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In Court This Week

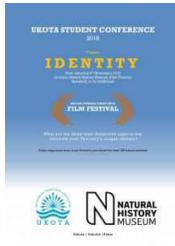
I've just go to get a message to you, hold on, hold on

The number one hit in Tristan at the moment must be the Bee Gees with 'I've Gotta Get A Message To You'. It was a hit in 1968 but fifty years later getting a message to anywhere is very topical on our sister island. The Bee Gees song has probably been sung with fervour for the past three months in the Albatross Bar because that's how long technical teams in the UK have been trying to fix Tristan's phone fault.

An announcement on the Tristan government website states, "For the last three months it has not been possible to call Tristan. When you do call the island from overseas, the phone rings and while we can hear you, you cannot hear us". The temporary solution, you are advised is, if you do call, please state who you are and what number to call you back on. Administrator Sean Burns says Tristan will let everyone know once the problem is solved.



The 1960s Bee Gees, complete with hairy chests and gold medallions



UKOTA holding conference for students

The UK Overseas Territories Association is holding its third overseas students conference in London on 3rd November. Attendees will be Overseas Territory students who are studying in the UK. The organisers describe the event as a great opportunity for students from a wide range of cultures to come together and celebrate their shared histories and distinctiveness. The theme for the 2018 conference is Identity which the conference advertising points out is something that resonates strongly amongst the Overseas Territories.

Students are invited to produce a short film about their homeland to be shown at the conference as part of the Overseas Territories Film Festival. The themes from the films will be discussed afterwards, led by academics with specialist knowledge of the Overseas Territories.

The Natural History Museum is hosting the event and will provide speakers to present the vast range of exhibits and specimens held at the museum from UK Overseas Territories. This will include botanists showing what appear to be highly diversified species which are actually related to each other through the same genetic classification. The point will be made that the relationship between fourteen British Overseas Territories is similar. It is not yet known whether St helena students in the UK will be attending.

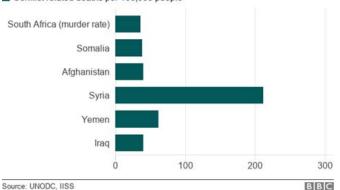
South Africa becoming a 'war zone'

Last week there was news that violence in Cape Town is increasing at a faster rate than anywhere else in South Africa. The violence is usually contained within a small number of areas housing poor and deprived communities but the increase is real and worrying.

This week South Africa's minister for the police said the increase in murders had turned the country into a place that "borders on a war zone". There were more than 20,000 murders in South Africa last year, a 7% increase on 2016. The comparison with a war zone is suitable - as the graph below shows:-

How does South Africa's murder rate compare with conflict zones in 2017?

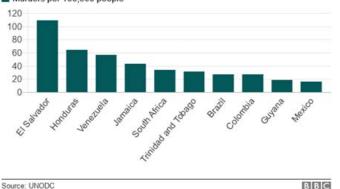
Conflict-related deaths per 100,000 people



Source: UNODC, IISS

The graph above counts the number of deaths per 100,000 people in 2017 whereas the graph below counts only the murders.

Countries with the highest murder rate in 2015 Murders per 100,000 people



Source: UNODC

There are more than twice as many murders in El Salvador than in Somalia or Afghanistan. Even the extreme human misery in the Yeman falls far short when the number of all Yemen deaths are compared with the number of El Salvador murders. As one recent newspaper headline proclaimed when publishing a report on El Salvador, "Poverty and gang violence are driving an exodus, regardless of US asylum reforms".

Freedom of Information and Data Protection Ordinances delayed again

In January this year the work completed by the previous Legislative Council on a Freedom of Information Bill was resurrected. In December 2016 a draft Freedom of Information Bill needed a few more finishing touches and had been cataloqued as No. 1 of 2017. The general election in July 2017 meant the new Legislative Council had to pick up from where the previous Council left off but with the Freedom of Information Bill this did not happen until January 2018. Now, nine months later, discussions on the preliminaries and the basics have started again with the Bill for a Freedom of Information Ordinance drafted in December 2016 being considered "too complicated and unworkable".

The tortuous path taken by the non-decision makers is staggering and this week it is admitted the second attempt to bring freedom of information and data protection legislation into force by April 2020 is already behind schedule. The need for data protection was brought sharply into focus when it was reported that medical records for all non-specialist treatment will be brought together in one information storage system. While this is expected to bring useful healthcare improvements it also means a vast amount of personal and private information from one source will be accessible to a wide range of healthcare professionals, administrators and clerical workers. How this data is used and protected needs to be placed on a legal footing now. The same applies to other data storage systems held by government and other public bodies. The amount of data stored become ever greater and access to it becomes increasingly easier as the systems used for data storage are constantly improving.

The timeline for non-decision making on this urgent need for legislation started late and has never shifted out of bottom gear. In January it was decided a session be arranged for all councillors to get themselves up-to-date with the work already done on the draft Freedom of Information and Data Protection legislation. In March it was decided all councillors should discuss a way forward with Freedom f Information and Data Protection. In April a 'briefing' on the draft legislation 'revealed' that the work done by the preand Data Protection was "too complicated and unworkable". The councillors agreed with what was presumably the opinion of officers and decided to ask the Attorney General for help.

In July the Social and Community Development Committee approved a timetable for introducing an Information Bill to Legislative Council. This Bill combined the Freedom of Information and Data Protection Bill into one Information Bill. This change was supported by all councillors. The timetable set out a series of discussions with "key stakeholders" including the Chamber of Commerce, large employers, the SHG representative committee and the media which would start in July and continue throughout August.

This month the report for the September Social and Community Development Committee meeting stated, "The proposal for a single Information Bill instead of separate Freedom of Information and Data Protection legislation had recently been discussed with the Chamber of Commerce. Preference was expressed for a separate Freedom of Information Bill and that full Data Protection legislation should be introduced as soon as possible. Further discussions with larger organisations and representatives from SHG will go ahead before deciding next steps." The previous inclusion of the media as a key stakeholder was not mentioned.

The discussions which should have started in July have only recently begun with the Chamber of Commerce being the first on the list. The notion that Freedom of Information and Data Protection should be combined into one Bill received a frosty reception from the Chamber and is likely to be equally unpopular when "further discussions" take place. But, will this mean the Information Bill falls at the first hurdle and separate Bills are reinstated? This cannot be taken for granted.

Separate Bills, each addressing the specific details of two very different subjects

vious Council on Freedom of Information is the usual way to introduce this legislation. One Bill deals with public access to information held by public bodies and puts it on a legal footing. Data protection legislation protects personal and private information held by public bodies on each and every individual from unauthorised snooping. Why a combined Information Bill was ever suggested (by whom?) and why the councillors agreed to go ahead with this without having an open and direct public discussion beforehand makes it debatable whether our councillors and officers even know what freedom of information is all about. Avoidable and unnecessary delay as been caused by councillors agreeing with proposals presumably put to them by aovernment officers, without involving the rest of us in any meaningful way. The old colonial culture where decisions are made behind closed doors and then presented to the rest of us is still alive and thriving in St Helena.

> Pitcairn Island had Freedom of Information legislation in force in 2012. Despite this, the same legislation is "too complicated" for St Helena. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office stated, after receiving a UK freedom of information request, that Pitcairn received no assistance from the FCO in drafting the legislation. It appears the Pitkerners administered the introduction of their legislation themselves. Why then should it be "too complicated" for our councillors and officers?

> With the current stop-start then start again situation it seems very likely another Legislative Council will come and go with no progress on basic St Helenian citizen's rights to privacy and information being firmly and legally established. This week it was admitted by official government sources that the programme for the introduction of the legislation had already started to slip. This means the plan to put this legislation into effect by April 2020 is already in doubt.





Not many people know this but there was a heavenly constellation known as the Royal Oak or Charles' Oak and it was identified and named by Edmund Halley when he was in St Helena mapping the southern stars. The group of stars which make the Royal Oak constellation is no longer used by today's astronomers. One or two of the stars used also formed parts of other constellations which not only made it a bit messy but also caused undreamt of international tensions of galactic proportions.

Even so, Edmund Halley achieved his aim in naming a constellation in honour of his king. Charles II was king at the time and he remained alive because he hid in the branches of an oak tree at the battle of Worcester in 1651. It was the last battle of the First English Civil War. Charles and his Royalists lost to Oliver Cromwell and his Parliamentarians and he only stayed alive by hiding in the branches of an English Oak. Charles II of the House of Stuart lived to fight another day and, to cut a long story short, returned to the throne.

Charles was back on his throne when Edmund Halley came to St Helena and while here Halley 'invented' a new constellation of stars and named it Royal Oak. When announcing his new name for a new constellation Halley said it was "in memory of the hiding place that saved Charles II of Great Britain etc., deservedly translated to the heavens forever." It was a good move on Halley's part because it scratched the king's back in just the right place. In 1678 Halley secured his Master's Degree from Oxford University "by the king's express command".

History is made by in the most unlikely ways. Hiding in a tree is certainly one of them. Sucking up to someone with power or in authority, as Edmund Halley did, is another way but it is has been done so often it is neither original nor interesting.

Alexander Fleming found another way to turn the tide of medical history; he did it by forgetting to clean up in his laboratory before going on holiday. When he got back he found that one of the dishes he used for experiments was covered in mould and the mould had destroyed whatever it was in the dish he had forgotten to clean before leaving his laboratory for a month. Being an inquisitive scientist he nurtured the mould and found out more about it. It was not long before he found his newly found mould was killing all sorts of bacteria. From Alexander Fleming's dirty dishes the discovery of penicillin was born.

I have been looking for what mistakes or unusual situations in the history of St Helena have turned out to benefit the island. Still looking!

Hope we all have a dry weekend and the plane arrives some time on Saturday



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Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes from the bar .

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

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Thank You

The League of Friends Coffee Morning at Plantation House on Wednesday 12th September was a very sucessful event and raised £250.

We would like to thank the Acting Governor Louise MacMoran for hosting the event, and for everyone who supported us.

Thank you all.

GUINEA GRASS COMMUNITY CENTRE AGM

The Committee of the Guinea Grass Community Centre wishes to advise the community that they will be holding their AGM at the Centre on Wednesday 3 October 2018 at 8pm. A new Committee will need to be elected to continue the operation of the Centre.

If you are interested in becoming a member for the next year or helping in any way with the functioning of the Centre, then please come along to the meeting that evening. All are welcome.

Vince

EULOGY

And so we celebrate the life of Ann, who we all knew and loved so fondly.

Ann, born in 1952 to the late Lorraine and Jim Williams, was originally a town girl where she grew up with her sister June, before she and her family moved to their home near the then HTH School. Ann used to tell stories of how every morning she and June had walk the Ladder into Jamestown and back again to fetch bread for their family before school started and they'd be scolded for picking off the crust and eating it before they made it home.

During the younger years Ann and her family would make trips to Levelwood to see friends and they would return home with vegetables, bananas and the like, after spending the day there.

Ann's sister June remembers well when they started getting their bread from Mr Charlie Dooks home in New Ground... and at some stage when Ann had to fetch it because June didn't want to, Ann smacked June over the head with the bag and June faked a fit, but to no avail, as when she peeped to see where Ann was, she was already hurrying on her way to fetch the bread!

In her adult life, Ann welcomed three children to the family; her son Charles and two daughters Adelia and Sharina and then after moving to Clay Gut, Ann and Roger were also blessed with their grandson Jordan and great grandson Blake, all of whom were 'fussed over' and cared for lovingly.

Ann performed various roles during her work life. She started out as a house maid for Mr Sonny Ward and his wife Theresa at Southern's and it is said that through working for them, she was allowed to board a submarine! Ann performed carer and home-help roles, she was also a cleaner and is well known as the 'milk lady' from HTH School to many who have since grown up. She also child-minded many children and any children in the neighbourhood who got home before their parents did, knew they could come to her house and would be offered something to eat and drink to 'tie them over' until their parents arrived. In her later years she worked as a Crafts supervisor at SHAPE, which she enjoyed immensely.

Ann was well respected by family and friends, you could always count on her to help with last minute things. She enjoyed making fancy dress items for special occasions for both children and grown-ups alike. Ann learned how to use the sewing machine and made clothes for herself and did little alterations or 'ran up' curtains for anyone who asked and she enjoyed knitting and crocheting. In her later years, Ann had to slow down a bit because as she would say, her 'knees wouldn't allow her' to continue with some of the things she liked doing and whilst the past few months have been quite taxing on her health, she remained witty and in high spirits.

Ann was creative, quick-thinking, helpful, kind, gentle and thoughtful. She was the motherly figure we all looked to and we're blessed to have had her touch our lives.

To our darling partner, mum, grandma, sister, niece, cousin and dear friend Ann, may God hold you safely in his loving arms until we meet again.

Prayer

Almighty God, father of everlasting mercy, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, both for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them, things beyond all that we can ask or think; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A poem from her daughter Adelia and Cardie on Ascension: A poem from Donny, JayLynn, Tamia & Trent

Though her smile has gone forever and her hand I cannot touch I still have so many memories of the one I love so much Her memory is now my keepsake, which with I'll never part God has her in his keeping, I have her in my heart

Sadly missed but never forgotten.

A poem from Donny, JayLynn, Tamia & Trent in the UK:

God saw her getting tired a cure was not to be He wrapped her in his loving arms and whispered 'come to me'

She suffered much in silence, her spirit did not bend

She faced her pain with courage until the very end She tried so hard to stay with us, but her fight was not in vane

God took her in his loving home and freed her from her pain.

Your Opinion Counts

Open Letter

To:

Mr Andrew Pearce 'Tranquillity' Alarm Forest Dear Mr Pearce

I wanted to respond to you about your article on page 26 of The Independent dated 14 September entitled 'New prison back in land planning'. You raise three important points in relation to the outline planning application for the prison site which the Land Development Control Authority considered at their recent meeting, and all of which you state, have changed from the information which was presented at the meeting at Harford community centre in April. These are: the size of the site; its location in Bottom Woods; and the impact on the wirebird population. I wanted to be clear that it is not correct to say the plans have changed.

First, the size of the site which has gone forward for outline planning approval remains the same. Second, the location of the site will be, as I said at the Harford centre meeting, further down the hill from where we had originally conceived it would be. This is to minimise visibility even further from the surrounding area. It may be easier to see this on the enclosed diagram. The white square is the proposed site now: the red dotted square was the previous

site. You will see there is a shift further down the hill to reduce what can be seen as I suggested.

Third, the assessment of the impact on the wirebird population remains the same as was considered by ExCo in May and which was published for openness and transparency. The prison site is not suitable for nesting. At that time we said lithe site is in the National Conservation Area by virtue of Bottom Woods being a wirebird area. But this site has a limited number of wirebirds on it (20 pairs across the 83 acres) and it is not a natural habitat for the wirebird. We can take measures to protect the wirebirds that are there when we move forward to design. The proposed site used to be part of the wirebird mitigation project but since then, half of the area is not suitable for wirebirds."

I appreciate that feelings can run high about the location of a new prison for St Helena. I, together with my ExCo colleagues, have listened carefully to community feedback and, where we can, we have made changes. A new

prison build could bring much needed finance and jobs, particularly in the construction sector, to St Helena so I remain keen to progress this project. I hope this helps to clarify the situation for you.

Yours sincerely

Lisa Honan

Governor

St Helena. Ascension & Tristan da Cunha

Dear Editor,

Roy Williams' letter in last week's Independent noted the provision of dedicated disabled persons parking and how effective this has been and how it is being monitored. He goes on to ask what is the take up of disabled parking, are there too few bays, or too many and are they in the right places.

Mr Williams has raised some relevant questions for an official to answer. However, as a disabled or physically challenged person, a Human Rights Commissioner and Chair of the Disabled Persons Aid Society, I'd like to provide my personal observations on the disabled car parks in Jamestown.

Firstly, although a lot more needs to be done in general to create an equal opportunities environment for the disabled it is encouraging that efforts continue to be made to accommodate our needs within our community and the five disabled car parks currently in Jamestown is a positive contribution.

The Equality Act 2010 defines a disability as a physical or mental impairment that has a substantial and long-term negative effect on someone's ability to do normal daily activities.

The wide ranging list of conditions which are or could be classed as a disability might indicate there are not enough disabled car parks particularly when events are held in Jamestown.

Under our Constitution the St Helena Government has a duty to safeguard people from discrimination and do everything reasonably possible to avoid discriminating against people with disabilities.

A thought "It is not us who are disabled it's our community we live in that is

making us disabled".

Unfortunately when the designated car parks were demarcated it was done without consultation with appropriate individuals who are not able to recognise the simplest of things that are or could become a challenge for the disabled.

On 28 November 2017 I wrote the Russell Yon Chairperson of Highways Authority expressing my views on the disabled car parks that present challenges for us. He replied recognising the challenges and the difficulty of car parks in Jamestown.

Noticeably the disabled car park behind the Canister and the one in front of the Post Office are from time to time being used as general car parks. In addition last year when the swimming pool was undergoing repairs, the disabled park on the seafront was used to accommodate the building materials. Nevertheless Russell did address that but the one at the Hospital Outpatients has yet to materialise.

The one behind the Canister and the other in front of the Post Office are suitable for a number of disabled people but not suitable for specialised vehicles that has a ramp to exit from the rear of the vehicle as this puts the individual out onto the road into oncoming traffic.

The one in front of the Post Office is not wide enough. The width of the car park doesn't allow car doors to be fully opened for the physically challenged to get out. It would also be difficult for people who are on crutches or anyone with a mobility aid. People are living longer so people using mobility aids could become more familiar.

The one near the Museum is aligned with the wall therefore drivers can only park one way if the passenger is disabled to allow them to get out.

The ones in front of the Public Library and seafront are ideal as they are a good size and convenient. However, suggesting the seafront would be the most suitable place for all the disabled car parks would not be ideal. It certainly would not be convenient for those with walking difficulties to walk from the seafront to the Post Office, Bank and other amenities within that area which we all need to use.

As Benjamin Franklin once quoted 'The

nion Counts

only two things certain in life are death and taxes' so maybe we need to consider the fact that one never knows when one could become disabled. Consequently, everything possible should be done to involve the disabled within our community and we ought to continue to embrace, recognise and accept their courage and ability to cope with the everyday challenges they face. Cathy Cranfield

EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2018

Executive Council met today with one item on the closed agenda which was to discuss a proposal to give additional financial support to the St Helena Fisheries Corporation. In discussion, Council noted the updated Fisheries Improvement Plan and commended the Corporation and the Working Group for the considerable amount of work which had gone into the development of this document. Members were mindful that an invitation had been issued for Expressions of Interest from potential investors interested in investing in fisheries and agreed that further debate about the future of fisheries will take place once the outcome of this exercise is known. Council reiterated their commitment to Fisheries as a key industry for the Island and approved the additional subsidy of £122,000 for the financial year 2018/19. Under Any Other Business, Council agreed that the 2017 Report on the Review of Councillors' Remuneration should be made public on the SHG website and noted that Governor Lisa Honan, Councillor Christine Scipio O'Dean and Councillor Derek Thomas would be attending this year's Joint Ministerial Council meeting in London in December.

The meeting closed at 12.25. **ExCo** 18 September 2018



Airlink says sexual harassment allegation is "devoid of fact"

In recent days Airlink has been the focus of attention because of an alleged incident of sexual harassment involving two Airlink staff while at St Helena airport. The South African weekly Johannesburg newspaper City Press published the allegation and Saint FM picked up on it as the incident reportedly happened at St Helena Airport.

The St Helena Independent contacted Rodger Foster, Chief Executive of Airlink and requested a comment from him on the incident reported in City Press. Mr Foster sent a quick response which opened with, "Airlink denies the allegations as per the article featured in City Press and as selectively aired by Saint FM. The article is devoid of fact."

He went on to say, "Both matters referred to in the article were submitted to formal procedures in accordance with Airlink's disciplinary codes, presided over by an independent Chairperson. Both matters were concluded. Based on the evidence submitted at both the vandalism disciplinary proceedings and at the sexual harassment grievance proceedings, and on a balance of probability, the article in the City Press was unfortunately devoid of truth and Airlink will address the matter in more detail once all the legal processes have been concluded." It appears from the words chosen here by Rodger Foster there may well be further action connected with this City Press report.

Apart from the sexual harassment claim there was also a disciplinary matter arising from damage caused to the plane during the incident.

City Press stated in their report that the



Airlink CEO had "kept mum about an alleged sexual harassment track record in the company". In yesterday's response to the Independent Rodger Foster said, "As a matter of fact, Airlink received three sexual harassment grievances over the past 26 years. These were all dealt with expeditiously and in accordance with our codes." Mr Foster continued, "I can assure you that Airlink treats all allegations very seriously, and with due care and sensitivity".

Clearly irritated by the report in City Press Mr Foster continued, "Airlink proudly represents the full spectrum of South Africa's diverse society in terms of race, gender, sexual orientation, creed and disability. We have a clear set of codes and policies to promote harmony, unity, safety, professionalism and discipline in the workplace. I can assure you

that Airlink treats all allegations very seriously, and with due care and sensitivity. Staff are encouraged to report any grievances or incidents - without fear of retribution - so they can be dealt with expeditiously and appropriately through our clearly defined processes. Staff have access to a confidential independent 24 hour ethics hotline as one reporting channel. Additionally, Airlink holds regular staff forums which are intended to promote mutual respect and understanding amongst all of the Airlink team."



SHNT Marine hosts the first ever International Coastal Clean-Up OCEAN CONSERVANCY'S ERNATIONAL COASTAL CIFA

As part of the 33rd annual International Coastal clean-up (ICC) day for September 2018, and in collaboration with Ocean Conservancy, (an environmental group based in the United States), St. Helena Island for the first time in history, became an official recognised participant. While joining the many countries around the world, volunteers of all shape, sizes and nationalities connected together for the same common gold; removing any marine pollution found on their beaches and coast lines.

Last Saturday, the SHNT Marine team hosted the ICC at Jamestown bay. Starting at noon, with 30 plus eager volunteers, adults and children alike, everyone was keen to start making a difference. The group of volunteers were firstly welcomed and thanked by Beth Taylor, the Marine project manager and this was shortly followed by the health and safety discussion by Jamie Ellick, Dubbs; (Marine assistant). The group was then split into two, issued with gloves, buckets and reusable litter bags, each group took to either end of Jamestown bay, working slowly towards each other.

For an hour, the groups collected any litter that they could possibly find. All items of litter were recorded and tallied by the Marine team scripters, using the Marine conservation Society (MCS) beach clean datasheet. This datasheet listed everything you could possible find on a beach clean; from

plastic bottles, paintbrushes to light bulbs and shoes. So, it was not a surprise when any of the volunteers came to the Marine team with an unusual item, which was not on the list.

Nearing the end, all items were counted and sorted, 2521 pieces of litter were collected, which resulted in 15 bags being filled, giving the total weight of the day as 151 kilos. Among the litter that was found, surprisingly most of which were single used objects; this included 1000 cigarette stubbs, 45 plastic bottles, 66 glass bottles, 77 crisp and sweet packets and 114 metal drink cans. These items counted were indeed astonishing, most of which would take a number of years to decompose- some, not degrading at all, but, becoming smaller in size and ending up as another tragedy – Microplastics!

After all the selfies, official photos and judging of the best interesting finds found during the litter pick up, everyone was treated to a delicious pot of St. Helena bacon and chicken Plo, kindly made by Craig Yon, Blue Lantern. All the volunteers were 'thanked' and all thought the day was a great success.



ST HELENA BRITISH OVERSEAS TERRITORIES PASSPORT REMINDER

The Immigration Service of the Police Directorate would like to remind St Helenians that the full British Overseas Territories Citizen (BOTC) passports for all overseas territories including St Helena are printed by Her Majesty's Passport Office in the United Kingdom.

The turnaround time from the date of despatch is six to eight weeks for each application. When making an application for a BOTC passport, you will need to allow sufficient time for the passport to be returned from the UK, therefore applicants are advised that it is important that they apply for their passport in good time prior to their proposed travel date.

Where emergency travel is required at short notice, the Immigration Office will issue a temporary passport which will be valid for one year only. This passport is issued on-Island and is only issued to those who genuinely need to travel in an emergency situation i.e. medical referrals with one accompanying family member. However, each case will be assessed individually and a decision will be made as to whether the circumstances meet emergency travel criteria.

For further information regarding passport issuing please contact the St Helena Immigration Office on tel: 22626

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SOCIAL ENTERPRISE GRANTS

Enterprise St Helena is offering funding to support Social Enterprises. Grants will be offered at 75% of the project cost to a maximum grant value of £7,500.00.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

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Please be advised that due to the recent adverse weather conditions which have affected the animals, pastureland as well as the cultivating of arable products, the 2018 Agriculture Programme Working Group has decided to postpone the Country Fair to the end of January 2019.

However, a smaller event will be held at SHAPE, Sandy Bay during October 2018 and further details will be published shortly.

If you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Delia Du Preez on telephone 22920 or email on delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh



Vacancy - Are you interested in working with and through island community groups, to build a stronger and more resilient community for the betterment of St Helena?

If so the Community Development Organisation (CDO) is looking for someone just like you. We are a small and dedicated voluntary group working to strengthen non-governmental community organisations.

Community Development Organisation Manager, Fixed Term 2 Years Part-time at a rate of £7per hour

RESPONSIBILITIES

Manage the day to day operations of the Community Development Organisation and the Community Grant Scheme, with the overall objective of supporting and developing civil society on St Helena.

QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS

Degree and /or appropriate professional qualification/experience, knowledge and understanding of key stakeholders and experience of working to a committee. Excellent oral and written communication and exemplary interpersonal skills, with advanced skills in Microsoft Office

This is a part time position and estimated hours of work are 21 hours per week. However, occasional evening and weekend work may be required. Having your own transportation would be desirable.

For further information please contact Kirsty Joshua, on telephone number 23999 after 5:00pm.

Please send your CV and cover letter addressed to Kirsty Joshua, Community Development Organisation Chair via e-mail to <u>community.sthelena@gmail.com</u>.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 28th September 2018

community.sthelena@gmail.com

Community Development Organisation



Vacancy for Marine Research Coordinator

Full-time position available - two year contract

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the National Trust's Marine Team which has the overall mission of championing St Helena's Marine Protected Area (MPA), ensuring it makes genuine conservation gains.

As our Marine Research Coordinator you will be leading our whale shark research, as well as coordinating other projects which fall under our key work areas.

The whale shark research will be conducted in collaboration with the Environmental Management Division (EMD) Marine Section of the St Helena Government (SHG) and Georgia Aquarium.

You will be responsible for overseeing budgets, procuring research equipment, submitting research permits, liaising with project partners, coordinating field work and producing promotional communications.

The successful candidate must have an enthusiasm for the marine environment, exemplary communication skills, and experience coordinating projects. They must be self-organised, reliable, a team player and be keen to develop their own skills. The successful candidate will be trained and supported in the role, with the aim that they develop and take on more responsibility over time.

The starting salary for the post is £11,034 (full-time) per annum, with the possibility of salary increase based on performance and funding.

For a full job description please contact Amanda Constantine on 22190 or amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 28th September @ 16:00.





WITHDRAWAL OF ACCOUNT TRANSFERS WITH EFFECT FROM 01 JANUARY 2019

All customers are advised that with effect from **Tuesday, O1 January 2019**, Bank of St Helena will no longer process Account Transfers which are accepted as a payment method **outside of the Bank**.

Account Transfer Forms **used within Bank Branches and Kiosks** to transfer funds to other accounts, or to make bill payments, will remain in effect.

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A meeting of the Enterprise St Helena Board of Directors will take place on Wednesday 26 September 2018 at 9:00am at the Office Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park.

Items that will be discussed which are open to the public:

- Confirmation of Minutes of Open Meeting Session held 25 July 2018;
- Matters Arising from Open Session Minutes of previous Meeting;
- ESH Subcommittee Updates;
- Recycling and Green Energy Proposal for Funding Support;
- Agriculture & Natural Resources Division Proposal for Agriculture Support;
- Policy Change Relating to Interest Relief Grants;
- Land and Property Disposal Draft Policy;
- Confirmation of Reappointment of ESH Board Member;
- ESH Board Programme until March 2019.

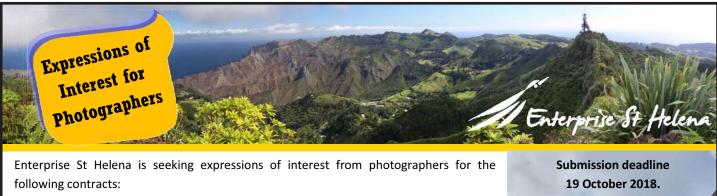
A copy of the agenda and papers open to public can be obtained from the Board Secretary via email: natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh or alternatively from the ESH website:

www.investinsthelena.com

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- To cover and capture the Festival of Running events as they unfold during 4-10 November 2018.
- To take a minimum of 200 striking stock images to aid in the promotion of St Helena which includes to the international market.

All of the above images will be made available to all of Enterprise St Helena's stakeholders including tour operators (both local and international), Airlink, registered businesses and media.

If interested please submit a timeline of image delivery and a quote that encompasses hours of work, entrance fees into key attractions and transport.

Enterprise St Helena has a guideline to the image content required and will shortlist and select a Photographer to carry out the service on a contractual agreement.

For further information please contact: Sophia Joshua on email Sophia.joshua@tourism.co.sh or telephone 22158.

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VACANCY FOR HEAD OF FINANCE & HUMAN RESOURCES

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the Trust's dedicated and skilled team in a leadership role. As our Head of Finance and HR, you will play a central role in guiding the Trust's progress with a particular focus on developing our Human Resource procedures and guiding our financial operations.

This job will present the successful candidate with the opportunity to join a growing organisation doing great things for St Helena and the people. Work will be office based but the successful candidate will be strongly encouraged to spend time with our teams out in the field so as to gain a full understanding and appreciation of the Trust and our work. You will need to be exceptionally organized, highly motivated and have a proven track-record of leadership in a finance role. Applicants must also have significant experience working with SAGE Accounting Software and preparing accounts for annual audit.

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

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you. The starting salary for the post is $\pounds 13,793$ per annum and the initial term will be 2 years.

A full job description can be obtained from Jeremy Harris at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Please feel free to call in to the main office, or contact Jeremy on 22197. Alternatively email jeremy.harris@trust.org.sh. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 5 October 2018 @ 16:00

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCIES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL OFFICERS

The Health Directorate has vacancies for two Environmental Health Technical Officers. The successful candidates will be expected to provide support to the Environmental Health Offiers, in all evnironmental health activities which will require both office and outdoor working on a regular basis as required with the overall aim of protecting and improving the health and well being of all. Some of the key tasks include:

- Carrying out inspections and investigations and submiting necessary recommendations and reports;

- Researching, compliling, synthesizing, analyzing and interpreting public health information and data necessary to meet envirionmental health objectives;

- Providing advice and guidance to the public in response to questions and projects, environmental health programs, applicable ordinances, policies and procedures;

- Participating in presentations to public groups and governmental bodies to explain and clarify environmental health reports and recommendations;

- Conducting complaint investigations of various sites in order to have first-hand knowledge of the location under study;

- Participating in enforcement activities which may include giving evidence in court and other quasi-judical hearings including acting as the key witness in prosecutions.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths and English; and one Science related subject (Biology, Physics or Chemistry) at grade C or above;

- Valid drivers licence;
- Good IT Skills, proficient in the use of all Microsoft programmes
- Experience in food safety and health and safety related matters

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



All appointees 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.

For further information please contact Mrs Georgina Young, Senior Environmental Health Officer on telephone no. 22500 or email: Georgina.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh Application forms and a Job Profile which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, on telephone no. 22500 email: madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh Health Directorate by Tuesday, 25 September 2018. *Akeem Ali (Dr) Director 11 September 2018 Health Directorate*

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR FOOD AND WATER LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

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

Some of the key tasks for this post include:

- To assist the Senior Food Microbiologist with routine preparation and testing of food and water samples

- Responsible for preparation of microbiological media according to documented Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) in accordance with ISO 17025 standards and for Quality Assurance of prepared media in accordance with ISO 17025 accreditation requirements

- Responsible for chemical, microbiological and other analysis of food, water and animal feed samples

- Liaise with overseas accreditation organizations via video link to demonstrate quality control and maintain records required for UKAS/ISO 17025 accreditation at required levels in readiness for external verification by UKAS

- Responsible for maintenance and verification of equipment used in media preparation to agreed schedules, such as autoclaves, water baths and incubators to ISO 17025 standard requirements

- Responsible for receiving and storing samples for analysis appropriately

The successful candidate should be in possession of a GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths, English and a Science related subject at grade C or above and must be computer literate. A minimum of one years' experience working in a medical laboratory, or similar environment is desirable. Salary for the post is at Grade B, commencing at £6,722 per annum.

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

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For further information please contact Mr Geoffrey Benjamin, Lab Manager on email Geoffrey.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or Mr Gift Sibanda, Senior Food Microbiologist on email gift.sibanda@sainthelena.gov.sh or by telephone no. 22500 extension 2035/2043 via the Hospital switchboard.

Application forms are available from the Health Directorate and should be completed and submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by Tuesday, 25 September 2018.

Akeem Ali (Dr) Director 11 September 2018

Health Directorate



VACANCIES WITHIN THE ST HELENA POLICE DIRECTORATE

The St Helena Police Directorate has vacancies for the following posts: IMMIGRATION OFFICER (6 months fix –term with possible extension): The main duties of the post include:

- Determining the admissibility of passenger and crew arrivals at the air and sea port including travelers arriving on the MV Helena, yachts, cruise ships and other visiting vessels.

- Assess applications for British and British Overseas Territories Citizen passports for compliance with documentary requirements and assess the right to nationality.

- Maintain a database of all arrivals and departures to the island

- Prepare and present cases to the Immigration Control Board

- Any other duties as may be required by the Chief Immigration Officer.

Applicants will need to have the ability to communicate effectively both in writing and verbally to a wide range of people. Applicants should also ideally be able to demonstrate the following:

- Good customer service skills

- Able to maintain control of own emotions in difficult situations

The salary for the post is at Grade C.1 Entry Level commencing at £10,704 per annum.

IMMIGRTION CONTROL BOARD SECRETARY/AUXILIARY IMMIGRATION OFFICER: The main duties of the post are as follows:

Provide secretarial support to the ICB which will include:

- Arranging and attending ICB meetings, ensuring minutes are produced and follow up actions carried out, all within set timeframes.

- Ensure all relevant documentation is distributed to members in a timely manner ahead of the monthly meetings

- Maintain absolute discretion in dealing with sensitive matters including the appropriate storage of personal information Provide operational support to the immigration team:

- Assist in processing passenger arrivals and departures at the airport and sea port which will include boarding vessels and examining all passports and associated documents on arrival

- Assist with processing applications for both British and BOTC passports
- Provide cover to accommodate leave and time off in lieu for officers within the immigration team

- Any other duties as may be required by the Chief Immigration Officer or person acting under their authority and assist with other administration duties as and when required within the administration support team

Applicants must demonstrate the following essential requirements:

- Have at least one years' experience working in an administrative role including minute taking
- Have experience in maintaining records and updating databases
- Hold GCSE in IT at Grade C or above or equivalent qualifications

The salary for the post is at Grade C.3 commencing at £9,043 per annum

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR ABOVE POSITIONS

Prospective candidates for the above posts should:

-be 18 years of age or over

- have GCSEs in English and Maths at grade C or above or an equivalent qualification.
- be in possession of a clean driving license in class A
- have the ability to work under pressure

It is anticipated that weekend working will be required regularly although the Immigration Service will seek to be flexible around hours not related to time specific operational duties.

For further details regarding other duties of the above posts interested persons can contact Fiyanna Henry, Immigration Officer on telephone number 22626 or e-mail fiyanna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application packs are available from the Police Directorate and should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Anya Richards HR and Admin Officer at Coleman's House (or email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday 25th September 2018. Electronic applications forms are available on request from Anya Richards.

If you are looking for a rewarding but challenging career come and join us in the Police Directorate.

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. **David Lynch**

Director of Policing 18 September 2018



VACANCY FOR COVER SUPERVISOR

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitably qualified Cover Supervisor to work within Prince Andrew School.

The purpose of the post is to be responsible to the Deputy Head Teacher for arranging cover for absent colleagues. Provide support to pastoral team in mentoring designated student to include the most vulnerable and challenging students personally, socially and academically.

Applicants must have GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above and at least 2 years experience as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant or Teaching Assistant.

The ideal candidate must be highly self motivated, reliable, have good interpersonal skills and have the ability to apply objective judgement when making decisions.

Salary for the post is 1.1 commencing at £9,259 per annum. The successful applicant however may be required to start in the training grade.

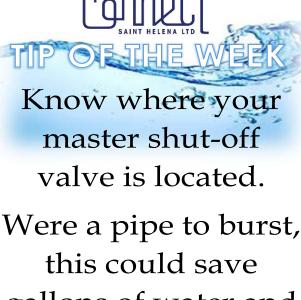
For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penelope Bowers, Ag Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or (e-mail headteacher.pas@princeandrew.edu.sh)

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Ag Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 01 October 2018.

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

Mrs Shirley Wahler Director of Education & Employment 20 September 2018





gallons of water and prevent damage.

Expression of Interest

The Saint Helena Government are seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to undertake the proposed Renovations and Repainting of Block A1, Ladder Hill Complex.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato on telephone 22270 or email mark-plato@enrd.gov.sh.

The closing date by which Expressions of Interest are to be submitted is 12noon on Thursday, 27th September 2018 and should be addressed to Miss Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 3 October 2018, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown**.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors. Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on

Monday, 1 October 2018. Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points

to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

More Yachts Enter Cape to St Helena Race

Yesterday the Royal Cape Yacht Club contacted The Independent/Saint FM with an updated Race Entry list for the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race starting 26th December. Seventeen yachts are now confirmed and the eighteenth entry is expected to be finalised within a few days. Most entries are from the Royal Cape Yacht Club but the race has attracted yacht crews from the Hout Bay, Port Owen, False Bay and St Helena Yacht Clubs.

The closing date to register entries for the race is 30th November. With eighteen entries so far there is already one more entry than for the last race in 2014. The first race in 1998 attracted fifteen entries and in 2000 there were sixteen yachts competing for the Governor's Cup. This year for the first time a St Helena yacht with a full St Helena crew will be competing. Hopes are high that this year we will see the most successful race in the history of the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race for the Governor's Cup.

A tree from Napoelon's Tomb shortlisted for Tree of the Year

One of the six trees shortlisted for the 2018 Scottish Tree of the Year Award started life as a cutting from a tree at the site of Napoleon's Tomb. The weeping willow now thrives in the grounds of Kirkconnel Hall Hotel and is known as the Ecclefechan (EKEL-FEKAN) Tree – named after the district where the tree now lives.

A UK conservation charity, the Woodlands Trust, organises a Tree of the Year Award for each of the four countries in the British Isles. Nominations are received from the public and a

panel of judges select a shortlist of six. The award winner from the shortlist is the one receiving the most votes from the public on the Woodlands Trust website. Voting closes on 8th October.

The description for the Ecclefechan Tree on the Woodland Trust website is:-

"During his final days, in exile on the Atlantic island of St Helena, Napoleon Bonaparte befriended British Army Surgeon Dr Archibald Arnott. Two days before he died Napoleon gave instructions that no British doctor but Arnott should touch him. A weeping willow tree was Napoleon's favoured spot for contemplation on the island, and he asked to be buried under its shade. This wish was carried out when he died in 1821 and he was interred there until being repatriated to France nearly 20 years later.

Arnott took a cutting from the tree, planting it on his return home to Ecclefechan where it still grows in the grounds of Kirkconnel Hall Hotel."

Other Scottish nominations for Tree of the Year include;-

- the only tree on a windswept Hebridean island,
- a weeping elm which has mutated into a unique shape,
- a tree that has bark like filo pastry and

a several hundred year old tree which is completely hol-



APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

low.

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

 Application 2018/82: FULL Planning Application for Alterations and Extensions to Tasty Bites Bistro and Coffee Shop, Block 1 (Unit 1 – Unit 7), Ladder Hill ESH Business Park on Parcel 1053 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Printech Ltd. Applicant: Smith & Watson Investments (St Helena) Ltd

Copy of the Application and Plans may be inspected by Prior Appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email <u>Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh</u> stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Review Commencement Date Public Review Closing Date : 21 September 2018 : 5 October 2018





St Paul's Primary School celebrates Roald Dahl Day

The day started with the children singing Happy Birthday using sign language to our Number One Storyteller, Roald Dahl. If he wasstill alive, this year he would have been 102 on Thursday 13th September.

The children gathered for an inspiring assembly, led by the Head teacher, Mrs Patricia Williams. The assembly gave the children an insight into the life of Roald Dahl, the books he wrote and inspiring quotes. Our favourites being:

'A person who has good thoughts cannot ever be ugly. You can have a wonky nose and a crooked mouth and a double chin and stick-out teeth, but if you have good thoughts they will shine out of your face like sunbeams and you will always look lovely'..

'put down your computer game, turn off your TV and pick up a book. Who knows where it might transport you?'

The Dahliciousdress up was successful, even at short notice, as children and teachers turned themselves into Roald Dahl characters.

The assembly ended with the school launching the Roald Dahl sponsored read. The children were given different texts and rhymes from Roald Dahl books to read and learn. The purpose of the sponsor is to raise money forbooks to improve our class-room libraries with Non Fiction books and to develop a love for reading.

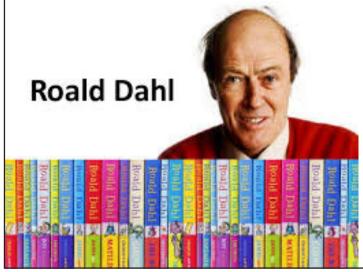
Year 1 to Year 6 then got the ball rolling with paired reading. The children had an opportunity to do paired reading with children from different classes and this was enjoyed by all. The children were encouraged to pursue their own interests in reading material. They displayed great enthusiasm from reading about their own favourite things. Paired Reading gave the children the support of their peers and the opportunity to read whatever book they chose.

Each class then had a variety of fun and exciting adventures in store for everyone.

Nursery: There was certainly an excitable buzz in the air as nursery pupils had a wonderful time decorating their crocodile hats, and imagine their delight when the Enormous Crocodile came knocking on the door!The children set out giving him some impressive spiky scales, sharp teeth and lovely claws. We certainly had a blast!

Reception had a fantastic time on Roald Dahl Day, they kick started their day by reading the much loved story of the enormous crocodile.

All teaching and learning was then based around this story.





Children enjoyed making Crocodile masks and enjoyed going on a listening walk to find yummy children to eat.

Year 1/2 based their day around the 'Enormous Crocodile'. To kick start the day they listened and watched how the Enormous Crocodile wanted to eat the children for lunch. They were all fascinated by how the animals wanted to help the children. Everyoneenjoy covering their hands with green paint to made hand print crocodiles and gigantic teeth and eyes. In maths they used the crocodiles torepresentthe numbers, adding the crocodiles up. In the afternoon the children had an opportunity to choose their own activity such as colouring or dot-to-dot. The highlight for them was the creation of crocodile masks. The day was full of interested and enthusiastic children.

Year 3 started the day creating revolting medicine for Grandma in Georges Marvellous Medicine. It was then time to celebrate Dahl's Birthday. So there was a real buzz in the air! Party hats went flying on, cakes and savouries came out and the children had so much fun. They also made a class chocolate river that was filled of imaginative candy trees, edible flowers, chocolate fountains and giant sweets. They learnt how chocolate was made and created poems and chocolate adjectives from Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What a fantastic Day!

Year 4- Year 4 had a lovely day celebrating Roald Dahl's birthday. The class was abuzz with excitement as Year 4 paired up with Year 1s to listen to guest speaker, Mrs Wendy Janse van Rensburg, read an extract from Charlie and the Glass Elevator. We looked at the larger than life creatures found in James and the Giant Peach, and learners created their own giant peach with creepy-crawlies in tow. The learners used their knowledge of adjectives, metaphors and similes to draw the mean aunts from James and the Giant Peach. Some interesting and fascinating drawings emerged! J

Year 5 activities were based around the book Matilda. They put on their Roald Dahl maths hats and created Mr. Wormwood-style arithmetic questions. They also created a composition on some of the events from the point of view of the parrot.

Year 6activities were based around this year's book 'James and the Giant Peach'. A giant peach flew outside the classroom which piquedeveryone'sinterest. They studied the characters in the books and had fun creating a new awful aunt for James following a set of questions.

St Pauls had an amazing day, celebrating this fabulous author who brought so many exciting, zany and incredible characters alive through his vivid descriptions.

St Paul's

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Save these dates so you can join in with Pilling Primary School to celebrate the festive season <u>Advent Service</u> Thursday 6th December 2018 at St. James' Church starting at 12:15

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<u>Christmas Carolling</u> Tuesday 11th December 2018 at The Canister starting at 12pm

<u>Christmas Bonanza/Family Nite</u> Friday 14th December 2018 at Pilling Primary School Playground starting at 6:00pm

> <u>Festival of Lights</u> Wednesday 19th December 2018 starting from the Hospital at 7.15pm

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Together As One

CONGRATULATIONS TO JAMIE YON

As part of its determination to build on the skills of local personnel, Penspen and its sub-contractor Solomon & Company PLC are pleased to announce that Jamie Yon has successfully completed his competency training and certification for Fuel Specialist Flight Line Refuelling, which took a lot of effort and dedication.



Jamie Yon receiving his certificate from Andrew Almond-Bell, FMC Island Manager, along with trainee refueller Ivan Coleman On behalf of Penspen and its sub-contractor Solomon & Company PLC please join us in congratulating Jamie for his commitment, dedication and passion to improve his skills and advance himself within this field of expertise. He has laid the foundations and set positive examples for others to follow and we are continuing with this commitment to the island with ongoing additional staff training.

Well done Jamie! Andrew Almond-Bell FMC Island Manager

PENSPEN'S 150th AIRCRAFT REFUEL AT ST HELENA AIRPORT

On Saturday 15th September 2018, Penspen Ltd, operating under the Fuel Management Contract (FMC), successfully recorded another milestone as it carried out its 150th aircraft refuel at St Helena Airport (HLE). Penspen was assisted by its sub-contractor Solomon & Company PLC.



The pilot of the aircraft, Captain Warwick Henry congratulat-

ing Andrew Almond-Bell, the FMC Island Manager for PENSPEN (L to R, Refueller Jamie Yon, Captain Warwick Henry, Andrew Almond-Bell, Captain Steve Wide and trainee Refueller Ivan Coleman)

The weekly scheduled SA Airlink Embraer ERJ-190 aircraft touched down at HLE at 1.15pm en route from Johannesburg, South Africa, via a fuel stop in Windhoek, Namibia. The aircraft has a turnaround time of one hour. During this time, passengers have to disembark, baggage is offloaded, the aircraft is cleaned, serviced and refuelled. All of this must be completed prior to passengers boarding the aircraft as well as the loading of baggage and freight to ensure that the safe and efficient departure remains on schedule. This can only be achieved by close working practices and interactions with other service providers at the airport and Penspen is pleased to work alongside its respective colleagues to ensure that the aircraft and its prized passengers are swiftly airborne and are on course back to Johannesburg that afternoon.

As well as carrying out refuels of the weekly scheduled SA Airlink flight to HLE, FMC and Solomon & Company PLC have also carried out refuels of Jet A1 fuel to private charter, South African and UK military, calibration and, most importantly, vital medical evacuation flights. These often happen out of hours and are a much needed, proven means of getting patients off island and back to mainland Africa as quickly as possible. *Andrew Almond-Bell, FMC Island Manager*

DETECTIVE CONSTABLE JODY BALME JOINS ST HELENA POLICE

Detective Constable, Jody Balme (see photo attached), has recently joined the Criminal Investigations Department (CID) of the St Helena Police Service on a two-year contract from Norfolk Police in the United Kingdom.

Jody brings with her a wealth of experience having spent the past five years as a Detective with a Major Investigation Team investigating and successfully prosecuting murders, manslaughters, fatal industrial incidents, fatal marine and aviation incidents, near fatal assaults, serious sexual offences, and other high profile crimes.

She had also worked in CID investigating assaults and thefts and formed part of a Rape Investigation Unit investigating current and historic sexual offences. She was also a member of the Tactical/Proactive Unit investigating Class A Drug supply and conspiracies.

Jody said:

"I am very happy to be here and to be able to bring with me the benefit of the skills and training that I have. I am looking forward to working with my new colleagues to share this training and experience and assist in the continuing development of the St Helena Police Service. I am passionate about being an investigator and hope to encourage others to pursue a career as a Detective within the Police Service."

Jody has spent time as a uniform front-line Police Officer in both a rural and urban environment within Norfolk. She is

trained to an advanced level in interviewing suspects and witnesses and has the added experience of interviewing both vulnerable adults and children. **SHG**

18 September 2018



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Saw a Liverpool fan's post on Facebook stating that Liverpool mier League goals for Arsenal have come from outside the are winning the Premier League.; technically they are or was leading the Premier League; or be it up until Chelsea recorded a 4-1 win over Cardiff and who subsequently took over top spot 2 goals in 3 minutes from Lukaku and Smalling earn Manon goal difference.

Liverpool fans have the right to feel optimistic as their team have had a fantastic start to the season and are playing some great attacking football and equally are more resolute in defence. Against Spurs they dominated from the first whistle and went 2 goals up; they only came under pressure in injury time when Lamela pulled a goal back for Spurs and could have con- West Ham won their first match of the season as they beat ceded a penalty when Mane challenge Son in the area.

Bournemouth took a 4-0 lead against a Leicester side who then scored 2 late consolation goals despite having their Captain Morgan sent off.

Eden Hazard have had a great start to the season and scored a hat trick for Chelsea in their 4-1 win.

This win for the Blue's meant they have a better goal difference of one over Liverpool.

Wilfried Zaha produced a moment of brilliance on his return to the team as Crystal Palace earned their second win of the season against Huddersfield. It seems that without Zaha Palace possibly could be in trouble with relegation this season. As long as they can keep their talisman fit they should be Tuesday saw the return of Champion's League Football. Spurs alright.

Sane scored on his return to the Man City team as they beat Fulham 3-0 with other goals from Sterling and Silva. Last season's Champions are also unbeaten although they did drop points against Wolves.

Goals from Zhaka and Ozil gave Arsenal a 2-0 lead over Newcastle and only came under pressure once Clark pulled a goal back for Newcastle in the 91st minute. Zhaka long range free Lyon whilst United beat Young Boys 3-0 on an artificial pitch kick was the pick of the goals. All four of Granit Xhaka's Pre- in Bern.

Junior Football Results

Yellow Devils 6 v PPS Dolphins 2

G/S Yellow Devils: Aden Thomas-Stevens 3; Harry Winfield 2 & Zac Francis 1 G/S PPS Dolphins: Lars Williams POM: Aden Thomas-Stevens & Tyler Anthony

Team	Р	W	D	L	GD	PTS
Young Harts	7	6	0	1	+83	18
Dream Team	6	4	0	2	+35	12
Jungle Rangers	6	3	0	3	0	9
Yellow Devils	7	2	0	5	-45	6
PPS Dolphins	6	1	0	5	-79	3

Top Goal Scorers: Micadean Crowley (Young Harts) 57 Blake Peters (Dream team) 32 Jaydee Caswell (Young Harts) 21 Blaze Baldwin 15(Jungle Rangers) 15 Taylon Phillips (Dream team) 14 Jet Lee Yon (Young Harts) 14 **Own Goals 12**

box.

chester United all 3 points against previously unbeaten Watford. Watford did play better in the second half and Gray pulled a goal back for the Hornets'. Madic's red card in injury time did add more pressure on the Red Devils' but they hang on for the win and 3 valuable points.

Everton 3-1 at Goodison Park. Yamalenko score 2 first half goals for the hammers and despite Sigurdsson pulling a goal back in first half stoppage time; Arnautovic scored in the 61st minute to give West Ham all 3 points.

In other matches Wolves beat Burnley 1-0 and Glen Murray scored a late penalty for Brighton as they drew 2-2 against Southampton at St Mary's.

This weekend Liverpool host Southampton at Anfield; City is away to Cardiff and Chelsea travel to West Ham on Sunday. United play Wolves at Old Trafford on Saturday; in the late game on Saturday Spurs travel to Brighton and Sunday's late game see Arsenal play Everton at the Emirates.

was a bit unlucky as they were less than 5 minutes away from winning at the San Siro against Inter Milan only for Inter to score 2 late goals and take all 3 points.

Liverpool went 2 nil up against PSG only for the French Champions to pulled 2 goals back. Substitute Firmino scored an injury time winner to ensure Liverpool picked up the win their performance deserved. I thought that Milner and Wijnaldum were outstanding whilst Neymar struggled for PSG.

On Wednesday Man City surprisingly lost at home against

Aden Thomas-Stevens (Yellow Devils) 11 Kieran Williams (Young Harts) 10 Harry Winfield (Yellow Devils) 10 Lars Williams (PPS Dolphins) 10 Toure Osborne (Jungle Rangers) 9 Dominic Richards (Dream Team) 7 Riley Yon (Jungle Rangers) 5 Zac Francis (Yellow Devils) 4 Kenan Bargo (Young Harts) 3 Eureeze Peters (Jungle Rangers) 2 Jay Tee Thomas (Dream team) 2 Luke Ansell (Young Harts) 1 Tyreese Fuller (PPS Dolphins) 1 Dewain (PPS Dolphins) 1 Chris Midwinter (Jungle Rangers) 1 Masharne Crowley (Young Harts) 1 Travis Yon (Young Harts) 1



Junior Football Fixtures

Please note the Junior Football will take place on Saturday Morning and Not Sunday as was scheduled.

Fixtures: Saturday 22nd September

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Pitch1		
9.30:	Young Harts v PPS Dolphins	
	Ref: Nick Stevens	
10.15am:	Jungle Rangers v Dream Team	
	Ref:	
Pitch 2:	CRI 1	ñ
9.30am:	Allstars v Chop Shop 💦 🎽 🎽	Ś
	Ref: Christian George 🤰 📶	Į
10.30am:	Rangers v Titans	
	Ref Gareth Johnson	

SHFA Football Results Weekending 15/16 September 2018

Saturday 15 September 2018

Harts 5 v Bellboys 2 G/S Harts: Shane Stroud 2, Sean-Lee Thomas, Chris Owen, Clayton Benjamin G/S Bellboys: OG, Jamie Thomas (P)

MOM: Shane Stroud (Harts)

Axis 3 v Crusaders 0

G/S Axis: Rico Williams, Matthias Young, Joe Curran MOM: Rico Williams YPOM: Matthias Young (Axis)

Sunday 16 September 2018 Wirebirds 7 v Saints 0

G/S Wirebirds: Conrad Clingham 2, Greg Coleman, Mario Green, Clayton Leo, Dylan Stevens, OG MOM: Conrad Clingham (Wirebirds)

Rovers 4 v Wolves 3

G/S Rovers: Rico Benjamin, Ronan Legg (P), Brian Sim, Trystan Thomas G/S Wolves: Cody Thomas 2, Jace Williams MOM: Jace Williams (Wolves)

Fixtures:

Sat 22nd Sept 1.30pm 3.30pm

Bellboys v Crusaders Organisers: Rovers Harts v Wolves Organisers: Wirebirds

Sun 23rd Sept 1.30pm 3.30pm

Axis v Wirebirds Organisers: Saints Rovers v Chop Shop Boys Organisers: Saints



Rover v Chop Shop Boys 2015 Cup Final

NEW DENTAL OFFICER FOR ST HELENA

New Dental Officer, Heather Cowdry, recently arrived on St Helena to take up her new role within the Health Directorate. Heather has been appointed on a two-year contract and her main duties are to provide general dental care to the residents of St Helena, including continuing with the school Screening Programme. On a day-to-day basis, Heather will conduct check-ups and dental fitness examinations, emergency care, fillings, root canal treatment, extractions, treatment for gum disease and will work together with the Dental Lab Technician to provide dentures.

Heather commented:

"I've been on St Helena for nearly two weeks and so far I love it. The team in the Dental Clinic are so friendly and helpful and have made me feel really welcome. I hope that while I'm here, I will be able to provide the best possible treatment to the patients that I see."

Director of Health, Dr Akeem Ali, added:

"Heather joins us as an experienced Dentist who has worked with small populations in rural setting. We are excited to have her on board because she is able to deploy wide-ranging skills in dental care and oral health hygiene promotion on St Helena." Heather trained at King's College London and graduated in



2008. Heather spent a year working in a Special Needs Clinic in Aylesbury and thereafter a year working in Cardiff Dental Hospital as part of their Oral Surgery and Restorative team before returning to Hampshire where she worked in a Mobile Dental Clinic. **SHG**

17 September 2018

NovaSAR: The UK radar satellite launched to track illegal shipping activity

The first all-British radar satellite has launched to orbit on an Indian rocket. Called NovaSAR, it has the ability to take pictures of the surface of the Earth in every kind of weather, day or night. The spacecraft will assume a number of roles but its designers specifically want to see if it can help monitor suspicious shipping activity. NovaSAR was joined on its rocket by a high-resolution optical satellite - that is, an imager that sees in ordinary light. Known as S1-4, this spacecraft will discern objects on the ground as small as 87cm across. Both it and NovaSAR were manufactured by Surrey Satellite Technology Limited of Guildford.

UK engineers have long had expertise in space radar but their technology has previously always gone on broader missions, such as those for the European Space Agency. NovaSAR, which has the distinctive shape of a cheesegrater, is uniquely British, however.

Its radar instrument was developed for SSTL by Airbus in Portsmouth. The mission incorporates low-cost, miniaturised components and will aim to demonstrate a more affordable approach to radar imaging. It will operate in a number of modes for applications that include the detection of oil spills, flood and forestry monitoring, disaster response, and crop assessment.

But perhaps its most interesting role will be in maritime observation.

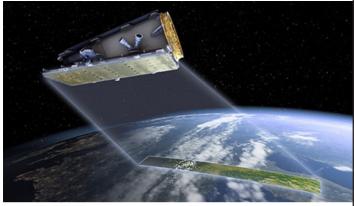
The satellite is equipped with a receiver that can pick up Automatic Identification System (AIS) radio signals. These are

the positional transmissions that large ships are obliged to broadcast under international law.

Vessels that tamper with or disable these messages very often are engaged in smuggling or illegal fishing activity. If such ships appear in NovaSAR's pictures, they will be reported to the authorities.

"We are very interested in this maritime mode, which is a 400km-plus swath mode," said Luis Gomes, the chief technology officer at SSTL.

"It is important to be able to monitor large areas of the ocean - something we don't do at the moment. We all saw with the Malaysian airline crash in the Indian Ocean the difficulty there was in monitoring that vast area. We can do that kind of thing with radar and NovaSAR is good for that," he told BBC News.



Luis Gomes: "Nobody currently is monitoring vast areas of ocean"

The NovaSAR project was initiated inside SSTL in 2008/9. Back then the idea of a radar satellite that measured 3m by 1m was regarded as something of a breakthrough because, up that point, such spacecraft had been big, power-hungry beasts that cost a lot of money.

Community Development Organisation Annual General Meeting 2018

Date: Monday 22nd October 2018 | Time: 4:30pm | Where: The Museum

Join us at the Museum for our 2018 AGM. Members and non-members are welcomed. Please let us know in advance of nominations for the Community Development Organisation (CDO) committee.

Items on the agenda include the year in review and an updated constitution with a view to being agreed and adopted on the night. Printed copies available on request via e-mail <u>community.sthelena@gmail.com</u>

Changes to our constitution was undertaken with two aims in mind; (1)Tidy up, making sure the Constitution is coherent in referencing and gives an overview of activities that need to be undertaken and (2)Simplify, removing sections no longer relevant and making the constitution more streamlined.

Updated sections are as follows:

- objectives: in line with Strategic Plan 2018 -21
- powers: simplified language, change from specific detailed powers to broader powers to further the objectives
- membership age: lowered to 16 simplified the text on membership in general
- honorary officers: all now elected at AGM
- individual Management committee members: increased from max 3 to max 5 elected individuals
- lowered quorum at General meetings from 25 to 12 due to current number of members
- removed
 - "sections for furtherance of a specific activity" as covered through sub-committees;
 - "annual consultative forum meeting" as the communication between CDO and affiliated groups is managed through policies and procedures for the CDO manager
 - o roles and responsibilities of honorary officers, moved to policies and procedures
 - $_{\odot}$ $\,$ sections related to the community centre as the CDO no longer runs the community centre

The Community Development Organisation is a small voluntary group working at the intersection of community development to improve social, sustainable, and community resilience. Our services include financial and non-financial support to the civil society sector on St Helena. Come along if you would like to learn more or join our committee. For further information please contact Kirsty Joshua on 23999.

We are Mycle Buckley and Steve Ellick, both of us hail from St Helena Island.

We will be shipping goods to the South Atlantic Islands, trying to give the people a better and more personal service. In effect we are declaring war on over inflated prices and simplifying the process of getting goods to the islands. As a company we promise to try our hardest to give you a better shopping experience as well as an affordable one.

If you bring your custom to us we will do our best to find the best prices for you by shopping around and the more people that use our services the lower the cost will become to ship your goods. This is our pledge to you. We are in the process of moving our first shipment to Ascension. Now we are ready to ship to St Helena in time for Christmas!

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We can purchase goods for you for a 10% handling charge and any payment made through St Helena bank will cost a further 1%

Payment is due 3 days after the ship has left the port. No goods will be released at the destination unless payment has been received. Any goods not collected at the destination after one week will incur charges for storage.

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Watchkeeper/Relief Road Tanker Driver

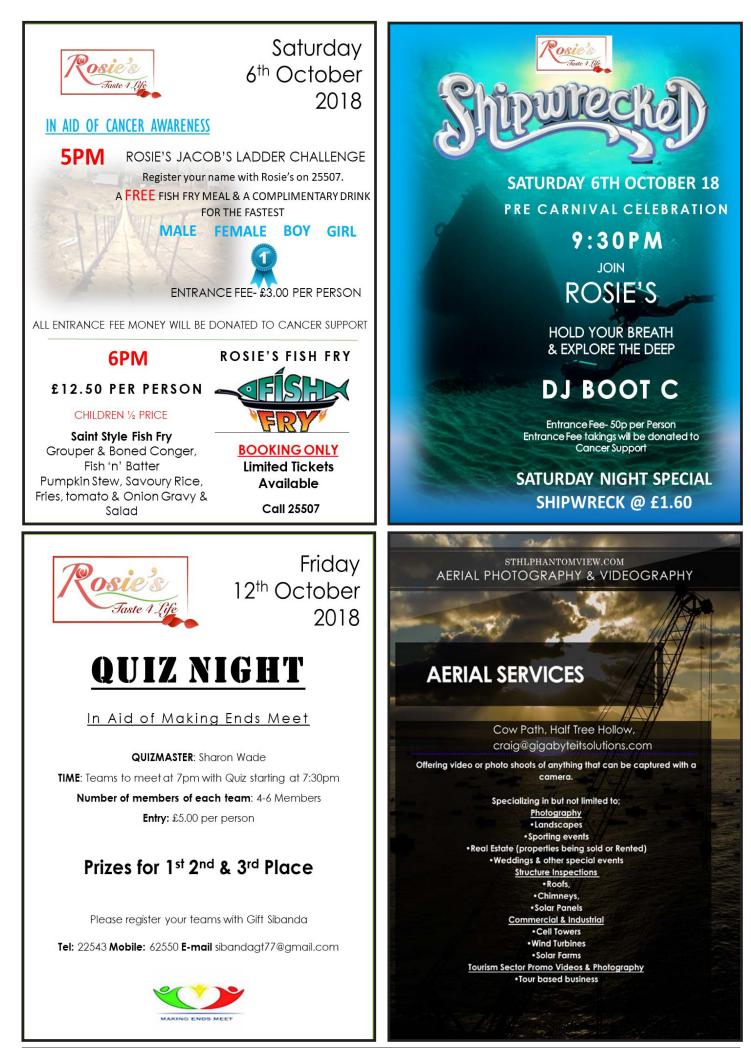
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The Former RMS St Helena is now St Helena

Many will be delighted to hear that the former RMS St Helena has been sold again. Earlier this year she was sold to the British maritime security company MNG as a supply vessel for their personnel working in dangerous waters around the world and renamed MNG Tahiti. Now, the MNG Tahiti (RMS) has been sold again. According to our sources, the buyer had to fork out twice the amount of money St Helena Government received a few months ago.

The now renamed St Helena is in Dubai and will soon start her journey to Portland in UK for a massive 2 year refit. We will be back with further information about her travels.



In Court This Week

Mr Eric Benjamin, Speaker of Legislative Council and Lay Advocate appeared in the St Helena Magistrates Court today charged with sexual assault and attempted rape. Due to the severity of of the charges Mr Benjamin case was submitted to the St Helena Supreme Court. The Chief Justice, Charles Ekins will arrive on St Helena on 20th October, however Judge Ekins will not be able to hear Mr Benjamin's case as they have been colleagues in the Courts for many years. Mr Benjamin was released on conditional bail. At this stage it is not known when Mr Benjamin's case will be heard.

Earlier this week, on Monday, the case of the Crown v. Councillor Cruyff Buckley concluded with the closing remarks. The Bench adjourned until Tuesday to give their verdict. Mr Buckley had been charged with assault, affray and possession of a prohibited weapon. The charges of assault and affray were dismissed but the conclusion of the case of being in possession of a prohibited weapon was further adjourned, awaiting a pre-sentence report, until today. Mr Buckley has yet another case to answer today, one of alleged assault, which occurred whilst he was remanded.



MV Helena Out of Dry Dock

After a delay with the dry-docking in Walvis Bay the MV Helena could finally depart and is due to arrive in Cape Town later today. After loading she will be under way to St Helena.

VOYAGE		07	08	09	10	11	12
PORTS		2018	2018	2018	2018	2018/2019	2019
CAPETOWN	D	MON 13 AUG	SUN 23 SEPT	FRI 19 OCT	THUR 08 NOV	WED 28 NOV	WED 09 JAN
ST HELENA	Α	MON 20 AUG	SAT 29 SEPT	THUR 25 OCT	THUR 15 NOV	WED 05 DEC	WED 16 JAN
ST HELENA	D	WED 22 AUG	TUES 02 OCT	MON 29 OCT	SUN 18 NOV	MON 10 DEC	WED 23 JAN
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ASCENSION	D		FRI 05 OCT			FRI 14 DEC	
ST HELENA	С		TUES 09 OCT			TUE 18 DEC	
ST HELENA	D		FRI 10 OCT			WED 26 DEC	
WALVIS BAY (DRY DOCK)	Α	MON 27 AUG					
WALVIS BAY	D	SUN 16 SEP					
CAPETOWN	Α	FRI 21 SEP	TUES 16 OCT	MON 05 NOV	SUN 25 NOV	WED 02 JAN	WED 30 JAN



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Wirebirds, the environment and the site for the new prison

Elsewhere in this week's Independent we publish a letter from the Governor about the proposed site for the new prison and the effect its construction will or may have on the surrounding environment. The Governor felt motivated to write the letter as a consequence of comment published last week on the subject.

The Independent has been making further enquiries about the new prison and what affect the building of it may or may not have on the area. A reliable source told us that an assessment, called Environmental Screening, was made to establish whether or not an Environmental Impact Assessment was necessary. The screening concluded that no further review of the situation was required.

While the proposed new prison is in a general area which is important to Wirebirds the specific area around the site for the new prison is not environmentally sensitive and the construction of the prison will not have any adverse environmental effect on Wirebirds or any other environmental consideration.

It can also be noted the Haul Road from Bottom Woods to the airport also passes through the same area important for Wirebirds and several of them have been killed by speeding drivers. Despite this it is amazing how resilient St Helena's last remaining endemic avian is. After all the upheaval across Prosperous Bay Plain for four-and-a-half years while the airport was built the number of Wirebirds continues to rise. We await news of the survival rate among rare and endangered beetles and spiders.

Freely Give and Freely Receive

We are so grateful to all those who supported the "Love Night Ballroom Dance" on Saturday 18th August at the Jamestown Community Centre. Despite several other entertainment events taking place that night, it was welcoming to see so many people present who supported the fundraising occasion that was in aid of Cancer Awareness. "**The Brothers**", Tony & Lyn Leo who organised and played for the event are pleased to announce that a grand total of £274.30 have been placed in the BASH account for Cancer Awareness. The success was due to SFM and SAMS who advertised the event free of charge. Thank you radio stations.

The Multi Raffle brought in £77.30 of which the following businesses freely gave. M.T.B's, Beauty Spot, Phillip John's Shop, The Hive, Thorpe & Sons, The St. Helena Growers, Serena's Gift Shop, The White Horse Tavern, A & D's Mini Mart, Amelia Gough, T.L. Productions, Ivy Robinson Wellington Shop, Eileen Leo, Rose & Crown, Queen Mary Stores, Desmond & Maggie Peters & Catherin & Cyril George. I would especially like to thank those who sold tickets at the gate, those who sold raffle tickets and the bar tenders who kept the drinks flowing. Thanks one and all.

Wholesale dry dog food for sale to the public at Little Varneys, Alarm Forest (The Dog House)

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St Helena Coffee Shop is looking for part-time staff for weekend work only. If you are interested, call Lorraine on tel. 63268

Thank You

St Matthew's & St Mark's Ladies Guild convey sincere thanks to everyone who supported their Coffee Morning on Monday 27th August. Net proceeds amounted to £276.00