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Solomon's Accounts Better Than Last Year

The accounts of Solomon & Co for April 2018 to 2019 were released to its shareholders last week. The accounts showed that the Company had returned to profit after the poor result previous year, still the Company is struggling with decreasing sales and a heavy dependency on its insurance activity. The Directors report says:

"The profit for the year, after taxation, amounted to £469,177 (2018 - £32,610).

Investments in the shares of a Company involves an element of risk. The value of the investment can fluctuate over time and the dividend is not guaranteed.

The directors consider that, in the phase of rebuilding Company reserves and cash, dividend payments are to be determined with reference to trading profits only and not on profit occasioned by other activities. In June 2012 a Dividend and Cash Reserves Policy was introduced. The payment of a dividend is therefore recommended on this basis.

Following the year end a dividend of £39,430 (2018: £19,715) was declared representing a return of 20p per share (2018: 10p).

During the year a dividend of £19,715 (2018: £29,573) was paid.

In the prior years, as a reflection of the financial risk arising from the operation 'of the insurance subsidiary, the directors have set aside £446,900 (2018: £446,900) of the profit and loss reserve as a retention and death and disability reserve in order to safeguard the financial future of the insurance subsidiary. These reserves are essential and do not form part of reserves available for distribution."

Whilst the prior year 2017/18 was particularly challenging for the Company, in the financial year 2018/19, the business operating environment and consequently the island economy has further declined, with the St Helena Government Statistics Office reporting the annual price inflation rate for Quarter 1 of 2019 at 4.1 in comparison with 2.8 in Quarter 1 of 2018 (<http://www.sainthelena.qov.sh/statistics-data>).

Commercial flights have now been in operation since October 2017. Statistics publications have made much of increased visitor numbers however the reality for the business community is that visitor numbers still fall well below flight capacity and expectation for the majority of flight opportunities. It is notable that visitor trends are towards short stay duration. This, coupled with lower than anticipated visitor numbers during the year and a shrinking customer base, falls short of the level of disposable income stimulation required on island, to counterbalance the significant rise in cost of production and cost of sales.

The lack of any large-scale inward investment and of St Helena Government capital expenditure programme funding during the year have meant that there has been little external opportunity for spin-off business development or increased revenue generation.

The negative impact of the closure of the Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island as a regular transit hub between the United Kingdom, Falkland Islands and St Helena, continued as reported in the prior year.

Infrastructure delays in respect of the Ruperts Wharf devel-



opment and the new Bulk Fuel Installation facilities also continue, creating uncertainties in strategic and operational planning for medium and long-term core related business activities.

Provisioning through the MV Helena has settled into a norm following the cessation of the RMS St Helena service in the prior year; however the wholesale and retail sectors continue to adjust to longer supply timelines, cash flow pressures and storage challenges. With the reduction of provisioning opportunities from 17 to 12 voyages a year, the feast and famine stock fluctuations reported in the prior year are still being experienced to some extent. Maximising on the provisioning potential of airfreight from Johannesburg, although more costly to transport than seafreight; has enabled some stabilisation in select product ranges from time to time during the year.

The single most detrimental impact on the island economy in the financial year under review has been the removal of the freight subsidy following the cessation of the RMS St Helena shipping service. The resulting unprecedented increases in freight rates at full cost recovery of a commercial service, have placed pressures on cost of sales and cost of production in every relevant area of business operation on island. The Company has achieved the projected return to acceptable levels of profitability at 31 March 2019.

The specific actions committed to during the strategic review of the prior year were stringently implemented and, although gross turnover has declined, reflecting the challenges of the economy during the year; focused efforts are reflected in the achievement of reduced trading and administrative costs in comparison with the prior year.

Coupled with increased gross profit margins in comparison to the prior year, the reduction of costs has been a key contributing factor to the return of the Company to profitability."

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24248 or mobile 65796

Vice President of Angola to fly in with his family

This week about eleven Angolans arrived at St Helena airport in a private jet. Their purpose was to check out St Helena and make arrangements in advance of a visit by the Vice President of Angola next week. Vice President De Sousa entered politics at the age of 16 as an MPLA militant. The People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) was one of three independence organisations to emerge in the fight against the Portuguese occupation of Angola from the 1960s to 1974. After the Portuguese left the MPLA fought a civil war against the other two freedom fighting organisations and emerged victorious after years of war which finally ended on 2002. The MPLA have been accused of systematic exterminations, genocide and war crimes.

As a political organisation they have retained power since the first free and multi-party elections were held in 1992. Despite being rich in oil and diamonds, Angola fell into recession after the 2008 financial crisis which brought with it a steep drop in oil prices. Only this year is Angola expected to return to a growth economy of 1.2%.

De Sousa took on the vice presidential role in August 2017. The previous vice president, Manuel Vicente was reported to be embroiled in a corruption scandal involving more than £22million being swindled from government funds. So far he



The Vice President of Angola, Bornito de Sousa, along with various members of his family and close aids will be visiting St Helena next week for a private holiday.

has evaded a court appearance.

According to our sources the vice president will arrive on Sunday. He and his entourage will arrive by private jet. As it is a private visit no details are being publicised but it is believed that he will stay at the Mantis Hotel and the visit will be for less than a week.

University Graduates look for improved career development

Three of the recently returned university graduates who achieved degrees with first class honours gave the Education Committee their views on what can be done to increase the benefits of further education for the most promising of St Helena's young students. Between them the three university graduates can develop their careers to take leading roles in St Helena where outstanding ability in civil engineering, mathematics and computer engineering are key requirements.

The graduates told the Education Committee there is no incentive for them to return to St Helena after achieving their level of academic success; it's just that they have to because the scholarship they were awarded to continue their education overseas means they have to return.

To improve their opportunity in getting a job which makes the most of their skills and abilities the graduates suggested that in future students who are awarded scholarships to further their education overseas should also have a further year of real work experience included. They were certain that work experience overseas would be of great assistance to their career development and add significantly to the results achieved through their work in St Helena.

The graduates also suggested it would help future students who go overseas if they can get some practical experience in their chosen field of study with local businesses before starting in further education overseas.

Thank You

Mum Barbara & family and partner Gavin of the late Vera George of Levelwood, would like to thank Doctors and Staff both here and overseas for their kindness and care given to Vera during her illness.

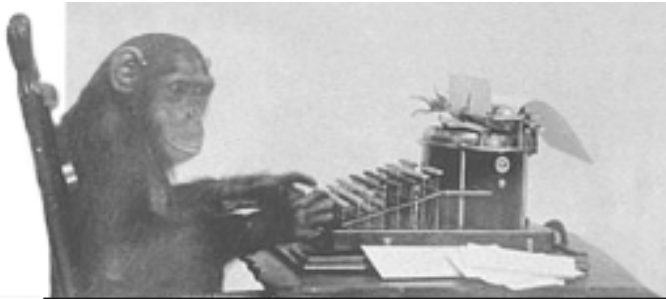
Special thanks to the Priest of St. Mark's Church, Deacon Bobby and also Mr Michael Moyce for the beautiful service and to Mrs Pat Musk, the organist.

Thanks are also extended to Mr Roy Williams and Team; those who gave flowers and made the wreaths; to all who attended the funeral, gave cards of sympathy and the many phone calls expressing condolences.

Vera has gone from our lives but will never be forgotten.

May the Almighty God Bless you all





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Editorial

The discussion at Harford Community Centre on Wednesday was fast moving, covered a range of issues and the consultants let the consulters know exactly what they thought. At the end of it all I had wonder where all of the views offered during the two-and-a-half hour discussion had got us. People should not be entitled to a job for life. People from overseas on short term contracts should not be allowed the option of permanent residence. Experience and qualifications should be considered with equal merit. We all know of policies, plans and programmes which come and go and then come back again. We need plans which fit St Helena's particular circumstances and not take 'direct transplants' from the UK. People should be more accountable for what they do. These are just some of the heartfelt views expressed on a cold and windy Wednesday evening in Longwood.

The policies and plans which are direct transplants from the UK are usually brought here by overseas people on short term contracts. This is how it's done in the UK; it works there so we will get it working here. That seems to be a recurring attitude which so often has disastrous consequences. As I have written several times before, by the time what works in the UK comes crashing down here the overseas contract worker is a few thousand miles away and cannot be brought to account. If people are to be accountable they need to be around to answer for their sins when that time comes.

If experience is to be rightfully valued it does not go hand-in-hand with short term contracts. If policies, plans and programmes are not to be lost and forgotten there needs to be continuity together with depth and breadth of knowledge. That includes local knowledge; knowing how things work here and how they can be made to work. A degree from the University of London's Royal Central School of Speech and Drama or a Surf Science and Technology degree from Cornwall College, University of Plymouth may be an official qualification and indicate the holder of the degree has some brains but they will not get anywhere here and now; wrong sort of brains. I believe the wrong sort of brains do get jobs here. When wrong brained people arrive they either never realise they are in a very different place compared with what they are used to or they do realise it and are immediately puzzled and never figure anything out right up to the day they leave.

On the other hand there are from time to time some real gems who wash up on these shores; they are dedicated, skilled, competent, understanding, genuine and want the personal satisfaction of having contributed something permanent and beneficial to the Island. These kind of people are needed, particularly when it comes to succession planning. They are ideal for passing on skills, knowledge and advice to a new generation of Saints who want to fill the shoes of an aging generation of managers and directors.

How you move someone on when they have climbed to the

top of their particular greasy pole and spent too many years sitting on the pole I am not sure. I did check some figures published by the Institute of Government in the UK. Permanent Secretaries, the nearest equivalent to St Helena Government Directors and the Chief Secretary do not stay in a job for longer than three years. They move around to improve their chances of staying experienced, up to date with changes and employable. It may be that top UK civil servants have forsaken the job for life culture a bit too much. Some authorities think Permanent Secretaries should stay five years in one job to give stability to the organisation and then move on. The Institute of Government's report notes, "Serving Permanent Secretaries have only been in post a year longer, on average, than English football managers, who are hired and fired notoriously quickly". Can I hear our top government officers saying this is something the UK does which we do not want to import to St Helena?

Vince

**THERE WILL BE A SERVICE OF
GOSPEL MUSIC AT
ST JAMES CHURCH ON
SUNDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER
AT 6.30PM.
ALL ARE WELCOME,
REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED
AFTERWARDS.**

**LOOK FORWARD TO
SEEING YOU THERE.**

Ascension Elections

Ascension Island's Legislative Council, comprising Kitty George, Alan Nicholls and Terrence Young was dissolved on Sunday 1st September after serving a full term. Nominations for candidates to stand for the new Island council closed at 4.30 pm yesterday.

Seven candidates have been nominated for elections which will take place on Thursday 26th September. They are Andrew Ellick, Kristopher Hall, Katharyn Chadwick, Kitty George, Andrew Hobson, Alan Nicholls and Iain Lamb. Only five persons are required to serve on the Island Council and voting at four polling stations around Ascension will close at 8 pm on Thursday 26th. The sealed ballot boxes will be taken immediately to the Court House in Georgetown where the official count will take place. We await in anticipation, the announcement of the five selected Councillors.

What About Us

It was standing room only at the Harford Community Centre on Wednesday evening when more than fifty people came to listen to what was said about the draft Labour Market Strategy for about half-an-hour and then spend the next two hours giving their views on what can be done to improve how the labour market in St Helena works.

To a great extent the participating public set their own agenda and opened discussion on several subjects which had not been referred to in the strategy. One opening comment was that Saints do not only leave to work overseas for the extra money, they also leave because they are disillusioned with the way the Island is run. Sometimes, families with young children and who own their homes leave to work overseas; they are not moving out in order to save the £thousands needed to build a family home. The just see no future in staying. Other comments about the disillusioned labour market included Saints who have returned in the hope of finding a good job only to leave again for overseas work because they feel under-valued. It was asserted that it is a "thin layer" of top people who get the benefits while the rest make do and mend. 'Jobs for life' was another instance given of life being comfortable for a few while others suffer the consequences of the labour market going down as well as up. The current labour market depended more on who you know rather than what you know with graduates returning from further education overseas finding it as difficult as anyone else to find suitable work. Make it an island for everyone was a popular comment. As someone said, "What About Us?"

Of the proposals set out in the draft *Labour Market Strategy* it was clear discussion would concentrate on one or two of them. The notion that overseas workers on short-term contracts should be allowed to stay on a permanent basis did not prove popular. The draft strategy proposes, "SHG will actively encourage TC officers and non-St Helenian staff on local contracts who have potential to provide long term benefit to St Helena to apply for Saint Status in order to maintain their skills and contributions on the Island. SHG will encourage other businesses on island, including the state owned entities, to do the same." A footnote at the bottom of the page in the strategy document points out, "Individuals who receive Saint Status should be employed on local contracts."

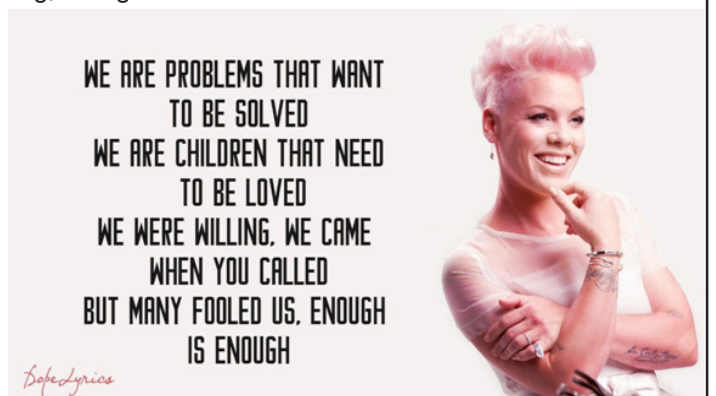
One person commented that some Technical Co-operation officers (TCs) were "absolutely useless" while another argued that at the end of a contract TCs had become de-skilled and had nothing more to offer – and should be replaced by new,



fresher blood. The 'jobs for life' comfort zone does not and will not apply to overseas workers seemed to be a common sentiment.

There was also a clear recognition that with a population of only 4,500 on an island of just 47 square miles the culture and way of life enjoyed and protected by its inhabitants was sensitive and vulnerable to irreversible change from outside influences. The message seemed to be, Saints will welcome anyone from anywhere but not to take over the place; it's our Island. There was also a feeling expressed that if outside influences are allowed to take over in a limited way it will just be the start of something bigger and very unwelcome later on.

Another subject in the wide-ranging discussion was how the same proposals keep surfacing, are adopted and implemented and then allowed to fall into disuse or non-use, only to be revived by someone else later on. When discussing the need to bring the traditional occupations such as farming and fishing into the school curriculum from an early age it was recalled that school children gardening at Harper's use to thrive and there was a Maritime Centre at Prince Andrew School which proved to be very useful; it is now a gym. There was also a Job Shop at Essex House in the past but it faded into oblivion. The often repeated comment was heard once more on Wednesday evening, "the school curriculum needs to provide for St Helena's needs, not be just a UK implant" Inevitably the discussion moved on to immigration policy which is being reviewed, revised, reconsidered and recreated. When the new creation would be presented for another round of consultation was not known. This moved the discussion on to how long it takes to do things, especially when DFID is involved. At 9:30pm Lawson Henry, who chaired the meeting, brought the discussion to a close.



Lyrics from 'What About Us' by Pink – on the *Beautiful Trauma* album 2017

AFTER 100 DAYS ON THE JOB

In my first radio interview following my arrival on 11 May, I was asked if I would give my reflections on St Helena after my first 100 days. It seems to be an unwritten convention that surviving in a job for the first three months confers some mystical ability to foretell the future. Interestingly, the term '100 days' originates with Napoleon and the so-called 100 days between the time he escaped his exile on Elba and his defeat and the restoration of King Louis XVIII in Paris on 8 July 1815. Actually, it was 111 days but who is counting that closely. Still, a real connection to St Helena. Nonetheless, not one to resist a challenge, here is my go at a set of 100-day insights.

We all know St Helena is a beautiful island with dramatic scenery. Hot to warm(ish) throughout the year. Steeped in history, a culturally diverse community, home to the oldest recorded land animal and surrounded by a pristine ocean. Taken together the Island should be a thriving and buoyant place where people in increasing numbers would want to visit and live. This is not (yet) the case. The reasons are a combination of historical legacy, geographical position and local opportunities and expectations.

Let me begin with the economy. It was Bill Clinton who used the phrase 'it's the economy, stupid' in his 1992 US Presidential campaign. He was right. If the economy is not performing, incomes, jobs, public services and just about everything are not right. At this moment in time St Helena is firmly in an economic slump. The mini-boom during the construction of the Airport when employment and wages increased is now over. Prices and costs are rising at around 4% per annum, whilst the size of the economy has most likely shrunk. Average salaries are low in comparison to the money that can be earned on Ascension, Falklands and the UK and disposable income and consumer spending have become smaller in recent years.

I have met many people and groups across the Island and heard about their worrying problems and genuine concerns for the immediate future. I know too, the elected councillors are seized with the urgency attached to improving the situation and the unpleasant recognition that collectively we all need to find the ways out of it. The basic problem, as I see it, is the size of the economy is too small. There is simply not enough money swirling around the Island to provide a better level of wages or to have more consumer spending or to pay for improvements to our infrastructure or to sustain enough revenues to the public sector to fund the services everyone expects. The financial top up from the UK is welcomed but will never be enough to satisfy expectations. We simply must generate more of the green stuff ourselves by selling more elsewhere, importing less and attracting 'new money' from outside.

The situation for St Helena, whilst tough, is far from hopeless. There are a variety of opportunities on the horizon. You may think this a bold view but I sincerely believe it. In going out and about widely across the Island I detect a definite appetite amongst many people and businesses to improve their lot. In turn, it is the job of our elected representatives, St Helena's public services and the Governor's Office to provide the basis for improvement that others can take forward.

Through the force of the circumstances before us St Helena



has embarked, whether you see it as good or otherwise, on a generational change in the way of life that can be sustained. A heavily supported island continuing in relaxed isolation is not likely to be a maintainable business model. It will only encourage more economically active people to move on and distort further the age profile of the Island. The recently circulated draft Labour Market Strategy is a wake-up call to us all. At this moment in time we are a handful of years into the unpredictable process of change. Keeping and attracting younger people to become commercially and professionally active in St Helena, as opposed to taking their talents elsewhere, is a challenge the Island must win.

The generational decisions looming before us to build up the economy will probably mean more people ultimately are employed in the private sector than the public one. It will probably mean the expectation of some of a steady job for life will end. It certainly means we should find a better way to govern ourselves to ensure decision-making in weeks (not years) and individual elected councillors becoming directly responsible politically for the performance of SHG directorates. It will probably mean more public services should be done by the private sector. It will probably mean the remaining public services having to operate with less cash. It will probably mean 8.30 to 4.30 lifestyles will be compromised to increase staff productivity and better customer satisfaction. It will probably mean public support for some things will have to be stopped or switched to other areas. It will probably mean prioritising support for business-generating measures over public service ones. It will mean welcoming in with less misgivings more investors from the world beyond. It will surely mean internet-based business and services impact far more on one's life than many can currently imagine.

In technical-speak the generational change for St Helena is a transition from a government subsidised economy to a consumer-led one. If our economy is going to grow it will inevitably increase the number of new faces coming to live on the Island. Look around at Cayman, Jersey or Bermuda, this is the norm on the economically successful overseas territories and Crown dependencies and if St Helena is to be successful eventually it will be the same for us.

So, what is the Governor's Office going to do? We will concentrate our efforts on where we can add value to support the elected councillors, the public sector, business and commu-

AFTER 100 DAYS ON THE JOB

nity organisations. In particular, approaches to future governance and building economic prospects for the Island. Five areas of work have been identified:

- Improving political accountability, uphold the Constitution and support prompt decision-making by working with elected representatives on putting in place the best ways of getting things done
- Providing active support to reforms within SHG, especially their present initiatives to be more effective and streamlined
- Supporting SHG and other agencies to pursue and land every realistic economic development opportunity
- Supporting SHG to implement successfully and as quickly as possible its important infrastructure programme and pursue every credible option to improve air access arrangements
- Ensuring St Helena's international obligations are progressed, including FCO and other externally funded work on marine protection, marine safety, policing improvements, immigration modernisation, safeguarding, economic promotion,

as well as supporting community-based improvement projects. Now is not the time to lose faith. Now is the time to re-double our efforts. The fibre optic cable, new wind and solar farms and sorting out Rupert's are on the horizon. Investors are out there to be encouraged. Niche diving, fishing, nature and history tourism will take root where we package it attractively and the Napoleon Bicentenary will showcase our Island globally. New business opportunities with the arrival of affordable high speed internet will be there to exploit and golf, spa and smart developments for well-to-do paying clientele have been proposed. I see us on the cusp of improvement not the cusp of decline. With a positive outlook we can make the first path the generator of a bold future for St Helena. The latter one has no place here.

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook



The Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha

A closer look at Bees

The August meeting of the Economic Development Committee included a discussion on DNA testing of bees. Enterprise St Helena has approved funding for the DNA tests so more can be learnt about what makes St Helena bees buzz and use the knowledge gained to help increase honey production.



A St Helena Bee

Free of diseases which have spread with international trade

Two types of DNA tests will be performed on a sample of St Helena bees collected from different locations across the Island. These will be compared with similar DNA tests on South African and UK bees to try to identify more precisely the types of bee that have evolved here over the last 300 years. There are three known types of bee buzzing around St Helena. There is the –"the little black bee" and "the large bee with the yellow strip" which buzz around reasonably happily. There also the "red bee". There have been no reported sightings of the Red Bee for a number of years, until recently. At the July meeting of the Beekeepers Association two recent sightings were reported; in the Blue Hill and St Paul's areas. Attempts are therefore being made to collect samples of the elusive red bee for DNA tests.

When the DNA tests are completed and the results known it is expected more information will be available about the type of bee the St Helena bee actually is. Apart from the DNA

analysis revealing details of where our bees came from there will also be indications on how far the bees have evolved from their ancestry during their 300 years isolation in the middle of the South Atlantic. Having this kind of information can help beekeepers in their constant quest to help the bees produce more honey. It will also provide the information required for any attempt made to export disease free queen bees to other parts of the world where swarms are blighted by disease.

While the DNA tests on bees represent the start of a long sequence of events, the eventual aim is to have a thriving, healthy bee population which produces sufficient honey for local consumption and export. St Helena honey can be as distinct and valuable as St Helena coffee has become.

Dr Joe Hollins will be leading the preparation of bee samples in St Helena to ensure they arrive in the UK in good condition for the DNA tests. Maintaining the bees in good condition means taking several careful precautions as the bees are 'packaged' for their journey. Dr Hollins has much experience of this kind of work having led research on the Turkish/Syrian border in connection with leishmaniasis, a potentially fatal parasitic disease spread by sand flies.

One of the main precautions is using good quality ethanol to preserve the bees and their DNA while on the journey to FERA Science in South Yorkshire where the DNA tests will be completed. FERA Science is a private sector company linked to the Departments of Environment Food and Rural Affairs. FERA (previously known as the Food and Environment Research Agency) has more than 30 years of research experience devoted exclusively to bee health, pollination behaviours and reactions to pesticides and new products.



The end of the road for the new prison

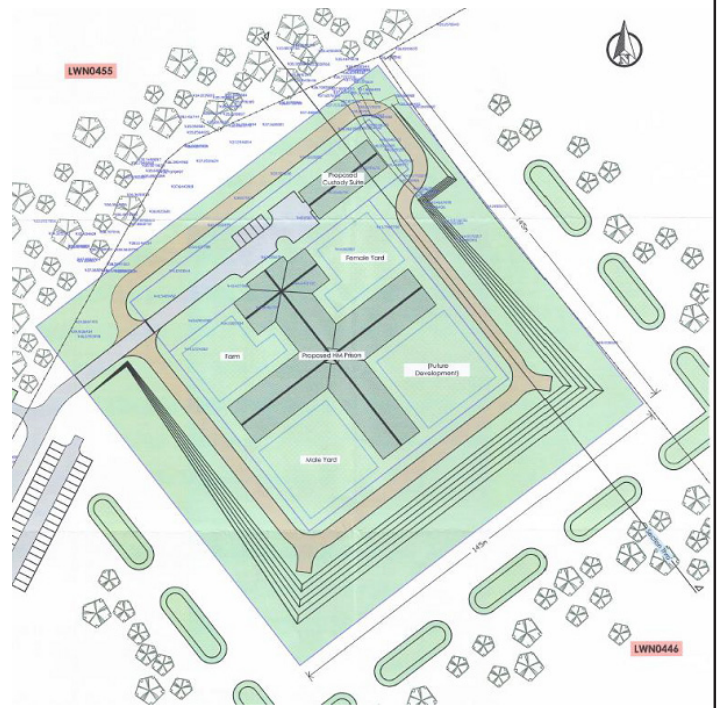
The one item on the open agenda at next Tuesday's Executive Council meeting is, again, the development application for the new prison at Bottom Woods. The history of the development application for the new prison is another story of a long and winding road blended with a bumpy ride. The building contains 26-single occupancy cells, in a single-storey block configured in a cross shape, together with associated rooms to provide: education, rehabilitation, training, medical room, sports, healthcare, worship, kitchen, recycling, storage, visiting, administration works, horticulture and security. The prison site is a little under 11 acres and part of a larger greenfield site that is approximately 94.0 acres. Executive Council are informed "The Prison population is rising and is likely to continue to rise" but no basis for this assumption is offered.

The information paper to Executive Council members explains (once more) "This larger site had been identified for wirebird conservation mitigation to offset the environmental impact for the development associated with the airport. There was a requirement to prepare a conservation management plan for the future conservation and management of this site. Unfortunately, this has not been prepared, however the site has continued to be self-managed and used for agricultural grazing." Council members are further informed, "Although the application is seeking outline permission, there is considerable detail related to the layout and design including the access road and car-parking provided with the application. The main prison development is within an area with enclosed security wall and fence and with earth mounding around the external perimeter on three sides. There is car-parking outside the secured area for visitors and secured internal parking for the prison use." Referring to one of the bumps on the long and winding road the information paper states, "The development application report was considered by the LDCA at their meeting in September 2018 and it was recommended to the Governor in Council to grant development permission subject to number of conditions. This was reported to the Executive Council for their meeting on 11th October 2018, but no decision was made due to issues regarding the need for an EIA in respect of the proposed development. The concern raised by the representation received, questioned the conclusion made by the planning officers that an EIA for the proposed development was not required and the consultation period for making representation being only 14 days and not 28 days for a major application. In view of the concerns raised and legal opinion on the interpretation of the LDCA Policy NH.4, that determined an EIA report was required, the applicant was advised to submit an EIA in support of this development application. An EIA was submitted in February 2019 and this was advertised and subject to consultation."

The expectation is that outline development permission will be granted next week. However a further detailed application will need to be submitted and approved before building work can start.

Layout of the proposed prison

The separate building in the north corner is the custody suite. The Female Yard is just to the north of the prison, with the Male Yard on the opposite, southern side. The open area at



the western corner is the Farm and on the opposite eastern side the area is reserved for future development.

The security wall enclosing the prison and its grounds is indicated together with the earth mounds on three sides. Visitor car parking is shown outside the prison walls.

INVITATION TO TENDER – FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICY ADVISER

Reference: CS-0278-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Financial Services Policy Adviser.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 25 October 2019.

SHG

9 September 2019



**St Helena
Government**

ST HELENA RESIDENTS CONTINUE TO REDUCE WATER USAGE

St Helena's water consumption levels on 3, 5, 6 and 7 September were less than 1000 cubic metres - the consumption rate required to sustain a safe level of stored water on the Island. All residents are praised for their efforts in reducing their water usage.

Despite some recent rainfall, the surface water runoff has not increased which means that very little or no surface water is entering the Island's reservoirs. Isolated showers are forecast for the coming days, but this will not be enough to see the desired effects on the reservoir levels. At least two weeks of continuous meaningful rainfall is needed to make a positive difference in reservoir levels.

The raw water catchment at Osbornes in St Paul's is completely dry and there has not been any surface runoff in this area since March 2019. This water catchment is one of the main sources of surface water for the Red Hill reservoirs, producing around 90 cubic metres per day. Osbornes has been known to produce water all year round, including during the summer period, but is now completely depleted.

Although there is water present in the Harpers 2 (H2) Earth Dam, H2 is still classified as empty as the current water volume (dead storage) is under the outlet pipe.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) continues to pump water from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate to Red Hill to replenish stocks in this area.

With the St Helena Summer and peak season for visitors just around the corner it is important that we continue to cut down our water usage to essential use only.

Remember, if you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform CSH immediately.



Harpers 2 Earth Dam
(September 2018)



Harpers 2 Earth Dam
(September 2019)

***Every drop counts, every action counts –
save water now to be safe later.***

**St Helena Resilience Forum
11 September 2019**

GOVERNOR RUSHBROOK ANNOUNCES BYE-ELECTION

In a Proclamation issued today, Wednesday 11 September 2019, Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook has announced that a Bye-election to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council (following the recent resignation of Kylie Hercules on 31 August) will take place on **Wednesday, 27 November 2019**.

The public is reminded that to vote in the Bye-election or to stand for election to Legislative Council your name must be on the Register of Electors.

A window of opportunity is being given to members of the public whose names are not included in the Register of Electors dated 1 July 2019 to have their names added to the Register. Persons wishing to take part in the Bye-election and whose names are not yet on the Register of Electors, should make an application to the Registration Officer on the prescribed form by 4pm on Friday, 20 September 2019.

Forms can be obtained from the Registration Officer at the Castle (tel: 22470) or from the Post & Customer Services Centre. The forms can also be downloaded from the SHG website via: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/forms/>.

Remember - you can only apply to be registered if you are:

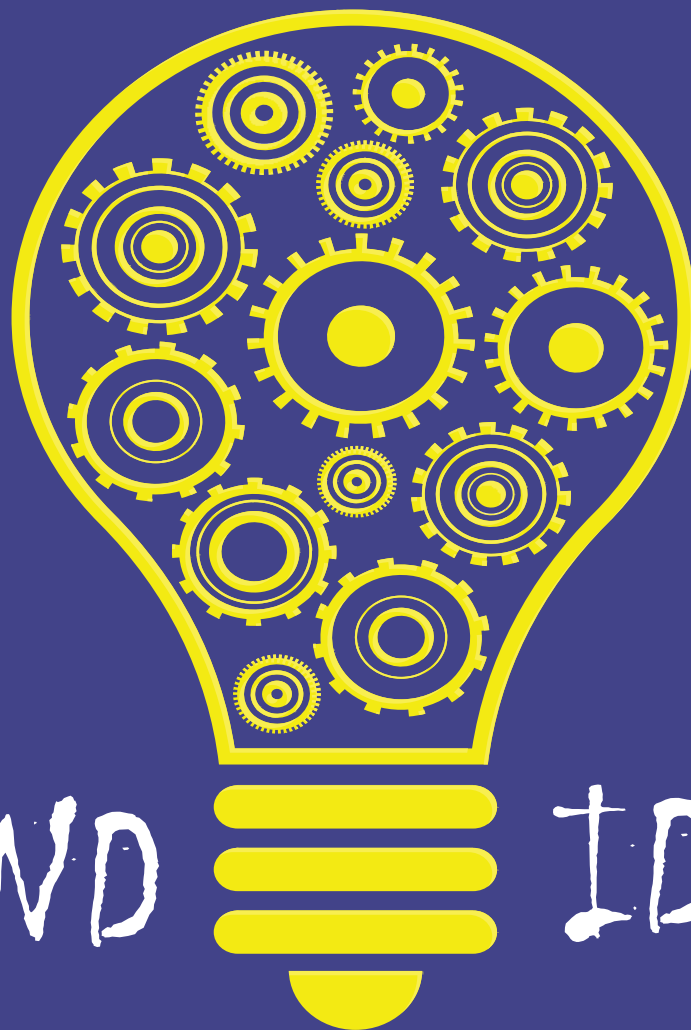
- 17 years of age or older with St Helena as your ordinary place of residence
- Have St Helenian Status as defined in the Immigration Ordinance, 2011.

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Do you have an innovative, creative idea?

Enterprise St Helena, in partnership with the Governor's Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Programme Fund, is running a competition for the most creative, innovative and cost-effective community ideas to improve life on the island.

Entries will be judged in two categories:

- Economic benefits for St Helena
- Social benefits for St Helena

Competition is open to all children, adults, community groups and businesses that are permanently resident on St Helena.

Win a 'Grand' (£1000) towards implementing your creative idea.

Application forms can be emailed or collected from Mandy O'Bey at Enterprise St Helena. Closing date for submission of ideas is by Monday 30th of September 2019.

For further information please contact Mandy O'Bey on Tel No: 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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St Helena, Ascension
and Tristan da Cunha





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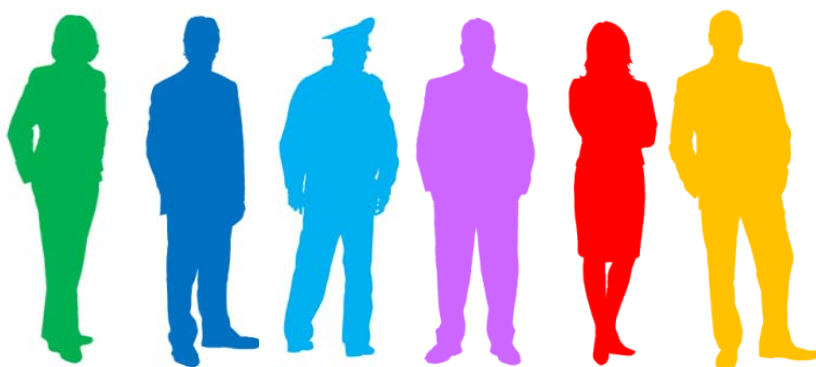
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CAREERS FAIR 2019

Wed | 09 October | From 10.00–15.30 & 18.30–20.00

At Prince Andrew School

Meet your prospective employers & learn from their experience.



Are you looking for a Job?

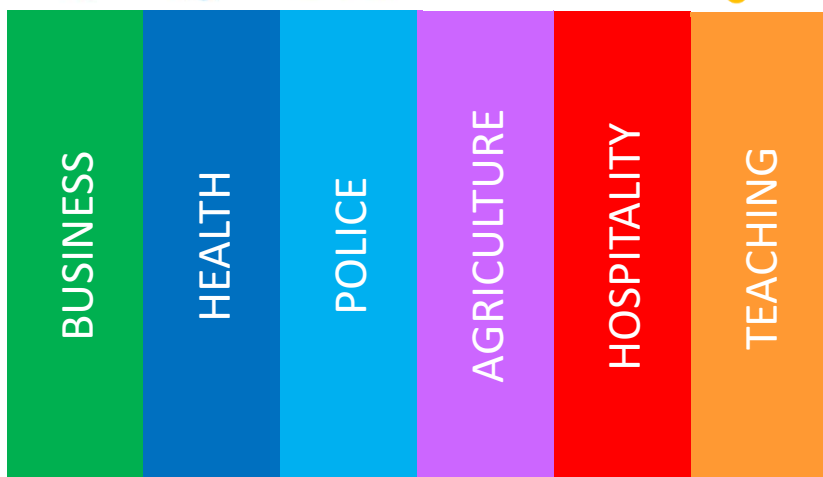
Are you thinking about a change of career?

Are you looking for inspiration for your career development?

Would you like to help your children with informed career choices?

If so, then do not miss this opportunity to gain this information, advice and guidance through displays, presentations and demonstrations at this event.

All are welcome!



There are still opportunities for potential Employers to hold a stall at the fair.

If you are interested or require further information please contact: Helena Twynning or Carley Peters as soon as possible on telephone 22607 or email shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh

St Helena Community College Education Directorate, St Helena Government, Jamestown, St Helena Island, STHL 1ZZ



MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (MSME) BUSINESS GRANTS

Technical and Legal Assistance	Development Projects	Product and Service Enhancement	Hire for Reward / Vehicles	Skills Development
New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	Existing businesses only.	New and existing businesses.	All Sectors.
75% to a Max of £2,500	75% to a Max of £5,000	50% to a Max of £10,000	25% to a Max of £5,000	75% to a Max of £7,500

Youth Loan from 16 to 26 yrs	£2,000 1% Interest
Youth Extension Loan up to 30 yrs	£3,000 3% Interest

These grants are subject to eligibility criteria; policy, terms and conditions apply.

For further information contact a member of the Business Development Team on tel: 22920, or email: delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh & mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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Vacancy for Senior Communications Engineer or Communications Engineer – Transmitting Station

Encompass has a vacancy for a full-time **Senior Communications Engineer or Communications Engineer** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the team that is primarily responsible for transmitting programmes for the BBC and other customers.

Duties will include maintenance and fault-finding on transmitters and associated equipment.

This post will be offered either on a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Engineering skills and developed experience in the role of Communications Engineer.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- In depth knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse difficult technical problems.
- Able to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of electronics and fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of transmitter station's operation and maintenance work.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Workshop skills, specifically hand and power tools.
- IT Competent, particularly in the use of Microsoft Office.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.
- **The Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and to be available for call-outs and faults, outside of normal working hours.**

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of antenna systems.
- High Voltage Authorisation.
- People management experience.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on +247 66800 (Extn 102) or email Glen.yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station, English Bay
Ascension Island (or email glen.yon@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Monday 30th September 2019.**



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The Bank is closed, but you want to know your Account Balance? What can you do?

If you have a Local Debit Card, **CALL OUR TELEPHONE CARD SERVICE** on telephone number 25335 for 24-hour, automated card support.

Using the Telephone Card Service you can:

- ✓ Check your Account Balance
- ✓ Activate your Local Debit Card
- ✓ Change your PIN
- ✓ Change your Memorable Security Number
- ✓ Block your Card

CALL 25335, have your Local Debit Card handy and follow the instructions provided. **Don't have your Card yet?** Contact Bank Customer Services on 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com to register!



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With your Local Debit Card you can make Pay In or Cash Withdrawal transactions at all Bank of St Helena locations, without having to complete any forms! Bank locations include:

- **Main Branch** - Market Street, Jamestown
- **Remote Banking Sites** - ANRD, HTH Supermarket and Longwood Enterprise Park
- **Bank Kiosks** - Jamestown Wharf and St Helena Airport

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Speak with our Customer Service Section, for full details. Visit our head office, Market Street Jamestown, call on telephone 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a vacancy for a

Cleaner

On a part-time basis, Within the Bakery

Job Outline

To carry out an effective day to day cleaning program of the Bakery equipment and facilities in order to meet the required health and hygiene standards and production targets

Interested Persons Should:

- Be physically fit, as the role requires regular manual handling
 - Have knowledge of Health & Safety and Hygiene
- Be able to work independently, with minimum supervision

Hours of work will be 30 hours per week

Salary will be £6,235.20 per annum (£120.00 per week)

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Dean Okali
General Manager (Production)
on telephone number: 22380
or via email address:
gm-productions@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected
from Solomons Reception Desk, in
the Main Office Building, Jamestown
or alternatively an electronic copy
can be requested via e-mail
address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh
and should be completed and
returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human
Resources Officer,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 17 September 2019



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REMOTE BANKING SEPTEMBER 2019

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for September will take place as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Scotland	Monday, 23 September	09:30 – 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Tuesday, 24 September	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 27 September	09:30 – 14:00

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown, visit your nearest Remote Banking Location

For your convenience you can also use your 'Local Debit Card' at all our Remote Banking Locations

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Established and regulated in St. Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004

Expressions of Interest for Casual Workers at Bertrand's Cottage



Bertrand's Cottage has opportunities for casual workers to provide support to meet business requirements. There are opportunities for waitron and kitchen support workers.

Hospitality experience is preferred and good customer service is essential; however training and familiarisation will be provided.

For further information please contact Sharnell Benjamin on telephone 22920 or via email address Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh.

Expressions of interest should be forwarded to Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh by 20th September 2019.



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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a vacancy for

Cattle Assistants

Within the Farms Department

Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day duties involved in the cattle operations for the production of beef by agreed measures of standard delegated by the Supervisor or Charge-hand.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have basic knowledge in cattle husbandry
 - Have Health & Safety Awareness
- Have experience in operating common hand tools

Salary will start at £152.00 per week

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Arthur Williams, Livestock Manager on telephone number: 24461 or via email address: solomons.livestock@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 17 September 2019

VACANCIES SEA RESCUE SERVICE- Auxiliary Crew

The Sea Rescue Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Auxiliary Crew Member.

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

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

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

- GCSE Math and English at Grade C or equivalent. If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English and/or Maths.
- First Aid Qualification – First Responder.
- Valid and clean driving licence in Class A.
- Experience in Maritime field such as coxswain /crew.
- Must be able to pass swimming physical fitness test.

Rate of pay for the post is £4.11 per hour for hours worked, plus a payment of £70 a month retainer. For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mr Simon Wade, Sea Rescue Manager on telephone number 25052 or e-mail simonwade@helanta.co.sh or either of the Deputy Sea Rescue Managers, Mr Leeroy Caswell or Mr Craig Scipio on telephone no 25215 or emails: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh or craigscipio@helanta.co.sh

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior Human Resources Officer, The Castle, or email tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 17 September 2019.

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

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David Lynch

Director of Police 03 September 2019



Vacancy – Electricity Generation Manager

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of an Electricity Generation Manager, on a fixed term contract for a period of two years. This is a key role within the Company's management structure with responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repairs and strategic development of generation equipment on Saint Helena up to the point of distribution at 11,000 volts.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:

HND in Electrical/Electromechanical Engineering, 10 years Post Qualification Technical Experience, 3 years Management Experience, Computer Literate, Working knowledge of SCADA Systems operation, Experience in renewable energy development & storage technology, Health & Safety risk assessment, Training & Development experience, Authorised Person(Electrical) HV/LV and a Class C Drivers licence.

Commitment to best practice and resource management is also essential to this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Clare Harris on 22255 or email Clare at clare.harris@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson on email carol.thompson@connect.co.sh or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday 23 September 2019.



Vacancy – Network Plumber

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably experienced person to fill the position of Network Plumber in their Water Division. This is a permanent position within the Company

The successful candidate will work as part of a team responsible for the day to day implementation of maintenance operations.

Potential candidates will have a minimum of 2 years technical experience in plumbing and water distribution processes, an awareness of health and safety in the workplace, be physically fit and possess a valid drivers' licence in classes A & C. Good communication skills and the ability to work well in a team is also essential in this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Paul Duncan on 22255 or email Paul at paul.duncan@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson on email carol.thompson@connect.co.sh or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday 25 September 2019.



PRESS RELEASE

REPAIR OF THE LIFT AT ST HELENA AIRPORT

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) would like to advise users of St Helena Airport that the lift in the Terminal Building has been repaired and re-certified for use.

Accordingly, access to the landside café and viewing deck on the 1st floor of the Terminal Building is once again possible via the lift or the stairwell.

The lift became inoperable in July and therefore it was taken out of service until a repair could be made. St Helena Airport Limited would like to apologise for any delay and consequential inconvenience that this will have caused to the public.

Now that the lift is again working, additional measures will be put in place to avoid a repeat of the issue that led to its unserviceability.

St Helena Airport Limited, 11 September 2019



TIP OF THE WEEK

Don't use running water to thaw frozen food. For water efficiency and food safety, defrost food in the refrigerator overnight.

INVITATION TO TENDER – AIR SERVICE CONSULTANCY **Reference: AIR-0276-SHG**

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Air Service Consultancy.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://intendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 17.00 GMT on Friday, 18 October 2019.

SHG
6 September 2019



St Helena
Government

**PRESS
RELEASE**



Enterprise St Helena introduces the Bicentenary core steering group.

2021 marks the 200th anniversary of Napoleon's death on St Helena, following his exile to the Island in 1815. Napoleon's exile to St Helena is significant around the world, and the Bicentenary presents an opportunity to commemorate his life and death, and for the occasion to support growth in the tourist industry, for the benefit of civil society, the private sector and the Island as a whole.

To this end, a Napoleonic Anniversary Visioning group was established under the auspices of Enterprise St Helena. The scope and purpose of the Group was to create a vision with an ambitious headline programme plan to include events, activities, commemorative items for visitors, and to identify potential sponsors as well as strategic partners for the implementation phase.

Furthermore, the Group was to look beyond 2021 to capitalise on the Napoleonic legacy, ascertaining the main aspects of the programme to be carried forward to become an integral part of the tourism offering.

This important Anniversary provides a significant opportunity for the island, requiring a skilled and committed expert group to lead the realisation of the Vision. The Bicentenary Steering group will oversee the implementation of the Bicentenary project.

The following members form the Steering Group : Chairperson: Ms Gwyneth Howell - St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL); Mrs Pamela Young - St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Representative; Mr Nicolas Yon - St Helena Government Representative; Ms Helena Bennett -Tourism Representative; Mr Michel Martineau MBE -Special Advisor; Mrs Tammy Williams - Community Representative; Miss Juliet Williams - Events/Working Group representative.

The group have agreed to implement the goals and objectives identified by the Visioning group, which will inform and guide all future work undertaken to commemorate the French Emperor:

VISION: 'To engage the Napoleonic heritage on St Helena through Arts and Crafts, Song and Dance, Literature and Drama, Walks and Re-enactments to create a lasting legacy for posterity and the benefit of the Island as a whole.'

GOALS:

1. Enhance the Napoleonic brand in our local tourism product
2. Support and encourage private sector and civil society to take advantage of the Napoleonic Heritage opportunities
3. Raise the St Helena Napoleonic Heritage profile globally
4. Reach out and capture a bigger share of the international tourism market
5. St Helena to take ownership of the Napoleonic Heritage on-island

The Report by the Napoleonic Anniversary Visioning Group, April 2019 proposed a range of activities, projects and events to commemorate the French Emperor's life and death on St Helena, so that there is a high value product for tourists to resonate with and enjoy, especially for those who are planning to visit the island in 2021.

As details of the events become available they will be shared with the public.



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR TWO DECORATORS

The Property Division under the Infrastructure and Transport Directorate is seeking expressions of interest for two Decorators. The Decorators will be required to decorate Harford School in the first instance and while it is expected that this contract will continue for about three months it could be extended.

Interested persons should have experience in painting and decorating and sound knowledge of health and safety in the workplace.

Salary for the post will be £650.00 per month. This contract will be on a casual basis and does not give entitlements to annual leave or sick pay.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Glynis Fowler, Buildings Manager at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail glynis.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh Application forms, available from Essex House Reception, should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 18th September 2019 by no later than Wednesday 18th September 2019.

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

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Derek Henry

Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate

3 September 2019

VACANCY – MECHANIC

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate is seeking to recruit a Mechanic. The Mechanic will be responsible to the Garage Manager and Foreman (Mechanic) for the repairs and maintenance of government vehicles and heavy plant equipment.

The Mechanic should have in possession a Motor Mechanics certificate (or equivalent qualification) plus have at least 2 years practical experience and have a valid driving licence.

The salary for this post is at Grade B commencing at £7,730 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Theodore Fowler on telephone number 23065 or e-mail Garage.Manager@helenta.co.sh. Application forms and job profiles, which are available from Essex House, Jamestown, should be completed and submitted to the Human Resources Manager or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 18th September 2019.

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

We had the first break of the 2019/2020 Premier League season as Euro Qualifiers took centre stage.

This weekend we welcome the drama of the EPL back on our TV Screens.

League leaders Liverpool will kick start the weekend fixtures with a home match against Newcastle at 11.30GMT. This should be a comfortable win for the 'Reds'; although I thought the same thing when Newcastle travelled to Spurs and instead they picked up a point.

The 2pm games will see Brighton host Burnley at the Amex stadium. Manchester United will have a home match against Leicester. In the current form United are in; this could prove to be a tough match and although it pains me to say it could be more drop points for the 'Red Devils'. United have just won 3 out of their last 16 matches, which is not good enough for a club of their stature.

Sheffield United will play at home against Southampton. Sheffield United is spending only their second spell in the Premier after they were relegated in 1994; having scored the very first goal of the inaugural Premier League season in 1992.

Spurs will face fellow London club Crystal Palace in a fixture they should be able to pick up all 3 points.

Wolves' v Chelsea should be the clash of the day on Saturday. Wolves are yet to pick up a win as they have 3 points from 3 drawn games. I feel this could be yet another draw. Chelsea has 5 points from 4 games.

In the late match Champions Man City will travel to Norfolk to face Norwich. 'City' should rack up the goals in this match as despite looking good going forward, Norwich has major issues defensively.

Sunday will see Bournemouth host Everton on the South Coast at 1pm GMT.

The late match on Sunday will see Watford play Arsenal at Vicarage Road. This could be a tricky match for the 'Gunners' but with the fire power they have they should be able to take all 3 points.

On Monday night we will see clash of the Claret and blues' as Aston Villa play West Ham at 7pm GMT.

On Tuesday night Liverpool will begin the defence of their Champions' League trophy as they travel to Italy to face Napoli. Chelsea will host Valencia. Both games will kick off at 7pm.

On Wednesday Spurs will be in Greece to face Olympiakos at the earlier time of 16.55. Shakhtar Donetsk hosts the EPL Champions Man City at 7pm.

In the Europa League both Wolves and Manchester United play matches at home. Wolves face Sporting Braga and United play FC Astana.

Arsenal will play away against Eintracht Frankfurt in Germany at 16.55. Celtic travel to France to play Rennes and Rangers play at home against the Dutch side Feyenoord



Last Season's Champions League Winners

SHFA League Results Week 10

Saturday

Bellboys 10 v 1 Lakers

Goals for Bellboys – Andrew Yon 4, Ryan Benjamin 2, Tyler Brady, Matthias Young,

Wayne Crowie, Own goal

Goals for Lakers – Own goal

MOM – Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys

Sunday

Harts 2 v 1 Wirebirds

Goals for Harts – Joey Thomas, Clayton Benjamin

Goal for Wirebirds – Ricardo Williams

MOM – Clayton Benjamin of Harts

Axis 4 v 2 Wizards

Goals for Axis – Vontray Thomas 3, Damain Stevens

Goals for Wizards – Jamie Ellick, Greg Phillips

YPOM – Vontray Thomas of Axis

MOM – Colin Thomas of Wizards

Hot Shots

Rico Benjamin	<i>Rovers</i>	14
Andrew Yon	<i>Bellboys</i>	14
Tyler Benjamin	<i>Wirebirds</i>	11
Ronan Legg	<i>Rovers</i>	11
Sean Lee Thomas	<i>Harts</i>	9
Shane Stroud	<i>Harts</i>	9
Jace Williams	<i>Lakers</i>	8
Matthias Young	<i>Bellboys</i>	8
Chris Owen	<i>Wirebirds</i>	8

SHFA League Fixtures

Sat 14/9

1.30 Axis v Harts

Referee: Rico Benjamin

Organisers Rovers

3.30 Wizards v Bellboys

Referee: Denny Leo

Organisers: Saints

Sun 15/9

1.30 FC Lakers v Saints*

Referee: Dion Maggott

Organisers: Axis

3.30 Wirebirds v Rovers*

Referee: Martin Buckley

Organisers: Wizards

* Please note the fixture swap on Sunday

The next SHFA meeting schedule will be on the Wednesday 2nd October at New Horizons starting at 5.30pm for all committee members; Captains and players interested in the International Island Games Tournament in Guernsey 2021.



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Junior Football Results



Jungle Rangers 7 v Young Rebels 7

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 3, Blaze Baldwin 2 & Eureeze Peters 2

G/S Young Rebels: Jaydee Caswell 3 & Taylon Phillips 4

PON: Toure Osborne & Taylon Phillips

Titans 7 v Skyscrapers 3

G/S Titans: Jolen Henry 2 Jerimiah Ellick 4 & Colby Richards 1

G/S Skyscrapers: Shaquille Benjamin 2 & Macoy Williams 1

POM: Jerimiah Ellick

Galacticos 23 V Rangers 2

G/S Galacticos: Aiden Yon-Stevens 12; Musa 4, Evan Constantine 5 Callum Young 1 & Christo Crowie 1

G/S Rangers: Stefan o'Dean 1 & Dodi Williams 1

POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens

Due to repairs that need to be done to the 9 aside Goals there won't be any 9 aside football this weekend.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

2nd. September

	Rusty Pistol - 467	Bt	Extractors - 454
Ladies - H. Sc:	Terri Clingham 39		Kimberley Thomas 56
Gents - H. Sc:	Phillip Isaac 60		Gary Joshua 53
			Deon Thomas 53
Gents - H. Sp:	Gerilyn Yon 16		Deon Thomas 12

4th. September

	Parttimers - 552	Bt	Guys & Dolls - 494
Ladies - H. Sc:			Patricia Essex 59
Gents - H. Sc:	Denny Leo 74		Charlie Young 67
Ladies - H. Sp:			Patricia Essex 13
Gents - H. Sp:	Nigel Thomas 18		Neil Joshua 14
			Charlie Young 14

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 16th. September- Guys & Dolls v Strugglers
Wednesday 18th. September - Rusty Pistols v Parttimers



GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2019



The second and final round of the BOSH Sponsored 36 hole stroke play competition was much different from round one. The first group teed off on time. There was no rain nor poor visibility. This conditions must have contributed to the improved results compared to the first round. Whereas round one only had one person scoring in the 60s the second round had 5 players scoring in the 60s. Only two players who finished in the top 5 from round one remained in the top five after the final round with the others having dropped lower on the leader board.

The ultimate top five finished as follows;

Position	Name	R1	R2	Total
1	Neil Joshua	62	72	134
2	Martin Buckley	71	69	140
3	Donald Bowers	78	64	142
4	Tony Green	70	72	142
5	Jeffrey Stevens	75	68	143



Congratulation to the top 3 who won prizes. Other prizes won were nearest to pin Ladies by Anne George and nearest to pin gents Larry Legg. There were 4 two ball pool winners Larry Legg on the 5th hole Ron De Reuck 7th hole, Donald Bowers 7th hole and Dax Richards on the 16th. The prizes were presented by Bank Of St Helena Deputy MD LeeAnne. The club wishes to thank Bank of St Helena for their continued support. We also thank the organisers and sponsors of the plo meal it was highly appreciated.

Next competition is 18 holes stableford tee off at 12:00. Registration is ongoing.

Happy swinging.....!

Contributed by; SHGC

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/70:** HYBRID (Part OUTLINE & Part FULL Planning Application) for **Bottom Woods West Comprehensive Development Area (Service Plots, Road Layout and Car Parking, Retail Park Site, Green Space & Government Landlord Housing)** on Parcels 0179, 0479, 0480, 0481, 0482 Longwood North. Applicant: I & T Directorate, St Helena Government
2. **Application 2019/76:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form a Loft, 'Chesan',** Levelwood on Parcel 0165 Diana's Peak Ring Road, adjacent to the property of Solomon & Company PLC. Applicant: Chedwin Knipe
3. **Application 2019/77:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Triple Garage, 'Dreams Abode'** Nr Princes Lodge, on Parcel 0016 Scotland, adjacent to the property of Mr Colin Yon. Applicant: Andrew and Syrena Ellick
4. **Application 2019/78:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Roof Profile & Carport Extension,** on Parcel 0014 Ruperts Valley, adjacent to property Ms Kayleigh Brewster. Applicant: Glyniss Maggott
5. **Application 2019/79:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form a Loft & Formation of Access Road,** on Parcel 0038 & 0039 New Ground, adjacent to the property of Ms Dulcie Herne. Applicant: Andrew Lawrence
6. **Application 2019/80:** RETROSPECTIVE Planning Application for **Widening of Existing Road to Woodcot Cottage** on Parcel 0237 Francis Plain. Applicant: W.A. Thorpe & Sons Ltd
7. **Application 2019/81:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Use from 2 Dwelling Units to 3 Dwelling Units of Accommodation (Refurbishment of House & Cottage)** Woodcot House and Cottage on Parcel 0238 Francis Plain. Applicant: W.A. Thorpe & Sons Ltd
8. **Application 2019/82:** FULL Planning Application for **Variation to Approved Application 2017/69 (Extension to the Existing House to form a Covered Area)** Barnes Cottage on Parcel 090027 Jamestown, adjacent to the property of Mr Ronald Caswell. Applicant: W.A. Thorpe & Sons Ltd
9. **Application 2019/83:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Fence and Bollards,** Castle Gardens on Parcel 040007 Jamestown. Applicant: Agriculture & Natural Resources Division, St Helena Government

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

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Review & Representations Closing Date:

4pm – 27th September 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



Thanks!
From Stedson Harris



Going to make this really short just want to say a MASSIVE THANK YOU to everyone on Saint Helena who send me good-will wishes on Sunday 8th September during my 28 mile March around London Football clubs raising money and awareness of PROSTATE CANCER a disease that kills 1 man every 45 minutes.

Sunday I was not at my very best as laden with a full blown FLU but with everyones moral support it kept me going my limbs ache and my head was thumping louder the drum in the marching band.

We march from West Ham to Charlton Athletic F.C. to Millwall, to Arsenal FC it was here that the announcement was made that Grand Total since its introduction in 2016 has now surpass £1 Million to help find a way to stop this horrible disease.. anyone who view the shared video clip broadcast by SKYSPORTS will see me waving my SAINT HELENA flag.. Then we finished at the New Tottenham Hotspurs Stadium my personal stats for the day in total was 33 Miles and 11 hours pounding the streets of London.

I know I will forget the many people who supported me on Island but got to give a big shout to brother Donald and Irene (downstairs) my good friends THE CARTERS, Darrin Henry and Derek Richards who's ARSENAL v SPURS Banter made me more determine to finish the circuit.

And yes my emotions got the best of me when the marching band played WHEN THE SAINTS at the finish line,

I love you all and Thanks again

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ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

5th September 2019

Molly Connolly (23) of Longwood, was convicted after trial of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm. She was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for 100 hours of unpaid work together with costs of £25.00.

Mike Caswell (24) of Ropery Field, Longwood, was convicted of Assaulting a Police Officer in the Execution of his Duty. He was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for a total of 60 hours. He was also ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

Robert Crowie (46) of Half Tree Hollow, was convicted of two counts of Common Assault, Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm, Criminal Damage and Possession of an Offensive Weapon. He entered his pleas of guilt in a timely fashion and was dealt with by way of a custodial sentence totalling 6 months. There was no order for costs.

Steven O'Bey (23) of Levelwood, was convicted after trial of Assault Occasioning Actual Bodily Harm and Possession of an Offensive Weapon. He was dealt with by way of a custodial sentence totalling 6 months. There was no order for costs.



PUBLIC SOLICITORS OFFICE OBTAINS RE-ACCREDITATION TO LEXCEL

The Public Solicitors Office has, for the third year running, obtained re-accreditation to Lexcel England and Wales. The Office accreditation continues for one more year until 30/05/2020. Lexcel is the Legal Practice Quality Mark granted by the Law Society confirming excellence in legal practice management and client care.

The audit was carried out remotely which was a first for the assessors, previously they have had to travel out to St Helena. The Law Society agreed to use the Public Solicitors Office as a pilot for remote assessment for Lexcel and Helen Scott was able to meet the assessors in London during her leave. The Public Solicitors Office remains the only legal office in the British Overseas Territories to be Lexcel accredited.

His Excellency Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook comments: "I am extremely pleased to hear the Public Solicitors Office achieved for the third year running the Law Society's Lexcel accreditation for legal excellence. All on St Helena can only benefit from the quality of service in the Public Solicitors Office this award represents."

Public Solicitor Duncan Cooke added: "The Public Solicitors Office is a vital part of the community of St Helena allowing all individuals access to good quality free or low cost legal advice. This re-accreditation allows all clients to be satisfied that the service they receive is one of



L to R - Helen Scott, Damon Swindell of CFA - Lexcel Auditor, Eleanor O'Reilly-Joe, Head of Accreditations at The Law Society

the highest standards, which is due to the hard work and professionalism of all the lawyers and staff at the Public Solicitors Office."

Public Solicitors Office
6 September 2019

REGISTRY OF LANDS, ST HELENA

13th September 2019

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Hazel Peters of Blue Hill, St Helena Island, for registration as proprietor of Parcel 28 in the Registration Section for Thompsons Wood. 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.

NOTICE is hereby given of an application by Ag Director Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate (on behalf of St Helena Government), for registration of (1) an easement over private land registered in the name of Solomon & Company (St. Helena) Plc of Main Street, Jamestown, St Helena namely Parcel 38, Block 1 in the Thompsons Hill Registration Section and (2) an easement over private land registered in the name of Solomon & Company (St. Helena) Plc of Main Street, Jamestown, St Helena namely Parcel 179, Block 2 in the Thompsons Hill Registration Section. Such application is made by virtue of claimed peaceable, open and uninterrupted enjoyment of said land for a period of at least 20 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

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – SOLAR STREET LIGHTS FOR JAMESTOWN

Reference: **ENRD-0275-SHG**

St Helena Government is seeking Requests for Proposal for Solar Street lights for Jamestown.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-Procurement system which can be accessed via:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 11 October 2019.

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12 September 2019



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For further information please contact Mark Westmoquette on telephone 23876 or email westmoquette@gmail.com

To register please contact Carley Peters, Administration Officer on telephone 22607 or via email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Au-some Parents Support Group

The Au-some Parents Support group would like to thank the public for the overwhelming support shown during efforts to raise awareness of Autism and the effect it has on people, during Autism Awareness month in April of this year. Businesses lit their venues up blue, including High Knoll Fort, displayed posters, organised multi days and made contributions to cover the cost of printing and purchase of ribbons, wristbands etc. Visitors to our stall showed their support by talking to group members, made donations, wore symbolic wristbands and ribbons and offered words of encouragement.

Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder of variable severity that affects how people perceive the world and interact with others. Autistic people see, hear and feel the world differently to other people. Each person with autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged.

Autism is not an illness or disease and cannot be cured; however, the right support at the right time can make a difference and help people on the Autism Spectrum feel less isolated.

The Au-some Parents Support group would like to encourage anyone who has questions or feel they would like to offer professional or moral support, or attend our monthly meetings to contact any member of the group –

David John, Sharon Mc Daniel – david.sharon@helanta.co.sh

Gary Joshua & Tara Thomas – gary.tara@helanta.co.sh

Elaine and Lori Bennett – elainelorimar@gmail.com

Charmaine Salt – Bernadettes@helanta.co.sh or

Cheryl Bedwell – cheryl.bedwell@sainthelena.gov.sh

"Autism is not a choice, acceptance is. Imagine if the opposite was true"

Stuart Duncan

We thank you for your support and advise that anyone who would still like to make any kind and generous monetary donations, please pay in to BOSH account in the name of 'Au-some Parents Support Group' or directly with a group member.

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Sat 14th Sept Bar open from 8.30pm

Sun 15th Sept there will be an afternoon of dance in aid of Cancer Awareness, music will be provided by Joshua 2 & entrance fee will be £1 per person.



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.30pm till late mix Tunes by DJ Wayne Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00 Mix tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late live Tunes by Alex Vanguard and Friends

Sunday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.



Kingshurst Community Centre Association

Annual General Meeting

7:30pm Monday
16 September 2019

Please show your support to
keep the community centre open



Crafters and contributors of the St Helena Art and Crafts Association are reminded of the "Meet and Greet" Event

At the Tourism Centre Conference Room,
The Canister, Jamestown

Wednesday 18th September from 5 to 7pm

An important Extra-Ordinary Meeting
will be held during the evening to:

- Present and approve the Association Audited Accounts 2018/2019.
- Discuss future operations of the Association including the sustainability of the Art and Crafts Shop, Jamestown.
- The Napoleonic Bicentenary 2021 update, and proposed activities for the current year.

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