE NEEDS OF SMALL STATES

We are committed to assisting small and developing states in the Commonwealth, including the particular needs of small island developing states, in tackling their particular economic, energy, climate change and security challenges, and in building their resilience for the future.

Again, where St Helena stands in relation the needs of small island states is not immediately clear. Our island is not a state but the particular needs mentioned are equally valid for our small island – whether a state or not a state. The probability is we have to rely on the British Government to speak for us.



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

We have so many aggrieved people who have come to their last in accepting, and those now will want a more open and transparent knowledge of how we have come to decisions. How much resilience and options we have come up with to best mitigate and make sure the risk to the community is a minimal as possible in these ever changing hard times. Increases in basically everything and every time, you look. Price increases are inevitable in the world we live in but it is how those increases occur, how they are managed and how they affect the public, and how it will improve or enhance the Island, and not just an increase with nothing to show for it.

Our financial battling becomes even worse with no capital funding, but again we are at mercy of those who release funds and at present the industries are battling, and again there is a constant ask about capital funding and no real direct answers are forthcoming, but I did hear the Media had something positive that we will hear some news in a few weeks, again we beaten to the news, but at least it is out there, with a lack of capital funding it is and will cause social impacts and we need to make sure we mitigate against this happening and make sure our economy is strong enough to withstand this, we need capital funding signed off as soon as possible, we have had meeting with Accommodation providers, Agriculture even someone in Fishing, have put their cases forwarded and again each meeting was beneficial and enlightening to hear but with the constraints financially, listening was the heart breaking thing to do, as that was about all that could be done at that time, with no budget and not even enough to keep a growing economy as it is.

Our budget does not allow much room to service the infrastructure we have presently, but it is growing day on day more houses, roads, facilities etc and also with the limited budget that the Directorate has, but they are doing what they can with the resources they have,

but it will soon come to head that quick fixes although necessary now, it not always the best option long term, and means fixing a fix after a while. Housing is a issue and I know that is being worked on to make sure we increase our housing capacity. We hope all will be going to plan and I can confirm I will support any initiative that is brought to the table that will improve, enhance and make sure any Saint has the opportunity to live and have proper facilities. (taken from my adjournment 28 June 2018)

The following words are my personal opinion of what I see happening and from what I said in the above extract back in June 2018, where are we really now, I will start with this positive words which I try to use in these challenging times we all face.

'In the middle of difficulty lies opportunity'

Food prices increasing voyage upon voyage yet our wages are not reflective of those increases, how do we combat these increases do we allow some form of shipping subsidy on freight coming in, are we sure that will be the only way of reducing cost, do we need to look at other Ports to get goods from? Do we need to create a price fix model on certain items? Do we need to give more support to farmers (small and large scale), agricultural producers, fishermen? Well if we want more growth we will have to, as SEDP looks at less good being imported, also for me it is useless enticing more numbers when we do not have the fresh commodities to service the local market, so all industries for me have a key roles in boosting our profile in Island trade and the world market.

I now see our cost of fish is about £5+ p/kg, this is still affordable prices worldwide but with the wage structure here it has now started to become also a costly item to purchase, with some of the goods being imported and transhipped costing less p/kg than fish????WHY

Health to me has improved in lots of sections, but we all have to be mindful that the aim is for Health to allow patients and family members the assurance that the service delivered is and will always look after the best interest of people and their wellbeing wherever they are, in our hospital or overseas on referral, there has also been a focus on healthier living initiatives and a phased approach is what is needed as there are

cost involved with healthier lifestyle changes, but I do think initiatives are good and hope it will be well supported,

Education is the element that hold lots of keys for the Island, I believe the INVESTMENT we make in our youth will benefit this Island in years to come, and we all need to support our students from all avenues, parents, family and the community, we need to make the tools available to our schools and make sure we have a joint thinking and assist our teachers and staff as they drive our youth to achieve, Succession planning in key roles on Island is important and will show willingness and aspire those in school to achieve the best possible results they can and open doors of Opportunity for their futures

Access is and will always be quite tricky, but I still feel we need to expose ourselves to cheaper airfares, it will attract locals and make it affordable and also create a better rate for tourist which could possibly allow for more economic activity on island we got the service now we need to put our heads together to make this work, there needs to be looking at Flights from Europe in the mix to create as much potential for the airport and access to be successful now and for the future

Our Economy is standing and possibly heading into a negative spiral if we do not get activity very fast on this Island, this will create serious social inequalities and pressures. This is something that we are suppose to be avoiding and working collectively to minimise.

How much more increases do we think locals can absorb, and this is what is happening more and more focus on revenue generation but how can this be done if our Economy is virtually not trading, private sector is battling and prices are becoming more and more challenging to cope with, what is it that we need, New industries, capital programme??

We have so many people leaving the Island and with good reason as they want to improve themselves and create opportunities but reality is those that are left behind will have create that ever dropping tax numbers that tax can be collected from, so how long can this continue and when do we have to create more opportunities for Locals so they can stay and have a fruitful career on St Helena, if this can be achieved there will also be more spend from Locals on Island and inevitably more revenue and economic stability on Island, as increases in taxes are just another form

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of revenue generation to stay afloat, but times are hard so can we burden more increases on the community?

After all this biting the Bullet, being resilient and resourceful is it not now time to reward the people of St Helena for being patient!!!

Have a great week further

**Clint Beard
Councillor**

Dear Editor,

THE CONSTITUENT

**Formal Legislative Council Meeting
– 8th March 2019 – Adjournment
Debate – Cllr Cyril Leo**

St Helena is heavily reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom. Budgetary aid alone for 2018/19 was 27 million pounds. I would like to take this opportunity to formally acknowledge the UK taxpayer for providing St Helena with the crucial financial assistance in support of air access, through budgetary aid and for funding capital projects in the past.

It was encouraging to meet with the visiting DFID team few weeks ago in this chamber to discuss future UK financial aid for St Helena. Thanks to all concerned, it seems very unlikely that the island will have to deal with the frustrations of another roll-over budget come the next financial year. The DFID Minister, Lord Bates, has been made fully aware of the social and economic detrimental consequences due to the absence of development aid for capital projects over the last two years. The United Kingdom has an international obligation to take full responsibility for the development needs of the island.

The people of St Helena cannot sustain the progress required for achieving the aim of 'self-sufficiency', if the UK government refuses to sustain the adequate financial assistance that is crucial to reaching the ultimate objective. At this particular period in time for St Helena, there is a desperate need to build on the 285 million pound investment in air access. Providing just suf-

ficient aid to maintain the status quo, to help keep pace with inflation or to progress just beyond the status quo, should not be an option for the United Kingdom.

The island now awaits the Minister's final decision on the financial aid package that the United Kingdom will provide for St Helena.

Some eighteen months ago there were serious concerns, frustrations and dissatisfaction with the working partnership between DFID officials and elected members. The people of St Helena were already paying a huge price, economically and socially, for the failure by DFID to engage and communicate with local elected representatives in the true spirit of the Constitutional Partnership Values and the 2012 White Paper provided by the United Kingdom for the Overseas Territories. Those two established guidelines, along with Article 73 of the Charter of the United Nations, are the principle blueprints for the future development of St Helena. The expectations of the people of St Helena are based on the directives provided in those documents. As a result of the disappointment and the discontent within the community, all twelve elected members collectively used various avenues to try to convince the Minister that the problems with communication and the working partnership must be addressed. Our message to Lord Bates was that a cohesive working relationship between DFID and elected members was of paramount importance to the future development of St Helena. Consequently, we are very grateful for the Minister's positive response to our appeals. The related statements made to Legislative Council members by the visiting DFID team have been testament to the improved approach. I therefore take this opportunity to formally thank the DFID Minister and DFID civil servants as we all work in the very best interests of the people of St Helena.

Cohesive working within Council that includes healthy debates and constructive

criticisms will help ensure best outcomes for the island. Indeed, this positive approach is essential within all sectors throughout our community. To help ensure that all twelve elected representatives are fully informed and properly engaged as we serve the people of St Helena, the following will be included as an agenda item for the next informal Legislative Council meeting: **Cohesive Working within Council – SHG Officers and Elected Members.**

As we serve the people of St Helena, elected representatives rely on the integrity of SHG officers and SHG Administration.

With reference to cohesive working at local government level, in the best interests of the future of the territory, I believe a working group should be established consisting of councillors of Ascension Island and of St Helena. In view of the close geographical location of the two islands, such a working group can look into common objectives, shared interests and possible joint ventures that will identify potential long-term and sustainable economic benefits for both of our communities. The directive from the UK government specifically states in the 2012 White Paper: 'Each Territory has a unique community and it is for the Territory to shape the future of its own community.' Ascension, St Helena and Tristan da Cunha make up the one single territory. Elected representatives have a responsibility to work in the long-term best interests of the people of the territory. We must all seriously consider that it is the residents of the territory who will be directly affected by properly thought through decisions or detrimental decisions that are impossible to reverse once implemented. For example, it is of paramount importance to ensure that decisions that are taken on the fish resources of the territory today will not have a negative impact on the needs of future generations.

GRANT OF ST HELENIAN STATUS

In accordance with Section 15(3) of the Immigration Ordinance, 2011, the following persons have been granted St Helenian Status with effect from:

28 February 2019

- **Mr Michael John Durnford** of Pitreavie, Cleughs Plain
- **Mr David James Pryce** of Grove Lodge Cottage, Pink Grove, Levelwood

**SHG
6 March 2019**



WEEDS WATCH



Namibian Ice-plant (*Galenia populosa*)

Have you seen this plant?



Origin: Namibia

Introduction: Sand imported for the construction of the airport

Known distribution: The airport, Millennium Forest, LEMP sites and any other areas where the sand might have been moved to.

Why is it a threat?: These plants can easily spread over large areas where they could outcompete the native and endemic plant species.

How can you help ?

If you see the plant:

- Note your location
- Take a photo if possible
- Contact us.

NB - Please DO NOT remove the plants!

With your help we can stop the spread!



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The St. Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) is looking for expressions of interest from members of the public wishing to engage in casual part time employment

The nature of the work could include any of the following:

- Day/Night watchmen services
- Processing of fish for the local market
- Support in collecting fish from fishing vessels (which could include driving)
- Support in processing fish for our export market/s
- Deep cleaning of factory premises and equipment
- Bagging of Ice
- Or combination of all of the above

If interested in these work areas you must be physically able to lift at least 20kg independently and up to approximately 90kg assisted.

Our labour needs will be sporadic. There is no predefined working hours. Casual employment will be called upon on a need bases and could include undertaking any of these work areas during normal working day timeframes (6.30am – 8pm) or during none core hours including nights, evenings and Sundays.

We are interested in hearing from you as to what casual employment you could offer SHFC so that a register can be developed.

If you are interested please get in contact with Terri Clingham on telephone no.22333 or email terri.clingham@shfc.sh
We would ask that contact is made expressing your interest by
Friday 15th March 2018



PRESS RELEASE

Change in Sure's Broadband Packages from 1 April 2019

Sure SA Ltd will be revising its Broadband packages from 1 April 2019 in response to the rising cost of providing these services. However, the company is also improving the value of its packages.

“Sure continually strives to maintain the value of its services while aiming to provide the quality and reliability that customers expect. Over the past five years we have reduced the price of our Broadband packages year-on-year while also improving speeds and expanding inclusive allowances,” said Christine Thomas, Sure’s Chief Executive for Saint Helena Island.

“However, due to the rising cost of providing these services to customers, it has become necessary for Sure to increase the cost of all Broadband packages by 4% from 1 April 2019.

“The price increase has been balanced against an increase in the inclusive allowances on all packages, which enhances the value of our services to customers. Also the price of overage, the charge imposed when customers exceed their allowance, will be reduced from 7p per MB to 5p per MB.”

Changes in package fees and inclusive allowances from 1 April 2019 are as follows (excluding SHG 10% Service Tax):

	LITE		BRONZE		SILVER		SILVER+		GOLD		GOLD+	
	Current	01 April 2019										
CONNECTION SPEED (kpbs)	1024/512	1024/512	1024/512	1024/512	1536/512	1536/512	1536/512	1536/512	2048/768	2048/768	2048/768	2048/768
INCLUSIVE ALLOWANCE (MB)	750	800	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,800	5,000	5,500	10,000	11,000	21,000	24,000
PRICE	£12.80	£13.31	£19.45	£20.23	£38.95	£40.51	£52.25	£54.34	£78.85	£82.00	£153.90	£160.06
OVERAGE PER MB	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05

Should customers have any queries relating to these changes they can contact Sure’s Customer Services team on 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh.



**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 (delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh) on 22920.



For more information please contact
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TEMPORARY STOCK TAKERS REQUIRED

St Helena Audit Service (SHAS) requires temporary personnel to assist with Year End Stock taking.

SHAS is interested to engage suitably competent candidates on St Helena to assist with year-end stock takes of various local entities on the Island. Candidates must possess basic numeracy, be computer literate and ideally have some working experience in performing year end stock taking procedures. This position will be paid at a rate of **£35 per day**. On the job training will be provided to the successful candidates.

The stock takes will generally take place from 15 March 2019 and through to 12 April 2019, actual dates will be confirmed to successful candidates.

For more information please contact Cassidy Beard on email: cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh or Tel: 22111. Applicants can submit a copy of their CV to Cassidy Beard on the above email or at the Audit Office, Top floor, Post Office Building in Jamestown by no later than 4 p.m. on 13 March 2019.



SAINT HELENA AUDIT SERVICE
External Auditors

6 March 2019

VACANCY FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ suitably qualified Teachers to work in the Primary Sector. The successful applicants will be required to teach all subjects across the primary curriculum.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self motivated and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is based on qualifications. The salary band for teachers on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114 per annum. Opportunities are available for career progression.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs. Carlean Crowie, Headteacher Harford Primary, on telephone number 24719 or e-mail carlean.crowie@primary.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the HR Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 18 March 2019.

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

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Acting Director of Education & Employment
7 March 2019



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Training opportunities available

Community Education—Core Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Functional Skills English	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
Functional Skills Maths	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
Essential Skills (Maths & English)	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
BCS E-safety Level 1	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
ECDL IT: The ECDL programme defines the skills and competencies necessary to use a computer and common computer applications. It offers a wide range of modules including Computer Essentials, Word Processing and IT Security. Candidates take tests in the modules which are most relevant to their educational and professional requirements, thereby creating their ECDL Profile. Whether in school, university or in the workplace, ECDL offers the skills you need to succeed.	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
Get Connected—Basic IT Skills: Our Get Connected—Basic IT Skills is an unaccredited course provided by SHCC ICT that introduces users to the Computer. It is aimed to help learners with the basic IT skills. You will work with a tutor who will get to know you and help you gain skills and confidence with finding your way around the Computer and doing basics such as compiling an email or typing a letter.	10 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
SHCC Microsoft Core Skills: Our Microsoft Core Skill Courses is an unaccredited course provided by SHCC that is aimed to equip learners with the core skills needed to live, learn and work successfully. The courses can help you develop skills that are useful in your job or in everyday living. You will work with a tutor who will get to know you and your learning goals and help you gain skills and confidence in using Microsoft Applications.	09 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19

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Community Education—Personal & Cultural Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Emergency First Response—Primary & Secondary Care	29 March 2019; 24 April 2019; 06 May 2019	£20.00	01 March—08 March 19 03 April—10 April 19 14 April—21 April 19
Emergency First Response— Care of the Child	10 May 2019	£20.00	04 April—18 April 19
Emergency First Response—Renewals	26 April 2019	£10.00	22 March—05 April 19
Manual Handling	11 March 2019; 13 May 2019	£10.00	01 March—08 March 19 15 April—29 April 19
Fire Safety	12 March 2019; 16 April 2019; 14 May 2019	£15.00	01 March—08 March 19 22 March—02 April 19 16 April—30 April 19
Food And Hygiene Safety	Flexible	£20.00	01 April—21 April 19

Coursera

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Business English: Management and Leadership	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Building Your Leadership Skills	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Conversations That Inspire: Coaching Learning, Leadership and Change	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Inspiring and Motivating Individuals	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Financial Markets	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Design strategy: Design thinking for business strategy and entrepreneurship	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Converting Challenges into Opportunities	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Diversity and inclusion in the workplace	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Strategic Management	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Teaching & assessing Clinical Skills	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Construction Management	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Coaching Skills for Managers	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Leading People and Teams	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Inspired Leadership	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Career Success	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19
Specialization: Human Resource Management: HR for People Managers	April 2019	Sub £40; Full £80	11 March—25 March 19

Open University

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Open University Courses	May 2019	Sub £960; Full £2879	28 February—11 March 19

For further information about St Helena Community College training opportunities, the registration process and/or to request a registration form please contact:

Carley Peters, Administration Officer, on email address: carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh

Alternatively you can call St Helena Community College (SHCC) on telephone number **22607** or visit **SHCC in person**; The St Helena Community College is based in Jamestown, just below Pilling Primary School.

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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 2019/27:** FULL Planning Application for **Minor Tree Maintenance**, Castle Gardens on Parcel 040007 Jamestown, adjacent to the Public Library. Applicant: Agriculture & Natural Resources, Environment & Natural Resources Directorate
2. **Application 2019/28:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Use from Shop to Cafe**, The Bazaar on Parcel 080028 Jamestown, adjacent to the Bank of Saint Helena Ltd. Applicant: Ann Clarke
3. **Application 2019/29:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of Double Garage**, Pink Grove, Levelwood on Parcel 0417 Silver Hill, adjacent to Cecil Samuel. Applicant: Roberta L Thomas & Ryan Samuel
4. **Application 2019/30:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Bottom Woods Comprehensive Development Area (Allocation of Plots and Infrastructure)**. Applicant: Derek Pedley (St Helena Government)
5. **Application 2019/31:** FULL Planning Application for **Demolition of Existing House and Re-Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, No. 2 Plantation Square on Parcel 0107 Scotland, adjacent to Crown Land. Applicant: Hazel and Adam Savva
6. **Application 2019/32:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form a Patio and En-suite Bedroom** on Parcel 0708 & 0709 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Raymond Benjamin. Applicant: Tanya Benjamin

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 : 8 March 2019
Public Review Closing Date : 22 March 2019

Andrew Chawora
Locum Chief Planning Officer



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LOCAL DEBIT CARD TRANSACTIONAL FEE REDUCED

With effect from 01 April 2019, the Bank of St Helena Local Debit Card Transaction Fee will be reduced from 1.25% to 1%.

The Card Transaction Fee will continue to be capped at £3.00 i.e. with effect from 01 April 2019, any transaction over £300.00 will remain at £3.00

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VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking a highly motivated person to fill the role of Finance Manager. The candidate will be responsible to the Executive Manager for managing the Directorate's financial function which includes its annual recurrent budget and revenue, providing advice and support to staff and senior management on all relevant financial policies and procedures and for verifying all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English, Maths or Accounting and a CAT qualification, or working towards achieving the award. The candidate should also demonstrate proficient IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access Dimensions or similar. Salary for the post will start at £11,034 per annum.

The current job profile available for this role is subject to change due to the Directorate undergoing a change with effect from 1 April 2019. For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Henry at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

An application form and Job Profile is available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Friday 15 March 2019.

Derek Henry
Director of Environment and Natural Resources
26 February 2019



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SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCIES

The Safeguarding Directorate has the following vacancies:

Children's Residential Home Supervisor (one year fixed term)

The Supervisor will be responsible for providing high quality care and protection to children of all ages, residing in the Home. Potential candidates should possess Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics and English, an NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3, experience in dealing with children and young people and a valid Driving Licence, Class A.

Some of the key tasks of the role are:

Assist in assessing the children's needs and promoting their independence.

Participate in Looked after Child reviews and contribute towards the child's care plan and attend any multi agency meetings as deemed necessary.

To ensure health and safety standards are maintained for the Children's Residential Home.

To be responsible for maintaining the staff roster and ensuring safe cover at all times when children are resident.

The salary for this post is grade D, commencing at £11, 034.00 per annum.

IDVA/SDVA/CIDVA Domestic Abuse Service Lead

The domestic abuse lead will have overall responsibility for managing and facilitating the provision of outreach advocacy and support to survivors of domestic abuse, male and female, and their children, who reside within the local community. This also includes supporting the women and children who reside in our Safe Haven facility.

Duties of the post include:

Manage the access to the Safe Haven accommodation and support services to ensure provision of services effective in supporting victims/survivors of domestic abuse.

Assist in assessing the service user's needs, and their children's needs (where applicable) and promote empowerment and their independence.

Construct support plans for resident and non-resident service users, in partnership with other agencies and professionals where appropriate.

Attend, and participate in, multi-agency meetings regarding service users and/or their children as and when necessary.

The successful Candidate should be in possession of GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above, NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3 or equivalent and have relevant experience of working with vulnerable adults and safeguarding children. The applicant must have a valid driving license (and access to own vehicle for work purposes).

The salary for this post is grade D commencing at £11, 034.00 per annum.

Please contact Mrs. Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director, on telephone number 22713 or on email address tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information.

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, 22nd 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.

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.

Tracy Poole-Nandy
Director
06th March 2019
Safeguarding Directorate



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.**



Vacancy - Customer Service Assistant - NAAFI Ascension Island

We have a vacancy for a CSA to work within our retail and leisure establishments at Traveller's Hill. Hours of work are 48 per week and shift timings will include split shifts, unsociable hours & weekends.

The successful candidate should have excellent customer service skills, be reliable and trustworthy, able to use their own initiative, be flexible and willing to learn, and of sober habits. Full on-job training will be given

Free passage will be provided from and to the Country of origin.

The successful person will need to undergo medical, dental and security checks prior to start of employment.

For further information, terms & conditions, and an application form please contact Delemarie Hopkins on dhopkins@naafi.co.uk or telephone number 0050051217 (Falklands Office) or Siobhan Stewart (Ascension Office) on email [sstewart@naafi.co.uk](mailto:ssewart@naafi.co.uk) or telephone number 0029063270



World Thinking Day (WTD) 2019

World Thinking Day (WTD) 2019 was hosted by the Half-Tree-Hollow Girlguiding Units at the HTH Community Centre under an appropriate theme of LEADERSHIP. Such a theme lent itself to opportunities to create a fun space where all Rangers, Girl Guides, Brownie Guides and Rainbow Guides were able to share in a Day of activities which combined the past with the chances and choices of our present and future. WTD 2019 invited all of us – Girls, Leaders and all other adults of Girlguiding St Helena (GGSH) alike - to set out on an exciting adventure as we practised leadership together.

Opening and Welcome Speeches were given by GG President Ivy Ellick, Assistant Commissioner Justine Joshua and HTH's Rainbow Leader Natasha Stevens, who in their different ways reiterated WTD 2019 as a dedication to the first group of girls who, in 1909 (110 years ago), took the lead and demanded something for themselves when they visited a Boy Scout Rally at Crystal Palace in London and asked Lord Baden-Powell to create something for girls. The WTD speeches emphasized to our listening audience that those young girls who took the initiative to go forward to speak up for themselves, were the early champions of a girl-led organisation which has become our global Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting Movement with 10 million members in 150 countries. We were invited to celebrate these first leaders and all Girl Guides and Girl Scouts since, who have found space in their busy lives to practise leadership in the Movement. At this point in the Opening, we were delighted to be introduced to Christine Thomas, one of our panel of Judges, who had agreed to become Vice President of GGSH. Christine was welcomed and spent part of the morning with us. A resounding point brought the Opening section of the Day's Programme to an end when we were asked to think about **what it means to be a leader**, and with no time or effort at all to explore this question in our minds, we were made to realise that **EVERYTHING** we do in Girl Guiding and Girl Scouting **is GROWING LEADERSHIP** – and that means **every single member** of our exciting and inspiring Movement here on St Helena and around the world!



Leader Natasha then outlined the programme for the Day, and with a mindset of what it means to lead, everyone in their pre-organised cross-sectional groups, set off to enjoy the activities laid out around the Centre. These activities were craft-based and games - all involving a mindset of leadership as follows:

- **Taking responsibility** - to listen and act (eg following a set of instructions for creating a Peace Dove); -to decide

on a way which will change your life to create more time for feeling peaceful and write messages of peace - **leaders are kind to themselves**

- **Making decisions** - to work out fact from fiction -true or false statements about the history of GG – **leaders keep searching for the truth**

- **Showing reliability** - to lead a blind-folded team without talking where no-one speaks the same language- **leaders adapt their behaviour to their environment**

- **Learning and reflecting** - we like to make time to reflect, and care for ourselves so we are prepared to make the world better for others - **leaders keep learning about the world around them**

- **Building trust and encouraging team-work** – working together as a team/patrol/six/group – **leaders build trust in their team**

The afternoon activities continued in a relaxed atmosphere over lunchtime and a showing of a DVD of GGSH's fantastic efforts in 2010 to celebrate Guiding Around the World 'float-style' in recognition of 100 Years of International Guiding, wowed us back to some fantastic memories of our Guiding past on St Helena – a fine example of leadership at its best being show-cased and celebrated colourfully and happily!

Staying with the past, other activities involved Leaders talking about what Leadership was like (and still is) back in their day! The letters of the word Leadership reflected, acrostically, many related aspects of a leadership journey, which the girls contributed to and compared any likenesses of the past with the present – there were many! Other relative past activities included Knot Tying which was expertly demonstrated and practised with the girls; games like Fivestones and Buttons had the girls practising their throwing, catching, scooping and flicking skills. They seemed to love the games, but when compared to their games of today, we are not sure that they went home and immediately put away their Tablets, I pads, etc, for those little easily found cheap/free resources lying somewhere in the garden outside waiting to be tossed into the air or flicked towards a pothole! Taking the lead in their chosen pastimes or holiday activities would be their decision; finding a space to accommodate them would be another. However, the experience of the Day's events should allow our young leaders of today/tomorrow to see and feel the links brought about through creative thinking, building bridges and connecting our world.

Following a scrumptious tea, everyone prepared themselves for the Closing Ceremony which included Enrolments/Promise-making and Moving On, as well as the Presentation of Awards. Being involved in any of these activities is pretty special on WTD – it is so special because you are not likely to forget that you made your Promise or Moved On to another section on such a Day in front of all Girlguiding contingents! Such was the feeling for Brownies from different area units, who proudly made their Promise to Commissioner Heather and had their badges pinned onto sashes, which they will endeavour to decorate with others over the months to come; Guides in like manner made their Promise and were enrolled with their badges and were then back in their 'horseshoe' formation to receive and welcome new Guides who were moving on from Brownies to their Sector.

World Thinking Day (WTD) 2019

Next came the presentation of awards, and this year The Guide of the Year Award went to Longwood Ranger Marcella Mittens, with St Paul's Guide Brooke Yon as Runner-up; the Brownie Award of the Year returned to Jamestown and was won by Gineil George with Ava Thomas as Runner-up. These young girl leaders are an inspiration to others as they have shown commitment, responsibility and admirable leadership in meeting the challenge. Likewise, all other submitters of Profiles/Journals were congratulated for their efforts and wished well in their future endeavours to not only fully meet the challenge to submission stage, but to take the lead in encouraging other members of their Units to enjoy recording their girlguiding experiences as they continue on their journeys. Then followed the shiny coins contributions, which were placed by every member present in support of our TD Fund, on the badge poster mat.

The closing of the Day's events included a prayer and reflective speeches by Deputy Commissioner Eileen Hudson and Commissioner Heather Cowdry, who paid tribute to the HTH Units and Leaders for an enjoyable and well-organised WTD 2019. Special mention, obvious in everyone's minds, was of Rainbow Leader Natasha Stevens who had taken the lead in planning and organising WTD with her colleagues, weeks beforehand. Natasha showed great initiative and we thank her for the part she played. Everyone was finally thanked for attending this special day and presented with a THINKING DAY 2019 badge. Now this was a special treat, and we will wear it



with pride as we continue on our leadership journey for the rest of this guiding year. For all of us in Girlguiding around the world, Leadership is a shared journey, which, when considered as teamwork, brings positive change to our lives, the lives of others and the wider community. We are told that 'we can all practise leadership by choosing to explore our "ways of being and thinking about the world" and using what we learn about ourselves to work on our behaviour as leaders, every day.' This is an ongoing challenge within our journey – one that takes us to the far ends of leadership practice and guides us towards a greater understanding of the world around us.

**Contributed by Betty Joshua
PRO for GGSB**

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 3rd March 2019

Good visibility, high clouds and light winds provided great golfing conditions for the 20 players who turned up to participate in the St Helena Golf Club sponsored Par 3 competition that took place on 3rd March 2019. A Par 3 Competition is a format where all the 18 holes are played on shortened fairways. Players had to play from new tee boxes using a fraction of their full handicap. Eileen Wallace playing off handicap 17 beat the male dominated field and emerged top on the leaderboard with net 52. Proving that women too can play great golf. Our newly elected President of the Club Mr Ron De Reuck playing off handicap 14 took second place with net 54. Only two players got birdies to share the two ball pool. A clear demonstration that a Par 3 competition is not as easy as it sounds. Mr Gerald George got a 2 on hole number 11 and Mr Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy got 2's in Hole 1 and 7. Congratulations to all the winners.

Next Sunday 10th March 2019 will be 18 Hole Stroke play Competition. Tee off time 12:00. Registration is ongoing. You can register by; adding your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, Leave a Voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SGHC.org.sh Parents and guardians of junior golfers are reminded that there will be no junior golfers training on 8th March 2019. Happy golfing. We look forward to seeing you on the course.....!

**Contributed by;
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RMS T20 2019 Results

Sat 02 March

Allstarz 266/1

Ross Henry 89*

Darrell Leo 74*

David Francis 3/1

Sanjay Clingham 3/8

Mustangs 49

Jason Williams 10

Luke Bennett 9

Luke Bennett 1/30

Performance Points

Darrell Leo 3, Ross Henry 2, Jerry Thomas 1



1:30pm

Challengers 257/6

Sean-Lee Thomas 101*

Andrew Yon 85

Alex Langham 4/13

Jordi Henry 2/18

Lions 61

Nick Aldridge 11

Alan Thomas 9

Perry Leo 2/42

Nick Aldridge 2/46

Performance Points

Sean Lee Thomas 3, Andrew Yon 2, Alex Langham 1



Sun 03 March

10:30am

Heat 325/2

Ryan Belgrove 150*

Scott Crowie 87*

Barry Stroud 3/4

Jerome Peters 1/9

Woodpeckers 142

Chris Owen 41

Adrian Bowers 31

Trystan Thomas 2/56

Performance Points

Ryan Belgrove 3, Scott Crowie 2, Christian George 1

Fixtures

Sat 09 March

1.30pm

Heat V Pirates

Umpires: Mustangs

Sun 10 March

10.00am

Mustangs V Lions

Umpires: Heat

1.30pm

Woodpeckers V Allstarz

Umpires: Challengersw

PLEASE NOTE: Sunday morning matches will now start half an hour earlier.



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Prosperity Through Partnership

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "Sale by Tender" the following four plots of land at Sea View within Parcel No AF0288, Registration Section Alarm Forest.

Plot 1 - 1.01 acres

Plot 2 - 1.18 acres

Plot 3 - 1.11 acres

Plot 4 - 1.05 acres

A reserve price of £35,000 per plot has been set - offers below this price are unlikely to be accepted. Persons may tender for more than one plot should they so wish.

Interested persons can collect a map of the area from Solomon's Main Office, Reception Desk, Jamestown.

Viewing has been set for Friday 29 March 2019 at 10 am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Melissa Ward-Andrews, Lands Secretary on telephone number +290 22380. Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the Plot Number(s) on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer in Jamestown by no later than 4pm on **Friday 05 April 2019.**

06 March 2019

UPDATE – AIRLINK AIR SERVICES BETWEEN JOHANNESBURG AND ST HELENA ISLAND

Airlink is pleased to announce that its air services between Johannesburg and St Helena Island will now perform an en-route technical fuel-stop in Walvis Bay Namibia rather than Windhoek, as from Saturday 7 April 2019.

The flight schedule will remain the same; the flight departs from Johannesburg ORTIA at 09h00 arriving at St Helena International Airport at 13h15 Local Time. The return flight departs St Helena at 14h30 arriving at Johannesburg at 21h15 SA Time. The service is operated by an Embraer 190 E-jet.

The return flight from St Helena will normally operate non-stop.

Due to the flight duration and prevailing headwinds, an en-route technical fuel-stop is necessary. This refuelling stop currently takes place at Windhoek's Hosea Kutako International Airport, which was initially chosen because of the possibility of connectivity.

With Walvis Bay located at 300ft above sea-level with cooler

meteorological conditions compared to Windhoek at 5600ft above sea level, Airlink will benefit by accommodating an additional 11 customers between Johannesburg and St Helena Island. Currently the flight is restricted to 87 seats including 6 business class seats on departing from Windhoek due to high temperature and high airport elevation.

St Helena is a 47 square mile sub-tropical paradise, with rolling hills and a rugged coastline, prime terrain for walks and hiking. Jamestown, the capital of the remote island of St Helena, retains much of its remarkable heritage and tells the story of colonial conquest, slavery, the age of sailing ships, war and exile. St Helena island has an incredible range of wildlife, and unique range of plants and animals found nowhere else in the world. One of St Helena's greatest attractions is its unique culture and most famous for being the setting and backdrop for the final chapter of Napoleon's life.

Benefits for Airlink travellers include Voyager Miles, convenient seamless connections with SAA and its global partner flights.



UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER PROGRAMME

As part of an ongoing Unaccounted for Water Programme, Connect Saint Helena Ltd staff will be visiting homes and businesses over the course of the next few months reading individual water meters.

The purpose of this exercise is to establish where water has undergone treatment and entered the water distribution network but does not end up being metered at the consumers' premises. This is lost water which the Unaccounted for Water Programme seeks to minimise.

Consumers are assured that this exercise will not have any negative effect on their water supply and should take no longer than a few minutes.

Our staff will be carrying identification which they can show to you.

If you are unsure about the identity of the caller, please contact the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Admin Office on 22255 for verification or if you have any further questions.

Your co-operation in helping us is greatly appreciated.

05 March 2019



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last weekend in the EPL quite a few derby games were played. The biggest and most important game of the weekend was Liverpool's short trip across Stanley Park to face Everton last Sunday. Liverpool needed victory to leapfrog City after their win at Bournemouth on Saturday but Klopp's side lacked the cutting edge to break the deadlock in a tense Merseyside derby.

Everton goalkeeper Jordan Pickford, the villain when Origi scored Liverpool's 96th-minute winner at Anfield in December, was the hero with an excellent first-half save from Salah, who was denied by a superb last-ditch challenge from Michael Keane after the break.

Liverpool goalkeeper Alisson was rarely troubled apart from a diving save from Dominic Calvert-Lewin's header and while the title chasers created the better opportunities, they were frustrated - as they were against Manchester United at Old Trafford a week ago.

Manchester City is now a point clear with nine games remaining, while Everton stay 10th.

City game against Bournemouth saw them create 23 chances but only manage to score the one goal. Bournemouth didn't register a shot at City's goal.

The weekend started with the North London Derby between Spurs and Arsenal. Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang saw a last-minute penalty saved by Hugo Lloris to cost Arsenal victory and ensure Tottenham retained a crucial advantage over their rivals in the battle for a top-four place.

Harry Kane's disputed penalty put Spurs level with 16 minutes left after Aaron Ramsey's coolly taken 16th-minute goal threatened to impose a third successive league defeat on boss Mauricio Pochettino for the first time in his reign.

Arsenal were then handed a golden opportunity to close to within one point of Spurs after Davinson Sanchez fouled Aubameyang, but the striker's tame penalty was easily saved low to his right by the diving Lloris.

And to add to the late drama, Arsenal's Torreira was sent off for a reckless challenge on Rose in the final seconds.

Manchester United scored a late winner to beat Southampton 3-2 in a match where the Saints had two good penalty appeals turn down. Defender, Valery had given struggling Saints a surprise lead with an outstanding finish from around 25 yards before United turned it around with two goals in six second-half minutes.

Andreas Pereira equalised with a spectacular long-range strike before setting up Lukaku to make it 2-1.

Saints fought back to make it 2-2 through James Ward-Prowse's superb free-kick before Lukaku's dramatic winner. In an incident-packed match, Paul Pogba missed the chance to make it 4-2 when Angus Gunn saved his late penalty.

In other matches on Saturday Brighton returned to winning way as they beat Huddersfield 1-0. Huddersfield remains rooted to the bottom of the table. Crystal Palace eased their relegation worries as they recorded a good 3-1 away win against Burnley. Wolves defeated Cardiff by 2 goals to 0 meant the Welsh club remain in the relegation zone. The final match on Saturday saw Declan Rice starred for West Ham as they defeated Newcastle 2-0.

Fulham put up a fairly good performance under new manager Scott Parker as they narrowly lost to Chelsea. Gonzalo Higuain set Chelsea on the way to a first Premier League away win of 2019 with a high-quality finish from Cesar Azpilicueta's cross.

Fulham equalised through Calum Chambers from a corner, awarded after recalled Chelsea keeper Kepa Arrizabalaga produced an outstanding stop to keep out Aleksandar Mitrovic's volley.

They were level for only four minutes, Jorginho's finish from 20 yards leaving Chelsea only two points adrift of fourth spot. Ryan Sessegnon thought he had equalised in the closing moments but the 18-year-old's effort was ruled out for offside.

The other match on Sunday saw Watford beat Leicester City 2-1. Leicester too is under new management. This was Brendan Rogers' first match in charge.

The drama of the Champions League returned to our screens this week and it certainly didn't disappoint. On Tuesday Real Madrid reign as Champions of the Champions League came to an end as they lost 4-1 at home to Ajax. Madrid went into the game 2-1 up from their away leg against the Dutch Champions having won the Champions League Trophy for the past 3 seasons. Real looked fragile without Captain Sergio Ramos, serving a two-match ban "for clearly receiving a yellow card on purpose" in the tie's first leg.

Their miserable night was compounded as Nacho was sent off in injury time for a second bookable offence, as Ajax became the first team to overturn a 2-1 first-leg home defeat in the Champions League.

Spurs had to withstand early pressure from Dortmund in the first half as they looked to protect their 3-0 first leg advantage. Hugo Lloris was brilliant in the Spurs goal as he made a number of saves. The London club rode their luck and Kane's first effort on goal just after halftime and confirmed a 4-0 aggregate win for a Tottenham side that defended doggedly throughout.

If Tuesday matches were tense, nothing could have prepared us for Wednesday night's match between PSG and Manchester United. We not much confidence I predicted a 3-1 win for United on my Radio show on St FM. Lukaku scored within the first 2 minutes and set the tone for us United fans to believe. Even when PSG equalised and was dominating possession I still had a feeling this was going to be our night. Lukaku then scored his second and when the combination of De Gea and Smalling denied Mbappe I knew the omens were favouring our team.

Rashford thumped home the VAR-awarded spot-kick in the 94th minute after Diogo Dalot's speculative shot struck Kimpembe on the arm.

The odds were stacked against United in Paris, but they became the first team in Champions League and European Cup history, at the 107th time of asking, to overcome a 2-0 or greater home first-leg deficit.

United fans all over the world celebrated their best ever night in the Champions League since the 21st May 2008.

In the other match another VAR penalty decision for Porto saw them defeat Roma 3-1 on the night and advance to the Quarter Final 4-3 on aggregate.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Ole Solskjaer greatest Champions League moments Bayern Munich 1999- PSG 2019

EPL fixtures for the weekend start at 12.30 on Saturday with Crystal Palace hosting Brighton; West Ham travel to Wales to play Cardiff at 3pm. Other 3pm games will see Huddersfield play Bournemouth; Leicester host Fulham, Newcastle

will play Everton and Southampton will play Spurs at St Mary's. The late match on Saturday will see the leaders Man City host Watford.

On Sunday Liverpool will hope to stay in touch with City as they play Burnley at Anfield at 12 noon. Chelsea host Wolves at 2.05pm and Arsenal will look to leap frog Manchester United when they play the 'Red Devils' at 4.30pm.

The remainder of the Champions' League round of 16 will take place next Tuesday and Wednesday. Manchester City will go into their match at home against Schalke with a 3-2 aggregate lead. Whilst Liverpool travel to Germany to play Bayern Munich with the tie all square at 0-0. Great opportunity for all 4 Premier League teams, to be in next Friday's draw for the Quarter Final

St Helena International Team for Ynys Mon 2019

Last match of 3 took place against a strong Local XI plus Deon in Goal in the first half for them and Jia in the second half. Deon produce a string of good saves in the first half to keep the score 0-0. 25 minutes into the game and Ryan and Matthias put a good passing move together starting from the half way line and this resulted in Matthais firing a shot into the top corner with the outside of his left foot. Another good passing move resulted in Rico scoring to make it 2 nil. With a minute to go in the half Rico capitalized on a mistake in the defence to make the half time score 3 nil.

Rico completed his hat trick in the second half scoring with a header from a corner and completed a 4-0 win.



Full squad minus Keith Yon and Brett Isaac who are injured.
BR L-R: Kyle Yon; Clayton Benjamin, Cody Leemark Thomas, Rico Benjamin, Jordan Yon, Ronan Legg, Mike-Williams Jace Williams Ross O'Dean Lee Yon Jacob Duncan Trystan Thomas.

FR L-R: Liam Yon Matthias Young Ryan Benjamin Jia Peters Deon M Yon Dane Wade Julian Henry Brandon Harris
Fund raising is continuing; the latest been a couples night at the Blue Lantern sponsored by Keith and Craig Yon....£10 from each meal was donated to SHFA Ynys Mon 2019...along with takings from Sideshows £552.50 was raised.



The Women's Corona Society

The Women's Corona Society 200 club monthly raffle draw winners as follows

December 2018

1st prize Mrs Heather Timm, crack plain
2nd prize Mrs Lily Williams, Sapper way
3rd prize Mr Dale Constantine, Pounceys

Jan 2019

1st prize Ms Joan Yon, Barracks square
2nd Mrs Catherine George, Sapper way
3rd prize Mrs Delia Allen, Lower farm lodge

Feb 2019

1st prize Mrs Edith Dollery, New ground
2nd prize Mrs Leatrice Benjamin, Nr high knoll
3rd prize Mrs Olive Williams, Jamestown

Winners of the xmas raffle are

1 st prize Mr Gavin Ellick New ground, Turkey
2nd prize Mrs Coral Henry, Longwood Avenue, Luxury Hamper
3rd prize Mrs Milly Benjamin, Rupert's, xmas flower arrangement.

Tender

The Environment & Natural Resources Directorate has for sale by public tender, the following item:
30 x 30m lengths of used Festoon lights.

These will be sold on an "as is", "where is" basis

Viewing can take place at Roads compound during normal working hours up until the tender closing date, by prior arrangement with the Roads Manager, Telephone No. 23765. The closing date for tender to be placed in the tender box at Essex House or sent to the above email address is 12 noon on Friday, 14 March 2019.

Derek Henry
Director
04 March 2019

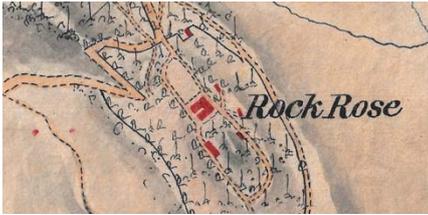


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Rock Rose History 1795-2019

When Governor Robert Brooke (1787-1801) established Plantation House as his official residence in 1795, he decided to build another house a few miles further south, towards Sandy Bay, which would give the governor a less official dwelling, though still one of respectable size and standing.

A superb two storey house with spacious rooms and well laid out around a magnificent ebony staircase was built at the top of Deep Valley. The house was U shaped with a courtyard between the front and back buildings as shown below in the 1872 Royal Engineer map and sketch by J.Broadway.



A stone once found at the site bore the following inscription:- R.B. Esq. GOVERNOR 1789. This stone was probably cut for Plantation House by Robert Brooke.

It was in reasonably good condition and was lived in by several families until being abandoned in the 1970s.



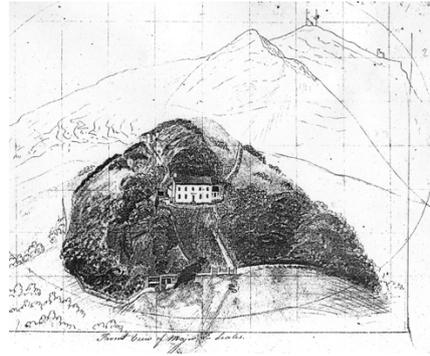
By 1980 it was derelict...



and a ruin by 2015



The earliest view of the house is from J.Broadway's sketch book 1806 when it was the dwelling of Major Francis Seale.



The governors who came after Brooke, whether Patton, Beatson or Wilks, used the house both as a country retreat and, more often, as accommodation for long-term guests. While distinguished visitors who were merely stopping over on Saint Helena could easily be put up at Plantation House, important persons on visits lasting for weeks or even months were lodged at Rock Rose.

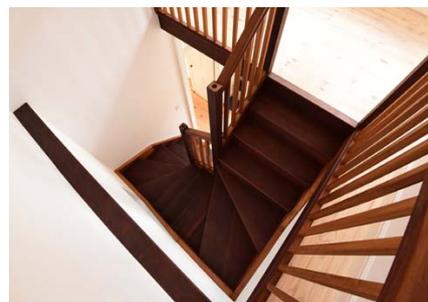
The place also helped the governor to make up for a shortage of other housing, as happened with Captain Pritchard's widow, who was still living at Rock Rose when Napoleon and Gourgaud visited it on 6 January 1816. They inspected Deep Valley, having managed, with Bertrand's complicity, to lose Poppleton, the English officer charged with escorting them, on the way.

In 2016 the ruin was acquired by W. A. Thorpe & Sons Ltd and was restored to a 2 bedroom house after 3 years of work by:

Brian Davies - Tom Wortley - Remi Bruneton
Mike Johnson - Tom Walker - Russell Leo
Dave Marr - Derek Henry - Stuart Yon
Nicky Phillips - Mark Fowler - Alex Williams
Eric Constantine - Lionel Wade - Adrian Williams
Justin Cranfield - Mark Anthony



The stair case was made not from ebony but from white ant resistant iroko by Mark Anthony.



Having intimated to Mrs Pritchard that she should find alternative accommodation, Sir Hudson Lowe installed a number of temporary lodgers there, including General Gourgaud who moved into the house on 13 February 1818 before embarking on the Marquis Camden on 14 March 1818. Lowe's secretary, Lieutenant Colonel Edward Wynyard and his wife stayed in the house until their departure for London aboard the Kingston on 13 June 1820.

The Seale family reoccupied the house until November 1867 when Mr G. V. Seale advertised it for sale. We believe the Estate was acquired by the Anglican Church and later sold to Solomon & Company around 1900.

The main house by that time was a ruin as this photo from 1903 shows.



Major Ted Moss recalls watching the building being demolished. The kitchens and servants quarters at the back survived the demolition and the back became known as Rock Rose as the front faded from memory.

The building was restored as sympathetically as possible using Spanish slate for the roof and lime mortar in a ratio of 1 lime, 2 dirt and 1 crusher dust to rebuild and point the stone walls. The main benefit of using lime is that it allows the house to breath because moisture is not trapped as it would be with cement.



Text adapted from 'In Napoleon's footsteps on Saint Helena' by Michel Martineau.



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St Helena Conference 2019

Nature's Benefits: Natural Capital in the South Atlantic



St Helena is set to welcome participants from across the South Atlantic and beyond at the upcoming conference celebrating the natural capital of the region. The theme is “*Nature’s Benefits, natural capital in the South Atlantic*” and the conference will be held from Monday 11th to Friday 15th March 2019.

The conference will be attended by participants from St Helena, the Falkland Islands, Ascension, South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha, including political representatives from each island. Talks will cover a range of topics about nature’s benefits from cloud forest to the value of the deep sea. There will be a number of speakers from the Overseas Territories including St Helena, and from UK and other international organisations and universities who have been connected to the project. The conference will also be a platform for our local researchers and students to share the outcomes of related research that they are doing on island. You can find details of all the speakers at <https://st-helena-conference.com/>. As well as talks, a poster session will be hosted at the St Helena Museum. Here are details of just a few of our speakers to whet your appetite!

DANIEL YON: Associate Professor – York University



Daniel Yon, filmmaker and anthropologist, is Associate Professor at York University, Toronto, jointly appointed to the Faculty of Education and the Department of Anthropology. He is the author of *Elusive Culture* (SUNY 2000) and a number of related articles dealing with urban youth, race, identity, globalisation. His two films, *100 Men* and *Sathima’s Windsong*, respectively, reflect an interest in migrations, displacements, memory and the Atlantic World. His third film, in post-production, based on St Helenian workers in the Copper Mines of Namaqualand, South Africa. He is a former Director of York’s Graduate Programme in Social Anthropology. His scholarly work and teaching includes the anthropology of race and racism; power and violence; ethnography of education and youth; cosmopolitanisms and belonging. Prior to graduate studies, he was a history teacher and then Curriculum Development Officer in post independent Zimbabwe. He was a founding member of the St Helena Heritage Society and now a life-member.

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CHRISTOPHER WILLIAMS: Associate Professor – Durham University Business School



Christopher Williams is Associate Professor in Management at Durham University Business School in the UK where he leads the Management Consultancy pathway on the MBA program. His research interests include innovation in international firms, knowledge creation and transfer,

offshore outsourcing and national systems of innovation. Dr Williams’ studies have been published in a range of journals

including *Asia Pacific Journal of Management*, *International Business Review*, *Journal of Management*, *Journal of Management Studies*, *Journal of World Business* and *Research Policy*. He has also published over 25 teaching cases on strategy and innovative issues in international contexts (Ivey Publishing) and is author of *Venturing in International Firms: Contexts and Cases in a High-Tech World* (Routledge, 2018) and *Management Consultancy for Innovation* (Routledge, forthcoming). Before entering academia in 2007, Dr Williams spent nearly two decades in industry, mostly in innovative and international environments, including international project management and consultancy.

TARA PELEMBE: South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI)



Tara’s role as Deputy Director of SAERI focuses on developing new partnerships and projects to expand the scope of work that SAERI undertakes. She also oversees the implementation of a number of these new initiatives including regional and multi-territory programmes of work and is collaborating with other Overseas Territories to promote the establishment of ‘sister’ environmental research institutes. Tara was previously the Head of the Conservation Department on Ascension Island and the Director of the Environmental Management Department on St. Helena. Tara’s interest and experience covers the whole spectrum of environmental management from conservation and biodiversity to waste management and climate change. She has considerable experience in the management of both small-scale and larger scale multi-disciplinary projects and has led and/or contributed to a large number of programmes and projects that range from on-the ground implementation initiatives to multi-party partnership working platforms. She is also an experienced in communication, networking, stakeholder engagement, workshop organisation and facilitation, project and programme management. Tara has an MSc from the University of Exeter in Conservation and Biodiversity and a BSc (Hons) in Geography from the University of St. Andrews.

EMILY HANCOX: Department of Mineral Resources, Falkland Islands Government (FIG)



Emily is currently undertaking a Master’s degree in Environmental Policy and Governance at Stirling University whilst on sabbatical from her role as Offshore Environmental Advisor for the Falkland Islands Government (FIG) Department of Mineral Resources. She graduated from Lancas-

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ter University with a BSc Hons in Environmental Biology and began her professional life as a Fisheries Observer, before working for SAERI. Her subsequent position with FIG has been focused on environmental regulation of the prospective hydrocarbons industry, in particular the proposed offshore Sea Lion development. Emily has a keen interest in natural heritage, inspired by growing up with the wildlife and landscapes of the Falklands. Passionate about the environment, she has been a community member of the Falkland's Environmental Committee for several years.

ALISTAIR MCVITTIE: Land Economy, Environment & Society, Scotland's Rural College (SRUC)



Alistair is an environmental economist with over 15 years' experience of applying economic analysis to a range of policy issues related to land use and the natural environment. His current research focuses on natural capital and ecosystem services, in particular the development of natural capital accounts for Scotland. His previous research has included work on public goods from agriculture, climate change mitigation and adaptation, marine protected areas, and animal welfare. Alistair has also contributed to large scale studies including The Economics of Ecosystems and Biodiversity (TEEB) and the UK National Ecosystem Assessment Follow-on.

THE HONORABLE MARK POLLARD – Falkland Islands

The son of a Falkland Islander and a Royal Marine who served in the Falklands, Mark moved to the Islands in 1985 and, apart from studying abroad, has lived in the Islands ever since. He is married to Cathy Pollard. Apart from a brief stint working for the Falkland Islands Government Fisheries Department, Mark has worked in telecommunications for the past 17 years in various engineering roles. His interests consists of all things Falklands, including photographing beautiful landscapes, reading about the Islands' history or discussing Falklands' politics. Mark has lead portfolio responsibility for Trade and Industry, Employment, Training and Immigration. He has secondary portfolio responsibility for Development and Commercial Services.

NICHOLAS CONNER – Senior Principal Economist, Office of Environment and Heritage



Nick is an environmental economist with over thirty years' international experience in natural resource management, including economic and social impact analysis, environmental-economic accounting and ecosystem service valuation. Nick has worked in Government terrestrial and marine conservation agencies, and in pro bono and consultancy work with international environmental organisations, especially the International Union for Conservation of Nature. Nick is currently Senior Principal Economist with the New South Wales Office of Environment and Heritage in Sydney, Australia.

SUE GREGORY – Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands (GSGSSI)



Sue has over a decade of experience working on marine issues at South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands. She has been the Marine Environment and Fisheries Manager for GSGSSI since April 2017, overseeing the day-to-day operation of South Georgia's fisheries and working with a range of stakeholders to ensure the sustainability of these world class, MSC certified fisheries. She played a

key role in the recent 5-year review of the SGSSI Marine Protected Area, and is a member of the UK delegation to the Commission for the Conservation of Antarctic Marine Living Resources. Prior to joining GSGSSI Sue worked as a fisheries ecologist on the South Georgia Project at the British Antarctic Survey for eight years, which included overwintering on South Georgia, spending considerable time on commercial fishing vessels as a scientific observer, and conducting research surveys.

The conference is funded by the UK Government and is organised by SAERI in partnership with the St. Helena Government, St. Helena Tourism and the JNCC. The event will be hosted at Anne's Place and, other than field-trips, attendance is absolutely free. We encourage members of the public to register in advance through the Tourist Office but it's also possible to turn up on the day.



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DATE	DAY-TIME ITINERARY	EVENING ITINERARY
Monday 11th March		18.00: Public talk and film screening by Professor Dan Yon, Consulate Hotel, Jamestown.
Tuesday 12th March	Conference, Anne's Place 09.00-17.00	
Wednesday 13th March	Conference, Anne's Place 09.00-17.00	16.00- 18.00 Public poster session, St Helena Museum, Jamestown.
Thursday 14th March	Conference, Anne's Place 09.00-17.00	
Friday 15th March		18.30: Fish Fry at Wicked Wahoo. £7/head, all welcome.

Tuesday 12th March 2019. Anne's Place.
Chairs: Chris Carnegie (am), Neil Fantom (pm)

Time	Speaker	Affiliation	Presentation title
08.30	COFFEE		
09.00	Her Excellency Governor Lisa Honan	UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Welcome
09.10	Councillor Christine Scipio	St Helena Legislative Council	Welcome to St Helena on behalf of the Legislative Council.
09.15	Tara Pelembe	South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute	Welcome from SAERI & JNCC, conference logistics
09.25	Councillor Kitty George	Ascension Island Council	Introduction to Ascension Island
09.35	Councillor Russell Yon	St Helena Legislative Council	Introduction to St Helena
09.45	Councillor James Glass	Tristan da Cunha Island Council	Introduction to Tristan da Cunha
09.55	The Honourable Mark Pollard MLA	Falkland Islands Legislative Assembly	Introduction to the Falkland Islands
10.05	Sue Gregory	Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands	Introduction to South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands
10.15	COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS		
10.30	Sam Cherratt	UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office	Introduction to the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF)
10.40	Amanda Gregory	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	CSSF Natural Capital Programme across the UK Overseas Territories
11.10	Jake Kuyser	eftec	St Helena Natural Capital Accounting
11.30	Ness Smith	South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute	The South Atlantic Natural Capital Project
12.00	Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks	St Helena Research Institute	Concept and status of the St Helena Research Institute
12.15	Lunch provided at Anne's Place		
13.00	Professor Dan Yon	York University, Canada	(Re)Imagining the South Atlantic World: island identity, planetary consciousness.
13.45	Dr Dimitrios Bormpoudakis & Dennis Leo	University of Kent & St Helena National Trust	Cultural ecosystem services across the South Atlantic
14.45	Derek Henry	St Helena Government	An overview of EMD and current work streams
14.30	COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS		
14.55	Isabel Peters	St Helena Government	The EIA process on St Helena
15.05	Mike Durnford	St Helena Government	Waste Management: Challenges, Constraints and Opportunities'
15.15	Vanessa Thomas	St Helena Government	A conservation success story; the Bastard Gumwood
15.25	Lourens Malan	St Helena Government	The Peaks National Park
15.35	Sasha Bargo	St Helena Government	Composting
15.45	Jeremy Harris	St Helena National Trust	Championing the conservation of St Helena's built, cultural, and natural heritage.
16.00	Shayla Ellick	St Helena National Trust	Habitat restoration and creation under the LEMP project
16.15	QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE DAY		
16.30	CLOSE		

Wednesday 13th March 2019. Anne's Place.
Chairs; Christine Scipio (am) and Emily Hancox (pm)

Time	Speaker	Affiliation	Presentation title
08.30	MORNING COFFEE		
09.00	Vicky Morgan	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Marine Natural Capital in the UK – a global model?
09.45	Dr Al Dove	Georgia Aquarium	Global significance of St Helena's whale sharks
10.30	COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS		
11.00	Elizabeth Clingham & Joanna Stockill	UK Foreign & Commonwealth Office, Marine Management Organisation	Blue Belt programme in the South Atlantic & St Helena
11.30	TBC	St Helena Government	Marine programme on St Helena
11.50	St Helena National Trust Marine Team	St Helena National Trust	SHNT's plastics and education programmes
12.10	Dr Sian Rees (by video link)	University of Plymouth	St Helena marine ecosystem services, vulnerability and indicators. Where next?
12.30	LUNCH please enjoy at one of the many options in Jamestown		
13.30	Sue Gregory	Government of South Georgia & the South Sandwich Islands	Sustainable fishing in the SGSSI MPA
13.50	Kate Chadwick	Ascension Island Government	Ascension Island MPA designation process & marine ecosystem services
14.10	James Glass	Tristan da Cunha Government	The importance of Tristan da Cunha's fisheries for its economy and wellbeing
14.30	COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS		
15.00	Jo Stockill	Marine Management Organisation	Emerging technologies for fisheries enforcement
15.20	Dr Sam Weber	University of Exeter	Spatial data and analysis for informing Ascension Island MPA designation
15.40	Ness Smith	South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute	Ascension Island benthic carbon assessment
16.00	QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE DAY		
16.30	CLOSE		

Thursday 14th March 2019. Anne's Place.
Chair; Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks (am) and Stedson Stroud (pm)

Time	Speaker	Affiliation	Presentation title
08.30	MORNING COFFEE		
09.00	Dr Christopher Williams	Durham University Business School	Remoteness, Entrepreneurial Orientation and Resilience
09.45	Nick Conner	Independent consultant	Identifying appropriate tourism development strategies for small islands
10.05	Helena Bennett	St Helena Tourism	The importance of nature tourism for St Helena
10.20	Kenicki Andrews & Natasha Stevens	St Helena National Trust	How much is a whale shark worth?
10.35	COFFEE & REFRESHMENTS		
11.00	James Hutchison	Joint Nature Conservation Committee	Data and models for natural capital assessments
11.15	Alistair McVittie	Scotland's Rural College	Modelling St Helena's natural capital
11.45	Leigh Morris	Consultant to St Helena Government	Upskilling St Helena agriculture to aid food security
12.00	Devlin Yon	St Helena Government	St Helena Spatial data and WebGIS
12.15	James Glass	Tristan da Cunha Government	Erosion risk model and mapping Tristan's settlement plain
12.30	Dr Jill Key	GB Non-native Species Secretariat	Tackling Invasive Non-Native Species in the UK Overseas Territories
12.45	LUNCH please enjoy at one of the many options in Jamestown		
13.30	Nick Conner	Independent consultant	Global approaches to Natural Capital, indicators and monitoring
13.50	Nicole Shamier	St Helena Government	Economic development on St Helena
14.10	Barry Hubbard	Connect St Helena	Water security on St Helena
14.30	Ness Smith	SAERI	Mapping and valuations in the Falkland Islands
14.50	Neil Fantom	St Helena Government	St Helena statistics; how numbers are used in decision making
15.10	Representative from Prince Andrew School	Prince Andrew School	What St Helena's natural capital means to me
15.30	Susan O'Beay	St Helena Government	Summary & closing remarks
16.00	QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION FROM THE DAY		
16.30	CLOSE OF CONFERENCE		



DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY

Registered No 7 under the Charities Ordinance

Results of Valentine's Raffle

- 1st Prize Valentine's Hamper – Donna Cranfield, HTH
- 2nd Prize A Bottle of Wine – Carey Williams, Jamestown
- 3rd Prize Gift Voucher – Michelle Francis, Longwood Road

The Society would like to thank the public for their continued support and those who donated prizes and items for the hamper. The amount raised from this raffle was £400.



A Thank You card is not enough

I came to St Helena to visit a dear friend who I saw at my wedding nearly 34 years ago 'little did I know how special it would be'.

A big Thank You to her family Rick, Kerry, Pascal and Yazmin, also her friends for all their kind invitations to lunch and being so generous with their time to take me around this beautiful island, the biggest Thank You goes to my friend Felicity Walters.

Will miss you all.

Shelia Richardson

Thank You

The family of Eric Benjamin would like to thank the many members of the community including family, (particularly George and Hazel Stevens and Coral Yon), friends and colleagues both here and overseas for their prayers, tremendous support and kindness during the past few months and who continue to give support. To those who made telephone calls, sent emails or literally gave us a hug or greeting or the extra wave whenever they passed us...

Thank You – May God bless you all.

We are grateful for the many words of thanks from so many people for the good work that Eric has done for individuals, families and for the community of St Helena at large for many many years. We are proud of his achievements and so grateful that this is recognised by the St Helenian community.

There are three sides to every story – the 'you' side, the 'me' side and the 'right' side. One day, the truth will be revealed and justice will be served.

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