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College of Arms  
London

Thomas Woodcock, Garter  
Garter Principal King of Arms

## ***Likely to be Controversial***

Parents and carers of children at Prince Andrew School have been called to a meeting on Tuesday night. In the invite it says that the purpose of the meeting is to give an overview of the school nurse role, including achievements and progress so far and to share with you the changes to the whole island approach to children and young people and also. Information on topics including sexual health, confidentiality, consent and parental responsibility.

Attached to the invitation is a page from the Health Directorate's 'Police for Consent' which particularly refers to consent which can be given to medical staff by children under the age of 16.

### ***“Children under 16 - the concept of ‘Gillick Competence’***

A child of under 16 may be Gillick competent to consent to medical treatment. The concept of Gillick competence is said to reflect a child's increasing development to maturity.

The understanding required for different interventions will vary considerably. Thus a child under 16 may have the capacity to consent to some interventions but not to others.

The child's capacity to consent should be assessed carefully in relation to each decision that needs to be made.

If the child is Gillick competent and is able to give voluntary consent after receiving appropriate information, that consent will be valid and additional consent by a person with parental responsibility will not be required. It is, however, good practice to involve the child's family in the decision-making process, if the child consents to their information being shared.

Where advice or treatment relates to contraception, or the child's sexual or reproductive health, the healthcare professional should try to persuade the child to inform his or her parents), or allow the medical professional to do so.

If however the child cannot be persuaded, advice and/or treatment should still be given if the healthcare professional considers that the child is very likely to begin or continue to have sexual intercourse with or without advice or treatment, and that unless they receive the advice or treatment then the child's physical or mental health is likely to suffer.

If the child seeks advice or treatment in relation to abortion and cannot be persuaded to inform her parent(s), every effort should be made to help the child find another adult (such as another family member or a specialist youth worker) to provide support to the child.”

Several parents have approached me and expressed their concern and anger over this policy saying that medical staff can perform an abortion on a young child or give contraceptives without parents knowing. As far as I know, this is policy in England and Wales but it is up to our politicians to listen to the people and create policies suitable for the Island. I am looking forward to hear about the discussions in the meeting on Tuesday night.

I do not have any young children but I have some concerns about this policy. In a small place like St Helena Government institutions, including the hospital, are leaking like sifts and it could very well be that the entire Island will know that your young daughter had an abortion except you. **Mike**

## ***NEW DEPUTY SPEAKER FOR LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL***

Mrs Maureen Thompson of Half Tree Hollow was yesterday, Monday, 25 March 2019, elected as Deputy Speaker for Legislative Council.

Maureen was chosen to fill the role following a secret ballot by Elected Members during yesterday's formal Legislative Council Meeting.

Maureen will now deputise for the newly appointed Speaker of Legislative Council, John Cranfield, as and when necessary.

**SHG, 26 March 2019**



## ***Safety bulletin issued for all mariners who use GPS equipment***

The Maritime & Coastguard Agency (MCA) has issued a special safety bulletin to all mariners that use GPS to prepare for a rollover event that will occur on 6 April 2019.

On April 6 navigation data from some older GPS systems might become inaccurate due to the 'week number' rollover event.

This could cause stand-alone GPS receivers and systems using GPS chips, to produce data that is 19.7 years either in the past or future, therefore generating errors in both the GPS position and time. However, if onboard equipment has been installed after August 1999, or has regular firmware updates from the manufacturer, there should be minimal risk of an error occurring.

Luke Hallett Radio Spectrum Policy Co-ordinator for the Maritime & Coastguard Agency said: 'If your GPS is more than 10 years old or it's had no firmware updates then you're definitely at higher risk of you GPS not working from 6 April. If your GPS falls into either of those categories you need to check with the manufacturer before April 6, otherwise time and position data used for navigation could become inaccurate. It's important that GPS users check their systems as soon as possible to ensure that they won't be affected by the impending rollover.'

The MCA's safety bulletin is intended to help operators understand the implications of the week-number rollover and to take action to ensure all GPS updates are completed.



# St Helena National Trust presents: **RECYCLING – MADE EASY**

**Luke Bennett**

As most of you may know, marine pollution is a very serious thing, causing harm to our environment and its wildlife and even affecting the food we eat.

The National Trust Marine Team is working very hard with several organisations such as EMD Marine Section and Waste Management Services, SHAPE and DEFRA to clean up marine litter, reduce the amount of single use plastics that are used on island and promote recycling. This process is rather long and challenging, but the National Trust and collaborators are working towards keeping the island and its ocean as clean as possible, for generations to come.

Whatever your age or occupation, whether you are a student, business owner or customer, the decisions that you make will have some effect on your marine environment.

It is often more convenient to buy the same goods during our weekly shop where we consider the most 'purse friendly' choice rather than the more environmentally friendly option. Think about it, how many products do you use that come in a plastic container in a week?

How hard is it to trade everyday items for a more environmentally friendly choice? This week, we wanted everyone to consider the items in the **bathroom**.

It is very hard to imagine using fewer plastics or recycling the plastics used. I challenged myself and guess what - I found that some small changes can make a big difference, so here are my recommendations:

It wasn't so long ago that the humble bar of soap had many purposes on St Helena, from serving as hand wash, shampoo, shower gel and perhaps even detergent and softener. The bar of soap has almost become extinct. We now have a total five plastic bottles; a grand total would even include 'after care' in the form of lotions and potions!

Fortunately, soap is making a comeback, with people believing that soap might be more suitable for sensitive skin and children. When we mention the word soap many might recall the medicinal-smelling soaps like lifeboy or sunlight, we do not have to rely on these anymore. There are numerous luxurious even organic soaps available, and dare I say at affordable prices.

Here's an even better idea, what if you were to go to the SHAPE store where you can buy locally made, organic soap that is good for your hands and body? It comes in paper packaging too! Doing this stops you using two bottles already. Wow!

With the shampoo, it's a little trickier because I know nobody wants to give up their Pantene! Most recycle books would tell you to refill, but it's hard to do that here. We suggest that you can buy a bigger bottle, and recycle when you finish.

Get creative! There are so many websites that you can use to get ideas on how to recycle or upcycle plastics; Pinterest is a favourite here on St Helena. If you don't have access to internet then check the library or your local Arts and Craft store or you can donate to SHAPE or schools. Empty bottles can make some nice household items (novelty flower pots work well). Two bottles sorted!

Now, sponges and wash cloths. This may be one of the hardest things to let go in the bathroom. Although not as



much plastic as the others, sponges are also very harmful to the marine environment because of the plastic micro-fibres in them that last for a long time. Research shows that using a loafer is much more hygienic than using sponges or wash cloths. Loofahs are real easy to come by and environmentally friendly - even more so I discover since talking to my friends at SHAPE - they also make loofahs made from sheep wool which last up to 3 to 6 months.

So imagine this: if a thousand people on Island decided to **eliminate just one** single use plastic bottle each, per month (e.g. shampoo, shower gel or hand wash), then **by working together** we could get rid of **12,000 single use plastic bottles in a year** - and that's just for one room in the house!

**Dream big guys!**





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# Editorial

The budget speech brought home very clearly the importance of funding from overseas. Throughout St Helena's history very nearly all overseas funding has come from the UK Government and before that the East India Company. Recent notable examples of other sources are the European Union, Fondation Napoléon, international environmental organisations and even the United Nations. None of the above, apart from the East India Company, can be described as commercial organisations and any overseas investment we may have had of a commercial nature has been few and far between and not of any prominence.

We have just had two years of little of no overseas investment because DFID pulled tight their purse strings when any mention of funding for major projects was mentioned. Thankfully, it looks as if this type of funding will start flowing again soon but the last two years have shown us how important investment from overseas sources is to our day-to-day lives. With the economic activity generated by the airport project coming to an end and no overseas funding for other projects to fill at least some of the space created we have all felt the pinch.

Funding from overseas commercial sources to supplement the capital funding from DFID would help lift the Island's economy and our own general well-being very noticeably. Attempts are being made by SHG to attract funding from overseas but it is not attracting funding from commercial sources. In Monday's Budget Speech Dax Richards said, when referring to the work of James Bramble, the External Funding Coordinator, "Whilst James' focus in the early stage will be on raising heritage funds, he will also be looking at other key sectors such as sports and culture, and where appropriate, environmental funding. This will complement any capital funding from HMG which has generally been used for supporting key urban infrastructure projects in the past."

Extra funding is always welcome, especially as EU funding is winding down but overseas investment (of the right kind) by commercial organisations is the big prize and it remains elusive.

An interesting piece was written this week by an author and journalist named Fred Pearce who has won several awards for his reporting on the environment, popular science and development issues. This week he voiced the concerns of those who have doubts about the reason for and possible success gained by Marine Protected Areas (MPAs). Critics of MPAs accuse governments of creating MPAs in remote areas of ocean to distract attention from the pollution and destruction of coastal waters closer to home. And of course there is always politics involved somewhere. Are MPAs a tool to gain control of the oceans; an 'ocean-grab' reminiscent of the land-grabs when the western powers scrambled for territory in Africa.

The MPA around the Chagos archipelago already has deceit and mendacity permanently embedded in the history of its birth. The MPA around the South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands is thought by critics to be in response to a

territorial claim from Argentina. Beyond that is the question of who will manage the protection of the MPAs in the long term. Fred Pearce ends his article with, "Some see such philanthropists as planetary saviours; others as agents of a creeping privatization of one of the last great global commons." While MPA critics may be making the worst interpretation possible of every aspect of marine conservation the dangers they warn us of should not be ignored. On 8<sup>th</sup> June last year we reported on the work of Ian Davies from the UK Hydrographic Office. He explained the reason for his visit, "St Helena must comply with the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) which is enforced by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The IMO will be undertaking an audit in 2020 to assess the standard of compliance with SOLAS by the various national authorities. The central purpose of Ian's visit is to assess the extent to which the Admiralty charts for St Helena waters meet the SOLAS requirements."

The primary reason the Royal Research Ships are visiting St Helena is to gather the information needed to reach the standards required by next year's International Maritime Organisation (IMO) audit. The work they are doing and the additional work undertaken while completing the main job is of great value to the marine environment around this island. However, when all the territorial waters which fall under the responsibility of the UK Government have passed the IMO audit will the UK still dip into the funds and throw a few million quid every now and then into protecting the marine environment around our shores? You don't have to be labelled a critic to seek the answers to questions such as these.

Lastly, someone called from their car window as they passed me the other day saying, "all that money for fisheries and nothing for farmers". Fisheries are on the receiving end of £350,000 in the new budget while Farmer's Support drops from £42,000 last year to £28,000 this year. Before the ink is dry in the new Budget Book a review is proposed to assess the situation.

Today is the Brexit Day that never was -laugh or cry, take your pick. **Vince**

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# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

What a pity the writer from Jamestown whose letter was printed in the Independent last week felt unable to put their name when writing about Philip Rushbrook's pronunciation of St. Helena, does the writer know of another Governor who has taken time out of their busy re-location schedule to talk to Saints?

I attended the meeting in Swindon and was very encouraged by Dr Rushbrook's knowledge on various small island matters. He will not be able to change everything that was discussed but he can certainly ask the question why?

He wrote down a list of our concerns

which I have no reason to doubt he will look into during his first months on St Helena. My hope is this will make SHG and others with authority more accountable.

I for one am willing to wait three years to judge this man. On his actions rather than his words.

**Yours faithfully**

**Jacky Thomas UK/Urickea, Brewery Yard, Jamestown**

**Note:** *Dr Rushbrook is NOT the first Governor Designate to meet the 'Saints' in the diaspora before arriving to the Island. Ed*

**Dear Sirs,**

Forget about the police state.

This island is turning into a St. Helena Government communist state. The private sector gets smaller and smaller as government subsidise businesses, that should be making their own funding. The government should not be involved in commercial enterprise.

For example, the recent cruise ship, MV Crystal Serenity, subsidises the government with landing fees (SHG), transport (Solomon's) and tea and cakes from Plantation House leaving little for the private sector.

Surely Mantis, Fisheries and Bertrand's should be self funding by now?

Surely there should be competition to Sure and Connect to make a level playing ground?

This also goes for shipping (Solomon's).

I do appreciate we get a lot of free things on the island like noisy motorbikes, loud cars, loud music, free parking if you can find it, poor quality roads etc.

Just think about how many privately owned businesses are on the island. Less than 10%?

All I would like to do is thank the United Kingdom tax payers for their generous contribution to the island. Without them it would be a disaster!

**From a concerned resident.**

## Picton Castle on Seventh World Tour

Picton Castle, the three masted barque anchored in James Bay this week started its current voyage from New Orleans in April last year. Sailing west through the Panama Canal the ship with its twelve crew and up to forty sail trainees has crossed the Pacific Ocean, passed Australia to the Indian Ocean and is now heading homeward through the Caribbean and finally to drop anchor for the last time in Nova Scotia, Canada where the ship is based.



**The Picton Castle in full sail**

Registered in the Cook Islands and owned by the Windward Isles Sailing Ship Company, the Picton Castle carries 12,450 square feet of sail and its overall length is 179 feet. Built in 1928 as a motorised fishing trawler the Picton Castle operated from Swansea, South Wales. In the Second World War the Royal Navy used her as a minesweeper off Norway. In the 1990s the ship was converted to a three masted barque in a multi-million Pound refit. There has been one crew member lost overboard. The well documented incident in 2006 was thoroughly investigated both officially and by newspapers and television enquiries.

## St Helena coat of arms has a "big-mouthed Wirebird"

Executive Council this week focussed their minds on the St Helena coat of arms and in particular the shield at the centre of the design. Councillors were told that over the years details of the design within the shield have not been copied exactly and previous mistakes made have now become common usage. A new coat of arms has been re-drafted by the College of Arms in an attempt to establish the correct version in all details. It was pointed out by the National Trust that the beak of the wirebird is not proportionally correct and needs to be redrawn.

The shield in the coat of arms, described as the "Badge of Arms" in January 2016 and February 2017 when on both occasions government press releases drew attention to inaccuracies creeping in to the badge or shield designed on local souvenirs and for other purposes.

In 2016 the government pointed out, "The preservation of the correct heraldic symbols is vital in preserving St Helena's identity." In 2017 the same message was repeated.



**The St Helena Badge or Shield which should be copied exactly as above by people who use it (subject to a smaller beak on the wirebird)**

## Plan goes wrong at Planning Board meeting

People gathered for Wednesday's meeting of the Land Planning and Development Control Board (LP&DCB) to line up on one side or the other when the development application was discussed to change the old Blue Hill School to social housing. This application was the first item on the agenda – or should have been. Those who arrived a few minutes late found people leaving as they arrived. The government decided to withdraw the application just one hour before the start of the meeting. Blue Hill residents who had altered their arrangements to attend the meeting found they had travelled across the island to Jamestown only to find it had all been a waste of their time.

The members of the LP&DCB pressed on with the next item of business; a joint application from the SHG Marine Section and the National Trust (Blue Marine Foundation) for a change of use at the Freight Terminal on Jamestown Wharf to offices, laboratories and a visitor centre. The Chief Planning Officer introduced the application by showing the alterations planned for the building itself and explaining it was not a heritage building but the design respected its historic surroundings. This application will go to Exco for final approval but on Wednesday the LP&DCB members asked when this change will happen as there are no freight facilities in Rupert's and until there are, freight facilities are needed on the Jamestown waterfront. One response was, there is no rush and then later there was a suggestion the freight terminal facilities could be moved into the Customs Building. This led to more questions. Would a move like that require another change of use application so the Customs Building could be used before the suggestion could be confirmed and where exactly in the Customs Building would the freight function be located. There were no satisfying answers to these questions and there was also mystification at the visual improvements planned for the freight terminal building prior to being used by the Marine Section when the building is often hidden in part or in whole by containers stacked right in front of it. No-one mentioned any question of health and safety concerns when the containers stacker is being operated right in front of the proposed offices and visitor centre. However, there were enough unanswered questions for the development application to be deferred for a site visit when it is hoped at least some of the many questions will be answered. Exco will have to wait before it gives a final decision on this.

Pressing on the LP&DCB members turned their attention to the proposed prison at Bottom Woods. They had discussed this application before and sent it on to Exco who, once again, were required to make the final decision. Exco had discussed the application and decided an Environmental Impact Assess-

ment (EIA) was required. The outstanding issue was the absence of an EIA. The Environmental Impact Assessment is now completed and the report written. The Chief Planning Officer told the board members the EIA asked for by Exco was now available. Presumably the board was being told everything was now fine. The trouble is the board members have a bad habit of asking questions. The first one was, "where is it?" The one and only copy was in the Chief Planning officer's office. "Why haven't we seen it?" was the next question which appeared to surprise the Chief Planning Officer. Assurances that the EIA was satisfactory did not satisfy the board members. It was to be their decision and they would make it after having the information required made available to them. At this point one of the board members complained that some people in the 'public gallery' were laughing and sneering and should show due respect for the proceedings. It cannot be reported what the disrespectful people thought. Anyway, the planning assistant was sent away to get copies made of the EIA for the board members.

While the planning assistant set about this task the business of the day ploughed on or, more accurately, it didn't. A Fun Park at Merriman's was next on the agenda. The proposal is for a Go-Kart Track, Mini Golf Course, Viewing Deck, Picnic area, Wall Climbing Frame, Kids Soft Play area and Zip Line in between the trees at Merriman's. Somewhere in all of that a water feature is also planned together with parking for forty vehicles, a ticket office and catering units. It was claimed the noise of the go-karts would not be heard by people eighty metres away from the site; there was no mention of an Environmental Impact Assessment. The exterior lights would be dark sky friendly, the materials used would be compatible with the surroundings; which appeared to mean mostly made of wood and there would be no permanent structures.

The presentation by the Chief Planning Officer consisted of a highly colourful indicative diagram with photos pulled off Google Images to show what the water feature or a catering unit might look like and a rectangle in one of the corners (in a particularly repugnant shade of fluorescent blue) to indicate where the picnic area might be. The disrespectful public were now open-mouthed.

One member of the board asked where the drawings were to support the application. There were no levels, no scale drawings and no measurements. For the Chief Planning Officer to say this development could be fitted between the trees was inaccurate. To say there will be no permanent structures was equally implausible. The site was on a pronounced slope and extensive cut

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## **Plan goes wrong at Planning Board meeting**

and fill will be required; some of the cuts would be of several metres; 'thousands' of trees would be affected. Had Fire and Rescue or any of the other statutory consultees been consulted? The presentation made was nowhere near good enough said the deeply dissatisfied board member. By this time your Independent reporter was in a state of deep shock but the recollection is the LP&DCB decided a site visit was required to assist them in deciding whether a piece of the Green Heartland should be the location for an activity which can be heard 79 metres away. There was no clarification at this stage whether Merriman's would remain a public space

for people to walk among the trees (with or without dogs) or become an enclosed area which can only be accessed after buying a ticket from the ticket office made of material compatible with and sympathetic to the surrounding woodland.

Eventually the planning assistant returned with several copies of the EIA for the site of the proposed prison. The board members flipped through a fairly thick document and decided no immediate decision could be made; they needed to take the document home and read it properly. The discussion was deferred to a later date.

## **EXCO REPORT - TUESDAY 26 MARCH 2019**

Executive Council met today with a fairly lengthy Open Agenda.

The first item discussed related to the Armorial Ensigns of St Helena and in particular the St Helena Coat of Arms. The current design of the Coat of Arms was published in the St Helena Government Gazette of January 1984. Whilst the Coat of Arms can only be used by SHG and its wholly owned entities, the shield can be used more widely and has been used extensively in the production of local souvenirs.

Over time, the design on the shield has become distorted and as a result of concerns raised by members of the public over the years, particularly in relation to the depiction of the St Helena Wirebird, the College of Arms in London was asked to produce a new painting of the St Helena Coat of Arms at a cost of just under £1000 to address these concerns. The new painting which can be digitally produced, also depicts the true colours agreed in the 1984 Gazette. The National Trust has been consulted regarding the new painting and commented that aside from the bill of the Wirebird being too thick, the image is entirely acceptable. Members were happy to approve the revised version subject to the College of Arms amending the shape of the bird's bill.

For the next item, Members were asked to advise whether a list of land parcels totalling 2,117.292 acres, currently designated as National Forest, should be excised from the SHG Forest Estate. This is as a result of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division carrying out an exercise to rationalise the SHG forest estate with a view to having an estate that will be both productive and environmentally suitable for long-term forestry purposes. In their deliberations, Members noted that the excision could lead to additional land resource being available for development. Members were happy to approve the excision to be gazetted and requested that additional work be done to assess each parcel to identify how the land could be used if it were made publicly available.

Members then went on to consider two papers presented by the Financial Secretary as part of the routine end of Financial Year good practice. The first paper related to the First Withdrawal Warrant and the second was the Establishment, Amalgamation and Closure of Special Funds. The Withdrawal Warrant related to the withdrawal of funds from a number of Directorates where there had been underspends, for allocation to areas in Government where there had been requests for additional spend, and Members were content to approve this. Under the second paper, Members discussed and agreed the establishment of a new Special Fund for the management

of funding from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office, they also agreed the amalgamation of two Funds - the DFID Infrastructure Fund and the DFID Projects Fund - and the closure of three funds - two in relation to Technical Cooperation and one in relation to unallocated stores.

Under the next agenda item, Members were asked to consider and agree increases on a number of Fees & Charges relating to Companies Regulations, Charities Regulations, Gaming Machines Regulations, Liquor Regulations and Trade Marks Registration Rules all for 2019. In approving the increases, Members noted that they were inflationary increases.

Members were then asked to consider whether an Exemption Order should be issued to exempt from customs duty diesel fuel imported or sold:

1. For the purpose of generating electricity by Connect Saint Helena Ltd
2. For the purpose of commercial fishing
3. For the purpose of running the fish processing plant by the St Helena Fisheries Corporation

In their deliberations, Members noted that based on current consumption it is estimated that the exemption will cost £865,000 in terms of loss of revenue for electricity generation and £30,000 for commercial fishing/ processing plant. This would be on top of the proposed annual subsidy for 2019/20 of £681,000 to Connect Saint Helena Ltd, and £350,000 to the St Helena Fisheries Corporation to support the local Fishing Industry. Members approved the request but for one year only in all three instances.

Finally, Members were asked to approve an increase in the Minimum Income Standard (MIS) in line with the current policy that will increase the payments for Basic Island Pension (BIP) and Income Related Benefits (IRB). The proposals made will see an increase to £70.00 (1.45%) for IRB and £72.40 (1.54%) for BIP per week, an increase of 61.7% and 60.9% respectively over the last eight years. This is a greater uplift than general price inflation. Members were happy to recommend to the Governor that the increase should be approved, noting that this would go some way to protecting the most vulnerable in our society. The increase would come into effect from April 2019. A separate press release will issue on this shortly.

**ExCo**  
**26 March 2019**



## **VIRAL GASTROENTERITIS QUICK ADVICE**

We are currently experiencing an outbreak of diarrhoea and vomiting on St Helena. This is also known as gastroenteritis. It is most commonly caused by a virus and is easily spread from person to person. It is normally able to be managed at home with fluids or rehydration salts (such as dioralyte). It should go away within two to three days.

### **Key Points:**

- There is no treatment for viral gastroenteritis other than rest and fluids
- Stay at home and avoid contact with others
- It usually goes away within two to three days
- Avoid coming to hospital/clinics, as diarrhoea and vomiting can be very dangerous and sometimes fatal for our other patients (both in hospital and clinics)
- If you are a diabetic and cannot keep food or fluid down, please telephone early for advice
- **DO NOT** go to work or send children to school/crèche if they have diarrhoea and vomiting and for 48 hours after it has stopped
- Do not prepare food for others
- Monitor diabetics, children and the elderly for signs of dehydration
- **WASH HANDS THOROUGHLY WITH SOAP AND RUNNING WATER FOR AT LEAST 10 SECONDS**
- Drink plenty of fluids/rehydration salts (such as dioralyte)
- Avoid undiluted fruit juice and soft/fizzy drinks

### **Get medical advice if:**

- You have symptoms of severe dehydration, such as persistent dizziness, only passing small amounts of urine or no urine at all, or if you're losing consciousness
- You have bloody diarrhoea
- You have severe constant abdominal pain
- You're vomiting constantly and are unable to keep down any fluids
- You have a fever over 38C (100.4F)
- Your symptoms haven't started to improve after a few days
- In the last few weeks you've returned from a part of the world with poor sanitation
- You have a serious underlying condition, such as kidney disease, inflammatory bowel disease or a weak immune system, and have diarrhoea and vomiting

Your Doctor may suggest sending off a sample of your stool to a laboratory to check what's causing your symptoms. Antibiotics may be prescribed if this shows you have a bacterial infection.

### **The 'Simple Solution' - Homemade Oral Rehydration Salts (ORS) Recipe**

1. Six level teaspoons of sugar
2. Half level teaspoon of salt
3. One litre of clean drinking or boiled water and then cooled - five cupfuls (each cup about 200 mls).

A full factsheet on Viral Gastroenteritis can be found on the Health Directorate page of the SHG website: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2019/03/Viral-Gastroenteritis-Full-Fact-Sheet-28-March-2019.pdf>

**SHG**

**28 March 2019**



## ***Budget Speech from the Financial Secretary***

After two years running when the budget settlement with DFID ran well past the 1<sup>st</sup> April start date, the Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, was able to present the government budget for 2019-20 on time on Monday. In his opening remarks, Dax said, "For a small Island in the middle of the South Atlantic with less than 5,000 people we are certainly punching above our weight and we have achieved a lot during these challenging times. We are leading the way in a number of areas such as through our environmental programmes and the 'green' agenda, in particular our Energy Strategy where we hope to be generating electricity through 100% renewable sources by 2022." Going a little further into the detail he added, ". . . the recent visit of two senior DFID and FCO officials was both positive and extremely encouraging. The discussions which were held can be described as a 'watershed moment' in our relationship with HMG, signalling a stronger and more equitable partnership between DFID, FCO and SHG. We look forward to further discussions on improving relationships and working with HMG to secure a multi-year financial aid programme for St Helena which will facilitate increased autonomy in our decision making thus creating greater certainty for the

Island."

On the current state of the economic environment the Financial Secretary said, "Whilst we look back at the strong performance of the economy in 2015/16 during Airport construction thanks to fiscal stimulus, this year we faced the other side of the coin in the construction industry. Our Business Survey, conducted in November 2018 shows 44% of the 34 construction businesses suggesting that their demand is decreasing and that they intend to reduce staff.

This has had knock-on effects. St Helena's highest income earners and male workers experienced a small average decrease in income. And the number of people and households receiving benefits increased over the last year. With a squeeze on some of the higher paid incomes, and more entrants to the sector, 48% of accommodation and food service businesses say they think demand is decreasing (with only 24% saying that demand is increasing). Currently, in the construction and accommodation sectors the market has become saturated based on the level of demand.

Other sectors, however, continue to be more positive, with

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## ***The Good News from the Financial Secretary's budget speech***

- Starting the implementation of the Digital Strategy which will provide St Helena with a fibre optic cable, we took receipt of 10 million Euros from the 1st Tranche of the EDF 11 programme
- Expansion of the air service with the announcement of the second flight for 2019/20 including a period of flights originating from Cape Town
- The successful creation of St Helena Airport Limited who have taken over the operations at the Airport after the termination of the Design, Build, Operate and Hand back contract with Basil Read.
- Open-ended certification of the Airport from ASSI
- Successful 1st year of the commercial air service, with a small profit on the service
- 55 tour operators promoting St Helena, 21 of which have sent tourists to the Island already
- Visitor numbers significantly up compared with the RMS service and in line with what was expected from year one of the commercial air service
- St Helena is now more self-sustaining in egg production, through the introduction of 1000 day-old chicks which arrived by air, more on the way
- An increase in the number of SHG staff achieving qualifications across the Public Service, including four Nurses and 15 teaching staff achieving internationally recognised qualifications – our congratulations are extended to all those who have worked hard on top of their normal day job to excel in their fields
- Successful localisation of six TC posts with 14 more identified in our succession plans
- We have 12 students in university studies
- There is a new inclusion unit in Education which will cater for students with additional needs
- Expansion of the Community College which is now offering 196 courses, including many IT courses to help become 'cable ready', 532 students are registered and there are 868 course registrations
- We have 20 NVQ and 29 VRQ students studying, of which 19 have been certified
- The implementation of the new Marriage Ordinance and the first same sex marriage on St Helena
- We hosted a successful regional environmental conference, development of the St Helena Research Institute and a significant amount of research and conservation efforts by partners, including the Tuna Tagging programme and Whale Shark research
- We have had 24 knee and four hip replacements undertaken locally saving SHG around £330,000
- We recently introduced a Chemotherapy service on-Island for the first time and we are running a progressive healthy lifestyle campaign focusing on both diet and exercise
- More support on offer to the private sector through a new business advisor based in Enterprise St Helena.
- Establishment of a 24-hour emergency contact support centre
- Stronger good governance and rule of law, through new legislation and strategies to promote investment, convictions by juries, and more specialised training for police officers
- Continuous training of emergency services staff, our sea rescue team described by the trainer as 'world class'

Mr Speaker, I could go on, but I think I've made the point that we continue to achieve good things for St Helena and its people even during the difficult times.

## Budget Speech from the Financial Secretary

57% of service businesses saying demand is increasing. In each sector there are some opposing views, which show that some more competitive businesses, who trade at lower prices and/or with a higher quality may be expanding their share of the market, leaving some less competitive businesses behind."

On population and pay, the assessment in the budget speech was, "There were 4,630 people resident on St Helena in January 2019. 753 people left for overseas employment or emigration between November 2017 to October 2018 compared to 643 the year before and 654 the year before that. This is a key challenge for this government going forward, even losing a small number of families has a large impact on society, and work in 2019/20 to address this issue will be important. On the positive side, it is also noted that a large number of St Helenians are also returning; at the end of September 2018 the number of resident St Helenians was estimated to be 4,282, an increase of 228 compared to September 2017. The government intends to develop a Labour & Population Strategy to encourage more people to move to the Island and less to leave.

Median income from full-time employment in 2017/18 was £8,500 per year. This was less than 30% of the UK median wage equivalent. The median income was a drop in real terms of 0.7% compared to the previous year (i.e. accounting for inflation)<sup>5</sup>. The number of full-time employees eligible for income tax (i.e. above the £7,000 threshold) has increased from 943 in 12/13 to 1,597 in 17/18, largely as a result of the Minimum Wage pushing up low incomes and the positive impacts from the stimulus created by the Airport Project and Capital


Programme. The number of employees earning above the minimum wage has been steady for the last three years, at about 2,000. The percentage of the workforce now paying tax is over 60% compared with around 35% in 2011/12."

Referring to the 'trade gap', "The most critical statistic for St Helena's development at present is its trade balance, because it helps to signify whether St Helena is altogether wealthier compared to the year previous. In 2017/18 some £37.5m was transferred abroad through the Bank of St Helena, which includes paying for imports, and £16.8m was received." And, "Exports of goods totalled £0.32m in 2017/18, mostly fish (£0.29m) and coffee."

Dax said that the rate of price inflation for 2019-20 is estimated to be 4.3% and is expected to remain around that level for the next three years. Government revenue from tax, duty and other local income is expected to be similar in 2019-20 to 2018-19.

Outlining planned expenditure in the 2019-20 financial year Dax Richards describes the situations for the front-line services as follows, "Spending in Education is largely in line with the previous year, inflationary increases have been offset by a reduction in the number of overseas scholarships required for the coming year." And for the health Directorate, "Whilst it appears from the numbers that the Health budget has been reduced, with the call-down fund described earlier, there is an ability to call an additional £0.5M for Health if demand requires it, this actually means that in real terms there is an increase in the Health budget of £372K or 6.5%. This addi-

**Music Festival -  
Napoleon and  
George III**



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...some since I cross'd the hill, And o'er the moor and

Fondation Napoleon, in collaboration with St Helena Tourism and Creative St Helena will be holding a Festival of Music - Napoleon & George III. This Festival is an opportunity for visitors and locals not only to celebrate the Island's joint French and British Heritage but also to re-live and re-enact the Napoleonic and Georgian History.

The Festival will be led by Professor Peter Hicks, a music director at St George's Anglican Church in Paris and will take the following form over several days:

- Wednesday 1st May** - Concert at St Pauls Cathedral 19:00.
- Saturday 4th May** - Singing event at St James Church at 16:00.
- Sunday 5th May** - Moment De Memoire, Napoleons Tomb 10:30 am followed by the opening Longwood & gardens from 11:00- 15:00.

There will also be an exclusive ticket concert at Longwood House.

*More details coming soon.*



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## ***Budget Speech from the Financial Secretary***

tional funding will go towards the new Smoking Cessation campaign, to cover the costs of increments for staff, increased costs of drugs and medical supplies, expansion of the chemotherapy service and various other small inflationary increases across the directorate which could not be absorbed." For next year Safeguarding has an increase of £153K which is largely due to applying recharges correctly within the directorate. The Safeguarding budget was underspent in 2018/19 and therefore the level of funding proposed is expected to provide similar level of services for the coming financial year."

Referring to the Capital Programme which has been non-existent over the last two years Dax said, "It is pleasing to hear from a recent visit that senior officials of HMG expect to confirm a multi-year Capital Investment Programme for St Helena soon; this will bring much needed fiscal stimulus and certainty to a struggling private sector. We expect a decision from HMG in the coming weeks. Further details will be released shortly."

On changes in Customs Duties, Dax said, "Tobacco and Tobacco products will increase by 5.3% which is forecast inflation + 1%. This will mean that the duty on a packet of 20 cigarettes will increase by 21p. Mr Speaker, I can advise that the Health Committee along with the Economic Development Committee will also be exploring options within the next financial year to further increase the duty on Tobacco products when the a review of the Tobacco Ordinance is completed to support the Health Promotion campaign.

From today, we will also see an increase in Alcohol, however unlike in previous years, this year will see a departure from the agreed policy where alcohol will be increased by 2% which is less than the projected inflation of 4.3%. Members felt with year-on- year increases in duty occurring previously and with

shrinking disposable incomes during the slowdown in the Island's economy that a smaller increase is justified. Therefore the duty on a can of Castle Lite will increase by 1p and the duty on a one litre bottle of Captain Morgan spiced rum will increase by 36p from £18.09 to £18.45.

There are no changes to other specific duties in particular the duty on Petrol and Diesel in 2019/20.

Other recent changes to the Customs & Excise Regulations include the reclassification of parts of the tariff from the 20% bracket to the 5% bracket and these include: revision guides and academic books, sight correcting glasses, sanitary and family planning products, biodegradable cartons, boxes and cases and textiles imported by commercial clothing makers and upholsterers. The changes were made following representations from various groups in society."

On the expansion of renewable energy sources being led by PASH Global, the Financial Secretary said, "I am led to believe that negotiations with PASH Global to deliver over 85% of our electricity from renewable sources are close to conclusion. Not only will this stabilise the price of electricity for consumers going forward, the investment in this new technology will also provide a fiscal stimulus for the Island. This will be a significant private sector investment into the Island and I am certain this will be followed soon by further additional significant investment. We look forward to the conclusion and contracting of the service soon."

News on the South Africa-South America fibre-optic cable connection remained almost as optimistic but more vague. The budget speech also outlined the changes to changes to Corporation Tax, Stamp Duty and the new Empty Commercial Property tax. These changes were publicised in advance of the budget.

### ***"Financial aid for capital projects receiving urgent attention for approval" Main points from Cllr Cyril Leo's budget speech***

Last year DFID provided St Helena with 27 million pounds budgetary aid and unfortunately was unable to provide any of the financial uplift requested. The level of financial aid was seriously inadequate for St Helena's needs. St Helena requested that DFID provided a minimal financial uplift of 2.7 million pounds for the 2019/20 budget. Although the full amount could not be met, we are grateful for the extra 1.2 million pounds increase provided by DFID.

Last year, and the year before, St Helena was forced to deal with the frustrations of a roll-over budget. Today, we are grateful to DFID for ensuring budgetary aid is provided at the start of the 2019/2020 financial year.

Whilst the budgetary aid package from the United Kingdom remains inadequate for the current and progressive needs of the people of St Helena, we are most grateful to the UK taxpayers for their 28.2 million pounds budgetary aid and the additional 3.5 million pounds in support of St Helena Air Access.

In the past, there were complaints on the dictatorial approach by DFID civil servants towards elected representatives. We are now grateful for the improved working partnership and the increased communication between elected members and DFID officials. This was most noticeable during the months of discussions on financial aid for St Helena. The new approach to

the working relationship was further strengthened by statements to elected members by DFID's Head of Overseas Territories, John Gordan and the FCO's Head of Caribbean and Southern Oceans Department, Will Gelling during their recent visit to St Helena.

I would just like to add, that the decision by the UK government not to provide development funding for capital projects over the last two years has had an enormous detrimental impact on the livelihoods of the people of St Helena and on the social and economic prospects of the community. However, we are grateful to the Minister of DFID, Lord Bates, for his early commitment and reassurance that financial aid for capital projects has already received his urgent attention for approval.

The island has been going through a very difficult period socially and economically. But some change for the better is unfolding for St Helena and I hope this will soon inspire the people of St Helena to glimpse a future of some promise. Each one of us who selflessly cares about our island, our community, our family, our home, our livelihood and our future generations has an important part to play in the next chapter of St Helena's journey.



# Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

## St Helena's Brexit

St Helena, like the UK, is at the stage going through its own Brexit. There are similarities but there are also differences. St Helena is not trying to cut its links with its larger partner, just the reverse. There is another important difference and that is of scale: Brexit and countries with millions of people dealing with each other whilst St Helena has a population of only 4,500.

Like the UK, the context in which St Helena has arrived at the present situation is historic. The uninhabited island was taken possession of, settled by the English with their own people in 1659 and fortified. It was run by the English East India Company (EIC) as a Company island, as a business venture involving trade with the Far East during the days of sailing ships. St Helena's strategic position in the Atlantic played a key role in the EIC becoming the largest and wealthiest global company the world has known. It controlled half the world's trade contributing to Britain becoming a great trading nation in which St Helena played a vital part.

But the Island never paid its way, costing the EIC something like £100,000 a year to run, showing how important St Helena was to the Company. The EIC left in 1834. When the Crown took over it only put in a fraction of this financial support so the island became desperately poor. People started to leave. This pattern of emigration and poverty continued up to about the 1970's when more Islanders started to work offshore on Ascension, later the Falklands Islands after the war and on the RMS St Helena, sending money home estimated at £5m a year, much of it going into building family homes. It was through offshore employment that Islanders pulled themselves out of poverty but at a social cost with many not being accompanied by their families.

Having an airport under the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed by the UK and St Helena governments in December 2010 was meant to have an economy based on *"inward investment and increased tourism"*. The MOU set out a whole raft of connecting reforms and increased taxation. It was projected that tourist numbers would eventually increase to 30,000 a year. *"Infrastructure and services"* would be put in place *"to attract in-*

*creasing numbers of tourists by sea and (later) by air"* We know that because of weather conditions, there is a smaller plane operating and far fewer tourists arriving than projected, evidenced by a UK Parliamentary enquiry. Yet many of the reforms and taxations relating to much larger numbers of tourists and much larger income into the economy are still in place, impacting on local businesses and creating social problems

The policy under the 2010 MOU of having an economy based on *inward investment and tourism*, one major product for a *"sustainable economy"* was always going to be a high risk which it has proved to be. Budgetary Aid continues to remain high, currently in the region of 70%. Unless there is an increase in other sources of income to the island, taxation will mostly come from Aid. If this pattern continues, increasing taxation on Aid to increase revenue and reduce Aid will only increase problems, rather than solve them. A new model to replace the 2010 MOU needs to be put in place for development that addresses fundamental issues on the island.

The 2010 MOU requires not only economic but *"social development"*. DFID assessors visiting the island in September 2011 examining reforms under the MOU made it clear that ultimately these reforms were to deliver *"benefits for Saints"* Note (a)

Professor Dan Yon in his key note address at the recent conference on the capital and benefits of the natural environment, stressed the importance of people. We must not only recognise the importance of the natural capital of the island, more importantly we should recognise and protect the social capital of people, providing an enabling environment for optimum growth and development. People are the island's greatest asset and resource.. Islanders have shown how they have come out of poverty, putting money into the economy and building family homes. Social capital is also evident in the number of charitable organisations in Civil Society, in the region of 70, that make a significant contribution to the social and economic development of St Helena. People and their culture are critical in having St Helena as a special tourist destination.

Different policies, schemes and plans have been put forward to see how the Island can progress. They have to be such as to meet the needs and special circumstances of St Helena and be sustainable. It is shown that the model used in the 2010 MOU agreement is a high risk. For the island to lay foundations on which to build a sound future, it requires a **comprehensive, independent review** of the current situation on

the island, examining the context in which development has to take place, particularly historic, as well as the size of the population (the size of a village in the UK) and the small human resource and tax base that has to deliver all the services of a national government.

This is an assessment put forward by Lord Ashcroft in his interview in the Independent 25 January 2019:

*I believe there should be a completely independent strategic review of the island with nothing deemed "off the table" including the Island's relationship with the UK. Saints would probably not want to be fully independent of the UK nor fully integrated into the UK but everything should be assessed by experts who are devoid of any agenda.*

Commonwealth day, Monday 11 March, was celebrated at the airport. The message from the Queen mentioned *"the networks of cooperation and mutual support to which we contribute, and on which we can draw"* For the first time the Commonwealth flag was raised and is now flying on the island. The Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) has been very helpful to St Helena sending advisers, including giving legal advice and support for Islanders to have the right to nationality and not to be *"arbitrarily deprived of British citizenship, whether by legislation or otherwise"* included in the Human Rights chapter of our present Constitution .

The CPA has shown, that if approached it will help. With its links to St Helena and networks to draw on it would be able to undertake such a comprehensive review as recommended by Lord Ashcroft. St Helena's strong ties with Britain go back to the Royal Charter of 1673:

(a) It gave the people of St Helena full citizenship rights in perpetuity *"to all intents and purposes as if they had been abiding and born within this our Kingdom of England"*.

(b) The Island was *"to be holden as of the manner of East Greenwich, in the County of Kent"*.

These aspects should form an integral part of the context for development and should be contained in any Independent strategic review.

**Kind regards,  
Basil George**

*Note (a) SHG press release from the Strategic and Policy Planning Unit, 22 September 2011*



## Vacancy - Power Station Assistant

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ a Power Station Assistant to support the day to day operation of diesel generation equipment at the Power Station at Rupert's.

Working in noisy and oily conditions with high voltage equipment, the Power Station Assistant will ensure the running of generators and machinery by replenishing engine oils as necessary, responding to engine alarm faults and recording pertinent data needed for analysis of engine performance. Some maintenance work at the wind turbines at Deadwood Plain might also be required.

The Power Station has to be fully manned at all times to ensure the Island's electricity supply, therefore the successful candidate will be expected to work a rotating shift pattern which includes evening and weekend work.

### Essential Qualifications and Experience

Relevant experience in a similar working environment.

A pass in GCSE Maths and English is preferred but not essential.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is an equal opportunities employer and offers a competitive salary, 15% pension contribution of base salary and 25 days annual leave.

For a full job description and application form please contact Kerry Lane on 22255 or email [kerry.lane@onnect.co.sh](mailto:kerry.lane@onnect.co.sh). Completed applications should be sent to Kerry at the above email address or delivered to Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon on Monday, 15 April 2019.



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To lead the Building Works Team

As Building Services Manager, you will:

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  - Undertake Risk Assessments and compile method statements, as necessary
- Manage all staff assigned to construction projects ensuring that the jobs are carried out in a safe and cost effective manner.
  - Set expectation and deliver on quality standards and customer service standard

*Further information is contained on the Job Description*

### Interested Persons Should:

- ✓ Demonstrate good managerial and technical skills
- ✓ Be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to lead a team
- ✓ Ideally have a relevant industry qualification or a proven track record of working in a similar environment for a minimum of 5 years
- ✓ Have a valid Driver's licence

*Further details contained in job description which can be downloaded from our website or Facebook page*

Salary for the post will start at **£16,800** per annum (£1,400 per month), depending on qualifications and experience

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: [GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh](mailto:GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh)

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

# Supervisor

Within the DIY Store

## Job Outline

To carry out the day to day Supervision of the DIY Store and to deputise for the Manager and other Supervisors in their absence.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have knowledge in Customer Service, Cash Handling & Security
  - Be literate in Maths, English & IT
- Have good leadership skills and Supervisory experience
  - Have some knowledge in Stock Management

Salary for the post will start at **£745.71** per month (£8,948.52 per annum)

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Essex, Human Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
by 4 April 2019.



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

# Supervisor

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

## Job Outline

To ensure that the shop floor is managed efficiently and effectively, and that customers receive the best standard of service possible.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have knowledge in Customer Service & Security
  - Be literate in Maths, English & IT
- Have knowledge & experience in Food Handling
- Have knowledge & experience in Cash Handling
- Have good leadership skills and Supervisory experience
  - Have some knowledge in Stock Management

Salary for the post will be **£745.71** per month (£8948.52 per annum)

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## BANK CLOSURE

Bank of St Helena would like to advise customers that the St Helena and Ascension branches will be closed on **Monday, 01 April 2019**. This closure is necessary to enable the Bank to complete its End of Financial Year procedures.

On Tuesday, 02 April 2019 the Main Branch in Jamestown will open from 09:30 to 15:00; the Ascension branch will open at 08:45. Normal opening times, for both branches, will resume as of **Wednesday, 03 April 2019**.

Bank of St Helena would like to thank customers for their support and apologise for any inconvenience caused.

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**Cruise Ship  
visits  
April 2019**



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### MV Ocean Atlantic

Scheduled to arrive on Wednesday, 3rd April at 0800hrs. Departure is scheduled at 2000hrs. Maximum passenger capacity is 200 passengers and 120 crew. The vessel will be arriving from Tristan Da Cunha and continuing onwards to Ascension Island.

### MV Astor

Scheduled to arrive on Thursday, 4th April at 0800hrs. Departure is scheduled at 1330hrs. Maximum passenger capacity is 578 and 260 crew. The vessel will be arriving from Walvis Bay and continuing onwards to Praia.

### MV Pacific Princess

Scheduled to arrive on Thursday 11th April at 0800hrs. Departure is scheduled at 1800hrs. Maximum passenger capacity is 772 and 379 crew. The vessel will be arriving from Walvis Bay and continuing onwards to Brazil.



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**When: 4 May 2019**

**Where: Francis Plain**

**Time: 11am till 3.30pm**

After a fantastic 2018/19 running the agriculture programme, the working group have finally come to the grand finale. The big Country Fair at Francis Plain!

The closing date for the pre-judged livestock, pasture and arable land categories have now closed and we wait in anticipation to see on the day who are the grand winners of each category.

**However, the closing date for children, individual and district stalls is the 15 April and this will be judged on the day. So hurry and enter before it is too late!! Contact Delia Du Preez at Enterprise St Helena.**

Please note that there will be a minimum requirement of 3 entries for each particular category to be eligible for the competition. Where fewer entries exist a consolation prize will be awarded for effort.

Are you interested in showcasing your produce or craft for retail at this event? This is an opportunity to do just that! Don't delay, contact Delia Du Preez to book a stall.

Stalls	1st	2nd	3rd
<b>1. Individual Stalls</b>			
1. Fresh flower arrangement	£15.00	n/a	n/a
2. Largest half dozen of chicken eggs	£15.00	n/a	n/a
3. Jams	£20.00	n/a	n/a
4. Preserves	£20.00	n/a	n/a
5. Confectionery	£20.00	n/a	n/a
6. Iced cakes	£20.00	n/a	n/a
7. Largest carrot	£20.00	n/a	n/a
8. Largest pumpkin	£20.00	n/a	n/a
9. Largest sweet potato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
10. Largest tomato	£20.00	n/a	n/a
11. Best broccoli	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
12. Best cauliflower	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
13. Best cabbage	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
14. Best carrot	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
15. Best pumpkin	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
16. Best sweet potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
17. Best potato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
18. Best onion	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
19. Best tomato	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
20. Best cucumber	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
21. Best hand of bananas	£25.00	£15.00	Certificate
22. Best display for 5 a day of vegetables/fruit	£25.00	n/a	n/a
23. Honey	£30.00	n/a	n/a
24. Needlework	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
25. Handcrafts from local produce	£30.00	£20.00	£10.00
<b>2. Best District Stalls – judged on the day</b>			
	<b>£300.00</b>	<b>£200.00</b>	<b>£100.00</b>

Children (Between the ages of 8 & 16 years)	1st	2nd	3rd
1. Best rabbit	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
2. Best guinea pig	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00
3. Best dog	£20.00	£15.00	£10.00



**For more information please contact Delia Du Preez on telephone 22920 or email [delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh](mailto:delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh)**

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Ultimately, you will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

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- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above
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Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum.

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Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail [tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Monday, 8 April 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 25 March 2019**



# **HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR ENGAGEMENT WORKER**

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking person to join their Health Promotion Team. The successful applicant will be responsible to the Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead to support the work of the SHG Health Directorate's community prevention work under the Health Promotion Strategic Framework (HPSF), and Chronic Disease Management (CDM) plans for people with established conditions.

Some of the key duties include:

- To ensure information and awareness resources produced under the HPSF and CDM are produced as directed and distributed and accessible to the priority groups.
- To support private and community sector partners to provide appropriate awareness and information resources for their staff / customers / community
- To raise awareness among community stakeholders about the priority issues under the HPSF and CDM, and what the community can do to improve their health and quality of life
- To recruit community stakeholders to participate in workshops, surveys, or other meetings / events to give their views to develop future plans for HP and CDM.
- To invite patients with specific health conditions to participate in appropriate sessions / events

for people with their chronic condition.

Essential qualifications and experience for this post are:

GCSE English and Maths at grade 'C' or above or equivalent

Good IT skills with proficiency in MS Word, Publisher & Excel

Good customer service / inter-personal skills

Experience liaising with community organisations and businesses

Experience of working on health or care issues is also desirable.

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

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

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Angela Jackson-Morris, Health Promotion and Social Marketing Lead on telephone no 22500 or email [angela.jacksonmorris@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:angela.jacksonmorris@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 11 April 2019

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**Helen Lawrence (Mrs) 26 March 2019**  
**Acting Director of Health**







## **WATER QUALITY IN HUTT'S GATE AND RED HILL ZONES**

### **HUTT'S GATE**

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to advise customers who receive water from the Hutt's Gate water treatment works that surface water flows in the area have been significantly depleted over the last few weeks due to the hot weather. Water that is treated is a mix of water from many sources all with varying characteristics. The loss of water flow from the peaks means that the combined mineral content of the water is elevated and whilst still within acceptable limits the taste and smell of the water is changing.

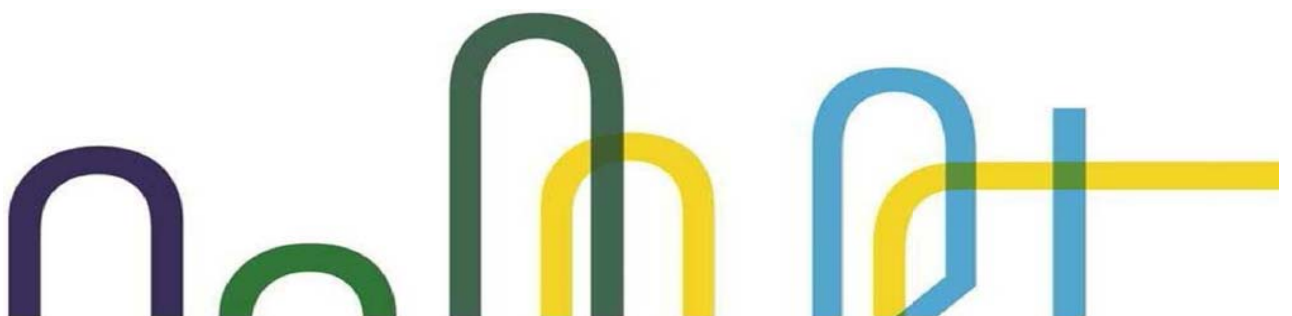
Water is sampled daily at the water treatment works and once a week analysis is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory with results sent to the Environmental Health Officer for independent assurance.

### **REDHILL**

In the Redhill area customers are experiencing water with reduced clarity. Although measures were implemented to try and deal with the silt that has built up in the Earth Dam over the last 30 years some poor quality water from the bottom of the reservoir has entered the system. Works to further elevate the outlet piping from the reservoir to take better quality water from nearer the surface have been completed so that water now entering the distribution network is of better quality.

The visual quality of the water will improve as more new water enters the distribution network. We are restricting flushing as much as possible because water stocks are reducing with reservoirs now at 50% capacity. However if any customers are receiving excessively discoloured water they should notify us by calling Annalisa on 22255 or email [enquiries@connect.co.sh](mailto:enquiries@connect.co.sh)

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## ROAD CLOSURE IN BOTTOM WOODS

The Highways Authority has given approval for the upper section of the Bottom Woods ring road to be closed from Monday, 1<sup>st</sup> April to Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> April from 9am to 3pm on weekdays only. This closure is to allow Connect Saint Helena Ltd to continue with upgrading the water network.

Below is the road in question that will be closed, pictured in black. The diversion route is pictured in white.



Signage will be in place to notify pedestrians and vehicular traffic of the road closure and the diversion route.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd thanks the public for their cooperation during this road closure.

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## Utility Meter Readings

From 1<sup>st</sup> April 2019 Connect Saint Helena Ltd will be directly responsible for reading electricity and water meters.

Meters will continue to be read as normal and this change will not affect your billing cycle.

People visiting consumer premises will carry ID cards. Customers are advised to contact Connect Saint Helena Ltd directly should they have any concerns.

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## TIP OF THE WEEK

Use glass and ceramic dishes if cooking in the oven.

They hold the heat better and mean that you can use a slightly lower temperature to cook food.





Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc  
has vacancies for

## General Assistants (Bread Production)

### Job Outline

Become a vital part of the day-to-day bread production and help to ensure quality standards are achieved.

### Basic Applicable Skills include:

- Be able to carry out and understand basic measurements and follow written recipes
- Operating production equipment as required
- Packaging and delivering products
- General cleaning

*Further details contained in job description*

### Interested Persons Should:

- ✓ Have basic numeracy and literacy
- ✓ Have some knowledge and experience in this field, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness

Salary will start at **£8,539** per annum, (£164.22 per week), depending on qualifications and experience.

Opportunities also exist for you to develop your skills and advance on the salary scale.

For further information,  
including the Company's  
attractive benefits package,  
please contact  
Dean Okali  
on telephone number:  
22380 or 23770  
or via email address:  
bakery@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected  
from Solomons Reception Desk, in  
the Main Office Building, Jamestown  
or alternatively an electronic copy  
can be requested via e-mail  
address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh  
and should be completed and  
returned to Nicola Essex, Human  
Resources Manager,  
Solomons Office, Jamestown,  
By 12 April 2019

# NOTIFICATION

## MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold a meeting on **Monday, 8<sup>th</sup> April 2019, at 9 am at the Training Room 1, opposite 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 **Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**



## JOB VACANCY THORPE'S GROCERY AND TINKERS

### TILL/SHOP ASSISTANT

PART TIME (full time also available)

This roll involves shelf stocking, using an epos till and dealing with customers.

- **Free home to duty transport**
- **Attractive leave and sick leave package**
- **Salary to start at £3.30 per hour.**
- **Salary to increase considerably with proficiency in the job role and further increases with time spent in the company.**
- **Opportunity to progress to higher position at a higher pay rate**

Contact: Henry Thorpe or Carol Yon Tel: 22781, email: admin@thorpes.sh or come and see us in our office above Thorpe's grocery shop

# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Despite having international Football on our TV, I think most football fans do miss the drama of the English Premier League. Personally I manage to watch a few of the Euro 2022 qualifiers. England was impressive despite having quite a few injuries to key players. England scored 10 goals and conceded 1 in their matches with Czech Republic and Montenegro. Sterling was the stand out player, scoring hat-trick against the Czechs and 1 against Montenegro. Sterling has also recently been standing up against racism in sport. The victory against Montenegro was marred by an unsavoury conclusion with Sterling clearly responding to taunts from the home fans in his goal celebration, and Hudson-Odoi having to retrieve an object thrown on to the pitch.

And the Montenegro supporters also directed Monkey chants at Danny Rose after the defender was shown a yellow card late on, casting a shadow over another great night for Southgate and his team. England manager Gareth Southgate said he "heard the abuse of Rose" and the incidents will be reported to Uefa.

However, Montenegro coach Ljubisa Tumbakovic said he did not "hear or notice any" racist abuse.

Southgate, speaking to BBC Radio 5 Live, added: "There's no doubt in my mind it happened. I know what I heard. It's unacceptable. We have to make sure our players feel supported; they know the dressing room is there and we as a group of staff are there for them."

"We have to report it through the correct channels. It is clear that so many people have heard it and we have to continue to make strides in our country and trust the authorities to take the right action."

After only six minutes, BBC Radio 5 Live commentator Ian Dennis said he heard racist chants when Tottenham left-back Rose was in possession. BBC football correspondent John Murray also said he heard the chanting throughout the game and spoke to pitch-side photographers who described the abuse the England players received as "disgusting".



England now sits on top of the group with 6 points from two matches. Northern Ireland; Poland and France have also picked up maximum points from their opening games.



The Premier will resume on Saturday with the early match between Manchester City and Fulham at 12.30. This match will give City the chance to go back to the top of the table if they beat the London club.

3pm matches will see Brighton host Southampton; Wolves travel to Burnley, Crystal Palace will play the bottom side Huddersfield town. Brendan Rogers will oversee his second home league match against Bournemouth. Manchester United will face a tricky tie at home against Watford. In the late match West ham will play Everton.

On Sunday Cardiff will play Chelsea at 14.05 BST (13.05 GMT). The clash of the weekend will see Liverpool host third place side Spurs at 15.30 our time.

**Please note the clocks move forward in the UK by 1 hour on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at 01.00 and will remain one hour ahead of GMT until 27<sup>th</sup> October 02.00.**

On Monday Arsenal will play Newcastle at the Emirates Stadium at 19.00 GMT.

## Ynys Mon 2019

It's the end of the month and the St Helena team played 3 matches in 4 days. The first match on Monday was against a good Island XI. The Island XI took the lead from a penalty by Shane Stroud. Ronan Legg scored 2 goals in the first half to put St Helena 2-1 up at half time. 2 further goals by Ronan and one each from Rico Benjamin and Matthais Young completed a 6-1 win.

On Tuesday the St Helena team won 4-0 with goals from Ronan Legg 1; Lee Yon 1 and Brett Isaac 2.

Thursday match to be reported in next week's article.

**With just over 3 weeks to go before the raffle draw with the grand Prize of a Ford Focus ST. The SHFA fund raising group has made a decision to reduce the tickets to £10 each as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April. In order for this to be fair to persons who have already bought tickets it was been proposed that those people with tickets can buy a ticket for £10 and get tickets free against the ones they have already bought. We are trying to make this as fair as possible to the persons who have bought multiple tickets and will need to discuss this further as a committee. We will be able to give a clearer indication in how we will facilitate this change via the media early Monday morning. Same rules would apply to those who bought tickets on the Falklands and Ascension.**

The Raffle will take place at Francis Plain on Easter Monday at 5pm. The SHFA is also hosting a Football Fun Day on the same day starting at 10am. We will do a 6 aside tournament for teams aged 15+. Teams can enter to Nick Stevens on telephone 22034 or email [youth@helanta.co.sh](mailto:youth@helanta.co.sh). Team entrance will be charge at £12 per team.

There will be a Junior 5 aside tournament; kite making for the kiddies; novelty football games, bouncy Castle. There will be hot food on sale and a cash bar. Music will be provided.

**Entrance fee will be £1 for 16+ and 50p for children under 15.**

No love is Greater than Mother's love.....  
Come Celebrate Mother's Day

*Isaiah 49:15-16*  
*Can a Mother forget the baby at her breast  
and have no compassion on the child she has  
borne?*

Date : Sunday 31 March 2019

Venue: Unit 3 Longwood Enterprise Park

Time: 11:00 am

For transport and further details contact (Priscilla Joshua 23249/Elaine Hopkins 62552)

A small logo for "THE ROCK" featuring a rock formation and the text "THE ROCK" in bold, black capital letters.



# GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 24th March 2019

The final round of the 36-hole Arnold Flagg Challenge Cup got underway at St Helena Golf Club on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 12:00. The golfers were upbeat and the weather was great. Not too hot and not too cold. At the end of the first nine holes Mr Larry Legg who started the round top on the leaderboard from last week had collected 5 bogeys ending up with gross 39 which threatened his position. Meanwhile, handicap 5 and defending champion of the Cup Mr Lawson Henry started his first nine holes with a bang by scoring 3 birdies, one double bogey and one bogey to end at par with gross 34. At the end of the full 18 holes Mr Lawson Henry emerged the ultimate winner with nett 67 consistent with his score from round 1 while Mr Larry Legg had to contend with second place nett 69 for the round. In third place handicap 17 Mr Nigel Joshua significantly improved his score from the first round of nett 72 by scoring a nett 66. Three players shared the balls in the two ball pool; Mr Lawson Henry hole-5, Jeff Stevens Hole-7 and Leon Crowie hole-5

The club was honoured to have the presence of the sponsor Mrs Patsy Flagg who presented the prizes to the top 3 winners. Mrs Flagg congratulated all the winners and gave a brief history of the event which was originally started in 2005 by Mr Arnold Flagg. She indicated her continued commitment to sponsor the event annually and thanked Eileen Wallace for her kind gesture of donating a plaque to the club which gave a bio of Mr Arnold Flagg. The presentation was followed by refreshments sponsored by Mrs Flagg. The club and its membership wishes to express its gratitude to Mrs Flagg for her continued support.

Next Sunday 31st March 2019 will be 18 Hole Stroke play



Monthly Medal Competition. Tee off time 12:00. Registration is ongoing. Register by; adding your name to the list on the clubhouse noticeboard, Leave a Voice mail on 24421, or drop a message to our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh Junior golfers training will take place on 29<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 16:30 weather permitting.

We wish you all a great weekend.....!

**Contributed by SHGC**

## RMS T20 Cup Cricket Results

**Saturday 23 March 2019**

**1.30pm**

**Sandy Bay Pirates 242/5**

Rhys Francis 92\*

Brooklyn Fowler 46

Rhys Francis 3/17

Rico Thomas 2/13

**Western A Mustangs 123/8**

Richie Joshua 47

Dane Wade 27

Luke Bennett 2/22

Cruyff Buckley 2/38

**Performance Points**

Rhys Francis 3, Richie Joshua 2, Brooklyn Fowler 1



**1.30pm**

**Jamestown Heat 159/8**

Gavin George 38

Scott Crowie 23

Scott Crowie 2/25

Barry Stroud 2/11

**Levelwood Allstarz 163/7**

Sanjay Clingham 60

Jerry Thomas 50

Greg Coleman 3/16

Ross Henry 1/15

**Performance Points**

Sanjay Clingham 3, Jerry Thomas 2, Greg Coleman 1



**Sunday 24 March 2019**

**10am**

**Royal Challengers 303/3**

Andrew Yon 136\*

Phillip Stroud 86

Melvyn Henry 2/8

Andrew Yon 1/6

**Western Woodpeckers 93**

Darrel Henry 36

Chris Owen 27

Faron Thomas 1/37

Julian Henry 1/37

**Performance Points**

Andrew Yon 3, Phillip Stroud 2, Darrel Henry 1



**Sat 30 March**

**1.30pm**

Woodpeckers V Lions

Umpires: Challengers

**Sunday 31 March**

**10am**

Mustangs V Challengers

Umpires: Woodpeckers

1.30pm

Pirates V Allstarz

Umpires: Heat



## Fixtures





## Beauty Spot

Unit 9, ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill

### New Services Available from 2nd April 2019 Pedicures and Manicures

Beauty Spot is now offering Pedicures and Manicures for those who love to be pampered.

The Pedicure includes a foot soak, foot and lower leg massage and a tidy-up of those tired feet. The Manicure includes a hand and lower arm massage and a nail and cuticle tidy-up.

Call 23616 to make an appointment for that 'Feel Good' feeling.



Facials will be offered soon.



Beauty Spot opening hours are 10am to 6pm Tuesdays to Fridays and 10am to 4pm on Saturdays  
Call 23616 or email [noleens@helanta.co.sh](mailto:noleens@helanta.co.sh)

### THE ANCHOR CLOTHING SHOP

Situated at Kunjie Field,  
Nr Scotland roundabout.

First building on your right. Car park is  
available.

Opening hours: Monday s, Wednesdays &  
Fridays: 16:00 – 18:00  
Saturdays: 17:00 – 18:00

We stock a good range of Ladies, Men's and  
Children's clothing and shoes.

We have a new selection of Ladies & children's  
clothing & men's denim Jackets and Jeans.

Shop at "The Anchor" where there is  
something for everyone!

Contact Jean Fowler on Telephone 24044.

## HAPPY SHOPPING!!!



The Queen Mary,  
Victoria & Barrack's  
Warehouse will be  
closed for stock  
taking on Tuesday  
2<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday  
3<sup>rd</sup> April for stock  
taking, we apologise  
for any  
inconvenience  
caused.



## Autism Awareness Month April 2019

### What is Autism?

Autism is a lifelong development disability that affects how a person communicates with, and relates to, other people. It also affects how they make sense of the world around them.

It is a spectrum condition, which means that, while all people with autism share certain difficulties, their condition will affect them in different ways.

I am *beautiful*, not broken.  
*Different*, not less.  
*Challenged*, not challenging.  
*Overwhelmed*, not spoiled.  
Autism is not a choice.

However  
Acceptance is.



I hear things more loudly  
I see things more clearly  
I smell things more strongly  
I feel things you don't  
I taste things differently

I have Autism

**A**lways  
**U**nique  
**T**otally  
**I**nteresting  
**S**ometimes  
**M**ysterious



## Autism Awareness Month April 2019

Adapting our own perception, following rather than leading and building bridges are all keys to helping a child with autism learn.



You can find out more about living with Autism and support Autism awareness in the month of April through the following activities:

- ☐ **Autism awareness assemblies** in all schools.
- ☐ **Wear blue for Autism** on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at home or workplace.
- ☐ **Light up for autism** – Light up your home or business in blue lights.
- ☐ **Autism information/ribbon stall** in front of Canister, Jamestown on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2019 10am – 1pm.
- ☐ **Excerpts of personal stories of living with Autism** in news papers.

**Contact 'Au-some parents' group facilitators Cheryl Bedwell on tel. 22500 or Jeanine law on tel.23172**



## Keep on Singing

Social Media is becoming the platform for promoting businesses, meeting new friends, catching up with family and friends abroad and most recently an entertainment platform for two St Helenians; host Ashley Joshua AKA Coolbreeze of Jamestown and co-host Simeon Coleman AKA Tiddiebum of Levelwood, now working for Interserve on the Falklands who have decided to extend their hobby into a weekly Facebook live-feed which is enjoyed by many, all around the world.

Ashley is known to accommodate his fellow Saints in his room on the Falklands for gatherings and decided to give his room the name the Jamestown Community Centre.

He was asked why the Jamestown Community Centre and he replied that it reminds him of home Jamestown Community Centre Productions he had seen.

Their weekly sessions started with a small crowd of followers from Mount Pleasant on the Falklands where the two are based, and with the demand to extend their talent further, the decision was taken 16 months ago to go live via Facebook.

Ashley was then asked what was the feeling like going live for the first time via social media and he replied that "I was a bit nervous at first but we quickly got to grips with the attention we were receiving and the positive comments from a vast range of audience from all corners of the world".

Ashley said that they are not the best singers in the world or even on the Falklands, and they believe it's not about being the best but the entertainment they provide to their audience. Ashley and Simeon have hosted a few weekly performances but the majority of their audience is attracted on a Friday evening wind-down session before the two head to the 120 bar.

During the 16 months they have been streaming live via a mobile phone, they have extended their number of singers by bringing in fellow colleagues and Ashley said when you give some of them the mics, they just love hugging the mic. Such performers are Robert Williams when he starts rapping; Chelsea Leo whenever a track by Pink is on the playlist and Shonray Phillips who just doesn't know when to stop and when to share, but it makes Simeon and himself happy as it proves and shows that they are all having a good time.

This live-feed entertainment is becoming very popular by the day and the pair receives constant messages from around



the globe enquiring when is the next show on and also requesting particular songs for the pair and their guests to perform.

At the moment the pair are working nightshift, so their Friday evening performances have been put on hold, however they have been doing an odd daytime session which I had the privilege to listen to and enjoyed because Simeon is the comedian of the pair....also because they have similar personalities it just gives great entertainment as they bounce off each other.....Thanks guys for the great entertainment but Please Forgive Me J.

Ashley and Simeon would like to say thank you to all who have been streaming live with them, sending those encouraging words and your song requests.

They look forward to your continued support and would like to encourage everyone to feel free to message either of the two at anytime with your song choices.

On behalf of all the fans we would like to wish Ashley and Simeon all the best for the future and please..... keep on singing!!!

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS APRIL 2019

Councillors will be holding a series of Constituency Meetings during April 2019. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the meetings in their districts to raise any issues they may have. The public is also requested to send in advance any topics they may wish to discuss, to the Councillors' Office on Tel: 22590.

At each meeting, a brief overview from the Council Committees will be provided, followed by the opportunity for attendees to ask questions. There will also be an opportunity for the public to suggest ideas on how constituency meetings should be structured in future. Each meeting will start at 7pm.

### Venue

Kingshurst Community Centre  
Blue Hill Community Centre  
Harford Community Centre

Sandy Bay Community Centre  
HTH Community Centre  
Jamestown Community Centre  
St Michaels's Church, Rupert's  
St Mary's Church, The Briars  
Silver Hill Bar, Levelwood

### SHG

26 March 2019

### Date

Monday, 8 April  
Monday, 8 April  
Wednesday, 10 April  
Thursday, 11 April  
Monday, 15 April  
Tuesday, 16 April  
Tuesday, 16 April  
Tuesday, 23 April  
TBC





## STAYING SAFE AROUND ST HELENA SAFETY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

Living on an Island means that taking part in marine activity is a way of life for most of the community on St Helena, whether it be for recreation, livelihood, or to promote the Island's marine offerings.

With this in mind, it is essential that any activity on or around the Island, including within the maritime environment, is carried out in the safest possible manner to reduce risk and protect life.

Sea Rescue Manager, Simon Wade, said:

"As we approach the Easter period, plans are being made for walks, camps, and that traditional Maundy Thursday fishing trip. While Easter is a great time to get outdoors and enjoy everything that St Helena has to offer, we must also remember to think about the dangers we might face and risks we may take when we set out on these Island adventures."

The St Helena Sea Rescue Service would like to ensure that everyone knows the best ways to keep safe this Easter and, over the coming weeks, will be running a Safety Awareness Campaign to raise public awareness of the safety aspects of participating in various recreational activities in and around the Island.

The campaign hopes to ensure that the public are aware of the best ways to maximise safety while carrying out three of the Island's favourite outdoor hobbies:

- Coastal Walking & Hiking
- Rock Fishing
- Boat Fishing



Simon added:

"We hope that, through the campaign, the public will become more aware of risks and certain dangers that may exist, and will gain knowledge of the essential equipment and necessities that should be considered when engaging in these activities."

"I would like to take this opportunity to appeal to our community to consider their personal safety and responsibilities when participating in coastal walking & hiking, rock fishing and boat fishing activities."

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**There will be a Mothering Sunday service  
with children's Eucharist at St. Pauls  
Cathedral on Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March at  
10:00a.m  
Live music by St. Paul's cathedral gospel  
group.**

**All are welcome.**

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**FOR SALE**  
FORD ESCORT MK6  
£750  
In good Condition.  
CONTACT 22770

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**Available for rent:**  
Two bedroom property  
Location: Bottom Woods  
Contact: Christine Scipio 24638  
christine.scipio@helanta.co.sh

## MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND

**Sat 30<sup>th</sup> March** Open from 8.30pm  
tunes from the Bar



**Sun 31<sup>st</sup> March** Closed for private  
function.



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**To A Very Special Mum &  
Nanny Eileen Leo, Happy Mothers'  
Day. Wish we were there  
with you. Love and Miss you  
LOADS, Love Marion & Zoe xxx**

**To A Very Special Mum &  
Grandma, Happy Mothers' Day,  
Enjoy Your Day, Lots of Love,  
Hugs & Kisses love Geordie &  
Zoe xxx**

KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

# SKITTLES



Register by Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

REGISTER YOUR TEAM TO ENTER  
KINGSHURST 9-ASIDE SKITTLES LEAGUE

Call Veronica on 24116, Noleen on 24333, Tracey on 24349

Or email [cgp@helanta.co.sh](mailto:cgp@helanta.co.sh)



## Dance

8pm Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019  
Dance the night away to great tunes  
by DJ Colin Peters  
Hot food will be on sale

## Friendly Skittles Match

Bar open from 7:30pm Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019

To hire the hall call 24349 or email [CGP@helanta.co.sh](mailto:CGP@helanta.co.sh)



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly  
car boot on Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Time: 10am – 12noon

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



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



Are you enjoying the cool summer days and looking for a weekend with a difference?

Why not join Amphibians for a family weekend out at Rupert's Beach, this coming Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March.

There will be something for everyone.....the volleyball net will be there if you fancy a game of beach volleyball, the bar will be open selling cold refreshing drinks and Hot food will be on sale to include a BBQ mix grill, steaks and the ever popular fishcakes, fish 'n' batter and local fish fingers.

To add to the atmosphere for Saturday afternoon, Blue Magic will be jamming throughout the afternoon and setting the atmosphere for DJ Bootsie who will provide the tunes into the night for dancing.

On Sunday Wicked Wahoo will be joining Amphibians on the beach providing water sports for all ages to enjoy and a DJ will be there to entertain you.

So make this a weekend with a difference and join Amphibians Bar & Grill at Rupert's.