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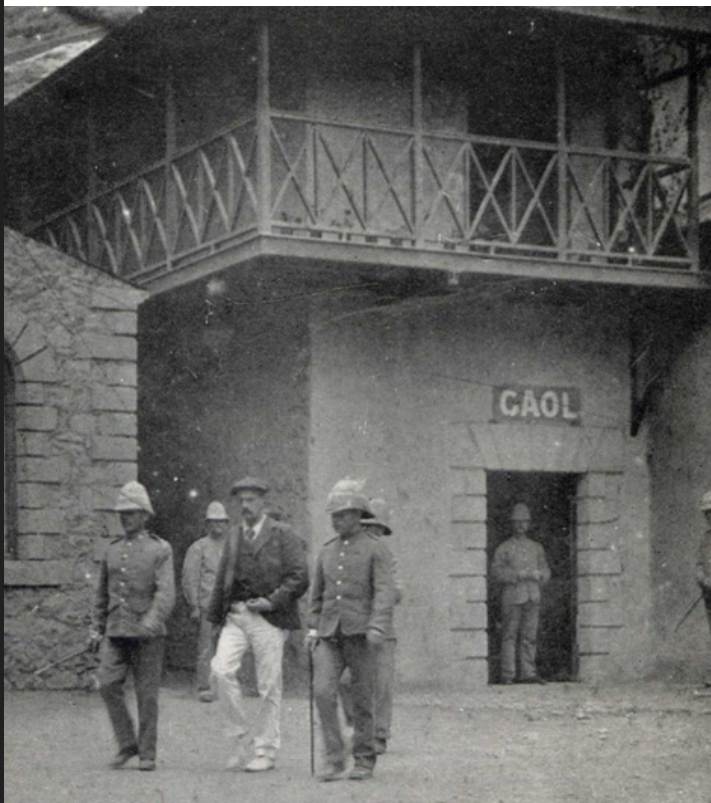
## **New Governor Appointed Lord Ashcroft Visiting Dr Philip Rushbrook**



**191 Years Old and Not Going Strong**



Lord Michael Ashcroft arrives today and will remain on island until early Saturday evening, among meetings with various people he will also be doing an exclusive interview at Saint FM on Saturday around lunch time



**Donny's Place is Celebrating  
its 20th Birthday**





## Team Carpe Diem head for the Cape

Last Saturday at about 1:30pm the Carpe Diem was detached from its moorings as the crew left James Bay and headed for Buttermilk Point. After that it is southwards for more 1,500 miles as Team Carpe Diem make for Cape Town and the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race. Starting on 26<sup>th</sup> December the leading yachts are expected to approach the finish line eight or nine days later.

Many people gathered at the landing steps to wish the crew well. The goodbyes started at around midday when Bishop Dale and Father David were present to bless the crew and their yacht, wishing them God's speed and safe passage.



**Bishop Dale and Father David watching the Carpe Diem crew arrive at the landing steps from their yacht for the blessing.**



**Eventually the time came to leave. James Herne rounded up his crew and they made their way once more to the landing steps where more goodbyes were said accompanied by warm hugs and a few tears here and there.**



**The crew, with sons, daughters, brother and sister not wanting to quite let go yet**



**Finally the crew move the Carpe Diem out of James Bay accompanied by one or two other boats.**



**When the blessing ceremony was finished the crew and well-wishers went to the yacht club to toast the crew with a drink from the bar.**



## ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

**15<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

**Ross James O'Dean (26) of Jamestown**, pleaded guilty to a charge of Common Assault. He was given credit for pleading before a trial plea and was dealt with by way of a fine in the sum of £120.00. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

**Rico DeeJay Benjamin (24) of Jamestown**, pleaded guilty to a charge of Common Assault. He was given credit for pleading before a trial plea and was dealt with by way of a fine in the sum of £120.00. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

# The Mysterious Case of the Missing Race Trophies

Only the Governor's Cup remains from the trophies presented in the past to winners of the various categories in the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race, previously known as the Governor's Cup race. The Governor's Cup itself has been carefully looked after in the St Helena Museum but the rest have been lost, so far without trace.

There was the Bellows Plate, awarded to the yacht winning Line Honours, the first yacht to cross the finishing line. Also gone is the Waterman Trophy for the winner on handicap, other trophies have been awarded in the past based on the class of yacht; these also will not be presented in January when the race finishes in James Bay.

The Royal Cape Yacht Club, organisers of this year's race and previous races cannot trace them nor can False Bay Yacht Club, which organised some Governor's Cup races after the turn of the century, nor the St Helena Yacht Club. St Helena Tourism is similarly bereft of any answers.

It is not usual for trophies of this sort to be given to the winners for them to keep until required for the next scheduled competition. However, in the absence of any other explanation maybe this could be the case and the winners have not been traced – a difficult task if they spend most of their time on the high seas.

For the 2018 Cape to St Helena race organised by the Royal Cape Yacht Club there will be prizes awarded to:-

- To the first 5 finishers on corrected time in the monohull fleet;
- To the first finisher on corrected time in the multihull fleet;
- To the first boat of either fleet to finish on actual time;



**Safe and Sound – the Governor's Cup**



**Disappeared without trace – the Bellows Plate**

The Governor's Cup will be awarded to the winner on corrected time in the monohull fleet.

'Corrected time' means using a mathematical calculation so that all yachts compete on level terms. This means a cruiser can beat a racer when the calculation is made to even out the advantage the racer would normally have,

## CHANGE TO MINIMUM INCOME STANDARD

Last week Executive Council approved a change to the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) that is used to determine the rates for Income Related Benefits (IRB) and Basic Island Pension (BIP).

**The following increases were made to Basic Island Pension:**

Categories	Old Rate	New Rate
Individuals with 30 or more qualifying years	70.20	71.30
Individuals with less than 30 qualifying years but more than 25 qualifying years	52.65	53.48
Individuals with less than 25 qualifying years but more than 20 qualifying years	35.10	35.65

**The following increases were made to Income Related Benefits:**

Categories	Old Rate	New Rate
The Applicant	67.90	69.00
For each additional adult in the household	38.90	39.70
For each of the first three children in the household	27.16	27.60
For each additional child thereafter	20.37	20.70

The approved Social Security (Amendment No. 2) Regulations,

2018, came into effect on Friday, 30 November 2018. Payment at these new rates will commence from the week ending 13 December 2018. In recognition of this, payment of the arrears of two weeks will also be made.

In addition to this, Executive Council also agreed that an ex-gratia payment be made to households and individuals in receipt of IRB and BIP that recognises the four week period that has lapsed between the end of October, when Executive Council had previously given a commitment to review IRB and BIP, and the actual date of the uplift.

The arrears and ex-gratia payment will be made to all recipients with their benefit payment for the week ending 13 December.

Letters will be issued to all IRB recipients and to BIP recipients in receipt of another pension, detailing their new adjusted rate. Letters will not be issued to recipients only in receipt of BIP as the uplift is a basic change as detailed in the table above.

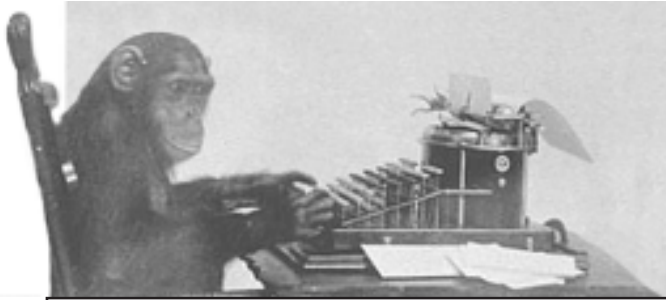
Reference to the ex-gratia payment or the arrears in benefit will not be included in the letters. Anyone in receipt of IRB or BIP is advised to check your Remittance Advice that accompanies your benefit payment.

If any member of the community would like further information about eligibility for both BIP and IRB, or the new rates, they can contact the Social Security Office, at the Post Office in Jamestown in person, by appointment, or via tel: 22605.

**SHG  
6 December 2018**







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# Editorial

I have here a 'spot the difference' game – with a difference. You may remember I mentioned on this page last week the large number of press releases issued from the SHG press office about what the police are doing. The steady stream of information continues this week with "Initial Police Training – Week Six". Last week however, in "Initial Police Training – Week Five" the press release included a photo of two happy policemen wearing riot gear. That's right, RIOT GEAR! The broad smiles on the faces of Saint Policemen seem to indicate even they think this part of Initial Police Training (part five) is not entirely necessary. This situation has the smell of 'one size fits all'. Just because it's part of initial police training in the UK dressing up in riot gear has to be done here too; even though it's a waste of time and money.



Meanwhile, a few thousand miles away the expressions of the faces of policemen in riot gear is very different. The body language says it all. Pumped up with testosterone the Boys in Blue are ready to wield their batons, and worse. Very probably, in a few moments time there will be blood running down people's faces, ambulance sirens wailing, stone throwing, tear gas, shop windows broken and cars of fire. Just the kind of thing we need to train police to be prepared for in St Helena.

Tristan da Cunha is represented at the Joint Ministerial Council (JMC), as is St Helena. The difference is that daily reports appear on the Tristan Government website telling people something about what is happening at the meeting reputed to be the

most important between Overseas Territories representative and UK Government Ministers. Meanwhile in St Helena we have weekly updates on Initial Police Training. The main discussions at this week's JMC were the effects of Brexit on the Overseas Territories (Tristan made sure their lobster trade was part of the discussion) and the devastation hurricanes have caused and will cause the Caribbean Territories.



Ian Lavarello, Tristan's Chief Islander, congratulates Philip Rushbrook on his appointment as Governor-Designate for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha on the day his appointment was confirmed.



Ascension's Kitty George with Tristan's Ian Lavarello  
**Have a warm weekend, Vince**



*The St Helena Cricket Association will hold its Annual General Meeting next week on Wednesday, 12<sup>th</sup> December. In addition to the usual agenda items, there will be discussion on the upcoming cricket season and feedback on the two ICC and ACA international tournaments held in Botswana, recently. All cricketers are welcome to attend. The venue for the meeting will be confirmed later this week.*



## And now for something completely different

Vince Thompson

Dr Philip Rushbrook has a Curriculum Vitae (CV – list of jobs during career) which stretches back over 35 years. Next May Dr Rushbrook will be adding Governor of St Helena to a long and varied career. In the 1980's he was working on waste research and new ventures with the UK Atomic Energy Authority. In the 1990's he switched to work in environment disciplines in both the private and public sectors. At the same time Dr Rushbrook switched from atomic waste to household and clinical waste, with authorship of several authoritative publications. At the turn of the century he was with the World Health Organisation (WHO) as a regional advisor for environment and health.



**World Health  
Organization**

After spells at the Cabinet Office and HM Treasury in leading roles on administrative reform Dr Rushbrook took jobs in one or two of the world's hotspots. As a regional advisor for environment and health at the WHO he had already been involved in the grisly business of mass graves at Kosovo and elsewhere in the former Yugoslavia where the rotting remains of several hundred humans were contaminating the water supply. In 2008 he was back with the WHO in the Sudan as a special advisor.

In the space of three years Dr Rushbrook skipped from the Home Office to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and arrived in the Turks and Caicos Islands (TCI) as Director of Government Reform and Economic Recovery. This was in 2011-13 when massive corruption allegations rocked the British Overseas Territory. Dr Rushbrook was Deputy Head in the Governor's Office when the main corruption figurehead, Michael Misik, was arrested in Brazil and returned to TCI.



**Dr Philip Rushbrook**

Another delicate situation followed when Dr Rushbrook was handed the 'Afghan Interpreters UK Resettlement Programme'. Afghan interpreters for the British Army during the war in Afghanistan were now in fear of their lives as the Taliban tried to gain power after the British had left the country. The question of Afghan interpreters not being given sufficient protection by the British after the war became a contentious issue. It was only recently been resolved when earlier this year UK visas were given to fifty interpreters and their families. It was reported in the UK press that the Afghan president accused the UK of failing the individuals, whom he said took "even bigger risks than the soldiers".

The next job for Dr Rushbrook was Chief Officer at the Sovereign Base Areas (SBA) of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in Cyprus. During his term from 2014 to earlier this year Dr Rushbrook made news in the local press when he took action to stop illegal bird catching and donated six fire engines from the SBA to Cypriot communities.

Dr Rushbrook will come to St Helena in May after leaving his most recent post which is Director of Governance Support at the Confederation of Service Charities.



**Cobseo**  
**The Confederation  
of Service Charities**

### **REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – ST HELENA GOVERNMENT FISHERIES INVESTMENT**

**Reference: CS-0150-SHG**

St Helena Government invite Investors to submit their ideas and/or proposal to help shape the future of St Helena's fishery industry.

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

This is the next step after the Expression of Interest stage, where we invited suppliers to register their interest.

A copy of the St Helena Government Fisheries Investment Prospectus (November 2018) can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to Procurement Services for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer on telephone number (00 290) 22470 or alternatively email address - [christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The deadline for submissions is 16.00 GMT on Friday, 15 February 2019, **SHG**



VolkerFitzpatrick have worked on Ascension Island in 2015 and are currently bidding for the job of repairing the Ascension Island runway. If we are successful in our bid would you like to work with us on the Ascension Island in any of the following roles?

#### Drivers

- Tipper trucks - £25k
- Road Tankers - £25k

#### Plant operators

- Excavator driver (20-35t) £25k
- Dump truck driver (20-30t) £25k
- Dumpers (up to 6ft) £25k
- Telehandler £25k
- Forklift £25k
- Roller £25k
- Dozer D6 £25k
- Loading Shovel £25k
- Road Planer £25k
- Concrete Mixer Truck £25k

#### Other Positions

- Slinger banksman £23k
- Drainage works £25k
- RC concrete works £25k
- General labour £19k
- Office admin £16k
- Fitter £25k

If you would like to work on the project please call Mike Olsson on telephone number +290-22327 or e-mail: [olsson@helanta.co.sh](mailto:olsson@helanta.co.sh) (Office hours 7.30-11.00 and 13.00 to 18.00) to tell us which roles you would be interested in and outline your relevant experience, training and certification. We anticipate the bulk of the work would start in the last quarter of 2019 with some activity beforehand. It is anticipated that the contract will be for 52 weeks, one year.

Expenses such as travel to and from Ascension Island, lodging and food would be included. Closing date is Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2018.





## APPLICATION CUT-OFF DATE

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2018 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms by no later than **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018**.

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until the New Year.

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh) for further information

## SATURDAY EVENING OPENING HOURS

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that their Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms will be open on the following evenings:

**SATURDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6:30PM to 8:00PM**

**SATURDAY 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 6:30PM to 8:00PM**

Lots of exciting goodies on sale!  
Shop at SURE!



## Customer Survey

Connect Saint Helena would like to thank everyone who took part in their 'Customer Communications Preference' survey and can announce the four lucky winners of the £25 draw are Joyce Oliver, Sylvia Plato, Stuart Moors and Gemma L Yon.

The survey will help us direct effort into the most effective ways of communicating with our customers. The survey showed: -

- 38% of respondents said their preference is to receive information via the local radio.
- 28% would like to receive information via the newspapers.
- Social Media received 15% thumbs up.
- 6% of respondents said they prefer information supplied with their bills.
- Family and friends received only 1% of the vote.

Scoring zero were: -

- Our website
- SHG's website
- Public Meetings

Thanks again to all who participated and congratulations to the winners.

**4 December 2018**



# COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS 2018

The following is a Public Announcement from the Education & Employment Directorate:

**The Education & Employment Directorate would like to advise that the Commonwealth Scholarship Commission in the United Kingdom (CSC) have extended it's deadline for inviting nominations from St Helena for scholarships tenable from October 2018.**

One nomination may be in either of the following categories:

- Commonwealth Master's Scholarship (one year)
- Commonwealth PhD Scholarship

And one nomination may be in the following category:

- Commonwealth Undergraduate Scholarship

Commonwealth Scholarships are intended to contribute to the development needs of Commonwealth countries by providing training for skilled and qualified professionals and academics and to contribute to UK higher education and foreign policy aims by encouraging collaboration and links.

Intended beneficiaries include academically successful candidates who wish to earn first degrees and high-quality postgraduate students who have the potential to enhance the development of their home countries with the knowledge and leadership skills they acquire.

The CSC aims to identify talented individuals who have the potential to make change and are of the highest academic quality. Scholarships are being offered under six development themes:

- Science and technology for development
- Strengthening health systems and capacity
- Promoting global prosperity
- Strengthening global peace, security and governance
- Strengthening resilience and response to crises
- Access, inclusion and opportunity

The Commission is committed to a policy of equal opportunity and non-discrimination, and encourages applications from a diverse range of candidates. For further information on the support available to candidates with a disability, please see the CSC disability support statement at <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/csc-disability-support-statement>.

Further information on the Commonwealth Scholarships can be found on the website <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/applicants> or by emailing [robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Persons interested in a scholarship should write an initial letter of application that identifies the developmental theme they wish to apply under, the type of study that they wish to pursue, their reason for pursuing it, and its relevance to St Helena. In addition to this, the letter should include their professional aspirations and educational background including previous study undertaken and qualifications earned. Initial letters of application should be sent to the Scholarships Awards Committee, through the Secretary, Education Learning Centre, or via email to [robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:robyn.franconi@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than the extended deadline of **Friday, 14 December 2018**.

The Awards Committee is the official nominating body for the Scholarships Award and will decide on a suitable nomination based on the set criteria.

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**5 December 2018**

<http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh>



# What's in a promise?

Tammy Williams

Last Friday evening just a few minutes before midnight the Prime Minister Theresa May stepped foot on foreign soil in Buenos Aires, the Royal Air Force transported Ms May to what some have described as a *'trust-building'* meeting with the President of Argentina Mauricio Macri.

The two leaders met privately at a side room in the Costa Salguero premises where *"everything unfolded in a frank dialogue and a positive ambience,"* according to Argentine Foreign Minister Jorge Faurie, who added that *"it highlights the level of relations that we have managed to develop in these years of government, we have talked about the entire bilateral relationship and that includes every issue."*

Meanwhile not too far away, 3,487 miles to be exact, a tiny island sits waiting for such a visit that one hopes will also be the start of a relationship based on trust and loyalty, where the discussions can be just as *"frank and positive"*

The airport and it's continuing challenges for us as an island and as a people do not go unnoticed, there are people who have taken a special interest in St Helena and will continue the campaign on our behalf and even as of recently in the House Of Lords, Meg Hillier tabled a question about the number of flights that had actually landed at the airport and in further correspondence to Saint FM and the Independent wrote *"The question was tabled by me for oral answer but it came down the list in the draw (we are drawn by ballot) and as Prime Minister's questions followed we did not reach this far down. Had we reached this I would have had a follow up question. I will be pursuing this with written questions and welcome any further news from on the ground (in this case, from the sounds of it, literally). You are possibly aware of the Public Accounts Committee report – I am determined to hold the Government to account. In particular it promised to analyse tourism figures once flights were regular – as we were sceptical about some of the projections"*

As I write this article I have spent the morning with Michael, Stefan and Jorge who are on island filming a 45 minute documentary for MareTV in Germany, it's a good heartened film meant to promote the island as a tourist destination, Michael assures me that this time next year we'll all be millionaires, (sorry Michael), actually what he said was that because of the film we would probably see a lot more German tourists visiting the island, according to Stefan, the sound engineer, it's aimed at a sophisticated audience, so no politics nor economics please.

In addition I am not allowed to talk about flight delays because *"We'll lose the audience altogether"* in fact the team have their own airport stories to tell, *"the Berlin Brandenburg Airport opening has been delayed five times"* said Stefan, beat that one, according to online news it has become the laughing stock of public works projects across Europe and of the aviation industry in particular, originally planned in the 1990s and scheduled to open in 2000, the airport's new launch date has been pushed back, yet again, and set for October 2020.

St Helena's airport has been labelled *'useless'*, a *white elephant* and *'a waste of tax-payers money'* not yet a *'laughing stock'* so there's hope, isn't there? But to compare St Helena



to other places would simply minimise the impact of the fall-out and that would do us no favours, countless pages and reports have been written, scandal mongering by various international news agencies, I myself have been merciless. I think Mike Olsson's article last week and the many other contributors to this platform have explained, re-explained, clarified and enlightened the masses about what has gone wrong and if we're gunning for anyone then the target should almost inevitably be the UK government, let's not waste our energy on anyone else.

We are looking forward to the day when a senior official from White Hall finds a slot in their diaries to pay a visit to the island, maybe even the Prime Minister; after all, on Friday evening she was not that far away. Perhaps I am wrong but one can't help the sneaky feeling that HMG are habitually trying to give St Helena the slip.

A brand new attitude and a huge dose of realism from all parties is what's needed the island recognises it's limitations but that's no excuse to allow the grass to grow under our feet, similarly the UK government needs to accept responsibility for those limitations.

I liken the airport to a gift wrapped box, it has enormous potential to bring good things to the island but currently the box stands full of empty promises, loyalty appears to have gone out through the window and accountability has long since flown.

The time has come for the UK government at the highest level to repair their relationship with St Helena and defend our cause, landing in Buenos Aires a few minutes to midnight to re-establish a relationship is hugely symbolic, let's not wait until the hour is passed.

**THE ROCK**

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON  
SUNDAY 9th December 2018 @  
**11:00** FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP  
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise  
Park

Transport is available from  
Jamestown, HTH  
Contact 23249

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**



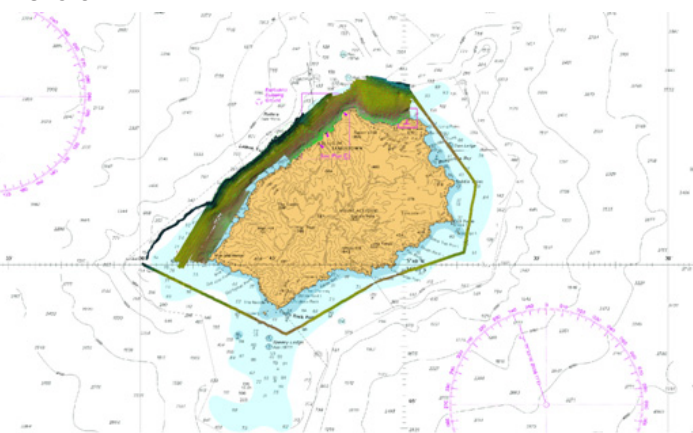
# From the sinking of the Titanic to Airlink turning plane around at Windhoek

One hundred and six years ago the RMS Titanic sank to the North Atlantic Ocean bed during its maiden voyage. As a result SOLAS was born two years later. The International Convention for the Safety of Lives at Sea (SOLAS) covers many things including safety of navigation and it is this aspect of SOLAS which brought the RRS James Clark Ross to St Helena last year and other research ships on other occasions.

It's taken a hundred years for the safety standards imposed by SOLAS to reach St Helena. The sudden urgency now is because the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) who is responsible for maintaining the standards set by SOLAS will be undertaking an audit in 2020 to check that standards are being maintained. As all merchant shipping registered in the Overseas Territories are flagged as part of the UK merchant shipping various departments and organisations within the UK Government are busy making sure all Overseas Territories now fully comply with SOLAS. The St Helena Admiralty Charts need to be updated significantly and have some gaps filled in.

Fast forward one hundred years to Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> November at Windhoek Hosea Kutaku Airport where four marine surveyors from the UK Hydrographic Office are listening with alarm to the Airlink pilot saying the plane is going back to Johannesburg. The team of four should have been aboard the Enchanted Isle three days previously and subsequent events caused them to be a further three days late. With the marine survey around St Helena's coastal waters costing £10,000 a day the lost time due to low cloud on Prosperous Bay Plain had to be regained. The surveyors work schedule was reviewed, revised and ramped up meaning the survey operations would stretch over 20 hours of each day to make up lost time. Despite this, it seems unlikely all the intended survey work will now be completed.

After losing the first week while waiting for a plane in Johannesburg the second week has so far gone well. The Enchanted Isle is equipped with echo sounder and Seismic survey equipment which will be used to map the seabed around the coast. The boat is also small enough to survey right inshore.



**After three days of survey work the coastal area from Flagstaff to South West Point is almost complete. The survey area already completed is depicted by the darker colour.**

The survey work will map the sea-bed from the coast to a depth of 200 metres. The dark line around the northern, east-

ern and southern coasts shows the survey route taken on Thursday when the Enchanted Isle did a circumnavigation of St Helena, mainly to test the ocean currents and prevailing conditions for the forthcoming survey work. While doing this, surveys of the sea-bed were taken and recorded for mapping. The area surveyed is indicated by the dark line around the Island. Survey will extend further seaward than the survey route shown for Thursday's circumnavigation. The 200 metre depth limit for survey work is about as far again from the coastline as the survey line shown on the map. After the sea-bed descends to a depth of around 600-700 metres there is a cliff face on the ocean floor all around the Island with a precipitous drop of 500 to 1,000 metres.

The week the survey work covered South West Point to Speery and after that the survey team will continue to Gill Point. It is hoped the Enchanted Isle will be able to remain off the southern coast during the four hours each night the survey team are not working on it. It takes about two hours to get the vessel to and from James Bay and the southern side of the Island as the ship proceeds with caution in the shallower waters; and then there is the survey equipment to set up. Remaining off the southern coast will save some very precious time.

The cost of the survey work is budgeted at £350,000 and there is more than £1million worth of equipment on board.



**The survey equipment onboard the RRS Discovery picks out a shipwreck lying on the seabed.**

While this particular wreck is in UK waters the survey of St Helena waters will add to our information on shipwrecks around the St Helena coast. This additional information will be very useful for divers and tourists visiting to dive St Helena waters. While the survey is primarily for safety of ship navigation the mapping will be shared with environmental agencies such as the Blue Belt project and the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate.

**DEBORAH WISHES TO ADVISE THAT HER  
HAIR DRESSING SALOON WILL BE  
CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER  
2018 TO JANUARY 2019. ANY  
INCONVENIENCE CAUSED IS VERY  
MUCH REGRETTED.  
SHE YOU LIKE TO WISH ALL HER  
CUSTOMERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND  
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR.**

## **ST HELENA BEAT SURGERIES DECEMBER 2018**

As part of their Neighborhood Policing Programme, St Helena Police Officers will continue their 'Beat Surgeries' in various places around the Island throughout December 2018.

These surgeries are designed to take place in busy areas where it is easier for more people to attend. Members of the public are encouraged to use these surgeries to raise any concerns or issues affecting them, or to report crimes or give information on any offences or offenders. Police will also be available for community engagement, consultation, help and advice.

Please see below the dates, times and venues for December.



**St Helena  
Government**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Venue</b>
Sunday, 2 December	2pm – 4pm	Francis Plain
Tuesday, 4 December	5pm – 7pm	V2 Paradise, Longwood
Wednesday, 5 December	2pm – 4pm	Blue Hill areas
Wednesday, 5 December	5pm – 7pm	Alarm Forest areas
Friday, 7 December	3pm – 5pm	Sandy Bay Shop
Saturday, 8 December	10am – 12pm	The Canister, Jamestown
Monday, 10 December	11am – 1pm	Half Tree Hollow Supermarket
Monday, 10 December	5pm – 7pm	Longwood Avenue / Longwood Police Post
Tuesday, 11 December	2pm – 4pm	Rupert's Valley
Wednesday, 12 December	10am – 12pm	General Hospital
Friday, 14 December	3pm – 5pm	Phillip Johns Shop, St Pauls
Saturday, 15 December	4pm – 6pm	Silver Hill Shop, Levelwood

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**30 November 2018**



### **END-OF-MONTH VETERINARY CLINIC IN JAMESTOWN**

The Veterinary Section of the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD) wishes to advise the public that the last Jamestown Clinic for the year ending 2018 will take place on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December from 12 - 2 pm in front of the Grand Parade.

This will be your last chance to purchase flea and worm treatments for cats and dogs before the New Year. Payment will be accepted as cash or cheque only.

The public are also reminded that the contact details for the Veterinary Team are as follows: **telephone 24724 between 08:30 and 16:00 Mon- Fri, emergencies only out-of-hours telephone 62039/ 26162.** Calling members of staff at home when they are not on duty is not acceptable and could delay your animal receiving veterinary attention.



## INITIAL POLICE TRAINING WEEK SIX

The students started week six of the Initial Police Training course with their last formative training event before commencing the final assessment week. They all did exceptional and are ready to take on the final week of training.

Tuesday saw them learning how to complete the last stages of a report file and once again highlighted the importance of attention to detail.

On the Wednesday, students were taught how to interview both suspects and witnesses, they all practiced being the interviewer and the suspect/witness.

There was a rare day off on Friday and the tutor's organised a fishing trip followed by a barbeque. The training team were taught the skills of fishing by some of the students, though it seems the trainers still have a long way to go.

Tutor, Learning & Development Sergeant, Mark Coombe, said:

"The students have come a long way from day one of week one of the course when they were all individuals. They now operate and support each other as one unit. They will now enter week seven when all the skills that they have learned and developed will be put to the test."



**PC Martin Franconi & PC Wendy Van Rensburg during a scenario**



**PC Martin Franconi making an arrest during a scenario**



**PC Martin Franconi taking the offender into custody following the scenario**



**Students and Tutors enjoyed fishing and barbeque on a rare day off from training**





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# *Police Constable* **Sebastian Williams** Student Profile

Police Constable Sebastian Williams is a new officer within St Helena Police and is currently carrying out his Initial Police Training seven-week course. Get to know your officer through his profile below:



## **Where is your favourite place to be on St Helena?**

I love my surroundings at home in Alarm Forest, but in a whole, I love the Island. There's always amazing and beautiful nature all around, wherever I go.

## **What is your favourite food?**

I love eating healthy, so anything with a good source of protein.

## **What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I love staying active, so I enjoy running and walks in nature, as well as weightlifting. For me, balance is important, so I also enjoy reading to expand my thought process and also having thought provoking conversations with friends.

## **Why did you decide to join the St Helena Police Service?**

I have always believed in adding value to peoples lives and giving back to my community. There is nothing more valuable than to lay down one's life for their family, friends, and community. What better way to do that than to serve the wonderful people of St Helena through the St Helena Police service.

## **What has been your favourite part of the Initial Police Training course so far?**

Meeting and engaging with the community as a Police Officer.

## **What is your advice to others who might be thinking of joining the St Helena Police Service?**

If you love doing the things that real-life superheroes do to serve, protect and give back, then come and join the St Helena Police.





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Date	Tourist Office Tel: 22158	ESH Office Tel: 22920
Monday 24th December 2018	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Tuesday 25th & Wednesday 26th December 2018	Closed	
Thursday 27th & Friday 28th December 2018	9.00 am — 3.00 pm	Closed
Monday 31st December 2018	8.30 am — 12 noon	Closed
Tuesday 1st January 2019	Closed	
Wednesday 2nd January 2019	Open as normal	

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone

*A Very Happy Christmas and a Prosperous 2019,*

We extend thanks to all who supported our activities throughout the year and gave valuable feedback.

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AGRICULTURE  
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Leigh Morris, who is a chartered horticulturist, was commissioned by ANRD to research upskilling, capacity building and development initiatives to help achieve the outcomes of the National Agriculture Policy 2014-20. A Training Needs Assessment (TNA) was undertaken to determine priority training and development requirements. This assessment, undertaken during May through to September 2018, covered open field and covered production cropping, livestock, poultry and beekeeping. The TNA was carried out through a series of face-to-face interviews and group meetings with 54 individuals from across the agriculture sector.

A workshop for agriculture producers and merchants was held at Jamestown Community Centre on Wednesday, 28 November 2018 from 1.30pm until 4pm. This workshop was the first stage in the delivery plan of the TNA.

The main focus of the workshop was discussing potential ways to increase the quantity of fresh produce available on the island and collaboration across the sector. The participants were asked to reflect on previous initiatives to increase fresh produce availability and then listing and prioritisation of the future actions the participants would like to see take place. Some of the main key priorities identified by them were the need for stronger links between the producers and retailers, and the need for education and involvement from the youth.

Leigh commented on the workshop: *"It was fantastic to facilitate such great participation and witness the discussions taking place between producers and retailers, who had clear suggestions and enthusiasm for more collaboration to enable more local fresh produce to be made available on the island. This was an important first step and I believe there is potential to get some real successes with those who want to work together."*

St Helena Agriculture: Development and Training Needs report by Leigh Morris can be found at : <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2018/12/Agriculture-Training-Needs-Analysis-Report-Oct-2018.pdf>

**If you have a business idea or are an existing business and require assistance, please contact a member of the Business Development team on telephone 22920 or e-mail Business Development Co-ordinators: [delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh](mailto:delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh) or [mandy.obey@esh.co.sh](mailto:mandy.obey@esh.co.sh).**



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## Festive Season Openings 2018

Date	Wharf Kiosk	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending
Monday, 24 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00			
Tuesday 25 & Wednesday 26 December	Closed				
Thursday, 27 December	Closed	09:00 - 14:00			
Friday, 28 December	Closed				
Saturday, 29 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00		Closed	Closed
Monday, 31 December	Closed	09:00 - 13:00			
Tuesday, 01 January 2019	Closed				

Please Note: International Remittance Services will close at 11:00 on Monday 24 December, at 13:00 on Thursday 27 and at 12:00 on Monday 31 December 2018.

The Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk will open as usual on Saturday 22 and 29 December 2018 from 10:00 to 14:30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Wednesday, 02 January 2019.

Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.





## **Panel Beater/ Paint Sprayer Turbo Tim @ Falklands 4x4**

We have an immediate need for an experienced panel beater/ paint sprayer to join the team with Turbo Tim @ Falklands 4x4, this will include weekend work and overtime.

The successful candidate must be able to work as part of a team but also be able to undertake tasks unsupervised and to deadlines.

Benefits include an annual bonus scheme, membership of the Falkland Islands Pension Scheme with a Company contribution paid for you.

Rates of pay shall be based on qualifications and experience.

Applicant must be of clean sober habits.

Timmy Francis Manager Turbo Tim @ Falklands 4x4 will be on St Helena from the 8th December 2018 and can be contacted on 00290 22124. He will be happy to meet with anyone interested in the above post.

Interested persons can also email [turbo.timfalklands4x4@fic.co.fk](mailto:turbo.timfalklands4x4@fic.co.fk) before the 1st December 2018 to show your interest or to arrange a meeting upon Mr Francis's arrival in St Helena.



### **Vacancy – Internal Auditor**

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy for an Internal Auditor to work on a part time basis for 30 hours per month. The Internal Auditor will provide independent assurances of the effectiveness of the Company's risk management, governance and internal control processes in accordance with international standards and best practices.

#### **Duties Include:**

Compilation and implementation of the annual Internal Audit Plan; performing audit checks across a range of business activities and follow up actions; monitoring of internal control systems and recommendations on improvements; monitoring and assessing compliance with Company policies and procedures; identifying risks and providing analysis and advice to management; reporting regularly to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Audit and Risk Committee.

#### **The successful candidate will:**

Have at least 3 years Senior Internal Audit experience with sound commercial awareness; possess good problem identification and solution skills; be highly organised and able to work independently and an effective communicator able to present complex financial information to a wide ranging audience.

Experience in using Access Dimensions or similar accounting software is also essential to the role.

Full Membership of an Accountancy body is preferred but not essential.

For a full job description and application form, please contact Kerry Lane on 22255 or email [kerry.lane@connect.co.sh](mailto:kerry.lane@connect.co.sh). Completed application forms should be sent to Kerry at the above email address or delivered to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd Administrator Office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018.



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

The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit Health Care Assistants to work at the General Hospital. The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting in the provision of care in the hospital nursing service.

Essential qualifications required for this post are GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above. An NVQ level 2 in Care, or a willingness to obtain qualification is also desirable.

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

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.*

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500 or email [lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lisa.niemand@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, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by Tuesday, 11 December 2018

**Akeem Ali (Dr)**

**Director 27 November 2018**

**Health Directorate**



## **INTERESTED IN TRAINING TO BECOME A NURSE?**

St Helena Health Service requires more qualified nurses and would like to encourage individuals in the community to undertake formal nurse education (BSc Nursing). We would like to support Saints thinking of training to become nurses and would like to hear from interested persons.

### **Are you thinking about becoming a nurse?**

We would like to hear from any persons who are interested in training to become a nurse.

Please forward an expression of interest in writing to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh), by Wednesday, 21st December 2018.

We will then arrange informal meetings to discuss individual circumstances, education and experience and the ability to go overseas for all or some parts of the training.

**Dr Akeem Ali**

**Director, Health 27 November 2018**





## VACANCY – LOBSTER FISHERY FIELD WORKER ASSISTANT

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate has a vacancy for a part time Lobster Fishery Field Worker Assistant under the Darwin Project. Hours are flexible and can be negotiated. The contract will start in February 2019 for the duration of 12 months initially and may be extended for another 6 months.

The successful candidate will support the Project particularly assisting with the habitat and abundance survey data collection, recording of biometric data, tag and release programme, acoustic array installation and acoustic transmitter deployment.

The successful candidate must be able to demonstrate good written English, basic mathematic skills and have an understanding of environmental science. They must be able to drive and be a qualified scuba diver to a minimum PADI Advanced level or equivalent. Proficient IT skills – Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Access is also a requirement.

Salary for the post is at £8,613 per annum however, this will be paid on a prorata basis depending on the number of days worked per week.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Dr Ralf Bublitz, Lobster Project Officer on telephone number 22270 (or e-mail [ralf.bublitz@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:ralf.bublitz@enrd.gov.sh)).

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, or e-mail [karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh) by no later than Wednesday 12th December 2018.

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**Derek Henry**

**Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division**

**26 November 2018**



The World, the largest residential ship on the planet will be visiting St Helena from Sunday 9 December to Tuesday 11 December 2018.

This vessel has 165 luxury apartments on board.

There will be a Band Night at the Mule Yard on Monday 10 December from 6:00pm to 10:00pm where local bands, The Big Easy and Island Politics and the ships band the Fabulous Fossils will be playing.

**Join us for an evening of great entertainment.**

**For further information contact: Christina Plato on T. 22158**

**or e-mail: [Christina.plato@tourism.co.sh](mailto:Christina.plato@tourism.co.sh)**



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## VACANCY FOR TRAINEE ROCK GUARD

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate has an opportunity for someone who is looking to start or change their career to work in the Rockfall Section as a Trainee Rock Guard.

The successful candidate will be required to be available for on-call duties, to assist with mountain rescue operations, have a valid drivers' licence in Classes A, B and C and have an awareness of Health and Safety techniques.

Candidates will be required to undertake an assessment to determine their physical fitness and ability to work from heights.

The successful candidate will be trained in current international abseiling and rope techniques, hillside inspections and will have the opportunity to obtain a certificate for safe working from ropes.

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



If you are interested in finding out more about this post please speak with the Maintenance Supervisor, Mr Darin Francis or e-mail [roads.supervisor2@helanta.co.sh](mailto:roads.supervisor2@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms and Job Profiles are available from the Maintenance Supervisor or from Receptionist at Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or email [karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh) by no later than Tuesday 18th December 2018.

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

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***Derek Henry, Director, Environment and Natural Resources, 4 December 2018***

## VACANCY - MARINE CONSERVATION OFFICER



Do you have a passion for and knowledge of the island's marine world and a willingness to keep up to date with current marine information, if so the Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is looking for applications from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Marine Conservation Officer.

The applicant will be responsible to the Director and provide a management role to the marine team in relation to field work, communications, data and project management.

Applicants should as a start have an A level in Maths, English and Science however they must be willing to obtain further qualifications to meet the developing needs of the section. The applicant should also have at least 1 years work experience of data collection and management activities, be proficient in computer literacy in Microsoft Word, Excel, Power Point and Access and a Grade A and C driving license.

Salary for the post is at Grade D1 commencing at £11,034 per annum.

For further details on the duties of the above posts, please contact the Acting Marine Conservation Officer, Mrs Samantha Cherrett on telephone No.22270 or e-mail [samantha.cherrett@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:samantha.cherrett@enrd.gov.sh)

Application forms are available from the Receptionist at Essex House and should be completed and submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or e-mail [karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh) by no later than Monday 17 December 2018.

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

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***Mr Derek Henry***

***Director, Environment and Natural Resources 4 December 2018***



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Round 13 of the EPL started last Friday night and saw Cardiff picked up 3 valuable points as they defeated Wolves 2-1.

Crystal Palace's first home victory of the season which came against Burnley saw them end a run of eight league games without a win and move up three places to 14th.

Big decisions went against Huddersfield as they loss 2-1 with 10 men against Brighton.

James Maddison scored a brilliant goal as Leicester defeated Watford 2-0.

Bournemouth put the Champions Man City to the test as they were drawing 1-1 at half time. City had to work hard to earn all 3 points. Raheem Sterling and Ilkay Gundogan secured the win that sends them five points clear at the top of the Premier League.

Javier Hernandez, with two goals and a late strike from £36m summer capture Felipe Anderson ended Newcastle's run of three successive wins. The victory was only West Ham's second in the league away at Newcastle since 1998, and moves them into 13th spot, on 15 points. Newcastle drop down to 14th and have 12 points.

An appalling display by the big paid Manchester United stars saw Southampton took a 2 nil lead at St Mary's. United did manage to pulled the two goals back by half time but failed to do enough in the second half to end all 3 points. This has to be some of the worse performances by a 'United' team since the EPL began. Pogba and Lukaku were terrible and Mourinho's selection has to be questioned as he had too many defensive midfield players in the starting line-up. 'Enough' is 'Enough' he has to go.

Two goals; one early in the game and one late on in the game saw Chelsea defeated Fulham 2-0 in the first of the three derby games last Sunday.

In the second match Arsenal showed scintillating form as they defeated their North London rivals Spurs 4-2. Arsenal extended their unbeaten run to 19 matches, moving above Spurs into the top four, with a display that reflected the outstanding work their new Spanish manager Emery has done since succeeding Arsene Wenger.

In the last derby game of the day Jordan Pickford gave Liverpool a 96<sup>th</sup> minute early Christmas present as his error lead to the winning goal. The 232nd meeting between the city rivals was heading for a draw when Pickford mishandled a sliced Virgil van Dijk shot that had ballooned high up into the air. It seemed set to land on top of his net, but the England keeper clawed the ball back down from above his crossbar and spilled it out to Origi who scored.

A result like this could prove to be a good omen for Liverpool in their quest to pick up their first ever Premier League title. We Premier League fans had the luxury of having mid-week games this week. On Tuesday night City was 2-0 nil up against Watford but a late goal from Doucoure saw a nervy end to the

game for City.

West Ham's recent good form continued as they defeated Cardiff 3-1.

The game of the night was Brighton game against Crystal Palace Brighton produced one of the best Premier League performances of the season to sweep aside Crystal Palace despite playing for 62 minutes with only 10 men.

Bournemouth returned to winning ways as after 4 defeats in a row they beat Huddersfield 2-1.

On Wednesday night Manchester United much improved performance earns a draw against inform Arsenal. United fans will note the performance was good until the introduction of Pogba; Fellani and Lukaku.

Liverpool came from behind to beat Burnley 3-1; Everton drew 1-1 with Newcastle. New Fulham manager Raneri saw his current side go ahead against his old side Leicester only for James Maddison to equalise for the Foxes.

Wolves scored two goals in two minutes to beat Chelsea and Spurs had a comfortable 3-1 against Southampton.

This weekend's fixtures will start at 12.30 on Saturday when Bournemouth host Liverpool. Chelsea v Man City is the match of the weekend and will kick off at 5.30pm on Saturday. Champions League matches will return to our screens next week. Liverpool and Spurs are hoping to join the two Manchester teams in the draw for the knockout stages.

## Junior Futsal Results:

Futsal Semi Finals: 7-11 years

Dream team 5 v Jungle Rangers 1

G/S Dream team: Blake Peters 2; Dodi Williams 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin

POM: Lucio George & Eureeze Peters

Young Harts 10 v Yellow Devils 0

G/S Young Harts: Micaden Crowley 9 & 1 own goal

POM: Micadean Crowley & Ephren Stroud

Futsal Semi Finals: 11-15 years

Chop Shop Boys 12 v Rangers 4

G/S CSB: Ethan Harris 6; Jacob Williams 1, Jerome Peters 1, Aiden Plato 1 & Mitchell 1

G/S Rangers: Jolan Henry 1; Jeremy Thomas 2 & Renae Coleman 1

POM: Ethan Harris & Jeremy Thomas

Second semi saw Titans Forfeit they match to Allstars



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## SHFA Knock Out Cup Semi Finals:

Sunday was semi-finals day at Francis Plain. In the first match last season's winners went up against a good Bellboys team and beat them 3-1.

G/S Rovers: Rico Benjamin 2 & Ronan Legg 1

G/S Bellboys: Rick Joshua

MOM: Rico Benjamin

In the second semi Axis took the leads but Harts fought back and won the game 3-1

G/S Harts: Simon Scipio 1 & Sean Lee Thomas 2

G/S Axis: David Young

MOM: Selwyn Stroud & YMOM: Sean Lee Thomas

Fund Raisings for Ynys Mon 2019

Tickets are selling really well for the Raffle. Raffle tickets will be on sale at Francis Plain during Presentation day.

Due to Christmas Functions the 80's Disco at the Rock Club with music by Wayne Crowie has been postpone to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> January starting at 8pm.

So far 50 persons have picked up sponsor papers for the Port to Port Sponsored walk which will start at the Airport and finished at Rupert's Jetty; walking via the haul Road. We are hoping to get at least 100 people to take part in this historic walk. Forms can be picked up from New Horizons.

**Football Presentation Day 2018**

**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

9.30am Pitch 1: Beginners League (Friendly)  
9.30am Pitch 2: Allstars v Chop Shop Boys (Knock Out Futsal Final)

10.30am Pitch 1: Young Harts A v Dream team (Knock Out Futsal Cup Final)  
10.30am Pitch 2: Jungle Rangers v Yellow Devils (Friendly)

12.30: join SHFA Squad training for training session and 11 v11 game

2pm SHFA Knock Out Cup Final: Rovers v Harts

4pm: Presentation of Cups and Trophies

Amphibians Bar will be open. Snack Shack will have food on sale

Shirley's ice Creams

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## Fundraising with Girlguiding St Helena

Creating funds and organising activities and events in order to boost and maintain reasonable levels of income, takes a lot of effort on a lot of people's behalf, and those who have already raised money or given donations to our Girlguiding Association, are no exception. We have appreciated all the support that our very generous community has already given in the past and we hope that what has been organised for those events has been enjoyed and appreciated by everyone – the givers and receivers alike.

To make mention of fundraising efforts and generous donating this year, is to pay tribute to members of our own GG Association: Trefoil Guild, Section/Unit Leaders/Helpers, young members, Commissioners, President and Guide Council, who willingly set time aside and give commitment to pursuing different ventures and undertakings, and setting these in motion. Of course this voluntary enterprise shows the true spirit of guiding, be it through group or individual endeavours. It is part of what we are about and nothing is too much to consider when we are working together for the good of Girlguiding.

Of course none of our ventures are entirely our own accomplishments or achievements, as without the help and support of other individuals or groups, fundraising would not be as successful or achievable. We have the general public to thank and we continue to seek their support and interest in what we do, and ask to continue to support our efforts.

So, at this point in time, it is appropriate to thank all efforts of fundraising this year, particularly in recent months, namely: The Ilylets, who raised a tremendous amount from their around the Island 'Dottie Come Home' homegrown comedy/drama and to Sharon Wade for hosting a Quiz Night at the Jamestown Community Centre. Your efforts and donations are very much appreciated. We extend a huge thankyou to everyone.

These are just two recent successful events, but, currently, we are not stopping there; we are in the throes of running a Christmas Quiz (with a difference) – the difference being that you do not need to come to a venue in teams and sit and answer questions from a Question Master. You simply need to collect a Quiz Sheet

from a member of GGirlguiding, pay £1 for it, take it away and fill in the answers in the comfort of your home, or any place you fancy having a quiet think about the clues and answers that all relate to the Christmas season. We have already received a few completed entries, but don't worry because you have until Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December to complete and hand in your sheets to those members of the GGA named on them. Once the sheets are marked, the person with the highest number of correct answers will receive a grand Christmas Food Hamper! In the event of a tie, then the winner's name will be drawn from all equal entries. A second fundraising event is planned for the New Year – a 2019 Twelfth Night Ball - to be held at Plantation House by kind permission of Governor Lisa Honan, who is our Ambassador for St Helena Girlguiding. The event takes place on Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, which of course is the eve of Twelfth Night. Tickets are being sold at £10 per person and there will be small eats on offer, courtesy of Plantation House, and a bar available. We hope the night is bright and clear and that you will find your way to this event by way of a star-lit sky! You might even want to dress in 'kingly/queenly' robes!!

GG St Helena would like to thank both Radio Stations- SAMs and SFM- for allowing us to promote our fundraising events on their radio shows. We have already received favourable comments about what's coming up, as well as donations towards our fundraising efforts, AND requests for Quiz sheets and Twelfth Night Ball tickets!! This is so encouraging, so just keep on coming!

Thank you to all of you interested and supportive people, and we look forward to your participation in our current and forthcoming events, as well as continuing to be supportive over the next few weeks and into the New Year and beyond. We are part of an extremely exciting and inspiring organisation, and we do it all in the name of our young people- our leaders of tomorrow.

We take this opportunity to wish everyone a peaceful, happy Christmas and a prosperous 2019.

Contributed by Betty Joshua  
PRO for GG St Helena





# FAMILY BINGO NIGHT

- +Fun for all the family
- + Food
- + Prizes
- + Tombola



Proudly hosted by Rose & Crown Ltd in aid of The St. Helena Football Association

**Friday 28th December**

**7-10pm**

**Jamestown Community Centre**

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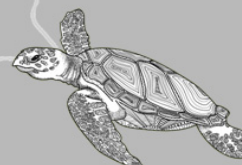
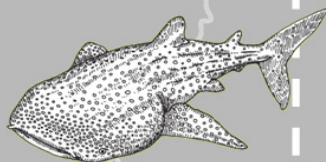
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## Christmas Celebrations

**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018**

**10:30am – 12noon**

**At the Canister**

*Join us for our Annual Carolling Event featuring our talented trainees singing a list of traditional carols for you to enjoy...*

*Plus, on sale will be a range of our festive products perfect for Christmas Presents!*

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS – Provision of Ferry Service

**Reference: CS-0187-SHG**

The St Helena Government is seeking Request for Proposals for the Provision of Ferry Service.

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

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to Procurement Services for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer on telephone number 22470 or alternatively email address - [christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Thursday, 20 December 2018.

**SHG**



### TIP OF THE WEEK

Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need (ensure that the element is covered). If you boil more water than you need, save the excess in a thermos flask to use later.



## The Pageant Cup 2018

What a great way to complete 2018. Qualifying for Class-X and now, winning the Pageant Cup and becoming the best .22 small-bore rifle shooter in Oxfordshire.

My Oxfordshire shooting career started in the summer of 2011 when joining the local shooting club "City of Oxford Rifle & Pistol Club". Oxfordshire has/had many good shooters, some who has gone on and shot for England and Great Britain. So competition was always going to be of a high standard. This is the trophy that is on the top of every Oxfordshire's rifleman's/riflewoman's wish list. But to be honest it came as a surprise to me when I was told I'd won it. Because of past performances I thought I didn't stand a chance of winning it. Might have been a blessing in disguise as I shot the year without pressure and unaware that I was in the running for it. My comment on "Past performances" was not that I shot badly, but to be in the running for the Pageant Cup you need to shoot well consistently throughout the year. With the juggling of Air rifle, Prone, and 3 Position (Standing, Kneeling, and Prone) during the year, performance can drop slightly when trying to balance training across the 3 different disciplines. It's times like this that makes the training and sacrifices worth it.

**The Pageant Cup** – On inspecting the shields attached to the base of the trophy, it soon became apparent the history of the cup. The oldest shield dated back to 1909, with names showing up and then disappearing through the ages. At the



presentation dinner listening to stories of previous winners. It was then I felt a new appreciation for the Pageant Cup. The history it bore, and what it means to the Oxfordshire shooting family. And now I feel privileged knowing my name will also be added to the Cups register. And hopefully my story be added to the stories told at future presentations, off a shooter from the small Island of St Helena somewhere out in the South Atlantic Ocean!

*Kind regards, Simon Henry*

## GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018- "Turkey and Ham" competition.

Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018 the club hosted our second "Turkey and Ham" competition for the year. Weather turned out to be windy and overcast, but this did not deter 23 players from entering. The competition was played in the Stableford format and kicked off at 12h00. Two players were tied for the first place with 36 points, and after the count back Leon Crowie was awarded with the first place and Norman Thomas took the second place. The two ball competition was shared by Larry Legg and Lawson Henry. Well done to all the winners. Enjoy your turkey and ham over the festive season.

The past weekend on Friday night, the club hosted a social evening. Although the turnout was not high, the members that did attend had a fun filled evening. The band that was playing consists of members of the golf club, and although they had not played together for 23 months, the tunes they played entertained us till early in the morning. Big thanks to King George, Gerald and Norman. You guys are the best. Next Sunday 9th December the club will host the Richard James competition, with tee off times starting from 12h00. A number of members have already registered. If you haven't registered and would like to play please leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We look forward to seeing you on the course. Members are also reminded that the annual subscription fees for 2019 is due to be paid by end of January 2019.

**Contributed by:**  
**Deon Robbertse**  
**President**



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**Sat. 22nd Dec 10am to 3pm 7pm to 9pm**

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**Sat 29th Dec 9am to 1pm 7pm to 9pm**

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**2nd Jan 2019 back to normal shop hours**

**A Merry Christmas to you all!**



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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December

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## VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

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

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

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

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

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs. Wendy Benjamin, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone number 22607 or e-mail [wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh)

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Acting Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail [santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Wednesday, 19 December 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. Wendy Benjamin  
Acting Director of Education & Employment  
7 December 2018





# CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Come and join Pilling Primary School in front of the Canister.

On : Tuesday 11th December  
At : 12 noon

where they will help you to get in the Christmas mood by singing to you some well known Christmas carols and songs.



# CHRISTMAS BONANZA

Pilling Primary school will be hosting their annual Christmas Bonanza in the school yard

On : Friday 14th December

Starting at: 6pm

with stalls, car boot sales, hot food stall, tuck shop, tea and mince pies, cake stall, games stall and activities

centre for the kiddies, raffles and much more.

At 7pm there will be a musical concert for all to enjoy

Any one requiring a table for a stall or a Car Boot entry can contact the school on 22540

Car boot stall -£5



# FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

19th December 2018

COME AND JOIN

PILLING PRIMARY'S MOST POPULAR EVENT

'FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS'

Starting from the General Hospital

At 7.15/7.30pm

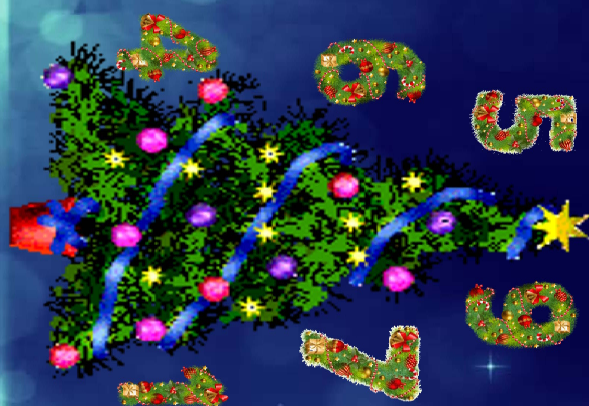
A parade of lights through Jamestown and

ending at the Grand Parade with a short entertainment

A collection will be taken from all participants at the Hospital and then en route through Jamestown.

Big focus on lights—Dress in lights, decorate your vehicle, light up your house in Jamestown.

Large floats to enter with school beforehand.



# CHRISTMAS COUNTS

Head teacher, staff and pupils invite you to our Advent Service

On: Thursday 06th December 18

At: St. James' Church

Starting at: 12.15pm

A collection will be taken in aid of Pilling Primary PTA

and a donation will be made to St. James' Church.





# CHRISTMAS & CELEBRATION EVENTS AT DONNYS

**DONNYS**  
Celebrating 20yrs In Business  
Friday, 14th - 9pm Till' Late  
**Fire & Ice** Theme



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**FOLLOWED BY  
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Saturday 22nd, December

**Christmas  
Ladies  
NIGHT**



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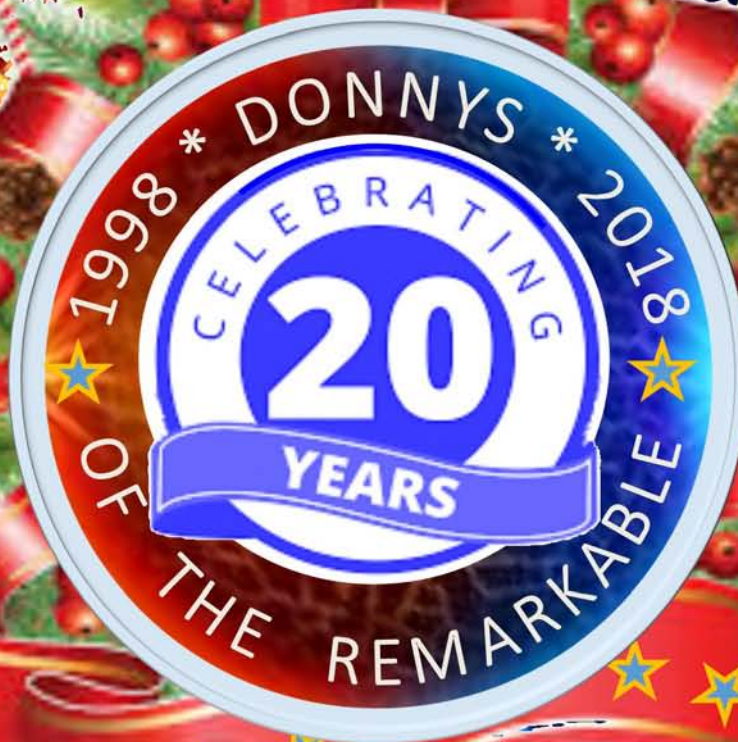


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## 191 years old and not going strong

The St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission have issued a 123 page report on the Conditions of Detention at HM Prison Jamestown. Forty-seven findings are itemised and thirty-eight recommendations are made. The prevailing conditions under which prisoners are in custody or on remand are held to be or may well be in very many ways in contravention of a range of international conventions and covenants both the St Helena Government and Her Majesty's Government have agreed to comply with. The report argues some of the many shortfalls in prison accommodation even disregard the St Helena Constitution. It is stated in the report that some situations within the prison can be argued to be in contravention of certain articles in the United Nations Convention Against Torture.

At the outset the report reminds us the prison was built in 1827 and as early as 1850 was declared unsuitable for further use. Just three years later a new prison was supplied from England. It was prefabricated and made from timber sections which could be bolted together. The new prison, situated in Rupert's Valley remained in use for thirteen years. In 1867 a military prisoner burnt the new prison to the ground. There appears to have been no loss of life but the prisoners had to be moved back to the Jamestown prison which was brought back into use and has remained in use ever since. The main concerns centre on lack of ventilation, natural light and overcrowding. Lack of privacy between male and female prisoners as well as between male prisoners is also a significant problem due mainly to the 191 year old structure being not fit for purpose. The Overseas Territories Prison Advisor (OTPA) reported in 2009, "The physical condition of the cells for adult male prisoners is unacceptable. There are 3 cells, each one able to hold up to 4 prisoners, but the cells have no sanitation facilities and no windows. Fresh air and natural light is negligible and I do not consider that the accommodation would withstand a challenge under Article 3 of the Human Rights Act 1998. (Article 7 of our Constitution). I believe that the cells need quickly to be taken out of use or significant changes made to them to make them habitable." The OTPA is contracted by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office however it appears the advice from their own advisor is continually given a very low priority.

The EHRC report states, "The prison and particularly the men's section are very hot in the summer months; both staff and prisoners complain about the heat and lack of air flowing through the prison. Both prisoners and staff told the Commission that this situation has been exacerbated by the large extension built in the development of the Mantis Hotel, which has reduced the air flowing through towards the day room and upper offices." Maladministration is indicated as the report points out, "A Cell Temperature Guidance Note was written in April 2017 but staff and prisoners were unaware of the document and the thermometers needed to follow the guidance were not purchased. No evidence was provided of any attempts to purchase thermometers."

In the 168 years since HM Prison Jamestown was declared unfit for purpose the only improvements made were to install electricity and a water supply. Flush toilets are now installed but not in each cell. The basic design and structure of the prison remain very much as it was when built in 1827.

The EHRC report asserts, "St Helena Government and its Senior Officials have demonstrably known

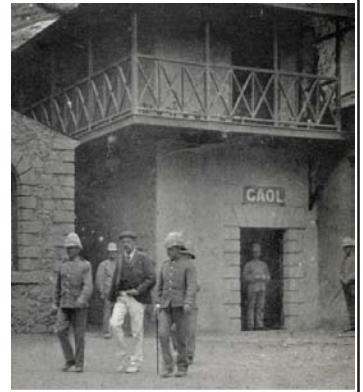
since 2009 that the prison is a serious risk to life due to the realistic danger of fire. SHG is failing in its positive obligation to protect the right to life" and continues, "The Station Officer reported in 2009 that the lack of ventilation in the day room would have an adverse effect in a fire. There has been no evidence that anything has been done to address this. The Commission has been told that the situation has been made worse due to the extension at the rear of the nearby hotel. This situation is very unlikely to withstand a challenge under the Constitution as SHG is knowingly housing prisoners in an unsafe environment and any serious fire is likely to result in loss of life." Driving the point home a further finding in the EHDC report states, "The Station Officer's recommendation to install a fire suppression system has not been followed, the Commission has been unable to establish why. SHG is failing in its positive obligation to protect the right to life."

The report points out, "In his (2010) report the OTPA states, "it remains my view that the existing prison is insecure, unsafe, and breaches human rights legislation (recently enshrined into the Island's Constitution) and is consequently not fit for purpose. I believe that Saint Helena Government is highly vulnerable to legal challenge by any of the prison's occupants or their representatives, and that the cost of a successful challenge would be significant."

The vulnerable position the St Helena Government is in is emphasised in the EHRC report when they point out, "The more information that responsible bodies have about the risks of harm to life, the greater the obligation to take action to prevent those risks from occurring. A key issue in any legal action or inquiry will be the extent to which warnings have been raised in the past, and the steps that were taken in response to those warnings. In the Commission's considered view many warnings have been given but few positive and productive steps have been taken to remedy the situation in the current prison and protect those people living and working in the prison now."

The litany of fundamental and important breaches of the ever-present duty of care on the part of SHG continues with, "The lack of regular fire drills and practice evacuations coupled with the knowledge that there is a serious risk of fire and a resulting loss of life is a breach of SHG's obligation to protect the lives of those in its care".

The report does praise the prison staff who have to work in difficult surroundings. "The Commission found that the staff, staff prisoner relations, medical service and basic education all met or exceeded the standards defined by United Nations Standard Minimum Rules for Prisons (SMR) and the human rights instruments extended to St Helena. The Commission has nothing but respect and regard for how the people involved have created such success in very difficult surroundings."



**HM prison Jamestown in 1901 – not a lot has changed**



# Events of the Week

New Horizons open their gates on Saturday morning at 10am for their very successful annual Christmas bazaar.

There were new and second hand goods from clothing, shoes, books, CD's, Childrens Toys, Furniture and lots more.

Shoot Stars were there selling their jewellery along with other small stalls selling clothing, cakes and various other bric 'n' brac items.

There was a steady flow of people throughout the day.

At 11am New Horizons Youth Leader Nick Stevens hosted a small auction with items such as a glass table, new kenwood food processor, portable speaker, printer and lots more which was very successful and brought in a fair amount of money. Nick Stevens confirmed to Saint FM that a total of £1,287.50 was taken on the day and New Horizons would like to extend their thanks to all who donated towards this bazaar.

They are still some fantastic items up for grabs but New Horizons are in the planning stage of organising another sale in Easter.....so watch the space.

On Saturday evening in the United Kingdom came together for the annual Christmas Dance held at Tilehurst British Legion to kick start the most wonderful time of the year in true St Helenian style!

The night started at 7pm until midnight with all the favourite Christmas songs and delicious St Helenian delights, it was said to have been the perfect occasion and enjoyed the whole family!

Over 150 tickets were sold for the dance and every year it is proved to be one of the successes hosted by the association.

The organisers thanked the following for making the event successful said "the amazing and brilliant DJ Phil Thompson had the floor packed and I'm sure you'll all agree we are so pleased to have him DJing for our events.

Shaz & Doug Stevens who have proven to be hard working, talented and complete ambassadors for the St Helena Association as they provided all the delicious food!

The staff at The Royal British Legion Tilehurst for all the efforts serving us from behind the bar and supporting our events. To everyone who donated a raffle prize as it was reported to be far one of the best raffles we've ever thrown.

The quality of prizes was sensational. (Whoever has that gorgeous homemade Christmas cake is in for a treat!)

And finally, to everyone who came and joined us thank you!

You brought the spirit of Christmas and St Helena with you and we are so pleased that you had a great time.



May you all have a wonderful Christmas and New Year and we'll see you again in May 2019 for our annual May Dance"

Sunday morning, the Salvation Army kick started their Christmas Caroling programme across the island at the Half Tree Hollow Hall, it was a well-attended event and enjoyed by all. Following the service, tea and refreshment were served.

The next district they will visit to spread the word and sing Christmas Carols will be tomorrow evening on the bridge in Jamestown. Also the Seventh Day Adventist hosted an after-





# Events of the Week

noon of Christmas Carolling.

All sung Christmas Carols to their heart content and were entertained by guest singers such as the Singspirationals, Joy & David Jeremiah, Johnny Carter, Stedson Stroud and many more.

It was said that the youngest of the singers were from the church's congregation who was 9 year old Jada Crowie who did extremely well.

Throughout the programme of music members of the church read some Christmas poems.

Following the performance tea and refreshments were available for all to enjoy.

Wednesday night in front of a fully packed church, St Paul's Primary School hosted their Advent Service entitled Stable Manners.

Bishop Dale Bowers gave the welcome followed by the entire congregation joining in by singing Away in a Manager.

Year 6 Pupil Jayann Fowler read the Bible reading.

Then came the performances from Nursery in song and dance entitled Baby Jesus, we love you, Reception also in song and dance entitled oh what a special night.

Pupils of both KS1 & KS2 performed a drama and song entitled Stable Manners with the overall message going to the congregation...what does Jesus means to you?

The group of actors were accompanied by the school choir in song and we're well enjoyed by all.

To conclude the performances year 5 accompanied by Madame Radcliffe performed the first two verses of Silent Night and invited all join in singing the last verse in English.

This was a wonderful and astonishing performance to all present.

To conclude the night Bishop Dale Bowers gave a blessing before handing over to Mrs Pat Williams, Head teacher for her closing remarks.

Our Congratulations are extended to all staff and pupils of St Paul's Primary School.

Yesterday, Pilling Primary School hosted their Advent Carol Service in a fully packed out St James' church.

Bishop Dale Bowers gave the welcome followed by Key Stage 2 pupils singing That First Night.

Luke Bargo read the Bible reading from Luke 2 v9-20.

Following this was 2 pieces done in song by the Nursery/ Reception children entitled Hey Ho away we go and year 3/4 with Hope of Heaven.

Key Stage 1 pupils then performed a drama and song entitled Christmas Count which told the Christmas story.

Bishop Dale followed this was prayers, then the senior pupils from Year 5/6 accompanied by Madame Radcliffe performed Silent Night in French and then the congregation joined in by singing it in English.

To conclude the service Bishop Dale gave his blessing followed by Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher of the school with her closing remarks.

It was a well enjoyed by all who attended and a big well done to all involved in this service.

**Leigh Richards**





## Believe and Achieve St Helena

Believe and Achieve St Helena or BASH is a charity on St Helena working with young people in Year 9. Our mission is; **to educate and inspire young people on St Helena to achieve positive personal, social and educational growth.** We do this through one to one mentoring with adults from the community and group activities.

BASH hosted their mixer session at Kingshurst Community Centre on the afternoon of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December. In attendance were 24 of the 26 Y9 young people signed up for Round 2 of BASH (2018/19). We would like to wish a speedy recovery to one BASH participant who was unwell and also wish Josh Herne and the Cape to St Helena team



sailing their way across the Atlantic the best of luck! It was great to see lots of parents and mentors also in attendance asking questions and getting involved in supporting the young people of St Helena.

The afternoon started out with name tags to help the adults get to grips with who's who. The BASH participants were also asked to fill out questionnaires as this was the first official BASH activity they had attended, these will be filled out again at the end of BASH Round 2 in September 2019.

Refreshments were donated by members of the BASH family and included fishcakes, scones, marmalade cake and cupcakes to name a few. The main event of the afternoon was the Skittles tournament which saw everyone divided up into four teams of 7 and made up of BASH participants and mentors alike; Glitter BASHerz, Kingz & Queenz, Never Readyz and Golden Strikerz. It was a social, fun way for everyone to get to know each other and the competitive team spirit could definitely be seen (and



heard) over the afternoon. The champions were the Never Readyz and it was great to see the young people getting involved and spending time with new people.

After a successful first group event, we hope to host the next in January 2019. We are extremely grateful to this Round's group of mentors, those that have contacted us about facilitating group activities and our wider BASH family and supporters!

BASH participants will be assigned mentors in the next few weeks so if you are still thinking of getting involved then please get in touch at [bash@helanta.co.sh](mailto:bash@helanta.co.sh).



## Scout's Jackpot Draw

The winners of the Scouts November Jackpot Draw were as follows: 1st prize - £100 – Brian O'Dean – Jamestown – Ticket No. 461; 2nd prize - £50 – Jodi Wade – Nr Hutts Gate – Ticket No. 498; 3rd prize - £25 – June Lawrence – New Bridge – Ticket No. 109 & 4th prize - £25 – Rita Nicholls – Thompsons Yard - Ticket No. 581.

The Draw for December will take place at the Standard Bar on Friday, 28 December 2018. Prizes to be won are 1 x £100, 2 x £50 and 4 x £25.

Tickets are available from the following vendors: Sylvia Stevens (Options), Standard Bar, Debbie's Hair salon (Market), Rose & Crown, Thorpe's Wholesale, Sharon MacDaniel, MTB's Mini Mart, C H Yon – New Ground, Maise's shop (Longwood) and Chad's Shop – they are also available from the following personnel: June Lawrence, Pat Crowie, Dorita Fuller, Elaine Benjamin, Angie Roberts, Colin Yon, Joy George –HTH, Bobby Essex, Ray Hudson, Anya & Terry Richards, and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Please remember to have any chance of winning, you must participate.

The 1st Jamestown Scout Group would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of its customers for their continued support and wish everyone a Happy and Prosperous Festive Season.



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