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Airlink has just celebrated its' 27th anniversary , it's a story that is rooted in humble beginnings, back then, no one could have imagined that this very small airline would someday become the largest, independent, regional airline in South Africa connecting passengers from around the world and now St Helena.

Airlink's origins are entrenched in three other small airlines, City Air, Magnum Airlines and Border Air which during the 1980's came together in the creation of Link Airways, it was during 1992 that Rodger Foster and another partner Barrie Webb in a successful bid for the takeover of the airline that a new name was established -'Airlink' and the rest I suppose is history.

Although Airlink are the third and final chapter in the story without them there would be no story, as an independent journalist I first became interested in the wine exhibition through Michel Martineau, to be able to cover this important event I needed sponsorship and so my first upshot was to contact Rodger Foster, CEO and managing director and Karin Murray, the Marketing and sales manager, incredibly they agreed and the wheels were set in motion, the other aspects of my journey were kindly sponsored by St Helena tourism, a classic case of partnership working, now who said nothing works on St Helena?

The sponsorship was very specific in that it would allow me to visit with them, learn all I could about the organisation and then write an article – it had already occurred to me several months earlier that while they were the service providers their story had not been told.

It was on Monday 25th February that my final part of the journey took me to the headquarters of Airlink at Greenstone Hill Office Park on Emerald Boulevard in Modderfontein, graciously collected from the airport by Karin whom I have had much correspondence with and it was great to finally touch base. My first impression of the headquarters was its' immaculate appearance, the reception area is warm and welcoming, the comparison continued in my mind when Karin showed me the Headquarters of South African airways further down the road, it looked, to put it poetically rather sad.

Due to time constraints I was unfortunately not able to see the Embraer E-Jet and ERJ 145 flight simulators at Airlink's recently established Training Centre of Excellence in Bonaero Park but does seeing one when I was 16 years old on my first visit to South Africa then as part of a church youth group and guests of the mayor at that time count? We even had a chance to use the controls needless to say we crashed numerous times!

Airlink employs just over 1,650 people and my observations are that it's run much like a 'family' company, small and conscientiousness it has avoided many of the pitfalls of larger



Karin Murray, Marketing Manager at reception

companies, training and opportunities for professional growth form an integral part of the company's ethos. Rodger Foster has remained as CEO for the past 27 years preferring to be involved in operations rather than the backseat approach.



Students in training

After a tour and tea we all met in the board room, Rodger, Karin and Chris Hoare, lively and light hearted discussions ensued – we had much to talk about and learn from each other, Airlink is mindful of the fact that they now occupy the space that Andrew Weir once did and while the island has made that huge jump from access by ship to plane they are also conscious of the challenges this presents us as a very small community.

In addition to providing an air service they are tasked with assisting in promoting the island, part of this is done via a monthly magazine called 'Skyways' which is available on all 4500 flights and, something which I was not aware of, can also be found at private game reserves and airport lounges, 133 Embassies, Consulates and the diplomatic corps of over 95 countries represented in SA. Every passenger gets their own copy to take home which contains advertising and promotional material about St Helena. Chris Hoare, Chief Revenue officer observed that "People are still very curious about

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the destination and we together with St Helena Tourism need to do the hard work to translate interest to action to convince potential travellers to take advantage of the new opportunity to experience this unique destination. To find out more go to <https://www.skywaysmagazine.co.za/> Opportunities to visit the island are shared widely on their websites which also feature local businesses.



Chris Hoare, Karin Murray and Rodger Foster

Chris describes the role of his team as “*Embracing all of the forward facing aspects in terms of the Customer, Sales, Marketing, Customer Care, Social Media together with the Reservations and Reservations support roles and then the back-office functions, route planning and flight scheduling which are in collaboration with Flight Operations*”

One of the biggest complexities facing Airlink have been delayed flights due to the weather, the frustrations experienced by travellers have spilled over into island wide debate and discussion, the final decision on whether a flight will happen is a collective decision taken in conjunction with the St Helena airport authority and will on the basis of passenger safety never be compromised. The question on rescheduling of flights is answered by Rodger “*Weather delays are caused by the forecast or actual weather being below the prescribed minima in terms of ETOPS rules, and often the meteorological condition (such as fog or very strong winds) can prevail for several days. This is the primary reason for delay extensions. Additionally the aircraft and crew can have other pre-planned assignments, and it can happen that when the weather conditions permit a flight that either the aircraft or crew are not available. However, Airlink will always manage its resources and assets in the best interests of our customers*”

Airlink ensures that two Captain Pilots fly into St Helena, this solidifies their commitment to providing a quality service for the people, in addition to providing an air service to the island against what can only be described as a challenging backdrop Rodger added “*Airlink is proud to have provided the air bridge to St Helena since October 2017. Delivering this service has not been easy. Having regard for the difficult meteorological phenomena prevalent at St Helena, and considering the topography at and around the St Helena airport, Airlink is delighted that no flights have been cancelled for technical reasons, that our aircraft have been 100% dispatch reliable, and that despite the challenging operational environment 8% of flights have been impacted (all by weather). Reliable air access is known to stimulate economic growth, especially in the tourism and hospitality sector, and we are pleased to be contributing in this way. Airlink is committed to continuing to provide customer centric air services to and from St Helena into the foreseeable future*”

There is no experience quite like taking off and landing at our own airport and if we're honest a little tear may appear at the corner of the eye in jubilant delight (or if your experience was a little more white-knuckled), as we approach the landing and are facing ‘touch-down’ in a number of different ways I hope we can continue to work together in a spirit of cooperation and unity, everything about my recent experiences say we can.

Thank you

Thank you for joining me on my journalistic expedition, I would like to publically thank SA Airlink, St Helena Tourism and ESH, Groot Constantia, Consul General Laurent Amar, Michel Dancoise-Martineau and all the other friends and contacts I have made in helping to make the journey memorable.



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Editorial

At the Commonwealth Day service in Westminster Abbey on Monday the UK Prime Minister, Theresa May read from St Paul's Letter to the Corinthians chapter 12. She did so without introduction or explanation; this is an extract, "If a foot should say, "Because I am not a hand I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. Or if an ear should say, "Because I am not an eye I do not belong to the body," it does not for this reason belong any less to the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?"

I discovered later that chapter 12 covers the subject of Unity and Variety but listening to Theresa May at the time I was sure (and alarmed) she was using that reading from the Bible to make a point about the many splits in her own Conservative Party and across the entire House of Commons over Brexit. But no, it was to support the 2019 Commonwealth Day theme – Connected Commonwealth. The service started in true Anglican High Church fashion but soon opened up to embrace the Dhol Foundation drummers from South East Asia who made a pulsating noise which filled the clerestory and William Barton, an Australian aboriginal, playing the didgeridoo in a masterly, eye-opening way. Yes! The eye and the ear were now definitely connected.



William Barton plays the didgeridoo to an attentive Westminster Abbey congregation

There is a fair bit on marine matters in this edition so I may as well continue the theme on this page by quoting from a recent description of a visit to St Helena in a Condé Nast travel review. Here goes, "Brothers Craig and Keith Yon own the snorkelling and dive operation *Into the Blue* and were 95 per cent sure we'd see one of these docile giants. On one trip they'd encountered 19 alone. Offshore of a foreboding-looking black basalt cliff called Barn Cap, Craig duly sighted one. I donned mask and flippers and tumbled excitedly into the choppy sea and for 25 minutes

floated above a slow-moving 30-foot colossus oblivious to the quantity of seawater I was imbibing down my snorkel. In pristine clear seawater I could count every dot on the whale shark's patterned body and I watched adhesive remora fish feeding off its parasites. I remained on cloud nine for the entire flight out, convinced St. Helena's future as an outdoors destination looks brighter than the inky-blue ocean surrounding it." May be someone, somewhere is able to quantify the cash value to St Helena in keeping our part of the South Atlantic "pristine clear" and making the "docile giants" forever welcome. Next week I will write about Georgia Aquarium's response to its critics who are against them keeping whale sharks captive in large tanks. Until then, enjoy the next seven days.

Vince

Supreme Court

Mr Rick Thomas of the Colts Sheds was formally sentenced yesterday in the Supreme Court, Judge Charles Ekins handed down a sentence of 3 years for assault occasioning grievous bodily harm (GBH) with intent to do grievous bodily harm

Mr Thomas has been in custody since August of last year therefore this time will count as part of his sentencing, he is due to be released in August 2021 however with good conduct there is a possibility of parole from August 2020

Interserve: Key UK contractor faces crunch vote on rescue plan

Key government contractor Interserve faces a crunch vote on Friday which could lead it into administration.

The outsourcing giant has been trying to persuade shareholders to back a rescue deal which would see 95% of the firm pass to lenders. It reached a deal with creditors last month to prevent its collapse.

But if shareholders reject its debt-for-equity-swap plan in the vote, Interserve's lenders could apply for a pre-pack administration.

This would mean the firm would avoid a Carillion-style collapse, but it would wipe out existing shareholders.

A pre-pack administration lets a company sell itself, or its assets, as a going concern, without affecting the operation of the business when administrators are appointed.

The administrators take over the running of the business to protect creditors. In a pre-pack, the lenders take 100% of the business.

The outsourcing firm is one of the UK's largest public services providers, and employs 45,000 people in the UK.

It started in dredging and construction, and from there has diversified into a wide range of services, such as healthcare and catering, for clients in government and industry.

It sells services, including probation, cleaning and healthcare, and is involved in construction projects.

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Legislative Council Adjournment Debate - Councillor Cruyff Buckley 11th March 2019

Mr Speaker

It is with great shame that I have to now address a serious issue that is bubbling just below the surface of St Helena.

That concern is the St Helena Police Directorate.

Following on from the questions I have asked previously I stand here today with the voice of my constituents and they ask:

Is St Helena becoming a Police State? Mr Speaker there are countless concerns and during these 10 minutes I can only outline a few of them.

Unannounced Recent Firearms training exercises at Ladder Hill adjacent to residential areas have caused **needless anxiety** to the people living there. At 3 O'Clock in the afternoon when kids are arriving home from school, they are greeted by officers carrying guns. This is completely unacceptable and demonstrates a lack of leadership, co-ordination and most of all common-sense. St Helena is not a playground for toy soldiers, I would expect far more from senior officers.

Recent so called "Raids" have left islanders bewildered. Officers approach citizens as if they are guilty until proven innocent. Many raids are unsuccessful and one particular constituent was told it was based on a single Anonymous Phone Call. Did any real investigation take place? A single anonymous phone call was enough for almost 20 officers and a riot shield to enter this man's home turn his house upside down, search through all his wife's clothing, defame his name and cause **needless anxiety** to his children and neighbours. Sorry is an understatement.

Another resident saw numerous police vehicles and officers turn up at his home to search for vehicle documentation. Fully dressed in riot gear. Surely Mr Speaker a simple search on a database could confirm and clarify this issue. A simple letter could have been sent. Is

there something more sinister at play? Overkill seems to be the order of the day. Constituents seem to be at the business end of some kind of over-the-top training regime and are being used as cannon-fodder. A concerning number of these incidents have **not** led to any conviction. What concerns me in particular Mr Speaker is the basis on which warrants are issued and what threshold has to be exceeded to acquire such. There has been an occasion whereby an officer climbed through a residents window whilst the resident was absent from the property and then attempted to produce the warrant the day after. Needless to say this person was incensed and refused to accept the warrant retrospectively.

Mr Speaker I read an extract out of the 10yr plan with an update under the heading "altogether safer".

St Helena Police continues to make people who have committed offences accountable through robust policing and enforcement. For the period April 2017 to March 2018, a total of 118 cases were taken to Magistrates Court of which a total of 62 resulted in convictions.

My interpretation of these statistics suggests that almost half of all these cases either lack evidence or shouldn't have been in court in the first instance. This heavy handed approach is killing the island socially and economically and is causing much disturbance in our judicial system and to be blunt is just a waste of the courts time.

During a recent court sitting the presiding Judge was deeply concerned about the delays from the prosecution and/or the Police Directorate before evidence and disclosures can be made available, to the point whereby he threatened to take action. It is a regular occurrence within our court system and is frustrating for our newly appointed Public Solicitor to do his job effectively. This in turn has knock-on effects for the accused and offenders who are being left hanging, again this has caused **needless anxiety**. Meanwhile the public have seen CID officers sit in court practically all day even when they are not required to give evidence. The public wishes for more foot-patrols like in the old days. Traffic is also out of hand. It would seem these officers have spare time on their hands, or are they training to become lawyers? Mr Speaker how is this value for taxpayer's money? Are there no other cases to be solved? Is there any Paperwork to be done? These Questions

have to be asked. Is evidence being gathered retrospectively? Is the cart before the horse? Is it in the public interest to charge these people without being 90% sure of a conviction. The statistics speak for themselves, these ducks are not in a row. It seems to be a rolling of the dice in many cases and career advancement and job validation at the expense of the St Helenian public. People can and will make mistakes, are we incriminating them before we can help them?

This case in particular is a prime example. A young man decide to create a tattoo business. He is quite good at it and is doing well. He then tattoos a minor with consent from the parents. He is then approached by the police and charged with the offence of tattooing a minor. Under UK law this is not allowed. However this is not the UK and I'm not going to get into any moral issues surrounding this. He is then cautioned for this offence and now has a blemish on his record which will undoubtedly affect his future job prospects especially relating to overseas employment. The point I'm trying to make is a question I asked before. Are we incriminating people before we can help them? A proactive approach between the parties, a meeting with a councillor or a note of concern to safeguarding would have addressed this issue. Instead we have a young innocent man unaware of his action and consequences, who is left with a criminal record. Why draw your gun when a knife will suffice?

Mr Speaker the level of charging is also alarming. I understand the prosecution must hold the case in the highest. However the hifalutin level of these charges are seriously damaging St Helena's international reputation. Coupled with international media coverage, to the potential tourist St Helena doesn't seem like the island paradise we all know it to be. On one side of the coin we are promoting economic development through tourism and on the other side we destroy the island's credibility with outrageous charges that perhaps won't even stack-up. Mr Speaker I am all in the pursuit of Justice, but let's not allow individual mistakes tarnish an entire nation's reputation. We need to be more realistic and align our strategic objectives.

Mr Speaker the public are disgusted at

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the recent behaviour of the St Helena police. Many are threatening legal action and the full extent of the liability due to these unsuccessful raids are soon to be realised by this government. This unprofessionalism is taking its toll on St Helena, we have seen young officers leaving the Police Directorate and recently officers have been stood down recruitment could potentially become an issue. I am sorry to say the St Helena Police Directorate is at an all-time low. Whatever happened to the days of policing for the community? It would seem it is now all about convictions. There is no prevention of crime only reaction. St Helena has a relatively low crime rate, yet we seem to make mountains out of molehills. We are turning the people of this community into monsters, and its showing. To gain respect you have to give it in return.

Mr Speaker I feel it is high time for an independent review of the St Helena Police. There have been complaints submitted in relation to certain officers and then there are others who feel there is no-one to turn to in fear that they will themselves become targets. This is the reason I am speaking today, Mr Speaker I speak for those who cannot, for those who are in fear, for those that are innocent and are being harassed unjustly and who's homes are being raided with little or no evidence other than an anonymous phone call without any apology or acknowledgment they were wrong, and because they are in a position of authority think they can get away with it. Mr Speaker this cannot continue, we need accountability for these actions for they are in breach of the Rights of the individual. When you have police officers who abuse citizens, you erode public confidence in law enforcement. That makes the job of good police officers unsafe.

Mr Speaker I will finish with a quote I found online and I think it is somewhat telling of the cultural difference across the Atlantic.

In America, the policeman is a working-class hero. In England, the policeman

is a working class traitor.

Who are the traitors on this little island of St Helena?

Cruyff Buckley

Member Legislative Council.

Legislative Council Adjournment Debate - Councillor Brian Isaac 11th March 2019

Mr Speaker,

When speaking to family, friends and members of the Public, the topic of the state of the economy, high cost of living on the Island, cost of air fares, freight, utilities and other related issues is always the most stressing point for everyone. The most common topic is the high cost of living and the low income of those people on social benefits. People are frustrated, struggling day by day and behind many smiling faces we are greeted with on the street are some form of hardships.

Many people are thankful and appreciate what Government provides in the form of social benefits and basic island pension but the levels paid equate to the strength of the economy and with the current state of our economy it is difficult to strike the right balance.

The Airport has brought much development to the Island but it is not delivering its full potential as there are many unknowns and knows, which requires sustainable financial funding to have an Airport that will support tourism, private sector and the Islands economy.

Mr Speaker, I only spoke yesterday with a couple who returned to the Island following the opening of the Airport and was encouraged to return to the Island to invest in the prosperity of a stronger tourism industry. This couple was inspired by the many travel shows motivated by the ESH through Tourism and the meetings with Saints held in various counties in the UK, sadly this Couple will be returning to the UK next week after investing in a Bakery in HTH producing high quality bread and related bakery products to meet the tourism demand. Again sadly because of the low income of tourists and the predicted figures not materializing, this couple will reluctantly return to the UK. It was asked if a marketing survey was undertaken by this couple, and the response was that they were

made to understand with the advice provided through the tourism Roadshows, that the predicted tourist industry numbers would be over whelming. Unfortunately I shared the frustration of this couple investment which proved in some respect to be fruitless, this is not the only returning Saints who invested in the tourism industry and found out the hard way.

Flight delays are one of the most distressing and costly situations that has struck fear in the heart of many Saints returning for a short holiday, who has to fit the full cost of returning air fares in certain scenarios, because the plane is delayed due to weather conditions. Insurance Agency's do not really welcome claims made in respect of weather conditions. I was also confronted by the many stranded Saints here on Island last week because of the delayed flight on Tuesday, which has resulted in the additional cost of accommodation and related social inconveniences

Mr Speaker, despite those concerns that affect the wellbeing of most Saints this is another concern that has made the Public uneasy, the proposal to convert the ex-Blue hill school into social housing.

Despite the concerns of some Cllr's of Legislative Council not to proceed with this proposal in respect of public concerns, the decision was over ruled in a closed meeting of Ex-Co for the process to continue. I am not aware of any social impact assessment which was to be undertaken or made with the best interest of Public perception in mind or was the democratic process ignored by the powers to be?.

It has been proven that in the best interest of Public concern, the Public is not listened to, this has been revealed recently when a petition signed by some 1700 saints was not adhered to and the public felt let down by the freedom of expressing their rights.

The Island awaits the announcement of the DFID settlement for the next financial year and the approval of a capital programme for St Helena. Following the withdrawn of the Capital Programme by DFID the growth of the Private Sector has declined rapidly and the impacts has weakened the economy. More and more staff of the Private Sector has had to seek alternative employment, some

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has left the Island and others were forced to seek unemployment benefits

We also await further information of the Optic cable and the PASH connectivity, these two major projects we hope will bring much needed resources to the Island, but we must ensure that the people of St Helena benefits from this investment and that we are ready to use it as efficiently and effectively as possible. We must ensure that the predictive growth is protected by legislation to protect the Island against the financial benefits of the investment going off Island.

The recent increase in diesel prices has come at a bad time for the Island, as the increase in diesel fuels will have a major impact on the Islands economy as everything depends on diesel for the many business and controls inflations. The question I have been asked by Constituents, why the cost of diesel could not be shared with an increase on the cost of petrol?

As I am speaking of fuel, the new fuel farm at Rupert's appears to be another White Elephant, I been told of various dates for completion and operations to commence. I stand to be corrected but understand that corrosion is becoming a major problem for maintenance at the farm, which will become a demanding factor in the future for the St Helena Government. Will we ever see the farm operating to it full capacity as predicted with the cost benefits reaching the consumers, in my professional opinion is no.

The delay in having a fully operation dock in Rupert's with related infrastructure for cargo operations appears to be a nonstarter, unless DFID and the UK Government really think seriously of the situation, we have been put in by not supporting a breakwater in Jamestown but saw that Rupert's been the appropriated site.

The money in transporting Containers from Rupert's to Jamestown can be bet-

ter spent on other related issue that is impacting the Island and the vulnerable, I understand that the cost to transport one Container from Rupert's to Jamestown is £200. I dear not mention the cost of sea freight, I do not see this service decreasing in cost but will sadly be increased and beyond the controls of the Public Purse.

In Conclusion, Mr Speaker I wish to take this opportunity in thanking the Prison Board for allowing the services of Inmates at H.M.Prison to assist in having the Longwood Green brought back to a standard that is welcoming and appreciated by all who wish to use the Green as a family environment.

Brian Isaac
Member Legislative Council.

Dear Editor,
Re: Thank You – Page 32 of the St Helena Independent on 8th March 2019

Firstly, I would like to offer my deepest sympathy to the women (those who have come forward and those who have not) who suffered at the hands of Eric Benjamin. I also offer my deepest sympathy to those who have suffered at the hands of others. I cannot begin to imagine the pain you have had to live with over the years.

Secondly, I would like to offer my heartfelt thoughts to Mr Benjamin's family who indeed will now have to manage their own terrible suffering. I am so sorry. I hope the 'sins of the father' will not provide a platform to discharge wrongful 'justice' on the members of his family.

I read with aghast and could not believe that approximately 30 % of the final page in last week's St Helena Independent was not only dedicated to a man who has been found guilty of crimes against vulnerable women but that views had been given a platform which would surely aggravate the years of pain these women experienced.

Mike, you and I have agreed in the past on many things, however, I utterly disagree with your facilitation of these insinuations of falsehood (as I have interpreted it) against people who we now need to applaud. You made a judgement call, which perhaps may pay well in the 'big world' but this is St Helena - these women

didn't want money or fame – that will not help them find peace. Can you imagine the pain they have had to relive by going through this entire ordeal? Shame on you Mike.

I have made many mistakes in my life and so this letter is not aimed at 'casting the first stone'. This letter is simply to voice my profound sadness that these victims continue to be ostracized and rebuked for their incredible strength and contribution to our society. Game changers.....

The courage these women have shown on a small island where gossip is rife can never be understated. I salute all of you, including those who continue to live with guilt and pain associated to these kinds of crimes. Let us throw our arms around these people (including families ripped apart by the actions of family members) and thank them, not try to undo what has been done.

You did nothing wrong ladies; hence you are not incarcerated.

I live by one sentiment. **There is no right and wrong, there is only consequence.** We can go about living our lives in a certain way, day in and day but our actions echo into tomorrow. So, we cannot blame others for our actions, as the adage says, "you do the crime, you do the time". Sadly, these crimes are committed by many who are held in high esteem. Perhaps this standing in society incenses lack fear in being brought to justice. We as a world-wide community have not done enough. Allowing people to fly under the radar because of who they are and what they have done. Yet, what they have done, cannot be undone. The good and the terrible.

Harvey Weinstein works no more, no one will employ him or have him make movies for them again. Whatever contributions he made to the film industry will be lost because his contributions came at the cost of many aspiring women's discomfort. He must have thought at times that he was on top of the world.....a God even! We mortals are so deluded.

R Kelly – one of music's most successful RnB artists is beginning to see his music disappear from radio stations and

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social media. All those years of hard work, he has not yet been found guilty of the said crimes, but he will never be seen in the same positive light again. Unfortunately, even striking a match can start a wildfire.

This kind of behaviour not only affects the individuals involved, but a whole host of others including wives, children, grandchildren, victims' families, companies, governments, churches.

Only now has Catholicism faced the wall of shame associated with many priests and choir boys. The argument about a man being asked to live a life of celibacy hence resorting to these heinous crimes goes on, but the man had choices. We all have choices in life. We live by those choices.

Whilst it is very liberating to forgive, it is also extremely difficult, especially when victims do not get the right level of support. Forgiveness allows us to grow as individuals and I would certainly encourage forgiveness wherever possible, yet we should never revert to thinking that the crime was 'ok' or start to make excuses for the accused. It happened, it was wrong, the person/s are now serving their time and it is hoped that this time of reflection will change their decisions and actions in the future.

Thank you again to all those people on the island who are providing the right platform for people living with this kind of pain and have no one to turn to. Your contributions will surely echo into tomorrow.

If people cross to the other side of the road when they see you coming as a result, so be it. If they don't speak to you in the work place anymore, how small-minded of them. Silent intimidation is sometimes the primary weapon to silence victims and issues, don't be put off by feelings of isolation with such important work being done within our community.

Yours sincerely,
Adelene Thomas, London

Dear Editor,

It would appear that SHG once again cannot keep its knickers from twisting. The much hyped conference kicked off this week with SHG's position clearly stated as 'the Natural Capital approach ... will give us another instrument in our tool box ... to manage and preserve the parts of nature which we value' along with 'our robust planning laws and legislation which controls what can be done', presumably some of the other tools. Good sentiments indeed. How does this fit alongside that same Government destroying a Wirebird Sanctuary for a large scale development project? Perhaps we should make all those speakers and attendees stay back one more day to discuss? Of course the speakers buzz word would be 'Mitigation, mitigation'.

Also, I find it odd that the self-appointed and rather fancily titled 'Visioning Group' seem to be having trouble with their spectacles recently. Calling out to the public for help with ideas for the Napoleonic Commemoration event before the end of April deadline they need to make for the 'high level' document we are waiting on. I suggested a trip down to see Bridget at the Hospital for a new prescription maybe.

Regards,
Spike Woodlouse, On a Bush, Diana's Peak Road.

Dear Editor,

Team Carpe Diem and the St Helena Yacht Club Commodore would like to sincerely thank all those businesses and individuals who so kindly supported the St Helena Team before, during and after the Cape to St Helena Yacht Race. We are so grateful for your kindness, generosity and prayers. The race was a great success with the St Helena team coming in 6th place with the assistance from local HAM operators giving updates all the way and St Helenians around the world sending messages of support to our Satellite phone. We have had a very positive response from race competitors and the Royal Cape Yacht Club and they look forward to

the next yacht race in 2020.

To all those special individuals and families that tirelessly worked night and day to ensure that the yacht club was well equipped and that all visiting yachties had what they needed. You are amazing people and your efforts have not gone unnoticed! Huge thanks and praise to you. It was not an easy time and we really do appreciate all that you have done!

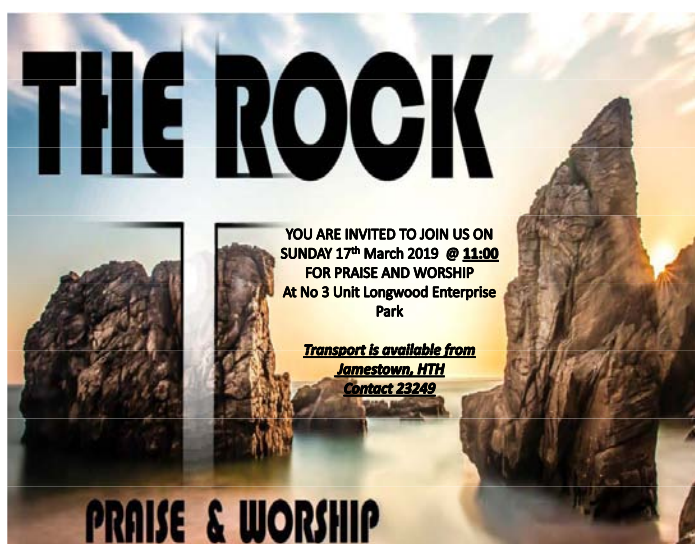
This message is coming to you all rather late but it has been an immensely busy time in the yacht club and for our family. Thank you for your continued support.

The St Helena Yacht Club continues to function and all support is most gratefully received. Visiting yachts continue to grace our shores and they are looking for a safe refuge, preferably with wifi, a cold beer and local information!

If you are interested in helping in the yacht club rooms please get in touch with any of the committee who will be happy to inform you more about the club. James Herne 66519, Gillian Fowler 22980, Monica Constantine 22419 and Hannah Herne 66606.

We look forward to another exciting year with the St Helena Yacht Club!

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The Conference message; there is still so much we don't know

The 2019 St Helena Conference was very different from the first conference in 2018. The first conference had speakers giving presentations on wide ranging subjects with the focus almost entirely on St Helena. Rare species brought back from the brink, marine research in St Helena waters and the importance of pole and line fishing were some of them. This year's conference brought together people from every inhabited island in the South Atlantic, and beyond, who provided very specific research results which gave assessments of the state of the environment on land and in the sea across the South Atlantic. Research work has been undertaken by a range of organisations across a wide array of subjects.

The South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute has been pulling together the different strands of research to provide an overall picture of the state of our world in the South Atlantic; bearing in mind the effects climate change, plastic pollution of the ocean, the spread of invasive species, the increasing pressures on the survival of endemic species, the introduction of Marine Protected Areas and much more. The 2019 St

Helena Conference brought together the leading participants in various areas of research to share the results of their efforts with other people engaged in related work. The result being a better understanding of the current overall position among many of the main people who strive to acquire a better understanding of how the natural environment works, what affects it either for good or for bad and how to limit the damage humans are inflicting upon it.

Conference delegates found the sharing of information very useful. As is so often the case with research of any sort, the more that is known the more it is realised how much more there is to know. As the former US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld famously said "as we know, there are known knowns; there are things we know we know. We also know there are known unknowns; that is to say we know there are some things we do not know. But there are also unknown unknowns- the ones we don't know we don't know." The quest for knowledge and information is a bottomless pit. This is almost literally the case with whale sharks.

On the trail of whale sharks

In 2015 Dr Alistair Dove, Vice President Research and Conservation at the Georgia Aquarium arrived in St Helena for the first time. On that occasion he had one assistant with him; their purpose, to find out about the whale sharks that congregate in St Helena waters every summer. Observations had been made of whale sharks mating; St Helena was, and still is, the only place in the world where male and female whale sharks meet in roughly equal numbers and where sightings of them mating had been reported. It was this information which drew Al Dove and the Georgia Aquarium to St Helena. The 2015 visit was a pilot expedition to start to find out where whale sharks come from before congregating in St Helena waters and where they go to when they leave. Al Dove returned in 2016, this time with a team of six to get more research work completed in the time available. Two other visits followed, in 2018 and 2019. On each occasion the research was expanded and developed with links to various St Helena organisations strengthened.

Whale sharks have been tagged during every visit since the first visit in 2015 to help find out their movement patterns. Forty whale sharks now have acoustic tags and a further thirty-two satellite tags have also been fitted. Acoustic tags fitted to whale sharks will send a signal to a stationary receiver when it comes within range. The signal will identify the tagged whale shark and give information on how many times a particular whale shark returns to St Helena. Satellite tags allow whale sharks to be tracked over long distances, recording the direction and route as well as provide information on the depths descended by the whale shark. The information is stored in the tag until its release mechanism is triggered remotely. The tag then ascends to the surface and transmits the stored data to a satellite and subsequently picked up for data processing at the Georgia Aquarium.

Whale sharks do not follow a migratory route. When they leave this island they swim away in all directions. It is thought pregnant whale sharks congregate around the Galapagos Islands but it is still yet to be proven. DNA data and the whale

shark genome sequence shows that Atlantic whale sharks are an isolated population and never enter the Pacific Ocean. Do pregnant Atlantic Ocean whale sharks also congregate? If so where? The information obtained through tagging has not yet given up this whale shark secret.

It is not yet known how deep a whale shark will or can descend. About half the satellite tags used by Georgia Aquarium on St Helena whale sharks have been crushed by the pressure of water as the whale shark descends deeper than about 1,500 metres. One satellite tag managed to survive to 2,000 metres but the whale shark presumably kept diving deeper. It's not necessary for a whale shark to swim too far out from St Helena before it's possible for it to dive down to 4,000 metres. Most marine life, and therefore food, is either at the surface or on the ocean floor. There is no logical reason why a whale shark should want to swim at mid-ocean depths; it is



A custom deep hardened satellite tag developed as a collaboration between Georgia Aquarium and iSea Solutions principal engineer Thom Maughan, with funding from SHNT and Blue Marine Foundation. Pic: Al Dove

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On the trail of whale sharks

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assumed the whale sharks, having descended to 2,000 metres, continues to the ocean floor. But it has not yet been proved, and if they do dive that far down why do they do it? Why is it important to know the answers to these questions? The world population of whale sharks is estimated to have reduced by half since the 1980s due to man's harmful actions. Where do whale sharks feed? Where do they mate? Where do female whale sharks 'pup' (give birth)? What are the whale shark movement patterns in the different oceans? These questions and more need to be answered if humans are to help repair the damage done to whale shark populations over the last four decades.

This year the engineer working with the Georgia Aquarium, Thom Maughan of iSea Solutions, has produced a satellite tag which is designed to withstand water pressure to a depth of 4,500 metres. Three of these tags have been made so far and have been brought to St Helena for use on whale sharks here before the last of them swim away for another year. Of the three tags it is hoped one of them at least will unlock this particular mystery in whale shark behaviour. A tag can become detached from the whale shark, the whale shark that's been tagged may decide not to descend to the limits of its capability or the tag may just not work properly at some point during its association with a whale shark. All those risks apart, if all goes well, some new and important information about whale shark behaviour may be revealed in the months to come.

This year's St Helena visit by the Georgia Aquarium has also included closer liaison with organisations in St Helena as well as close collaboration with other overseas organisations of international repute. The Marine Megafauna Foundation (MMF) is one of them. Simon Pierce, co-founder and principal scientist at MMF is here this week. Simon is also a renowned wildlife photographer, as is confirmed by the accompanying photographs.

Also here are researchers from the Okinawa Churashima Foundation. They have a marine research centre and an aquarium where work continues to gain knowledge of the re-



Kiyomi Murakumo from the Okinawa Churashima Research Foundation taking a blood sample from a St Helena whale shark to check for sex hormones that would indicate maturity or pregnancy.

Image credit: Simon Pierce. EMD permit number 2019/SRE/01.

productive systems of manta rays and whale sharks by breeding them in captivity. Research also includes coral reefs, sea turtles and whales.

When the RRS Discovery arrives in April one of the expedition's tasks will be to place acoustic tag receivers on the Cardno and Bonaparte seamounts. The receivers will record signals sent from a variety of tagged marine life including whale sharks. The information is stored in the receivers until they are retrieved and the data they hold is processed.

Stronger relationships have been forged between the Georgia Aquarium, the St Helena National Trust and SHG's Environment and Natural Resources Directorate who are Georgia Aquarium's ain partner in St Helena. The working arrangement with the National Trust also embraces the Blue Marine Foundation who provided funds for further whale shark tagging. The closer relationship with island organisations means the work Georgia Aquarium has started will continue when Al Dove and his team leave St Helena. The association with the Georgia Aquarium continues and Al Dove will return with his colleagues to push forward with unlocking the secret behaviour of whale sharks.



Dr Rui Matsumoto from Okinawa Churashima Research Foundation takes an ultrasound of the heart of a whale shark.
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PRESS RELEASE

Change in Sure's Pay As You Go Mobile Service 1 April 2019

Sure SA Ltd will be revising the Pay As You Go Mobile tariffs effective 1 April 2019.

Changes in prices effective 1 April 2019 are as follows (excluding SHG 10% Service Tax):

Service	Unit	Current Price	Price at 1 April 2019
International Calls	Minute	£0.90	£0.94
International SMS	Each	£0.25	£0.26
Out of Bundle Data	MB	£0.15	£0.16



We would also like to remind our customers that we offer a Post Paid Monthly Mobile Service with added value in calls, text and data bundles. For more information about these packages, please visit our website www.sure.co.sh; or visit our Customer Service Centre in Jamestown.

Should customers have any queries relating to the changes to the Pay As You Go tariffs they can contact Sure's Customer Services team on telephone 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh.



Meter Reader Required

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is seeking the services of a self-employed person for the provision of Meter Reading services. The suitable person will form part of a team of Meter Readers who will be expected to provide readings for both water and electricity usage from customer premises in accordance with issued routes lists and submit the readings to the Connect Billing Office.

Reading of Meters will need to take place from the 1st – 12th of each month within specified time frames as set out by Connect, hours of work may vary to suit contractors/customers schedules.

For more information, please contact Kerry Lane on 22255 or email kerry.lane@connect.co.sh by 12 noon on Monday, 18 March 2019.





PRESS RELEASE

Change in Sure's Broadband Packages from 1 April 2019

Sure SA Ltd will be revising its Broadband packages from 1 April 2019 in response to the rising cost of providing these services. However, the company is also improving the value of its packages.

"Sure continually strives to maintain the value of its services while aiming to provide the quality and reliability that customers expect. Over the past five years we have reduced the price of our Broadband packages year-on-year while also improving speeds and expanding inclusive allowances," said Christine Thomas, Sure's Chief Executive for Saint Helena Island.

"However, due to the rising cost of providing these services to customers, it has become necessary for Sure to increase the cost of all Broadband packages by 4% from 1 April 2019.

"The price increase has been balanced against an increase in the inclusive allowances on all packages, which enhances the value of our services to customers. Also the price of overage, the charge imposed when customers exceed their allowance, will be reduced from 7p per MB to 5p per MB."

Changes in package fees and inclusive allowances from 1 April 2019 are as follows (excluding SHG 10% Service Tax):

	LITE		BRONZE		SILVER		SILVER+		GOLD		GOLD+	
	Current	01 April 2019	Current	01 April 2019	Current	01 April 2019	Current	01 April 2019	Current	01 April 2019	Current	01 April 2019
CONNECTION SPEED (kbps)	1024/512	1024/512	1024/512	1024/512	1536/512	1536/512	1536/512	1536/512	2048/768	2048/768	2048/768	2048/768
INCLUSIVE ALLOWANCE (MB)	750	800	1,500	1,600	3,500	3,800	5,000	5,500	10,000	11,000	21,000	24,000
PRICE	£12.80	£13.31	£19.45	£20.23	£38.95	£40.51	£52.25	£54.34	£78.85	£82.00	£153.90	£160.06
OVERAGE PER MB	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05	£0.07	£0.05

Should customers have any queries relating to these changes they can contact Sure's Customer Services team on 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh.



**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:

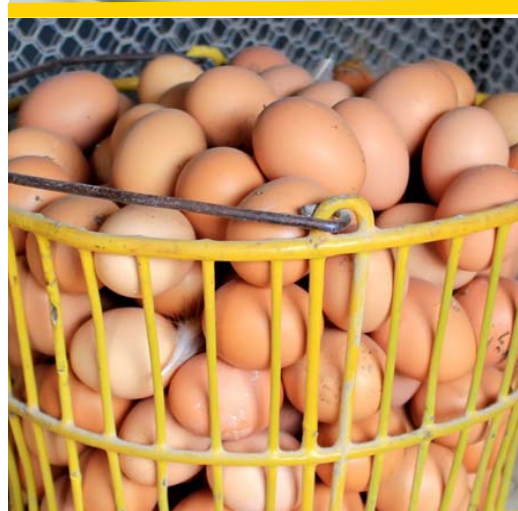
Gold medal from Craft Guild of Chefs & a set of Tsuki chef knives

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) or Delia Du Preez (email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh) on 22920.



For more information please contact
Delia Du Preez, Business Development
Co-ordinator on telephone 22920 or
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The main duties of the post include:

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- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Assisting in the Operations/Compliance section with the checking of daily work and any other Duties.

Bank of St Helena Limited also offers an excellent staff benefits package.

Interested persons can contact Lilian Andrews, Teller Supervisor on 22390 or Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager on 22102 for more information.

An application form and a job profile are available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to **Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager**, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com

Closing date for applications is Friday, 29 March 2019

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**Vacancy
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Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced individual to work within the Human Resources department. Reporting to the Director of Resources, the successful candidate will be responsible for managing all human resource related activities. Ensuring that the overall administration, coordination, and evaluation of human resources plans and programmes are realised.

The successful applicant must:

- Hold a CIPD qualification or working toward one.
- Have at least 5 years' of proven HR generalist experience.
- Have excellent decision-making, strategic thinking, leadership, interpersonal and ethical conduct skills.

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Director of Resources, Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday 29th March 2019.



For further information please contact: Marilyn Caswell on telephone number 22920 or email
Marilyn.Caswell@esh.co.sh

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to Nicola Essex, Human Resources
Manager,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 26 March 2019



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REMOTE BANKING MARCH 2019

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for March will take place as follows:

Location	Date	Time
Scotland	Thursday, 21 March	09:30 – 12:30
HTH Supermarket	Monday, 25 March	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 29 March	09:30 – 14:30

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Terms and Conditions apply.



For further information please contact: **Michiëlle Yon,**
Director of Resources

on 22920 or email: michielle.yon@esh.co.sh

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SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCIES

The Safeguarding Directorate has the following vacancies:

Children's Residential Home Supervisor (one year fixed term)

The Supervisor will be responsible for providing high quality care and protection to children of all ages, residing in the Home. Potential candidates should possess Grade C or above in GCSE Mathematics and English, an NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3, experience in dealing with children and young people and a valid Driving Licence, Class A.

Some of the key tasks of the role are:-

Assist in assessing the children's needs and promoting their independence.

Participate in Looked after Child reviews and contribute towards the child's care plan and attend any multi agency meetings as deemed necessary.

To ensure health and safety standards are maintained for the Children's Residential Home.

To be responsible for maintaining the staff roster and ensuring safe cover at all times when children are resident.

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

IDVA/SDVA/CIDVA Domestic Abuse Service Lead

The domestic abuse lead will have overall responsibility for managing and facilitating the provision of outreach advocacy and support to survivors of domestic abuse, male and female, and their children, who reside within the local community. This also includes supporting the women and children who reside in our Safe Haven facility.

Duties of the post include:-

Manage the access to the Safe Haven accommodation and support services to ensure provision of services effective in supporting victims/survivors of domestic abuse.

Assist in assessing the service user's needs, and their children's needs (where applicable) and promote empowerment and their independence.

Construct support plans for resident and non-resident service users, in partnership with other agencies and professionals where appropriate.

Attend, and participate in, multi-agency meetings regarding service users and/or their children as and when necessary.

The successful Candidate should be in possession of GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above, NVQ in Health and Social Care Level 3 or equivalent and have relevant experience of working with vulnerable adults and safeguarding children. The applicant must have a valid driving license (and access to own vehicle for work purposes).

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

Please contact Mrs. Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director, on telephone number 22713 or on email address tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information.

Job profiles and application forms can be requested from **Lisa Thomas, Administration Assistant** on telephone number **22713** or email 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 by **Friday, 22nd 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.

Tracy Poole-Nandy
Director
06th March 2019
Safeguarding Directorate



VACANCY FOR TRAINEE ROCK GUARD

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

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

Candidates will be required to undertake an assessment to determine their physical fitness and ability to work from heights. The successful candidate will be trained in current international abseiling and rope techniques, hillside inspections and will have the opportunity to obtain a certificate for safe working from ropes.

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

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

Application forms and Job Profiles are available from the Maintenance Supervisor or from Receptionist at Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday 26th March 2019.

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

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

Derek Henry
Director, Environment and Natural Resources
11 March 2019



APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/33:** FULL Planning Application for **Extensions to Existing House to form a Foyer, Garage and Patio**, Kunjie Field on Parcel 0232 Scotland, adjacent to David Yon. Applicant: Anthony Reynolds

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

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

Public Review Commencement Date : 15 March 2019

Public Review Closing Date : 29 March 2019

Andrew Chawora
Locum Chief Planning Officer



Deadline for submission of import licence applications for potatoes from Tristan da Cunha.

The Research Vessel **Discovery** will be calling at Tristan da Cunha, weather permitting, later this month and will be leaving on the 28th March 2019 arriving at St Helena on 4th April 2019. If you are expecting to receive potatoes from Tristan please be advised that an import licence is required to bring them into St Helena. The licence must be issued **before** the ship arrives in Tristan and no potatoes will be loaded without an import licence.

An import licence application costs £6 and forms can be obtained from ANRD. Please call Julie Balchin or Nicholas Stevens on 24724. Alternatively you can email nicholas.stevens@enrd.gov.sh or julie.balchin@enrd.gov.sh

Deadline for submission of import **licence applications** is at close of business on **Friday 22nd March 2019** for potatoes expected on the **Discovery**.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, SCOTLAND, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, STHL 1ZZ March 2019



UTILITY TARIFFS

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to advise their customers that there will be no price increase in their Electricity, Water and Sewage services on 1st April.

A slight reduction in subsidy has been agreed with some risk being shared between SHG and Connect.

Although all tariffs will be unchanged at the present time, the likelihood is that water tariffs will increase in the future as the tariff income for water falls far short of the cost of providing the service.

Water continues to represent excellent value for money with 5 litres of water costing just 1p for domestic consumers.

11 March 2019

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 27th March 2019, at 9 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agendas will be available on **Monday, 25th March 2019.**

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting.



Ascension Marine Protected Area doubled in size

The Ascension Marine Protected Area (MPA) was originally intended to be half the total area of Ascension's territorial waters. This week it was announced all of Ascension's waters will be designated as MPA.

The announcement was made by the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer who included it in the part of his Spring Statement when he acknowledged that environmental damage has a cash cost and environmental preservation or improvement has a cash benefit. On the Ascension MPA he said, "We in this House Mr Speaker should be proud that the UK, with its Overseas Territories, has already declared more than 3m square kilometres of Marine Protected Area. And today I can announce our intention to designate a further 445,000 square kilometres of ocean around Ascension Island as Marine Protected Area." The UK Government's 'money-man' is guilty of double counting. With half of the territorial waters (or Exclusive Economic Zone) already committed as an MPA it is a "further 225,000 square kilometres (approx) of MPA" that he is announcing.

The Evidence and Options document submitted by the Ascension Island Government to the UK Government was compiled with the help of the Blue Belt Programme, the University of Exeter and the SAERI Natural Capital Project. On the same day the work involved in providing evidence in favour of all Ascension's territorial waters being made an MPA was described at the St Helena Conference, the UK Government announced the increase in marine protection for Ascension.

The St Helena Conference on Natural Capital also chimed well with the UK Chancellor's Spring Statement. His speech in the House of Commons included, "The UK's 1,500 species of pollinators deliver an estimated £680 million annual value to our economy – so there is an economic, as well as an environmental, case for protecting the diversity of the natural world." He added, "later this year, the UK government will launch a comprehensive global review of the link between biodiversity and economic growth". Natural capital includes putting a monetary value on the benefits the natural environment gives us. It appears the present UK Government is starting to get the message.

A 2nd announcement about the importance of our South Atlantic Ocean

Also this week the UK Government announced the departure of the Royal Research Ship *Discovery* to the South Atlantic where the team of scientists on board "will focus on exploring the underwater mountains in two remote UK Overseas Territories, Tristan da Cunha and St Helena, about which very little information is known." Irritatingly called the *RSS Discovery* in the press release, it continued, "The upcoming expedition, known as Discovery Expedition 100, is the second marine survey the islands have seen in recent years. During the last survey on the RRS James Clark Ross the team mapped an underwater mountain, donated thousands of ocean animal specimens to the Natural History Museum and even discovered a possible new species of octopus." Dr Martin Collins, who is becoming a frequent visitor to St Helena explained, "Our knowledge of Tristan da Cunha and St Helena's marine environment is surprisingly scarce. Last year's marine survey significantly improved the information we hold - but there's so much more to discover. The better we understand these



A green turtle preparing her nest at Long Beach, Ascension

ecosystems and the marine life they support, the better scientific advice we can offer on how to protect biodiversity and support thriving ecosystems." While in St Helena waters time will be spent at Cardno and Bonaparte seamounts laying receivers to record the movements of tagged whale sharks and tuna when they come within range.

VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY OFFICE ASSISTANT

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking interest from those interested in offering a Contract for Service as a Temporary Office Assistant, to provide support to others in the St Helena Community College and the Management and Administration sections.

Applicants should be self-motivated, an effective team player, be responsive to change and be reliable and trustworthy.

Previous work experience in reception and/or customer service duties would be advantageous.

The Hours of work required will be 35 hours per week and the rate payable will be at £3.05 per hour.

For further details about the post and for a list of duties, interested persons should contact Santana Fowler on telephone 22607 or e-mail: santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest should be submitted, to Gillian Lithgow, Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 25 March 2019.

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Mrs Wendy Benjamin
Acting Director, 15 March 2019



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

With Liverpool playing on Sunday, Man City stretches their lead at the top to 4 points after they defeated Watford 3-1 with Sterling scoring a hat-trick. After a goalless first half, City took the lead a minute into the second half when the defenders attempted clearance cannon into Sterling who was standing in an offside position and rebound into the goal. The assistant referee signal for an offside by was wrongly overruled by the referee. I think the referee wrongly thought that Sterling was only in an offside position when the defender kicks the ball; he was actually in an offside position when Aguero attempted to chest the ball to him. There was no disputing the legality of Sterling's second goal, which came only four minutes later when he tapped in Mahrez's cross at the far post after a fluid City move.

And, just before the hour mark, the 24-year-old England forward made it 3-0, running on to a David Silva pass and cutting past two defenders before slotting home his 18th goal of the season.

Watford, who had made seven changes ahead of their FA Cup quarter-final with Crystal Palace this weekend, threw on Troy Deeney and Gerard Deulofeu - two of those to be left out.

The pair combined seconds later to pull a goal back with their first touches when Deeney flicked on a long ball for Deulofeu to fire home with his side's first shot, after 66 minutes.

Liverpool responded brilliantly to City win as they picked up all 3 points at home against Burnley. Burnley took the lead when Ashley Westwood scored direct from a corner, although it appeared Reds' goalkeeper Alisson had been impeded by James Tarkowski. Within 13 minutes Liverpool was level when Firmino scored. In a first half played in strong wind and hailstorms, Liverpool took the lead when Sadio Mane curled a shot past Heaton.

Firmino scored his second following Heaton's poor clearance and Burnley pulled one back late on through Johann Berg Gudmundsson from six yards out.

But there was no comeback as Mane then went around the Clarets' keeper in injury time for his second and Liverpool's fourth to seal the win, which leaves Klopp's side one point behind City with eight league games of the season remaining.

In the battle for the Champions League spots Spurs loss 2-1 away at Southampton in an entertaining game. Kane scored his 200 club goal to put the London team ahead only for defender Valery to equalised after a mistake by Danny Rose. James Ward-Prowse earned the win with a sensational free-kick from 25 yards to keep the Saints two points clear of the Premier League relegation zone. This free kick was almost identical to the one he scored at Old Trafford only a week earlier.

Chelsea misses the opportunity to capitalise on Spurs loss as they too dropped points at home against Wolves. It took an injury time goal from Eden Hazard to earn a point. Wolves had taken the lead in the 56th minute and were worth all 3 points.

The match of the weekend took place at the Emirates Stadium and saw Arsenal inflict a first defeat for Manchester United Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer. Xhaka beat David de Gea with a swerving shot from outside the penalty area, which the United keeper was expected to stop to give the Gunners the lead.

Lukaku hit the bar while the game was goalless, Brazilian midfielder Fred struck a post for United.

Arsenal keeper Bernd Leno also produced two crucial saves to keep out Lukaku, before Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang doubled the hosts' lead from the penalty spot after Fred's foul on Alexandre Lacazette.

This win saw Arsenal move above United into 4th place and is just a point behind 3rd place Spurs. Despite the loss there was enough evidence in this match that Solskjaer has gotten his side on the right track to compete at the top and in my opinion should be given the manager's job permanently.

In other matches Crystal Palace loss at home to Brighton; Cardiff defeated West Ham 2-0 and would have been disappointed not to have moved out of the relegation zone. The bottom side Huddersfield loss 2-0 at home against Bournemouth; Brendan Rogers picked up his first win as Leicester City manager after his side defeated Fulham 3-1. Newcastle came from two goals down to beat Everton 3-2.



Great wins for Manchester City and Liverpool in the Champions League means that all four Premier League teams will go into today's quarter final draw. City's defeated Schalke 7-0 at home to win 10-2 on aggregate. Liverpool put in a brilliant performance in Germany as they beat Bayern Munich 3-1. The first leg at Anfield ended 0-0.

In the other games Juventus overturn a two goal deficit against Atletico Madrid with Ronaldo scoring a hat trick. Messi scored 2 and had 2 assist as Barcelona booked their place in the quarter finals with a 5-1 win over Lyon.



Only 5 matches will take place in the Premier League this weekend as FA cup football returns. On Saturday Bournemouth will play Newcastle; Burnley host Leicester and West Ham play Huddersfield. On Sunday Liverpool will have the chance to go top as they travel to London to play Fulham. Late game on Sunday will see Everton host Chelsea.



FA Cup quarter finals on Saturday will see Watford play Crystal Palace at 12.15; Swansea City host Man City at 17.20 and Wolves will play Manchester United at 19.55.

The match on Sunday will see Millwall play Brighton at the 'Den'.



St Helena International Team Ynys Mon 2019

After a week of rest the St Helena International Football squad return to training on Monday. After the warmup they did a 6 station circuit which was made up with Plyometric exercises. After doing this circuit twice they move onto 8 laps (3200m)

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

of jogging; sprinting and walking. Session ended with two lots of 20 minute 6 aside matches where players was restricted to no more than 4 touches. This session certainly kick started everyone and gear them all up for what is to come as we now have only 11 more weekends before the team departs.

Fund Raising is on-going; our Gofundme campaign is still active. <https://www.gofundme.com/st-helena-football-team-to-ynys-mon-2019>. Right now every little is a great help. Help us to take the maximum number of players to the tournament in Ynys Mon. after all the hard work that has been put in by everyone it would be a disaster if we have to cut our squad to 18 or even 16.



The SHFA Grand Raffle will take place on 22nd April Easter Monday. So you have just over 5 weeks to purchase your ticket. Star Prize is a Ford Focus ST (net worth £13,000). Tickets cost £20

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 10th March 2019

On Sunday 10th March 2019 St Helena Golf Club hosted an 18-Hole stroke play competition. It was a breezy day with occasional low clouds. The temperature seemed to be just right for the golfers to perform at their best. A total of 20 players turned up for the Sunday battle. At the end of 18 holes when all the scores were in we had a completely new set of winners compared to last week. Returning an impressive net 66 playing off handicap 5 and breaking his dry spell in winning was Mr Lawson Henry who was top on the leaderboard. Followed in second place by 14 handicap Mr Douglas Augustus who returned a net 68. In the two ball pool Mr Pat Henry was in tip top form with his putting. He scored 2s on the 2nd and 7th holes. The only other two ball pool winner was Mr Neil Joshua who scored a birdie on 2nd hole. The prize for second place was collected by Mr Gerald George on behalf of Mr Douglas Augustus. The prizes were presented by the president of the club Mr Ron De Reuck.

The next competition is one of the biggest annual competition on SHGC calendar. The 36-Hole Arnold Flagg Competition will take place in two consecutive Sundays 17th and 24th March 2019. Tee off time 12:00. Registration is ongoing. You can register by; adding your name to the list on the club-house noticeboard, Leave a Voice mail on 24421, or drop a

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message to our Facebook page @SGHC.org.sh Parents and guardians are reminded that Junior golfers training will resume on 15th March 2019 at 1630hrs.

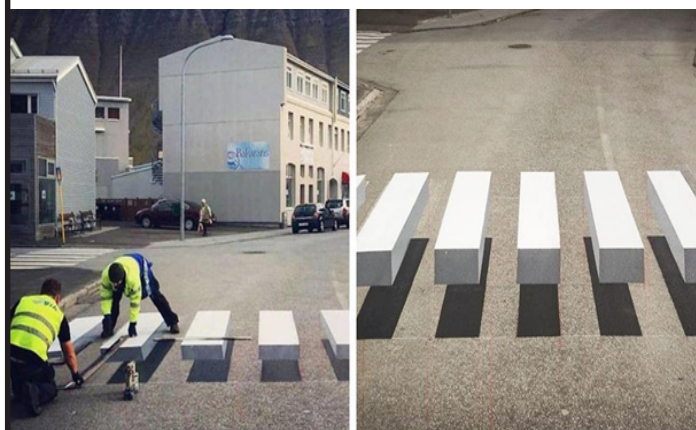
Wish you all a great golfing weekend.....!

Contributed by;
SHGC



A trick of the eye to make them think

Iceland is introducing a zebra crossing with a difference. A three dimensional effect is given as the zebra crossing is painted on the two dimensional surface. It should make people slow down, at last to start with.



RMS T20 2019 Results

Saturday 9 March Jamestown Heat 228/4

Ryan Belgrove 129*
Damien O'Bey 62
Christian George 3/33
Jason Thomas 3/38

Sandy Bay Pirates 136

Matthew Benjamin 26
Rhys Francis 26
Rico Thomas 2/30
AJ Bennett 2/27

Performance Points

R Belgrove 3, D O'Bey 2, C George 1



Woodpeckers 62

Alistair Buckley 25
Anthony George 6*
Trystan Thomas 1/17

Allstarz 63/2

Gareth Johnson 40
Brendan Leo 14
Sanjay Clingham 3/4
Stefun Leo 2/0

Performance Points

G Johnson 3, S Clingham 2, S Leo 1



Sunday 10 March

Mustangs 112

Shane Williams 42
Jason Williams 9
Cruyff Buckley 2/22
Andy Williams 1/3

Lions 114/4

Simon Scipio 30
Christopher Herne 29
Simon Scipio 2/14
Perry Leo 2/15

Performance Points

S Williams 3, C Herne 2, S Scipio 1

Fixtures

Saturday 16 March

1.30 pm
Lions V Pirates
Umpires: Heat

Sunday 17 March

10.00 am
Heat V Mustangs
Umpires: Mustangs

1.30pm
Allstarz V Challengers
Umpires: Lions



FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

RENAULT SPORT CLIO HATCHBACK

Formerly registered as 2812
Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and can only be used for spare parts

ROVER HATCHBACK

Formerly registered as 2739
Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and can only be used for spare parts

Viewing has been set for Monday 18 March 2019 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 20 March 2019.

13 March 2019



TIP OF THE WEEK

Unplug any electrical device that is not being used.

Many appliances, especially computers and televisions draw power even when turned off.



COMMONWEALTH DAY 2019

A CONNECTED COMMONWEALTH

Commonwealth Day 2019 was celebrated on St Helena Island with a ceremony held at St Helena Airport on Monday, 11 March 2019.

The large crowd, made up mostly of the Island's school children, was welcomed to the event by Councillor Kylie Hercules in front of the Airport terminal building.

Key messages were then read. Prince Andrew School's Student Council President, Isaac Greentree, read a message from the Right Honourable Patricia Scotland QC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, with the Vice-President of the School's Student Council, Marcella Mittens, reading the Commonwealth Affirmation.

HE Governor Lisa Honan read the message from Her Majesty The Queen, Head of the Commonwealth. The message included the following:

"We are able to look to the future with greater confidence and optimism as a result of the links that we share, and thanks to the networks of cooperation and mutual support to which we contribute, and on which we draw. With enduring commitment through times of great change, successive generations have demonstrated that whilst the goodwill for which the Commonwealth is renowned may be intangible, its impact is very real."

At 10am, newly-appointed Speaker of Legislative Council, John Cranfield, raised the Commonwealth Flag as part of the 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth' initiative, which aims to act as a collective public expression from Commonwealth countries around the world of their commitment to the Commonwealth. The ceremony then moved to the Airport combined building where presentations were given. Deputy Director of Innovation for the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI), Tara Pelembe, spoke about '*A Connected Commonwealth through the Environment*', whilst Networks Manager at Sure South Atlantic Ltd, Adam Yon, along with SHG's Corporate IT Section, gave a presentation on '*A Connected Commonwealth through Information Technology*'.

Following a refreshment break, during which the Prince Andrew School Choir performed two songs, Chairman of the National Sports Association St Helena, Nick Stevens, gave a presentation on '*A Connected Commonwealth through Sport*'. He then invited all in attendance to take part in some sports activities on the Airport Apron, much to the excitement of the school children.

The day's event closed with the forming of a human 70, marking 70 years of the Modern Commonwealth, and closing remarks by Member of the Falkland Island's Legislative Assembly, Hon. Mark Pollard.

SHG, 12 March 2019



COLLECTION OF ITEMS FROM JAMESTOWN WHARF

The following is a Public Announcement from Port Control: **Port Control today gives notice to all boat owners and members of the public that they have until 1pm on Friday, 22 March 2019, to claim any unidentified and personal items from Jamestown Wharf including from the area known as the Coal Yard.**

In recent months, members of the public have left items at the Wharf including plastic containers, pallets of rope, scrap metal and wooden trusses used for supporting boats, unauthorised vessels and related boating equipment. Any unclaimed items will be taken into SHG possession if not removed by 22 March 2019 and may subsequently be disposed of in accordance with the Harbourmaster's powers under the Ports Ordinance 2016.

SHG, 8 March 2019



VACANCY FOR PRIMARY TEACHERS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ suitably qualified Teachers to work in the Primary Sector. The successful applicants will be required to teach all subjects across the primary curriculum.

Applicants must have qualified teaching status and recent experience in teaching would be advantageous. The ideal candidate must be self motivated and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is based on qualifications. The salary band for teachers on the Directorate's Scheme of Service ranges from £10,550 - £18,114 per annum. Opportunities are available for career progression.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs. Carlean Crowie, Headteacher Harford Primary, on telephone number 24719 or e-mail carlean.crowie@primary.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the HR Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail gillian.lithgow@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 18 March 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Acting Director of Education & Employment
15 March 2019



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Move to Walvis Bay increases passenger capacity

Last Saturday's refuelling stop in Namibia for the flight from Johannesburg was, for the first time, at Walvis Bay. It had been reported the switch to Walvis Bay would start on Saturday 7th April (which is a Sunday) but information received by the *Independent* told us otherwise. The change to Walvis Bay has an important advantage. The airport runway is 299 feet above sea level and the air temperature at this time of year is 23 degrees centigrade compared with Windhoek which is at 5,600 feet with temperatures often reaching 30 degrees. It is reported the more favourable flying conditions at Walvis Bay means an additional eleven passengers can be carried which will bring the maximum passenger capacity to 98. When Airlink started the air service the maximum passenger capacity was 76. After an engine upgrade this was improved to 87. The most passengers an Embraer E190 can hold is around 114.

Walvis Bay does not offer the range of onward destinations available at Windhoek however since passengers on St Helena flights are not allowed to get off the plane at any Namibian airport this does not matter – at the moment. Windhoek was selected as the refuelling stop so that passenger from and to St Helena could use Windhoek as a connecting point for other destinations or from other originating airports. The Cape Town connection was an early casualty when the Namibian aviation authorities stopped Airlink using their airports for everything apart from refuelling.

Cape Town is introduced as a temporary starting point for flights to St Helena when the additional Tuesday flights start again on Tuesday 3rd December. The additional Tuesday flights will continue through to 31st March, apart from Christmas Eve, but Tuesday flights to Cape Town will stop on 11th February 2020. From Tuesday 18th February the additional weekly flight will switch to Johannesburg. There is no change to the starting point for Saturday flights, all will start from Johannesburg. While many will welcome Cape Town being introduced into the flight schedule the switching back and forth between Johannesburg and Cape Town could cause some confusion for a few passengers.

The average number of passengers on the current round of Tuesday flights is said to be around twenty-five. One reason for the low take-up of seats for the additional flights is thought to be the late timing for the announcement when additional flights would be introduced. Last year the official announcement was made in May; there is a two month improvement for the 2019-20 additional flights.

There were hopes last September that an agreement could be reached with Namibia for passenger connections to start at Windhoek but so far nothing has changed, apart from the move from Windhoek to Walvis Bay. Passenger connections at Windhoek would give the option of connecting to a flight for Europe and elsewhere without going to Johannesburg. The *Independent* has been assured that the move to Walvis Bay does not mean all hope has been give up for establishing passenger interchange capability at Windhoek. Talks continue, we are told.

They like our loins

A few weeks back the *Independent* reported on a trial sample of premium tuna cuts being sent to a South African customer to try out. The trial was successful and the premium cuts of tuna loin from St Helena tuna is proving popular with South

African taste buds. The General Manager at the Fisheries told the *Independent* "The South African market cannot get enough of our product; they love the quality and taste. We cannot supply enough of these" and, "Interestingly the popularity of the Premium Tuna on the local market is growing as well."

There is plenty of room to increase exports of tuna loins and to help achieve this St Helena Fisheries Board recently approved a 31% increase in the price paid to fishermen for premium tuna. The increase is of course to encourage local fisherman to land more of the higher quality fish product. The quality depends very much on how the fishermen land the fish immediately after it is hooked.

In another development SHFC are working on developing a reliable supply chain into the United States. Prices for fish in the USA are better than in South Africa or Europe. With one eye on Brexit and the clear possibility exporting to Europe will become difficult, SHFC see the USA and a useful and more rewarding alternative. Whatever happens with Brexit, efforts continue to establish a better trading relationship with France.

Fresh fish exports for this year so far are 754.64kg in January and 1,081.32kg in February.



CONTRACT FOR SERVICES IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

The Education and Employment Directorate is urgently seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services as a Temporary Teaching Assistant within the Primary sector. This contract for services is being advertised locally.

The rate payable will be at £5.16 per hour.

Applicants should ideally have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humor.

For further details and a list of duties, interested persons can contact Miss Elaine Benjamin, Headteacher, Pilling Primary School on telephone no 22540 or email elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

**Acting Director of Education & Employment,
15 March 2019**



MR JOHN CRANFIELD ELECTED AS SPEAKER



Mr John Cranfield of Jamestown has been duly elected to serve as Speaker of Legislative Council, following a secret ballot by Elected Members during today's formal Legislative Council Meeting (see photos attached). As a result of Mr Cranfield's election to the role of Speaker, the position of Deputy Speaker for Legislative Council has become vacant.

The election to fill the Deputy Speaker post will take place at the formal Legislative Council Meeting, scheduled to be held on 22 March 2019.

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8 March 2019



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Eat like an Emperor – St Helena Bananas

The 'Visioning Group' who are tasked with putting together a range of ideas and activities to commemorate the bicentenary of Napoleon's death (5th May 2021) are asking for ideas and suggestions. The vice chairman of the Tourism Association (Matt Joshua) got the Association's members to think about special menus with a Napoleon ingredient and lots more besides.

Jacques Chandelier, Napoleon's often quoted cook, lists pottage, filleted breasts of mutton served with clear gravy and roast chicken or two pork loins as being among Napoleon's favourites – and that's just for breakfast. Pottage is a kind of thick soup or thin stew depending on what goes into it. Napoleon liked sorrel pottage as a refreshing opener for breakfast. It is said sorrel can cause an upset stomach and in large doses is no good for the kidneys, liver and digestive organs.



Cake, anyone?

Dinner, for Napoleon appeared to be a larger version of breakfast with another pottage, roasted fowl and two main courses. All this was topped off with sweetmeats or pastries. Chandelier the cook says Napoleon's only fruit was St Helena bananas, frittered and served with lashings of rum sauce. That's a local dish which could easily be included on local menus to commemorate Napoleon's bicentenary.

Rum sauce ingredients;- 2oz butter, 2oz plain flour, 1 pint milk, 4 tbsp of rum, 2oz brown sugar.

Cooking method;- in a medium saucepan, combine brown sugar, butter, and milk. Bring to a boil slowly, stirring constantly to prevent scorching. Cook until sugar is dissolved. Remove from heat. Stir in the rum and then store in the refrigerator, simple! The rum could be from the distillery just around the corner from Napoleon's Tomb.



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Adult Nursing
following three
years of study with
Derby University in
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