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Midweek flight from Cape Town to St Helena Island announced

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stories that are life changing

Cape Town Air Access, together with the St Helena Government (SHG) and Airlink, welcomes a new connection between Cape Town and St Helena. The seasonal flight is scheduled weekly on a Tuesday and will operate from 3 December 2019 to 31 March 2020. Bookings are open until late February 2020. Helena Bennett, Director of Tourism for St Helena, said: "St Helena has for many years held a special connection with Cape Town which was once the port of call for the island's Royal Mail Ship before it was decommissioned in February 2018. For the island to be once again connected with Cape Town provides our tourism industry with this much desired link. Being able to provide our visitors with the option of a two stop holiday where they can explore the magnificent Cape Town and then hop on a flight and spend a few days discovering the many treasures and beauty St Helena has to offer, will be a huge benefit to the island and our stakeholders."

The midweek Cape Town service supplements Airlink's Saturday service to OR Tambo International Airport and will connect the Western Cape to the South Atlantic island during the peak season. With the opening of the award-winning St Helena airport in 2017, access to island has been made quicker and easier.

Western Cape Minister of Economic Opportunities, Beverley Schafer, welcomed the new route: "The Western Cape Government is focused on driving the further development of the tourism sector to stimulate growth and create new jobs. In order to do this, we need to be offering a range of experiences and opportunities that appeal to a wide variety of tourists. This new route is very exciting, providing fresh opportunities to market tourism to both the Western Cape and St Helena, capitalizing on the historic link between the two."

Alderman James Vos, Mayoral Committee member for Economic Opportunities and Asset Management in the City of Cape Town concurred: "The City of Cape Town welcomes the announcement of a new flight between Cape Town and St Helena. We are a proud partner of Cape Town Air Access, which has been highly successful in connecting our beautiful city to opportunities all over the world. This makes it easier for tourists to visit, boosting numbers, growing tourism rev-



enue and creating jobs."

St Helena, one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world, has been called 'the secret of the South Atlantic'. Visitors to the island can expect a destination rich in history, with attractions such as Napoleon's residence, and encounter an Instagrammer's paradise with volcanic coastlines, and view the highest number of whale sharks during its annual migration.

Wesgro CEO, Tim Harris, said that this was the fifteenth non-stop route added by the Cape Town Air Access since its inception in 2015: "Following the game-changing news that Cape Town will now be connected to North America through a non-stop flight, we are delighted to welcome yet another route to Cape Town International Airport. By connecting Cape Town to other tourists attractions around the world, we are able to help visitors put together itineraries with Cape Town at the centre. This strengthens our tourism offer considerably."

Cape Town Air Access is a partnership between the Western Cape Government, the City of Cape Town, Wesgro, Airports Company South Africa, Cape Town Tourism, South African Tourism and private sector partners.

"We thank all our partners, the government of St Helena and Airlink for the confidence you have shown in a route into Cape Town, and we look forward to this being another successful route in our growing air network" concluded Harris.

<https://www.thenewspaper.co.za/midweek-flight-from-cape-town-to-st-helena-island-announced/>

This is Napoleon's only living successor

Jean-Christophe Napoleon Bonaparte is the last in the line of the Napoleonic dynasty; but maybe not for too much longer. At the age of 32 Jean-Christophe announced this week he is to marry the Countess shown with him on the photograph; she is 31.

Her name is Countess von und zu Arco-Zinnerberg, she is related to the last Emperor of Austria, Karl the First who was also King of Hungary and King of Bohemia. Karl the First's uncle Archduke Franz Ferdinand was assassinated in 1914. The diplomatic friction arising from the assassination is seen as the main cause for the start of the First World War.



ON THE BEAT.....WITH THE ST HELENA POLICE!

Sharon Wade

The district of Sandy Bay are in the lead with the highest attendance so far, at the Police Roadshow that is currently sweeping St Helena to raise awareness and educate the public on the carrying and use of CED's, more commonly known as TASER.

After three presentations that have been held, Sandy Bay's handful of attendees has been the highest and it is quite obvious that a large percentage of the Island's community have missed out on a very interesting talk about the device, that has been approved for carrying and use by St Helena Police Officers since 29 April this year.

Sgt Mark Coombe led the presentation and a full recording has been made of his talk, which is hoped be aired as the 'Recording of the Week' on today's Shine Show.

The presentation was such to project the use of TASER as being seen in a 'positive' light but there are still mixed feelings about its use, which could very well be clarified or further explained if only residents attended the Roadshow. Proof of this was evident on Wednesday night at Sandy Bay when several residents were enlightened with in-depth descriptions and explanations to try allay any fears or concerns they had about TASER.

As the first step towards establishing better relations with the general public, the St Helena Police Directorate are extending an avenue of communication whereby any member of the public can participate by submitting questions, concerns or comments. This will take the form of a radio program to be aired on alternate weeks, where any issues (received by email only, in the first instance) will be discussed and/or answered by a member of the Police Directorate, providing it is a topic that can be discussed publicly, and it goes without saying that the Police Directorate will hold the authority to censor any material at their own discretion. This will be a chance for members of the community to ask any burning questions



they might have about policing on the Island and the show will also cover topical issues, and could include a touch of humour, a tip of the week as well as a few music choices.

Again on today's Shine Show, you can hear Sgt Coombe and Miss Tessa Peters speak about plans for the program. The Police have kindly agreed to run a small competition for all children attending the Primary Schools on St Helena, to name the radio program. The winning name will be revealed on the very first live Police radio program due to be aired on 7th June, and the winner will receive a very exciting prize that is being devised by the Police themselves.

If you have a question, concern or comment about policing on St Helena, or you would like to enter the competition, please email your submission along with your name to tessa.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh. Alternatively, hard copies of entries for the competition only, can be handed in to Police Headquarters at Coleman House in Jamestown.

Look out for updates in the Independent newspaper and stay tuned to your community radio – Saint FM!

Visit by the VLCC Arafura

Last Thursday, 9th May, the Dutch flagged VLCC "ARAFURA" hove to 1nm off Jamesbay to embark one Indian Cook & three Russian crewmembers and also disembark one Indian Cook and two other Russian crewmembers. The Russian crew flew with British Airways from Russia to Heathrow, it was here that all three lost their luggage and arrived at the island with only their rucksacks and no clothing! The Indian cook was fortunate however as he had a direct flight from India to Johannesburg and he arrived on the island with his suitcase. Days later, British Airways acknowledged that the baggage has been located and would now have to be flown to the West coast of the USA.

The 332.97 meter long tanker loaded 2 million barrels of Crude Oil from the offshore oil platform 20 miles off the West Africa coast of Nigeria and her cargo is destined for the West Coast port of California.

With a breadth of 60 meters (198') the "ARAFURA" is too wide to fit through the locks of the Panama Canal and henceforth must sail around the Cape Horn and into the Pacific



Ocean. Built in China in 2016 for the Belgium company EURONAV, this behemoth of a vessel is draughting 21.4mtrs (70') . The voyage from Nigeria to California is expected to take 45 days!



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Editorial

The day after last week's *Independent* was published the new governor arrived. A week has past and the biggest news over the last seven days is – the new governor has arrived. We do, of course, have some interesting (and even thought-provoking) reading this week for your edification and delight but we cannot include good solid life-changing news stories when they simply are not there.

Press releases from the government this week includes the results of the survey on what news you would like more of, Police beat surgeries, the taser 'road show' and the next round of constituency meetings; all very much routine stuff and not what you pay £1 for when you buy the *Independent*. There was also something about the Safeguarding Directorate changing its name and the Health Directorate offered advice on what drinks you should buy to quench your thirst during these hot days. The most notable press release was saved until last. Yesterday we were told the inmates of HM Prison Jamestown found the company of a dog called 'Pip' lifted their spirits when its owner brought him to the prison – so the Prison Manager brought in cat. The cat is reported to have the same beneficial effect on the inmates and since cats do not bond as closely as dogs with humans it is probably a better choice. A dog may well get upset when a favourite inmate suddenly disappears at the end of the allotted time inside. To change a famous RSPCA slogan 'a dog is for life not just for a prison sentence'.

Seriously though, I gave a little thought to the news we would like to hear before Dr Rushbrook come to the end of his allotted time in St Helena. A good start would be to find a buyer for the St Helena Fisheries Corporation and for St Helena Hotel Development Limited. Both forays into the business sector by SHG has cost taxpayers considerable sums and without some business-like action on the part of the government both 'enterprises' will cost all of us more big lumps of cash – sending good money after bad. In his speech last Saturday Governor Rushbrook said he is looking forward to "good and efficient governance". If such a thing was to happen it could save taxpayers a big chunk of money; or the money being put to a better purpose.

At the end of Governor Rushbrook's term of office will we have the renewable energy project well on its way or even completed? Will the financial dealings to get the fibre-optic cable project underway reach their conclusion? How many tourists will be stepping off the planes in May 2021? Will it be decided to concentrate on high value crops such as coffee in the agricultural sector and import all our meat, fruit and vegetables? It's very nearly that way anyway. Will premium cuts of tuna from St Helena be bought in quantity by eager customers in North America, Europe, Africa and Asia?

In his inaugural speech Governor Rushbrook said, "In the narrow window of opportunity we have over the next few years, to achieve a brighter future your creativity, enthusiasm and self-confidence are now required more than ever." He added, "For St Helena, a rejuvenated belief in what we can achieve will

encourage investors to have confidence" which is true, and a belief in oneself is the first requirement if we are to get cheaper internet, emails and international phone calls, fish exports which add to revenue instead of expenditure and utility bills which are guaranteed not to increase for several years. Many things need to go the right way if any of all this is to happen but its people who make it happen; and people need to believe in themselves and that they can make it happen. If the people who are in positions to make something happen don't believe they can, then we have a "narrow window of opportunity" to get in people who do have that belief, who have the required drive, initiative, conviction, energy, influence, knowledge and skills. Governor Rushbrook's vision for the next few years is almost revolutionary but nothing much as to change, a lot of it is just in the mind.

Friday morning 1am

I learnt long ago not to give up looking for news; the best often comes last. Just now I picked up a story confirming Airlink flights from Cape Town will become a reality when the Tuesday flights start again in December. I started this editorial writing that this week good, solid life-changing stories simply are not there. The report about Cape Town flights, printed on another page, comes from "The Newspaper" which describes itself as publishing "Stories that are life-changing".

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stories that are life changing

Sometimes news happens so fast it can make you out to be a liar!

Have a good weekend and you may not have to cut the grass, the army worm is back.

Vince

THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 19th May 2019 @ 11:00 FOR
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise
Park

Transport is available from
Jamestown, HTH
Contact 23249

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Dr Philip Rushbrook Sworn in as Governor



On Saturday 11 May 2019, Dr Philip Rushbrook arrived to take up his role as the Territory's 69th Governor and the first to arrive by air. Dr Rushbrook, accompanied by his wife, Mrs Rushbrook, was sworn in this afternoon, just after 4pm, on the Supreme Court Terrace in Jamestown. The Chief Secretary, Mrs Susan O'Bey, read the Royal Commission and the Sheriff of St Helena, Mrs Ethel Yon OBE, administered the Oaths of Office and gave the Address of Welcome.

The traditional ceremony included music from the Combined Brass Band and an inspection by His Excellency of delegations from the St Helena Police Force, schoolchildren, Customs Officers, Nurses, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers, Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Pathfinders, Religious Organisations and the Fire and Sea Rescue Services. The Rt. Revd. The Lord Bishop of St Helena, Dale Bowers MBE, gave a prayer and a blessing, followed by His Excellency receiving the salute.

In his Inauguration Address, His Excellency commented: "I am deeply privileged and excited to become the Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha - three unique and precious British territories in the South Atlantic. It is an honour to serve Her Majesty and to serve you. St Helena is the new home for my wife, Janis, and I and we look forward to being active members of the community on this jewel of an island."

Reflecting on his work preparing to take up the office of Governor, including meetings with Islanders, His Excellency ac-



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INAUGURATION SPEECH DR PHILIP RUSHBROOK, GOVERNOR OF ASCENSION ISLAND, ST HELENA AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The Right. Revd. the Lord Bishop of St Helena; Honourable Speaker and Deputy Speaker; Honourable Members of the Executive and Legislative Councils; the Chief Secretary and her SHG colleagues; the DFID Representative; and members of the Governor's Office, I thank you for the honour of your participation at my inauguration today as the 69th Governor. I wish to also extend my compliments to our sole member of the diplomatic corps, the Honorary French Consul, who has been a sincere friend to St Helena for, I believe, over 30 years.

It is my first official duty to thank the Sheriff of St Helena for her Welcome Address and for officiating at this impressive inauguration.

And, my second official duty is to thank each and every one of the people and organisations taking part in the parade and those in attendance today to witness this occasion.

I am deeply privileged and excited to become the Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha - three unique and precious British territories in the South Atlantic. It is an honour to serve Her Majesty and to serve you. St Helena is the new home for my wife, Janis, and I and we look forward to being active members of the community on this jewel of an island.

In the last few months I have spent much of my time talking to government departments, a spectrum of organisations and businesses, and many individuals and Islanders. The purpose was to better understand their experiences and aspirations for the future. I was struck by their universal desire to see the territories develop socially and economically.

I have been fortunate too, to meet Members of the elected councils for St Helena and Ascension who attended the Joint Ministerial Council in London last December, as well as the former and current Chief Islander from Tristan da Cunha. They too, demonstrated a powerful sense of mission to build partnerships and improve the opportunities for their islands to become more prosperous and contented places in which to live and work.



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knowledge of the 'universal desire to see the territories develop socially and economically' and the Islanders' 'powerful sense of mission to build partnerships and improve the opportunities for their islands to become more prosperous and contented places in which to live and work'.

For St Helena, His Excellency endorsed the Economic Development Investment Programme funded by the UK and promised 'achieving better connections to the outside world through wider air access and delivering the internet potential of a marine cable' would be matters receiving his constant attention; for Ascension Island to support 'the runway work started and [...] make this period of uncertainty as short as possible' and, for Tristan da Cunha to 'protect its pristine status whilst maintaining its ability to diversify the economy and increase income from sustainable fishing'.

His Excellency then proceeded to The Castle where he was introduced to dignitaries and members of the public followed by light refreshments.



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I commit myself to listen to the expectations and concerns of Islanders, of elected representatives and of businesses across the territories and to encourage their endeavours and potential. Equally, I will be asking what more they will do to make the goal of economic development and greater prosperity a reality. We all recognise that the present status quo is not going to be enough to improve our lot. From what I have already heard from Islanders, many realise the uncertainties that come with change need to be resolved cordially but promptly. There are ahead of us serious conversations to be had, difficult decisions to be made and honourable compromises to find if we are to remain on track to secure our collective futures. And, we need to believe we are able to achieve the future we seek because without that no one else will.

Turning first to St Helena. I was pleased to see a budget support package was agreed with DFID in time for the start of the financial year. In this the UK Government is providing at present around two-thirds of the St Helena budget. We must use this support wisely. I endorse the announcement of a multi-year capital investment programme funded by the UK, focused on the infrastructure to support economic development. Governments do not generate wealth, they create a stable platform of laws, services, infrastructure and international connections from which the initiative of commerce can thrive and diversify. To many inside St Helena and outside, none of these feel stable or modern enough yet despite significant progress in recent years. Therefore, during my tenure I will be energetically working directly with the elected representatives and SHG officers to help ensure that Saints become Altogether Wealthier, in line with one of the fundamental principles of 10-year economic development plan. St Helena also needs future leaders so it was extremely encouraging to meet recently around 20 students studying a multitude of subjects at universities across the UK. We must make sure they, and others returning to St Helena, are offered good prospects when they get back. Achieving better connections to the outside world through wider air access and delivering the internet potential of a marine cable will be matters receiving my constant attention.

On Ascension, where I note many Saints have a personal connection, the top priority is to complete the runway refurbishment as soon as possible. Without this, it will prove extremely difficult to re-establish better transport connections to the Island. Without better access, the kind of future possible for the Island will remain uncertain. On the positive side, I know there is a big push from our military colleagues to get the runway work started and do all they can to make this period of uncertainty as short as possible. The AIG administration too will continue to do all it can, in partnership with the UK and US Base Commanders, to help deliver a successful runway project. There is also a clear commitment from several quarters to help Ascension make a success of its larger Marine Protected Area, once formally designated. I intend to take a close interest with the Administrator and the AIG administration to ensure competent public services are maintained and to be resourceful in rectifying the weaknesses in the essential infrastructure. I am pleased the benefits of the additional £5 million funding from the UK last year are already being felt as critical improvements are addressed. This is a

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demonstrable commitment by the UK to Ascension during this period of uncertainty. There is going to be much hard work in the coming months but for the sake of the community, failure to deliver is not an option.

Tristan da Cunha, like the other islands has a fragile economy. I will be taking a special interest alongside the Island Council in supporting the population to define a pragmatic marine protection regime that both protects its pristine status whilst maintaining its ability to diversify the economy and increase income from sustainable fishing. I am pleased to learn that with 'Blue Belt' assistance the Wave Dancer, the fisheries patrol vessel, has nearly completed its refit and will soon be on its way back to Tristan waters, and the island recently took delivery of a new conservation boat and received funding for local research projects. The planning for the major RSPB/Tristan government led restoration project on the World Heritage Site of Gough Island is on track to commence next year. In April, I had the opportunity to meet the three A-level students from Tristan. They were shining examples of the energy and vitality of the next generation and wish them every success in their studies.

I reiterate today my promise, given in my announcement as the next Governor back in December, to visit Ascension and Tristan da Cunha as soon as practicable during 2019.

So, let me summarise three basic themes I see for my tenure as Governor. First, to maintain and build upon the achievements of Governor Honan and earlier governors. To serve the best interests of the peoples of the islands and promote the loyal and unshakable links with the UK.

Secondly, to work constructively in partnership with elected representatives, officials, businesses and communities. A partnership that focuses wholeheartedly on stimulating opportunities, viable investments and personal initiative to deliver social and economic improvements.

Thirdly, whilst I appreciate all change requires compromise and creativity, I see it is equally important we maintain the character of the heritage, natural environment and culture of our islands.

In closing, living in remote locations, necessity has often been the driver of invention and motivation. In the narrow window of opportunity we have over the next few years, to achieve a brighter future your creativity, enthusiasm and self-confidence are now required more than ever. If we are to take forward our opportunities, I look forward to working in partnership with you and UK agencies to ensure good and efficient governance; open, fair and timely decision-making; a business-friendly investment environment; building personal skills and opportunity; improvements to access and infrastructure; and the application of modern values and workable standards.

For St Helena, a rejuvenated belief in what we can achieve will encourage investors to have confidence; for Ascension, belief will help generate the strength to endure ahead of the runway being repaired; for Tristan belief will inspire continued confidence in your key markets and partners.

My heartfelt thank you for your warm welcome today.

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook

11 May 2019

Governor Rushbrook – looking for solid advances in St Helena’s economy

In his inauguration speech last Saturday it became immediately clear Governor Rushbrook is looking for and will be working to try and achieve some solid, tangible advances in St Helena’s economy. Improvements in the standard of living for everyone are also part of his main focus. His speech was directed more to setting a solid foundation for economic growth and developing people’s skills than to social services and protecting the vulnerable.

Lisa Honan listed same-sex marriage, protection for the vulnerable from abuse and minimum wages and welfare benefits for the least well-off among the notable things that happened during her three years at Plantation House. Using social media and improved public access to Plantation House were also included in her list of changes.

For Philip Rushbrook, improving St Helena’s access to the

rest of the world is a high priority. Governance should be efficient as well as good; it being necessary to act as well as listen.

Comparing Lisa Honan’s ‘goodbye’ message with Philip Rushbrook’s ‘hello’ inaugural speech reveals our new governor has a clear idea of what he wants to see achieved and what he expects from others. A careful reading of our new governor’s inaugural speech reveals a person who describes in clear terms the job he sees before him. It is also clear he has already assessed the general characteristics of several current and outstanding issues and sets out a way forward to meet the identified achievements. The identified achievements will probably get general support, it is deciding which methods should be used to achieve the desired aim that has always kept people talking, delaying the action, and holding St Helena back.

| What she said when she said goodbye | What he said when he said hello |
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| Big change – funding for a fibre-optic cable | “Achieving better connections to the outside world through wider air access and delivering the internet potential of a marine cable will be matters receiving my constant attention.” |
| Big change – opening the SHG funded hotel | “There are ahead of us serious conversations to be had, difficult decisions to be made and honourable compromises to find” |
| Big change – renewable energy meeting St Helena’s needs | Not referred to |
| Society change – same sex marriage | Not referred to |
| Society change – protection from abuse | Not referred to |
| Society change – poorest get income guarantee | “building personal skills and opportunity” |
| “Future of St Helena in your hands” | “we need to believe we are able to achieve the future we seek because without that no one else will.” |
| “opened up workings of government” | “ensure good and efficient governance; open, fair and timely decision-making; a business-friendly investment environment; improvements to access and infrastructure; and the application of modern values and workable standards.” |
| “opened up Plantation House” | Not referred to |
| “exposure through Social Media account” | Not referred to |
| “communicated with as many St Helenians as possible” | “listen to the expectations and concerns of Islanders, of elected representatives and of businesses . . . and to encourage their endeavours and potential” |
| “St Helenians need to also believe in their future. After all, if you don’t, nobody will.” | “. . . asking what more they will do to make the goal of economic development and greater prosperity a reality” |

ST HELENA PRISON TRIALS PET THERAPY

Her Majesty's Prison (HMP) Jamestown is currently trialling the use of Pet Therapy within the prison.

Prison Therapists around the world use animals to encourage a positive way of life, as well as to improve aspects such as low self-esteem, forming better relationships with others, communication deficiencies, health and wellbeing.

Prison Manager, Heidi Murray, said:

"We have been lucky enough to have a member of the team, whose dog Pip, has been coming in to the prison over the last few months. Pip is a dog who loves to be patted and fussed over, so she was a natural for coming in to the prison and spending time with the men in our care. The impact is already proving to be a positive one, as she has provoked conversation from prisoners who find communication difficult, and her calm and placid temperament means that some who are not used to dealing with dogs, have become more confident when approaching her."

Studies have shown that animal assisted therapy programmes within the prison system have a major effect on prisoner rehabilitation. They foster life-

enhancing skills such as coping skills, community rehabilitation, responsibility, and enhance the quality of prison life. Focusing solely on punishment will not work for the rehabilitation of offenders. The approach to rehabilitation has to have many strands for it to be effective, and pet therapy is one of the methods being adopted by HMP Jamestown.

HMP Jamestown has now, working alongside Senior Veterinary Officer Joe Hollins, introduced a kitten to the prison. Named Rainbow (see photo attached), the kitten will remain in HMP Jamestown for a four-month probationary period in the first instance. This will allow HMP Jamestown to ascertain whether they are able to deal with the demands of a young kitten, that no-one has allergies in relation to Rainbow, and that they are able to maintain the animal's health and welfare.

Heidi added:

"Rainbow is already making a big difference to the prison and appears to be very comfortable in his surroundings. His health and welfare is being taken care of by some of our longer-term residents,



and hopefully this will provide them with all the benefits that come with animal assisted therapy programmes.

"Added to the benefits for the prisoners, Rainbow was a kitten who could very well have faced the unthinkable if a new home had not been found for him. So hopefully this will be a successful situation all round."

15 May 2019

UK Government faces legal challenge on denial of the right to die

A Brit who has been paralysed from the neck down and been in constant pain for almost thirty years is challenging the UK law on assisted dying. In what is known as a Letter Before Action dated 3rd May addressed to the UK Secretary of State for Justice Paul Lamb has set out the legal points to support his claim that the UK law-makers are wrong to deny the right to die. If Mr Lamb does not receive what he considers to be a satisfactory reply from the Secretary of State he will apply to the court to seek a Judicial Review of current legislation. Paul Lamb, now 63, requires around the clock care as a result of a car accident in 1990. He is supported in his legal challenge by Humanists UK, a non-religious organisation which is part of an international movement which gives priority to human life, discounting the presence of a Divine Being or an after-life. Assisted death, also called assisted suicide, is legal in certain circumstances in Canada, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Colombia, Switzerland and parts of the United States and Australia. The case being made by Paul Lamb and Humanists UK is that existing UK legislation also permits assisted death but

the application of the law denies this right.

Mr Lamb argues that UK law contravenes the European Convention of Human Rights. He points to Article 8 of the Convention saying it encompasses the right to decide how and when to die, and in particular, the right to avoid a distressing and undignified end to life provided that the decision is made freely. The UK is a signatory to the European Convention of Human Rights. A spokeswoman for the law firm representing Mr Lamb explained, "For many years, our client has patiently waited for Parliament to address the issue of whether section 2 of the Suicide Act should be relaxed or modified. But the pain and suffering he experiences, on a daily basis, means he cannot wait any longer. He believes the time is now right for the courts to intervene and declare section 2 incompatible with Articles 8 and 14 of European Convention on Human Rights because it unlawfully discriminates against seriously disabled people who wish to end their lives."

Mr Lamb is aware that as he gets older, he will inevitably want assistance to die. Paul wants to be able to end his life at



the time and in the manner of his choosing. He argues that the current law – which prohibits any assistance under threat of up to fourteen years' imprisonment – breaches his human right to a private life.

Andrew Copson, Chief Executive of Humanists UK said, "It is a national disgrace that too many politicians have allowed themselves to turn a blind eye to the suffering of those like Paul for so long and instead rely upon our courts. The right to die in a manner and timing of your own choice is a fundamental human right, which the UK has neglected for too long. It should not depend upon your ability to afford travel to Switzerland, nor force families into a heart-wrenching dilemma between letting their loved ones suffer, or supporting them and risking criminal investigation."

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Please may I comment on an article published in the Independent dated 10th May 2019 from Connect Saint Helena titled REMOVAL OF SILT AT THE HARPERS EARTH DAM. It is pleasing to see that Connect have taken advantage of the dry weather to drain and remove the silt from the basin of the reservoir at Harpers that have accumulated over the thirty life of the earth dam, I'm sure all consumers will look forward to receiving a improved water quality from what we were receiving a few weeks ago. I must congratulate the contractors for the good progress they are achieving.

Unfortunately I'm really disappointed with the statement made in the article concerning the silt which states as fol-



lows Once dry the silt provides a very fertile top soil for gardens etc. On Saturday 11th May I decided to visit the site of the stock pile of silt prior to arranging transport for it to be delivered my home in Sapper Way at first glance the appearance looked promising, I took a sample home the structure of the silt had a slurry structure unfortunately within twenty four hours after it started to dry out the silt structure had changed becoming hard

as a block of concrete, I suspected the rapid cause of the change were due to a high clay content, on checking the sample it revealed it contained a high clay content thus causing the silt structure to change, it also contains other properties not similar to top soil I would therefore suggest that it's not suitable as a top soil.

Kind Regards
Cyril George

ST HELENA POLICE ROADSHOW ON CONDUCTED ENERGY DEVICES REMINDER

The following is a public announcement from the Police Directorate:

All trained and accredited St Helena Police Officers are now carrying a Conducted Energy Device (CED) commonly known as a Taser.

To raise awareness and educate the public on the carrying and use of CEDs by St Helena Police, Officers are carrying out a Roadshow in May and June to provide further information. Members of the public are encouraged to attend the presentation in their district. **The remaining dates are as follows and all presentations will now start at 7pm:**

| Venue | Date |
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| Blue Hill Community Centre | Mon, 27 May |
| Kingshurst Community Centre | Tues, 28 May |
| Harford Community Centre | Weds, 29 May |
| Levelwood Community Centre | Thurs, 30 May |
| Jamestown Community Centre | Fri, 7 June |

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FOLLOW-UP CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS TAKING PLACE IN JUNE 2019

Councillors will be holding follow-up Constituency meetings in the following districts, in June to provide updates on questions that could not be answered during the meetings held in April.

If there is a particular topic that you would also like discussed, please contact the Secretary to Elected Members on tel: 22590 or email: sec.em@helanta.co.sh by no later than Friday, 17 May 2019.

Each meeting will start at 7pm.

| Venue | Date |
|----------------------------|------------------|
| Blue Hill Community Centre | Monday, 3 June |
| Harford Community Centre | TBC |
| Jamestown Community Centre | Tuesday, 11 June |

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BREEDING EWES FOR SALE

For sale is a number of Breeding Ewes. These Ewes have been pastured with Dorper Rams from 9th January to 20th February 2019 on the Man & Horse Pasture at Blue Hill.

It is anticipated that new born lambs can be expected within the next few weeks. For further information on the sale of these Ewes please call Stedson Francis of Thompsons Wood on Telephone Number 24270 or Martin Peters of Barren Ground on 24953.



Vacancy: Paralegal/Legal Assistant

The Public Solicitors Office is looking to recruit a Paralegal/Legal Assistant to join its team of lawyers. The Public Solicitors Office provides legal advice and representation to the residents and businesses of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. As part of its commitment to the 10 year plan to up skill St Helenians the Public Solicitors Office intends to employ a suitable candidate to work on St Helena as a Paralegal/Legal Assistant while at the same time training with the Chartered Institute of Legal Executives (CILEx).

CILEx is an organisation based in the UK that trains lawyers to a very high standard and will allow a graduate to practice as a lawyer on St Helena. The academic aspect of CILEx training is undertaken on St Helena by distance learning and will be funded by the Public Solicitors Office. At the same time the recruit will work in the Public Solicitors Office assisting the lawyers and receiving on the job training.

The candidate must have a proven academic record to 'A' Level standard or higher and be able to demonstrate a commitment to a training programme lasting up to five years. The salary will reflect the applicant's experience and abilities and is in the range of £10,000 to £14,000 p.a.. All training costs are paid for with a contribution to the cost of home internet access.

The terms of reference, which contains information on how to apply, can be obtained by calling the Public Solicitors Office on tel 23008 or emailing papublicsolicitor@helanta.co.sh. The deadline for applications is Thursday, 6th June 2019.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

It's been interesting to read your articles and readers' letters over the past month, having recently been in another overseas territory, Gibraltar, where the topic of St Helena's airport came up in conversation with one acquaintance, who remarked how those involved in its planning and construction treated Saints with contempt and ignored their knowledge and advice. Yes, strong wind is a problem for Gibraltar's airport too, but at least airports like Malaga and Tangier are within easy reach if flights need to be diverted.

One of your correspondents suggested that with the airport now in operation and the undersea fibreoptic cable to come, St Helena might become an international finance centre, as have Gibraltar and other overseas territories. However, this is debatable given that it would still be much more remote than other such centres, and might attract the wrong kind of clientele, even if it did bring in more money for the local economy than any amount of aid from Whitehall, apart from the long overdue airport.

Similarly, while the undersea fibreoptic cable, if and when that ever arrives, could improve international communications on St Helena no end, it is unlikely that gaming companies will up sticks from Gibraltar and relocate to the South Atlantic - it's not just about tax rates and bandwidth, it's about location. That said, rather than fret about the lack of cash machines, perhaps St Helena could instead use improved communications infrastructure to 'leapfrog' and use mobile money services, popular in much of Africa.

And what has been more disappointing than the hatchet job by the Daily Mail over the airport and its teething troubles has been the complete silence from the St Helena Government, not least its woman in London, Kedell Worboys, who

last wrote a letter in defence of the airport in 2008, at the time when the plan to build it was put on hold. In comparison with their counterparts in Gibraltar and the Falklands, these people seem to be less than media savvy, or assertive.

I do not favour St Helena having its own MP in the House of Commons as it would be a rotten borough with so few voters. In addition, combining it with an existing Westminster constituency would be even more of a logistical nightmare than was combining Gibraltar with the South West England constituency in the European Parliament, the one in which the many Saints living in Swindon or 'Swindolena' are also eligible to vote in just under two weeks from now.

However, at least a directly elected representative of your own would be easier to get rid of if they proved incompetent! And at least the All-Party Parliamentary Group on St Helena does not claim some democratic mandate from its people, unlike its counterpart on Gibraltar, which presumptuously describes its purpose as being 'to represent the views of the people of Gibraltar in Parliament'. Really? By whom in Gibraltar were any of them ever given that mandate?

It was only in 2012 that the UK was dragged kicking and screaming into the 1960s when it established the Joint Ministerial Council for the Overseas Territories, so I wouldn't hold my breath before a Joint Parliamentary Assembly is established any time soon. If it were, it could sit in the chamber of the House of Commons, as did the Women MPs of the World Conference held last year. Incidentally, where any women legislators from the Overseas Territories invited to attend?

Of course, the UK, unlike France, doesn't 'do' integration of its Overseas Territories, and the Foreign Office was so paranoid that it bluntly reminded St Helena of this in an Information Paper twenty years ago. However, the relationship that the UK has with the Overseas Territories is actually less modern and mature than the one it had with many of its self-governing colonies in the heyday of the British Empire, in which its monarch and its government were separately represented.

For example, in Southern Rhodesia, the UK had a High Commissioner separate

from the Governor, who was more like a Governor-General in an independent Commonwealth country, just as the colony did in London, while the Prime Minister (not 'Chief Minister' or even 'Premier') could attend Commonwealth Prime Ministers' Conferences, and the Imperial Conferences before them. By contrast, the Overseas Territories are barred from Commonwealth Heads of Government Meetings. 'Modern and mature'? Hardly!

Indeed, while the UK insists on retaining the right to legislate for the Overseas Territories and suspend their constitutions, New Zealand, a country with a similar political culture, pioneered free association in the Cook Islands and Niue, the latter having only 1600 people, with no Governor appointed by Wellington, nor even a locally nominated Queen's Representative like the former, only an elected Premier and a New Zealand High Commissioner, with no administrative role.

The UK accuses the UN's criteria for decolonisation as 'rigid' and 'outdated', as do some of the more constitutionally advanced Overseas Territories, but that is a bit rich, and while it is tempting to dismiss the UN's Committee of 24 as a self-important coterie of tinpot regimes, the Foreign Office (sorry, 'Foreign and Commonwealth Office') is a cabal of small-minded, mean-spirited, toffee-nosed and yellow-bellied mandarins and is not that much better.

**Yours,
Ken Westmoreland
Taunton, UK**

Dear Editor,

ST. HELENA:-THE POOR FORGOTTEN ORPHAN

Phillip Gosse's book "St. Helena 1502-1938" is a readable history of those years. It had been out of print until Trevor Hearl, History lecturer at Cheltenham College, with which St. Helena's Education Department had an invaluable Link for many years, had it reprinted.

In the last Chapter, Gosse reflects on his book. He feared that what he had written, about want and unemployment (as prevalent on St. Helena during these times) might have indicated that the inhabitants were sad and unhappy:-

"far from it, they appear to be a happy, smiling people who have suffered privation for so long that they have become

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accustomed to it. — They are a brave people — as a race they are highly intelligent."

He describes St. Helena at that time as "a refuge from a world gone mad" where "peace reigned, where there were no newspapers, no loud speakers, no income tax, no lidos, no by-pass roads, no noisy crowds, no glaring posters, no dog races, no cinemas, and where the sun shone most of the year"!! St. Helena is the Cinderella, or shall we say, **the poor forgotten orphan of the British Empire**. Once upon a time she was the pampered darling of the Hon. East India Company"

"Given just a little help, a little encouragement and a fair share of their own land to cultivate, and a voice in the government of their native island, the St. Helenians would be the happiest and most contented race in the world."

In a later Chapter, he notes a fact which resonates with the present times:-

"The whole political situation of the world is changing" and he predicts a future when:- "The island may become an important place of call for aeroplanes — and those flying from the East may call for refreshment, as did the old East Indiamen- stopping for petrol and oil instead of fresh water and beef."

The other roads for prosperity he suggests are:-

1. Catering for visitors
2. Ascension as a Health Resort
3. Agriculture/Horticulture — as "almost anything will grow given encouragement."

He mentions that "in the old days Lemons, Oranges, Pomegranates and other fruits" grew plentifully on the island, along with "Coconuts, dates, mangoes, bananas in one or two valleys."

Excellent Coffee at Sandy Bay. In 1851, St. Helena Coffee won first prize at the London Exhibition.

- and he repeats the fact that "the island should grow far more for its own consumption."

I wonder what Phillip Gosse would say about the island at the present time.

Yours sincerely
Barbara B. George

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EXTENDED DEADLINE

INVITATION TO TENDER – Construction of Government Landlord House at Half Tree Hollow, GLH 001

St Helena Government has extended the deadline for the above procurement to Wednesday 22 May 2019.
Full tender documentation can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence, Procurement Officer, at Essex House.

If you require further details please contact Mr Christopher Peters, Civil Engineer.

Both can be contacted on telephone no. 22270 or alternatively you can email

tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

or christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh .



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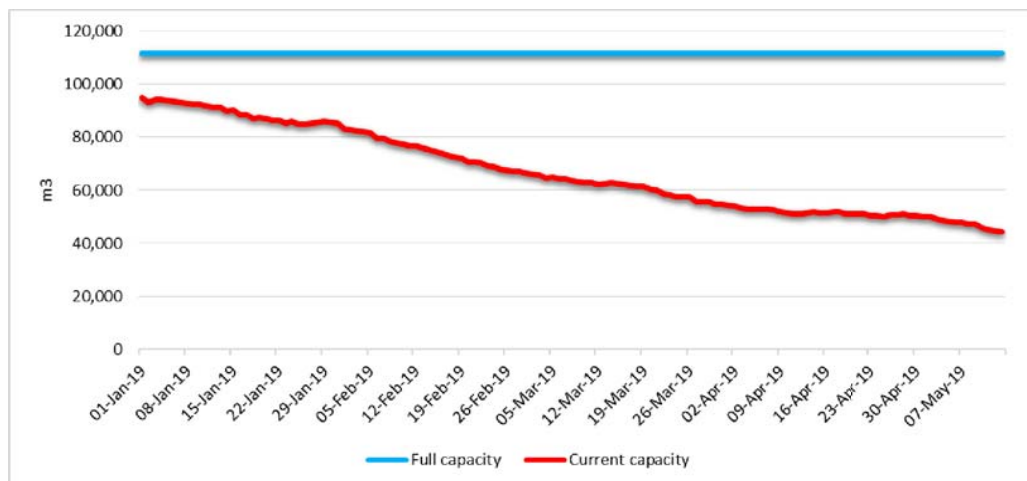
Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House, by Wednesday, 22 May 2019 at 12noon.

WHAT OUR RESERVOIR LEVELS LOOK LIKE

Our reservoir levels are currently at 40% capacity and getting lower by the day. We are still consuming more water than we are collecting, and the lack of rain is not helping.

Since the beginning of May, we have consumed on average 280,000 litres more than we are collecting from our raw water stocks each day.

Below is a graph showing the decreasing levels of our islands reservoirs since January 2019.



Harpers 2 reservoir at full capacity



Harpers 2 reservoir now

On a positive note, the Harpers 2 Earth Dam is empty allowing over 2,000 tonnes of silt to be removed. This will help improve the clarity of the water.

St Helena residents are reminded that we are experiencing an **island-wide** water shortage and it is **everyone's** responsibility to take great care in using this precious resource and we urge consumers to reduce consumption wherever possible.

15 May 2019



REWARD

THE MARINE SECTION OF EMD ARE CURRENTLY TAGGING BOTH SPECIES OF LOBSTER (CRAY AND STUMPY)



LOBSTER TAG

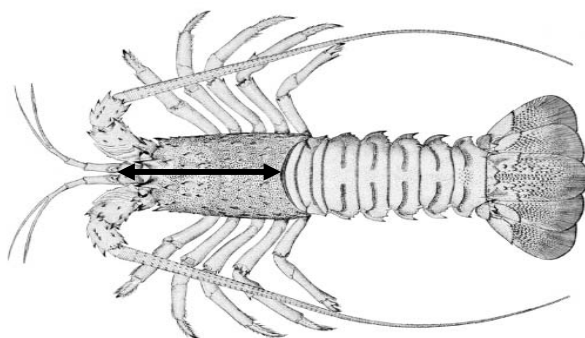
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RECORD THE:

- TAG NUMBER
- DATE AND TIME CAUGHT

HOW TO MEASURE THE BODY (GEARBOX) OF A LOBSTER



FOR TAGS RETURNED YOU WILL GET A:



REWARD

THE MARINE SECTION OF EMD ARE CURRENTLY TAGGING TUNA AND GROUPER



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22270 OR EMAIL:

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIND A FISH WITH TAGS!

RECORD THE:

HOW TO MEASURE THE FORK

- NAME OF FISHING VESSEL
- TAG NUMBER
- DATE AND TIME CAUGHT
- LOCATION CAUGHT



FOR EACH TAG RETURNED YOU WILL GET:

- YELLOW TAG (GROUPER) - £5
- YELLOW TAG (TUNA) - £10 (REDUCED TO £5 AFTER THE FIRST 500 RECAPTURES)
- ORANGE TAG - LAND FISH WHOLE/UNGUTTED!!
- £10 CHEMICAL TAG





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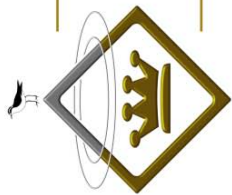
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End of Year Accounts

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind all Commercial Lending Clients, who have not yet done so, that you are required to submit a copy of your End of Year Accounts, for the financial year 2018-2019, by no later than 30 June 2019. This should include a minimum of:

- Income & Expenditure Accounts/ Trading, Profit & Loss Accounts
- Balance Sheet
- Depreciation Schedule

Insurance Renewals

In addition, Commercial and Personal Lending Clients, who have loans secured on assets such as property, vehicles, plant or machinery, are reminded to submit a copy of your updated Insurance receipts.

Please submit all necessary documentation to the Lending Section, Bank of St Helena Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown. For further assistance or information, contact the Lending Section on 22390 or email commercial.lending@sainthelenabank.com

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REMOTE BANKING MAY 2019

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

| Location | Date | Time |
|--------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Scotland | Wednesday, 22 May | 09:30 – 12:30 |
| HTH Supermarket | Thursday, 23 May | 09:30 – 13:00 |
| Longwood Enterprise Park | Friday, 31 May | 09:30 – 14:30 |

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AW SHIP MANAGEMENT LTD

Following their contracted annual review, AWSML have amended the freight charges for import and export shipments to St Helena Island. Please note the new tariffs will take effect from Voyage 17 departing the UK in April 2019.

Please follow the below link to review the new tariffs:

<https://sthelenashipping.com/cargo/cargo-booking-freight-rates/>

In addition to the freight charge revision, Cape Town and UK THC rates have also been amended to incorporate the increased charges that came into effect in April 2018.

All BAF and CAF adjustments will be made monthly against these new tariffs, there will not be a BAF and CAF adjustment against voyage 17.

For further information customers can contact on island Agents Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc at the Malabar in Jamestown, on telephone 22523 or email

Freightagent@solomons.co.sh

**We are looking for Electricians and Trainee Electricians on Ascension
(salary dependent on role and experience)**

The Ascension Island Government is currently looking for suitably qualified Electricians to work within our Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing (MEP) Department. We are also seeking suitable candidates for training to become an electrician as part of our trainee scheme.

The successful applicant will join our MEP team, working on a range of different projects from routine maintenance, building renovations and new build projects. Ascension Island is currently going through a £5m project to upgrade the Island's infrastructure so you will be joining us during an exciting and busy period. The successful candidates will also be required to participate in our ship work operations which occur periodically through the year (approximately 14 ships a year) and can involve working 12-hour shifts and at times, weekends. Applicants for the electrician role will hold a recognised qualification, or certificate of competence, in electrical installation and maintenance of electrical appliances. No formal qualifications are required to be a trainee but candidates must be willing and enthusiastic to learn.

We are offering a two year contract with a salary of:

Electrician: £10,000 per year (taxable in Ascension Island) dependent upon experience

Trainee: £7,500 per year (taxable in Ascension Island).

You will also receive benefits worth over £10,000 per year:

- 37.5 hour working week
- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance
- Relocation costs from country of recruitment to Ascension Island
- One mid-contract return journey to the country of recruitment/residence
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)

We are looking for the post holder to start as soon as possible.

For an informal discussion about the role please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac or call +247 66572

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance (Ascension Island has limited medical facilities. If you believe that you have a medical condition that may be difficult to treat here please contact our Senior Medical Officer for a confidential discussion via smo.hospital@ascension.gov.ac)

Email your CV to recruitment@ascension.gov.ac to apply

We are looking for the successful applicants to start as soon as possible

Closing Date: 2nd of June 2019

Interviews: To be confirmed (Interviews will be carried out via Skype or telephone)

VACANCY

Maintenance Foreman and General Workers

The St Helena Airport Project is looking to recruit a Maintenance Team to undertake ongoing maintenance works on the mechanical plant, equipment, pipework and structures relating to the Airport Project fuel systems.

Positions are available for a Foreman and at least eight General Workers. The Team will be responsible for performing any basic repairs or preventative maintenance on the fuel systems under construction in Rupert's and at the Airport.

All members of the Maintenance Team should have proven maintenance experience (for example, general repair and upkeep, painting, erecting and dismantling scaffolding, etc) or general construction experience. The Foreman will also require experience in leading teams and organising tasks on site. Experience in welding or mechanical fitting would be advantageous.

The positions are offered on a six month fixed term contract in the first instance. Hours of work are 7am to 5pm Monday to Friday. The salary for the General Worker will range between £720 and £1100 per month depending on experience. The salary for the Foreman will range between £1500 and £2000 per month depending on experience.

For further details regarding the duties of the posts and for a copy of the job profiles, please contact Tony Le Roy, Head of Planning and Design, St Helena Airport Project at the Longwood Office or via email at Tony.Le.Roy@shap.gov.sh or telephone 24026.

Application forms are available from the Longwood Office or from Richard Gardner, Office Manager, St Helena Airport Project, at the Post Office Building, Jamestown or via email at richard.gardner@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone 22494.

The closing date for applications is Monday, 20 May 2019. Applications should reach Richard Gardner at the above address no later than 9am on that date.

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.

Airport Directorate

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TEMPORARY FINANCE ASSISTANT

The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for a temporary Finance Assistant within the Support Services section. As the Finance Assistant you will have a good head for figures and thrive in a busy and challenging environment. This is offered for a temporary period of three months. The successful candidate must be available to start immediately.

As Finance Assistant your main duties will be:

- Preparation of the Directorate's payroll data, dealing with relevant queries.
- Preparing invoices for payment, customer and supplier invoice returns
- Prepare requisitions for consumables (e.g. IT, fuel, stores) for relevant sectors of the Directorate and check monthly recharges prior to payment
- Provide financial information to assist with the preparation of the Directorate's annual budget

Prospective candidates should have the following qualifications and skills:

- GCSE in English, Maths or Accounts at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification
- Driver's License Class A
- Proficient in IT skills



The salary for this post is grade B1, commencing at £6,722.00 per annum.

For further information about the post please contact Victoria Kellett, Assistant Directorate via email address Victoria.kellett@sainthelena.gov.sh. A copy of the job profile and an application form is available from Lisa Thomas who is contactable by email: lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh. Both individuals are available on telephone no. 22713.

The closing date for completed applications is on Tuesday, 31st May 2019. Applications should be submitted to Sherrilee Phillips, HR & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House or emailed to sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Tracy Poole-Nandy

Director, Safeguarding Directorate, 14th May 2019

VACANCY FOR A BUSINESS SUPPORT MANAGER, CORPORATE FINANCE

An opportunity has become available for a Business Support Manager within Corporate Finance. The post holder will be responsible for the day to day efficient operations of the Business Support Unit delivering a customer focused service and supporting Corporate Finance in meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- ACCA Diploma in Accounting and Business (RFQ Level 4)
- 3 years working in an Accountancy, Finance or Business Support Role
- 2 years management experience

Salary for this post ranges from £11,034 - £18,114 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of finance and accountancy. The salary range for this position reflects the pathways designed to reward professional development and technical competence. For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Nicholas Yon, Deputy Financial Secretary on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: nicholas.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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 by no later than Wednesday, 22 May 2019.

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Corporate Services, 8 May 2019



St Helena Airport has part time vacancies for:

Security Officers

Working hours will be according to flight operations and applicants should have good interpersonal & communication skills, and be willing to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks.

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact

Mrs Anel O'Bey, Agencies Administrator, on telephone number: 22523
or via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms & Job Profiles may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 24 May 2019



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

Butchery Assistant

Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day Butchery operations

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of jointing and preparing meats
 - Be proficient in the use of a bandsaw
 - Be literate in Maths & English
- Have a good understanding of food safety, hygiene and housekeeping requirements and practices

Salary for the post will be (£7407.84 per annum) £617.32 per month

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Ronald Coleman,
Grocery Manager
(The Star & Butchery)
on telephone number: 22683
or via email address:
grocerymanager@helanta.co.sh

Application forms may be collected
from Solomon's 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 Miss
Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer
Solomon's Office, Jamestown
by 27 May 2019



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

Grocery Sales Assistant

Within The Star

Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent Customer Service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Have knowledge & experience in Food Handling
- Have experience in Cash Handling

Salary for the post will be £7260.60 per annum (£605.05) per month

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Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
by 27 May 2019.

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCIES

The Safeguarding Directorate has the following vacancy:

IDVA/SDVA/CIDVA Domestic Abuse Service Lead

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

Duties of the post include:

- Manage the access to the Safe Haven accommodation and support services to ensure provision of services effective in supporting victims/survivors of domestic abuse.
- Assist in assessing the service user's needs, and their children's needs (where applicable) and promote empowerment and their independence.
- Construct support plans for resident and non-resident service users, in partnership with other agencies and professionals where appropriate.
- Attend, and participate in, multi-agency meetings regarding service users and/or their children as and when necessary.

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

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

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

Job profiles and application forms can be requested from **Lisa Thomas, Administration Assistant** on telephone number **22713** or email lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh. Applications should be returned, through Directors where applicable, to **Sherrilee Phillips, Human Resources and Administration Officer**, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or email sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh by **Friday, 24th May 2019**.

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Tracy Poole-Nandy
Director
Safeguarding Directorate
08th May 2019



VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL, HEALTH DIRECTORATE

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join their team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work and are linked to pay enhancements. The Staff Nurse will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of high quality nursing patient care.

The successful candidate must have a St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent, and an up to date Nurse Registration.

Salary commences at **£11,034** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586** and then **Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690**.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Senior Staff Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

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For further information and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Mrs Daniella Marlow, Sister on telephone no 22500 or email daniella.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms 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 by Friday, 24 May, 2019.

Akeem Ali (Dr) 09 May 2019

Director

Health Directorate



VACANCY FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service has vacancies for Fire Fighters. Reporting to the Brigade Manager (CFO), the successful applicant will assist in protecting and saving lives and property from fire and other hazards, reduce risk and provide humanitarian services in the most competent and effective manner, to the highest possible standard of care and quality.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over, with a valid clean driving licence, have a sound knowledge of firefighting and rescue techniques and the ability to apply objective judgement when making 'on the spot' decisions to deal effectively with operational situations. Applicants should be in possession of a firefighter basic recruit qualification.

They should have GCSE qualifications in both Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent. Please note candidates will need to pass a physical endurance test as part of the shortlisting process.

Hours of work are on a 35hr per week basis. However it should be noted that the successful applicant will be on call 24 hours a day for emergencies and will be required to participate in on call rota.

Salary for this post will in Grade C Entry Level £9,474 per annum.



If you are looking for a job that is challenging but rewarding then this could be the career for you!

For further details regarding other duties of the post, interested persons can contact Mr. Alan Thomas, the Brigade Manager on telephone number 23344, or e-mail dfc.fire@helanta.co.sh.

Information pack (inclusive of application forms) are available from the Human Resources and Police Directorate and should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Officer, Anya Richards at Coleman's House or e-mail anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4 pm on Friday 24th May 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.

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David Lynch

Chief of Police

VACANCY FOR INTERNAL AUDIT ASSOCIATE (APPRENTICE)

Applications are invited for an Internal Audit Associate within the Internal Audit Service of St Helena Government (SHG). The post will include studies and training towards the SHG Internal Audit Scheme of Service and will involve carrying out internal audit assurance and consulting work within SHG under the direction of Internal Audit management.

Applicants should be versatile and highly motivated and will receive on the job training on performing internal audit engagements towards the achievement of the annual internal audit plan. Required skills and attributes of potential candidates are:

- IT skills especially use of Microsoft Applications;
- Good people management and interpersonal skills;
- Time management and organisational skills;
- Analytical, eager to learn and motivated by challenge; and
- Excellent interpersonal and verbal communication skills.



Essential qualifications for this role are GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above.

The starting salary for the post will be £8,067 per annum and will be reviewed on the achievement of training goals in line with the Internal Audit Scheme of Service.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Blessing Gurure on 22692 or on email: blessing.gurure@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted to Clare O'Dean - Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 30 May 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.

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Corporate Services
May 2019



VACANCY – St Helena National Trust Director

An exciting opportunity has arisen for an experienced and qualified professional to join the St Helena National Trust to lead the operations of this dynamic charity organisation on St Helena Island in the South Atlantic.

This job will present the successful candidate with the opportunity to lead an organisation on the move doing great things for St Helena, her people and their heritage. Your role will be varied with a healthy mix of administrative and strategic responsibilities.

Applicants must be dynamic, exceptionally organized, highly motivated, focused, a strong communicator and negotiator, and have a proven track-record of leadership in the charity sector. Experience working with diverse communities in isolated island environments and forging strong collaborative working relationships will be strongly favoured.

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

If you have a passion for heritage and the environment, are a capable and collaborative leader, and would like to join an organisation leading the way in the charity sector on St Helena then we want to hear from you. The salary for the post is depending on qualifications and experience with an initial contract term of 3 years.

A full job description can be obtained from the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email Ethel Yon, President of the Trust Council, at ye.olde.yarde@helanta.co.sh or call 23277. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday 7th June @ 16:00 GMT

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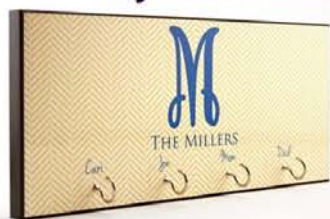
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Office Manager (Fixed Term Contract up to March 2020)

Would you like to be part of a small but dynamic team, taking responsibility for the running of all support and office management functions?

Responsible to the Airport Director, the Office Manager will have overall responsibility for all administration, finance, human resources and procurement functions within the Airport Directorate.

Applicants should ideally have the following:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- At least 5 years' experience at middle management level
- Excellent financial and people management skills
- Good IT skills and proficiency in the use of Microsoft applications

Salary for the post is at Grade E6 commencing at £15,906 per annum but is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. The post is offered on a fixed term contract basis up to and including 31 March 2020 in the first instance.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, you can contact Richard Gardner, Office Manager, on telephone no: 22494 or via email: richard.gardner@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms are available from the Airport Directorate and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies, and should be submitted to Richard Gardner at the Post Office Building, or e-mail richard.gardner@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 9am on Wednesday, 29 May 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.*

Airport Directorate, May 2019

Invitation to Tender

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

Refurbishment of No.11 Piccolo Hill, Longwood

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence

Procurement Officer

Essex House

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270

or email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 22 May 2019, at 10am, meeting at No. 11 Piccolo Hill.

If you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato, on telephone number 22270 or email mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Wednesday, 05 June 2019.

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



St Helena
Government



TIP OF THE WEEK

If you spot a leak from a pipe that is not on your property, please report it to Connect Saint Helena on 22255.

This type of leak may not cost you any money but it costs all of us in losing our precious water resources.



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Well it has come to my final article for the season. Great performance by both Manchester City and Liverpool who were streaks ahead of all the other teams in the Premier League this season.

For a few minutes the omens was looking good for Liverpool to win their first ever EPL title and their first championship in 29 years when they went 1 nil up against Wolves and Brighton took a surprise lead against City. Manchester City's response was prompt, as they swept Brighton aside to end the campaign with a record 14 successive league victories, making it 32 in all, which equals the record they set last season. Sergio Aguero equalises inside 83 seconds and Laporte arrived unmarked on the end of a corner to put City ahead before half-time.

Brighton had no way back and City completed the victory in spectacular style as Mahrez fired high past Mat Ryan and Gundogan's spectacular 72nd minute free-kick sparked wild celebrations.

City may not have repeated the 100 points that won the title last season but this was arguably an even sweeter success given the season-long battle with Liverpool.

They will now aim to complete a unique domestic treble when they face Watford in the FA Cup final at Wembley on 18 May. After two fail campaigns in 2008/2009 and 2013/2014 when they loss the titles through faults of their own it is hard to fault Liverpool campaign this year. They mass a total of 97 points; played scintillating football and ended the season in second place. This have to be heart-breaking for both the players and the fans as over the 27 years of the existing Premier League, lesser teams have gone on to win the title. Any other season this would have been Liverpool's year, but City proved to be just a little better.

The sad thing is other than the Liverpool fans no one else will remember who comes second. In 2011/2012 City won the league on goal difference from Manchester United but no one talks about that. Success is measured in silverware.

Looking ahead to next season I think both Man City and Liverpool will battle it out again for the top spot. Spurs will have to spend to get closer to City and Liverpool. Spurs do have a very good manager and if they recruit well they could have a good season next year.

Chelsea might have a transfer ban put on them; and they look set to lose their best player Eden Hazard as he might be on his way to Spain.

Arsenal is still in transition; they are good going forward but will need to strengthen at the back.

My club Manchester United is in big trouble. It will be interesting to see who goes and who comes into the club in the next couple of months. I think they need to get rid of the big earners and rebuild the team. Hopefully we will still be able to attract the best players because of our stature of being the biggest club in the world and the financial package that we can offer such players. The fact that United is not in the Champions League could be a deterrent.



2018/2019 Champions Manchester City

Mind you City could serve a season long ban from the Champions League.

The 2019/2020 EPL Fixtures will be released on the 13th June

In the opening season of 1992/93, 22 clubs competed in the competition, with Brian Deane of Sheffield United scoring the first goal in what was known at the time as the FA Premier League.

The inaugural members of the Premier League were: Arsenal, Aston Villa, Blackburn Rovers, Chelsea, Coventry City, Crystal Palace, Everton, Ipswich Town, Leeds United, Liverpool, Manchester City, Manchester United, Middlesbrough, Norwich City, Nottingham Forest, Oldham Athletic, Queens Park Rangers, Sheffield Utd, Sheffield Wednesday, Southampton, Tottenham Hotspur, and Wimbledon.

Manchester United were the first winners of the competition, finishing 10 points clear of Aston Villa, and have been PL champions on 13 occasions in total. Blackburn won the title once, in 1994/95, while Arsenal triumphed in 1997/98, 2001/02 and 2003/04.

Chelsea became the fourth club to win the PL, in 2004/05, and have since gone on to claim the title four more times, 2005/06, 2009/10, 2014/15 and the most recent in 2016/17. Man City has won the title twice, securing the trophy in dramatic fashion in 2011/12 with a goal in stoppage time of the final day, and again in 2013/14.

Leicester is the latest and sixth club to win the Premier League, completing a remarkable title triumph a year after a successful battle against relegation.

The most successful manager in the competition is Sir Alex Ferguson who has guided Manchester United to all their Premier League successes. He also holds the record for being the longest serving manager in the Premier League, spending 21 years at Old Trafford since its inception in 1992 before retiring at the end of the 2012/13 season.

Ryan Giggs participated in every title-winning year for Manchester United and the Welshman amassed 632 appearances, behind only Gareth Barry for Premier League appearances.

Former Newcastle United, Blackburn Rovers and Southamp-

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

ton forward Alan Shearer is the Premier League top scorer with 260 goals and is one of only two players to surpass the 200 mark - along with Wayne Rooney.

From the 2001/02 season, clubs who finish in the top four places qualify for the UEFA Champions League, while the team ending the campaign in fifth get to play in the UEFA Europa League. Further places can become available to teams in sixth and seventh depending on whether teams in the top five win the League Cup or FA Cup.

There has been an increase in English representation in Europe since the start of the Premier League, when, in the opening season, only the champions qualified for the UEFA Champions League, with the second and third-placed clubs entering the UEFA Cup, as the UEFA Europa League was then known.



St Helena Golf Report

Due to insufficient players, the 18 hole bogey competition for Sunday 12th May 2019 was cancelled. 18 Hole stroke play furrows sponsored by Helena and Jeff Stevens is scheduled for Sunday 19th May. You may register your name on the sign-up sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voice mail on telephone 24421.

"Ronald, may I have a word with you in private?" said the Club Captain. "What is it?" asked Ronald. "This is a most unpleasant situation" said the Captain in an apologetic manner, "A number of Members have reported to me that you cheat when you're playing." "That's right" agreed Ronald in a cheerful voice, "I do cheat." "You admit you cheat?" said the surprised Captain. "Of course I do" said Ronald. "But why do you cheat?" "Simple", pointed out Ronald. "I play golf for my health and the lower my score the better I feel, so I cheat."

Contributed

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The car is blue in colour and is licensed
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For further details, please contact
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DISTRICT CRICKET RESULTS

Saturday 11th May 2019

13.30pm

Half Tree Hollow 275/1

Andrew Yon 112*

Chris Owen 80

Mathias Young 1/70

Longwood 107/9

Patrick Crowie 31

Sean-Lee Thomas 18

Ralph Knipe 18

Ashton Benjamin 3/12

Dennis Leo 3/51

Performance Points

Andrew Yon 3, Chris Owen 2, Ashton Benjamin 1



Sunday 12th May 2019

10.00am

Levelwood 149/8

Ross Henry 33

Sanjay Clingham 33

Rhys Francis 3/20

Chedwin Lawrence 2/11



Sandy Bay 150/4

Matthew Benjamin 76

Ian Williams 38

Clayton Leo 3/8

Stefan Leo 1/29

Performance Points

Matthew Benjamin 3, Clayton Leo 2, Rhys Francis 1

13.30pm

St Pauls 239/4

Jordi Henry 104*

Ryan Belgrove 80

Scott Crowie 2/45

Gavin George 1/60

Jamestown 43/9

Scott Crowie 21

Gavin George 5

Jordan Yon 5/10

Ryan Belgrove 2/10

Performance Points

Jordi Henry 3, Ryan Belgrove 2, Jordan Yon 1



DISTRICT CRICKET FIXTURES

DISTRICT LEAGUE

Saturday 18th May 2019

13.30am - St Pauls Vs Longwood

Umpires: (HTH/Levelwood)

Sunday 19th May 2019

10.00am - Sandy Bay Vs Jamestown

Umpires: (St Pauls)

13.30am - Half Tree Hollow Vs Levelwood

Umpires: (Longwood)



St Helena's Day 2019

Tuesday 21st May

Theme:

**Connecting the Commonwealth
Connecting Our Community**

Place: Grand Parade

Time: 10am-10pm

Entrance Fee:

3-15 years - 50p

16 years and over - £1

The day will include:

Traditional Parade

Side Shows

Music for Dancing

Misc Stalls

Live Music

Bar

Ice Cream & Sweets

Hot Food

Novelty Games

Float Parade

Tuck Shop

Jacobs Ladder Climb

Mini-Marathon

"Community is much more than belonging to something; it's about doing something together that makes belonging matter." – Brian Solis

If you would like to be a part of our day with events, floats, stalls, helping etc please get in touch with Tina on 22034. Thanks in advance.

A great day planned to Celebrate Our National Day – Hosted by New Horizons Youth Club

Programme of events for St Helena's Day 2019

| | |
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| 10am | Parade leaves Canister for Grand Parade |
| 10:10am | Service |
| 10:50am | Registrations for Ladder and Marathon (Fee £5 for 16yrs + and £2 for 15yrs and under) |
| 11am | Marathon begin |
| 11:30am | Ladder Climb begin |
| 12 noon | Live music begins |
| 1:30pm | Floats leave from outside the Hospital |
| 4pm | Float winners revealed |
| 4:30pm | Novelty Sports |
| 5pm | Bingo |
| 7pm | Fireworks |



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St Helena Heritage Society Ltd

Thursday 30th May 2019

Museum of Saint Helena, Jamestown @ 4.30 pm

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Adoption of revised Articles of Association
3. Elections (subject to adoption of revised Articles)
4. Financial report
5. Museum Director report
6. Chairman's report
7. Any other business



Sammy & Lisa

*To mark the visit of Colin and Judith Nicholson to St Helena –
December 4th - 12th 2018*

A few years ago I was focused on current affairs in St Helena from just over the horizon on Ascension Island. The hottest topic at the time was that Governor Lisa's pet dog had killed a local farmer's sheep. At the time the story attracted considerable coverage in the local media and apparently some quite heated debate throughout the wider community. The owner of the sheep was unknown to me and so was the area where the dog had killed his sheep.



Some forty years ago I worked at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station and, through good fortune, I have remained close friends with one very special work-colleague over the years. Colin Nicholson and his wife Judith from Cambria UK became special friends with many Saints during the two years they lived and worked on Ascension Island in the 70s. It has always been their dream to, one day, visit all their friends in St Helena. The dream visit became a reality over eight days in November, 2018. Colin and Judith particularly wanted to meet the mother of their dear late friend, Pat Williams, whose life was tragically cut short in a fatal accident on Ascension involving a car and his motor bike on Christmas Day, 1976. The Nicholson's and Pat's mother have kept in contact ever since. Mrs Rosalie Crowie is now 92 years old and she was determined to be at the St Helena Airport to welcome her two special friends to St Helena.

After I permanently returned home to St Helena in June 2017, a long-time friend of mine took me to see the gardens he has worked for many years at Horse Ridge. It was the first time I had seen that beautiful part of St Helena. An old house gave the area a special historical character and my old school friend, Gary (Stevens), is a gentleman who never ceases to fascinate me with his cheerful approach to life and especially his love of life on St Helena. I wanted Colin and Judith to see that special unique part of St Helena and meet the unique Saint. As we waited near the stone building for Gary to arrive, we spotted someone in the distance on the other side of the hill carrying a large blue bucket. After exchanging a wave with the gentleman, Colin and I made our way in his direction. The smiling farmer patiently waited as we walked towards him. We eventually found out he was Gary's brother.

After getting acquainted, I asked Sammy what he intended to do with the bucket of water. "Oh that's for a little plum tree,"



Sammy said.

"Come, we'll walk with you to see the plum tree," I suggested.

As we walked past the lush potato bushes, Sammy asked if we had heard about the Governor's dog killing a sheep. Both Colin and I had followed the story through the local media, but neither of us knew where exactly it happened and we were intrigued to have Sammy tell us it was his sheep. I told Sammy I remember reading that some people wanted the owner of the dog prosecuted and the dog put down. "Yes," said Sammy, "but I didn't want that to happen, and it was up to me to decide." It was enlightening to both hear the true facts of the story and to hear it from the man himself. After quite a few yards walking, with Sammy carrying the heavy bucket of water, we finally came to a small tree with tiny leaves, full of life, growing near the fence. Sammy said, "I buried the sheep just where it lay and planted a plum tree on it; that plum tree there is called Lisa." As Sammy smiled and turned to look again at his special plant, my imagination immediately found two morals in the story. (1) Do what you believe is the right thing to do regardless of what others may think and (2) humbly strive to find a way of turning a negative situation into a positive outcome. After saying our goodbyes and walking back through the tall grass, in his distinctive northern accent Colin said, "What a fascinating Saint is our Sammy."



Colin and Judith Nicholson

Having Fun At Day Camp

On Thursday 9th May the Half Tree Hollow Girlguiding units met at Walcott Hall for a 'Day Camp'. The girls began arriving at 8.30 am full of energy and very excited. The hall was filled with chatter, laughter and everyone was busy. By 8.45 am all were ready to sit down to breakfast consisting of cereal, toast and fruit juice or water. After breakfast the girls worked in groups clearing the tables, washing and drying the cereal bowls and preparing for the next activity.

There were various activities to choose from which included icing and decorating cupcakes, fork weaving flowers, colourings and word searches. The Girl Guides then began preparing for lunch which was spaghetti bolognese. There was also prep for a vegetarian dish to do. Each girl made a fruit kebab to enjoy as a dessert. Fruit used, were guavas, apple, pear, banana, orange and meddlem, which were prepared by the guides. When lunch was ready everyone thoroughly enjoyed their meal.



Once clearing of tables, washing and drying the dishes, pots and utensils were completed, the girls continued with other activities. These included learning to do monkey tail and crocheting, bead pictures and hand games. With the day camp drawing to an end, the girls had the pleasure of enjoying their cupcake and crackers as a tea time snack with juice or water. To end our day each girl had their completed activity to take home. Some girls were presented with certificates for their participation in the Girl Guide sponsored walk and they also received their parliament badge.

All girls and leaders had a great day filled with fun, laughter, good food and learning new skills. By 3.45pm everyone said goodbye to their friends and made their way home exhausted but happy.

Contributed by Miss Daisy (M. Fowler)



St Helena national cricket team in ICC World T20 rankings

The International Cricket Council has recently expanded its international T20 team rankings to include eighty countries. St Helena is tied with the Czech Republic at number seventy.

To qualify for a position in the rankings ICC member countries need to have played six matches against other ICC members since May 2016. St Helena has played twelve matches. The results of those matches have earned St Helena 109 points which gives the team a rating of nine; better than the Maldives, Gibraltar and Myanmar. Six other countries have played a qualifying minimum of six internationals but their rating is calculated at zero; mostly because the points total is also zero.

| Ranking | Country | Matches | Points | Rating |
|---------|----------------|---------|--------|--------|
| 65 | Isle of Man | 7 | 149 | 21 |
| 66 | Malta | 11 | 158 | 14 |
| 67 | Bulgaria | 5 | 68 | 14 |
| 68 | Sierra Leone | 5 | 61 | 12 |
| 69 | Brazil | 9 | 108 | 12 |
| 70 | Czech Republic | 10 | 91 | 9 |
| 71 | Saint Helena | 12 | 109 | 9 |
| 72 | Maldives | 8 | 63 | 8 |
| 73 | Gibraltar | 8 | 35 | 4 |
| 74 | Myanmar | 9 | 23 | 3 |
| 75 | Indonesia | 7 | 3 | 0 |
| 76 | Lesotho | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 77 | Rwanda | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 78 | Swaziland | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 79 | Gambia | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| 80 | China | 11 | 0 | 0 |

From the 1st January this year all men's T20 matches between ICC member countries are classified as internationals. To remain in the rankings teams need to play at least six international matches in any three to four year period.

Pakistan is top of the table followed by England, South Africa, Australia India and New Zealand. In seventh place is Afghanistan. St Helena is the highest placed Overseas Territory in the ICC T20 rankings.

Milestone for Twintastic

29th April marked a milestone for Twintastic as they celebrate their 5th year in business.

Twintastic was set up by St Helenian Shirl Osborne in the United Kingdom as the islands 1st & No1 online ordering service, providing an ordering and personal shopping service to St Helena, Ascension and the Falklands.

Over the years Twintastic has offered 24 hour retail therapy with the latest high fashion, home furnishings & top brand electrical products.

They offer hundreds of products including top brand fashions, footwear, electronics, appliances, home entertainment, sports-wear & equipment toys, homewares & garden products which can be found on the Twintastic Facebook page or if there is a particular product you need then they can order from a range of sites.

Shirl commented to Saint FM "We are a family run registered business; our mission is to provide the islands of the south Atlantic with the Latest fashion at Bargain prices!

With our Trustworthy, honest, reliable reputation & great knowledge of the fashion industry we are one of the islands leading Ordering & Personal shopping service with excellent feedback from all our satisfied customers!

Which is the most satisfying part of the job we look forward to serving you in the future!"

When Shirl were asked how have the business grown, she replied "it's a matter of great pride to see our business growing, embracing good value system and achieving more than we ever thought of, I'm truly grateful to our customers for giving us this opportunity to grow, none of our achievements



would have been possible without you and your unwavering support"

To mark this milestone Twintastic hosted a celebration party at Bryons in Swindon which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

There were lots to entertained and fantastic prizes to be won by all who attended.

We would like to wish Shirl and all at Twintastic all the best for the future and cheers to another 5 years.

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The Falklands – The Good News Islands

The *Independent* reported on the £20million in fish exports from the Falklands each year (compared to St Helena's £290,000) and *Saint FM* radio news reported the Falklands price inflation rate was projected at just 2.3% for this year compared to our own price increases which have been running at twice as much. The radio news report also included the enviable information that for yet another year the Falklands Government will not spend its entire budget. While St Helena received news this week that the UK Government has agreed to grant £15million to fund an Economic Development Programme with the possibility of a further £15million in three years time, the Falklands Government has more of its own money than it needs to foot the bills for similar publicly funded projects.



The Falkland Islands are in a financial position most other countries can only dream about. But the stream of good news from the Falkland just keeps coming. The ever-successful Falklands fishing industry means that one of main fisheries companies, Falklands' Consolidated Fisheries Ltd. (CFL) is proud to announce the launch of the CFL Charitable Fund. CFL announced the aims of the charity are to "further the education and training of the people of the Falkland Islands and to provide financial relief to people in conditions of need, hardship or distress as a result of national or international disaster or by reason of their social or economic circumstances." The Board expects to award up to two grants of no more than £3,000 annually. However, the Trust's statement says that it will also "consider providing emergency relief to people who are suffering as a result of disaster anywhere in the world, but especially in countries that are associated in some way with the Falklands." CFL have a record of sponsorship and funding various organisations and activities but the establishment of the CFL Charitable Trust is a new departure.



Plans for a second flight from the Falklands have been progressing for some time but now a firm date for the start of flights from Mount Pleasant Airport to São Paulo in Brazil has been set for November. Negotiations with Latam Airlines and other parties are well now advanced. The new route includes a stop at Cordoba in Argentina in a similar way to Johannesburg flights stopping at Walvis Bay on their way here. The difference is that Falkland passengers can change planes at Cordoba.

Within the last five years Falkland sheep farmers have achieved



Noisy neighbours – penguins disturb the peace for the sheep

a real increase of 14% in the value of the 1.7million kg of wool they sell annually. The 81 farms spread over 2,718,159 acres rear 490,000 sheep. The increased value of the wool is due to a higher quality fleece being grown on the sheep's back after the introduction of Merino bloodlines from Australia. Not content with the progress so far the Falklanders are enlisting the help of the Australian sheep industry to improve the genetics and provide an advisory service. The Falkland government has been supporting an artificial insemination and embryo transfer programme to provide farms with superior sheep genetics, including its national stud flock, which has been sourcing semen from Australian studs.

On the not-so-good-news side the cold climate and poor soils mean only 744 acres are planted to annual forage and 287 acres to improved perennial pastures. The Falklands imports about £70,000 worth of potatoes each year. Trouble is, St Helena imports about £73,000 worth of spuds according to worldstopexports.com.

Questions About Fishing in the House of Lords

In the last week a series of questions surrounding St Helena's fisheries have been asked in the House of Lords with regards to permitted geographic catch locations and (b) permitted species and catch volumes under licenses sold by the Saint Helena Government to the Argos Fishing Company from 2016-2018 including the sale of commercial fishing licences to the Argos Fishing Company including the income from fishing vessel registration fees paid to the Saint Helena Government by the Argos Fishing Company in the years 2016-2018 and interestingly a request to publish the level of subsidy paid to the Saint Helena Fisheries Corporation from the UK public purse.

All questions were answered by Sir Alan Duncan

A final question asked on Friday and answered on Monday to the Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, asked what were the terms and conditions are under which fishing licenses are sold by the Saint Helena Government; how conditions on those licences are enforced by the Saint Helena Government; and if he will make a statement. Sir Alan Duncan answered with a swift one liner - The St Helena Government are responsible for selling and administering commercial fishing licences.

South African Election Results

Counting of votes for last Wednesday's General Election in South Africa was finally completed on Saturday night.

The African National Congress, which has held political power since the first democratic national elections in South Africa in 1994, saw their share of the vote fall from 62% to 58% compared with the 2014 election.

The Economic Freedom Fighters increased their vote from 6% to 11%.

The Democratic Alliance, the main opposition party remained fairly steady with 21% of the national vote, a fall of about 1% since the last election.

The Economic Freedom Fighters, who gained most from last week's election, supports the state takeover of land without compensation for redistribution to landless South Africans. If given the opportunity they would also establish state-owned industries to create jobs for the millions of unemployed.

Freedom Front Plus is a small political party but increased its vote from less than 1% in 2014 to almost 2.5% in last week's election. This will increase its representation in the National Assembly from four to ten seats. Freedom Front Plus was established in 1994 and represents the interests of

Afrikaners. They are against land reform and want to change the affirmative action policy which is designed to improve the distribution of jobs between white and black South Africans. Some political commentators were expecting the ruling African National Congress to lose more votes than they actually did because of the widespread corruption within the South African Government. It was also expected the political parties on the far left and right would make bigger gains.

The election result is now being seen as the new President, Cyril Ramaphosa, managing to regain some of the confidence in how the African National Congress runs the government since taking over from Jacob Zuma. Whether or not the extremist parties gain more influence will depend on how Ramaphosa handles South Africa's many problems over the next five years.



ELECTORAL COMMISSION OF SOUTH AFRICA
ENSURING FREE AND FAIR ELECTIONS

After reports of irregularities at some polling stations the ballot papers at 1,000 polling stations are to be re-checked.



Are you tired of the same old social activities every weekend? Are you looking for something new and exciting that will also raise your awareness of the awesome talents we have on island? Then come along to the Mule Yard in Jamestown on the 01 June and join the fun.

Ageways Fundraising Group will be hosting a talent show starting at 6pm. There will be a variety of activities for you to enjoy e.g. live bands, line dancing, solo and group singing, food stalls including Get Carters, ice-cream van etc.

Pupils from all middle schools will also be participating; it is guaranteed to be a great evening of entertainment so please come and show your support.

An entrance fee of £1. For adults and 50p per child will be collected at the gate. See you there.

Ageways Fundraising Group are at it again. 10 June, Whit Monday, need not be boring. There will be a Family Fun Day on Longwood Green starting at 12 noon. We are bringing back those old but fun activities that we all enjoyed as children. Try your luck on the greasy pole and pillow fight pole or start now to get your teams together for those favourite three legged race, sack races and tug of war competitions.

There will be treasure hunts and lucky dips for the kids, hot and cold food stalls, and a bar and music will be happening throughout the day. Other stalls include bottle and can, cake and candy, ice-cream van and a white elephant stall.

Anyone looking to declutter your home or garage are encouraged to sell your goods from your car boot; a cost of £5 per car will be charged.

Everyone who intends to take part in the car boot will need to inform either of the following people so that adequate space is allocated for your car on the day.

Miss Natalie Crowie Tel 24970

Mrs Delia Carter Tel 23037

Mrs Wendy Henry Tel 23159

Mrs Brenda Moores Tel 23255

An entrance fee of £1. For adults and 50p per child will be collected at various points.

The Committee would appreciate donations for any of their stalls which can be sent to the CCC or to any of the members named above. Help us to help the elderly in our community by giving generously or turning up on the day to support our fundraising activity. We look forward to seeing you all.

**HARFORD COMMUNITY CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
WILL BE HELD AT THE CENTRE
ON WEDNESDAY 22ND MAY 2019
7.30PM**

AGENDA

1. WELCOME/APOLOGIES
2. CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES 7TH JUNE 2018
3. MATTERS ARISING
4. CHAIRPERSON'S REPORT
5. TREASURERS'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS 2018/2019
6. ELECTION OF OFFICERS & COMMITTEE
7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

**“IF YOU WISH FOR THE CENTRE TO
CONTINUE OPERATE
YOU ARE URGED TO ATTEND”**



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

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

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00 Mix tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late live Tunes by Alex Vanguard and Friends

Sunday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm.



MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND

Sat 18th May Country Nite by DJ Prudi starting at 9pm

Sun 19th May Bar will open from 3pm

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY
CENTRE
SKIITTLES SEASON – 2019**

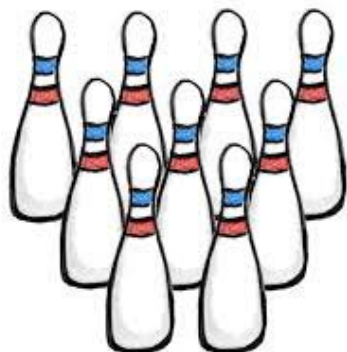
Five Teams entered this season's competitions:

1. Guys & Dolls – Captain:- Pat Essex
2. Parttimers – Captain:- Terry Lawrence
3. Extractors – Captain:- Julian Fuller
4. Strugglers – Captain:- Emerald Newman
5. Rusty Pistols – Captain:- Jeddy Yon

Starting fixtures:

Monday 27th May – Guys & Dolls v Rusty Pistols

Wednesday 29th May – Extractors v Strugglers



Thorpe's

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THORPE'S
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- **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



HARFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL

MAY FAIR

EXPLOSION

SATURDAY 25 MAY 2019 FROM 12:30PM TO 5:30PM

Entrance Fee: £1 Adults (16 Years +) & 50p Children (3 Years +)

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PRIMARY SCHOOL AGE
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