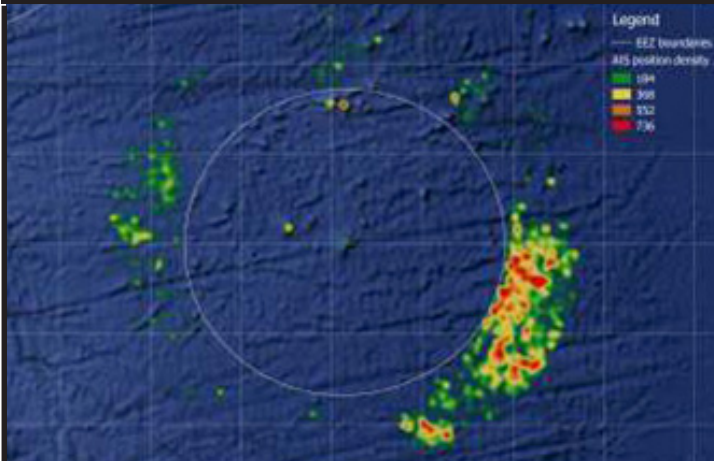


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Everyone doubtless remembers the international uproar when the wind shear fiasco became public knowledge. Many will also remember the Inquiry held by the House of Commons Public Accounts Committee in December 2016. The first conclusion made by the Public Accounts Committee after the Inquiry was “It is staggering that the Department (DFID) commissioned and completed the St Helena Airport before ascertaining the effect of prevailing wind conditions on landing commercial aircraft safely at St Helena.”

Based on that conclusion the Committee made this recommendation, “The Department should, as soon as it is completed, send us a copy of its review identifying who was accountable for the failure to identify this key issue.” In March 2017 the UK Government gave their responses to the recommendation made by the Public Accounts Committee. The response to the first recommendation was to agree with the Committee’s recommendation and set a ‘target date’ of April 2018 for the review to be completed and a copy supplied to the Committee. The UK Government did add, “The Department aims to share with the Committee the conclusions of the review in a way which does not prejudice any potential legal proceedings.”

Its 19 months since the PAC made their recommendation, 17 months since the UK Government set April 2018 as the month when the findings of the review would be passed to the Public Accounts Committee. Three months since the April 2018 ‘target date’ and the UK Government have missed their own target by a mile.

On Monday this week a letter was emailed to the Chair of the Public Accounts Committee and copied to the Committee Clerk. It read:-

Chair of the Public Accounts Committee
Meg Hillier MP
Committee of Public Accounts
23rd July 2018
House of Commons
London SW1A 0AA
Telephone: 020 7219 5776

Dear Chair of the PAC,

I refer to the House of Commons Committee of Public Accounts Thirtieth Report of Session 2016-17, St Helena Airport, December 2016.

You will be aware there are 5 conclusions and recommendations in this report where the Government responses are recorded in the Treasury Minutes dated March 2017 and October 2017

I am most concerned that recommendation and conclusion number one remains outstanding. To summarise, the Committee concluded that it is “staggering” that the Department for International Development completed the St Helena airport project before ascertaining the effect of the prevailing wind conditions. The recommendation resulting from this is the Department should send the Committee a copy of its review identifying who is accountable for the failure to identify this key issue as soon as the review is completed.

The Government response was to agree with the Committee’s recommendation and a target date of April 2018 is recorded in the Treasury Minutes. The Government response includes the proviso that sharing the results of their review will need to be done in a way that does not prejudice any legal proceedings.

The Treasury Minutes for October 2017 give updated Government responses to the Committee’s 5 recommendations from the St Helena Airport Inquiry however the response to recommendation number one remained unchanged. The Houses of Parliament are due to retire for the summer recess in a few days and no further update on recommendation number one has been published. My assumption is that it has not been published because the results of the review have not been shared with the Committee of Public Accounts as promised. On behalf of several interests and organisations in St Helena I urge the Committee of Public Accounts to press the Department for International Development determinedly and urgently for the promised copy of the review in question.

I must emphasise the “staggering” oversight at the core of this request has had, is having and will continue to have considerable and various adverse effects on the hoped for development of a tourism based economy in St Helena.

I could enter into extensive detail at this point to illustrate my point however I believe it is more appropriate for the Committee of Public Accounts to re-visit the aftermath of the St Helena airport project to assess the effectiveness or otherwise of the actions of the Department for International Development with regard to the St Helena airport travesty since December 2016. In this regard there is no public confirmation that recommendation number three has been adequately met and recommendation number four has not been complied with.

You will note the Government response to recommendation number four is that “Once regular commercial flights have been running for 6 months, the Department will commission a study to recalculate the projected tourism figures.” However in response to a very recent PQ in the House of Lords, Lord Bates response (HL9070) included, “The air service has been operating for less than a year and there is not yet enough data to robustly assess the impact air access is having on the island’s economy.” I have to state this is seen in St Helena at best as prevarication but inconsistency verging on incompetence at worst. As St Helenian entrepreneurs struggle with the financial difficulties of planes arriving with just a handful of tourists aboard more evidence of meaningful and urgent attention to our situation by those who decide our future will be much appreciated.

On behalf of many St Helenians I earnestly hope and request that the Committee of Public Accounts will pursue the Government responses to their recommendations to their conclusion and update themselves on the unhappily unfolding aftermath of the disastrous St Helena airport project.

Yours sincerely,

Vince Thompson

Member and past chairman, St Helena Tourism Association Management Committee

Editor,

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Two days later a reply the letter was received - very prompt, it came from the Committee Clerk. This one read:-

Dear Mr Thompson,

Thank you for your letter to the Committee concerning our previous inquiry into St Helena airport.

On Monday evening, HM Treasury laid this Treasury Minute Progress Report. That link should direct you straight to the pages concerning St Helena Airport.

As outlined in that response, we expect Government to share their review with us in December 2018, and to reassess commercial figures in February 2018. We will monitor further Treasury Minutes for any slippage in these expected dates, and anticipate the provision of the requisite information by Government. The Committee will choose whether or not to publish the information it receives as and when it receives it.

Thank you for your continued interest in this work. I would suggest getting back in touch in December concerning the expected review.

With best wishes,

XXXXXXXXXX

Public Accounts Committee

By coincidence, on the evening of the same day the letter was sent to the Public Accounts Committee the UK Government informed anyone who wishes to know (and knows where to find the information) the target date of April 2018 for publishing the review had slipped to December 2018.

Upon receiving the prompt reply from the Committee Clerk a further note was promptly despatched back:-

Thank you xxxxxxxx for your prompt reply.

I note the target date has been revised from April to December this year but I am unable to garner any comfort from DFID's admission of a lamentably missed target.

I sincerely hope the Committee of Public Accounts will press the matter with DFID in advance of the revised target date in an effort to encourage DFID to gain a direct hit.

I must emphasis strongly the many and varied ramifications of the St Helena airport project not achieving the desired outcome has had equally as many and varied adverse effects on St Helena businesses and the future planning of just about everything.

I sincerely hope the PAC will take a more active involvement in resolving the outstanding issues in the Government's response to the report in question. Monitoring Treasury Minutes is a very passive occupation and unlikely to achieve the final resolution sought.

Lastly, I assume the February referred to in your response is 2019.

Kind regards

Vince Thompson

No further reply has been received and none is expected. From where we see things in St Helena it is “staggering” the House of Commons PAC should find the revelations about the wind

shear fiasco “staggering” and then sit quietly and be content to wait two years (and very possibly more) for the UK Government to give a full response to their recommendation. Further letters to Meg Munn, the chair of the PAC are required but, both Houses of Parliament are now closed for the summer, until October. I have heard it said that everything takes too long to be achieved in St Helena, if anything is fully achieved at all. The same applies to the UK Government.

The last bit of the UK Government response, “The Department aims to share with the Committee the conclusions of the review in a way which does not prejudice any potential legal proceedings” Makes any reasonable person wonder if DFID are being sued by some person or organisation and that is why they are not giving anything away. After all, how can it take two years to find out who did what in the management of the project. Is DFID's organisation really that bad? If it is, we in the Overseas Territories carry a big handicap when making strenuous attempts to improve our lot.

The other issue mentioned in the correspondence is the issue about 30,000 tourists landing at St Helena Airport in several years time. This arises from conclusion number 4 in the December 2016 report. The conclusion reads, “The Committee is extremely sceptical about the Department's projected tourism figures and the island's ability to support such growth in the tourist industry.” From that conclusion came the following recommendation, “The Department should re-calculate its projected tourism figures to provide an updated assessment of progress towards economic self-sufficiency and the consequent reduction in the Department's subsidy.”

Once again the initial response from the UK Government was very co-operative, once again they agreed with the Committee's recommendation and added, “The new scheduled commercial air service is expected to commence in October. The Department will commission work to recalculate the projected tourism figures based on the real data from flight operations by April 2018 to allow for six months of flight operations. This will include additional information from initial testing of the tourism market.” Once more April 2018 is the magic month when everything comes together and a way forward starts to be found. No, sorry, April 2018 is once more the month when nothing happens.

On 28th June Lord Bates (minister with responsibility for the Overseas Territories) gave his own response to some ques-

tions put to him as written questions by a member of the House of Lords and requiring a public written response. The Lord Bates included in his response, “The air service has been operating for less than a year and there is not yet enough data to robustly assess the impact air

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Editorial

There are no shortage of controversial issues this week, therefore I am cutting out the editorial in favour of this:

Falkland Islands become first overseas British territory to vote in support of assisted dying

Politicians passed a motion that terminally ill residents should have the right to end their life, subject to proper safeguards. The islands' Legislative Assembly also voted to consider changing laws if the UK first did the same.

Both motions passed by a majority of four votes to three, with one abstention.

Although laws are not changing on the South Atlantic islands, campaigners hope the show of support will lead the way for other areas.

The assembly chair will write to the Prime Minister to say if the UK enacts legislation allowing people to end their lives legally, the Falkland Islands would consider following suit.

The news follows a shock defeat on a bill legalising assisted dying in Guernsey.

Proposals were rejected by 24 votes to 16 after three days of debate on the Channel island in May.

However pro-assisted dying campaigners say the vote acted as 'driving force for change' - inspiring motions in the Falklands and ramping up debate in Jersey.

Sarah Wootton, chief executive of Dignity in Dying, said: "The Falkland Islands have today been shown to be a compassionate, sensible and progressive society which cares deeply about its terminally ill citizens and rightly feels that they deserve better."

A Mirror poll last month found three out of four Britons would support a change in the law to allow assisted dying.

Assisted dying is currently illegal in the UK.

Who is Jack Fowler from Love Island?

Love Island's Jack Fowler, 22 has opened up about his background whilst on a date with his new girl Laura Crane, 23 after she asked him where his accent came from.

The semi-professional footballer from London revealed to Laura he was half English and half St Helenian, explaining it was in between South Africa and South America, so there's a bit of a twang there.

He also said that he was raised in East London so people get thrown by my accent.

Immediately after announcing his St Helenian connection, tweets popped up on various social media platforms 'Who is Jack Fowler?', 'Who is he family to?'

Kim Henry nee Gunnell from Longwood commented on facebook 'Jack Fowler is my Cousin, His dad Ray and my mum Jenny Gunnell nee Davids are first cousins.

Ray's Dad Uncle Terry and my mums Dad Charlie Davids are two brothers.

My Grandfather was born to Sarah and Johnny (Figgy) Fowler,



Heather, Uncle Terry and Sheila

Johnny later went off to America but by the time he returned Sarah had married Mr Davids.

Johnny then went on to have Terrence (Jack's Grandfather) they all used to visit us when we lived in Essex.

Uncle Terry however has passed away. Johnny Carter would be his Uncle, also mums first cousin'

Think this found more Saints interested in Love Island.

The couples were unfortunately eliminated in Wednesday's show.

Jack said "It's going to be different leaving the villa and being in the outside world," New Jack explained. "We won't be living together, it won't be as intense but we are going to keep seeing each other, we are going to keep doing what we're doing.

"Ultimately we are in a position where we're trying to get to know each other as much as possible and hopefully end up in a relationship. It's going that way."

Let's hope one day Jack turns up to visit part of him St Helena.



St Helena's sea-faring family – part seven

Last week the sailing Hernes were in Fiji re-building a school on Makogai Island which had been destroyed by a cyclone two weeks before they arrived. This week we travel 750 miles west from Fiji to Vanuatu. Now the Herne's are just over 1,000 miles from Australia. Vanuatu gained its independence in 1980. Before then it was known as The New Hebrides, controlled jointly by France and Britain.

Vanuatu is another Pacific archipelago so the Hernes had another group of island to explore. Epi is one of the smaller islands in the group but it does have a live volcano where people can walk around the rim of the crater. There is a main town but away from the town the people live off the land. They were very welcoming and they do not use money. James would fix their solar panels or TV and in return would be given a small mountain of fruit and vegetables.

A wedding took place while they were there and the Hernes were invited. It was a big event as most weddings are. Two cows were slaughtered and four pigs. The butcher cuts the meat and the wedding guests then pick their chosen pieces from a table piled high with various cuts. The guests cook the meat themselves. To do this they dig a hole to make an underground oven. This is the usual way to heat any food. The meat is wrapped in banana leaves and laid on hot stones. More hot stones are put on top of the food packaged in banana leaves and it is left to roast.



Cooking – Vanuatu style

Each family group at the wedding will gather around their own earth oven and feast of result of their own efforts. The opportunity will be taken to visit other groups and test their cooking skills.

The most spectacular part of the wedding was the bride putting on her wedding dresses – yes dresses; all of them at once. The tradition is that each family group in the extended family will make a wedding dress for the bride. Maybe it's because no offence must be given to anyone but the bride wears all of them. They are big dresses with lots of room in them; a bit like a tent. Somehow all of them are worn and the bride parades in front of the various family groups so the people who gave the dresses can admire the result of their work. The bride also has lots of bridesmaids, about 12 of them. The final touch is the bride sprinkling talcum powder over everyone as if it was confetti.

Another island visited in the Vanuatu group was Malekula.

Sailing towards it the Herne's encountered the first and only storm of the entire voyage. They had taken care to avoid storms but this was a local storm which appeared without much warning. The 50 knot wind ripped the head sail and broken the wind generator. There was an electric storm as well with massive flashes very near to the yacht. James said he had never seen rain like it before. Visibility was zero so because nothing could be seen beyond the end of the nose James had to navigate between two headlands and into a narrow passage using Google satellite maps. Once past the headlands the local storm was suddenly behind them and everything was calm. It was as if the weather had changed by turning a switch.

Having left the storm behind the Hernes were now in Gaspard Bay, famous for its dugongs or sea cows. A local fisherman lost his fishing net during the storm. This was a personal disaster for him; his livelihood was gone without his fishing net. The *Carpe Diem* was used to dredge the area where the net was lost. Amazingly it was found. One fisherman very happy again.

North of Malekula is Norsop another place where money is not used and goods are swapped or bartered, Norsup was much poorer than Epi. Houses were just shelters with dried leaves for a roof and bark stripped from trees was used to make mats and was also hung on the sides of the shelter for shade or protection from rain. After the bark was stripped off the tree it would be laid out in the ground and hammered to smoothen it and also make it wider. After that it was woven into mats. Or wall hangings.



Dug-out canoes used for transport and fishing

Aboard the *Carpe Diem* there was still some supplies which had not been distributed in Fiji during the time they built the school. The Hernes handed out tents, solar lights, clothes and food to the local residents. During their time in Norsup they caught a huge barracuda which had more meat on it than any family of five could eat. They gave it to the villagers who cut it up and shared it between them. Barracuda caught off some of the Vanuatu islands could be poisonous if too much barracuda meat was eaten at one time. The coral contained the fatal ciguatera toxin. James said the people of Norsup despite being poor were very friendly, happy and contented.

The largest island in the Vanuatu group is Espiritu Santo (Holy Spirit) or just plain Santo too many. The United States occupied the island during the Second World War in the Pacific

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St Helena Community College has thousands of career choices for school leavers and further education opportunities for everybody

Last Thursday the St Helena Community College announced a partnership with the Open University in the UK. The Open University was founded in 1969 and has established itself as a world leader in tutoring students using distance learning techniques. St Helenians enrolling in an undergraduate, post graduate or vocational course will be joining 7,000 other students who have enrolled with the Open University from outside the UK. In all there are well over 150,000 students studying an Open University course at any one time. Big numbers are not everything; the Open University is ranked in the top five hundred by World University Rankings. The Open University's distance learning is enhanced by the availability of residential summer schools for face-to-face tutorials. Based in Milton Keynes, the Open University has learning centres in other parts of the UK and other countries. An Honours Degree course is likely to take six years to complete by a student who is working full time and studying in spare time. On Monday this week a further announcement heralded another partnership with *Coursera*, a California based distance learning organisation which is firmly rooted in the digital age. They have 33 million 'users' (not students) who can select a course from variety of educational standards. You can have an IT Support Professional Certificate from Google, a course created by Yale University on the Science of Wellbeing or a Master's Degree in Business Administration from the University of Illinois.

For those you have to pay the full costs themselves a *Coursera* degree course can cost up to \$25,000 (£19,000). Open University degree courses cost about the same but payment is based on modules, each costing about £3,000 per year for a six year course. The Open University offers finance facilities to ease the payment burden. With *Coursera* there can be a one-off payment which offers 180 days of course-work or a monthly regular payment. *Coursera* also have a Financial Aid Programme.

The finance facilities or financial aid programmes are better, much better. Director of Education Shirley Wahler, told the Independent, "We have engaged in a trial partnership with Coursera through their ***Coursera for Business*** programme. That means that we benefit from special fixed price charges and a range of management tools to allow us to register individuals directly with them." Coursera for Business covers a specific range of courses from the vast range which is available. There are no degree courses in the Coursera for Business programme and the IT Professional Certificate from Google, mentioned earlier is also outside the package. How-

ever Shirley Wahler said the St Helena Community College does offer, "professional IT certification through Microsoft and Cisco in 2018/19, as part of our contribution to the St Helena Connected initiative. It will be offered face-to-face with local tutors."

The Education Directorate has purchased fifty places at Coursera for St Helena students who will be able to choose one course. The Coursera courses will be evaluated when the fifty places have been used to measure the success of the trial. "I certainly hope that we will be able to maintain this as an offering" said Shirley Wahler.

Talking about the new range of Coursera courses available Shirley said, "I think this really does open up the world to St Helena, though of course the Open University does as well. We are constantly exploring other links as well. This has been the goal from SHCC from the beginning of its development." She added, "I know how important it is for a developing country to keep a clear focus on developing its people first. I can be very tedious and long-winded on that topic!"

Asked how much students are asked to pay when they choose a course to gain a qualification Ms Wahler explained, "all the course offerings at SHCC are very heavily subsidised for St Helena residents. In some cases, the individual may pay as little as 10% of the actual cost of the course, even without considering administrative overheads, and core courses in literacy, numeracy and IT are actually free of charge. Most professional and higher education courses are offered at about 1/3 of the actual cost to us." In addition to the very much reduced course cost offered by the St Helena Community College there are other funding sources which can be available from time to time and employers do contribute to costs when the coursework and qualification are seen as training for the job the student is employed to do.

The Community College has been offering a few courses run by The Open University for the past two years but things have just changed, very much for the better. A new agreement has been reached between the Community College and Open University which means the number of courses available for Saints to choose from has increased dramatically. With the wide choice available from both the Open University and Coursera everyone considering gaining a qualification of any sort will need to sit down with a member of the Community College staff and check out in some detail what is on offer.



THE CHARITY COMMISSION FOR SAINT HELENA

Submission of audited accounts

Charitable organisations are reminded of their obligation to submit audited accounts for the 2017/18 financial year.

Audited accounts should be submitted to the Registrar of Charities, either in person at the Customer Services Centre, Post Office Building, Jamestown, or via e-mail

alan.bennett@sainthelena.gov.sh

Failure to comply with the above requirement may result in the revocation of charitable status.

**Bronwen Yon, Chairperson
Charity Commission**



Daily Mail think UK taxpayers are paying through the nose for 'luxury hotel'

The publicity in the Daily Mail about Jack Fowler woke up their plonker-reporter-in-chief, Ned Donovan. For the third day in a row the Daily Mail featured a story on St Helena but this time it was about St Helena Hotel Development Ltd (a wholly owned subsidiary of SHG) being given a further £350,000 by SHG – not DFID and not the UK taxpayer. This was explained in last week's report in the *Independent* and Donovan would do well to become a regular reader. The Daily Mail headline blared out "Revealed: British taxpayers give £350,000 to luxury St Helena hotel because it doesn't have enough guests" followed by, "British taxpayers are forking out £350,000 to a luxury hotel on St Helena It's the latest twist in the scandal surrounding the island's new £285m airport". Donovan obviously belongs to the legion of hacks who will not let accuracy get in the way of story that will sell the newspaper – and get him a pay cheque. Donovan was a self-



employed journalist but then taken on by the Mail On Sunday two years ago – until April this year. Has Mr Donovan gone on to bigger and better things? He does not say but it seems not – still getting it wrong and writing hysterical rubbish.

New move to protect territorial waters from illegal fishing

The UK Government has appointed a fisheries monitoring organisation to keep watch over St Helena's territorial waters and six other Overseas Territories. The announcement was made on Wednesday however the agreement has been in place since 1st June.

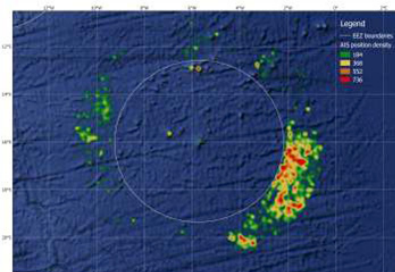
The organisation keeping watch is OceanMind, they use advanced technology together with a range of other information sources, including satellite observations, vessel tracking data, vessel identity databases, fishing license information, and detailed fisheries rules and regulations. OceanMind analysts compile detailed reports and recommendations centred on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing (IUU). They will be working with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) which was formed by the UK Government in 2010 to takeover all marine planning and surveillance work which was previously shared between different government departments. Two representatives from the MMO visited St Helena recently. The MMO were also involved with the work undertaken when RRS James Clark Ross surveyed St Helena waters in earlier this year. The RRS Discovery is due to visit St Helena in April next year to continue the survey started by the James Clark Ross

A big part of the work OceanMind does concerns traceability. They are contracted to the Sainsbury's, the UK supermarket chain and other organisations to verify the fish they sell has been caught sustainably. For St Helena traceability involves knowing where a non-compliant IUU fishing vessels came from, where they are going, who owns them and whether or not the owners declared the ship's catch. OceanMind claim to be unique in providing services specifically designed to deliver the vital, detailed information required by governments and the seafood supply chain on fishing vessels, their behaviour and catch compliance.

OceanMind have already completed a case study on St Helena. Over a three month period OceanMind provided daily reports on vessels in St Helena waters which were tracked for previous and subsequent movement to identify any suspicious activity. This included noting if a vessel 'went dark', that is, not transmitting its AIS signal and possibly acting illegally.

Digital records going back three years were also reviewed in this way.

Longliners were identified just outside the territorial waters over the three period but within the area the data showed there to be "relative compliance" in fishing activity. The areas to the north and south-east, within the 100 mile buffer zone just outside the boundary were identified as the main areas for future increased surveillance. Activity in the north peaked between November and March while in the south-east it was between March and April.



Heat map revealing areas of busy fishing activity just outside St Helena waters

Over the three year review period 3,800 vessels were identified but just 4% of them were fishing vessels.

During the three months of active monitoring a small number of vessels acting suspiciously were identified outside territorial waters but close to the boundary. Some movements were characteristic of larger fishing vessels, fish carriers and bunker carriers. Every incident was reported to the authorities together with the supporting data.

OceanMind will pass their information onto the Marine Management Organisation who in turn liaise with the National Maritime Information Centre (NMIC) in Portsmouth who also track vessels on a global scale. Bringing OceanMind into the information chain means there is a specific organisation watching for IUU fishing in the Blue Belt areas of British Indian Ocean Territory, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, Ascension Island, St Helena, Tristan da Cunha, Pitcairn Islands and British Antarctic Territory. The inclusion of OceanMind in the information chain is expected to provide significant support to the aims of the Blue Belt programme.

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access is having on the island's economy.” No mention of the six months to allow for data collection and then start recalculating projected tourism figures. No apology for the delay, for getting it wrong, again. In fact, the tone of the response has a certain haughtiness about it. Does anyone in DFID know what is going on?

Recalculation of projections for tourists coming to St Helena has now slipped back to February 2019. In the questionably titled ‘progress report’ published on Monday evening the updated response includes, among other things, “The Department still intends to commission work to recalculate the projected tourism figures based on the real data from flight operations, but believes that at least a full year of operations is required to provide meaningful analysis and draw robust conclusions.”

House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee opens inquiry into Future of the Overseas Territories

The Foreign Affairs Committee is a committee of MPs whose job it is to examine the expenditure, administration and policy of the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO). The International Development Committee does the same job for DFID. The Public Accounts Committee (reported on extensively this week) examines audit and value for money reports and the economy, efficiency and effectiveness of government departments.

Monday was a busy day where St Helena and the House of Commons Committees are concerned. As well as it being the attempts were made to get the PAC to remember St Helena the 23rd July also saw the Foreign Affairs Committee announced an Inquiry into the Future of Overseas Territories.

The Inquiry intends to “consider the resilience of the Overseas Territories (OTs), how effectively the FCO manages its responsibilities towards them, and how it envisages their future. The inquiry is likely to be structured around overarching themes but may look at individual OTs, as and when appropriate.” Some of the issues the Committee will be interested in examining are the benefits to the UK and the OTs of the relationship between them, the financing of the OTs, governance of the OTs, human rights, representation of the OTs in the UK and in the Commonwealth and other international organisations and matters connected with natural resources such as fish and mineral deposits.

This fairly wide-ranging inquiry includes an invitation for written submission to be sent to the Foreign Affairs Committee by 3rd September. Written submissions can be presented by governments and their departments, non-governmental organisations or individuals. Every written submission is catalogued and considered in advance of oral evidence sessions held in the Houses of Parliament. The submissions are also included as an appendix in the final report of the inquiry.

When explaining some of the reasons given for starting this

inquiry the announcement of the inquiry says, “In recent years, the OTs have been exposed to shocks, from the Panama Papers in 2015, to the Brexit vote in 2016, and Hurricanes Irma and Maria in 2017. This led some OTs to question the Government’s willingness to support them. Relations have been put under further strain due to high-profile instances of divergence between the UK and some of the OTs on issues such as civil rights and financial transparency.” It is immediately obvious the relationship between the UK and the Caribbean territories figure strongly in the reasons why this inquiry was set up and Caribbean issues have dominated other Overseas Territory during recent years.

There are issues which adversely affect St Helena which need to be presented with equal strength in order to gain equal attention. It is thought some of the representative bodies in St Helena there is an opportunity here to make our views known directly to House of Commons MPs and Foreign and Commonwealth officials. This being so, a ‘noticeable’ number of written submissions may assist in making legislators in the UK better aware of St Helena’s present circumstances.

Full details can be found at - <https://www.parliament.uk/business/committees/committees-a-z/commons-select/foreign-affairs-committee/inquiries1/parliament-2017/inquiry13/>

St Helena’s sea-faring family – part seven

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and brought a load of vehicles and all kinds of equipment to the island. At the end of the war they asked the government of Vanuatu if they wanted the equipment. The answer was no, so all the now unwanted equipment was dumped into the sea at a place which is now called Million Dollar Cove. Another Vanuatu island, Pentecost, is famous as the place where bungee jumping started. Someone else made bungee jumping famous but the Pentecost Islanders had been quietly getting on with it for generations. The origins of bungee jumping are unclear but legend has it that it is rooted in a story about a loving couple and the need for the man to prove his masculinity. Even now, the first bungee jump is a kind of ceremonial part of growing up.



First a tower is built using freshly cut branches and vines. New towers are built every year to ensure they are strong and stable. It takes about two weeks to build a tower. The jumper ties the vine to his feet with other end of the vine secured to the tower – and jumps.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Vince,

I believe that the recurring cash crisis at SHG's Mantis Hotel has many instalments yet to come. Soon enough the miscellaneous pots of taxpayers money now being raided to keep a huge staff polishing glasses and vaguely hoping for more staying guests to magically materialise will be replaced by actual tax increases on us weary islanders specifically to keep this whitest of white elephants floating a millimetre or two above drowning point. Weary, that is, of the arrogance and incompetence which was displayed by a handful of unelected officials at ESH and SHG who dragged us all into this quagmire of debt and bad business with their poor decision-making and refusal to be helped when it mattered.

SHG are lumbered with the whole of the cash problem because they failed to structure the hotel business with a qualified commercial partner from the international hospitality industry who would have contributed up to 50% of the capital cost as an equity stake, and who would now be jointly responsible for addressing the weak cashflow being experienced. By opting for 100% Government ownership of this hotel, SHG once again created a serious conflict of interest with existing island private sector operators in the hospitality and accommodation sectors who also have to cope with a publicly-subsidised establishment at Bertrand's Cottage. It is time to examine—in public- ESH's fraudulent claim to have looked everywhere and exhausted all possible options for finding a suitable hotel investor when the Main Street project was mooted in 2014. ESH's "worldwide search" wasn't that at all. In fact it was virtually confined to South Africa and the process was entirely circumscribed by cosy conversations with Mantis which had been held on and off with SHG and SHDA since the hotel marketing outfit first approached Governor Clancy in 2006. The rash of South African nationals who were appointed and then found themselves responsible for ESH's property and tour-

ism policies in the period whilst the airport was being built naturally lacked the objectivity to realise that South Africa with its dodgy economy, widespread corruption, volatile currency and unique black empowerment regulations is in fact a very poor hunting ground in which to find a committed hotel investor seeking to open new units in other countries. But ESH's naive officials were mesmerised by Mantis's adroit PR which focused on 'brand value', staff training and claimed managerial expertise as acceptable substitutes for any real hard cash investment on St Helena. This subtle campaign, augmented by spells of personnel placements for sundry ESH staff and recruits at Mantis establishments in South Africa all helped to make it embarrassing to refuse Mantis as lead developers and fee-earning designers when the Main Street hotel project was needing a partner.

South Africa has no history of prominent hotel groups reaching out to expand across the world into new territories – unlike, for example, hotel companies in France, Portugal, Ireland and the USA who all have examples of hotel entrepreneurs hungry to exploit developing markets and new destinations. In 2014, as Vice Chairman of the Tourism Association, I wrote to Susan Obey (who was then at ESH and nominated as in charge of the Hotel project). I requested to be told where the opportunity to invest in the Main Street Hotel was being advertised internationally by ESH. I did this in order to be able to alert certain contacts of mine in the Irish and UK hotel industries who I felt might well be interested in pursuing such an investment opportunity. Despite my sending two follow-up emails, Mrs Obey only replied in terms which could at best be described as evasive. No list of publications was ever forthcoming, and it was made abundantly clear to me in a style which stopped marginally short of labelling me as a nuisance that ESH needed no help in their claimed 'worldwide' search. Eventually it was disclosed that the process to find a hotel partner had involved placing a notice in a South African business publication and also contacting one or two South African property and real-estate agencies. ESH could give no confirmation of any advertising or targeted contact which would have been directed to find hotel developing companies in the UK, Ireland or France – the three most obvious and potentially fruitful markets.

One Irish hotel group in particular owns and operates a very successful hotel in the Overseas Territory of Gibraltar and should have been top of any list to be contacted. I made these enquiries of Mrs Obey because I was suspecting – along with local hotelier Stephen Biggs – that a weak effort was being made to find a bona fide investor/partner and that a South African stitch-up was being engineered by Mantis with ESH which would not involve any incoming equity investment.

To the ESH claim that finding an equity partner prepared to invest was 'impossible' – as the wretched Councillors were advised- I would point out that co-investments with sovereign Governments are a very popular and secure mechanism for funding such developments, as evidenced by examples all over the world. With the ability to effectively gift the unconverted premises, and to grant suitable tax holidays for years to come, SHG with its fiscal regime of no property taxes or business rates would make a very attractive partner to any number of international hoteliers. This will eventually and belatedly become apparent in time when the present arrangement goes bust for want of sustainable turnover and SHG will be forced to sell off what is left of the Mantis Hotel project under receivership conditions for whatever auction price can be made. Then we will finally see a qualified hotel company – hopefully from Europe- free to rebuild the business at affordable room rates having purchased the place for a fitting sum and us taxpayers having been hit with a thumping loss of nominal value. But the saving grace is that it can only happen once at the expense of the public purse. How difficult can it be for BOSH to write off loans made to the Bank's own beneficial owners, generously overlooking their being hopeless chumps in their attempt at commerce?

Let's get it over with sooner rather than later; SHG should start advertising now (not in South Africa) for offers in the region of £2.5million. No exit strategy hoping for a piecemeal sale to benighted shareholders will ever work. Who would be inspired by the present SHG management to part with their own resources to back such a crew?

Yours sincerely
Joe Terry
Youngs Valley

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Electorate,

The revenue received that has resulted from the process of winding up St Helena Line Ltd totalled £350,000. The decision was taken for St Helena Government to use the funds to further invest in the St Helena Government wholly owned subsidiary company, St Helena Development Ltd, in meeting the costs of the Mantis Hotel over the next 5-6 months.

According to the history, I am told that the St Helena Government Hotel was established as a necessary part of St Helena's tourism industry come air access.

The Hotel and the staff offer a unique service, but the projected number of tourists coming to St Helena has failed to materialise. Consequently, the SHG

Hotel and private accommodation providers are being forced to compete for insufficient business opportunities.

With the help of hindsight, more people are now questioning the decision by SHG to fund the creation of a 4-star hotel facility; I have been informed that the decision was taken on the advice of the Department for International Development (DFID). Establishing the hotel has come at a huge price, the operating costs are exceptionally high and large financial risks and liabilities for the St Helena Government are fast accumulating. Realistically, the end game for the hotel has already started and closure could be imminent sooner rather than later. If shutting down the Hotel becomes the only remaining option it will mean a colossal financial disaster for the St Helena Government in particular and for St Helena in general.

The appeals to the UK Government, DFID and Airlink on behalf of the people of St Helena are therefore: (1) Work to reduce the costs of the flights to and from St Helena; (2) work to increase the number of flights to and from St Helena; and (3)

work the Cape Town flight connection. If DFID and Airlink fail to address these calls with urgency, not only will that jeopardise the future rescue and enhancement of our struggling tourism industry, but will prolong the crippling stagnation of St Helena's entire economy. DFID predicted and stated the following in its *Consultation Document on whether an airport is the most appropriate option for access to St Helena*: 'The annual number of round trips made by Saints and business travellers would rise from the current level of 1,820 to over 14,000 over the 40 year period, while the annual number of tourist arrivals would grow from the current level of 1,439 to 59,000 over the same period. Other benefits would include lower transport costs and time savings for existing travellers and additional travellers that take advantage of cheaper and quicker travel to St Helena. The present value of total benefits was estimated to exceed £700 million.'

C Leo (Cllr)

The above letter will be sent to the DFID Minister, The Rt. Hon the Lord Bates.

18th May 2016 – Legislative Council Agree to fund St Helena Hotel Development Ltd.

Five councillors spoke on the proposal to fund St Helena Hotel Development Ltd. Two gave their full support, three reluctantly voted in favour but with serious reservations. One spoke against funding the conversion of 1, 2 and 3 Main Street from offices to a hotel. When a recorded vote was taken during the committee stage all councillors voted in favour apart from Mike Olsson and Bernice Olsson.

This is what Mike Olsson had to say when the proposal was debated.

"The Hon. Mike Olsson –

Mr Speaker, firstly I would say that I do not support this Motion, but I will say I, as much as previous speakers here, support that there is a need for a hotel development, there's a huge need for tourism development on the island and tourism related services, but I am not convinced, Mr Speaker, that this is the right idea.

If you start with the risks involved in this project, we are talking about in total £1.5+million, £1.5million in funds, £1million as a guarantee. It's a substantial part of the reserves in Consolidated Fund. It would be too large a draw-down on the Consolidated Fund with the £1.5million initially and the risks in this project.

The Honourable Financial Secretary said that no agreement could be reached with Basil Read to build the hotel; the price could not be agreed. Basil Read is a company established on the island, they are already mobilised and know the local circumstances. Despite this, a company comes from South

Africa with much less knowledge about the island and island circumstances. They are not already mobilised but they say that they can do it cheaper than Basil Read hoped to do.

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TIP OF THE WEEK...

Use glass and ceramic dishes if cooking in the oven. They hold the heat better and mean that you can use a slightly lower temperature to cook food



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That, to me, raises concern in itself. If we get a more expensive hotel than what we thought, if we overspend on the £3.7million, we will have to draw more from our Consolidated Funds or pull out of the project. Number 1, 2 and 3 is an old building, the security, can we say, in the price estimate is very low, there will easily be a bigger bill than you think, Mr Speaker.

The location of this hotel which has been controversial, there's no question about it. It went through the planning process without having access to any car parks; it's already in a congested area. Is this the best way to use taxpayer's hard-earned money? The biggest argument at the moment that I can hear for this Motion is that we have already walked so far along this route we can't back out now. I think that is a poor argument because what we are risking is to throw good money after bad. I am saying that 1, 2, 3 is not the best location on the island, by far, for a hotel. The timing, from where we are sitting now, is we don't have an airline flying to the island, so we can say everything is up in the air. Mr Speaker, we are not sure, at least, we as Members are not sure what is actually happening. I don't think anybody else knows what's happening either. I do not doubt that aeroplanes will fly to this island, maybe even fairly soon, but which aeroplanes will fly to this island? They might be less luxurious aircraft than have been envisaged, attracting a different type of tourists, from different locations. We had intended to attract inward investment; it is not ideal for Government to invest this kind of money. The market has not responded to our calls for investment in Number 1, 2 and 3. Why, Mr Speaker,



have they not? Because the risk is too big. When it comes to Government, it's my belief, Mr Speaker, we should listen to investment sentiment and the private sector. The private sectors are not willing to put in the money to build 1, 2 and 3, presumably because the risks were too big. Haven't we got a responsibility to the taxpayers and the people of St Helena to look after their money as well as the big finance companies look after theirs?

We have to be, Mr Speaker, extremely careful in what we are doing. To me, putting together the risk factors that we have, we only mentioned a few, and the fairly limited funds in the Consolidated Fund I think we should think once again on this investment and not as previously just focus all attention to 1, 2 and 3 Main Street. There are other places that are more suitable for a hotel. There are other places which would give a much better tourism experience than staring into the back of St James Church or into a brown hillside. Thank you, Mr Speaker."

More Basil Read workers leave

The flight to Johannesburg on Tuesday carried a group of contract workers who had been taken off the job they had been working on because, it has been reported, no money had been received to pay their wages for three weeks. The problems caused to the remaining work of Phase One of the airport project due to Basil Read being in business rescue are becoming clearer.

On 25th June a letter addressed to "All Staff Members" from a "Contractor's representative" informed people working on the remaining stages of the airport project that "a delay in the transfer of funds required to pay wages had been experienced." The reason given was "Due to additional processes required while the company is in the Business Rescue process and the simultaneous expiry of an Exchange Control approval certificate". It was stated the funds should arrive "very soon". On Saturday another contractor's representative arrived from Johannesburg. It appears the purpose of the visit was to close down the contract work and take the contract workers back to South Africa. This is what happened when the flight from Ascension landed here before continuing to Johannesburg. Many of the staff were from the Middle East and appeared not to be able to speak much English. They had however learnt the phrase "I don't know" and used it to respond to all questions asked, even what is your name?

As things stand with Phase One of the airport contract, the



haul road has still not been handed over to the government and work continues in Rupert's Valley on the fuel storage facility. The Business Rescue Partners who are administering the business rescue process for Basil Read have announced that Phase One of the airport project is part of the Basil Read business activity which is included in the business rescue process. They also stated they would endeavour to complete all outstanding projects. It may be the contractors will return when all details of Basil Read's financial indebtedness have been assessed, however this is by no means certain. The contractor's staff leaving on Tuesday certainly did not know if and when they may return. It is estimated there is sufficient fuel storage capacity to meet the Island's current needs.



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Vacancy for Shift Engineer – Power Station

Babcock has a vacancy for a full-time **Shift Engineer**

The post holder will form part of the Ops Team of the Power Station that controls and monitors the Power Station's outputs, helping to ensure that it performs cost-effectively, safely and to agreed standards.

The role includes the requirement to remotely monitor the Transmitting Station when unattended, and to cover shift for both the Shift Engineer or Shift Operator role as required.

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 and will be subject to a three month probationary period.

Essential Qualifications/Experience

- A good standard of numeracy and literacy.
- Comprehensive knowledge of current safe working practices and safety procedures.
- Experience in producing and maintaining accurate technical and administrative records.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers.
- A good understanding of all aspects of Power Station Operation, including Diesel Generating Plant, Reverse Osmosis Plants, Fuel storage, Wind Turbines and HV distribution networks.
- Basic computer skills.
- Willingness to work shifts and flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of working in a Power Station or similar environment.
- Electrical or Mechanical Work Experience
- High Voltage authorisation.
- GCSE English and Mathematics or equivalent.
- IT competent.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

Please contact the Administration Officer on +247 66800 (Extn 102) or email glen.yon@babcock.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@babcock.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on a Babcock job application form, and must be received by the **31st August 2018**

AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURAL WATER SUBSIDY POLICY INCREASE IN SUBSIDY PAYMENTS

The Economic Development Committee has agreed a slight amendment to the Agricultural Water Subsidy Policy to reflect the increase in water tariffs by Connect Saint Helena Ltd from 1 July 2018.

To this effect, subsidy payments have increased from a rate of £0.13 per cube to £0.28 per cube for agricultural untreated water and from £0.25 per cube to £0.56 per cube for agricultural treated water from 1 July.

The Agricultural Water Subsidy Policy was introduced by SHG in September 2017 following notice by Connect that there would be an increase in water tariffs from 1 October 2017.

The policy is targeted to agricultural producers and its aim is to reduce the impact on agricultural production as a result of increases in water tariffs. It applies to users of agricultural untreated water and agricultural treated water under Connect's tariff structure.

Key conditions attached to subsidy being made available to an agricultural producer include:

- Producers should have access to an agricultural meter to demonstrate their water being subsidised was being used for agricultural production. This will require them to meet the cost of having an agricultural meter installed/retained
- Payment of subsidy is made on the basis of receipt of the Connect utility bill for the period being claimed for
- Subsidy can only be paid within a financial year for water consumption occurring during that financial year
- Production data for the period claimed for is made available to the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD) when the subsidy is claimed for
- In the instance where SHG funding is limited or not available to support producers for a tariff increase, a quarterly or annual cap on the amount of subsidy a producer receives may need to be applied or the policy withdrawn until funding is available

Since the subsidy policy was introduced, agricultural producers have claimed subsidy for 4,529 units of untreated water and 259 units of treated water.

Persons wishing to view a hard copy of the Agricultural Water Subsidy Policy should contact the Receptionists at the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate or at ANRD. Electronic copies are also available from Andrea Timm at ANRD on tel: 24724 or email: andy-timm@enrd.gov.sh.

Persons with any queries regarding the subsidy or who would like to register for subsidy payments as an agricultural producer should also contact Andrea via the above details.

#StHelena #ConnectSaintHelena #WaterTariffs #AgriculturalWaterSubsidyPolicy

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23 July 2018



PRIMARY SCHOOLS' OPEN DAYS 2018

As another school year draws to a close, each of the Island's three primary schools - Harford, Pilling and St Paul's - will soon be hosting their annual Open Days.

Each school will start the day with their Entertainment & Prize Presentation for parents, guardians, and invited guests.

Following this, the schools will be open to the public at the following times:

Harford Primary School	Friday, 27 July	12-3pm and 3.30-5.30pm
St Paul's Primary School	Wednesday, 1 August	1.30-3pm and 4-6pm
Pilling Primary School	Friday, 3 August	1.30-3pm and 4-6pm

All are encouraged to attend the Open Days to see the primary schools in action and to view the children's work.

#StHelena #Education #PrimarySchools #OpenDays

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24 July 2018



Seeking Tagged Tuna

Help support the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tuna Tagging Programme

By Rhys Hobbs, Serena Wright and Martin Collins

Between July 2018 and June 2019 the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tuna (ICCAT) under the Atlantic Ocean Tropical Tuna Tagging Programme (AOTTP) have funded a tuna tagging programme focused on the waters of St Helena. Over the next year, a total of 5,600 tuna will be tagged and released focusing on Yellowfin, Bigeye and Skipjack.

Recaptured tuna will provide a better understanding of population residency, growth rates and seasonal changes in behaviour (including variability in landings). Support for this tagging effort will be provided by members of the inshore and offshore fishing fleets, staff from St Helena Government Marine Section and Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (CEFAS). To date 454 have been tagged (8%).

This work follows on from the tuna tagging programme started by Martin Collins in 2016. Initial results from this first tuna tagging project indicate that a high proportion of tuna are recaptured within St Helena waters and there is a shift to more time spent at depth as the year progresses.

To make this work possible we need your help. If you catch a tuna with a yellow/orange tag attached, please can you note down the location where the fish was caught and its fork length. Additionally, if the fish has an orange tag, please keep the whole fish and the market rate will be paid. A £10 reward will be paid for tuna returned with yellow tags (reduced to £5 after 500 rewards have been paid). A small proportion of the tagged tuna will have additional tags (satellite or

internal electronic tags) which provide more detailed information about the tuna's behaviour. £100 will be paid for these tags if returned.

A public meeting will be held to talk more about the tuna tagging programme and initial results at the Museum of St Helena on Wednesday, 1 August at 6.30pm.

Please feel free to get in contact for more information on this project and how to get involved.

Contact:

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Tele: +44 79759 30487

Rhys Hobbs:
Email: rhys.hobbs@enrd.gov.sh
Tele: +290 22270 ext. 236



Rewards

If you find a tuna with a tag please record the **length** and **location**.



Yellow/Orange = £10
Orange = Keep whole fish

Satellite tag



Internal tag

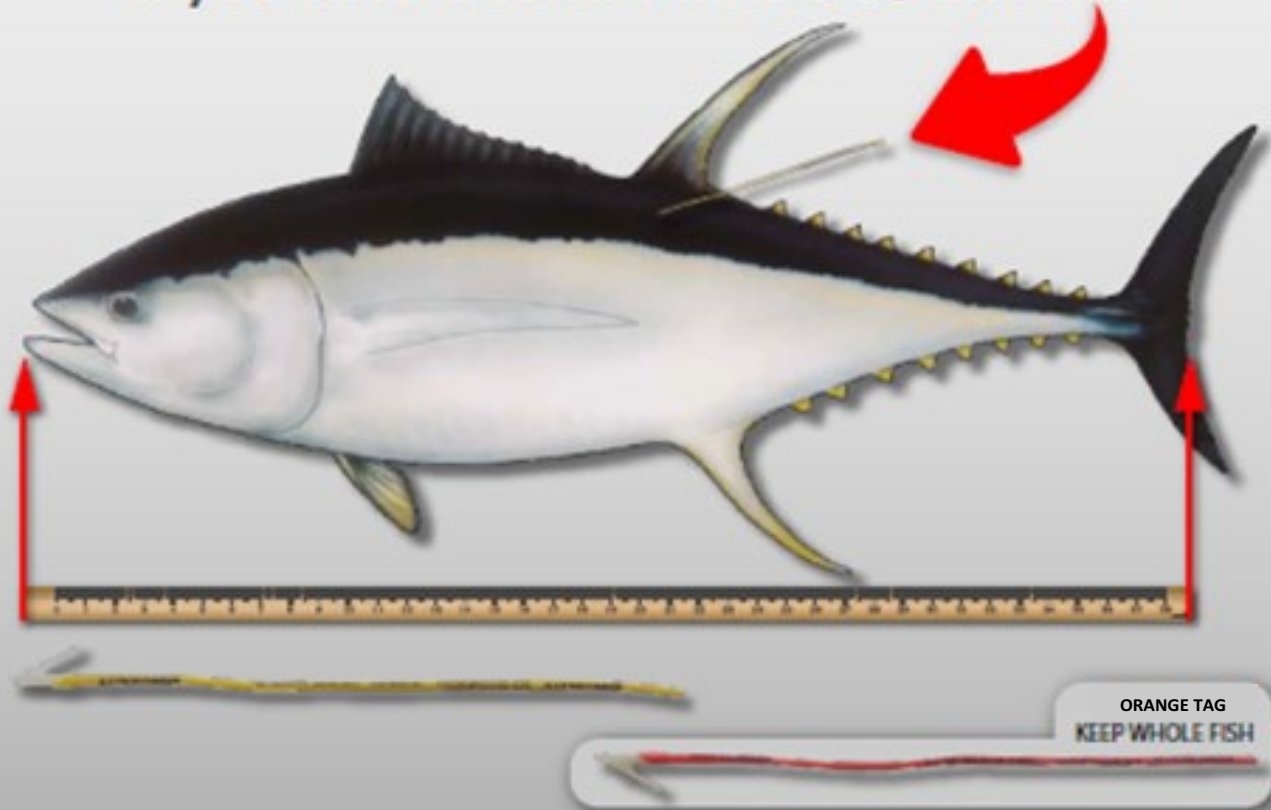
Additional satellite or internal tag = £100

T-shirt (whilst stocks available)



REWARD

If you FIND a tuna with a **TAG** like this



**PLEASE CONTACT EMD Marine section on
(+290 22270) with the
TAG CODE, FISH LENGTH and LOCATION CAUGHT**

For each tagged fish you will get:

- Yellow tags - £10 (reduced to £5 after the first 500 rewards)
- Orange tags - £10 (plus market value of the fish)
- Internal/satellite tags - £100 (plus market value of fish)
- Programme t-shirt (whilst stocks last)

COUNTRY FAIR



Calling all farmers! Supply Local, Buy Local!

The 2018 Agriculture Programme was launched in April at an event held at Kingshurst which was followed with a Farmer's Market and Social at Harford Community Centre early this month.

The final event will be held on **27 October** on **Francis Plain** in the form of a **Country Fair** with an agriculture competition, categories for which are detailed below:

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

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

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

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

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

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

ENTRY CLOSING DATE 15 AUGUST 2018 FOR LIVESTOCK, YOUTH FARMERS, FLOWER GARDENS, ARABLE & PASTURE LAND CATEGORIES



To enter categories please register with Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator on telephone 22920 or on email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh

Lucky draw winners from the Farmer's Market & Social on 14 July 2018: £50.00 Farmers Draw—won by Andrew Constantine, Sandy Bay / £10.00 Family Draw—won by Angela Peters, Guinea Grass

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has an exciting opportunity for a

Bakery Manager

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:

hadmin@solomons.co.sh and
should be completed and returned
to Nicola Essex, Human Resources

Manager,

Solomons Office, Jamestown,

by **9 August 2018**

As the Bakery Manager, you will lead the Bakery team to deliver a quality bakery service to meet local market needs.

For further information please see full Job Description

Interested Persons should:

- ✓ Have a qualification or professional competence in baking
- ✓ Be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to motivate and lead the team
- ✓ Have experience of developing new products in the Pastry/Cake and Bread lines
 - ✓ Have 3 years' experience in a Management role
- ✓ Have certification in RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering or equivalent

Salary for the post will start at £15,004.80 per annum (£1,250.40 per month),
depending on qualifications and experience

VACANCY - CARPENTER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a Carpenter within their Building and Maintenance section to carry out the daily operations and services of carpentry, woodwork and other building related tasks. The candidate will need to be a team player who will work co-operatively with other Tradesmen within the team.

The applicant should have an NVQ Level II in Carpentry or equivalent, a drivers licence in classes A and C along with a minimum of 3 years carpentry experience.

The salary for this post is at Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact the Superintendent of Works, Mr Gilbert Young or Foreman of Works, Mr Rex Young on telephone No 22054 (e-mail Gibby.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh or Rex.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and copies of the job profile are available from the Receptionist Essex House.

Completed application forms should be submitted to the Executive Manager ENRD, or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 1 August 2018.

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

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

Derek Henry
Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division
17 July 2018



St Helena
Government

**Vacancy –
Operations
Supervisor
Bertrand's Cottage**

*St Helena
Hospitality Up-Skilling*

Bertrand's Cottage Limited is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to fill the role of Operations Supervisor. The successful person will be responsible for supporting the House Manager in the day-to-day operations with a view to maximising revenue and profit.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be collected from Enterprise St Helena reception and formal applications should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Assistant at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than Friday 3rd August 2018.



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**Vacancy –
Assistant Chef,
Bertrand's
Cottage**

*St Helena
Hospitality Up-Skilling*

Bertrand's Cottage Limited is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to fill the role of Assistant Chef.

The successful person, under the direct supervision of the Chef, will be responsible for the preparation and cooking of menu items, and in the absence of the Chef run the kitchen. There will be a variety of other responsibilities such as developing menus, maintaining food safety standards and product management.

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VACANCY – SKILLED WORKER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a Skilled Worker within the Roads section.

The candidate should have a Literacy and Numeracy qualification Level 1 and have a Licence or site tested ability to operate dumper, roller, truck, JCB, sweeper truck, tractor & flail.

The salary for this post is at Grade B7 commencing at £7,730 per annum.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact one of the Supervisors, Mr Peter Moyce or Mr Darin Francis on telephone No 23640 (e-mail roads.supervisor1@helanta.co.sh or roads.supervisor2@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms and copies of the job profile are available from the Receptionist Essex House.

Completed application forms should be submitted to the Executive Manager ENRD, or e-mail wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 8 August 2018.

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

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

Derek Henry, Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division
24 July 2018



Course	Date	Time	Location
Office Lunch Recipes Quick, healthy & Easy Lunch recipes	31st July 2018	16.30 – 19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Customer Care Dealing with difficult Customers	8th August 2018	09.00—12.00	Bertrand's Cottage
Poultry Dishes Chicken Dishes using the whole bird	14th August 2018	16.30—19.30	Bertrand's Cottage
Restaurant Service Skills Napkin folding—silver service	22nd August 2018	09.00—12.30	Bertrand's Cottage



For further information or to enrol on the course please contact

Mike Harper on Tel No 22920 or email michael.harper@esh.co.sh

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VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT COOK/PARLOUR MAID – PLANTATION HOUSE

The Corporate Services Directorate has a vacancy for an **Assistant Cook/Parlour Maid** to work at Plantation House.

The post holder will be directly responsible to the Plantation House Residence Manager for assisting in catering for the Governor on a day-to-day basis, as well as for official functions. Also assisting with all cleaning and laundry duties as required.

The successful applicant should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above,
- NVQ in Professional Cooking Level 2
- Food Handling Certificate
- Certificate in Health and Hygiene
- Valid Driving Licence Class A.
- Experience in silver service, table setting for different occasions, preparing floral arrangements and general housekeeping duties.

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

For further details regarding the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mrs Deborah Yon, Residence Manager on telephone number 24453 or e-mail: ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday 6 August 2018.

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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Corporate Services 20 July 2018



St Helena
Government

20 JULY 2018

Tax Timeline

Submission of Income Tax Returns—Year 2017/2018

**This is a final notice
to all those with
employment income**

Please take note 31 July 2018 is the last day for employees to submit an Individual Tax Return, after this date you will have no further right to complete a return.

You can obtain a Return from the SHG website www.sainthelena.gov.sh/forms/. This must be completed electronically and sent via email.

Or Alternatively, you should come into the Tax Office where a computer and help will be available for you to complete your Return.

You should submit an Individual Tax Return if:

- The tax deducted from your income for the above year was greater than what should have been deducted
- Or, you have un-tax income to declare

For each individual, you are allowed to earn £7000 tax free, any income over that is taxed at 26% on the first £18,000 & 31% on any remaining income.

If you are unsure if you should be completing a Return please talk to any of the Income Tax Staff on telephone number 22287 or email the office using the address below:

pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

VACANCY FOR LOGISTICS COORDINATOR

The Port Control Office is currently seeking a suitable person to fill the post of Logistics Coordinator.

Responsible to the Harbour Master, the post holder will be responsible for assisting with logistical support, by ensuring the safe movement of cargo and goods on the Jamestown Wharf and at Rupert's Jetty.

The main duties of the post will include:

- . Operating cranes, reach-stacker and fork lift truck to aid everyday port operations.
- . Ensuring that all Health and Safety measures are fully complied with.
- . Implementing mooring arrangements
- . Maintaining Ships' register and general navigational and chart plotting
- . Collecting all monies due for boat licenses, harbor dues, etc.

Applicants should at least have GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above, or equivalent, and should also have the following:

- . Driver's License in Classes A, B, C, D, H3, J3 and J4
- . At least 5 years' experience of wharf management and harbor cargo handling operations

Salary will be at Grade C, commencing £8,613 per annum.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact David Caswell on telephone number 22287 or email david.caswell@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 7 August 2018.

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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Corporate Services 24 July 2018



**St Helena
Government**

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – ST HELENA GOVERNMENT FISHERIES INVESTMENT OPPORTUNITY

Reference: CS-0150-SHG

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking expressions of interest from individuals/ investors to help shape the future of St Helena's fishing industry.

This is a unique opportunity to be part of a world leading sustainable one-by-one tuna fishery, by developing a business operation on St Helena to process and retail fish and take over core services currently provided by the government owned St Helena Fisheries Corporation.

A copy of the St Helena Government Fisheries Investment Prospectus (July 2018) 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 assistance required in registering should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua. E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone number (00 290) 22470.

The deadline for expressions of interest is 16:00 GMT on Friday, 5 October 2018.

**SHG
18 July 2018**



**St Helena
Government**

HELPING STAFF GET HEALTHY! NEW SHG PROGRAMME TO SUPPORT WORKFORCE WELLBEING

A St Helena Government (SHG) -wide programme - 'Workforce Wellbeing' - will start in each of SHG's Directorates from Wednesday, 1 August 2018.

The programme, which started first within the Health Directorate from 1 June 2018, is designed so that it is easy to be 'owned' and co-ordinated by each Directorate. It aims to support and encourage staff members to enhance their health and wellbeing.

The programme will be tailored by each Directorate's staff members, to suit their staff working patterns, locations and the kind of opportunities their staff want to include. A major focus of the programme is to help staff get started with their own actions particularly on diet, weight, and physical activity as the major factors to prevent and reduce risk of type-two diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancers. In future there will be scope to also include wider health issues such as good mental health.

The Workforce Wellbeing Programme started out with three main opportunities that were suggested by staff members to appeal to different parts of the workforce:

- 'Personal MOT' sessions which are offered to staff, giving them a chance to have their own 'engine and bodywork' checked out. These are short bookable sessions with a series of health checks and advice and support on simple measures

they can personally take to address any underlying issues

- A weekly opportunity for staff to take part with their colleagues in an organised activity to get them moving, such as a group walk. The emphasis is on fun activities to encourage a broad range of people to take part at their own pace, at a level comfortable for them and also activities that are easier to fit into lunch or official break time

- Each Directorate will

set their own team challenges focused on a lifestyle health they have chosen that they want to tackle in a fun and competitive way

Chairman of the Public Health Committee, Councillor Derek Thomas, said:

"Our Government workforce includes a large proportion of our community members and so this programme has potential to encourage and support a sizeable number of people to improve their health. I am pleased that the programme has been designed with input from community members and each part of the workforce will have opportunities relevant to themselves. I encourage our community members and SHG staff to make the most of the opportunities available."

Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey, added:

"The health and wellbeing of all our employees is extremely important, we want to ensure that staff members are supported to make lifestyle choices which will enable them to



lead healthy lives. The Workforce Wellbeing Programme offers an opportunity for employees to look after their health and the activity opportunity can both motivate and support individuals to participate at their own level."

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24 July 2018



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Football Results Week Ending 21/22 July 2018

Sat 21 July 2018

Harts defeated Champions Rovers by 2 goals to nil to take top of the league and put themselves in pole position to win the 2018 League title.

Harts 2 v Rovers 0

G/S Harts: OG, Simon Scipio

MOM: Mike-e Williams (Harts)

YPOM: Sean-Lee Thomas (Harts)

Bellboys 3 v Saints 0

Bellboys scored 3 first half goals to defeat the Saints

G/S Bellboys: Kyle Shoesmith 2, Jordan Yon

MOM: Ryan Benjamin (Bellboys)

YPOM: James Roberts (Saints)

Sun 22 July 2018

Crusaders scored their first goals of the season and picked up their first league point

Crusaders 2 v CSB 2

G/S Crusaders: Josh Benjamin, Dane Wade

G/S CSB: Clayton Yon, Ayrton Harris

MOM: Jeddy Yon (Crusaders)

Wolves keeps up with the top two with a 3 nil win against the Wirebirds.

Wolves 3 v Wirebirds 0

Jacob Duncan, Wayne Yon, Brandon Harris

MOM: Gregory Phillips (Wolves)

YPOM: Brandon Harris (Wolves)

Fixtures:

Sat 28th July

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| 1.30pm | Chop Shop v Wolves |
| | Organisers: Wirebirds |
| 3.30pm | Saints v Crusaders |
| | Organisers: Wirebirds |



Sun 29th July

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|--------|-----------------------|
| 1.30pm | Rovers v Bellboys |
| | Organisers: Crusaders |
| 3.30pm | Axis v Harts |
| | Organisers: Saints |

Extracts from FIFA Law 12 Foul & Misconduct CAUTIONABLE OFFENCES

either than Fouls and Misconduct some other examples of cautionable offences

A player is cautioned if guilty of:

- delaying the restart of play
- dissent by word or action
- entering, re-entering or deliberately leaving the field of play without the referee's permission
- failing to respect the required distance when play is restarted with a corner kick, free kick or throw-in
- persistent offences (no specific number or pattern of offences constitutes "persistent")
- unsporting behaviour

A substitute or substituted player is cautioned if guilty of:

- delaying the restart of play
- dissent by word or action
- entering or re-entering the field of play without the referee's permission
- unsporting behaviour

Where two separate cautionable offences are committed (even

in close proximity), they should result in two cautions, for example if a player enters the field of play without the required permission and commits a reckless tackle or stops a promising attack with a foul/handball, etc.

CAUTIONS FOR UNSPORTING BEHAVIOUR

There are different circumstances when a player must be cautioned for unsporting behaviour including if a player:

- attempts to deceive the referee e.g. by feigning injury or pretending to have been fouled (simulation)
- changes places with the goalkeeper during play or without the referee's permission
- commits in a reckless manner a direct free kick offence
- commits a foul or handles the ball to interfere with or stop a promising attack
- commits a foul which interferes with or stops a promising attack except where the referee awards a penalty kick for an offence which was an attempt to play the ball
- denies an opponent an obvious goal-scoring opportunity by an offence which was an attempt to play the ball and the referee awards a penalty kick
- handles the ball in an attempt to score a goal (whether or not the attempt is successful) or in an unsuccessful attempt to prevent a goal
- makes unauthorised marks on the field of play
- plays the ball when leaving the field of play after being given permission to leave
- shows a lack of respect for the game
- verbally distracts an opponent during play or at a restart

Young Harts 31 v PPS Dolphins 2

G/S Young Harts: Jay-Dee Caswell 9; Micadean Crowley 12, Jet Lee Yon 2 Kieran Williams 3, Kenan Bargo 2, Masharne Crowley 1 & 2 own Goals

G/S PPS Dolphins: Lars Williams 1 & Dewain Osborne 1

POM: Micadean Crowley & Dewain Osborne

Dream Team 5 v Jungle Rangers 2

G/S: Taylon Phillips 2; Blake Peters 2 & Dominic Richards 1

G/S Jungle Rangers: Eueeze Peters 2

POM: Lucio George & James Duncan

Chop Shop Boys 9 v Rangers 4

G/S CSB: Ethan Harris 5; Jacob Williams 2 & McCoy 2

G/S Rangers: Annika Lawrence 1; Jessica Roberts 1, Jolan Henry 1 & Stefan O'Dean 1

POM: Ethan Harris & Jessica Roberts

Allstars 19 v Chop shop boys 0

G/S Allstars: Joey Thomas 10; Aiden Yon-Stevens 5 & Evan Constantine 4

POM: Joey Thomas & Ethan Harris

Fixtures:

Sunday 29th July

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|---------|-------------------------------|
| 9.30am: | PPS Dolphins v Jungle Rangers |
| 10.15am | Dream Team v Yellow Devils |

Pitch 2:

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| 9.30am: | Allstars v Rangers |
| 10.30am | Allstars v Chop Shop |



Football Flash Back - Nick Stevens



Bellboys 2010



Junior Footballers 2010

Children know best!

Contributed by John Lowrie

<https://anorthumbrianabroad.blogspot.com/2018/07/children-know-best.html#more>

Thea surprised us all. For a start she was a girl [1]. She was neither the oldest nor the brightest. She was one of the more disabled in our troupe of mixed-ability children. She had been reluctant to join. She was shy. Yet there was no mistaking it. Thea (short for Sokunthea) had emerged as their leader. All the children were poor [2]. That's why they were with us. They just wanted to be like "normal" children [3] able to learn Computing and English, a small element in our project for mainly poor and disabled people with two main components. One was to improve livelihoods. The other "was to do something about their low status".

Adults and children alike wanted to learn about "advocacy" how to argue for improvements. They were keen to learn new skills but first they had to learn to work together. "Self-help group-working" is an effective way of cultivating change. [4] First of all you must either build the group or do as I argue, let the group build itself. The strange thing about human behaviour is whenever people gather together over time group cohesion and leadership develop naturally. Quite often, as in Thea's case, the best leaders are not the ones you would expect. Thea's "Child Advocacy Group" operated from 2003, regularly for 6 years, and for one final reunion in 2011 by which time they were quite grown-up. At their peak, they presented issues at international and national conferences and appeared on national TV. [5] That was their high-profile work but what mattered more was their low-profile work. Children know other children best. So back in their villages they rooted out other poor children living with disability or some other pronounced disadvantage. They included those at risk of neglect, abuse and exploitation. If not for their success many lives would have remained miserable; some short-lived. In Cambodia *"the shame of having a "different" child also leads families to segregate themselves from their community, or neglect their child out of frustration."*

Readers on Saint Helena will be amused by the name our disability group called itself "New Horizons Society" and by what they sang at a notable national conference "As the Saints Go Marching –On". This was based on the flooding disaster in New Orleans USA after Hurricane Katrina. Ironically the adults didn't heed their warning. The province was widely-flooded and damaged the next year.

The same self-help group methodology featured in my design of other human rights and development projects, not just for Cambodia but Laos and Vietnam. In all cases it was to compensate for deficient local public services, even ones complicit in abuse or corruption with scant care for their poorest most vulnerable citizens. For example, "Child Protection Groups and Networks" are developed within my partner local human rights NGO "LICADHO" that address key issues. They include worst forms of child labour in for example brick works or domestic servitude, and trafficking in to the sex industry. Agencies like "Save-the-Children" and "UNICEF" have excellent materials.

It is this knowledge and experience that Saint Helena should

have and had when child abuse issues first emerged if not before. Quite frankly to believe you can import experts for instant solutions is ludicrous. The danger now with the airport is that it is easier to fly them in.

Allegations of child abuse are notoriously difficult to deal with. Indeed we now know for certain that in the past issues have been neglected; covered-up; children not believed if they have overcome threats to keep quiet, and perpetrators left to pursue their evil ways. We know another thing. The majority of child abuse is carried out by people known to the child, even close family-members, and people with power and authority over them.

Probably the fullest exposure of failed child protection mechanisms has been seen with the Australian Child Abuse Royal Commission. Its public hearings have been more revealing, more insightful, and far more painful than those in the UK of the Jimmy Savile or Rotherham cases.

Strangely the Savile case raises a personal anecdote, with the benefit of hindsight an insightful one. Back in 1971 when living in London, a group of us were invited to "Top of the Pops" the BBC's weekly show. One of our friends from Halifax refused to go. "Not with that weirdo Jimmy Savile!" The fact is even then his bizarre behaviour was known to children but it remained unexpressed.

I certainly believe that failed "Western" models of child-care would do well to be open to learning from other countries and cultures, and St Helena should have a choice instead of simply taking whatever DfID offers. DfID seldom looks beyond the UK and sometimes not as thoroughly as it should within the UK for the most appropriate "experts". This was reported by the Public Accounts Enquiry on the St Helena Airport debacle. Had this been done a lot of grief might have been avoided. If this is done in future a lot more grief will be avoided.

For now Saint Helena has adopted the UK's "Safe-Guarding" model of inter-agency working, relying largely on external experts. I do not know to what extent they have adopted "child-centered" working in the same way that Basil George as Education Officer promoted it for teaching on the Island. The two approaches can be compatible. Once children-only and/or adult-linked self-help groups are formed, on their own or within other community groups, then the right linkages need to be made for concerns to be expressed, in due confidence, and to be investigated competently. The correct balance has to be struck between being absolutely sure to find out what is happening to a child against an innocent adult being accused of paedophilia, as has happened to Cliff Richard and Thai Cave-Rescue Diver Vernon Unsworth.

When I was on St Helena I was amazed by the encyclopaedic knowledge teachers had of their students and their families. However even then children held secrets but as Thea and her friends can tell you, the best people to winkle out concerns are other children, not experts.

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Notes

1 In Cambodia girls and women are still not expected to lead. In fact the ancient Women's Code "*Chbab Srey*" remains a strong influence despite modern efforts to promote gender equality.

2 Family poverty assessments were conducted as very often people pretend to be poorer than they are to obtain benefits. I called in to this project a year after I left. Instead of the rows of bicycles some students used to have, most needed to walk or use our project vehicle, there were motor-cycles, evidence of malpractice having crept in. The project vehicle has become the personal property of the Director again not untypical of what happens in the absence of supervision and ethical commitments.

3 There is a persistent belief in Cambodia that misfortune in any form is due punishment for sins, this life or a past one. This is something I mention often in blogs and also stated in the article from which I took the quotation for this piece *here*.

4 Self-help group working is proven to work in both development and human rights fields but is still not standard practice. One reason is that it requires time commitments of both beneficiaries and the community facilitators and very often donors (and authorities) want quicker results. It does take adequate "core cost" funding and many donors are reluctant to give that, preferring to see direct benefits for their money. There is also one intrinsic problem. If organisations and community facilitators do a good job, and the self-help groups do well, they do themselves out of a job. Many are not so masochistic. More on these themes can be read in Blogs 1; 2, and 3

As well as time you need to give incentives for the self-help group to form and to stay together. Some organisations give money. I don't as it means you they join for the wrong reason.

With children it is easy as there are always things that they enjoy – like learning, singing, dancing, and making and eating food. Our troupe was invited to perform away from home, so for them it was their experience in a hotel, by the sea-side and to visit Cambodia's top attractions like Angkor Wat. Incentives can be very modest. Our health education programme included washing hands properly. We gave each child just a plastic bowl and bar of soap to go out and teach other children how and when to wash hands. They loved it.

We were very fortunate that good friends Katie Goad of *EpicArts* and Chris Minko of *CNVLD* taught our disabled members how to dance and play sports as well as and often better than non-disabled friends.

5 The NHS website – latest news and other sections, tell the full stories and gives details of the characters. As Sokunthea phased out – she was appointed as *CNVLD's* Mistress of Ceremonies, all shyness gone – Kosal took on the leadership role. I list him as my most inspiring client. Please drop in to his Facebook page – toady he runs his own NGO doing what we first did with him. His English is quite good. You can use Google Translate to see what he is saying.

6 The PAC enquiry was very important not just because of what went wrong with the airport but the reflections on the way DfID and the UK Government with its appointees deal with Saint Helena. The Wass report also commented on the management by the Governor and other expatriate appointments. In the case of both the airport project and when the child abuse issue arose I made formal offers (not taken up) that might have saved a lot of grief. My paper about the airport can be accessed *here*, almost predicting the debacle, and was read by PAC members. I only sent emails about the child abuse case to the principals involved, but later wrote up my observations in this blog.

SEA RESCUE SERVICE AUXILIARY TRAINING

The Sea Rescue Service has recently recruited three new auxiliary personnel who will become active members of the current team once they have passed the training requirements. Training sessions are carried out once a week with the new personnel having taken part in two sessions so far. They have participated in Pre-Sea Training as well as a Swim Test. This initial training is essential before they can operate onboard any rescue vessel.

The training covers Safety Induction including information about the location of safety appliances onboard as well as equipment required to be carried on the vessel, and instruction on the use of such appliances and equipment. Familiarisation training in carrying out routine and emergency procedures is also essential.

Deputy Sea Rescue Manager, Craig Scipio, said:

"The new recruits have shown great enthusiasm so far and I

hope they remain committed towards completing the training. We look forward to them becoming active crew members of the St Helena Sea Rescue Service."

SHG

25 July 2018



ST. HELENA



GOLF REPORT

An 18 Hole Stableford Competition was played on Sunday 22 July 2018, with 13 golfers taking part in beautiful sunshine. This competition was played instead of the scheduled competition – One club and putter owing to a low turn-out of players.

Both Lawson Henry and Jeffrey Stevens returned a score of 31 Stableford points which would have gained either one of them in 2nd place. However as Lawson and Jeffrey were the sponsors of this competition they decided to forfeit their prize and award it to the player with the next best score to take 2nd place. Well done to Leon Crowie as he attained this position with 30 Stableford points. We would also like to say welcome back Leon, it was really nice to see you taking part after 2 years of recuperating from your illness. The winner of this week's competition is none other than our Captain – Bramwell Lumukwana who returned with 36 Stableford points, well done Bramwell. There was only one winner for the 2 Ball Pool and that was Henzie Beard, on the 5th green, well done Henzie.

The revised dates for the Open Championship Competition will now be played on Sunday 21, Saturday 27, Sunday 28 October respectively with the final round being played on 03 November 2018. Presentation of trophies and the Multi Raffle will take place on the same day of the finale Saturday 03 November 2018 followed by a curry and rice meal and there will be music for dancing.

This coming Sunday 29 July 2018 the 18 Hole Monthly Medal Strokeplay Competition will be played. Tee off time is at 09.00 hours and this will be followed by a Fish Fry. Hope to see you all there.

What's it called when you fluff a shot and it's still your turn to play? A dead sheep: "still ewe."

Keep swinging right down the middle!!!

Contributed by: Helena Stevens

THE ROCK

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PRAISE & WORSHIP

Invitation to Tender

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

Annual Grounds Maintenance of the Castle Gardens, Grand Parade and Honeymoon Chair, Jamestown

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

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

A site visit was held on Monday, 23 July 2018. If you require any further details, please contact the Maintenance Officer, Mr Dalton George, on telephone number 24724 or email dalton-george@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12 noon on Monday, 30 July 2018. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.



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1525 x 970 Sidelights . ETC .

450 mm Sewage Inspection chambers ,Covers and Risers.

Small quantity of 1997 Ford Lazer /Mazda 323 Car parts



FRIDAY 27TH JULY 2018

Rosie's Restaurant Opens at 11am

11am – 4:30pm – Rosie's Lunch Menu

4:30pm – 9:00pm – Rosie's Evening Menu

For tables of 8 or more please pre book your reservation.

Treat yourself & your family to a meal!

Drop by at Rosie's Taste 4 Life or call 25507 to place your order.

Rosie's Bar Opens at 11am

6PM- FRIDAY SUNDOWNER

MIX MUSIC VIDEOS shown on big screen for a
Your Sundowner.

9:30PM- WEEKEND STARTER

Coming back to Rosie's DJ Booth

DJ FREDDIE MAGGOTT



SATURDAY 28TH JULY 2018

Opening Time:

9am – 12 Noon – Rosie's Breakfast

BAR - 11 AM – 1:30AM
RESTAURANT – 9AM – 9PM

Various Breakfast rolls

Full English Breakfast

Call **25507**
to make a
booking

12 noon – 4:30pm Rosie's Lunch Menu

4:30pm – 9:00pm Rosie's Evening Menu

7PM – 9:30PM

ROSIE'S LIL DISCO JAMMER

15YRS & UNDER

(Rosie's Restaurant)

CHICK FLICK NIGHT

STARTING AT 7PM
"GIRLS TRIP"

18 Years & Over
(Rosie's Bar)

9:30PM

DISCO ON DECK

BOOM 2 DA BANG!

By Customer Request- JELLO SHOTS £1.20



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

LIKE ROSIE'S TASTE 4 LIFE FACEBOOK PAGE TO FOLLOW
ROSIE'S UPCOMING EVENTS.

30TH, 31ST July & 1ST August 18

Rosie's Restaurant will be closed and will re-open on Thursday 2nd August 18 at 4pm offering a New Menu.

30TH & 31ST July 18

Rosie's Bar will be closed and will re-open on 1st August at 4pm

11th August 2018

Fundraising Event For Cancer Awareness

MALE AUCTION NIGHT

For further information
contact Kaylee or Rosie on 25507



25th August 2018

Rosie's 2nd Ladies Night

Dress to impress & wear your favourite colour.

A NIGHT NOT TO BE MISSED!

DJ Freddie Maggot ending the night with a mixture of music for ALL.

HTH Rifle Club
Invites you to a

Family Fete

Opening @ 12noon
Kingshurst Community Centre
Sunday 29th July 2018

BOUNCY CASTLE
face painting
Table Top & Car Boot Sale
Hot Food, Tea & Cake
Raffle
DJ Colin Peters
Sponsored Walk

Contact: Nicholas on 25311 Carlos or Luz on 23202, Fiona or Melvyn on 24257 for a sponsor form or to book a table top



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly car boot on **Saturday, 28th July 2018**

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.



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Euchre night
At
Sandy Bay Community Centre
Friday 27th July 2018
Time 8.00pm
To register you teams contact telephone number- 24536
Bar will be open

Family Night Out
Sandy Community Centre
Saturday 28th July 2018
Starting at 8.00pm
Bar & refreshments
Entrance Fee - Adults - £1.00
Music by The Joshua 2