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Huge Leap Forward for Fibre-Optic Cable to St Helena

SAEx and Alcatel Submarine Networks begin survey for a new submarine cable network linking Southern Africa and Asia to the Americas.

This new submarine cable system will span almost 25,000 km, enhancing international connectivity and providing critical route diversity.

Paris, October 04, 2018 – SAEx International Ltd and Alcatel Submarine Networks, a subsidiary of Nokia, today announced they have signed an agreement to commence desk top study, permitting and survey activities for a new 25,000km submarine cable network linking Asia, South Africa and the Americas. SAEx will provide both capacity and redundancy to meet the ever-increasing demand for bandwidth hungry markets with ultra-broadband access around the Atlantic and Indian Oceans, enhancing the role of digital connectivity in regional economic development.

The SAEx system will have an overall ultimate capacity design up to 108 terabits-per-second (Tbit/s) and will be composed of two key phases: SAEx1 will connect South Africa with Brazil and the US, with a branch to St Helena and stub branches for future landings in West Africa and other Atlantic islands. SAEx2 will connect South Africa to both India and Singapore. With a network ready for service in the first half of 2021, this significant end-to-end project will further increase connectivity in Africa, deliver significant capacity for whole-sale and will enhance service and traffic protection through critical cable route diversity between key markets in Asia and the Americas.

Rosalind Thomas, Managing Director of SAEx, said: "SAEx will support efficiency in Asian and African connectivity by adding a direct low-latency route that's able to address the growing capacity requirements for Data Centre Interconnect globally. Additionally, it will further evolve South Africa's positioning as a global hub, providing a direct link between the Americas & Asia, simplifying & enhancing communications between the 5 most populous countries in the world."

Philippe Piron, President & CEO of Alcatel Submarine Networks said: "We are delighted to work with SAEx for this significant project, creating new and diverse routes around the globe at a time of tremendous growth in African broadband, mobile and cloud based applications that are driving service providers' demand for more connectivity options with higher reliability. This project confirms Alcatel Submarine Networks' turn-key expertise in helping operators address the fast growth of data-intensive services and applications."





As selected system vendor, ASN will deliver the full project, end-to-end, including network design, manufacturing, installation and commissioning. SAEx will use the latest technologies available, including premium fiber, high power repeaters and pump farming, maximizing network fiber capacity for a cost-effective solution. Combined with ASN's Open Portal and 1620 SOFTNODE portfolio of solutions, the SAEx system will offer market leading flexibility for capacity growth and network integration of Data Centre and PoP connectivity.

ABOUT SAEX

SAEx International Ltd is a Mauritian registered company with its principal office located in Mauritius. The South Atlantic Express (SAEx) project is South African sponsored, and is a planned all-wet East-West submarine fibre optic system connecting Asia and the Americas, via South Africa. It will satisfy a number of crucial objectives, including providing strategic diversity for global customers seeking to avoid to the extent possible, narrow straits and difficult transits through potentially unstable areas or unreliable overland routes. South Africa is uniquely positioned at the confluence of two oceans and two hemispheres, enabling the SAEx system to maximize this positioning by offering a highly valuable and differentiated service, enabling it to capture as significant a portion of East-West data traffic as practicable.

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Alcatel Submarine Networks, part of Nokia, leads the industry in terms of transmission capacity and installed base with more than 600,000 km of optical submarine systems deployed worldwide, enough to circumnavigate the globe 15 times. From traditional telecom applications to infrastructure for content and "Over The Top" service providers, as well as solutions for offshore oil and gas applications, ASN provides all elements of turnkey global undersea transmission systems, tailored to individual customer's needs. An extensive service portfolio completes its comprehensive offering for the submarine business, including project management, installation and commissioning, along with marine and maintenance operations performed by ASN's fully owned fleet of cable ships.

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STATEMENT FROM SHG ON BASIL READ CONTRACT TERMINATION

The St Helena Government (SHG) notes with regret that ongoing negotiations between SHG and Basil Read's business rescue practitioners with regard to Basil Read's continuing role with St Helena Airport have not been successful. SHG has terminated the contract under which Basil Read have been operating St Helena Airport. The termination is effective as of today, Tuesday, 2 October 2018.

St Helena Airport is critical to St Helena, its people and the economic future of the Island.

DFID will continue to provide funding and support to ensure that the Airport remains open and operational. To this end and as part of SHG and DFID's contingency plans, a new company, St Helena Airport Ltd, has been set up to assume responsibility for the operation of the airport and to maintain the St Helena Aerodrome Certificate.

Subject to some conditions, which will be met, the Regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI), has agreed that the Aerodrome Certificate can be transferred over to the new company without the Airport having to be recertified.

It is intended that all of the current operational arrangements at St Helena Airport will continue.

SHG will be the principal party in St Helena Airport Ltd. The company will be limited by guarantee, using existing funding support from DFID. In the initial stages of establishing the Company, the Airport Contracts Manager, Deputy Financial Secretary and Airport Director are to serve as its directors. This is an interim arrangement until the Board of the Company is fully established over the coming weeks.

Contingency plans for the remaining construction work under the Airport Project will be implemented. Further discussions are taking place with critical staff, suppliers and sub-contractors.

During this difficult time we would like to thank the affected



staff, suppliers and subcontractors for their continued support.

A later press release said that St Helena Airport is temporarily closed in accordance with standard regulatory procedure as the Aerodrome Certificate previously held by Basil Read Ltd has been rescinded by ASSI (Air Safety Support International) since Basil Read Ltd are no longer contracted to operate the Airport.

SHG is in the process of activating contingency arrangements. Our priority today must be to inform our staff, suppliers and subcontractors as regrettably we are aware that this information has not reached them through normal communication channels. We would encourage all St Helena Airport Project (whether operational or construction phase) staff, suppliers and subcontractors to attend a meeting to be held at Kingshurst Community Centre at 5pm today.

SHG is using all best endeavours to resume normal operations. Regulatory arrangements are already in place so that should a medevac flight be required during the course of this week, the flight could operate as normal.

This morning we will know whether the flight tomorrow will take off or not.

RMS Support Vessel for Formula E

Sources close to the Independent have revealed what will happen to our former RMS St Helena. She was first sold as a supply vessel for security staff in troubled parts of the word. She was then named MNG Tahiti. Recently she was sold again, this time to buyers who want to remain anonymous at this time. We know that there are English and Italian interest in the vessel and she was bought through a company called Wilson Yacht Management in UK, which is a company managing super yachts. The old RMS, now called just 'St Helena' passed the Suez Canal yesterday on her way from the Emirates to Portland in UK. In Portland she will enter dry-dock for a two year refurbishment.

It is believed to be a spectacular refurbishment to make her fit for her new luxury environment. She has reportedly been purchased as a support vessel for the increasingly popular Formula E racing circuit. Formula E, not yet as famous as Formula 1 but growing in popularity mainly because of the increasing environment awareness in the world. Formula E racing is done with electric cars. The look almost like Formula 1 cars but there are no petrol fumes around and they are very



quiet. This new form of motor racing started about five years ago and has attracted huge sponsorships from multi-national companies wanting to improve their environmental credentials. It has been said that the 'St Helena' will be fitted with VIP suits and other facilities and travel around the world supporting the races. This is a fantastic opportunity for St Helena to have a ship with our name travelling to venues where representatives for huge money are gathering. If the Island of St Helena lands the contract with PASH and we become self sufficient from renewable energy, we will get tremendous publicity, without paying a penny.

The International Airport Review prides itself on presenting the only independent awards to recognise and reward excellence within the global airport and aviation industry. They are annual awards and this year St Helena Airport is on the shortlist of three for the Airport of the Year Award. The other two are the Hong Kong Airport Authority and Bristol Airport. Voting for this award closed last Friday, 28th September, which is probably just as well because on the following Tuesday St Helena Airport was closed. There is no hint of this on the St Helena Airport website. The innocent and the unsuspecting will see the schedule showing a plane arriving on Saturday together with a notice about extra flights starting in December and another advertising the fact that the airport is in the running for the Airport of the Year Award. Everything looks just fine and dandy.

The announcement from SHG on Tuesday this week told us the contract with Basil Read had been terminated. We were also told "DFID will continue to provide funding and support to ensure that the Airport remains open and operational" and that, "the Regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI), has agreed that the Aerodrome Certificate can be transferred over to the new company without the Airport having to be recertified." It was also stated that "It is intended that all of the current operational arrangements at St Helena Airport will continue."

Nowhere in the announcement sent about 1pm on Tuesday afternoon was is stated, clearly, the airport will be temporarily closed as a result of the termination of the Basil Read airport operating contract. In fact, the words and phrases quoted above from the press release tend to suggest the transfer from Basil Read to St Helena Airport Ltd is smooth and seamless. Twenty hours later the tone had changed. A press conference was set up and some serious looking faces from the airport and government offices explained it will be Friday morning before we know whether the airport can open in time for the weekly flight due tomorrow. It was also claimed closing the airport is a normal, inevitable and unavoidable consequence arising from the breakdown in negotiations with the people administering Basil Read's business rescue.



A clear announcement which cannot be interpreted in different ways

The word going around is that the stumbling block to reopening the airport is re-arranging the insurance for airport operations. So many people have found aviation insurance to be a useless additional expense it is almost perverse that insurance may well prevent people travelling on Saturday. One insurance 'victim' asked me for a little help in getting official

confirmation that his flights both to and from St Helena had been delayed by a number of days. The Head of Operations at the airport responded to my request very quickly and official confirmation was sent to the insurance company. It turned out a letter from St Helena Airport was not good enough; the insurance company wanted a letter from the airline. This invites the suspicion the insurance company is being bloodymindedly obstructive. Is the insurance company SHG are dealing with similarly obdurate? After ASSI being accommodating about the re-certification arrangements is the delay in getting the insurance re-organised an unexpected obstacle to re-opening the airport quickly? There appear to be some dots which do not join up in this admittedly difficult and complicated transfer of the airport operating contract. The first question is why were the words 'airport' and 'closed' not used in the same sentence in the SHG announcement issued on Tuesday morning?

This is being written in the early hours of Friday morning. In a few hours time we will know for sure whether tomorrow's flight is on or off. Two lines of the chorus from 'Won't get fooled again' by The Who come to mind – 'I'll get on my knees and pray, We don't get fooled again'.

On a different subject, we have published a letter this week where the correspondent takes issue with the Governor having a discussion with people in Elba about developing a partnership approach based on the common Napoleon legacy and possible joint tourism initiatives, promotions or something like that. In the announcement the word 'twining' was not mentioned but the correspondent mentions it a few times. Nor was twinning mentioned, and is there a good reason why St Helena should not get entwined in some way with people of a different culture? The Governor, it is said, should not be doing this. St Helenians should be doing this if anyone does. This does inevitably beg the question, well why haven't you? Following that there is the death-wish request in the letter for wider discussions before anything is decided. Just do it! It's not a big deal. If anyone has a similar or better idea then once again, set the ball rolling – just do it!

Annina Hayes has gone off to the United States on a fundraising mission in partnership with Peggy King-Jorde. Money to transform the Liberated African burial grounds into areas which reflect the respect any civilised society should pay to the dead is the object of the fund-raising. Annina will be visiting St Helena Island in South Carolina. I suggested a week or two back in this newspaper that ways for St Helena South Atlantic and St Helena South Carolina to commemorate the common but different slave history should be explored. Annina got there before me. She told me she will be doing just that. She has discussed this with other people here I feel sure but that's not the most important point. Just do it! Let's have a result.

A GREAT HONOUR FOR ST HELENA AND ASCENSION

Bishop Richard

At the meeting of the Synod of the Bishops of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa on Tuesday 25 September, a very important item was that of the Election of a new Bishop for St

Helena. This is a formal and a very serious process, and the selection of a new Bishop is seen in the very earliest days of the Christian Church - in fact in the time of the Apostles themselves.

The election took place this time at the large Kopanong Conference Centre just outside Benoni up in the Highveldt. As always, an Episcopal Election starts with the Service of the Holy Eucharist ... during which the ancient hymn to the Holy Spirit is sung. This asks for God's help, and

the words themselves are a prayer: "Come Holy Ghost, our souls inspire" Then there followed the long and complicated business of selecting a suitable candidate - and to the tremendous delight of people all over the world, our own Archdeacon, Fr Dale Bowers, was chosen from amongst the candidates.

The significance of this lies in the fact that not only has Fr Dale been elected to join one of the biggest groups of Bishops in the Anglican world, but his electing Bishops come from African Countries as far apart as Angola and Namibia on the Western seaboard, and right over to Swaziland, Mozambique, and Nyassa far away in the East. The Province of Southern Africa also includes the old autonomous mountain kingdom of Lesotho. Being part of the Synods is a wonderful experience, and when Bishop Dale (as he will be) attends the Triennial Provincial Synod, he will find that the daily services there will be using at various times the 9 official languages of the Peoples within that vast Province. Again, as one of the 33 ruling Bishops, he will be in daily contact with the main offices over in Cape Town, or in the other Cities of the RSA. He will also be called on to advise the Archbishop in many matters each year - the Archbishop of Cape Town is the very remarkable, and enormously respected Dr Thabo Makgoba. His own story is a fascinating one, for Archbishop Thabo was born in Alexandra, a suburb of Johannesburg. But like so many in those harsh days, his family was forcibly moved out to Soweto ... and here he was brought up. Many of the extraordinary adventures of his young years are told in his book "Faith and Courage". Later on he was to become Bishop of Grahamstown, and then he was elected Archbishop of Cape Town ... a tough job indeed, and one with a very high profile worldwide. And so now our Fr Dale will be joining him as one of that great team of Bishops from all over South Africa - and beyond.

The next step for him will be to be Consecrated as a Bishop, and this will be sometime later this year in one of the Cathedrals in South Africa. A new Bishop is consecrated by some 15 to 20 others who have been already themselves been consecrated ... and in this way that very ancient Episcopal Succession goes right back to the time when St Matthias was elected to take the place of Judas Iscariot. You can read the account for yourself in the New Testament Book, the Acts of the Apostles. He will then, as a newly Consecrated Bishop, be "Enthroned" by a senior Bishop or Priest, in the very fine Bishop's Throne (much of which was built and carved by our

own Richard Constantine - not only a Master Carver, but also Cathedral Organist for over 40 years). And of course, all this takes place in the very lovely Victorian Cathedral Church of St

Paul, there at the heart of the Island of St Helena

Fr Dale has the prayers of us all - wherever the Saints and their Friends are. His is a very tough job indeed, for it is he who has to find the clergy for our Diocese - but also to lead the ministry of Teaching the Faith, and the administration of the Seven Sacraments of the Church. Please do hold him in your prayers, and give him all the support you can. Ours is a wonderful Diocese, and with God's grace, and all our support and help, then, as they

say, "the sky is the limit"!

For me, the call to serve the Diocese of St Helena over this last seven years has been one of the greatest experiences of my ministry - and now, to be able to hand on the baton to Bishop Dale Bowers is one of my greatest privileges. You will be in the most able hands possible.

God bless you Fr Dale - and God bless you all too. With love to you all from Jane and myself.

+ Bishop Richard.

Dear Editor,

I would like publicly to congratulate Fr Dale Bowers on his election as the next Bishop of St Helena and Ascension Island. Fr Dale is only the second St Helenian Bishop in the history of the islands, and the level of his achievement in the the World-wide Anglican Church is reflected in the fact that the Bishops of six African countries: Namibia, Angola, Lesotho, Malawi, Mozambique and South Africa have collectively voted for him. He will join a bench of Bishops across Southern Africa who speak over nine official languages and represent people of many races, and cultures, from the poverty of the townships to the wealth of wine districts, and from the wide spaces of Namibia to the vast urban density of Johannesburg.

Fr Dale Bowers has much experience of both islands. He has worked in the Castle, has been an elected member of the Legislative Council, and knows the community very well. He gained a degree from the University of Oxford while bringing up a family, and his MBE was awarded for his work with the Scout Movement and for many community projects and service. He will be a very worthy second citizen for St Helena.

Yours sincerely, Jane Fenwick

Dear Constituents

A reminder that Constituency Surgeries are available every first and third Wednesday at the Kingshurst Community Centre. These are by appointment and anyone who wishes to speak to Councillors Russell Yon or Tony Green either separately or together should contact Miss Anita Legg, Secretary to Elected Members by 12 Noon on the Tuesday prior to the surgery. Miss Legg can be contacted on telephone No. 22590 or by emailing sec.em@helanta.co.sh

Tony Green & Russell Yon



Dear Editor,

Nationality

A follow up to my letter last week, two passports are issued on the island to St Helenians valid for a period of 10 years:

- (a) British Overseas Territories Citizen (BOTC) passport where nationality is British Overseas Territories Citizen with restrictions that go with this status.
- (b) British/EU passport where nationality is *British citizen*

St Helenians right to British citizenship goes way back to the Royal Charter of 1673 - relevant quote shown on a plaque in the porch of St James Church. These rights were reduced in 1983, connected with Hong Kong being handed back to China, but were later given to all British Overseas citizens in 2002. In 1992 the Anglican Church set up a Citizenship Commission to restore those rights. I was invited to join. The Commission had wide support including help from Canadian lawyers from Toronto university, one being a direct descendent of an Island-born governor. They took our case to the United Nations. The plague in St James Church is a reminder of our citizenship rights and how important they are.

Two St Helenians are travelling together to the UK. On arrival they show their passports.

One has a BOTC passport, the other has a British/EU passport. Despite the fact that they are both entitled to British citizenship, as far as the British immigration is concerned only the holder of the British/EU passport has the right to full British citizenship.

Yours faithfully Basil George 30 September 2018

Dear Readers,

During the past few weeks a few issues have been raised through the media which have a relevant bearing on the Environment & Natural Resources Committee (ENRC) and the Highway Authority (HA). The public has a right to question the decisions made by the Committee and be given an explanation as to how and why the decisions were made. Most Islanders and tourists alike will recognise that our capital Jamestown has a growing issue with parking. The HA and ENRC are continuously addressing this issue and it becomes more difficult when areas for proposed parking are located, but applications are met with objections from groups and members of the public within our society.

The need to increase Taxis and public transport has been addressed. The Taxi rank behind the Canister was earmarked for Taxis along with one disabled Park. The parks were widened to allow passengers to have better access to the Taxis as some are larger vehicles. The disabled park was widened, as most of you will be aware how difficult it is to access vehicles by disabled persons and to also accommodate their special needs vehicles. In trying to accommodate this plan we lost two parks in this area that were present for any other vehicle to park here, but recognising this, the HA also approved that the two additional parks in front of the Canister were to remain.

In our most recent meeting it was noted that the hours and terms of operating for Taxis should be posted to ensure that Taxi Operators and the public can use certain parks within this area after a certain time. This has been monitored over the past three months and the Committee felt that the number of Taxi parks behind the Canister should be reduced from six to four at off-peak times. It was also noted that a few of these parks should remain opened for Taxi operators who provide a late night Taxi service, especially on the weekends. This will allow the operators to have access in this area as well as the two parks demarcated for their use during specified hours at the seaside.

It is difficult to provide parks for everyone coming into Jamestown and to also provide the same service for all of the Jamestown residents who own vehicles. The Committee is always looking for additional parking areas. Addressing this and other traffic issues in Jamestown at the moment is being undertaken by the Jamestown Parking Working Group. Together with collecting information from the residents, they are also addressing the parking problems that have arisen from

the growing number of commercial vehicles in Jamestown also. It would be great to have a dedicated area specifically assigned for these Commercial vehicles which at sometimes use more than the one allocated parking space provided.

It is noted that employees from SHG bring their own vehicles into town during the working day and park in areas that would allow other persons coming into town to have access to these parks without having to venture all the way to the seaside to park. SHG and other employers who operate in Jamestown do provide a public transport service for their employees but this is not to say that employees cannot bring their own vehicles. SHG and other employers are being asked to address this with their employees however they pay their vehicle taxes and providing parks for one group and not the other would be discriminatory.

The Committee is working with SHG officials and other Authorities to seek the best way forward and proposals are being submitted by members of the public and Elected Members to address the parking issues. The public will recall consultation regarding a paid parking scheme, but this has not yet been able to be introduced due to resource constraints. We are listening and would welcome any other proposals to assist in looking at ways to address this ever increasing problem.

Russell Yon, Chairman, Environmental & Natural Resources & Highways Authority

THE CONSTITUENT

DFID Infrastructure Adviser, Iftikhar Ahmed, was on-island from Saturday 22nd - 29th September 2018. Mr Ahmed's working visit will contribute to establishing a Capital Programme for St Helena. The arrival of DFID's Infrastructure Adviser will be good news for St Helena's Private Sector in particular. There has been a rapid increase in the number of people unable to find local employment and being forced to seek unemployment assistance from SHG. Socially and economically time is of the essence as our community desperately wait for employment opportunities in construction to materialise. The DFID Minister, Lord Bates, agreed to establish a new capital programme in St

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Helena. SHG staff and councillors have already prepared much of the preliminary work. It remains to be seen what the ultimate outcome will be for the people of St Helena following the capital and the financial aid negotiation process between DFID and SHG.

Elected Members met with Iftikhar Ahmed on Monday 24th September. Councillors began by expressing the folly of DFID's irresponsible decision to stop providing St Helena with a capital funded programme. Councillors stressed that the cut-off of capital funding has vastly contributed to our community now experiencing serious social and economic difficulties. The DFID civil servant was told that DFID's dictatorial approach is unacceptable. And DFID's irresponsible decisions are to the detriment of the people of St Helena. Emphasis was put on the local skills, knowledge, experience and resourcefulness St Helena has in abundance. But without adequate, reliable and ongoing support from the United Kingdom, St Helena will always struggle to reach its real potential and the ultimate goal of achieving sustainable development. Establishing a new approach and making good progress to successfully achieve

sustainable development cannot happen overnight, but the urgent need to turn things around and reverse the social and economic decline was made absolutely clear to the DFID Adviser.

St Helena is helplessly reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom. The DFID Adviser emphasised the importance of St Helena exploring alternative sources of funding. SHG has already commenced searching for new ways of accessing alternative sources of funding. The DFID Infrastructure Adviser provided Elected Members with feedback at the conclusion of his visit. Both meetings with the Infrastructure Adviser were open, frank, constructive and encouraging. There were indications that DFID and Councillors are keen to learn from the mistakes of the past moving forward. Without going into any great detail on the wrap-up meeting, what I have seen and heard so far is enough for me to have confidence in the flickering light in the distance. At the risk of tempting fate, I believe there is a mature willingness by DFID, Elected Members and SHG officials to work in the true spirit of the 'PARTNERSHIP VALUES' and find a new approach for a new direction in the very best interests of the people of St Helena.

The DFID Infrastructure Adviser was very satisfied with the procurement reform carried out by SHG over the last year. On stressing the importance of the reform, clearly DFID had some serious concerns on the management of the fi-

nancial aid provided by the United Kingdom in the past. On moving forward, the Adviser is keen to see the Private Sector, Enterprise St Helena and the St Helena Government become more focused on being creative in addressing the development of the island.

The DFID Minister, Lord Bates, has commissioned an independent review of St Helena's economic reform, infrastructure, and investment opportunities. Such a review is timely and important for St Helena and another step in the right direction amidst the current circumstances. A fresh approach and direction, at this crucial period in time, will be essential to progress. The Adviser informed Elected Members that the procurement of a consultant is taking place and it is likely that the consultant, once appointed, will visit the Island in October.

With one step forward and two steps back, St Helena will never reach the ultimate objective of achieving sustainable development even in the areas seen as the greatest potential for success. The major setbacks, disappointments, dashed expectations and frustrations associated with air access have provided lessons for future decision-making. If the lessons have been taken on board by DFID and SHG, there is good reason for Saints to once again be optimistic, get involved, be constructive and take shared ownership of St Helena's destiny.

C Leo (CIIr)

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2019 OVERSEAS LIST

The Foreign & Commonwealth Office invites nominations for the 2019 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

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SHG

3 October 2018





Dear Councillors,

I was concerned this week to hear the Governor discussing on radio, and subsequently seeing the press release, about the twining with Elba that she proposes following her holiday there.

However well intentioned this proposal may be, surely, the decision of twining should be one that St Helenians make and not a unilateral decision by the Governor? Why chose Elba? Besides both Elba and St Helena being islands and places of exile for Napoleon there is very little else in common historically or culturally.

If there is an intention to form a twining and we are forced to use Napoleonic links then why not Corsica where he was born or Paris where his remains were moved to? However a significant number of people who have discussed this with me feel very strongly and have even suggested alternatives to Elba, like Jersey who has supported us in the past in sporting and education links. Or what about London where the first settlers came from; or parts of India like Madras with links to the East India Company?

I respectfully request that you our coun-

cillors have a wider discussion with St Helenians, as to whether we want twining, where we want to twin with and to what purpose.

An important decision such as this should not be at the whim of the Governor.

Yours sincerely, Pamela Ward Pearce.

Dear Editor

The best news of the millennium.....The Islands councillors have awoken, If St Helena legalize cannabis, with the islands best interest at heart this is what could happen.

The islands economy would flourish with legislation in place, this would bring tourists from all walks of life to the island, the only way this will work, if we all get together as a community by having registered growers and Coffee shops that are taxed by government, adopting guide lines to form laws from places that have already done so.

Councillor Russell Yon started off on a very positive note then went on to say, and I quote; I wouldn't want to see it as a social use, no disrespect to you Mr Yon but cannabis has been use socially on St Helena for the last 50 plus years. Mr Yon went on to say it would generated a huge revenue, possibly millions. Councillor Kylie Hercules; Timing is crucial, land is limited, contract of agreement must be up and running otherwise we will lose out on tonnage, I'm sure

Miss Hercules knows it's not about quantity but quality.

Councillor Clint Beard; all avenues must be explored for our economy to grow. Tourism was the number one growth, with cannabis legalised the tourist industry will BOOM....St Helena is on the map. Invest in St Helenians first.

Councillor Gavin Ellick; Medical marijuana for export, brilliant move, but what about Medical marijuana for St Helena...... one must speculate to accumulate but there's no land, security will cost lots, how will we get the seed, and setup a buyer....Mr Ellick said and I quote;' several pieces of legislation would need to be changed to make the proposed exports legal', he also said this would, include changing laws such as the Drugs Misuse Ordinance and the Drugs Trafficking Ordinance...

Miss Hercules also said, people will have their views.....we are not going to 'legalise it completely' when reading this it reminded me of Bill Clinton an American president when he said 'I did not inhale'..... Cannabis was banned by politicians, this is a political issue that was made so by politicians themselves...so why do we have our politician in last week news papers voicing their opinions / facts on laws that only they can change.

We look forward to hearing from our politicians in next week's weekly news papers.

Yours sincerely Pamela Yon

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SHG

3 October 2018

UK politicians gather after a hot summer to generate hot air for their winter

It's October. In the northern hemisphere the winter chill starts to make its presence felt as Lords and Commons reassemble at Westminster to do their bit for global warming – generating too much hot air during an endless series of debates, meetings, questions and the inevitable stabs in the back and positioning for any advantage that may come along.

Among all the various versions of hot air will there be any meaningful headway in improving the relationship between the UK Government and the governments of the British Overseas Territories? A quick review of what UK Government representatives said they will do in the months preceding the summer break and what was actually done does not inspire optimism.

The Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) continually monitor and investigate all aspects of what the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) does. In February this year they had a session on how the FCO was handling the Commonwealth Heads of Governments Meeting (CHOGM) hosted in London in April by the UK Government. They wheeled in Lord Ahmad, an FCO minister with responsibilities for several things, one of them being the Overseas Territories. The Chair of the FAC asked his Lordship how the FCO intend to ensure the tiny voices of the Overseas Territories will be heard among the clamour of fiftythree sovereign nations. The Lord Ahmad described how busy he had been travelling here and there talking to all kinds of governments. When he had finished the Chair of FAC asked, "Could you mention the Overseas Territories?" Showing clear indications he was thinking on his feet Lord Ahmad used the Joint Ministerial Council as evidence of his habit of talking with the Overseas Territories. He mumbled something about reading documents they have sent him and will use the information gathered to make sure priorities for the Overseas Territories are included in discussions. He finished with, "Indeed, I met one of them—from Anguilla—only last week to ensure that these priorities are understood." It sounds like he met "one of them" in the street while going to pay a bill at the post office.

It got worse. Later his Lordship was



asked, "Do you consider the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to be part of the Commonwealth?" The Lord Ahmad replied, "They are part of global Britain; they are part of the Commonwealth". He was quickly interrupted by his questioner. "But are they part of the Commonwealth? Do they have any formal status or role, or are they just notified of things and kept in the loop? Are they actually given proper respect as selfgoverning territories?" Put on the back foot his Lordship replied, "The short answer to your second question is that we respect that they are self-governing. That point has been made to them repeatedly." The temperature in the committee room increased as the hot air coming from Lord Ahmad went up a notch or two as he blustered on. Eventually he said, "In terms of their direct representation at the

Commonwealth, there is only one type of membership of the Commonwealth, which is full status as a member state, and they are not that." One second Overseas Territories "are part of the Commonwealth "and a moment later "they are not that." Oh dear; nothing there to inspire confidence.

It went on in the same way with Lord Ahmad invoking the phrase Global Britain a few more times. This may have been a sign he was under pressure. Global Britain was born the same time as Brexit. The UK was supposed to be leaving Europe and joining the World. Exactly how this is supposed to work

has never been convincingly explained.

When the FAC published their report on the FCO's "strategic vision" for CHOGM and the UK Government's two year spell as Chair of the Commonwealth: FAC recommended the priorities of the Overseas Territories should be taken into account when Commonwealth priorities and objectives are decided. The official UK Government response to this recommendation ran to almost 550 words; a sure sign the response is buried so deep down it can never be found. The response burbled on about internet security, clean oceans, innovation and adherence to international standards. If there was one phrase about Overseas Territory involvement in the formulation of priorities it was well hidden under a pile of nonsense referring to unsupported notions about "sustainability, security, fairness and prosperity".

The real test as to whether all the talk had led to walking the walk came with the end of meeting report published after the Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting had finished. Every word in the report had to be agreed by each of the 46 member countries attending CHOGM. It can reasonably be assumed the original draft was watered down 46 times.

On matters directly concerning the Overseas Territories the Commonwealth Heads of Government "expressed solidarity" with Commonwealth countries and the British Overseas Territories in the Caribbean who had been on the receiving end of hurricanes and in the same breath "expressed solidarity with, and recognised the devastating impact of natural disasters on Bangladesh, Papua New Guinea, Samoa, Sierra Leone, Tonga and Vanuatu." So there we have it; a lot of words, generating megawatts of hot air and producing no result. The request from an FAC member to Lord Ahmad "Could you give some kind of assurance that HMG will do a lot more to promote the idea of allowing territories and dependencies to have some status?" was ignored.



The Greenland's Experience Experience the Difference

Customers once again breathed life into the once-dormant property of Greenlands when the doors were opened on Friday, 29 September 2018, to a unique shopping experience combining what was Warrens Department Store and The Bazaar into a fully refurbished modern space.

"The project has certainly not been without challenge and there have been many setbacks and much pulling of rabbits out of hats to get to this point of celebration today" said Mandy Peters, Chief Executive Officer, in her opening ceremony speech. The Company's Board of Directors' Chairman, Jenny Corker was then called upon to officially open Greenlands for business, along with these special guests, who carried out the very important ceremonial task of cutting the ribbon to great applause:

- Alan Yon, former Works Foreman for the Company who was responsible for the wonderful joinery work in the period windows of the tower,
- Patricia Crowie who currently works for the Company and used to live at Greenlands when it was a residence prior to the 1970s; and
- Nicola Constantine, with a new title of Greenlands Manager.

Solomons would like to acknowledge the many examples of excellent workmanship, commitment and teamwork through the design, procurement, construction and final delivery stages of the project and from so many teams past and present throughout the Company and from contractors AMD Engineering and Ambledale.

A big thank you also to all of the Company teams and individuals, past and present who have been involved at any point during the lifespan of the project, and all of the external agencies, authorities and individuals for providing specialist input, advice and guidance to the Company, for which we are very grateful.

Finally, a huge thank you to the teams within the Company who worked at such an intense pace since early on Sunday, 23 September 2018, stocking and displaying merchandise in preparation for customers, all under the leadership of the General Manager (Mercantile), Martin Henry and Greenlands Manager, Nicola Constantine.













MARATHON, HALF MARATHON AND FUN RUNS Runners will journey through a total of 5 out of 7 districts for a marathon some have labelled as the most challenging in the world.

JACOB'S LADDER CHALLENGE

Tuesday 06 November Challenge the 699 steps from Jamestown to Ladder Hill.

TRIATHLON

Wednesday OT November The Triathlon will challenge your swimming, cycling and running abilities along a route in and around Jamestown.

TRAIL RUN

Saturday 10 November A 15km race from the lowest point on the island, Jamestown, to the Followed by the Closing Ceremony.



For more information please contact Shelley Magellan-Wade on 22158 or email address shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh

BUSINESS ACCOUNT PACKAGES WITH EFFECT FROM 01 NOVEMBER 2018

Bank of St Helena is pleased to advise that with effect from 01 November 2018 the **Standard Business Account Package** will now include the ability for business customers to undertake up to 8 Account Transfers with Online Banking and the **Premium Business Account Package will include the ability to make unlimited Journal Payments** (multiple Account Transfers) online.

Business customers currently on these packages will receive an automatic upgrade with effect from 01 November 2018.



Contact Bank of St Helena Ltd for further information

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Agricycle Education & Demonstration Day Supply Local, Buy Local, Recycle!

When: 28 October 2018

Where: SHAPE & Sandy Bay Community Centre

Time: 11am till 3pm

The 2018 Agriculture Programme will be co-hosting this event with SHAPE and the main focus of the day will be on recycling, demonstration and education.

This will also be an opportunity for producers to sell fresh and secondary produce, plants, crafts, etc.

If you are interested please contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

> For more information please contact Delia Du Preez, Business **Development Co-ordinator on** telephone 22920 or email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh



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The Bazaar



The Bazaar

Market Square, Jamestown



Property Description

- Grade II Listed Building
- Registered as Jamestown, Block 8 Parcel Number 28
- Acreage of Parcel 0.013
- Total Commercial Floor Space is 73m²
- Easily Accessible, Located in Market Square
- With Close Proximity to Commercial Businesses and Services i.e. Retail Shops, Taverns, the Bank of St Helena, Post Office, Sure SA Ltd, Tourism Office, Hotels and Taxi Ranks
- Building has Two Floors
- Sanitary Facilities on the Upper Floor accessible by a Wooden Staircase

For further details please contact:

Ian Gough

Main Office Building, Jamestown + 290 22380

GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh

Interested parties will be required to complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) Form which can be provided by email, or collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown. Interested parties should submit their EOI in a sealed envelope, addressed to Solomon & Company (The Bazaar), Main Office Building, Jamestown and deposited in the Tender Box at the Reception Desk, Main Office Building, Jamestown. The deadline for receiving 'Expressions of Interest' is 31 October 2018.

Sth to 11th October 2018

8 October - High Knoll Fort Tour

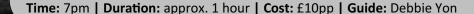
Once operating as a military defence structure, and against the backdrop of the scene where troops devised an ill-fated 1811 mutiny - Why not take an evening stroll through history where the island's largest Fort paints a picture of hangings, captures and imprisonments.





9 October - Plantation House Tour

Warning! This is not your ordinary Plantation House Tour. Explore this country house at night and unlock the spooky mysteries that lay within. End the night by unearthing the story of the nearby Butcher's Grave.





10 & 11 October - Haunted History Bus Tour

A thrilling historical tour that relives some of the island's most spine-shivering stories. This journey takes you though the streets of Jamestown, Half Tree Hollow and St Paul's, ending at the haunted house of Oakland's, where the resident ghosts await to meet you!

Time: 6:30pm | Duration: approx. 2 hours | Cost: £15pp | Guide: Phil Mercury



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Contact the St Helena Tourist Office on Tel: 22158 or creep in.

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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 community.sthelena@qmail.com

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
 - o "sections for furtherance of a specific activity" as covered through sub-committees;
 - o "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
 - o 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.



VOTE NOW!

Both St Helena and Sub-Tropic Adventures have been shortlisted for the Dive Travel Awards 2018, in association with Dive Magazine.

Visit the website on bit.ly/2LRZAMa enter a valid email address and vote for St Helena (Destination) and Sub-Tropic Adventures (Dive Centres or Resorts).

Voting closes 31 October.





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VACANCY WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES OPERATOR

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit an individual to work within their Waste Management Services Team.

Candidates should have a valid Class C License and be able to demonstrate basic numeracy and literacy skills.

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

For further details regarding the post, interested persons should contact Mr Anthony Henry, Waste Management Services Supervisor on Tel No: 24724 or e-email: Anthony.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Corporate Human Resources should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Gemma Lawrence, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail gemma.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday, 19 October 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.

Environment & Natural Resources Directorate 2 October 2018





Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from photographers for the following contracts:

- 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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BBC Atlantic Relay Station Ascension Island

<u>Vacancy for Communications Technician or Trainee</u> Communications Technician

A vacancy has arisen for a full-time **Communications Technician or Trainee Communications Technician** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station, Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team, which is responsible for the maintenance of the transmitters and associated systems, to ensure that all scheduled programmes are transmitted to the agreed service level.

This post is being offered as a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract. 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:

- GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with minimum supervision.
- IT Competent.
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work flexible hours if required.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedure.
- Qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent credential in a relevant subject (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency).
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency.
- Standard knowledge of HF propogation and Data Communications.
- Ability to analyse technical problems and undertake standard fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of a transmitting station's operation and maintenance work.
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools.
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience.
- Class A driving licence.

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 this 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 by the 19th October 2018.

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR CARERS AND CARE ASSISTANTS

The Safeguarding is committed to delivering a fantastic service to clients under our care. To make this happen we need exceptional individuals with the right attitude and skills who share our passion about delivering the best quality care experience. Our Care Assistants are important in creating a caring, family environment so our residents can enjoy a happy and comfortable life.

The Directorate has the following vacancies:

Senior Care Assistants(Ebonyview)

Under the support and direction of the Manager, you will lead and guide Care Assistants in providing compassionate, person centred care to vulnerable adults requiring 24 hour support and living in residential care. You will have a key role in completing support plans with service users and those close to them. You will also support service users where necessary to maintain a clean home environment.

The susscessful candidate should have an NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care, Level 2 Adult Literacy and experience of working with challenging behavior.

The salary for this post commences at £9, 034 per annum.

Please contact Acting Unit Manager, Jenny Clingham on 23343 or Learning Difficulites, Residential and Community Manager, Nicolene Adams on 23172 for further information about the post.

Senior Care Assistant (Community Care Centre)

The successful candidate will provide high quality health and social care to frail older people in full time residential and day care. As Senior, expected tasks will include taking the lead on staff handover at the end of shifts, administering residents' medication in accordance with our Medicine Management Policy and perform basic first aid and CPR as required.

Candidates should have the following: NVQ level 3 Health and Social Care. GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above, or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3. One year's experience of working with elderly people. The salary for this post commences at £9, 034 per annum.

Care Assistants

You will assist in the day to day care of residents in a way that promotes their independence, choice and social wellbeing. You will also maintain up-to-date documentation concerning residents' health and well-being. Applicants should ideally have entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy. You should also be willing to engage in training to enhance your skills and knowledge in the care of our residents.

The salary for this post commences at £6, 890 per annum.

Activity Worker

As an Activity Worker you will carry out recreational and therapeutic activity programmes to improve the overall health of people living in residential care and within the community. You be responsible for all aspects of preparation for activities and reporting back any incidents or concerns to the Activity Coordinator

The successful candidate will have the following: Functional Skills L2 in English and experience of working within a care or educational environment and/or have experience of working with adults/children with disabilities and/or the elderly. The salary for this post commences at £5, 572 per annum.

Please contact CCC Manager, Wendy Henry for an informal discussion about the posts on telephone number, 25331. Copies of the relevant job profiles and application form can be requested from Sasha Osborn on telephone number 22713 or email sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh Applications should be returned, thru' Directors where applicable, to Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by Thursday, 19th October 2018.

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Stehpanie Jones, Director, 03rd October 2018 Safeguarding Directorate

VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

The Safeguarding Directorate seeks a self-motivated person to join their Support Service team as an Administration Assistant. Your main role will be to provide reception duties and daily administration support to the team at Brick House.

Candidates should have GCSEs in English Language and Mathematics at Grade C or above, 1 years' experience in an administrative and customer environment, and possess minute taking skills.

The post requires Good communication and customer care skills and your ability to maintain confidentiality will be vitally important.

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

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer on Tel No. 22713 or email Sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Brick House in upper Jamestown, should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Miss Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Brick House or via the previously mentioned e-mail no later than 4pm on Thursday, 18th October 2018.

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Stephanie Jones (Ms.), Director

03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate

VACANCY FOR TRAINEE SHELTER ACCOMMODATION AND HOME CARE MANAGER

We are looking for an enthusiastic, passionate and driven leader to join our team to help us deliver upon our vision of: Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena."

The role of **Trainee Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager** is a key role within the directorate. You will be part of the directorate's leadership team and work with the Assistant Director on all aspects of Safeguarding with a lead focus upon delivering effective and safe Sheltered Accommodation services and take the lead on reviewing and implementing a sustainable and cost effective Home Care Service. This will be a supportive and learning opportunity so you feel empowered and prepared to take the service forward in a full management capacity within the next 6 – 12 months.

A background and experience in either residential settings and or Adult Community Health or Social Care Services setting is desirable alongside the ability to work in a flexible and supportive manner. Strong communication skills are an essential part of this role, as you will work closely with other directorates, the community and our political leaders to ensure that we are delivering the best possible care for vulnerable people in our community.

We need somebody who is committed to supporting inclusion for people at every level in society, someone who will work with their staff to ensure that people achieve their potential and have purposeful and fulfilling lives within the community of St Helena.

The successful candidate will possess the following experience and qualifications:

- GCSE Maths and English Language at grade C or above
- · Valid Driving Licence Class A essential
- At least 1 year's middle management experience in health and social care field of work, preferably with older people
- Good financial management skills

Salary for this post commences at Grade D10, £13, 517.00 per annum.

If this person sounds like you then we would like to hear from you. If you would like an informal discussion about the role please call Stephanie Jones (Director) on 22713. For an application form please contact Sasha Osborne on sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh or call her at Brick House on 22713.

The closing date for completed applications is on Thursday, 19th October 2018. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Stephanie Jones

Director, 02nd October 2018

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VACANCY FOR CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME SUPERVISOR

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a Supervisor at the Children's Residential Home. The Supervisor will be responsible for providing high quality care and protection to children of all ages, residing in the Home. This is a one year fixed term contract.

Potential candidates should possess Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics and English, an NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3, experience in dealing with children and young people and a valid Driving Licence, Class A. Some of the key tasks of the role are:

- Assist in assessing the children's needs and promoting their independence.
- Participate in Looked after Child reviews and contribute towards the child's care plan and attend any multi agency meetings as deemed necessary.
- · To ensure health and safety standards are maintained for the Children's Residential Home.
- · To be responsible for maintaining the staff roster and ensuring safe cover at all times when children are resident.

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

For further information please contact Ms. Adele McMahon, Team Manager, Children's Services on telephone number 23312 or on email address adele.mcmahon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile are available from the Human Resources & Admin Officer, Brick House and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to Sherrilee Phillips, at Brick House or via email address Sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Thursday, 19th October 2018.

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Stephanie Jones, Director 03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate



VACANCY FOR SOCIAL CARE OFFICER

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a Social Care Officer to work within Children's Services. You will be responsible for supporting the provision of social care/work including children in need, family assessment, registration of child-minders and crèche's, assessment and support for disabled and vulnerable children who are at risk. This role is fixed term for a period of one year.

Duties of the post include:

- Working to support children, young people and their families to achieve better life chances.
- Working in partnership and attending meetings with other agencies, such as Housing, Education, Health and the Police.
- · With support and training, develop assessment and report writing skills, undertake parenting programmes and direct work with children.
- · Working in a non-judgemental and anti-oppresive way to ensure equality for all.
- · Maintaining clear accurate records and files.

Training, support and a comprehensive induction plan is available for the successful candidate. There is a requirement of the role that some work may be undertaken outside of normal hours.

The successful candidate will posess the following:

- GCSE or equivalent in English Language at Grade C or above.
- · Valid Driving Licence.
- · Experience of working with vulnerable people and supporting others.
- Community based work with children and young people for a minimum of two years.

Salary for the post is at Grade D, commencing at £11, 034.00 per annum.

For further information about the post please contact Ms. Adele McMahon, Children's Services Team Manager on telephone number 23312 or via email address Adele.McMahon@sainthelena.gov.sh A copy of the job profile and an application form is available from Sasha Osborne who is contactable on 22713 or by email: sasha.osborne@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Stephanie Jones, Director

03rd October 2018, Safeguarding Directorate

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last weekend was another depressing one for us Manchester United fans as our team kick started the EPL weekend with a Dream Team 14 v Yellow Devils 4 disappointing 3-1 defeat to West Ham. With just 10 points from 7 games this is Manchester United's worse start to a season in 29 years. Fans all over the world have become frustrated with the negative football produce by Jose Mourindho's team. The continued bickering between certain players and the manager has become an embarrassment for our club. It thinks it is now time to change the manager and on his way out they can throw Paul Pogba out along with him.

Pogba is no doubt a great talent but his head is not right. He is very creative by constantly loses the ball in critical areas and most times this season his team is punished for this.

United followed up this defeat with another negative performance at Old Trafford on Tuesday evening in the Champion's League game with Valencia.

Arsenal continues to win under new Manager Emery as they defeated Watford 2-0. Even though their performances are not the free flowing football off old they have developed a winning mentality.

Everton defeated Fulham 3-0 despite missing a penalty. Harry Kane scored twice as Spurs defeated Huddersfield 2-0. Goals from Raheem Sterling and Sergio Aguero sent Manchester City top of the Premier League with a win over Brighton. Newcastle remains winless as they loss 2-0 to Leicester.

New boys Wolves continued their good form as two second half goals saw them defeat Southampton.

The game of the weekend saw Liverpool drop their first points as they drew 1-1 with Chelsea. Chelsea had the better of the first half and took the lead when Hazard scored in the 25th minute. It look like all 3 points would be Chelsea's until substitute Daniel Sturridge curled a brilliant equaliser into the top corner with just a minute of normal time left on the clock.

On Sunday despite them creating a number of chances Cardiff loss to Burnley 2-1. On Monday Bournemouth defeated Crystal Palace 2-1.

Man City was the only EPL team to win in the Champions League this week as they defeated Hoffenheim 2-1 with a late goal from Silva. Manchester United drew with Valencia whilst Liverpool loss to Napoli 1-0 and Spurs was defeated at home 4-2 by Barcelona.

The EPL kicks of round 8 with a Friday night match as Brighton host West Ham. Manchester United play Newcastle in the late match on Saturday and the big game on Sunday see Liverpool play Man City.



The man tasked with destroying Manchester United

Junior Football Results:

G/S Dream Team: Taylon Phillips 1; Blake Paters 11, Lucio George 1 & Dominic Richards 1

G/S Yellow Devils: Zac Francis 1, Ephran Stroud 1 & Aden Thomas-Stevens 2

POm: Blake Peters; Zac Francis & Aden Thomas-Stevens

Jungle Rangers 19 v PPS Dolphins 0

G/S Jungle Rangers: Eurezze Peters 4; Riley Yon 4, Blaze Baldwin 7 & Toure Osborne 4

POM: Blaze Baldwin & Lebron George

Rangers 4 v CS Boys 3

G/S Rangers: Stefan O'Dean 1; Scott O'Bey 1 & Jolan Henry 2 G/S CS Boys: Jacob Williams 2 & Jerome Peters 1

POm: Jolan Henry & Aiden Plato

Allstarz 15 v Titans 0

G/S Allstaz: Aiden Yon-Stevens 2; Evan Constantine 2, Joey Tho-

mas 9 & Christo Crowie 2

POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens & Tyrone Cansick

Fixtures:

9 aside League

9.30am: Yellow Devils v Jungle Rangers

Referee: Christian George

10.30am: Dream team v Young Harts

Referee: Nick Stevens

11 aside League

9.30am: Allstarz v Rangers Referee: Alex Langham 10.30: Chop Shop v Titans Referee: Christian George



SHFA Results:

Rovers 13 v Saints 0

G/S Rovers: Rico Benjamin 3; Ronan Legg 6, Ross O'Dean 1, Tyler Benjamin 1, Sean Benjamin 1 & Sean cansick 1 MOM: Tyler Benjamin

Axis 5 v Chop Shop 2

G/S Axis: Jo 1 & Matthias Young 4 G/S Chop Shop Clayton Yon & Alonso Henry MOM: Matthias Young



Harts 3 v Wirebirds 0

G/S Harts: Ryan George 2 & Selwyn Stroud 1

Mom: Ryan George

Bellboys 5 v Wolves 0

G/S Bellboys: Ryan Benjamin 1; Jamie Thomas 2, Rick Joshua 1

& Alex Hudson 1 MOM: Ryan Benjamin

Fixtures:

Sat 6th Oct

1.30pm Wolves v Crusaders

Organisers: Saints

3.30pm Bellboys v Wirebirds

Organisers: Chop Shop Boys

Sun 7th Oct

1.30pm Harts v Chop Shop Boys

Organisers: Rovers

3.30pm Axis v Saints

Organisers: Rovers



DAY-OLD CHICKS ARRIVE ON AIRLINK FLIGHT

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD) wishes to advise the public that a consignment of 1000 day-old, Dekalb-Amerblink chicks was successfully delivered to St. Helena from Johannesburg on Saturday's Airlink flight.

Thanks go to all those involved, both in Johannesburg and on St. Helena, for allowing the transport of the chicks to go smoothly. The chicks were specially incubated for St. Helena and hatched on the Friday to meet the Saturday flight.

The chickens are now being kept under quarantine until such time that they may be released for sale to the public.

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Shipping & Travel Manager
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Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown,

By 19 October 2018



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

Travel Agent

Within the Shipping & Travel Department

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Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent customer service skills
 - Be computer literate
- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English

Salary for this post will be £642.65 per month

From the Golf Club



Twenty six players took part in the Texas Scramble (Choose your Own Partner) stable ford 3/8 of combined handicap on Sunday 30th September 2018. Ronald De Reuck and Chris Dawson returned with 46 points, Jeff and Helena Stevens and Alastair Norrie and Dawid Breed, both with 47 points. After a count back Alastair and Dawid claimed second place and the winners with 51 points were Peter Bagley and Danny Thomas.

The two ball pool was claimed by Peter Bagley and Danny Thomas (5th and 7th) and Lawson Henry and Pat Henry (7th). Congratulations to the winners.

At the Half Yearly General meeting, the Captain highlighted the achievements of the Committee of Management thus far which included installing of distance and tee box markers. reviewing of the constitution and membership register. It was noted that for the remainder of the Committee's term, the main focus would be - activating inactive members, attracting Junior and Lady golfers.

Members agreed to adopt the proposed amendments to the St Helena Golf Club constitution, installing additional tee boxes and explore the option of planting trees.

Cecil Thomas, Daphne Francis and Joan Thomas were awarded with a certificate for Honorary Membership for their exceptional service to the Club; congratulations to all three of them.

Members were thanked for their kind donations for the Multi Raffle and to all those who bought tickets-£280 was raised

Congratulations to the winners which are as follows:

Food Hamper – Jeff Ellick

Toaster - Wendy Benjamin

Bottle of Gin - Sandra Peters

Kettle - Pamela Duncan

Cake - Linda Thomas

Bottle of Wine - Sean Nugent

Picture Frame - Deon Robbertse

Pumpkin - Jeremy Thomas

Potatoes - Kai Benjamin

Beer - Amon Mittens

Old Brown Sherry - Henzil Beard

Pumpkin - Tiarna Young-O'Dean

Picture Frame - Joey Thomas

Bottle of Wine - Mike Olsson

Please contact Helena Stevens 24711 to arrange collection of your prize.

Members are reminded that the Course will be closed from 7am to midday on Saturday 6th October 2018 as there will be a clean-up in readiness for the upcoming Open Championship; Members are encouraged to assist with this event.

The first round of Bank of St Helena Sunday 36 Holes Stroke

Play will commence at 12 noon on Sunday 7th October 2018. A signup sheet is on the Club notice board or members can leave their names on the Club telephone message service 24421.

The Open Championship 2018 will kick start at 10am on Sunday 21st October. The closing date for entering this competition is Sunday 7th October at 5pm; late entries will not be accepted. Competition fee of £15 must be paid in advance no later than Sunday 7th October 2018. St Helena Golf Club bank account number with Bank of St Helena is 13270002

We warmly welcome Geoffrey and Chris Dawson and Phanual Shangwa as new members.



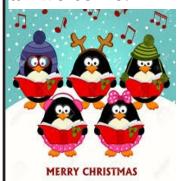
A choir for Christmas



Monday practices start on 22nd October

Join us to learn 10 Christmas songs and carols

You don't have to read music or be a great singer. Sing the tune or sing in harmony... it's for fun, charity and community. All ages, all welcome.





Further details: 23988.

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Sing for Fun

PENSPEN INVESTING IN ITS PEOPLE

Penspen Ltd, operating under the Fuel Management Contract (FMC) with the St Helena Government, have successfully delivered another milestone. Twelve planned Secondees from our sub-contractor, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, have successfully completed training within their respective duties. The training encompassed health & safety (firefighting, manual handling, personal protective equipment and static electricity), environmental protection, product knowledge and fuel quality (dipping, sampling, testing and filtration). The training was delivered by Rob Auger, Graham Nundy and Andrew Almond-Bell from Penspen who are experienced trainers.



Andrew Almond-Bell, FMC Island Manager presenting certificates to successful recipients (L to R, Front: Jamie Yon, Stephen Constantine and Marita Bagley. L to R, Rear: Larry Henry, Hensil Williams, Brian Peters, Danny Bowers, Gary Benjamin, Richard Constantine, Gregory Plato and Andrew Almond-Bell. Missing from the photograph are: Andrew Plato and Carlos Soto).

Investment in the team on-island will be an ongoing process. Training is an integral part of the project implementation and operation with health and safety being the most paramount. This training underlines both Penspen's drive and determination to ensure that its entire team are afforded the best possible training and are skilled and compliant with good industry practices.



MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND

Sat 6th October mix dance tunes by DJ Prudi starting from 9 pm. Entrance fee will £1 per person, all monies will be donated to Cancer Awareness.

Sun 7th October Usual opening from 3pm.

INVITATION FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR A GROUNDS MAINTENANCE/ HANDYMAN

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced persons to provide a grounds maintenance service for St Pauls Primary School.

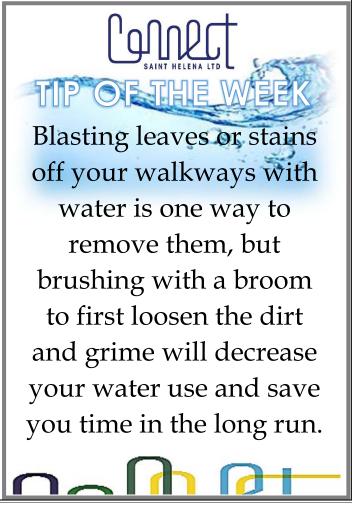
Interested persons must have some experience in maintaining grounds, including hedges, lawns, gardens, etc. and are expected to have their own equipment to provide the service.

For further details and a Tender Pack, interested persons should contact Mrs Robyn Franconi, Business Manager, (email robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh) or telephone 22607.

Interested persons may submit their proposal for tender in a sealed envelope, addressed to the Secretary, Tender Board. This can be placed in the Tender Box, located at the Administration Office, Education Learning Centre, Jamestown by no later than, Monday 15 October 2018.

Contractors must produce a clean vetting certificate, with their Tender Pack.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler
Director of Education and Employment
5 October 2018



Expression of Interest

The Saint Helena Government are seeking Expressions of Interest from contractors to undertake the proposed Demolition Works of the Main Office at Met Station, Bottom Woods.

The majority of the works will include the handling of asbestos therefore contractors who are qualified/certified are invited to submit an interest.

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, 11th October 2018 and should be addressed to Miss Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.

Invitation to Tender

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

Internal Refurbishment of No.7 Harris Flats, 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 to view the works will take place on Friday, 12 October 2018, at 10am, meeting at Harris Flats, Jamestown.

If you require any further details, please contact the Assistant Buildings Manager, Mr Theron Henry, on telephone number 22270 or email theronhenry@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Friday, 19 October 2018.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.



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20 Years of serving remote Island communities

Border Security report for MV Helena Voyage 008 north from Cape Town.

In total 14.6 tonnes of 33 varieties of fruit, vegetables were imported which included, 5.3 tonnes of white and red onions

and 8 Tonnes of Ware potatoes.

The ship anchored 06:00 on Sunday 30th September 2018

Two reefers with fruit and vegetable were landed between 10:00 and 12:55 on Monday 1st October. The first reefer was released to Customs at 15:10 and the second Reefer was released at 17:15 on the same day.

Onions, Ware potatoes and Pumpkin were landed around 14:45 on 02nd October 2018 and released at 10: 30 the next day.

Ginger came from China, garlic came from Spain, Kiwifruit from New Zealand, all other produce came from South Africa.







