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*Tammy Williams*



#### ***International Court of Justice Decision; Britain holds Chagos Islands unlawfully***



#### ***Latest From the Magistrates' Court***

In the Magistrates' Court Yesterday afternoon, Mr Colin Henry of Guava Tree Cottage, Trap Cott, was charged with attempted murder of a Police Officer, together with charges of escape from lawful custody and affray. Mr Henry, who did not ask for bail is now remanded in custody until 14th March when he will re-appear before the court.

This came the day after Mr Tyler Stevens of Levelwood was charged with one count of rape and three counts of sexual assaults on young girls.

Mr Stevens was remanded in custody without bail until 14th March and this is to allow the prosecution more time to conduct further investigations.

This has been another bad week for the Island



#### ***Getting Information from DFID is a Cloak and Dagger Operation***

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### Wine of Exile: Perfect Pairing

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**Mr Matthys van der Merwe, Curator Social History**

**Christophe' Farnaud, French Ambassador Collections Iziko Museums of South Africa**

It was a perfect day for the wine exhibition, Governor Lisa, Helena and I were collected from our hotels by a car from the Consul General's offices, we were met by the Friday afternoon rush hour which extended our time on the road but we made it in good time to the beautiful serene grounds of the Manor house, Groot Constantia Wine Estate to be greeted on arrival by our hosts including Michel Martineau, names checked on the register, we received our program and then the chance to view the exhibition.

Michel as co-curator gave an introduction to the CEO of the Iziko Museums, Rooksana Omar and governor Lisa Honan, the rest of us persuaded to follow ventured into the exhibit rooms which housed information and artefacts including St Helena's very own wine cooler from Plantation house and some pieces of glassware, for the next 6 months thousands of people will have the same opportunity to view these objects and maybe ask the question, where is St Helena?



As the afternoon progressed more and more guests arrived, some very familiar faces added to the warmth and hospitality of the event, the four wines served were Groot Constantia Brut Rose, Sauvignon Blanc 2018, Shiraz 2016 and the best saved for last, the Grand Constance 2015 – *"the nose reminds of caramel, honey and coffee with a hint of Turkish delight"* The wines were accompanied with a menu of heirloom tomato bruschetta, goat cheese on a house digestive with preserved apple, salmon trout on a beetroot digestive, beets, horseradish crème fraiche and almonds, beef samosa and a chocolate nemesis.



Rooksana Omar, CEO talked about the relational element of the exhibition *"This exhibition, wine of Exile or wine of Napoleon on St Helena is a collaborative project, exhibitions such as this bring to life our increased understanding of our multiple histories and creates a heightened awareness of our in-*

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*ter-connections through the Iziko Groot Constantia museums, the Napoleon foundation, government of St Helena, and the French National Domain' of St Helena. This exhibition increases our understanding of a very important period of this wine, I take this opportunity to pay tribute to the complex society that lived through this period and contributed to the fountain of knowledge, it is apt that this exhibition forms part of Iziko museums and as the world commemorates the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Napoleon, welcome and thank you"*

The French Ambassador in his speech echoed the governor by encouraging people to "Go to St Helena, it is magnificent, I think it's very important to showcase what is going on between these three places, South Africa, France and St Helena, Napoleon would not be Napoleon without St Helena and maybe St Helena would not be St Helena without Napoleon, he was born on an island and he died on an island, that is the romantic story of Napoleon, for many of us St Helena is of the map because Napoleon was exiled there. Wine is something that unites people, it is one of the pleasures of life and we are happy to share it with our South African and St Helenian friends"

Michel Martineau will gently oppose any adulation that I give him in my writing but I will ignore his wishes by simply saying that the exhibition in itself would not have been possible without his efforts and exertion, in fact I don't believe there would have been an exhibition, my own understanding as a journalist and observer are that a list of endless possibilities have been created from one exhibition. What do you think?

On the day, Michel asked me if I understood, "Did I see?" There were about 200 people at the event, politicians, in particular, the South African National Assembly/Legislature minsters, Debbie Schafer and Donald Grant, household names if you live in South Africa, diplomats, the media and tour operators and if we are to measure outcome, we can be confident that lots of people went home that night knowing a little more about St Helena. I entitled this article 'Perfect Pairing' because it is synonymous with everything, Napoleon and wine, wine and people, South Africa, France and St Helena, the combination is synchronised, synergies are set, a common goal is reached there is goodwill among men (and women).

The recipe for success is founded on building relationships, I think St Helena's desire to attract visitors is very much like a guppy in a very big sea, we recognise our limitations as we take our first baby steps into the 'great wide open', there are those who are willing to lend a hand to help us on this journey, I hope we will let them.

To find out more go to <https://www.grootconstantia.co.za/rare-wine-relics-on-exhibit-at-groot-constantia/>

**Next week: Part two**  
**The French connection: Opportunities for St Helena?**  
**In depth with the Consul General Laurent Amar**





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# Editorial

Letters to the Times newspaper in London this week included an outraged correspondent writing, "The whole sorry tale makes me ashamed to be British". The writer was referring to the appalling treatment meted out to the people of the Chagos Islands by successive British governments for more than half a century; for 54 years to be exact.

Another discreditable episode reached its conclusion this week when the International Court of Justice found in favour of the Chagossians but the British Government still rejected their advisory ruling out of hand. See a report on this in the edition of the *Independent*.

For at least 45 of those 54 years the Chagossians have been engaged in a legal battle to win the right to live in their homeland. In 2008 the fight through the British legal system ran its course when, after winning their case in the High Court of Justice and winning again in the Court of Appeal, the British Government appealed to the Judicial Committee of the House of Lords and had the rulings made by the two lower courts overturned. In 2016, after a series of parliamentary debates, petitions and other legal fights the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, backed by the decision of Law Lords in the House of Lords in 2008, officially announced the Chagossians cannot return to their homeland.

Inevitably, further protests followed. A journalist reporting on diplomatic issues in the Guardian quoted, "It is a basic human right recognised by all human rights conventions that people should have a right to return to their country of birth," said David Snoxell, the co-ordinator of the all-party Chagos Islands parliamentary group. "What all the Chagossians want, even if they do not want to live there, is the right of return." David Snoxell added, "If we do not get what we want today we will return to the issue of compensation."

The United States Government supported the stance taken by the British Government when rejecting a move by the Chagossians to have their case heard in the US Courts. Later, in 2012, a petition with 25,000 signatures from the US public was submitted to the Office of the President asking for the Chagossians to be allowed to return to the outer Chagos Islands which were not used by the US Air Force. Eventually a lengthy, wordy reply offered no help or comfort to any Chagossian or their supporters.

Even worse, leaked internal Foreign and Commonwealth Office papers indicated the crude and ruthless attitude which prevailed in the corridors of British power. A note between British and US government officials refers to the Chagossians as "some few Tarzans or Man Fridays" and "the object of the exercise [eviction of Chagossians from their homes] is to get some rocks which will remain ours". As recently as 2014 it was discovered US Navy personnel had dumped hundreds of

tons of sewage and waste water into a protected lagoon for three decades causing potentially long term damage to the marine environment. The destruction was in violation of environmental rules which the British Government - who had spent considerable sums of money in the Courts defending their position to rule the Chagos Islands - clearly were not ruling. When the Chagossians lived on their own islands the seas and inland waters were in pristine condition. In 2010 a Marine Protected Area was formed around the Chagos islands. More leaks of internal communications show the motive for doing so was provide a further obstacle to Chagossians resettling on their islands. The US Navy continued to use the lagoon as a cesspit.

Returning to the letter in the London Times this week, the writer informed readers he had illegally entered the prohibited Chagos islands some years ago and found squatters, described as "sea gypsies" living in the ruins of the former homes, schools and businesses of the Chagossians. The sea gypsies would also have entered the islands illegally but it appears, once more, no-one was taking any governmental responsibility. There is absolutely nothing about this entire and endless episode which shows the British Government in a favourable light. On the contrary successive British governments are damned by every aspect of this merciless and cold-blooded saga.

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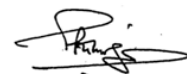
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Mr. Greenhill

British Indian Ocean Territory

The Permanent Under-Secretary has seen UKMIS New York telegram No. 1781 of 23 August and has minuted as follows:

"We must surely be very tough about this. The object of the exercise was to get some rocks which will remain ours; there will be no indigenous population except seagulls who have not yet got a Committee (the Status of Women Committee does not cover the rights of Birds)".

  
(P. R. H. Wright)  
24 August, 1966

Copy to: Mr. du Boulay

Unfortunately along with the Birds  
go some few Tarzans or Man Fridays  
whose origins are obscure, and who  
are being hopefully washed on to  
Mauritius etc. When this has been  
done I agree we must be very tough  
and a submission is being done  
accordingly.

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1. Mr du Boulay 24/8  
2. Mr Wright

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# STATEMENT FROM GOVERNOR LISA HONAN

## ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

Last week, a senior member of St Helenian society was found guilty of sexual assault and attempted rape for which he received a custodial sentence. His actions spanned a period of 18 years. He was tried by a jury of St Helena residents. Like many others who expressed a view, I believe this is a watershed moment for St Helena.

One of my responsibilities as Governor under the Constitution is the administration of justice and I think this moment proves St Helena's justice system is working, and working well. It seems to me that there were a number of elements which came together, namely three women with immense courage and who were willing to speak up, a strong sense of civic responsibility in the men and women in the jury, and an effective police and judicial system. This was set against a global backdrop of increasing intolerance to sexual harassment and sexual assault.

As the trial approached, I listened to public comment about it. This is my take on the mood on the Island. It's very much a personal view.

The first thing I noticed is that the case sparked a debate about what sexual assault and sexual harassment is. I've heard it said 'that's how things were back then' or 'it was probably only a hug' or 'a friendly touch'. It seems to me it is quite difficult to know what sexual assault and sexual harassment looks like, and to identify the difference. However, the definition for me is that sexual assault is *touching* that is unwanted and of a sexual nature. And sexual harassment is unwelcomed sexual *attention* (personal questions, suggestive comments, and persistent unwarranted advances).

The next observation I had was, once people started talking about it, there was surprise about how prevalent sexual harassment might be in St Helenian society....balanced with no surprise at all for others. I heard comments like 'it's been going on for years like this on St Helena' versus others who said 'that can't be true' or 'that doesn't happen here'. What seems clear is that one of the great difficulties of sexual harassment - here and worldwide - is the silence that surrounds it. Perhaps St Helena does buck the global trend. I don't know. But around the world, while men also experience this too, we know that most of the world's women have experienced sexual harassment in their life time. Indeed three quarters of the women in the world (which is about 2 billion women) aged 18 years and older, have been sexually harassed according to surveys. If that statistic was applied to St Helena this would mean approximately 1,800 women have experienced some form of sexual behaviour that was unwelcomed and made them feel uncomfortable. The figures for sexual assault are equally astounding. 35% of women across the world have experienced this.

The next comment I heard is why have these issues come up now or are being taken seriously now. I think the global context is important here. In the UK, the convictions of Rolf Harris and the like shocked society. Similarly in America, women came forward to allege they had been assaulted by Harvey Weinstein and Bill Cosby. The more women who came forward, the more others also said it had happened to them. There was security in numbers which led many women to break their silence. On St Helena, however remote we are, these cases have raised the profile and awareness of what is and isn't acceptable behaviour. It has also shown that it is



possible to challenge those who were thought to be untouchable in society. I believe this global background, together with better ways to collect evidence and stronger policing and judicial systems produced a solid verdict in this case as well as the other case which appeared before the court at the same time of indecent assault of a child.

Finally, there were comments made about the women. I heard nothing but support for these women. Words like 'brave' were used a lot in talking about them. More often than not, in these sorts of situations, women will *never* tell anyone about what happened. Instead they will avoid the person who did it to them. They will down-play how serious it was or try to ignore it, forget it, or put it at the back of their mind. Even if they do reveal it, they feel ashamed and often presume it was their fault. I think the women who gave their accounts in court were more than brave. They have opened up the path for more people to talk about what has happened to them. They have shown that people will be believed and that St Helena is a society in which, however long ago, or however recently, something happened, and whoever did it, it is possible to go some way towards putting a wrong, right. We owe these women a debt of gratitude, our love, and our support.

Finally, what next? I have asked SHG to review its sexual harassment policies to see what can be done to shift the burden of responsibility more away from the victim, whether they are a man or woman. I encourage other employers to do the same. For example, I would like to see a responsibility – even an obligation – on anyone who witnesses what they deem to be sexual harassment at work, to report it. I would like to see a debate about whether this obligation should also be put into legislation. I would like LegCo to prioritise updating our legislation in these areas. I also encourage more women and men to have confidence to report sexual assault and sexual harassment to the police, and/or their employer, whenever it happened. The police have a confidential email: [cid@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:cid@sainthelena.gov.sh), or you can call Safeguarding on: 23312.

For myself, I will re-double my efforts to make sure I treat everyone with respect. I will remember that each person who has been through a sexual assault and harassment has had an experience which is individual to them. They are likely to have experienced stress, anxiety, shame, and any number of other feelings. I will remember that this damages not only themselves but also relationships, families, society, and generations. I will remember that even though the experience cannot be erased, there can be justice and it is possible for others not to have to go through the same thing.

**Governor Lisa Honan**  
**27 February 2019**

# Getting Information from DFID is a Cloak and Dagger Operation

Exactly one month ago the *Independent* reported that a long-running and procedurally complicated Freedom of Information request to DFID had suddenly and surprisingly been agreed to. The information requested concerned the 'discovery' of wind shear after the airport was built. DFID had spent more than a year resisting persistent attempts to have the requested information released. Their decision to release the information was made against the background of an impending appeal against their refusal to agree to the request for information.

As it turned out, the information released by DFID was considered to be only a partial release of the information requested. Because of this the person requesting the information, Iain Orr, decided to continue with the appeal which was scheduled for 25<sup>th</sup> February. DFID asked Iain Orr to consider withdrawing his appeal as the information requested had now been provided. When Mr Orr refused to withdraw his appeal, DFID responded by asking the Appeal Tribunal to have Mr Orr's appeal 'struck out'.



**Iain Orr @Biodiplomacy**

On Monday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, the Tribunal considered whether to have the appeal struck out instead of hearing the actual appeal. The Tribunal judge described the Appellant's position as, "he believes there is information which he has requested which has not yet been disclosed." The position held by the representative of DFID was that Mr Orr "has no reasonable prospect of the appeal succeeding." DFID wanted the Tribunal judge to agree "there is no reasonable prospect of the appellant's case, or part of it, succeeding". Judge Stephen Cragg QC, when giving his decision on whether to 'strike out' the appeal or not decided in favour of Iain Orr.

Two pieces of information were requested from DFID under the Freedom of Information Act. One was the Flight Trials Report – where just one test flight of fairly short duration was operated to test the conditions at and around the airport site. For one of the runway options Atkins (the consultants) advised DfID to provide flight trails at the approaches to the runway a number of times over about two months. They estimated the cost of this in 2005 to be about £500,000. While DfID chose to go ahead with a different runway design the suggestion to fly on several separate occasions over the north and south ends of the runway was not taken up. The flight trial which did take place was completed on one day during the first week of May 2006 when the weather conditions were not challenging.

The second piece of information was to know the terms of reference for the Quality Assurance Advisor appointed by DFID. The job of the person appointed is to find out how DFID got itself into such a mess with the airport and to work out a way to extricate DFID from that mess. Or as DFID put it in the terms of reference "The post will assist in the identification of an air access solution to the problems being faced as well as assessing whether more could or should have been done more to anticipate these issues during feasibility and design." There is no information on how successful the Quality Assurance Advisor may, or may not, have been.

The Flight Trials Report compiled by Atkins included, "The aircraft was chartered from Safair based in Johannesburg, South Africa and was to route via Walvis Bay, Namibia to St Helena to carry out the flight trials. The flight trials would comprise a minimum of fifteen passes over the proposed runway and included approaches from the North and the South and approaches based on a cloud break procedure. "And, "The aircraft departed Walvis Bay at 06:37 on 2nd May and arrived overhead St Helena some five and a half hours later. Despite discouraging meteorological forecasts and observations the island was easily visible from a range in excess of 10 nm. Although there was partial low cloud cover and some restricted visibility, conditions were adequate to complete the task. It should be noted for the future that, in situations like this it is essential to continue to the destination because of the combination of non-expert reporting and changeable conditions.

The trials were completed in 1 hour and 12 minutes: this included flying round the island at 500ft and a flypast Jamestown. The aircraft arrived back at Walvis Bay at 17:25. The flight distance from Walvis Bay to St Helena was 1224 nm."

There were a few words in the report on the wind conditions, "Initially, the visual circuits were flown to assess turbulence and flyability. The surface wind was recorded as 090°/20 kts which was a crosswind for a runway 01/19 orientation. The visual circuits were flyable with only moderate turbulence caused by orographic funnelling abeam the cliff edges. It was also short-lived and penetrated easily. " 'Orographic' refers to air, cloud and/or moisture being forced upwards due to the presence of mountains, cliffs and promontories.

The Flight Report conclusions included, "Overall the visual approaches and IAPs (instrument approaches) were found viable. Turbulence at the North and South ends of the proposed runway was assessed as acceptable." And, "The Safair crew was most professional and competent in their execution of the task. Should any necessity arise to complete further trials, it is recommended that Safair be approached again."

In the letter to Mr Orr from the UK Government Legal Department it was explained (again) that, "The Department has been defending these appeals on the basis that release of this information would adversely affect the course of justice". The UK Public Accounts Committee is still awaiting a reply to one of its recommendations to DFID after its Inquiry into St Helena Airport in December 2016. The official Government response awaited is to the UK PAC recommendation, "The

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Department should, as soon as it is completed, send the Committee a copy of its review identifying who was accountable for the failure to identify this key issue". The key issue being the completion of the airport without ascertaining the prevailing wind conditions. In their holding reply DFID said, "The Department aims to share with the Committee the conclusions of the review in a way which does not prejudice any potential legal proceedings"

"Adversely affect the course of justice"? "Does not prejudice any potential legal proceedings"? Are these phrases just legal obfuscations or does DFID really consider someone

might sue the pants off them? Or rather, did DFID fear they may be sued? In the letter to Iain Orr which mentioned the course of justice being affected followed this up with, "The Department has now taken the view that the public interest balance has shifted in favour of disclosure." That can mean anything or nothing but does it mean the perceived threat to DFID of legal problems has now passed? If so, what has changed to cause the threat of legal action to no longer be an issue? Also, will the UK Public Accounts Committee now get a copy of the conclusions to the review on what went wrong with designing St Helena airport?

## Letter From Tourists Visiting the Island

### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

We have spent the last two weeks on your beautiful Island staying at the Mantis Hotel. The experience has been broadly positive but there are areas which could be improved to enhance the tourist experience, perhaps attracting a greater number of tourists in the future.

The following were excellent experiences:-

- Aaron Legg's 4x4 Island Tour was superb. He is an intelligent, well-informed and friendly individual and an asset to the Island
- Craig Yon's Whale Shark experience
- Anthony Thomas' Marine Tour
- Plantation House Tour with Debbie plus morning coffee and Tortoise visit
- Coffee Plantation Tour was excellent as is their coffee shop
- Princes Lodge Tour with Reg was also excellent

Less good but still interesting were:-

- The Distillery Tour
- Longwood House & Napoleon's Tomb – Longwood House would benefit from improved curating, the audio tour was too long and turgid in parts. It would also benefit from a coffee shop which could be combined with the gift shop
- Museum has a wealth of treasures but would benefit from better curating

Accommodation: – Mantis Hotel

Excellent rooms with air-con & Wifi. Staff friendly and helpful but on occasion there appeared to be more staff than necessary. The terrace areas would benefit from introducing potted plants/greenery. The provision of free Wifi is a big plus for tourists

AREAS THAT REQUIRE IMPROVING IF TOURISM IS TO BE SUSTAINED:-

- AIRPORT – Flights need to be reliable and not cancelled by e.g. fog, thus landing needs to be possible by instrumentation
- Direct flights from Europe would be a huge asset but in the meantime, flights from Namibia would be at

- tractive, allowing dual-centre holidays
- ROADS – Open up the long Haul Road and improve road signage. There is a need for more public lavatories outside Jamestown
- Provision of a comprehensive, up-to-date tourist road map
- Provision of good map for walks. (None at Tourist Info)
- Current electricity charges are both primitive for the locals and also inhibit development
- There is a need for Cafes outside Jamestown
- Tree-labelling in Castle Gardens & the Arboreta
- Tourist Office appears over-staffed & tourist info not always available. General appearance could be improved
- Car Hire needs overhauling. Our first car we rejected as it had no rear-view mirror. The second car was driveable but the interior was filthy. The availability of vehicles with air-con would be a plus.
- Develop High Knoll Fort with better signage, possibly a coffee shop and charge for entry. Encourage night-viewing of stars with info charts
- Develop and promote the fishing industry. Tourists on an Island such as this expect a plentiful and varied supply of fish to eat
- Jamestown Quay should be a tourist attraction and is instead marred by containers. The prime site – Donny's, is open only on Fri/Sat evenings
- Support and monitor locals in their development of tourist services e.g. how to run a shop for the tourist trade

FINALLY:-

The risks from Brexit, the likely cut to the UK Government Aid Budget and loss of EU funding represent a major challenge to St Helena. There is a clear need for a strategic overview & plan for the Island to secure its future. This would appear to be lacking.

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# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

This is a rather long letter, however I feel it's important to raise the following relating to the Health Directorate.

Dr Akeem said on Saint FM on 14 February, that it wasn't good for doctors to remain for more than 4 years. Is Dr Akeem contradicting himself, if during his two year contract he was responsible for the extension of the Senior Medical Officer's contract pushing it to 5 1/2 years at the present time. What is not known is how much more he has remaining, could it be another 6 months taking it to a total of 6 years? What is the reason extension to the doctors contracts are not being treated fairly? Dr Akeem has avoid answering the question, but it still remains how is it that the Senior Medical Officer is able to remain here as a doctor for more than 5 years?

In such a small community people are frightened to speak up about their unfavourable experiences with the SMO because they don't know when they might have to be seen by him. He's been quoted within the community as being arrogant, rude, not pleasant and got no manners.

Your readers will no doubt see the following experience as a serious accusation, which it is, and I stand by it.

On an occasion when I was unexpectedly admitted to hospital, he (SMO) was the doctor on call but didn't come to see me until the next morning (18 hours later), yet the procedure was that the on-call doctor should see patients on admission. His bedside bedside manner next morning was a lot left to be desired - he didn't appear concerned about my situation and didn't look at me when he was asking me questions, he stood looking at the window! When he and his team did their regular morning rounds he completely ignored me.....his self importance outweighed him acting in the best interest of me as the patient. The doctor who was previ-

ously seeing me as an outpatient would discreetly come back after the team left the ward each morning, apologised and check how I was doing. This continued until I was discharged.

It gave me the impression that doctor was not comfortable asking the SMO's about why he was ignoring me. Thinking about what we now know about extension to doctors contracts, could it have been because he (my outpatient doctor) felt it may have consequences for his contract?

Could this be the reason why some don't get contract renewals because they have *not* been afraid to challenge things with the SMO and Health Director, and some others leave before completing their contract's because they're not content to stay with the way things are being done?

Others within the community will no doubt have their experiences to share but we're simply too afraid to speak up. SHG has issued information on how to lodge a complaint how can we trust Dr Akeem to treat complaints about hospital/doctors fairly?

There's no smoke without fire! An extract from Councillor Leo's email of 20 January to Governor Honan states;

***"It has been brought to my attention that key staff of the Public Health Department, who constituents hold in high esteem and appreciation for their special qualities, dedication and loyal services to the community, seem to lose or resign their jobs due to questionable circumstances. Constituents are concerned that the Director of the Public Health is not making decisions for retaining staff that are in the best interests of the people of St Helena."***

What came of Councillor Leo's email? The radio interview with Dr Akeem and Councillor Thomas on 14 February did not provide answers. Governor Honan perhaps should appoint a special team from the UK to carry out an independent review of the hospital/health service.

Maybe Dr Akeem is right when he says doctors shouldn't be here for more than four years. It is known people get complacent in long term positions and sometimes display a 'it's my way or the highway' attitude.

There's a best known quotation of the

19th century by British politician Lord Acton who expressed this opinion in a letter to Bishop Mandell Creighton in 1887: ***"Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. Great men are almost always bad men."***

When doctors are appointed there has been no press release sharing information with the public. Apparently the Russian doctor is the next gynaecologist and is a female.

Why can't information on the appointees to the medical service be shared with the public as a press release? Where is the openness and transparency that SHG claim they operate within? Secrecy breeds suspicion.

Prior to the appointment of a Director heading up the health service, the Senior Medical Officer in addition to his role as the surgeon undertook responsibility for the hospital including the administrative role - budget management and oversight of other sections within the Health Department. However, now that a Director, who must be a doctor (as stated by Dr Akeem) heads up the Directorate, what is the reason for having an SMO post. What does the Director's role entail - perhaps Dr Akeem or the Health Committee could tell us, surely the public has a right to know.

If it is necessary for the hospital to have a Senior Medical Officer why must it be the surgeon? It has recently shown it doesn't have to be, because Dr Rhys during his term has been appointed to the role in an acting capacity. Why can't the post of SMO be rotated within the team of doctors something which may potentially be of benefit to the medical service.

If the Director must be a doctor as stated by Dr Akeem, and the SMO steps in when the Director is away, why is it necessary to have an Assistant Director at that level when it's a local post that's not required to be filled by a medical professional.

Why and where is funding coming from for Dr Akeem to attend overseas conferences so late in his contract coming to an end in a couple of months? Is this beneficial to the Health Directorate or Dr Akeem's CV?

Finally, the alleged scandal with the medical care of a St Helenian patient at the Netcare hospital in Pretoria is now

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extremely worrying for patients being referred for medical treatment! Both Dr Akeem and Councillor Thomas told the public **it's a very good hospital** in their radio talk. It's been just **five months** since patients have been referred to that hospital and now this allegedly extremely serious incident. It's nothing less than disgraceful.

We were told '**it's a very good hospital**' by the two people in authority - Dr Akeem and Councillor Derek Thomas, who visited the hospital to initiate the change from Panorama to Netcare. It was kept all hush hush at the time. Despite some people in the community voicing their dissatisfaction when the medical referrals were to be moved to Netcare it fell on deaf ears!

If this was in the UK they would be asking for heads to roll. Lets hope there'll be no cover-up and it's properly investigated independently of the Health Directorate.

As a South African once said 'there's no value to life in South Africa'. I would ask our elected Councillors for the sake of the people who voted for you, to do something now to bring back the people's trust in you. We do not want to receive medical treatment at that hospital ever again or we'll be forever living in fear of our lives, wondering who will be next!

**A concerned Islander**

**Dear Editor.**

My friend in Devon called me last week and told me that she has just seen in the Independent News Paper from St. Helena that the cross was stolen or removed from the late Captain Rodney Young's grave. I could hardly believe it because people on St. Helena just don't do these things, and especially take a cross from a grave. My friend also said that she believe that this is the second time the cross has been stolen. The first one was taken a short while after it was erected and the replacement one was also removed or stolen soon after it was

put on the grave. IF this is true then that person is evil and wicket.

I have travelled/sailed on the old RMS St. Helena and the new ship and on both times I met Captain Rodney Young who later was awarded the MBE. He was a very respectable person and always liked a good joke with the passengers. He was well loved and I just cannot think who on earth would want to remove the cross from his grave, his final resting place. I have not returned to my home on St. Helena for quite a while and when I do I will have to fly. It will not be the same as travelling on the good old RMS St. Helena. I know Rodney's wife Jill, who is somewhere over here near London and she must have been devastated in

learning that the cross from her dearly beloved husbands grave has been stolen. I hope the culprit has been found and punished severely for this malicious act. Only an evil person would remove a cross from a grave. I thought an act like this would only happen over here in UK not knowing that my island home, St. Helena is getting just as bad. I just wanted to say how sad this must have been for all the family and my thoughts are with them.

I knew Rodney and I just want to say how sad it was for me to hear this devastating news. I hope it will never happen again.

**A travelling friend of Captain Rodney Young MBE. RIP**

## **International Court of Justice decision; Britain holds Chagos Islands unlawfully**

On Monday this week the International Court of Justice decided that Britain in 1965 had unlawfully separated the Chagos Islands (which were re-named the British Indian Ocean Territory) from Mauritius prior to Mauritius being given its independence in 1968. As a consequence, the Chagos Islands should be handed back to Mauritius as soon as possible.

In 1966, one year after bringing the Chagos Islands under direct UK control the United States was leased the largest island, Diego Garcia, as a location to build a US Air Force base. The US has remained a military force on Diego Garcia ever since. The Chagos Islanders who were originally taken there as slaves from Mozambique and Madagascar in the early 19<sup>th</sup> century to work on coconut plantations and were forcibly removed from the Chagos islands to Mauritius when the United States decided to move in. Diego Garcia is currently leased to the US for use as an air base until 2036.

Mauritius maintains they were forced to give up the Chagos Islands in exchange for being granted independence. The UK claim the dispute is between Mauritius and the UK and should be resolved between the two countries and that the International Court of Justice has no jurisdiction on this matter.

The International Court of Justice which is the highest court of the United Nations decreed they did have jurisdiction to make an advisory ruling on the dispute and then went on to rule that Britain had acted illegally and should hand over the Chagos islands to Mauritius "as rapidly as possible". In June 2017 the General Assembly of the United Nations voted by 94 to 15 to ask the International Court of Justice to give an opinion on whether Britain had acted legally when they separated the Chagos Islands from Mauritius. British Courts have repeatedly rejected legal representations from Chagossians to be repatriated to what is now called the British Indian Ocean Territory.

**Current legislation assumes only one generation of Chagossians will be born in exile. While many members of this community born in exile have received British citizenship, their children have not.**

The British Government say they will hand over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius when the largest island in the group is no longer needed as an air base. That time may be further away than 2036 if the lease to the United States is renewed. Another way of describing the British position is the Chagos islands will be handed over to Mauritius when the United States tell the British they no longer want a military presence on Diego Garcia.

The day after the International Court of Justice handed down its advisory ruling the Foreign and Commonwealth Office officially announced it rejected the court's decision. This is seen by many as the UK moving outside the delicately balanced structure of international law and claiming to be an exceptional or special case which needs to be treated differently. In terms of British Foreign Policy the rejection of the court's ruling can be seen as the most significant development for very many years; and one which could have reverberations of unknown and uncertain consequences into the future.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK ABOUT SHG INFORMATION?

### GOVERNMENT LAUNCHES PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY TO HEAR YOUR VIEWS

St Helena Government's Press Office team has today launched a survey asking 'What do you think about SHG information?' The survey is open between 28 February and 21 March 2019.

Head of News, Kerisha Yon, explains:

*"We're running this Public Opinion Survey to gather people's views on what they think about the information provided to them by Government. We are aware that for various reasons not everyone here and overseas are satisfied with the information we provide. Examples of what we've heard are 'not timely', 'we can't understand it', 'SHG is not telling me what I want to hear'.*

*"Because of this, we would like to know how you receive Government news now, how you would like to receive news going forward, what you would like us to tell you about, and how we can make our information better for you to understand.*

*"I would encourage people to complete the survey which is available both in hard copy and online. The results will help us to improve our service and ensure that you get the information you need, in a format you can understand, and through a channel that you are comfortable to use."*

Hard copies of the survey can be found in both this week's Sentinel and Independent newspapers as well as in the Customer Service Centre, Public Library, New Horizons and the Hospital Outpatients and Dental waiting areas.

The survey is also available online at the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LRDWY62>

We look forward to hearing your views.

**SHG**

**28 February 2019**



## SPEAKER POST VACANT

The post of Speaker of the St Helena Legislative Council is vacant.

Anyone interested in taking up this position must be registered as an Elector on the Register of Electors which came into effect on 1 July 2018. Applicants must also be prepared to make a presentation to the Elected Members, demonstrating the personal attributes and experience that they can bring to the role, at an informal meeting of the Legislative Council to be held on Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

If you are interested in taking on the role of Speaker of the St Helena Legislative Council, you are encouraged to register your name with the Clerk of Councils, Miss Anthea Moyce, on tel: 22470 or via email: [anthea.moyce@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anthea.moyce@sainthelena.gov.sh) by **Monday, 4 March 2019**.

**Clerk of Councils**  
**26 February 2019**



## TIP OF THE WEEK

Make the most of  
natural light.

Open curtains and  
blinds during  
daylight hours  
instead of turning on  
lights.



**PRESS  
RELEASE**

## CALLING FOR IDEAS, EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES NAPOLEON BICENTENARY 1821-2021

The Napoleon Bicentenary 1821—2021 Visioning Group is calling for ideas, events and activities to commemorate the 200th anniversary of French Emperor Napoleon's death on 5 May 2021.

The group would like to hear from non-government organisations, businesses and members of the community that have any ideas which they could contribute to the calendar of events that is currently being put together. This is a great opportunity to not only be part of such a significant event in the Island's history but also to raise the profile of your organisation/business.

Chairman of the Visioning Group, Councillor Lawson Henry, said:

*"It is important that in our plans to commemorate this significant event in St Helena's history we involve all businesses, community organisations and members of the public. After all, this is for everyone on St Helena to own the Napoleonic brand and create a lasting legacy for future generations."*

*"If you have any ideas for mementos, commemorative items, events, initiatives or other opportunities that we can consider to mark the anniversary then please do let us know. All ideas, no matter how big or small, will be considered so that we can make this an event to remember."*

To submit your ideas please contact Miss Belinda Piek, Secretary to the Visioning Group, on tel: 22470 or e-mail [belinda.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:belinda.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh) by Friday, 15 March 2019.

**The Napoleon Bicentenary 1821-2021 Visioning Group**

**26 February 2019**



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# VACANCY FOR CUSTOMS OFFICER

An opportunity is available within the HM Customs and Excise Section to anyone seeking to start a career and develop new skills or build on existing skills.

Key duties of the Customs Officer is to ensure:

- Effective control of all arrivals in Saint Helena and the assessment and collection of revenue;
- Enforce Customs and associated legislation regarding Duty, Prohibited and Restricted goods; and
- Board all vessels and aircraft on arrival in Saint Helena, to enforce customs regulatory procedures.



This is a frontline service and applicants should have:

- Good customer care skills; have an eye for detail and the ability to act on their own initiative within policy guidelines;
- Experience in cash handling;
- GCSE Math's, English and IT at Grade C or above and a clean vetting certificate; and
- Class A Driver's License.

The successful candidate will be required to work unsocial hours including early mornings/late evenings/night shifts, weekends and Public Holidays and must be prepared to board vessels and yachts in all weather conditions. The successful candidate possessing the relevant skills and experience will be paid at Grade C, which is £8,613 per annum. A monthly non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for work performed out of hours.

For further information about the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Miss Juliette O'Dean, Acting Head of Customs on telephone no. 22287 or email [juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources or Corporate Finance and should be submitted through directors, where applicable, to Clare O'Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail: [clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Wednesday, 6 March 2019.

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

*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.*

**Corporate Services 20 February 2019**



## Professional Development Opportunities

Always wondered about fulfilling your true potential?

Enterprise St Helena is here to assist you with achieving just that!

Skills Development Grants are potentially available to Saint Helenians on island as well as offshore with the intention of upskilling the Private Sector, Non—Government Organisations and Social Enterprises with business related skills. ESH will grant fund at 75% of total cost of course, with the minimum amount being granted at £500.00 up to a maximum of £5,000.00

**For further information please contact: The Business Team on telephone 22920 or email Delia on [delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh](mailto:delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh) or Mandy on [mandy.obey@esh.co.sh](mailto:mandy.obey@esh.co.sh)**



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## SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR SENIOR CARERS AND CARE ASSISTANTS

The Safeguarding Directorate 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.

The successful 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

### Care Assistant (Ebonyview)

You will assist in the provision of care and well-being of our service users within the Learning Disabilities residential care homes, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible whilst being as safe as possible.

The successful candidate should have:

- entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy,
- be a First Aider (or willing to undertake this training)
- have a minimum of 6 months experience working with adults who have learning/other disabilities or impairments living in the community, and
- previous experience of working in a care environment.

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

**Please contact:** Learning Difficulties, Residential and Community Manager, Ebonyview, **Nicolene Adams on 23343** or email [nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh) for further information about the posts.

### Senior Care Assistant (CCC and Cape Villa)

You will provide high quality health and social care to frail, older people in full time residential and day care.

The successful candidates should have the following:

- NVQ level 3 in Health and Social Care
- GCSE English and Mathematics at Grade C or above, or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3
- 1 year's experience of working with elderly people.

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

### Care Assistants (CCC and Cape Villa)

You will assist in the day to day care of residents in a way that promotes their independence, choice and social wellbeing.

The successful candidate should have:

- entry level 1 in Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy,
- should be willing to engage in training to enhance your knowledge and skills in the care of our residents.

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

### 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 CCC vacancies on telephone number, **25331** or email [wendy.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) If you would like to have further information about vacancies at **Cape Villa please call Gillian Brooks**, Trainee Sheltered Accommodation and Home Care Manager on **22713** or on email [Gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh) Job profiles and application forms can be requested from **Lisa Thomas, Administration Assistant** on telephone number **22713** or email [lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh) Applications should be returned, through Directors where applicable, to **Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer**, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or email [sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh) by **Friday, 08<sup>th</sup> March 2019**.

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Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2019, **Safeguarding Directorate**





## Expressions of Interest in Traditional Crafts & Trades

### Are you interested in learning or sharing a local traditional craft or trade?

Over the years traditional crafts and trades seem to be declining locally, and the new Sustainable Economic Development Plan identifies that the development of traditional crafts and trades presents an opportunity.

Enterprise St Helena is seeking expressions of interest from existing providers willing to provide upskilling training in traditional crafts and trades such as Shoe Repair, Upholstery, Tailoring, Sail Repair, Inlay and Wood Turning etc.

In addition we are seeking expressions of interest from individuals interested in upskilling in traditional crafts and trades.

For further information or to register your interest please contact Mandy O'Bey, at Enterprise St Helena on Tel No: 22920 or on e-mail [mandy.obey@esh.co.sh](mailto:mandy.obey@esh.co.sh).

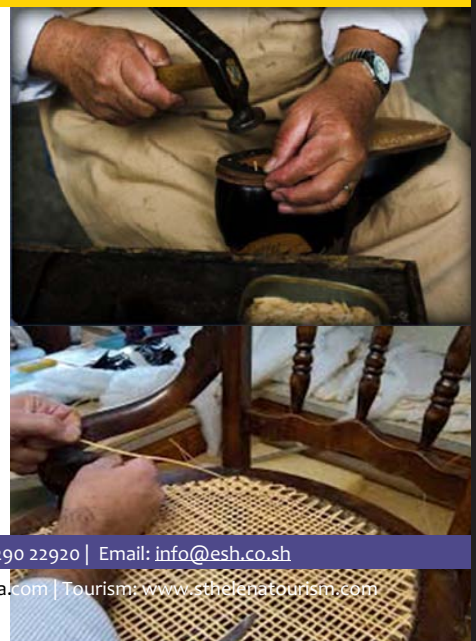


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## VACANCY FOR HEAD OF FINANCE

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a finance professional to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a leadership role. We are looking for a Head of Finance to join the team and play a central role in guiding the Trust's financial activities.

This job will present the successful candidate with the opportunity to join a leading charity organisation doing great things for St Helena and her people. Work will be office based but there will be opportunities to join our field teams as they go about their work.

Applicants must be exceptionally organized, highly motivated, and have a proven track-record of leadership in a finance role. Experience working with SAGE 50 accounting software and preparing accounts for annual audit will be strongly favoured.

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

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you. The salary for the post is £12,138 per annum.

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email [amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh](mailto:amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh) or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March @ 16:00**



ST HELENA  
AIRPORT

## JOB VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit a General Assistant

The successful candidate will report to the Business Manager or his designate and the duties and scope of the work is as follows:

- Overall cleaning of the Terminal and Combined Building including toilets and outside perimeter.
- Must be prepared to take on other duties outside cleaning responsibilities supporting all sections within Airport Operations.

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5 year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

If you think you suited to this role, or you would like more information or to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address

[recruitment@sthenelenaairport.aero](mailto:recruitment@sthenelenaairport.aero)

The closing date for this position is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2019. Interviews will take place 4<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the successful persons will commence work March/April 2019.



ST HELENA  
AIRPORT

## JOB VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit a Mechanic

The successful candidate must have :

A Motor Mechanics certificate (or equivalent qualification) plus at least 5 years practical experience and a valid J4 driving licence.

Ability to diagnose mechanical problems and perform repairs with general supervision.

Ability to operate equipment and tools involved in vehicle repair.

Ability to lift heavy equipment and vehicle parts.

Ability to work on Airport Fire Vehicles.

Ability to do rust prevention, treatments and repairs on vehicles.

Ability to diagnose mechanical problems and perform repairs on Fire Truck equipment.

Ability to support Airport day to day maintenance.

Applicants must be also of a professional manner and be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5 year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information or to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins Monday to Friday at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address [recruitment@sthenelenaairport.aero](mailto:recruitment@sthenelenaairport.aero)

The closing date for this position is Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2019. Interviews will take place on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2019 and the successful persons will commence work on March/April 2019. Should we not contact you by 12<sup>th</sup> March you can consider your application not successful on this occasion.



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### Community Education—Core Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Functional Skills English	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
Functional Skills Maths	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
Essential Skills (Maths & English)	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
BCS E-safety Level 1	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
<b>ECDL IT:</b> The ECDL programme defines the skills and competencies necessary to use a computer and common computer applications. It offers a wide range of modules including Computer Essentials, Word Processing and IT Security. Candidates take tests in the modules which are most relevant to their educational and professional requirements, thereby creating their ECDL Profile. Whether in school, university or in the workplace, ECDL offers the skills you need to succeed.	04 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
<b>Get Connected—Basic IT Skills:</b> Our Get Connected—Basic IT Skills is an unaccredited course provided by SHCC ICT that introduces users to the Computer. It is aimed to help learners with the basic IT skills. You will work with a tutor who will get to know you and help you gain skills and confidence with finding your way around the Computer and doing basics such as compiling an email or typing a letter.	10 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19
<b>SHCC Microsoft Core Skills:</b> Our Microsoft Core Skill Courses is an unaccredited course provided by SHCC that is aimed to equip learners with the core skills needed to live, learn and work successfully. The courses can help you develop skills that are useful in your job or in everyday living. You will work with a tutor who will get to know you and your learning goals and help you gain skills and confidence in using Microsoft Applications.	09 April 2019	FREE	04 March—28 March 19

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## Vacancy - Administrator Ascension Island

Ref 1596

### Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting an Administrator to work on the Ascension Island Base. The Admin will meet with staff or communicate by email to discuss and determine travel requirements to and from Ascension Island. Their responsibilities will include ensuring the most cost effective travel options are offered and booked. They will carry out other administration tasks to assist the small team of Administrators supporting the contract.

### Main Responsibilities

- Arrange transportation from staff registered home address to and from Ascension Island.
- Liaise with visitors and contractors to provide information on entry requirements, evisa, security clearance etc.
- Submit requests for visitors clearance, arrange flights, accommodation and transfers from Ascension airport.
- Populate and maintain the Master Index Library.
- During periods of Admin absence, increased workload or changes in job roles, assist Admin colleagues.

### The person

- Good attention to detail, capable of recording works accurately.
- Will be well-organized, a motivated team player who is keen to learn.
- Has a 'can do' mature attitude, is flexible, reliable and self-motivated. Will have an open approach, pass on knowledge, their experience and show willingness to assist others.
- Will develop positive, supportive working relationships with team and colleagues. Has the ability to interact, communicate effectively.
- Will pass medical, dental and security checks. Hold a valid driving licence and be aged 18 or over.

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> month. Hours of work are 47.5 per week. The contract duration is 27 months single status with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Air transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods will be at Company's expense. Free accommodation, catering services and work clothing will be provided.

Interested persons should contact [Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk](mailto:Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk), telephone 00 247 63400.

Closing date for applications is Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019.

Interserve is one of the world's foremost support services and construction companies. Everything we do is shaped by our core values. We are a leader in innovative and sustainable outcomes for our clients and a great place to work for our people. We offer advice, design, construction, equipment, facilities management and frontline public services. Headquartered in the UK and FTSE listed, we have gross revenues of £3.3 billion and a workforce of circa 68,000 people worldwide.

**2018/19  
Agriculture  
Programme**

*Enterprise St Helena*

**Farm to Fork - Supply Local, Buy Local!  
Celebrating Local Ingredients & Local Dishes!**

**When: 16 March 2019**

**Where: Prince Andrew School**

**Time: 11am till 2pm**

The Agriculture Programme and Hospitality Upskilling will be co-hosting this event with the main focus of the day being on finding St Helena Chef of the Year as well as Street Food Chef of the Year.

These competitions are open to anyone over the age of 18 years. For the Chef of the Year category, you will be required to produce a main course as well as a dessert using a selection of ingredients from the chef's larder table.

Competitors for the Street Food Chef of the Year category would need to produce their signature dish as well as a healthy local street food dish. The public will assist the judges with the judging in this category.

The prizes for both categories are as follows:

Gold medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & a set of Tsuki chef knives

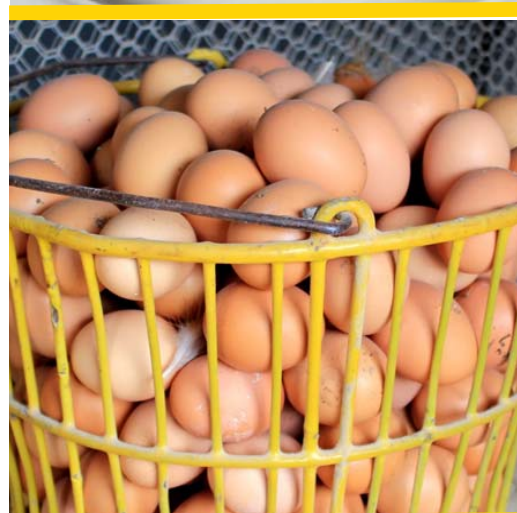
Silver medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & a set of Sabatier chef knives

Bronze medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & Tzuki Cleaver

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

To enter the competitions or to book a stall please contact Mike Harper (email [mike.harper@esh.co.sh](mailto:mike.harper@esh.co.sh)) or Delia Du Preez (email [delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh](mailto:delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh)) on 22920.

For more information please contact  
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Co-ordinator on telephone 22920 or  
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## Sure Ascension has a vacancy for **Networks Technician**

We are looking to recruit a dynamic and proactive person to join our Networks Team on Ascension Island.

Primary objectives of the post are:

- Being responsible for day to day operations which includes installation and maintenance duties associated with:
  - ◇ Telecommunications Voice Switching, CPE, Payphones and Telecommunications Power Systems.
  - ◇ Mobile (4G & 2G) System.
  - ◇ Earth Station Satellite and Radio Fields.
- Candidate should hold a minimum of National Diploma in Telecommunications Engineering or equivalent and have at least five years experience in the Telecommunications field.
- Candidate will be required to undertake callout duties and work flexible hours.
- A valid driving licence is essential.

Join our small dedicated Networks Team and enjoy some of the many benefits including free uniform, annual and sick leave entitlements, entitlement to join the company international pension plan and a discretionary incentive bonus scheme. Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of this post can be discussed with Geoffrey Augustus, Senior Manager on Tel: +247 66559 or Email: [geoffrey.augustus@sure.co.ac](mailto:geoffrey.augustus@sure.co.ac)

An application form and copy of the job description can be obtained from Karen Buckley, Human Resources & Administration Officer on Tel: +247 66802 or Email: [karen.buckley@sure.co.ac](mailto:karen.buckley@sure.co.ac)

Application Forms should be submitted to the Human Resources & Administration Officer, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Georgetown, Ascension Island by **4pm on Friday 15 March 2019**.



## VACANCY FOR FINANCE MANAGER

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate is seeking a highly motivated person to fill the role of Finance Manager. The candidate will be responsible to the Executive Manager for managing the Directorate's financial function which includes its annual recurrent budget and revenue, providing advice and support to staff and senior management on all relevant financial policies and procedures and for verifying all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system.

The successful candidate should have GCSE's at Grade C or above in English, Maths or Accounting and a CAT qualification, or working towards achieving the award. The candidate should also demonstrate proficient IT skills in Microsoft Word, Excel and Access Dimensions or similar. Salary for the post will start at £11,034 per annum.

The current job profile available for this role is subject to change due to the Directorate undergoing a change with effect from 1 April 2019. For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Wendy Henry at Essex House; on telephone number 22270 or e-mail [wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:wendy.j.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)

An application form and Job Profile is available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail [karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Friday 15 March 2019.

**Derek Henry**  
**Director of Environment and Natural Resources**  
**26 February 2019**





**SEAFISH CHANDLERY LTD** is currently looking to recruit a **Warehouse Operative** for their Ascension Island operation. Preferably candidates will have previous experience working in a warehouse environment. It is essential that applicants have a full clean driving licence and experience with the operation of forklifts would be an advantage. Customer Service skills with a friendly nature is essential. Previous knowledge of EPOS systems would be an advantage although training will be given.

This is a single status role and we are offering a two year contract with benefits including:

- Rent free accommodation comprising electricity and water allowance
- One return passage home during your contract
- Annual food allowance
- Medical & Primary dental care

Applicants are expected to be able to work well within a small team, have the ability to effectively follow procedures and flexibility of being able to work on a shift rota basis that will include weekends and public holidays.

For more information, job description and application form please contact Natalie Sim or Carine Young on tel:+24766320 or Email [office@chandleryminimarket.co.ac](mailto:office@chandleryminimarket.co.ac).

All appointments will be subject to employment references & satisfactory medical clearance.



## VACANCY FOR BUILT HERITAGE WORKER

The St Helena National Trust is seeking to employ a Worker for its Built Heritage team. We are looking for a highly motivated individual which has a strong interest in the island's built heritage, who is keen to learn and develop their heritage construction skills and who takes pride in achieving good results.

<b><i>Term:</i></b>	One year
<b><i>Hours of work:</i></b>	35 hours per week.
<b><i>Salary:</i></b>	Salary £6,558 per annum
<b><i>Holiday entitlement:</i></b>	25 working days per annum

This position will require you to have a high standard of health and safety, enjoy working as part of a team and have an eye for detail.

For further information please contact Alonzo Henry on 22307 or email [alonzo.henry@trust.org.sh](mailto:alonzo.henry@trust.org.sh)

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown or alternatively email [amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh](mailto:amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh) or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Monday, 11 March 2019 @ 16:00**

## **GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 17th of February 2019- Monthly medal.**

On Sunday the 17<sup>th</sup> of February 2019 the club hosted our monthly medal competition for the month of February. The competition was played in the Stroke Play format and kicked off at 12h00.

The winner was Ronald de Reuck with a score of Nett 63. Two shots back, Gerald George took the second place. The two ball competition was shared by two players, Ronald de Reuck and Pat Henry. Well done to all the winners.

Next Sunday the 24<sup>th</sup> of February the club is hosting a "Texas scramble – pick your own partner" competition with tee off set at 12h00.

Any interested person who would like to join this competition, or join the golf club, are welcome to make contact with us at the club on Wednesday afternoons or on our weekly competition on Sundays, alternatively leave a message on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh. We welcome any new members to our club. Members are also reminded of the AGM to be held on the 24<sup>th</sup> of February 2019.

The Club is also hosting a Dinner / Dance social evening planned for the 8<sup>th</sup> March. £12 for visitors and £6 for club members. See list on notice board. All is welcome.

**Contributed by;**  
**Deon Robbertse**  
**President**



## **APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION**

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

1. **Application 2019/24:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form a Bedroom, Conservatory and Garage**, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0218 Longwood North, adjacent to Paul Green. Applicant: Andre Henry
2. **Application 2019/25:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form an Enclosed Verandah**, Head O'Wain on Parcel 0193 Barren Ground, adjacent to Simon Henry. Applicant: Neil J Thomas
3. **Application 2019/26:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of Double Garage** on Parcel 0056 Silver Hill, adjacent to Wilson Knipe. Applicant: Leyon Robert Moyce

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

**Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh](mailto:shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh)**

Public Review Commencement Date : 1 March 2019  
Public Review Closing Date : 15 March 2019

**Andrew Chawora**  
**Locum Chief Planning Officer**



## BASIC FIRST AID, CPR AND AED TRAINING FOR SHG

Royal Lifesaving Society Trainer/Assessor for Lifesaving & Lifeguarding, Chris Durnford, is currently visiting St Helena with his wife. Whilst here, Chris has held free Basic First Aid, Cardio Pulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) and Automated External Defibrillator (AED) training with staff from different SHG departments.

This is Chris' eighth visit to the Island and he has offered training on each occasion, mostly with the lifeguards at the Jamestown Swimming Pool. This time around, Chris was again happy to offer his expertise to staff within SHG.

Chris held sessions with staff from the Environmental Management Division, HM Prison, Customs & Excise, Sea Rescue, Safeguarding, and the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division's Peaks & Forestry teams.

Chris said:

"It's been a delight to be able to do these training sessions, it's the love of my life in respect of outside activities.

"Some of these various divisions in SHG work in remote places and it's therefore very useful for them to have this information and knowledge just in case there is an incident."

The training has benefitted all staff participants, especially those which have Basic First Aid, CPR and AED as an essential requirement for their job roles.

Chris has 44 years experience in his field since becoming a Lifesaving Teacher in 1975. He is a member of the Royal Lifesaving Society UK and is a qualified Lifesaving Instructor Tutor and Water Smart Instructor. Chris is also qualified in Open Water Endorsement, NRASTC/ATSPRA (National Res-



cue Award for Swimming Teachers & Coaches/Aquatic Therapy Shallow Pool Rescue Award), Lifesaving, Anaphylaxis, NPLQ 9<sup>th</sup> Gen (National Pool Lifeguard), ER Pool, Open Water Lifeguard and AED.

SHG thanks Chris for his generosity in taking the time out of his holiday to deliver these courses.

**SHG**

**28 February 2019**

## ST HELENA TO BE REPRESENTED AT OCTA MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE AND 17<sup>TH</sup> EU-OCT FORUM

St Helena will be represented by Councillor Anthony Green, Financial Secretary, Dax Richards (in his role as Territorial Authorising Officer), and SHG UK Representative, Kedell Worboys MBE, at the Overseas Countries & Territories Association (OCTA) Ministerial Conference and 17<sup>th</sup> annual Overseas Countries & Territories of the European Union (OCT-EU) Forum and associated events. This will take place in Tahiti, French Polynesia, from Monday, 25 February, to Friday, 1 March 2019.

The OCTA Ministerial Conference will be held on Wednesday, 27 February, and will comprise of speeches, elections, and approval of the Political Declaration which will be presented to the European Commission. There will be three discussions, including:

- A roundtable on post-2020, when the current Overseas Association Decision comes to an end
- Oceans Study - where a consultant will provide preliminary findings on the OCTA commissioned report 'Background Study on Oceans and the Ocean Agenda in the OCTs'
- EDF Programmes:
- EDF 11 - discussing the Thematic Envelope on 'Sustainable Energy and Climate Change including Disaster Risk Reduction' and EDF 11 Regional Projects for the Caribbean, Pacific & Indian Ocean
- EDF 10 - report on the Territorial Strategies for Innovation

The week will culminate with the 17<sup>th</sup> OCT-EU Forum. This will include a welcome from the President of French Polynesia, Chairman of the OCTA, a keynote speech by European Commissioner, Neven Mimica, statements from the four Member States representatives, and a roundtable discussion on 'The OCT-EU Future Partnership'.

Other events during the week will include:

- OCTA meetings to finalise the Political and Administrative Resolutions and work on the Common Conclusions
- St Helena's trilateral meeting with the European Commission and the UK Overseas Territories Association to discuss progress on the 11<sup>th</sup> European Development Fund (EDF) project
- A field trip to Mo'orea for an official commemoration of EU officials who lost their lives in a plane crash
- A visit to an EDF funded project and a workshop on 'Sustainable Development through Regional Cooperation'
- Bilateral meetings with Member State groupings and the European Commissioner

Dax said:

"It is important for St Helena to be present at the forum and, in particular, to be able to have face-to-face discussions during the trilateral meetings with the European Commission and the Member State in order to provide confidence in the delivery of the Fibre Optic Cable and the innovation projects funded by the 11<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> EDF respectively. It is important that we secure the remainder of the funding for the territory under the EDF 11 programme. With Brexit looming, it is also an opportunity to strengthen links with other OCTs to share experiences and to understand the implications for all UKOTs post Brexit." The trip is being funded by the European Union.

**SHG, 22 February 2019**

## SHFA International Football team Ynys Mon 2019

This week the St Helena international football team play 3 matches as they prepare for June's international tournament in Ynys Mon Wales.

The first match which took place on Monday saw the Local X1 took an early lead from an own goal after a mix up in the box from a corner. St Helena was playing some of their best procession football to date and soon equalised through Ryan Benjamin. A good passing move followed by a good finished by right back Julian Henry put the team 2-1 up. The final minute of the first half saw Rico Benjamin completed the scoring.



St Helena's starting line-up for Monday's match.

BR L-R: Jacob Duncan; Matthias Young, Ronan Legg, Clayton Benjamin, Ross O'Dean and Rico Benjamin

FR L-R: Ryan Benjamin; Dane Wade, Jia Peters, Mike E Williams & Julian Henry.

On Tuesday we made some changes for our match against a Local XI team which also included our Goal Keeper Jia. Jia put in a great performance as he kept the score down. At half time the score was 1-0 with Ronan Legg scoring. 10 minutes into the second half after we made a number of substitutes

the team went on to score further goals from Rico Benjamin; Mike E Williams, Jordan Yon and Matthais Young. Josh Benjamin and Christian George put in good performances for the Local team.



Starting line-up for Tuesday's match: BR L-R: Jace Williams; Julian Henry, Kyle Yon, Brandon harris, Cody Thomas & Liam Yon

FR L-R: Ryan Benjamin; Ronan Legg, Deon Yon, Mike E Williams & Jordan Yon.

Brett Isaac and Trystan Thomas are currently injured.

Report from Thursday match will be in next week's paper.

Following Thursday match the squad will have a week's break from training to recover from what has been months of hard work. Training will recommence on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March. This day also coincides with Commonwealth Day and we would like to invite all Junior Football players to join us at Francis Plain for training starting at 5pm and finishing at 7pm.

### TRAINEE YOUTH WORKER NEW HORIZONS

New Horizons is seeking a DYNAMIC, ENERGETIC and SKILLED **Trainee Youth Worker** aged 16-21 years, to become part of its team for the period 16<sup>th</sup> March 2019 to 16<sup>th</sup> June 2019. Subject to funding an additional year could be offered. Applicants should be able to provide and assist with a wide range of activities for young people age 11-18 years.

**Salary:** starting at £500 per month

**Hours of work:** Average of 35 hours per week (spread over 7 days)

**Starting date:** 16<sup>th</sup> March



For further details and a full Job Description please contact Nick Stevens or Tina Yon-Stevens on 22034 or [youth@helanta.co.sh](mailto:youth@helanta.co.sh)

**Written applications should reach Tina Yon-Stevens, Youth Worker at the New Horizons Centre, The Arch, Jamestown, by 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

A chance for you to help young people discover their true potential

### For Sale

is a three bedroom house in the Bottom woods Area, for further information contact Telephone No. 24233

### FOR SALE

4 X 2 TREATED TIMBER in 4x8m & 3m lengths  
PLASTER BOARDS

Further information please contact Deborah Benjamin 23710 or mobile 64090

# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

We have certainly had our full of Premier League Football in the last week. The matches started last Friday. Cardiff was trashed 5-1 by Watford at home and West Ham defeated West Ham 3-1.

Four matches took place on Saturday, in the early game Spurs dashed their chance to close the gap on Liverpool and Man City when they loss 2-1 away at Burnley despite Harry Kane scoring on his return to the team. Bournemouth drew 1-1 with Wolves; Newcastle defeated the bottom side 2-0 with new signing Almiron starring in a good performance by the 'Magpies'. The Paraguayan was handed his full debut by Benitez after coming on as a substitute at Wolves earlier this month - and he did not disappoint the home fans with a sharp performance.

Leicester City loss 4-1 at home to Crystal Palace which resulted in manager Claude Puel losing his job.

On Sunday Arsenal defeated Southampton 2-0 and moved back into the Champion's League places as Manchester United drew with Liverpool at Old Trafford. Liverpool got the point they needed to return to the top of the Premier League but were left frustrated by their failure to break down a Manchester United side that was ravaged by injuries. Injuries to three midfielders meant United were forced to use all of their substitutes in a bizarre 25-minute period before half-time with one of them, Jesse Lingard, quickly being replaced himself. Klopp's side failed to test United keeper David de Gea, with a shot from distance by Firmino's replacement Daniel Sturridge their only shot on target in the 90 minutes.

United had the best chance of the game, but Alisson brilliantly denied Lingard after he ran on to Romelu Lukaku's pass and attempted to go around the Reds keeper.

United had a goal ruled of for offside and Smalling had a great chance to score the winner late in the game.

The first silverware of the season was decided on Sunday. Unfortunately it was on our TV so we had to follow the game via the BBC World Service.

Manchester City won the Cup in a penalty shootout at Wembley after Chelsea goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga defied manager Maurizio Sarri's attempt to substitute him.

The £71m Spanish keeper, Chelsea's club record signing, had been struggling with cramp in the closing stages of extra time and Sarri decided to send on substitute Willy Caballero, who saved three penalties in a shootout to help Manchester City win this trophy against Liverpool in 2016.

Kepa refused to come off and Sarri backed down in a rage - before City won the shootout, with Raheem Sterling scoring the decisive penalty.

Man City has picked up the first trophy of the season as they continue their quest to pick up a historic quadruple.



On Tuesday it was back to the Premier League. Cardiff suffered another home defeat as they loss 3-0 to Everton. Huddersfield picked up a rare win as they beat Wolves 1-0. Leicester who was being watched by their new manager Brendan Rogers, beat Brighton 2-1. Rogers has previously managed Swansea and Liverpool in the Premier League and was recently the manager of Scottish Champions Celtic.

Newcastle continued their recent good form as they put in another impressive performance against Burnley. Once again Almiron was the star man.

On Wednesday Liverpool put in a brilliant performance against Watford; beating the Hornets 5-0. The Reds had dropped six points in their previous four top-flight games but two goals each by Sadio Mane and Virgil van Dijk, as well as another from Divock Origi, helped them to their biggest win of the season.

Man City needed a debatable penalty decision to beat West Ham 1-0. This result keeps them just a point behind the leaders Liverpool.

Spurs small hope of Premier League glory is all but gone as they loss 2-0 away at Chelsea. Gonzalo Higuain hit the woodwork for Chelsea and Harry Winks had similar misfortune in the first half but Sarri's side saw their endeavour rewarded when Pedro's run ended with a shot between Lloris' legs at his near post after 57 minutes.

Harry Kane wasted a good chance to level for Spurs but this damaging loss was sealed in calamitous fashion when Kieran Trippier turned Olivier Giroud's flick past Lloris into his own net with six minutes left.

Arsenal put in another good performance as they trashed Bournemouth 5-1. This result keeps them 1 point ahead of Manchester United. United who had 8 key players missing from their game against Crystal Palace scored 3 goals to beat the London club 3-1.

Southampton's 2-0 win against Fulham lift them out of the bottom 3 and they were replaced by Cardiff.

This weekend matches will kick off at 12.30 on Saturday with the North London derby between Spurs and Arsenal; Man City travel south to face Bournemouth at 3pm. Other 3pm games will see Brighton host Huddersfield Town, Burnley play Crystal Palace, Manchester United host Southampton and Wolves play Cardiff. The late game on Saturday will see West Ham play Newcastle.

On Sunday Watford will play Leicester City at 12 noon; Fulham play Chelsea at 2.05pm and the Merseyside derby between Everton and Liverpool at 4.15pm.

Champion's league fixtures for next week are: Tuesday Spurs take a 3-0 lead to Germany to play Borussia Dortmund. Real Madrid host Ajax and have a 2-1 aggregate lead.

On Wednesday Fc Porto will play Roma at home. Roma leads the tie 2-1. Manchester United travel to Paris to play PSG. United face a near impossible task to overcome a 2-0 deficit.



## **St Helena's "pioneering role in ending slavery"**

There is some recognition in the international media about St Helena celebrating the bicentenary of Hudson Lowe's decree that all children born into slavery will be granted their freedom from 25<sup>th</sup> December 1818. The importation of slaves had already been banned in St Helena in 1792.

Regrettably the "ending of slavery" is correct only in a limited historical context. As the UK's Guardian newspaper puts it this week, "Experts have calculated that roughly 13 million people were captured and sold as slaves between the 15th and 19th centuries; today, an estimated 40.3 million people – more than three times the figure during the transatlantic slave trade – are living in some form of modern slavery, according to the latest figures published by the UN's International Labour Organisation (ILO) and the Walk Free Foundation." In a similar report in the same newspaper in July 2017 the estimated number of modern-day slaves was estimated to be 21 million. The number has almost doubled in less than two years.



Separately, the ILO released a report that said 152 million children between the ages of 5 and 17 were victims of child labour. Of them, about one-third were not in education, while another 38 percent were working under hazardous conditions.

The Inter Press Service (IPS) news agency reported on the same subject, "After an exhaustive study of modern day slavery, the Geneva-based International Labour Organisation (ILO) concluded there are over 40 million people who are victims of slavery, including 25 million in forced labour and 15 million in forced marriages – with at least 71 percent of them comprising women and girls." The IPS report continues, "slavery is still prevalent in a variety of disguises—including human trafficking, child soldiers, forced and early child marriages, domestic servitude and migrant labour . . . modern slavery is very much alive—and thriving—both in the world's poorest and richest countries"

### ***There's sugar, salt, fat AND climate change***

Napoleon clearly had a sweet tooth. Anyone with diabetes is supposed to stay away from bananas because of the sugar and starch they contain. Add the butter and sugar in the rum sauce and it looks as if trouble is on the way. Apart from sugar we are told to cut down on salt and fat as well. But

there is more!

Agriculture is said to cause about one quarter of all greenhouse gas emissions that contribute to global warming. And it's not just the methane from cows' backsides because of the grass they never stop eating. Chicken is more climate friendly than beef and reports say that fish consumption can be reduced for the benefit of the common good. Eating vegetables is the least harmful to our children and grandchildren as they produce the least amount of greenhouse gases during production from seed germination to the table. The advice generally given is, if you cannot exist on just vegetables cutting down on meat and fish consumption will help a lot. Scientists say fruit and veg are best – but they don't live in St Helena, do they.

On Tuesday 5th March are  
***Shrove Tuesday***  
and the usual pancake races will take place outside of the Canister from 5:30pm onwards.  
Hot food will be on sale consisting of Curry & Rice, Burgers, and Hotdogs along with the usual pancakes and ice-cream.  
***All are welcome***



SACRED HEART STHL

### ***Catholic Church of Sacred Heart, Jamestown***

#### ***Services for the Penitential Season of Lent 2019***

Ash Wednesday 6th March: Holy Mass with Blessing & Distribution of Ashes 5 p.m. For Catholics a day of Fasting & Abstinence;  
Every Sunday of Lent including Palm Sunday Holy Mass at 10 a.m. with due recognition on Sunday 17th March of St Patrick;  
Tuesday 19th March St Joseph at 5 p.m.  
Monday 25th March Annunciation of the Lord at 7.30 a.m.  
Further inquiries : 22535

# SHCA Results and Fixtures

## Saturday 23rd February

### Woodpeckers 136/6

Phillip Francis 60\*

Chris Owen 28

Chris Owen 1/43

### Sandy Bay Pirates 138/1

Matthew Benjamin 62\*

David Young 51\*

AJ Bennett 2/9

David Young 2/27

### Performance Points

David Young 3, Matthew Benjamin 2, Phillip Francis 1

## Allstarz 209/6

Sanjay Clingham 98

Jia Peters 33

David Francis 2/6

Sanjay Clingham 1/7

### Lions 104

Ralph Knipe 27

Nick Aldridge 19

Ralph Knipe 2/29

Christopher Herne 2/49

### Performance Points

S Clingham 3, C Leo 2, J Peters 1

## Sunday 24th February

### Heat 144/6

Ryan Belgrove 34

Damien O'Bey 33

Jason Thomas 3/33

Carlyn Yon 1/13

### Challengers 147/6

Jordi Henry 39

S-L Thomas 32

Phillip Stroud 2/20

S-L Thomas 2/24

### Performance Points

Jordi Henry 3, S-L Thomas 2, Damien O'Bey 1

## Fixtures

### Sat 02 March

1.30 PM

Allstarz V Mustangs

Umpires: Lions

### Sun 03 March

10.30am

Heat V Woodpeckers

Umpires: Allstarz

1.30pm

Challengers V Lions

Umpires: Pirates



*Featuring two  
talented, young  
Saint artists.*

# EXHIBITION

**From Saturday 2nd – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

**Jamestown Museum**

**Free entry**

*First shared solo  
exhibition.*

*Paintings to view  
and on sale*



## THANK YOU

There are not enough words to fully express our heartfelt thanks for the sympathy, love and support everyone has extended to our family during this time of loss. Special thanks to Dr Rhys, Staff of the Princess Royal Community Care Centre, Bishop Dale, Father Clive, Father Hall, Majors Ziqubu, Linda, Nicolene, Sonia, Jolene, Cecily, Veronica, Leigh, Roy, Carol, Karen, Davina and Colin. God bless you all.

Ivy, Joyce, Coral, Sylvia, Jackie, Connie, Paula, Pedro and the rest of the family of Mrs Freda Rose Young.

### ***A Tribute to a very Special Person We Don't Need A Special Day***

Mum, we don't need a special day to bring you to mind,  
The days we do not think of you are very hard to find.  
Each morning when we awake we know that you are  
gone,

And no one knows the heartache as we try to carry on.  
Our hearts still ache with sadness and secret tears still  
flow,

What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.

Our thoughts are always with you,

Your place no one can fill.

In life we loved you dearly,

In death we love you still.



## THANK YOU

The Family of the late Nicholas Carl Andrews along with his Partner Marion would like to thank the Doctors and Staff of the Georgetown hospital, The Manor and The Church Hill Hospital in Oxford for their care and attention given to Nicky during his short time in hospital before he passed away peacefully on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2019.

Special thanks to all involved for the swift repatriation of Nicky back to St Helena.

Thanks to Father David for the burial service, Mrs Greta Musk for playing the organ, Betty Joshua for the reading of the eulogy, Davina & Colin Lawrence for the making of wreaths and Roy and his team for the Burial.

Thanks to everyone on Ascension who helped with the arrangements for the memorial service and to the Management and staff of Interserve for arranging the wake and for their support given to the family during this sad time.

Thank you to everyone for your messages of kindness, sympathy and floral tributes.

***Nicky is gone from our lives but will remain  
in our hearts forever.***

## Thank You

To everyone at Jamestown General Hospital who gave me such support and help, I thank you.

I'm sorry if I was grumpy or uncooperative but I was feeling poorly. I'm very grateful to all of the doctors, nurses and medical staff who looked after me and tried to make me as comfortable as possible. Thanks especially to Coral for the loan of your Kindle and to your mummy for the support she gave to mummy and daddy.

Thanks to Carl and Nova for the fab ride in the ambulance nee-nor - it was amazing! Thank you also to everyone at the Airport for your help and support, particularly Gwyneth and Sybil for your care, assistance, the teddy bear and the fire truck nee-nor. I very much enjoyed seeing the air-o-planes from the ambulance nee-nor!

I'm very grateful to the Airlink crew for their help on the flights, and I'd like to thank Rodger and the en-

tire Airlink team for their gift, their support and the pizza - it was so kind of you.

Thanks also to the medical staff at Unitas for the care you showed me as you repaired my leg, and thank you to Johan, Alta, the staff and visiting Saints at Natanja Guest House for making my stay as comfortable and as enjoyable as possible. I still have Belinda the Parrot!

And finally, my sincere thanks to everyone who has sent messages of support and kindness to me and to mummy and daddy over what was a painful and scary time for me; in particular, thanks to Nanny, Belinda, Papa, Annalise and all my friends at Sunflower crèche for your support and love.

And thank you Paul and Sammi for all that you've done for my family, and for my shiny balloon.

I have been truly blessed by everyone's kindness and support.

***Love, Isaac Kellett.***



**Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend**

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

**Saturday** open from 5.00pm to 8.00 Mix tunes from the bar 8.0 till late Disco by DJ CJ

**Sunday** open from 3.30 to 8.00pm. live Tunes by the Electric Fender all are welcome,



**MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND**

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> Mar** Music for dancing by Ally Stu & Friends from 8.30pm

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Mar** Bar open from 3pm



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly car boot on **Saturday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2019**

Time: 10am – 12 noon

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



Book a table for £3 by calling the school on 22540 or just turn up on the day.



W.A.Thorpe & Sons Ltd. is pleased to announce that Rock Rose house will be open for public viewing from 2 – 6pm on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. All are welcome to have a look round inside the house to view the renovation works.

For more information contact Edward Thorpe [edward@thorpes.sh](mailto:edward@thorpes.sh) 22781



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