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Councillor Lawson Henry at the JMC in London  
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## Reservoirs Emptying at Alarming Rate

In just one week the rate of reduction in the amount of water held in reservoirs has accelerated by 30%. Last week the SHG press release reporting on the weekly meeting now held to review the water shortage pointed out that, "At the moment we are consuming around 280,000 litres more than we are collecting from our raw water stocks each day." After the weekly meeting held on Tuesday this week the situation had changed dramatically. The SHG report noted, "Current consumption is around 400,000 litres per day greater than the water flowing into reservoirs." This is an alarming increase in water 'expenditure' over water 'income' and there are no overdraft facilities.

Despite the warning that water usage would be restricted to essential use only and a hosepipe ban would be enforced from Monday of this week there has been no change in consumption levels. While demand for treated water continues unabated the amount of ground water draining into the reservoirs is drying up and will soon be just a trickle as the water table sinks further below ground.

Use of treated water needs to reduce by 30% before the dangerously low water levels in the reservoirs stabilise. Harper's No 3 reservoir now has just one metre of water. Last week it was reported that bowsering water was expensive and inefficient as the bowsers can only carry 8,000 litres of water. However, this week bowsering has started water is being back-pumped from Chubb's Spring to Red Hill.

The rainfall during June has been insignificant with just a few light showers and short-lived periods of slightly heavier rain. None of this has had any effect on the water levels in reservoirs. This week's report of the weekly water review meeting includes the plea for witnesses to anyone seen using water irresponsibly to report the incident to Connect St Helena. Similarly, if a water leak is noticed, no matter how small, it should be immediately reported to Connect.

**Every drop counts Every action counts**



*Everyone must save every drop of water possible.*

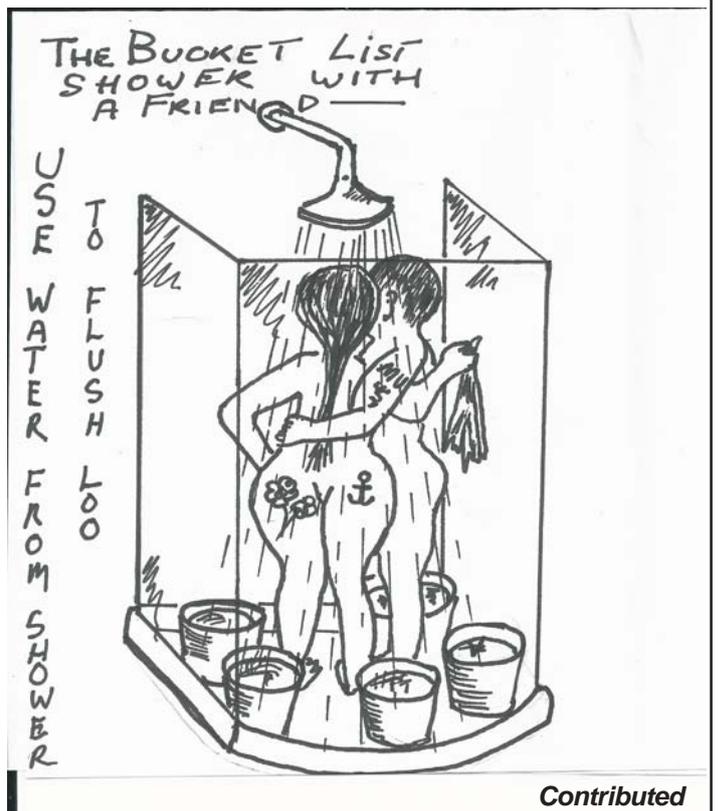
One person attending the weekly water meeting commented it is time for drastic measures. People with stored rainwater from their roofs should consider filling buckets with stored rainwater and flushing the toilet with it to save treated mains water. And turn the tap off when brushing your teeth except when rinsing your mouth or the toothbrush.

## Stop the Rain Dance – we're soaked



## Rain Dance performed by North American Plains Indians

Five years ago the state leaders in North Dakota formally requested the North American Indians to stop performing the Rain Dance after the Red River burst its banks and there was widespread flooding. There are 30,000 North American Indians in North Dakota. Can someone persuade DFID to fund the travel expenses (Technical Co-operation) for a few of them to come here and perform the rain dance.



## FORMAL OPENING OF SUPREME COURT MONDAY, 24 JUNE 2019

The formal opening of the St Helena Supreme Court took place at 10am today, Monday 24 June 2019.

The opening commenced as His Lordship, the Chief Justice, Charles Ekins Esq, entered the Courthouse accompanied by the Sheriff of St Helena, Mrs Ethel Yon OBE, Bishop Dale Bowers, and Chief Magistrate, Nicholas Aldridge (see photo attached). Lawyers, Justices of the Peace, officials, and members of the public were also in attendance.

Acting Attorney General, Allen Cansick, welcomed the Lord Chief Justice and introduced members of the Attorney General's Chambers, the Public Solicitor's Office, Lay Advocates and the Probation Service to the Supreme Court and welcomed back Andrew Jackson of Counsel. He further expressed the commitment of Government to the effective administration of justice.

This was followed by an address from the Chief Justice. In his address the Chief Justice acknowledged the successful completion by Ms Kerrie Johnson and Mr Alwyn Thomas of their respective training contracts in the Attorney General's Chambers.

The Chief Justice said:

The Chief Justice then noted the depar-

### ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

**20<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

**Selwyn Stroud (19) of Jamestown**, was convicted of Common Assault, Affray and Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. He was dealt with by way of a Probation Order for two years to include 80 hours of unpaid work together with compensation totalling £75.00 and costs of £50.00. This sentence is as a direct alternative to custody.

**Mike Caswell (24) of Ropery Field, Longwood**, was convicted of Driving Whilst Over the Prescribed Limit and Driving Without Due Care and Attention. He was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for a total of 50 hours and disqualified from driving for a total of 58 weeks. He was also ordered to pay £50.00 costs



ture of two Lay Advocates and urged members of the community to service the community as Lay Advocates.

The Chief Justice concluded:

"My vigorous support for the Lay Advocacy is a matter of record. It enables an access to justice here on St Helena to an extent that is rare elsewhere in the world."

The St Helena Supreme Court will continue until Friday, 5 July 2019.

## Your Opinion Counts

*Esteemed Editors,*

***An open appeal to all who will come and work on St Helena***

If you are to leave a legacy on St Helena, it would be an untraceable footprint, having done nothing more than your job, St Helena does not need the arrogance of people who are determined to descend in all power and glory, proceed gently, gently, gently.

Get to know the community, ask their advice (don't pinch their ideas and pawn them off as your own), listen, reason, question and never tell people they're wrong, there is a high chance that you are.

Before you remove your shoes and start to get comfortable, a word to the wise, the community of people that you have been called to serve (yes serve) are the real Experts in all aspects of island life, this is their home which they will fiercely protect, you are invited into the circle to provide support and assistance, you will, of course, be paid handsomely for all your troubles, after all, is that not why you are here? Don't be ashamed to admit it, it is the number one reason why Saints leave.

## REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA

**28<sup>th</sup> June 2019**

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Mr Clayton Peters of No.32 Deadwood, St Helena Island, for registration as proprietor of Parcel 36 in the Registration Section for Deadwood. Such application is made by virtue of claimed peaceable, open and uninterrupted possession of said land for a period of at least 15 years.

A copy of the application and a plan of the said land are available for inspection at The Land Registry, Essex House, Jamestown, during normal office hours. Any person who wishes to make representations to the Registrar of Lands as to why this application should not be allowed must do so within 3 calendar months of the date of publication of this notice.

**NICHOLAS ALDRIDGE, REGISTRAR OF LANDS**

If you need to write reports (DFID are great fans of reports), we respect your dilemma, but let the contents be realistic and insightful, having drawn from the wealth of information that you have around you, may your report burst forth with fruitfulness and not provide home to the dust mites and fossilised remains of moths.

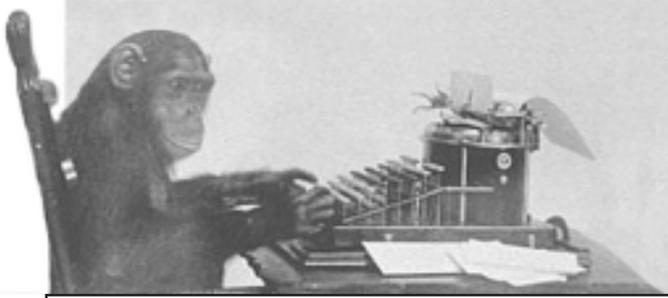
You will of course have received some form of a briefing before you arrive but nothing and nobody on earth can prepare you for life on St Helena, be prepared to learn, the people of St Helena are gracious, strong, intelligent and wise, theirs having been borne out of generations of adversity and hardship, their skills are astounding so don't try to impress them, they cannot be impressed, It's 517 years since their discovery and they remain one of the most remarkable nations of people on earth. Get involved with the community and family life immediately, locking yourself away in an apartment appearing only on Remembrance Day will do you no favours and will look like you have something to hide, oh, before I forget, don't try to be more than you are, they hate that.

And finally when you leave and you will leave, (extended contract periods are not encouraged) leave having not made a mark at all but with the island bestowing it's' mark on you.

Now that we are clear, cup of tea?

**Sincerely,  
Friend of St Helena**





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# Editorial

It is not often a senior government official responds to an issue raised in the *Independent* with a letter offering an explanation and some information. It is therefore refreshing to be able to publish the letter sent to us by the Head of Planning about development starting at the site of the extension to the Dungeon Cemetery before development permission had been granted. Sympathy must be extended to Ismail Mohammed; he has only just taken over as Head of Planning and has not had time to get his feet under the table or keep his seat warm. Regrettably other people have put him in the hot seat. All of that notwithstanding, it has to be said the response was inadequate; leaving important questions unanswered. The phrasing in the letter suggests other people had a hand in what was written and how it was written. It will not be the first time such communications have been written by a committee of people who find themselves wriggling on the end of a hook.

The Planning Ordinance defines unauthorised development as "any development for which development permission has neither been granted nor deemed to have been granted under a General Development Order under section 16(2)". Section 16 tells us, "No person shall carry out any development unless, prior to the commencement of such development, appropriate development permission has been granted under this Ordinance". Then we come to the crunch. In the section on General Offences the Planning Ordinance states, "Any person who, without reasonable excuse— (a) carries out, or commences to carry out, any development contrary to section 16; is guilty of an offence for which the maximum penalty on conviction is (subject to any limitation of the powers of the Magistrates' Court) an unlimited fine or imprisonment for five years, or both." Those who have read the legal phrasing carefully will already have picked out the words which are the Get Out Of Gaol Free card. 'Without reasonable excuse' is the magic phrase.

In his letter Mr Mohammed explains the Dungeon Cemetery is completely full and urgent action was required to meet the requirement of an SHG policy which requires corpses to be buried within eleven days of death. So, there we have it; lawyers would love to be paid to have lengthy arguments on whether or not the excuse given is reasonable or whether SHG considers its policies are above the law.

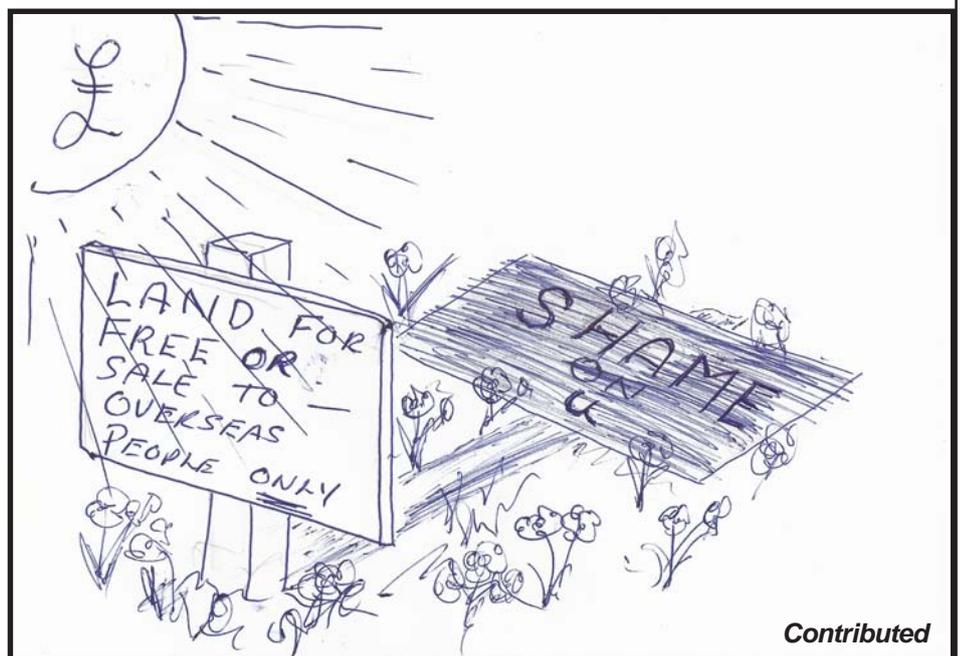
Which brings us to another point worthy of energetic discussion; what were the circumstances which led to the Dungeon Cemetery being completely full and no plans or preparations made to extend the cemetery in good time for a smooth transition to the cemetery extension. Who is it who is sleeping on the job?

An advisor visited the Island recently at the invitation of SHG; his message was advance planning should be extended to thirty years ahead, the ten year plan does not look far enough ahead. This is probably a Big Ask when there are those among us who can only think about extending a cemetery when the last burial plot is being filled in – but the advisor does make an important point.

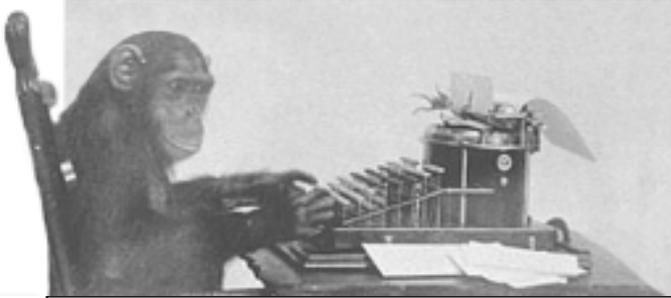
The UK has a target date of 2040 to introduce a ban on the sale of petrol and

diesel fuelled cars. Some say the target is not good enough and there is talk of bring the date forward to 2030 or 2035. At present there are about 16,500 charging points for electric cars in the UK but it is estimated there will be one million electric cars in the UK by next year and 80,000 more charging points are needed right now. It's the UK Government who has set the 2040 target for zero carbon emissions. Hydrogen fuelled cars are also zero emission but the fact remains, we have a government who seem to think the job is done by setting a target but insufficient thought is given to how to achieve it.

How long will it be before SHG/DFID begin to get their heads around charging points for electric cars on this Island? What are the benefits, if any, of only allowing the import of hydrogen fuelled cars? What is the plan to phase out carbon fuelled vehicles, the re-fuelling stations and the disposal of carbon fuelled cars as the transition to zero emission vehicles gathers pace? If the UK target date for banning sales of carbon fuelled cars is brought forward to 2030 it is only just outside the scope of the recently introduced ten year plan. It's time to get moving.



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# Editorial

A widely used estimate is that sea levels will rise by about 19 inches by 2050. It could be more, it could be a bit less. How will a rise in sea level of 19-25 inches affect Jamestown and Rupert's Valley? Were sea level change scenarios taken into account when the Rupert's Development Plan was drafted? What effect will there be on low lying coast from Lemon Valley around to Sandy Bay and through to Prosperous Bay Beach? To what extent will the action of the sea cause extra erosion to the cliff face and increase the risk of rockfall. At what point might West Rocks become an unsafe area?



**One of the more extreme estimates for raised sea levels changes the shape of the UK and Eire beyond recognition**

Today, Executive Council is discussing strategic goals, objectives and proposed priorities for 2020-2023. Also for further discussion is the Medium Term Expenditure Framework up to 2023. According

to the schedule Exco discussed strategic objectives and policy priorities earlier this month but it seems the schedule has slipped a bit. If Exco members can raise their heads and cast their minds towards 2050 they may think it useful to try to persuade her Majesty's Government to widen the brief of the UK Committee on Climate Change (an independent, statutory body established under the Climate Change Act 2008) to include the British Overseas Territories. The purpose of the Committee is to advise the UK Government and Devolved Administrations (Wales and Scotland) on emissions targets and report to Parliament on progress made in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and preparing for climate change. As usual British Overseas Territories were overlooked.

## ***My name is Karin Mandelli but Kay can be easier to say***

I have been on St. Helena Island for the past 9 months after having lived all around the UK for 10 years and as most of you will know, my origins are Italian and I was proudly born in the fashionable city of Milan. I have always been interested in reading, running, horse riding and rock climbing, although after arriving on the island, and admiring at the unique and spectacular sceneries, landscapes, nature and marine life, a passion for photography nurtured and consequently, I have recently completed my Photography Course, using the themes of heritage and nature.

Having just finished my GCSE exams and patiently awaiting for my results in August, I am currently doing work experience as a trainee radio presenter at Saint FM for around a month to further my knowledge in photo reporting, journalism and radio presenting. As my dream career would be photo reporting, I have decided to have some experience with the radio to start off. However, knowing that my dream career has many obstacles to surpass and is difficult to achieve immediately, I have chosen to become a Surgical First Assistant after having done my A levels, as science and the medical department has always interested me too.

Now, gossiping a bit about me, I believe that one evening I was "sea rescued" by a truly amazing, stunning and loving person to me and I am sure that everyone knows about it. Working at the radio for the past few days, has been a wonderful and intriguing experience, teaming up with regular presenters has made me realise and comprehend the work of

the excitement behind the calming but also energetic tones that people hear on the radio. Furthermore, I have grasped the perception, feeling and enjoyment of being on air, working with amazing and lovely people here on the radio and am truly benefiting from the experience.

I am looking forward to continue working on Saint FM, as every day is a different day, where I can learn more and more and broaden my knowledge.

And as Susan-Fales Hill said "If you are too comfortable, it's time to move on. Terrified of what's next? You are on the right track".

**Kay**



## Another Report on Connect St Helena Published

In March last year Lawson Henry had the support of other councillors in Legislative Council for a report on the cost of administration for Connect St Helena since divestment 2013. Lawson claimed the cost of Connect administration totalled £1,244million. This figure includes the start-up costs for separate and renovated buildings and transferring and recruiting staff. Lawson proposed reducing the yearly administrative costs by combining Connect administration with SHG. Combining the Connect and SHG Finance and Human Resources Departments were examples. Lawson also argued for closer oversight of Connect by SHG on policy and planning. Beyond that, Lawson stated the whole basis of electricity generation and supply, water collection and distribution and sewage disposal should be reviewed with the aim of finding a better and more efficient way to manage the Island's utilities so that savings can be passed on to consumers.

In May this year the Review of Utility Services Provision was published in response to Lawson Henry's motion to Legislative Council. The report was supplied by BDO UK (Binder Dijker Otte) a consultancy firm with a global reach specialising in Accountancy and Business Advice. Last Friday SHG announced the report is publicly available.

Below we take some of the main points made by Lawson Henry to support his motion at Legislative Council and match them with observations and conclusions made in the BDO report.

### Sewerage

Should reflect tariff structure for water provision and future developments.

The BDO also produced a table showing price comparisons for the cost of 500 kWh (kilowatt hours) across various small islands. Based on 2018 average prices for St Helena the cost was £150. In Montserrat it was £160, Ascension £235.05, Alderney £198.60, Sark £330 and **Aruba £74.94.**



**Lawson drew attention to Aruba** in his motion to Legislative Council. He said, "Two years ago, I had the opportunity of visiting one of the Dutch territories, namely Aruba. They face similar problems to St Helena with their utilities, but **instead of divesting they put their utilities out to contract with conditions that were favourable to the people and their economy.** They not only have cheaper electricity, but the public buildings, including schools, are powered by solar energy and the surplus is sold to the grid. There have been other innovative ideas in their utilities. They bottle their own water, which is sold on the island and also exported. **Electricity meters are fitted with computer chips to enable them to be read at a central point thus saving thousands of pounds for this to be done manually.** The whole of their **airport buildings are likewise operated by solar, including facilities to recharge electric vehicles,** so it just shows that where there is a will there is a way."

There is no reference in the BDO report to Aruba's utility contracts compared to SHG's divestment strategy. Instead the report focuses on the renewable energy strategy which relies on a contract with PASH Global. One of the report's Key Findings is, "the Renewable Energy Project is implemented promptly and effectively. In this context, the unit price and conditions in the PPA (power purchase agreement) with PASH will be crucial in reducing the cost of energy provision; and opening the way for CSH and the URA (Utilities Regulatory Authority) to consider adjustments in the Electricity Tariffs and more modest increases in Water Tariffs – without inhibiting CSH's goal to break-even and achieve full cost recovery."



Referring specifically to the SHG divestment strategy the report states, "In follow up discussion with Executive Council it was noted that "The move towards divestment has highlighted a number of areas where costs can be saved. Combined with a restructuring of the system of tariffs, which is also explained at Annex A, this will facilitate the elimination of the utilities

Councillor Lawson Henry at the JMC in London  
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### **A Main Lawson Point - St Helena has one of the highest electricity costs per unit in the world**

The BDO Report concluded;-

#### **Electricity**

Consider re-instating Standing Charges to reflect the fixed costs of the service; current tariffs are set at appropriate levels to cover effective costs of service provision; and CSH (Connect St Helena) may be able to reduce average tariffs if PPA (power purchase agreement with PASH Global) prices result in significant savings in annual diesel costs.

#### **Water**

Increases required to reflect costs of providing the service and reduce the annual subsidy from SHG, however increases in the last two years have been a major concern for customers, SHG and the URA; CSH is under pressure to reduce unit costs and improve efficiency (e.g. significant reductions in NRW – Non Revenue Water); and CSH should consider possible adjustments in the charging structure to promote increased fairness and ability to pay.

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subsidy over the coming ten years. The financial basis for the operations of the government-owned company is identified in a Business Plan which has been circulated to all Elected Members. SHG's commitment to HMG under the MOU includes the elimination of untargeted subsidies, with the subsidy for Electricity being one of the most significant."

**Lawson referred to DFID's involvement**, "we have seen a considerable amount of investment into its infrastructure and network, including revamp of the Power Station and water infrastructure, all of which was funded by SHG through the capital programme provided by our partners in DfID " he told Legislative Council.

The BDO report also mentions DFID in connection with the MOU which was agreed by with Her Majesty's Government as a pre-condition for the airport go-ahead. "In considering the proposal to divest utilities, Executive Council noted that the 2011 Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between SHG and the Department for International Development (DFID) required SHG to eliminate untargeted subsidies, with the subsidy for Electricity being one of the most significant."

**Lawson made a big point about reducing administrative costs.** The report noted 76 Connect staff are evenly spread across Electricity, Water and Administration. Administrative expenses for 2017-18 are listed as Electricity £560,000, Water £551,000 and Sewage £51,000 which constitutes about 25% of total Connect income which comes mostly from utility bills. The BDO report draws attention to 'Non-Revenue Water' (NRW). NRW is water lost from burst pipes. It is recognised in the report that burst pipes are due mainly to "the inherited old and poor condition of the network assets, including many old pipes that were laid above ground which have been prone to frequent bursts". In the five years of Connect's existence NRW has more than doubled to 2,736,000 cubic meters, this is more than the volume of water which passes through water meters and is charged. The report also recognises Connect are now taking urgent action to reduce the volume of treated water which is wasted rather than charges for and that Connect aim to reduce the volume of NRW (Non Revenue Water) from the current 53% of total output of treated water to between 25% and 35%. Untreated water distribution is also subject to wastage due to burst pipes. The current amount wasted stands at around 47% of the total.

Along with improvements to the water distribution network to reduce wasted water the consultants recommend improvements in related areas such as regular repair and replacement of meters, accuracy of meter reading records and billing procedures. It is clear from these figures that a reduction in wasted water will help significantly in avoiding periods of water shortage.

One conclusion in the BDO report states, "In the first 5 years of operation, CSH has made significant progress through: (i) substantial and ongoing replacement of old assets; (ii) improvements in efficiency and productivity of the electricity service; and (iii) significant improvements in network performance and time taken to connect customers. However, CSH

acknowledges that substantive improvements in the Water Service will take time – due to the inherited poor condition of the network and the assets, plus the costs and resources necessary to address the major issues. The financial results for the water service indicate that CSH is still faced with significant challenges to: (i) reduce unit costs; (ii) eliminate the annual subsidy; and (iii) promote substantive improvements to achieve full cost recovery."

The report added, "The assessment of the Key Tasks specified in the TOR demonstrate that CSH is achieving most of the main objectives set out in the Divestment Process and the targets highlighted in the legal Ordinance and the License. This is a considerable achievement given that the Company was only established in 2013 and had to address a wide range of key issues: (i) old and fully depreciated assets; (ii) inadequate tariff levels and other financial weaknesses; (iii) lack of coordinated management and administration; (iv) limited and old O&M (operations and maintenance)resources; (v) need for more consumer-oriented focus; etc."

Lawson Henry told the *Independent* yesterday that councillors will discuss the report at a future Informal Legco meeting; after councillors have had sufficient time to read the 80 page report.



**PASH GLOBAL IS TO PROVIDE RENEWABLE POWER SOLUTION TO ST. HELENA ISLAND**

## LISTERIA UPDATE

The St Helena Health Directorate has today received confirmation from the local authority for North Country Quality Foods (NCQF) that the North Country branded products sourced by an importer on St Helena can now be released and once again made available for sale.

The imported North Country branded products i.e. canned pork roll and chopped pork were not handled in any way by North Country Cooked meats but are produced in Denmark and sold through NCQF.

The relevant importer has been notified that they can now release these products for sale.

**SHG**  
**26 June 2019**



# ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE HOSTS LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

The St Helena Community College (SHCC) hosted their Learning Opportunities Fair on Wednesday, 26 June 2019.

The aim of the Learning Opportunities Fair was to educate and encourage people on St Helena to take advantage of the wide array of training courses on offer at the SHCC to further develop their current skills and qualifications.

The Fair opened with a welcome speech by the Director, Wendy Benjamin. Wendy spoke about the mission of the Education & Employment Directorate, the purpose of the Learning Opportunities Fair, SHCC affiliations and encouraged all to utilise the opportunities provided by the Directorate.

Chairperson of the Education Committee, Councillor Christine Scipio, then gave some words of encouragement. Councillor Scipio said:

“Education is important for everyone at every level. St Helena Government, through the St Helena Community College, strives to ensure that every person on the Island has the opportunity to improve their academic and practical skills which is key to ensuring sustainable economic development for St Helena.

“I would encourage every person to be ambitious and enthusiastic about their future, challenge themselves, continue learning and make good use of the educational facilities that will allow them to follow their chosen career. We are part of a changing world and we do not know what the future holds.”

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook, in his speech, highlighted that education is a life-long journey and that continuing the pursuit of knowledge, skills and personal capabilities is vital for our territory, to build our opportunities and to stimulate more confidence, creativity and innovation.

Governor Rushbrook concluded:

“Nelson Mandela said ‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’ I would like to paraphrase that by saying: ‘Education is the most powerful weapon we have to change the lives and prospects of St Helenians.’ This Learning Opportunities Fair illustrates the opportunities for everyone to get involved, to improve your existing abilities or better still to learn new ones. I wish everyone, trainers and prospective learners, every success.”

Throughout the Fair, information was available on the Apprenticeship Scheme, a range of ICT courses, Skills for Success,



level 2 and 3 courses, higher level education and community education. The new SHCC Prospectus was also published and many of those in attendance were able to obtain a copy and seek further information.

Assistant Director of Lifelong Learning, Angie Benjamin, said: “The Learning Opportunities Fair 2019 was another successful event. It was a very positive and productive day and I would like to personally thank everyone who contributed to its success.”

The SHCC would like to inform all members of the community who may have any questions regarding training opportunities or who would like a copy of the Prospectus and application and/or registration forms, to contact the SHCC on tel: 22607 or via email: [shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh).

**SHG**

**27 June 2019**



**THE ROCK**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019 @ 11:00  
FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise  
Park

*Transport is available from  
Jamestown. HTH  
Contact 23249*

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

The advertisement features a large, dark rock formation against a sunset sky. The text is overlaid on the image.

## The difficult journey from Freight Terminal to Marine Centre

Today, Executive Council will discuss a development application to change the freight terminal at the seafront to a marine centre which is intended to include a visitor centre, a dry and wet laboratory, office space and research facilities. This application has been struggling through the planning process since at least February this year. When first considered by the Land Development Control Authority it was the last meeting convened by the now departed and monumentally incompetent previous Head of Planning. Basic questions from members of the Authority could not be answered and a decision was deferred until a site visit had been organised so members of the Authority could see clearly for themselves what was proposed. The development application was eventually recommended for approval to Executive Council with conditions attached.

The application proposes a change to the exterior of the building with a large window inserted into the south gable, a fence erected in front of the freight terminal from the Bastion which houses the cannon outside the passenger terminal up to the Old Mortuary. The fence will be broken up with a series of double gates. The fence will close off the open area between the passenger terminal and the freight terminal although a pair of double gates can give access if they are regularly opened. There has been one written objection to the development application based on the proposed changes having a severely detrimental effect on the general appearance of this part of a conservation area.

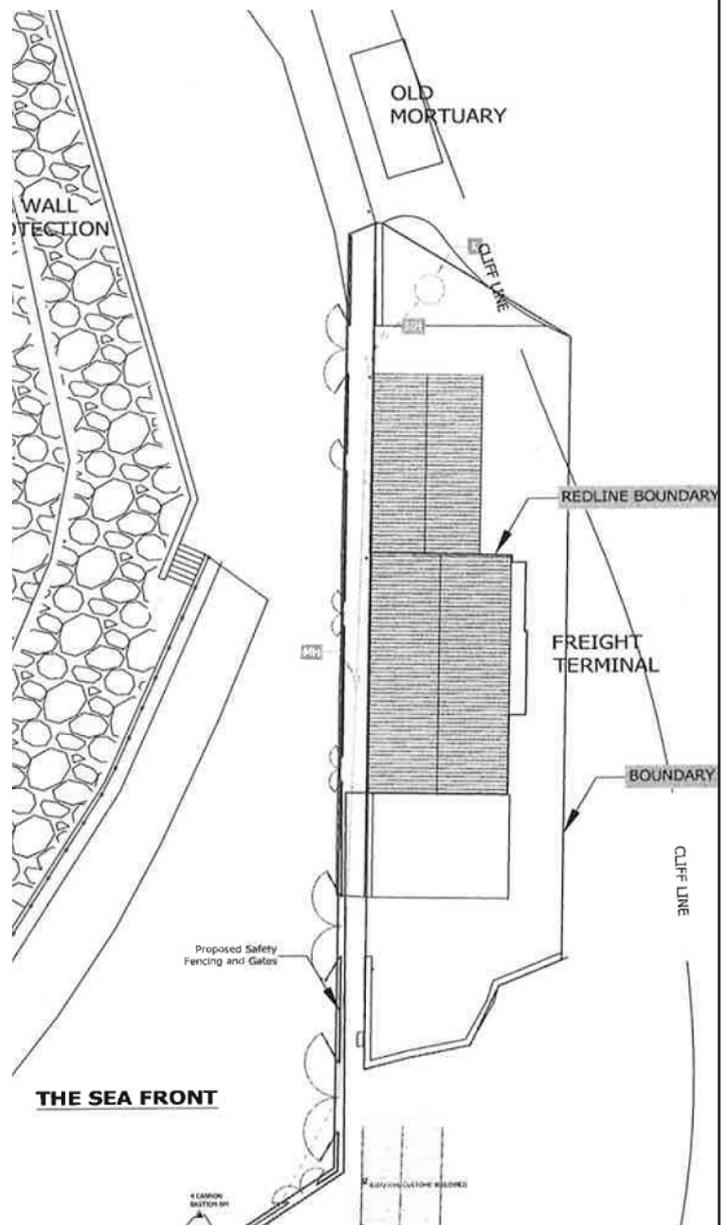
The Old Mortuary is listed as having Group Value while the Bastion is classified as Outstanding Group Value in the context of listed or protected historic buildings. Group Value is the lowest classification and since the buildings in between have been recently built a re-evaluation of the historic merit of the Bastion and the Old Mortuary could mean no building in the adjacent area is given any form of protected status. This is a sad fate for the wharf which has been described as one of the best surviving examples from the East India Company era.

The officer's report to Executive Council claims a Marine Centre will be a step forward in developing St Helena as a 'living laboratory' giving the opportunity to 'showcase' marine life, adding to the tourist attractions and offering visiting researchers a place to conduct their studies. It is claimed external funding in the region of £1 million has been sourced from regular funders such as Darwin Plus and Cefas. However it is not clear whether the funding mentioned would be allocated to St Helena with or without a fenced-off Marine Visitor Centre. The officer's report to councillors also includes an optimistic assessment of what is described as 'research tourism'.

The list of stakeholders consulted on the application is said in the report to Exco to include the Waterfront Working Group however this group is not included in the list published on the SHG Website. 'Heritage' was also not consulted. The person submitting the written objection states he is a member of the Waterfront Working Group and the Group has not been consulted. Further, the freight terminal is fundamental to the Working Group's proposals. Information from all sides is limited and selective but the main impression given is a series of mix-ups and conflicting claims leading to a less than satisfactory conclusion.



**The wharf in 1974; with the (tourist) attraction of East India Company architecture and original buildings more intact than is the case today.**



**Drawing from Planning Application**

# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

On Friday 28th, Exco will be advised to approve a new Marine Centre 'tourist attraction' at the wharf for Blue-Marine.

This will give the ten year old, stone-clad, Freight Terminal a large new glass balcony with patio doors, a huge modernistic gable on the roof, and a six foot fence across the front, from the Passenger Terminal towards the barrel vaulted Old Customs House.

It is completely out of place with the historic East India Company wharf. Although the advice denies this is a potential World Heritage Site, when the World Heritage Scoping Group met last Friday it agreed that as a unique survival of the East India Company, Jamestown and its wharf is most certainly a potential World Heritage Site.

The advice to Exco confirms the Heritage Society, a statutory planning consultee, was 'Not Consulted', but falsely claims its support, it also contains many incorrect planning policy references.

It is the duty of the planning officers and authority to have "special regard to the importance of... architectural, cultural, or historical heritage, of St Helena". At the 1st May meeting, on the planning officer's advice, the authority approved the plans even though the drawings were hidden from the public; as was the chief planning officer's conflict of interest as Head of Technical Services, who was responsible for the drawings. It now goes to Exco.

An approval will go against Goal 6 of the Sustainable Economic Development Plan, "Maintaining and enhancing St Helena's exceptional environment, landscape, heritage... for this generation and the next."

The new Governor recently referred to development, "whilst preserving and promoting what makes St Helena unique." This is a sensitive site so any develop-

ment should reflect this by requiring thoughtful design. Exco must now ensure marine heritage development does not damage the island's unique world class East India Company heritage.

**Regards**  
**Andy Pearce**

## **Direct and personal response from the Head of Planning**

Last week the *Independent* published a photo of the road cut into a field at Brown's Hill to give access to the extension to the Dungeon Cemetery. The development was not thought to be contentious but the work started before development permission was given and the Decision Notice received by the applicant. The new Head of Planning, Ismail Mohammed, has sent his personal explanation of the circumstances attached to this application. Today, Executive Council will officially 'proclaim' the new cemetery at the Dungeon.

**Dear Editor,**

I write with reference to the article *Works Starts on Dungeon Cemetery Extension* printed on page three of last week's *Independent* newspaper.

It is most unfortunate that, due to the urgency of St Helena Government's burial responsibility, work on the Cemetery commenced before planning permission had been received. As Head of Planning and Building Control, I have undertaken an assessment of the Planning Application, carefully considering the impact of the proposal in the landscape and in view of the location being in close proximity to the current cemetery. Development of this site for a cemetery is in principle acceptable, bearing any strong planning or environmental based representation that would out-

weigh the social considerations. The Head of Properties was advised accordingly and due to the urgency in this respect, the fact that there were no more burial plots available in the present cemetery, the need to ensure that burial plots are made available as soon as possible and to be able to meet the SHG policy that burial should take place within 11 days, the proposed development was deemed acceptable without prejudice and subject to any representation that may be received by close of consultation on Friday, 21 June.

This is considered to be an exceptional circumstance as the need for a new cemetery is crucial for the Island and to ensure the dignity of the deceased and respect for bereavement of the families. Therefore, the need for urgent decision was necessary in this instance. The Planning and Building Control Service does not give any special preference to Planning Applications made by Government departments and wants to ensure and emphasise that work on development should not commence until planning permission is granted.

No representations were received in respect of this Planning Application at close of business on Friday, 21 June. A representation was received after the deadline and will be dealt with under delegated powers. Furthermore, there were no exceptional planning and environmental issues raised by this representation that outweighs the need to consider the late representation differently in reporting this Planning Application. This representation can be dealt with through an appropriate condition included on the planning permission.

**Yours faithfully,**  
**Ismail Mohammed,**  
**Head of Planning and Building Control, SHG**



**THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR SAINT HELENA**

### **Special Fundraising Activities**

The Charity Commission for St Helena wishes to remind all registered Charitable Organisations that, under Section 15(4) of the Charities Ordinance 2005, fundraising activities do not require a permit from the Director of Police, provided that the organisation's management committee has given explicit approval for the fundraising activity.

If, however, non-registered charities would like to arrange a fund-raising event, then permission will have to be sought from the Director of Police.

**Bronwen Yon**  
**Chairperson**  
**Charity Commission**



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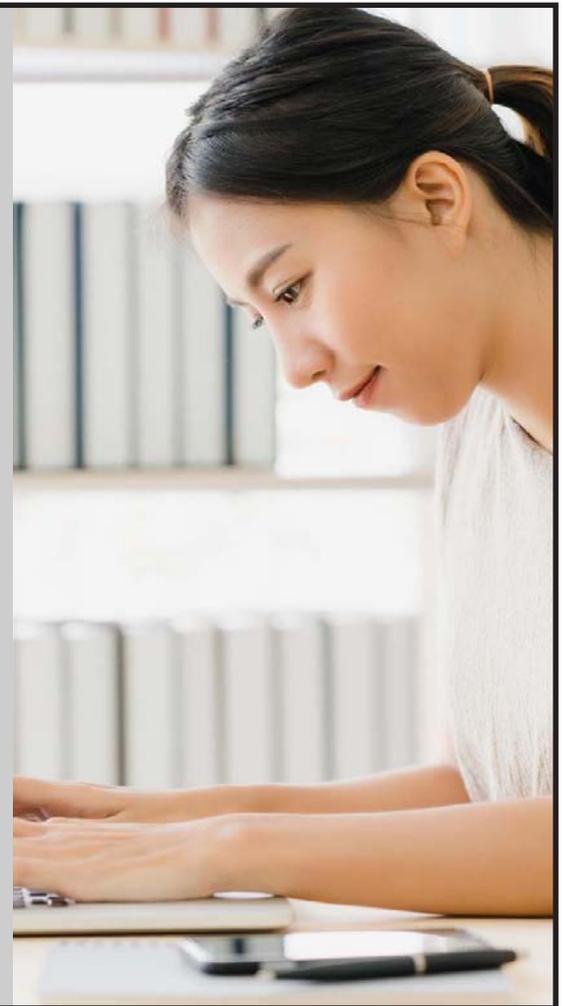
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- At least 3 years experience working in an accounting environment
- Experience with financial processes and procedures
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, and the ability to work well as part of a team

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than noon on Friday 5th July 2019.



For further information please contact Cherie Dillon on telephone 22920 or via email [Cherie.Dillon@esh.co.sh](mailto:Cherie.Dillon@esh.co.sh)

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## **VACANCY**

### **Accounts & Payments Clerk Commencing at £7,656 pa**

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of Accounts & Payments Clerk.

This position will incur significant contact with the Public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines; whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank Team.

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- Processing daily international payments via SWIFT Platform
- Updating weekly rates of exchange on a rotation basis with fellow Accounts & Payments Team members
- Assisting with direct debit processing, in line with Bank's procedures.
- Dealing with customer queries, questions and concerns of matters pertaining to transactions carried out on the customer's behalf;
- Management of cheque book facilities
- Management of effective filing system for Swift Operations and Accounting
- Producing and updating statistics on banking activities
- Any other duties as assigned by the Finance Officer and/or Finance Assistant

Interested persons can contact Jody Grant-Lawrence, Finance Officer on 22390 or Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager on 22102 for more information.

An application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to [hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com)

**Closing date for applications is Friday, 12 July 2019**

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## Job Vacancy

### CUSTOMER PROVISIONING LINESMAN

**Sure has a vacancy for a Customer Provisioning Linesman to join the Networks Team.**

The primary objectives of the post are to carry out customer telephone & television installations and faults, installation and maintenance of customer premises equipment, including payphones as and when required; and to perform underground and overhead jointing of copper and fibre cables.

The post holder is expected to work at heights, be customer focused, proactive and demonstrate dynamism; have an awareness of Health and Safety at Work, demonstrate self motivation and ability to work in a small team. Must also possess excellent verbal and written communication skills.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure.

**The starting salary for the new post-holder will be between £7,440 to £8,440 per annum  
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Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Dion Yon, Access Networks Manager on Tel no: +290 22551 or E: DionGYon@sure.co.sh

Application forms may be obtained from Bishops Rooms or contact Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator on T: +290 22800 or E: Keirah.Wade@sure.co.sh.

Applications to be submitted to the HR & Finance Administrator, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by **4pm on Wednesday, 3 July 2019.**



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### End of Year Accounts

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind all Commercial Lending Clients, who have not yet done so, that you are required to submit a copy of your End of Year Accounts, for the financial year 2018-2019, by no later than 30 June 2019. This should include a minimum of:

- Income & Expenditure Accounts/ Trading, Profit & Loss Accounts
- Balance Sheet
- Depreciation Schedule

### Insurance Renewals

In addition, Commercial and Personal Lending Clients, who have loans secured on assets such as property, vehicles, plant or machinery, are reminded to submit a copy of your updated Insurance receipts.

Please submit all necessary documentation to the Lending Section, Bank of St Helena Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown. For further assistance or information, contact the Lending Section on 22390 or email [commercial.lending@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:commercial.lending@sainthelenabank.com)

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# **HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR FOOD AND WATER LABORATORY TECHNICIAN**

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Health Directorate for a Food and Water Laboratory Technician. The successful candidate will be expected to carry out all tasks involved in the collection, preparation of samples for chemical and microbiological analysis of food, water and animal feed samples, and to perform all associated administrative and general laboratory tasks as required. Duties will include ensuring adequate stocks of culture media which has undergone stringent quality control procedures as required by the ISO 17025 accreditation standard .

Some of the key tasks for this post include:

- To assist the Senior Food Microbiologist with routine preparation and testing of food and water samples
- Responsible for preparation of microbiological media according to documented Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) in accordance with ISO 17025 standards and for Quality Assurance of prepared media in accordance with ISO 17025 accreditation requirements
- Responsible for chemical, microbiological and other analysis of food, water and animal feed samples
- Liaise with overseas accreditation organizations via video link to demonstrate quality control and maintain records required for UKAS/ISO 17025 accreditation at required levels in readiness for external verification by UKAS
- Responsible for maintenance and verification of equipment used in media preparation to agreed schedules, such as autoclaves, water baths and incubators to ISO 17025 standard requirements
- Responsible for receiving and storing samples for analysis appropriately

The successful candidate should be in possession of a GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths, English and a Science related subject at grade C or above and must be computer literate. A minimum of one years' experience working in a medical laboratory, or similar environment is desirable.

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

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

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.

For further information please contact Mr Geoffrey Benjamin, Laboratory Manager on email [Geoffrey.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Geoffrey.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh) or by telephone no. 22500 extension 2043 via the Hospital switchboard.

Application forms are available from the Health Directorate and should be completed and submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 12 July 2019.

**Helen Lawrence (Mrs) 25 June 2019**  
**Assistant Director**  
**Health Directorate**





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# Supervisor

Within the Jamestown Fuel Station

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For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Mia Henry, Fuel Stations Manager on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: [fuelstations.manager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:fuelstations.manager@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomon's Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 09 July 2019

## **HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT – GENERAL HOSPITAL**

The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit a Health Care Assistant to work at the General Hospital. The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting in the provision of care in the hospital nursing service. Essential qualifications required for this post are GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above.

An NVQ level 2 in Care, or a willingness to obtain qualification is also desirable.

Salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum. However, staff will qualify for a competency based salary enhancement when they are able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency in accordance with the competency levels relevant to their post. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable and the post of Health Care Assistant has been mapped to competency level 1a, £8,067 per annum.

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Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 12 July 2019.

**Helen Lawrence**  
**Assistant Director 25 June 2019**  
**Health Directorate**



## VACANCY FOR A TEACHING ASSISTANT

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

Applicants must have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. Plan and prepare programmes of work under the direction of the class teacher to cater for the learning needs of groups of pupils and or individuals.

Salary payable will be from Grades TA1- TA2, ranging from £7,226 to £7,562 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Vyona Young, Head of Inclusion on telephone number 24543 or e-mail [lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.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 Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Thursday 04 July 2019.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
**Director of Education & Employment**  
**20 May 2019**



## VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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

Applicants must have GCSE's in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment.

Salary payable ranges from TA1, £7,226 per annum to TA.2, £7,562 per annum, depending upon qualifications.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Vyona Young, Head of Inclusion on telephone number 22607 or e-mail [lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 05 July 2018.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
**Director of Education & Employment**  
**27 June 2019**





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Potential candidates will be CCAB (ACCA, ACA, CPFA etc) qualified accountants or equivalent CA (SA), CA(Z) etc.

Potential candidates should have a minimum of three years' experience in audit, and at least one year in an audit supervisory/managerial capacity, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting and performance management frameworks.

We are looking for a team player with good communication and people management skills who is able to plan, prioritise and project manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of Caseware is a strong advantage.

A copy of the job profile and application form can be obtained from the Audit St Helena, Post Office Building, Jamestown or email [belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh). Completed applications should be submitted to Vimbai Chikwenhere, Acting Head of Audit Service or by email [vimbai.chikwenhere@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:vimbai.chikwenhere@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on 5 July 2019.

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: 22101



# Creative Saint Helena NOTICE OF AGM



**Date: Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2019**  
**Venue: Museum of St Helena**  
**Time: 4.30 p.m**

**All are welcome.**  
**If you are interested in supporting the Arts on St Helena, please come along**  
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Chair: Dr. Jules Couch 23999  
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Treasurer: Catherine Turner 22133  
Director: Teeny Lucy 23988  
[creativesainthelena@gmail.com](mailto:creativesainthelena@gmail.com)



## PRESS RELEASE: ENHANCED SURE TELEVISION REBROADCAST SERVICE

Sure SA Ltd is pleased to announce that we will shortly be enhancing our Television Rebroadcast Service.

The service will come with a new set top box used to access our service, which includes HDMI digital output and the ability to record content for future viewing. The Standard and Premium subscription packages will remain the same with up to 30 channels available showing the latest in news, sports and entertainment.

**Chief Executive Christine Thomas:**



‘Our current Television Rebroadcast service is in the process of being enhanced - another significant investment by Sure, to improve the service that we provide. We are looking forward to bringing an enhanced service, with a significantly improved set top box to St Helena.

The upgraded service is planned to launch in September 2019; however Sure SA Ltd will keep customers updated on the project throughout the next few months.

We apologise that customers are not currently able to buy replacement set top boxes directly from us. Islanders should rest assured we have been working tirelessly in the background to deliver this project in the shortest possible timeframe, with the aim of minimising the delay some customers are facing.’



**ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
OF THE  
ST HELENA COMMERCIAL FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION  
(SHCFA)**

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the SHCFA will be held at the  
**Conference Room at the St Helena National Trust**  
on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at 6pm.**

The Agenda will include the following items:

- Confirmation of Minutes of the AGM for 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018
- Matters Arising
- Treasurer's Report
- Chairman's Report
- Proposed amendments to the SHCFA Constitution
- Election of New Committee
- Renewal of Membership
- AOB

**The SHCFA Committee would encourage all commercial fishermen to attend  
whether you are an existing member or wish to become a member.**

**CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE  
EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT  
DIRECTORATE**

The Education and Employment Directorate is seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services as a Temporary Teaching Assistant within the Primary sector. This contract for services is being advertised locally. The rate payable will be at £5.16 per hour.

Applicants should ideally have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Miss Vyona Young, Head of Inclusion on telephone no 24543 or email [lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lolly.young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 05 July 2019.

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**Mrs. Wendy Benjamin**  
Director of Education & Employment  
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- ✓ Each individual has an equal opportunity to participate in society; and
- ✓ There is mutual respect between groups based on understanding and valuing of diversity and on shared respect for equality and human rights.

**Want to know more?**

Contact Catherine Turner, CEO,

Equality & Human Rights Commission, PWD Yard, Jamestown.

Tel: 22133 or email [catherine@humanrightssthelena.org](mailto:catherine@humanrightssthelena.org).

**We will be delighted to hear from you!**

## Season Ends With a Blast!!!

The 2019 Cricket season came to a close last Saturday on Francis Plain with a morning Wooden Spoon Match and the afternoon Knockout Final.

The presentation followed immediately and has quickly become a successful event with many players and fans terming it as one of the finest events to be held marking the end of a cricket season for many years.

The Knockout Final is the normal highlight of the season and marking the end of all four competitions was this year played between Jamestown Heat and Royal Challengers who had defeated Sandy Bay Pirates and Levelwood All-stars in the Semi Finals.

Batting first Jamestown Heat slowly built an innings which propelled them to a total of 124 in 25 overs, with notable contributions from Damien Obey and Dax Richards.

Royal Challengers started their innings poorly, seeing the Jamestown Heat claim three wickets in the first 2 overs and although they slowly settled, wickets were also falling until the introduction of Jordie Henry who quickly amassed a 70 partnership with Cliff Richards before being caught having scored 61 runs. Cliff went on to bring his total to 25 hitting a six over cow corner to win the game for the Challengers with 130 runs.

Supporting the event was more than 300 people who had arrived to watch the day's events which had started with the match between St Matthews Lions and the Woodpeckers which was won by the Lions.

At the presentation which followed almost immediately, Vice President Derek Richards thanks everyone who had taken part in the competitions throughout the season, he thanks the fans for being present throughout the past six months giving their support to their teams and the game and also the organizers, team captains and supporters for ensuring the Presentation Day was well organized and enjoyed. Mention was made of the performances throughout the season and in particular those who won individual awards.

Derek spoke of the recent international trip of Team St Helena who had travelled to Botswana to compete in the ICC T20 qualifiers, a trip he said which was useful and successful with Team St Helena finishing third behind Botswana and Namibia. He said there will be future challenges and opportunities for



the team and the future looked very bright for St Helena cricket. He also congratulated Andrew Yon, who on the back of the international tournament was selected by the ICC for a high intensity training camp in Western Province in South Africa and praised him for his performances this past season, despite missing five weeks of the league competition.

Trophies and Medals were awarded by Miss St Helena Gemma Lawrence and whilst the Traditional Afternoon Tea was served, in the background there was a BBQ being done along with a Hog Roast which later that afternoon served more than 100 persons from a mixtures of the teams and their fans.

The Fire and Rescue Service deployed the fireworks for the occasion and the celebrations went on till late in the evening.

### St Helena Cricket Association End of Season Presentation

#### League – 35 Overs

Winners for the 6<sup>th</sup> consecutive season – Levelwood Allstars  
Runners Up – missing out by the narrowest of margins on net run rate – Royal Challengers.

Hi – Score of 157 Ross Henry – Allstars

Most sixes of 11 in total – Ross Henry – Allstars

Highest Batting Average of 104.5 – Philip Stroup – Challengers

Best Bowling Average of 9.77 – Scott Crowie – Jamestown Heat

Most Catches of 7 – Clayton Leo – Allstars/Philip Stroud – Challengers/ Barry Stroud – Heat

Player of the League with 10 performance points – Ross Leo – Allstars



## Season Ends With a Blast!!!

### RMS T20 Cup

Winners – Royal Challengers  
Runners Up – Sandy Bay Pirates  
Most Runs with 399 (inc. back to back centuries) Ryan Belgrove – Heat  
Most Wickets with 12 – Scott Crowie – Heat  
Most Catches with 7 – Darrel Leo – Allstars/Ian Williams – Pirates  
Player of the tournament hitting 32 sixes and 12 performance points – David Young – Pirates

### District – 25 Overs

Winners – St Paul's  
Runners Up – Half Tree Hollow

### Knockout – 25 Overs

Winners – Royal Challengers  
Runners Up – Jamestown Heat  
Highest score in the first round with 188 – Andrew Yon – Challengers  
Player of the Knockout – Andrew Yon – Challengers



### Individual Awards

Wicketkeeper of the Season – Averaging 1 – David Reynolds – Heat  
Young Player of the Season – 9 performance points and striking a maiden century – Sean-Lee Thomas – Challengers  
Player of the Season – Andrew Yon – Challengers (Inc. 5 Centuries)

*The St Helena Cricket Association thanks everyone who made the 2019 season and presentation day a success.*



## Vacancies - Customer Service Assistants – NAAFI Falkland Islands

We have vacancies for Customer Services Assistants to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC.

Hours of work are 60 per week and shift timings will include split shifts, unsociable hours & weekends. The successful candidates 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

The successful persons 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 email [dhopkins@naafi.co.uk](mailto:dhopkins@naafi.co.uk)



## Golf Report - Contributed

Twenty four members participated in the 1<sup>st</sup> round of the 36 Hole President Cup competition held on Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2019. The weather conditions were superb and a most enjoyable day was had by all participants in the competition. There is a fierce competition going on as can be seen from the results below for the 1<sup>st</sup> Round.

President Cup 23 June 2019 – First Round Results Stroke Play

### Standings 1<sup>st</sup> Round      Net Score 1<sup>st</sup> Round

#### Men

1	Arthur Young	67
T2	Larry Legg	69
T2	Paddo Johnson	69
3	Gerald George	70
4	Lawson Henry	72
T5	Ronald De Reuck	74
T5	Dougie Augustus	74
T5	Jeff Stevens	74

#### Ladies

1	Christine Scipio	81
2	Helena Stevens	94

The Two ball winners on the day was Nicky Stevens and Gerald George, congratulations to both gentlemen.

The Presidents Cup 2<sup>nd</sup> round will be teeing off at 12:00 noon on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This competition is sponsored by the Club President Ronald De Reuck and several prizes will be presented. Prizes will be awarded for the mens 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> place, closest to the pin on the 17<sup>th</sup> tee and the longest drive on the 5<sup>th</sup> tee. For the ladies prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> place, closest to the pin on the 7<sup>th</sup> tee and the longest drive on the 9<sup>th</sup> tee. Best of luck to all the players on the final days play of the competition.

The Junior golf development training will continue on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 at the usual time slot of 16:00pm. We encourage all prospective Junior Golfers to come and be part of the development program. If you do not have your own clubs arrangements can be made with the Junior Golf coaches.

## TEAM ST HELENA DEPARTS FOR NATWEST ISLAND GAMES IN GIBRALTAR

Members of the St Helena team competing in the 2019 NatWest Island Games in Gibraltar departed the Island on Saturday, 22 June 2019.

Team St Helena competitors - Duwaine Yon, Colby Thomas and Brooke Yon - were accompanied from St Helena by Larry Thomas of the National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH). They have now joined remaining team member Aiden Yon-Stevens and Team Managers, Nick Stevens and Tina Yon-Stevens, in the UK for a week's training before departing for Gibraltar on 3 July, in time for the opening of the Games on Saturday, 6 July.

The swimming events will see Colby compete in the 100m and 50m breaststroke and 100m and 50m freestyle, Brooke competing in the 50m, 200m and 100m breaststroke, 200m freestyle, 50m butterfly and 100m individual medley and Duwaine competing in the 50m breaststroke, 20m freestyle and 100m and 50m freestyle. Aiden will compete in the 800m, 400m and 200m Athletics events.

*Good luck Team St Helena!*

## Spend Sunday afternoon at the Yacht Club

The yacht club at the wharf is now open every Sunday afternoon from 3pm. Members can take friends to sit down, have a drink and a snack and relax before it all starts again on Monday morning.

The new committee are getting things organised after the hectic time at the start of this year when one yacht race and two rallies brought almost half the usual number of yacht arrivals in one year to James Bay in just one month.



*St Helena Yacht Club – a great place to relax on a Sunday afternoon*

Membership renewals are now due, so a pleasant way to complete this formality is to call in on a Sunday afternoon to renew your membership and have a drink at the same time. New members are always very welcome. The subscription rate remains the same; £5 for single membership, £10 for family membership.

After the very popular fish-frys and similar get togethers held earlier this year a new programme of events is being organised – details to be announced shortly. The new St Helena Yacht Club committee is; - James Herne (Bosun) Stephen Coates (Commodore), Gavin Jack Thomas (Vice Commodore), Father David (Secretary), Sandie Walters (Treasurer). Father David is the main contact for details of future yacht club events.

## Looking for Accommodation

Family of two adults and one minor urgently seeking a 2 Bedroom home, preferably furnished in Jamestown, the Briars or Ladder Hill. Able to pay £350.00 per month for rent.

**Please call Colette Braaf (Thomas) on Mobile Number: 67787**

## JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

### Scores:

19th. June

**PARTTIMERS -524 Bt RUSTY PISTOLS - 477**

Ladies - H. Sc:Stacey Williams 48

Gents - H. Sc:Cavin (Duff) Ellick 64 Paul Fowler 59

Gents - H. Sp:Denny Leo 16 Phillip Isaac 12

### Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 1st. July - Extractors v Parttimers

Wednesday 3rd. July - Guys & Dolls v Strugglers

Due to the Annual General Meeting being held on the 8th. July, the scheduled match between the Guys & Dolls and Rusty Pistols has been postponed until another date. Teams will be informed of new date.



## Thank You

The Committee of Ageways Charity would like to thank everyone who supported their Talent Show at the Mule Yard and the Family Fun Day at Longwood Avenue.

The events raised £500 and £1088.73 (before expenses) respectively.

Raffle Winners were:

Food Hamper – Nanette Anthony

Wine Hamper – Jim Robinson

Bath Set-Jaye Loosely

Pamper Set -Hazel Leo

Gift Set-Ann Benjamin

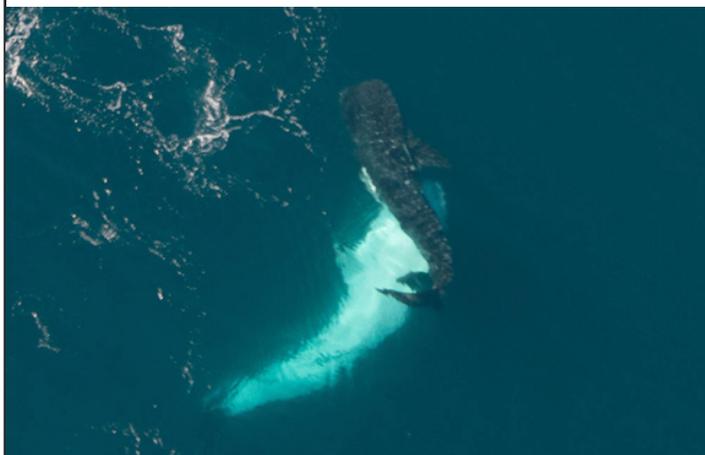
*Your continued support is greatly appreciated.*

## CHURCH ALIVE!

You are all invited to St James Church on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 6.30 pm for an evening of good gospel music and fellowship. Refreshments will be served afterwards. We look forward to seeing you there.

## Ningaloo beats St Helena to historic first

Last Thursday DIVE magazine reported the world's first recorded sighting of whale sharks mating – complete with high quality photographs. The historic sighting was made off the coast of Western Australia near Ningaloo where the 5<sup>th</sup> International Whale Shark Conference was recently held.



*The white shape is the male whale shark, upside down, with the female whale shark above*

The DIVE Magazine report was written by Mark 'Crowley' Russell who has visited St Helena to dive with whale sharks and written several articles for DIVE Magazine on St Helena whale sharks with stunning photographs. In his report on the Ningaloo sighting of mating whale sharks he writes, "The incredibly rare event, the first of its kind documented anywhere in the world, was captured by Tiffany Klein, a spotter pilot for Ningaloo Aviation, who helps tour operators and researchers from CSIRO (Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation) to locate and identify whale sharks and other large animals, such as humpback whales."

St Helena was represented at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Whale Shark Conference by Kenickie Andrews and Beth Taylor from the St Helena National Trust Marine Team. The conference ended less than one month ago and at the time the National Trust Marine Team were a big hit with conference delegates after hearing descriptions of the numbers of whale sharks gathering here and the unrecorded sightings of whale sharks mating.

The DIVE Magazine report also included, "It is known that pregnant females gather around the Galápagos Islands, and it was recently discovered that the remote South Atlantic island of St Helena is host to an annual congregation of whale sharks that sees adult males and females gather in almost equal numbers. St Helena is the only known location in the world where such a gathering takes place, and thought to be a meeting point for adult whale sharks to find a partner. Where they actually mate, however, and where they give birth, remains unknown." This article is linked to another Mark 'Crowley' Russell article headlined 'Scientists Believe St Helena Is Where Whale Sharks Go To Mate'.

See - <http://divemagazine.co.uk/eco/8578-whale-shark-mating-ningaloo-reef>

We call whale sharks Bone Sharks, in Mexico they are called Dominoes. In the Philippines there are known as tuki-tuki, in Afrikaans it is walvishaai.

# Maths Magic at Harford School

- a day of 'maths mayhem' based on 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll



Characters from Alice in Wonderland pondering the appearance of the Cheshire Cat

Pupils and staff of Harford School enjoyed a day of maths problem solving based on the book 'Alice in Wonderland' by Lewis Carroll. Lewis Carroll was himself a famous maths professor at Cambridge University in the 1800s and many of the weird and wonderful events that take place in the book are actually a parody of the new mathematical thinking that was creeping into Europe at the time.

Children throughout the school took part in practical maths workshops; some drew impossible figures and objects (Years 5 and 6) such as waterfalls where water defies gravity and falls upwards whilst others (Years 1 and 2) created inedible playdough cakes that dealt with fractions and ratios and made a person grow or shrink accordingly. Children in Nursery and Reception had to help Alice find her way out of complicated mazes and all students in Key Stage 2 (Years 3—6) were presented with their very own book of maths puzzles and conundrums entitled 'Alice in Numberland'.

The children were set a 'Mathematical Riddle Challenge'. In the novel, Alice meets the Mad Hatter at a tea party and during the course of the party the Mad Hatter poses the following riddle:

**"Why is a raven like a writing desk?"**

The answer in the book is a trifle disappointing and the Mad Hatter does not give us an answer. However, at Harford the winners of the Riddle Challenge were actually Reception and the reason why a raven is like a writing desk is because someone put a spell on it (obviously). Well done to Hollie for coming up with that one and to Diego for informing us that "those black birds are out Egg Island."

Mrs Drozdowskij commented: "It was wonderful to see the children so engrossed and enthused by their maths work. To them it was just fun, whereas as teachers we know they were actually working out some rather sophisticated maths conundrums." The day concluded with a cinematic popcorn and ice-cream fest with the whole school watching the film version of the book.

# Headteacher has her mind read!

The day's festivities started with a whole school assembly led by the school's Maths Lead, Julia Drozdowskij. The assembly served as an introduction to 'Alice in Wonderland' and some of the maths that is contained within the book.

Children from Nursery right up to Year 6 were amazed when Mrs. Drozdowskij (dressed as the White Rabbit) appeared to read Mrs. Carlean Crowie's mind! The White Rabbit took control of the Headteacher's mind by asking some very probing maths questions and then predicting the answer to a totally unrelated question. Of course, it wasn't mind control (if it had been, Mrs Drozdowskij would have asked for a pay rise for the teachers) but was a simple case of mathematical probability.



Cooking up a storm in Year 2

**JAMESTOWN  
COMMUNITY CENTRE  
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING  
WILL BE HELD ON  
MONDAY 8TH JULY 2019  
At 8 PM**

**AGENDA:**

- Welcome.
- Chairperson's report.
- To read the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and, if approved, confirm.
- To receive the audited Accounts of the past year.
- To dissolve the Committee.
- To elect Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Members to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.
- Any other business.
- To close the meeting.

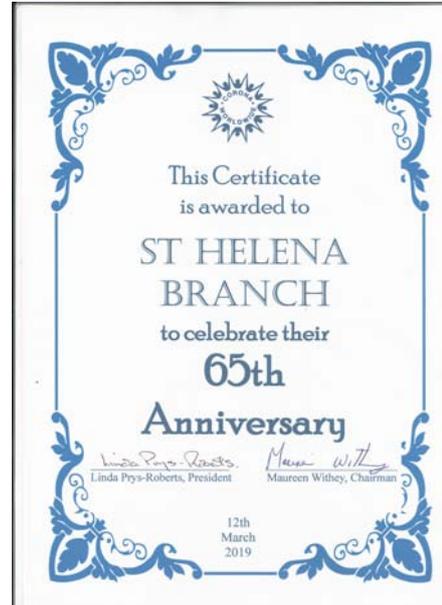
**To enable the Centre to continue functioning, a Committee must be formed.**

**The residents of Jamestown, Rupert's and the Briars are encouraged to attend.**

The community of St Helena will be well aware of the presence of the Women's Corona Society and the on-going fund raising and other charitable events they have instigated and been involved with over the years.

St Helena, a branch of the Corona worldwide, celebrated the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its' founding last June 2018, several events, including a special thanksgiving Evensong in St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2018 to mark this momentous anniversary. Though somewhat belated, the headquarters in London recently sent a special certificate to the St Helena branch in celebration of its' 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary

**Mrs Patsy Flagg, President**



		<p><b>The Rock Christian Fellowship Unit No. 3 Longwood Enterprise Park 62552/23249</b></p>		<p align="center"><b>You're Invited to Their 5<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary Celebration</b> <i>Theme: Unlocking Doors</i></p>	
<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>1</b> LEP <b>7:30pm</b> <b>Prayer Session</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>2</b> THE CCC <b>5pm</b> <b>Praise &amp; Worship</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>3</b> LEP <b>7:30pm</b> <b>The Purpose Driven Life Rick Warren</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>4</b> LEP <b>6:30pm</b> <b>Women's Fellowship</b></p>		
<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>5</b> LEP <b>6pm</b> <b>*Movie Night *Games for Children</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>6</b> Ann's Place 8am Men's Breakfast Mule Yard 6pm <b>Thankz &amp; Praise Concert</b></p>	<p align="center"><b>July</b> <b>7</b> LEP <b>11am</b> <b>Thanksgiving Service</b></p>	<p align="center">Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. <b>Rev. 3:20</b></p>		



## SAVE THE DATE...

### 1<sup>st</sup> Jamestown Scout Group Fun Day

**WHEN:**  
Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2019

**FROM:**  
1pm till Late

**WHERE:**  
Mule Yard

Sports & Games  
Hot & Cold Food  
Bar  
Live Music  
Entertainment

And much more...



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly car boot on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> June 2019

Time: 10am – 12noon

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



Book a table for £3 by calling the school on 22540 or just turn up on the day.



Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> July  
At 7pm to 10.30pm

Rosie's is Hosting  
A



Featuring 'Rosie's Sunset' cocktail with Specials on All Drinks  
Attire Colour Code Black  
Packed with Entertainment Galore

DJ Mike-E bringing you a mixture of Music to suit all

Open to the Guys from 10.30pm



### Rosie's American Style Steak Night

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July

Limited Spaces Available - Book now to avoid Disappointment

Grilled T-Bone or Sirloin Steak (to order) OR Surf N Turf (to Order) Grilled T-Bone or Sirloin Steak with Garlic Butter Prawns  
Garlic & Herb Hasselback Potatoes  
Sautéed Onions & Mushrooms  
Corn on the Cob  
Chilli Con-Carne  
Potato Salad  
Cous Cous Salad  
Mixed Leaf Garden Salad  
Coleslaw  
Garlic Bread

Assortment of Desserts



To Book and or for further details call 25507 or 23663 or email [rosie.bargo@gmail.com](mailto:rosie.bargo@gmail.com)