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Royal Visit and Commonwealth link

On the same day the Angolan vice-president gave an interview to Saint FM/The Independent the Express newspaper in the UK reported that Prince Harry will try to persuade the Angola Government to join the Commonwealth during his 10 day visit to Angola later this month. It is claimed Angola has already indicated it would give favourable consideration to such a move. Should Angola decide to become the 54th country of the Commonwealth of Nations they will have the Queen as Head of the Commonwealth and then Prince Charles, Prince of Wales. Vice president de Sousa talked of Angola taking observer status when interviewed on Monday.

Prince Harry is a Commonwealth Youth Ambassador and is due to meet The President of Angola and other senior politicians. He will also be visiting areas where his mother Diana, Princess of Wales helped raise awareness of the mortal danger of unmarked landmines left in the ground after the Angolan fight for independence and the civil war were over.

Angola is 2 hours and 45 minutes away

Bornito de Sousa, vice president of Angola spent a lot of time on public duties for someone who was on a private visit to St Helena. After arriving on Sunday afternoon he spent Monday morning in a meeting with Executive Council and then holding a press conference which was broadcast by Saint FM.

When asked what it was about St Helena that interested Angola, de Sousa said he had spoken "a little bit" about it and said there are some issues which arise because Angola is St Helena's closest African neighbour. He said "we will keep in touch and maybe in the future things will take effect". Pressed further on this he listed five Angola airports which are the nearest in Africa to St Helena and could be our gateway to the rest of the world. Luanda airport, the vice president said, is just 2 hours and 45 minutes away. Vice president de Sousa claimed St Helena could take advantage of the tourism potential of Namibe, a southern province of Angola. Namibe and the other southern provinces regularly suffer from drought and just as much tourism destination newcomers as St Helena. Wikipedia points out, *Angola has complicated and onerous Soviet-style visa requirements (official letter of invitation, documents concerning purpose of travel, copy of travel itinerary, proof of funds, etc., all of which are sent back to Luanda for approval). This antiquated procedure towards visitors places the country at a disadvantage in the competitive international tourism market.* Advice on the UK Government website says on-line Angola



Governor Rushbrook and Vice President Bornito de Sousa exchanging presents



Angola delegation arriving at the Castle

visa applications were available from March this year but adds, "You'll be fined 15,000 Kwanzas (Angolan currency - £33) per day if you overstay your visa. You won't be allowed to leave the country until your fine has been paid. Legal action will be taken against you if you don't pay your fine. This may include being detained, deported or not being allowed to re-enter Angola. Fines are in place for a wide range of visa offences including working, studying or residing without the correct visa, changing employment without notifying the authorities, employing staff with incorrect visas, failing to renew residence cards, or changing address without notifying the authorities." Not exactly welcoming.

Beyond that, from further claims about the potential to expand agricultural production in Angola it appears St Helena can benefit from this expansion; presumably by buying Angolan agricultural produce. However after transporting the produce to Cape Town to be loaded on to the MV Helena it would probably be in a worse state than some of the imported "fresh" food we get now, and even more expensive.

The vice president pointed to the increasing use of the English language in Angola as an aid to closer ties with St Helena and lastly mentioned the South Atlantic Cable System (SACS) which links Luanda, Angola with Fortaleza, Brazil. The existence of this submarine cable which passes near St Helena was mentioned by the vice-president as "something which could be exploited". But no. The cable became operational in September 2018 and any chance of a link from it to St Helena passed when the cable-laying ship passed St Helena on its way to Brazil.

The Cabinda Problem

Cabinda is an "exclave" of Angola. It is now a province of Angola but lies to the north of the rest of the country; completely separated from Angola by a narrow strip of land which belongs to the DR Congo. The history of Cabinda and Angola is one of a "forced marriage" with the previously separate Cabinda being the unwilling bride.

Cabinda is rich in resources. Within its borders and offshore are oil fields which are among the largest in the world. Other resources include hardwood from the tropical rainforests, coffee, cocoa, rubber and palm oil. Despite oil revenues equaling \$100,000 for every man, woman and child every year, Cabindans remain among the poorest in the world. The Cabindan population do not receive the benefits of their natu-

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ral wealth because corruption among their Angolan masters is rife. Angola government debt is just 9% less than the country's Gross domestic Product and the Angola Secretary of State for Budget has to hold out his begging bowl to the International Monetary Fund for \$billions in loans to balance his books. Angola is also the world's third largest diamond producer; slightly bigger than South Africa.

After Angola gained independence from Portugal in 1975, the People's Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) gained control of Angola with the support of the Soviet Union and Cuba. Gaining control included winning a civil war against two other Angolan pro-independence freedom fighter movements. The MPLA then invaded Cabinda; the oil reserves were an irresistible attraction. Resistance from Cabinda's own independence movement was answered with violent repression from the MPLA. The resistance to Angola's takeover of Cabinda continues to this day.

Vice President de Sousa, himself a member of the MPLA, responded to a question about self-determination for Cabinda by saying the problems lay in the colonial past. That cannot be denied. De Sousa mentioned the Conference of Berlin in 1884 when the narrow strip of land which now separates Cabinda from Angola was taken from Cabinda and given to what was the then Belgian Congo.

But de Sousa's claim that civil war in Cabinda is now at an end is questionable. Just last month (5th September) *Folha8*, which describes itself as a free, independent Angolan newspaper, had a headline, "MPLA Military unleash terror in Cabinda and DRC" After the Angola invasion of Cabinda many Cabindans fled their homes and sought shelter in refugee camps in the neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Cabindan refugees still live in these camps and have been terrorised by Angolan soldiers who are looking for



De Sousa and Executive Council

Cabindesa, (Cabinda resistance fighters). The report says, "Kidnapping and murder are permanent dangers to the Cabinda refugee, especially the Cabindan resistance figures" and describes an incident when armed personnel entered a refugee camp on 15th August this year and mortally wounded a refugee. The victim died three days later. The *Folha8* report adds, "According to a refugee source, the armed incursions into the Lundo-Matende camp are led by members of the Angolan Armed Forces (FAA) who, in the last two years, have crossed the DRC's borders in pursuit of the Cabinda (FLEC) Liberation Front guerrillas."

De Sousa responded to a question put to him in the Castle on Monday saying "No, there is no civil war, not any more".



Flag of Free Cabinda

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

St Helena, a beautiful place to live, people are friendly and views are spectacular, couldn't ask for better.

However it's a pity that we as Saints feel that we are slowly being forced away from OUR HOME as the cost of living to wage ratio SUCKS!

I always wonder how they can decide on such a low minimum wage, what are they putting in their shopping baskets that decides this? Are they considering rent and utilities in this?

Here's a basic layout of my pay, £520 per month;

Half rent £150, half utilities £40, half telephone £10, half fuel £80, half insurance

£24, half creche £40, half groceries £150. Totalling £494.

So basically out of these figures every month I have £26 left. But I can't use this for pleasure and enjoyment for working hard that month, it must be saved for a new tire or road tax or just in case the kettle stops working.

My family and I would like to build a home of our own someday, but how can we on this wage?

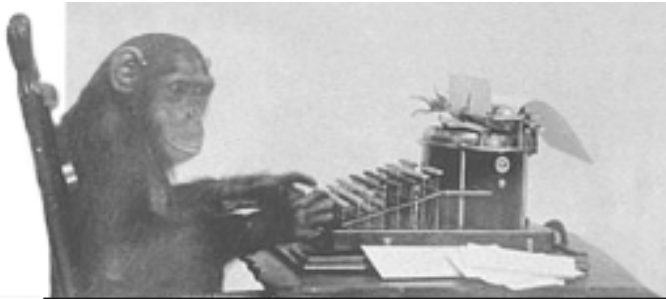
We've also been trying for a government residence for over 7 years now. We fill out the same form every year, but nothing changes. This would really help to cut down on our rent. But I guess you have to be rebellious and stop working, stop paying bills, be thrown out your home or even get locked up and on release say you have nowhere to live to have this privilege? Or is it just who you know in certain places?

Minimum wage DOES NOT cover the cost of living, it doesn't take a genius with so many qualifications to see this. It's just a shame that so many families feel they have to leave our beautiful is-

land, our HOME to find a better life. Which is what my family and I will eventually have to do. We will take our child away from the only home she has ever known, away from family and friends because we can no longer physically afford to live here anymore. When will the decision makers of St Helena's future going to wake up and realise what is happening? Maybe when all the young/middle aged Saints have left home and all that's left here are some Saints that receive the high local salaries (£18,000+) and elderly who will still be struggling on their pennies as the Social Benefit wages is a JOKE as well, and the ex-pats, because let's face it they can afford to live here on those big salaries.

Times are hard and Saints are struggling. The future is very dark for St Helena and her people. Things need to change, and they need to change NOW.

**Yours sincerely,
Angry Young Saint forced to leave home**



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Editorial

The most significant development this week must be the question from Governor Rushbrook asking "How do we want to govern ourselves?" It is an issue that has been raised before and attempts have been made to find answers but regrettably the subject arises once more. This attempt starts with the support of DFID and a specialist who will be flying in tomorrow. As any changes to the way we are governed will almost certainly involve the British Government, having DFID involved and actively supporting Governor Rushbrook's initiative is a good start. When questions are raised as frequently as they are about how we are governed there must certainly be something wrong with our Constitution. If it worked well we would just leave it alone and probably forget that we have a Constitution.

The specialist is Dr Jeremy Sarkin who is many things. Much of his work has been concerned with human rights violations in various parts of the world. He is qualified to practice law in both the USA and South Africa. Dr Sarkin appears to have international prominence in his field of expertise which offers hope that his involvement with our question about how we should be governed will be productive. Jeremy Sarkin currently works at the Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law, University of South Africa and at Nova University in Lisbon Portugal. The Harford Community Centre looks like being the venue for another lively public meeting on Wednesday where the first of a series of discussions with Dr Sarkin is organised, starting at 6pm.

The *Independent* is keen to be involved with public discussion on this question and has started a series of information/discussion articles this week on how SHG works or doesn't

work and gives one or two thoughts on how things might be changed for the better.

The MFV Edinburgh departed Cape Town last Friday and should soon be arriving at Tristan with two engineers and a contractor who will work on repairs to the July storm damage.

The St Helena Red Cross Tristan Appeal has now passed the £4,000 mark and further recent donations and fund-raising will be collected shortly to get the appeal moving towards £5,000. Tomorrow is the Plantation to Rupert's Bike Ride and Fun Day at Wicked Wahoo organised by the St Helena National Trust and the Blue Marine Foundation. Some of the money raised will be donated to the Tristan Appeal. More fund-raising events are planned and will be announced when finalised.

Instead of pedalling a bike to Rupert's from Plantation you might find it easier just to complete an account transfer or a cheque and make a donation at the Bank of St Helena.

The details are shown below.



TRISTAN APPEAL

Bank of St Helena, Red Cross account no. 00334002
marked 'Tristan Appeal'

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

19th September 2019

David Jeff Clarke (22) of New Ground, pleaded guilty to driving whilst over the prescribed limit he entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Financial Penalty of £240.00 and £15.00 costs. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 18 months.

Alex Craig Fowler (20) of Ruperts Valley, pleaded guilty to theft of diesel, he entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Conditional Discharge for a period of 12 months. He was also ordered to pay £70.50 compensation and £15.00 costs.

Gareth Scott Hudson (25) of Ladder Hill, pleaded guilty to causing criminal damage and using words or behaviour to cause alarm, harassment or distress. He entered his pleas at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Conditional Discharge for a period of 2 years for both matters. He was also ordered to pay £252.06 compensation and costs of £15.00.

Which Way for St Helena?



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The open question this week from the Governor asking "How do we want to govern ourselves" is very timely and deserves a widespread response. We all know there is a problem, now is the time to offer some possible solutions.

There has been a wide-ranging discussion recently about the way we are governed and some of the decisions made by our government. The draft Labour Market Strategy and Cilla McDaniel's radio interview this week have stimulated public debate.

The Governor mentions weaknesses in the present government. Lack of accountability from councillors and government officers and the need for faster decision-making are two of the main problems raised with the Governor when he discusses this subject with organisations and individuals.

What follows is information and opinion on the present government set-up. It is the first of a series of occasional articles aimed at contributing to the discussion which Governor Rushbrook has opened up.

Who is the St Helena Government

There is confusion revealed from time to time about who is the St Helena Government. Councillors have frequently referred to the directors and heads of department as the government. The Governor (whoever it may be) says that on most government decisions he or she is obliged to follow the advice of elected members on Executive Council. Exco members get their advice from directors and heads of departments. Most western democracies have three parts to the government structure. There is the Legislature which makes the law, in St Helena's case this is Legislative Council and the Judiciary, which enforces the law, in our case it is the Magistrate's Court and the Supreme Court. The Attorney General's Chambers is involved with both. The third arm of government is the Executive and on this island that is not as clearly defined as in most other countries.

The Executive includes all the various government departments. The departments are responsible for the administration of government based on the laws, regulations and policies in force at any given time. The job of leading a government department is usually a shared arrangement. The senior partner is the political head of department usually called a minister or secretary of state. The other partner is the most senior civil servant within the same department; called a permanent secretary in the UK. In the 'Westminster model' the political head is usually an elected member of the House of Commons appointed by the prime minister, although a member of the unelected House of Lords is sometimes appointed. The secretary of state is responsible for implementing the policies of government. The permanent secretary is also responsible for implementing the policies of whichever government is in power at any given time but on a more detailed, technical and legal level and in accordance with the prevailing government policies. The permanent secretary also gives advice to the secretary of state based on training, detailed knowledge and past experience. The secretary of state is not obliged to take the advice given.

In St Helena the position is reversed. The Director of a Direc-

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AN OPEN QUESTION: HOW DO WE WANT TO GOVERN OURSELVES?



It is a question about the way we want our elected representatives to tackle the issues and opportunities that in some way affect each and every one of us on St Helena.

The issue of how to govern ourselves has recently moved up the agenda. Many will recall the Island has toyed with governance reform a couple of times before but they came to nothing. Since I arrived, I have heard numerous views, publicly and privately, on the weaknesses in our system of government. Councillors, businesses, administrators, community leaders and many of the people I meet in the streets have told me the present approach of committees, working groups, LegCo and ExCo all involved in trying to sort out policies and laws is confusing and too often tediously slow.

Above all, the present system of government means no one within the body of elected councillors is explicitly accountable for the performance of any part of government. Likewise, the public service, ambiguously called the *St Helena Government*, does not work directly for any particular councillor but instead tries to address queries and demands made by different elected representatives.

The result, in spite of the best efforts of dedicated councillors and public servants, leads to a less-than-ideal, some have said disjointed, way of making decisions and operating the public services. Consequently, I observe a widely held realisation that as an Island firmly looking to the future we perhaps should not go on the way we have in the past.

In the Constitution, as Governor I am responsible for good governance on St Helena. It is a concept I am sure we can all support. But, what is it? One handy definition is: *'the effective and responsible management of [a territory] which includes considering society's needs in the decisions it makes.'* Aptly, government should seek to govern in a way that is accountable, decisive and understanding, though being good at governing means making some decisions that will not be popular.

So, in thinking about transitioning to a new system we should look at how we can increase personal accountability and authority amongst councillors and enable the SHG administration to work more directly with them. After approving with LegCo in late May, I sought help from DFID and they have agreed to start a process involving councillors, public and organisations across the Island to seek views on if, and what, type of political and governance reforms we want at the heart of our government. If it is more accountability, how best to satisfy your expectations on what you want to see? If it is faster decision-

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torate, (Health, Education, Finance and so forth) is St Helena's nearest equivalent to a permanent secretary except the director does not have a political head as a senior partner. The nearest we have to a secretary of state is the chairman of the government committees (Community and Social Development, Environment and Natural Resources etc). The political representation within each directorate is much weaker than in most countries. The Executive arm of government is run, for the most part, by the unelected civil servants.

Accountability

Governor Rushbrook touched upon this difference in the power structure in his Open Question press release. He wrote, "the public service, ambiguously called the St Helena *Government*, does not work directly for any particular councillor". However the effect of the absence of political leadership within the Directorates impacts upon every aspect of government apart from the Judiciary. The absence of clear political leadership and accountability means "the public service" (or government officers) are, in effect, the government.

Bills presented to Legislative Council may or may not be due to the actions of elected members or initiated by the chairmen of the government committees. While a government committee has to be responsible for formally adopting a draft Bill and proposing its acceptance by Legislative Council we, as the electorate, do not normally know whether it is a councillor or a director who wants the Bill introduced. This may seem a small or obscure point but without clear councillor responsibility for all legislation, regulations and amendments the accountability for government business becomes obscure. This may be one of the reasons why we sometimes hear councillors saying they are not part of government or one of them may complain they cannot get any information from the government officers (or public service). With this muddling situation it is the unelected government officers who can often decide policy and legislation; they are not accountable to the electorate.

It may also be one reason why councillor's surgeries are poorly attended. With situations existing where councillors 'rubber stamp' proposals put forward by government officers it can be the case that Directors should be at the surgeries instead to take accountability for the actions of government.

What can you know before you vote

On 27th November there will be a bye-election, if more than one nomination is received, to fill the vacancy on Legislative Council due to Kylie Hercules' resignation. The candidate(s) for this bye-election will say they will work hard on your behalf and do the best they can for you. However genuine the promises are, it means very little in terms of councillors being accountable to the electorate. On past performance it is almost certain the candidates will not have a list of policies they would like to see introduced or legislation they want to see on the statute book. It is likely we will be asked to vote for candidates but do not know what we will get if the candidate we

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making, what do you want to see streamlined and improved? If it is greater clarity about who is responsible for what amongst the various parts of government, what are your preferences? Dr Jeremy Sarkin will come to St Helena on 21 September for his first visit to facilitate a debate and gather your ideas on the present Committee-based system. He will not be setting out any specific method of governance. What he will do is explore with us our understanding and appetite for alternative systems, e.g. ministerial, executive councillors, redefine LegCo and ExCo, Chief Islander, restructuring SHG directorates to have clearer political leadership, or just about any other possibility Dr Sarkin can raise from his long experience around the world. It will then be for St Helena to decide if a change in governance arrangement will be for the better, probably via a referendum and an amendment to the Constitution. Let's set aside likes and dislikes, nostalgia and doubt. This is an opportunity to decide if we want to move beyond our present structure. To reshape an accountable system of governance. I sincerely hope everyone, media, communities, business organisations, youth groups, student council and all those who attend future public meetings, take part in defining the best option for your future. Anything is do-able if we want it.

An opportunity is being arranged for the public to meet Dr Sarkin on Wednesday, 25 September, at 6pm at the Harford Community Centre. Other meetings are being planned in October. Ideas and suggestions are also welcome in writing and can be sent to the Governor's Office via email: William.Spooner@fco.gov.uk.

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook

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support is successful. This is one reason why people don't bother to register to vote or if they do, why they don't bother to stop off at the polling station on election day. Candidates for Legislative Council cannot make promises about what they want to achieve if elected because they do not have the power (and little influence) to follow through on promises. They remain very much under the power and influence of unelected and unaccountable (to the electorate) heads of government departments.

This week the Liberal Democrats in the UK decided at their annual conference that if they had anything to do with it they would Stop Brexit. No second referendum – just cancel the whole thing. The British electorate can be certain the LibDems will do that, if elected as the next UK government. No candidate at the bye-election on 27th November can make such a bold promise. One reason is there is no way one councillor can individually promise anything. So much depends on what the other eleven councillors individually think on any given issue at any given time and whether anything suggested to a director of a government department receives the support and co-operation of the "public service".

If councillors formed themselves into like-minded groups and set out a list of aims they intended to promote during their four years as a councillor it would help the electorate to choose

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who they want to vote for and make the councillors elected more accountable for what they say and do. It can be argued the existing situation makes voting for a candidate for Legislative Council something akin to a lucky dip.



Eddie Duff taking the oath in 2013, after protesting it is colonialism.

Governor Capes is looking on, closely

And worst of all . . .

Then there is the oath councillors are compelled to swear as their first action as a councillor. The oath is a belt and braces gagging order. Despite efforts by the previous governor to loosen the gag and introduce a bit of flexibility little that is noticeable has been achieved. Certainly much more openness is needed if the confidence and trust of the electorate is to be gained. The infamous oath is:-

'I, do swear that I will be a true and faithful Councillor and that I will not, directly or indirectly, except with the authority of the Governor, reveal the business or proceedings of the Government of St Helena or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me, or any matter coming to my knowledge, in my capacity as a Councillor. So help me God!'

**IF YOU ALWAYS DO WHAT YOU'VE ALWAYS
DONE,
YOU'LL ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU'VE
ALWAYS GOT**

COUNCILLORS SCIPIO AND ELICK TO ATTEND OVERSEAS CONFERENCES

Councillor Christine Scipio departed the Island on Sunday, 15 September, to attend the 6th British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians (CWP) Conference in Jersey to be held between 19 and 21 September 2019.

The conference, themed 'The next 100 years', will include a Steering Committee Meeting and various workshops on Diversity, Women in Tech, Sustainable Future and Political Art. The Jersey Student Committee will also host a workshop on the conference namesake, and a key note speech on 'Equality, a roadmap for change' will be delivered.

Councillor Gavin Ellick departs the Island this coming Saturday, 21 September, to attend the 64th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC) hosted by the Parliament of Uganda and the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Uganda branch between 22 and 29 September 2019.

The 64th CPC will be one of the largest annual gatherings of Commonwealth Parliamentarians and will explore the theme of *'adaption, engagement, and evolution of Parliaments in a rapidly changing Commonwealth'*.

During the Conference there will also be a number of additional conferences and meetings including: 37th CPA Small Branches Conference; 6th triennial Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference; 64th CPA General Assembly; meetings of the CPA Executive Committee; and the Society of Clerks at the Table (SOCATT) meetings.

The CPC offers the prospect of the coming together of the CPA's global membership to address the critical issues facing today's Parliaments.

Councillor Ellick commented:

"I am looking forward to representing St Helena at the 64th CPC in Uganda. My aim is to learn, educate and network with delegates from around the Commonwealth.

"No doubt the discussions will be invaluable and I hope that I

will be able to implement some of what I have learnt during the conference here on the Island."

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DRAFT LABOUR MARKET STRATEGY

UPDATE ON SCHEDULED PUBLIC CONSULTATION SESSIONS

A new draft Labour Market Strategy (LMS) has been developed for St Helena and is now out for public consultation until Friday, 11 October 2019.

In response to public interest in the draft LMS, SHG has scheduled an additional consultation meeting to take place at the Kingshurst Community Centre on Monday, 23 September 2019, at 7pm.

In addition, the public consultation meeting for employers scheduled to take place on Tuesday, 24 September, will now be held at the Museum in Jamestown. The meeting will begin at 7pm as previously scheduled.

The draft LMS is available on the Publications page of the SHG website: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/>. Hard copies are available at the Public Library and Customer Service Centre in Jamestown.

You can also share your opinions by completing a short online questionnaire via: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VYQ5PR8> or by sending an email to the Senior Economist, Amanda Curry Brown, via:

Amanda.Brown@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Saints are Undervalued and Angry

Dr Cilla McDaniel, visiting St Helena after leaving to take work in the Pacific island of Tuvalu, spoke plainly about Saints being undervalued and in too many cases being given no option but to leave St Helena to find work which gave satisfaction and the opportunity to develop and improve.

Interviewed on Saint FM this week on Sharon Wade's Shine Show Dr Mc Daniel spoke first about her experience in Tuvalu. She explained Tuvalu was a British colony until 1976 when the island gained its independence after a referendum. Tuvalu comprises three reef islands and six atolls and now has links with Australia rather than Britain.



Dr McDaniel described the Tuvalu islanders as fiercely independent people who wanted to govern themselves despite being one of the poorest nations in the world with more than one in four living below the poverty line. Tuvalu also has one of the smallest populations of the Pacific Islands and remains almost totally dependent on external aid. Despite this Tuvalu has free health and education services and the *Borgen Project* states that "low-income levels are often offset by strong support networks in towns and villages. In 1998, Tuvalu was judged as the only nation above reproach for human rights violations. Poverty in Tuvalu sets a phenomenal example for other countries by taking care of its people despite its economic instability. The complex social matrices within the island ensure that its citizens are supported and cared for, despite their general lack of revenue."

Cilla said the Tuvalu islanders demand respect from overseas contract workers and that technical advisors such as her are welcome to give advice but the islanders make the decisions. She said the Australian government who contracted her to work in Tuvalu values and appreciates her work.

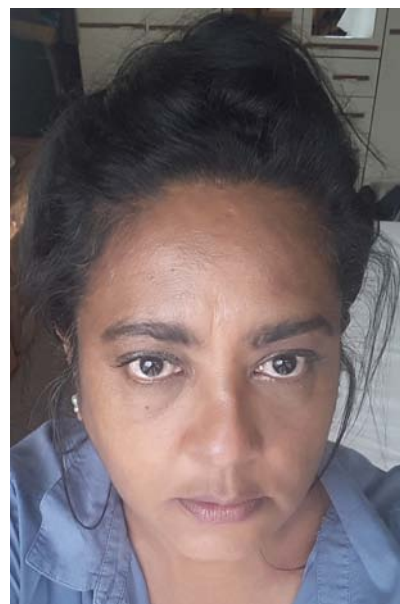
This situation Cilla compared with what prevails in St Helena. She like several others found a point had been reached when there was no option but to leave St Helena and find work overseas. This was not because there was no work here for her and she bitterly regretted having to do it. McDaniel described a situation where needless obstacles were put in the way of her career advancement. She said rules would be bent for outsiders but the St Helena Government does not look after its own.

The radio interview then touched upon the draft Labour Market Strategy and the students who continue their education overseas, come back to St Helena with first class honours degrees and find it difficult to get a job or even recognition of their achievements. This, together with what are generally agreed to be unsatisfactory application procedures for St Helena status and the opportunity to use it as a stepping stone to ob-

taining a "highly desirable" British passport left Saints feeling either ignored or exposed, or both. This situation, Cilla said, has led to Saints feeling angry. While she sensed some anger among Saints before leaving for Tuvalu she feels it is now reaching boiling point.

Councillors, according to Cilla, say they find it difficult to put forward their views and too often speak in favour of government policy and proposals instead of reflecting the views of the people who elected them. This added to the feeling of anger and the anger being channelled in the wrong way. Instead of directing criticism towards those who make the rules, Cilla said the anger and resentment was now becoming "xenophobic" (intense or irrational dislike or fear of people from other countries) with anger being directed towards people who are acting entirely within the law instead of at the people who make the laws.

Dr McDaniel finished by saying social change is needed. Saints need to know they are valued and respected and not passed over in favour of outsiders. She then went on to say what is good about St Helena. The legal system and the judiciary as of a good standard as is healthcare and education. Social welfare is also well developed but, as with everything, there is always room for improvement.



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WHAT IS THE PRESENT-DAY NAME OF THE LOCATION OF THIS OLD GRAVEYARD?

Answers to be called in on this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade...you will be advised when the lines are open to call in your answers and there will be a prize for the first person to call in with the correct answer?

CLUE: Answer is two words only.....

ST HELENA WATER LEVELS UPDATE

St Helena's water consumption levels on 11 and 13 September were less than 1000 cubic metres - the consumption rate required to sustain a safe level of stored water on the Island.

The Island's reservoir levels have increased by a very small percentage over the last week, but this is primarily due to the public significantly reducing their consumption rates. The public is commended for their efforts to reduce consumption. Despite some recent rainfall, the surface water runoff entering the reservoirs remains very low and will not be enough to maintain a safe volume of stored water if consumption rates increase. It is therefore very important that we continue to cut down our water usage to essential use only.

Isolated showers are forecast for the coming days, but this will not be enough to see the desired effects on the reservoir levels. At least two weeks of continuous meaningful rainfall is needed to make a positive difference in reservoir levels.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) continues to pump water from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate to Red Hill to replenish stocks in this area.

Remember, we are currently under an Island-wide hosepipe ban. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform CSH immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts – save water now to be safe later.

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EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 17 SEPTEMBER 2019

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 17 September 2019, to discuss one item on the Open Agenda. A number of people sat in the public gallery for this item.

Executive Council sitting as the Planning Authority approves Outline Development Permission with conditions to build a new prison and custody building on the land in Bottom Woods as recommended by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA)

The proposed Prison development is to provide a new prison centred around 26-single occupancy cells, in a single storey block configured in a cross shape, together with associated rooms to provide: education, rehabilitation, training, medical room, sports, healthcare, worship, kitchen, recycling, storage, visiting, administration works, horticulture and security.

The site will take up 10% of the area in Bottom Woods with the enclosed built development taking up 5.5% or 5.20 acres.

Outline Development Permission approves in principle the proposed development subject to a number of conditions. Following a presentation by the Chief Planning Officer, Executive Council was content to approve Outline Development Permission with the following amendments made to the conditions:

- Condition 1 – Taking into account the size of the development, the timeframe for Outline Permission to lapse and cease is extended from one year to two years

Condition 2E which states that *a Conservation Management Plan for the Important Wirebird Area is developed with an appropriate level of funding for a period of at least five years post construction of the development* be subject to review at the detailed planning stage to take account of the fact that any funding allocation will be considered during the annual planning and budgeting process.

Members noted that the existing Prison and Police Custody Suite located in Jamestown is not fit for purpose as identified following visits and advice from the FCO Prison Adviser. The current conditions and facilities at the Prison are substandard and the need for a new prison is undeniable and long overdue.

Council was satisfied that the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), which identified what mitigations need to be taken to reduce environmental impact during both the construction and operations process of development, was adequately undertaken and that potential impacts, for both the construction and operations phases, have been properly assessed and should be translated into planning conditions as part of the process for full development permission.

Council was keen to understand if the Chief Planning Officer was absolutely satisfied with the issues raised in the one representation received during the public consultation on the revised EIA on the development application. The Chief Planning Officer advised Members that the representation received did not raise any planning or environmental issues but rather challenged past processes and officer assessment related to the proposed development application and the reports. Members were therefore assured by the Chief Planning Officer that the representation received had been properly dealt with and the application submitted was valid. Further details on the proposed Prison development and background to the project will be provided in a separate press release.

Clarity was asked for on the proposed design and Council was advised that the technical issues raised, including addressing treatment of sewage, will be included in the detailed application for full development permission which will come before ExCo for approval in due course.

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COMMONWEALTH SCHOLARSHIPS 2020

INVITATION FOR NOMINATIONS

The Commonwealth Scholarship Commission (CSC) in the United Kingdom is inviting nominations from St Helena for Commonwealth Masters Scholarships tenable from September/October 2020.

Nominations will be for one candidate to be considered by the CSC for a one year Masters Course.

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

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

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

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

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

Further information on the Commonwealth Scholarships can be found on the website: <http://cscuk.dfid.gov.uk/apply/applicants> or by emailing: caesar.nayoto@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Persons interested in a scholarship should write an initial letter of application that identifies the developmental theme they wish to apply under, the type of study that they wish to pursue, their reason for pursuing it and its relevance to St Helena. In addition to this, the letter should include their professional aspirations and educational background including previous study undertaken and qualifications earned. **Initial letters of application should be sent to the Scholarships Awards Committee, through the Secretary, Education Learning Centre, or via email to: caesar.nayoto@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 22 October 2019.**

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

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FOR SALE

White Mitsubishi ASX 4 Clear Tec DI-D 1.8 Turbo Diesel SUV
2011 Model

115003 miles on clock. One owner from new, owned for past 5 years. In excellent condition well looked after. Serviced regularly. Driven by 2 drivers, just passed MOT in May 2019. Been fitted with 4 new tyres, fuel & oil filter and engine oil change.

Car comes with full leather interior seats, front seats included heating system.

Push button to start and stop engine, 6 speed manual, reverse camera and parking sensors, front and rear electric windows, air conditioning, power steering, built in colour changing radio with remote, navigation system, Bluetooth and CD compatible. Hands free mobile system. Tinted side and rear glass. Very economical on fuel.

Vehicle comes with 2 head gaskets, 2 wiper blades, complete clutch kit, front and rear brake disc pads, 2 front brake discs, handbrake shoes, water pump, brake light switch, thermostat, clutch slave cylinder, 2 drive belts, various light bulbs, spare tyre and rim.

Price £13,000.00 or nearest offer

Interested persons can contact Jeffrey Johnson on 25169/63065 or email kayrenala.jeff@helanta.co.sh



CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS APPLICATIONS OPEN

The UK Government's global Chevening Scholarship Programme for study in the UK in 2020/2021 is now open for applications until Tuesday, 5 November 2019.

For the 2020/2021 programme, courses will commence in September 2020. The scholarship offers full financial support and allows candidates to gain access to a wide range of exclusive academic, professional, and cultural experiences.

Past St Helena Chevening Scholar, Tracey Williams, encourages potential future scholars to take advantage of this opportunity. Tracey said:

"The Chevening Scholarship was a life changing opportunity for me. In addition to gaining a formal qualification, the wealth of experience gained from living and studying in the UK has given me countless opportunities. I would certainly recommend this Scholarship to anyone thinking about studying in the UK."

Further information about the Chevening Scholarship Programme can be found on the Chevening website: www.chevening.org, through which applications should also be submitted.

To apply, candidates must meet certain criteria including:

- Having completed all components of an undergraduate degree that will enable entry into a postgraduate programme in the UK
- Having at least two years' work experience
- Returning to St Helena for a minimum of two years following the course

Further information and guidance on eligibility can be found at: www.chevening.org/scholarships/who-can-apply/eligibility.

Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, is able to provide advice and support locally. For more information, please call Kerry on 22308 or email her via: Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk.

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Crop Watch 4

In this edition of Crop Watch we will look more closely at the importance of rotations and the potential of mixed cropping. Crop Rotation is perhaps the most fundamental principle of good agricultural practice.

Crop Rotations

This means alternating crop types in a specific area of soil. It is vitally important to prevent the build-up of pests & diseases and look after the soil.

A crop rotation is a planned sequence of crops. The sequence should ensure that succeeding crops belong to different “families.” Diversity of crop types promotes soil flora and fauna and will lead to healthier soil.

Many pests and diseases that affect our crops come from the soil and these build up over time if the same type of crop is grown continuously. The result is that the pest builds up to such an extent we can't grow the crop at all.

Benefits of a Crop Rotation

- Diversity; a rotation means growing more crops. This means more diverse produce to eat and sell. It's healthier and more profitable.
- Reduction in pest and disease, interrupting the build-up of problems. This reduces the reliance on chemicals and improves the quality and yield of harvested crops.
- Improves the soil: different crops have different rooting habits and residues. These can break up the surface soil or penetrate deep into the subsoil to break up compacted layers
- Increases soil fertility; legumes “fix” nitrogen with their roots, other crops have high nutrient content in their leaves and roots left behind after harvest.
- Reduces risk; certain weather or pest infestations could cause one crop to fail while another thrives, this means there should always be something to harvest.

Record Keeping

A key part of a good rotation is keeping records of your crops. This means you have a reference of what crop was planted where and when. So in three years' time you don't accidentally plant potatoes back in the same plot.

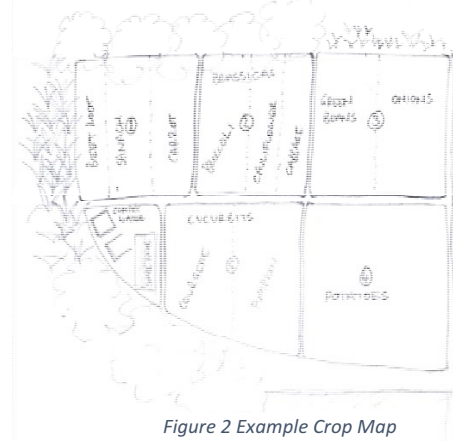


Figure 2 Example Crop Map

One really useful tool is to have a simple map of your garden or plot. Maybe you can arrange your land into similar sized plots and give them a number to identify them.

You can use this to record any particular pest or disease

issues in a crop, and this can help decide what to plant and how to manage it next time round.

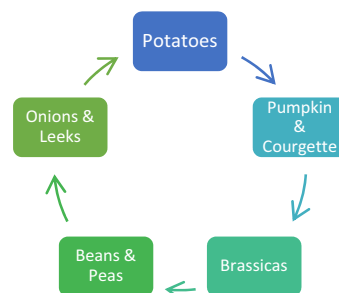
These records can be very useful to help you look back and see what crop/variety/method worked well in the past and what didn't work so well.

Crop Groups

Many of the crops we grow might seem very different but belong to the same family. Pests and diseases can pass between members of the family and so they must be kept separate. Most common crop groups are:

- Solanace: Potatoes, Tomatoes, Peppers, Aubergine
- Brassica: Cabbage, Broccoli, Cauliflower, Raddish
- Legumes: Beans, Peas, Clover, Vetch.
- Umbellifers: Carrot, Celery, Parsley, Parsnip
- Cucurbits: Squash, Pumpkin, Courgette, Cucumber, Melon
- Chenopods': Beetroot, Spinach, other beets
- Asters': Lettuce, Artichokes
- Alliums: Onions, Leeks, Garlic
- Cereals: maize, Sweet Corn, Oats, Barley, Millet
- Convol's; Sweet Potato

Some crops will complement each other better than others. Below is a simple rotation:



Rotations can be made very complex, but keeping it simple is always a good strategy! But remember plots can be subdivided, so if the plan you've made says you need to plant brassicas in this plot this year it doesn't mean you have to plant all cabbage, you can plant a combination of

Cabbage, Broccoli and Cauliflower.

Plots can also be split with different families so that you might plant beans and carrots in one plot, so long as the preceding and following crops are from different families.

Inter-Cropping

Inter-cropping is a form of rotation that grows more than one type crop in the same plot. Normally two crops are grown in alternate rows. The crops will be selected to complement each other; for example tomatoes and brassicas; where the tomatoes will deter Diamond Back Moth

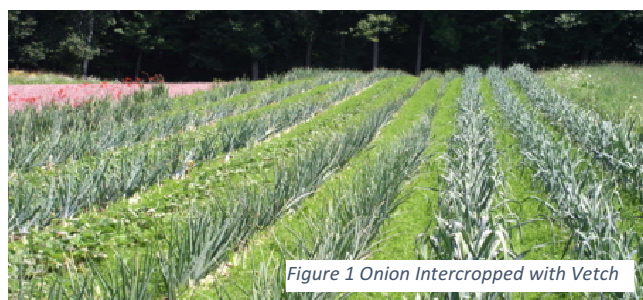


Figure 1 Onion Intercropped with Vetch

The aim is to imitate and work with nature; look into the natural environment and you will see nowhere is there “mono-culture” of just one type of plant.

Perhaps the ultimate intercrop is to “agro-forestry” where annual crops are grown in combination with tree crops like avocados, fruit trees and coffee.

Help is at Hand!

If you'd like assistance to create a map, make a record sheet, plan a rotation, decide what crops to grow, or anything else crop related please give us a call. For all enquiries please contact ANRD at Scotland on 24724.

Agronomy: Ted Whitton ext. 216. Email:

edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

Pest Control: Rosie Peters ext. 210. Email:

rosalie.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh



Do you have an innovative, creative idea?

Enterprise St Helena, in partnership with the Governor's Office and Foreign and Commonwealth Office International Programme Fund, is running a competition for the most creative, innovative and cost-effective community ideas to improve life on the island.

Entries will be judged in two categories:

- Economic benefits for St Helena
- Social benefits for St Helena

Competition is open to all children, adults, community groups and businesses that are permanently resident on St Helena.

Win a 'Grand' (£1000) towards implementing your creative idea.

Application forms can be emailed or collected from Mandy O'Bey at Enterprise St Helena.
Closing date for submission of ideas is by Monday 30th of September 2019.

For further information please contact Mandy O'Bey on Tel No: 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh





MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (MSME) BUSINESS GRANTS

Technical and Legal Assistance	Development Projects	Product and Service Enhancement	Hire for Reward / Vehicles	Skills Development
New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	New businesses and youth entrepreneurship scheme.	Existing businesses only.	New and existing businesses.	All Sectors.
75% to a Max of £2,500	75% to a Max of £5,000	50% to a Max of £10,000	25% to a Max of £5,000	75% to a Max of £7,500

Youth Loan from 16 to 26 yrs	£2,000 1% Interest
Youth Extension Loan up to 30 yrs	£3,000 3% Interest

These grants are subject to eligibility criteria; policy, terms and conditions apply.

For further information contact a member of the Business Development Team on tel: 22920, or email: delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh & mandy.obey@esh.co.sh

Vacancy for Senior Communications Engineer or Communications Engineer – Transmitting Station

Encompass has a vacancy for a full-time **Senior Communications Engineer or Communications Engineer** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the team that is primarily responsible for transmitting programmes for the BBC and other customers.

Duties will include maintenance and fault-finding on transmitters and associated equipment.

This post will be offered either on a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Engineering skills and developed experience in the role of Communications Engineer.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- In depth knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse difficult technical problems.
- Able to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of electronics and fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of transmitter station's operation and maintenance work.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Workshop skills, specifically hand and power tools.
- IT Competent, particularly in the use of Microsoft Office.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.
- **The Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and to be available for call-outs and faults, outside of normal working hours.**

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of antenna systems.
- High Voltage Authorisation.
- People management experience.

Please contact the Administrative Officer on +247 66800 (Extn 102) or email Glen.yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station, English Bay
Ascension Island (or email glen.yon@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Monday 30th September 2019.**

St Helena Island's **PLANTATION2RUPERTS**

2 ROUTES, 1 GOAL, ALL PEOPLE

RIDING ALONGSIDE L2M

Join us for an afternoon of sun and fun

14:00 onwards on the 21st September @ Wicked Wahoo.

Come and celebrate the finish of our Plantation2Ruperts bike ride
with a family fun day!

All entry fees going to the Tristan da Cunha Red Cross Appeal

FUN DAY
@ Wicked Wahoo
Entry £1 per person



There will be a kids bicycle course, face painting, food, live music,
raffles and much more — so come along and enjoy the fun!

For further information contact Jamie Ellick on 22569 or email jamie.ellick@trust.org.sh

St Helena Island's PLANTATION2RUPERTS

2 ROUTES, 1 GOAL, ALL PEOPLE

NOTICE FOR ALL RIDERS & EVENT PLAN

SATURDAY 21st September

11.30: All riders and marshals to meet at Plantation for bike maintenance and safety briefings

13.00: The ride will start!

14.00: Family Fun Day begins at Wicked Wahoo!

15.30: Kids bike ride/obstacle course

17.00: Medals presentation for riders

17.30/18.00: Raffle prize winners announced!

18.00 onward: music & party continues!

**St Helena Island
Bike Ride**
Saturday 21 September

Short a kid-friendly ride along Ruperts Bay
1km

Mid a challenge
17km

Long test yourself
27km

Free entry
Food & prizes
Register by 23 August
Call: 22569
Email: jamie.ellick@trust.org.sh

FUN DAY
@ Wicked Wahoo
Entry £1 per person





Units available at the ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill and Longwood Enterprise Park

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) have units available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at ESH Business Park, Ladder Hill and Longwood Enterprise Park.

Applications should be submitted to Robyn Franconi, Finance Manager, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Monday 30th September 2019.

Terms and Conditions apply.

For further information please contact Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on telephone 22920 or email on michielle.yon@esh.co.sh



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IP NETWORKS SYSTEMS ADMINISTRATOR

Job Vacancy

Sure has a vacancy for a IP Systems Networks Administrator to join the IP Networks team.

The ideal candidate will be expected to work within a small team and should possess excellent verbal and written communication skills, be self motivated, eager to learn and proactive. An ability to deal effectively, professionally and confidentially with internal and external customers is essential. A high standard of customer services and computer literacy is imperative. Desirable: Cisco CCNA or other Network equivalent certification; a good knowledge and understanding of computer networking.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure.

The starting salary for the new post-holder is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: Incentive Bonus Scheme, Staff Discount, entitlement to join the Retirement Benefits Plan and opportunities for continued professional development.

Further information regarding the responsibilities of the post may be discussed with Adam Yon, Manager Networks on Tel no: +290 22229 or E: Adam.Yon@sure.co.sh

Application forms may be obtained from Bishops Rooms or contact Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator on T: +290 22800 or E: Keirah.Wade@sure.co.sh.

Applications to be submitted to the HR & Finance Administrator, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by **4pm on Friday, 27 September 2019.**

VACANCY - CLOUD FOREST PROJECT CONSERVATION TECHNICIANS

The Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate is recruiting two Conservation Technicians to work under the Cloud Forest Project. The Technician will be responsible for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team.

The candidate should have a certificate in basic numeracy and literacy, adequate knowledge of nursery and propagation techniques and of St Helena's native habitats. The candidate should also have experience of working at heights and on steep terrain. A clean drivers licence is also essential.

This contract will continue for a 3 year period and the successful candidate will be expected to commence work as soon as practicable.

Salary for the post starts at Grade B1 which is £6,722.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Ross Henry, Cloud Forest Senior Conservation Technician on telephone number 66240.

Application forms and job profiles, which are available from Essex House and Scotland Office should be completed and submitted to Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 2 October 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.

Darren Duncan

Acting Director of Environment, Natural Resources and Planning
17 September 2019



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REMOTE BANKING SEPTEMBER 2019

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

Location	Date	Time
Scotland	Monday, 23 September	09:30 – 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Tuesday, 24 September	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Friday, 27 September	09:30 – 14:00

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown, visit your nearest Remote Banking Location

For your convenience you can also use your 'Local Debit Card' at all our Remote Banking Locations

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Established and regulated in St. Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004

Vacancy – Electricity Generation Manager

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to fill the position of an Electricity Generation Manager, on a fixed term contract for a period of two years. This is a key role within the Company's management structure with responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repairs and strategic development of generation equipment on Saint Helena up to the point of distribution at 11,000 volts.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:

HND in Electrical/Electromechanical Engineering, 10 years Post Qualification Technical Experience, 3 years Management Experience, Computer Literate, Working knowledge of SCADA Systems operation, Experience in renewable energy development & storage technology, Health & Safety risk assessment, Training & Development experience, Authorised Person(Electrical) HV/LV and a Class C Drivers licence.

Commitment to best practice and resource management is also essential to this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Clare Harris on 22255 or email Clare at clare.harris@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson on email carol.thompson@connect.co.sh or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday 23 September 2019.



Vacancy – Network Plumber

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably experienced person to fill the position of Network Plumber in their Water Division. This is a permanent position within the Company

The successful candidate will work as part of a team responsible for the day to day implementation of maintenance operations.

Potential candidates will have a minimum of 2 years technical experience in plumbing and water distribution processes, an awareness of health and safety in the workplace, be physically fit and possess a valid drivers' licence in classes A & C. Good communication skills and the ability to work well in a team is also essential in this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Paul Duncan on 22255 or email Paul at paul.duncan@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson on email carol.thompson@connect.co.sh or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday 25 September 2019.



VACANCY FOR SCIENCE/LABORATORY TECHNICIAN

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Science/ Laboratory Technician. The successful applicant will work under the direction of the relevant subject lead, the Laboratory Technician will be required to service the science laboratories, prep rooms and chemical store at Prince Andrew School including the laboratory at the Harpers Agricultural Centre and make available equipment and related materials required for science lessons.

Applicants must have GCSE Maths, English and Science at Grade C or above.

Salary for the post is grade B starting at £6,722 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penelope Bowers, Headteacher, Prince Andrew School on telephone number 24290 or e-mail penelope.bowers@princeandrew.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Monday, 30 September 2019

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

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
19 September 2019



INVITATION TO TENDER – FINANCIAL SERVICES POLICY ADVISER

Reference: CS-0278-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Financial Services Policy Adviser.

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

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 25 October 2019.

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INVITATION TO TENDER – AIR SERVICE CONSULTANCY **Reference: AIR-0276-SHG**

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for Air Service Consultancy.

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

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Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 17.00 GMT on Friday, 18 October 2019.

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6 September 2019



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

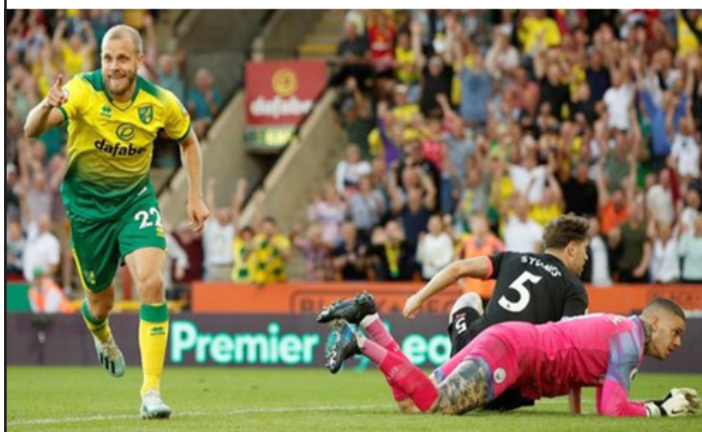
Liverpool went 5 points clear at the top of the table after their 3-1 win at home against Newcastle and Man City shock defeat away at Norwich City.

Liverpool went behind after just 7 minutes when Willems scored a brilliant first goal for his club. By half time the league leaders was back in front, after 2 goals from Mane. Salah added a third in the second half. Mane and Salah scored the goals, but it was Firmino who was the stand out player as he provided 2 brilliant assists.

The Reds have now won 14 league games in a row, in a run that stretches back to a draw at Everton in March - the joint third-best winning run in English top-flight history.

In the late match, Norwich produces a brilliant display to defeat the Champions Man City by 3 goals to 2. What made this score line even more remarkable was the fact that Norwich was without 8 first team players. Within 30 minutes the Canaries was 2-0 up. City pulled a goal back only for the player of the month Temu Pukki to add a third goal.

Rodri scored his first goal for Manchester City with two minutes left but Norwich held on for a famous win.



Pukki 6 goals and 2 assists in 5 Premier League matches

In other results Manchester United kept a rare clear sheet as they defeated inform Leicester City 1-0 with the winner coming from a Marcus Rashford penalty.

Burnley equalised in stoppage time to earn a point against Brighton. Brighton was hoping for their first home win since 2nd March.

Southampton picked up all 3 points away at Sheffield United winning 1-0. The Blades had Billy Sharpe sent off late in the match.

Spurs produce a brilliant first half display at home against Crystal Palace. All four Spurs goals came before the interval, with Son Heung-min the stand out player; scoring 2 of the goals.

The victory - Tottenham's first since the opening weekend of the season - lifts them back into the top four of the Premier League.

Chelsea also produce a brilliant attacking display as they went 3-0 up at half time against Wolves and despite Wolves scoring twice in the second half it was the London Club that picked up all 3 points with a 5-2 win. Tammy Abrahams scored a brilliant hat trick in the space of just 21 minutes. The young striker has now scored 7 goals in just 3 matches.

On Sunday Bournemouth climbed up to 8th in the table as they defeated Everton 3-1.

The second match on Sunday was a really entertaining one



Joint top scorer Chelsea's Tammy Abrahams

as Watford who was 2-0 down to Arsenal at halftime fought back to draw 2-2.

Watford had a club record 31 shots at Arsenal goal. The Hornets had their chances to complete a stunning comeback with a decisive third, but the otherwise impressive Deulofeu dragged his effort narrowly wide.

Aston Villa picked up their 4th point of the season as they drew 0-0 with West Ham. Villa would have been disappointed not to pick up all 3 points after West Ham was reduce to 10 men with 23 minutes of the match to go. Masuaku was dismissed after picking up two bookings.

The next round of EPL fixtures will kick off on Friday evening on the South Coast as Southampton host Bournemouth at 7pm.

The early game on Saturday should be an entertaining one as Leicester City play Spurs at the King Power Stadium.

The 2pm matches will see Burnley play at home against Norwich City; Everton host Sheffield United and Man City play Watford.

Saturday's late match will see Newcastle United play at home against Brighton and Hove Albion.

There are four matches on Sunday. 1pm matches will see Crystal Palace play Wolves and West Ham host Manchester United.

15.30 games will see Arsenal play Aston Villa and Chelsea will play at home to Liverpool in what is probably the clash of the weekend.

Tuesday saw the return of Champions League Football. Liverpool went down to a rare defeat as they loss 2-0 away at Napoli in Group E. Napoli took the lead after they were awarded a controversial penalty. Former Spurs player Llorente capitalised on a mistake by Van Dijk to complete the scoring.

In group H Chelsea loss at home against Spanish side Valencia 1-0. Ross Barkley had the chance to equalise for the Blues from the penalty spot but fired over.

On Wednesday Spurs went 2-0 up against Olympiakos only for the Greek team to comeback and score 2 goals of their own.

City was the only EPL team to win in the Champions League this week as they defeated Shakhtar Donesk 3-0.

In the game of match week one PSG defeated Real Madrid 3-0.



SHFA League Results Week 11

Saturday

Harts 9 v 1 Axis

Goals for Harts – Shane Stroud 4, Sean Lee Thomas 3, Simon Scipio, Brandon Harris

Goal for Axis – Own Goal

YPOM – Sean Lee Thomas of Harts

MOM – Shane Stroud of Harts

Bellboys 6 v 1 Wizards

Goals for Bellboys – Andrew Yon 3, Wayne Crowie, Ryan Benjamin, Matthias Young

Goal for Wizards – Jaime Ellick

MOM – Ryan Benjamin of Bellboys

Sunday

Lakers 6 v 1 Saints

Goals for Lakers – Louis Barnikel 2, Christopher Herne 2, Jace Williams, Jordan Johnson

Goals for Saints – Brooks

MOM – Jordan Johnson of Lakers

Rovers 3 v 1 Wirebirds

Goals for Rovers – Rico Benjamin, Ronan Legg, Brett Isaac

Goal for Wirebirds – Alex Osborne

YPOM – Brett Isaac of Rovers

MOM – Rico Benjamin of Rovers

Fixtures

Sat 21/9

3.30 Rovers v Axis

Ref: Wayne Crowie Org: Bellboys

1.30 FC Lakers v Wirebirds

Ref: Mike E Williams Org: Harts

Sun 22/9

1.30 Harts v Wizards

Ref: Alistar Buckley Org: Wirebirds

3.30 Bellboys v Saints

Ref: Luke Bennett Org: Axis

Sat 28/9

1.30 Wizards v Saints

Ref: Mike E Williams Org: Harts

3.30 Axis v FC Lakers

Ref: Keith Yon Org: Rovers

Sun 29/9

1.30 Wirebirds v Bellboys

Ref: Wayne Yon Org: Wizards

3.30 Harts v Rovers

Ref: Gibby Young Org: Saints



Junior Football

The 9 aside and 11 aside league matches will start on Saturday 21st September.

9.15 9 aside pitch: Jungle Rangers v Yellow Devils

Referee: Kyle Yon

9.15 11 aside pitch: Titans v Galacticos

Referee: Gareth Johnson

Meeting

Members of the Public are invited to attend

An Extra Ordinary General meeting of the National Sports Association St Helena

to be held at the
Education Learning Centre
on Tuesday 24 September 2019
at 7.00 pm.

Agenda

Election of Committee

Any Other Business

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TIP OF THE WEEK

If it takes a long time
for the hot water to
reach the shower, use
it as an opportunity
to collect water for
other uses, such as
watering
houseplants.

VACANCY FOR PUBLIC EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTRATOR

The Education & Employment Directorate has a vacancy for a Public Examinations Administrator. The successful post holder will be based at Prince Andrew School and will be responsible for the registration and administration of all external tests, public examinations and vocational assessments for students.

Applicants should have a grade C or above in GCSE Maths and English. A recognised qualification in IT is desirable. The ideal candidate must be self motivated and have good interpersonal skills.

Salary for the post is Grade C, £8613 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penelope Bowers, Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or e-mail penelope.bowers@princeandrew.edu.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 01 October 2019.

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

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
19 September 2019



FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for sale by tender the following on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

- Mazda runner mini bus formerly Registered as vehicle number 2082 - Reserve Price £1,000.00
- Ford Spectrum mini bus formerly Registered as vehicle number 2081- Reserve Price £1,000.00
- Ford Spectrum mini bus formerly Registered as vehicle number 2085 – certain mechanical parts are no longer fitted - Reserve Price £500.00
- Used Spectrum bus parts – seats, doors, bumper and some mechanical items
- Forklift formerly registered as vehicle number 2891

For further information, interested persons can contact Ian Gough, General Manager Services & Properties on telephone 22380 or email: GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh or Dave Leo, Transport & Auto Shop Supervisor on telephone 22638 or email: solomons.autoshop@helanta.co.sh

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating what you are tendering for on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 30 September 2019.

19 September 2019



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

11th September

	Parttimers -528		Bt	Extractors - 507	
Ladies - H. Sc:	Stacey Williams	54		Kimberley Thomas	64
Gents - H. Sc:	David Reynolds	72		Julian Fuller	68
Ladies - H. Sp:	Stacey Williams	15		Kimberley Thomas	12
Gents - H. Sp:	David Reynolds	16		Gary Joshua	15

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 23rd. September: Guys & Dolls v Rusty Pistols (Postponed match)

Wednesday 25th. September: Extractors v Strugglers (Knock Out)

Monday 7th. October: Rusty Pistols v Strugglers (Postponed Match)

Thank You

The Women's Corona Society would like to thank all who bought tickets for Baking theme raffle, winners are:

1st Mrs Irene Harris, Main Street, Ticket no 3, Electric Hand mixer

2nd Miss Joan Yon, Barrack square, Ticket no 4, Kitchen scales,

3rd Mrs Sheena Williams, The Briars Ticket no 3 mixing bowl.

4th Mrs Mavis George, Half way, ticket no 2 Angel Baking pan.,

5th Mrs liz Young, Harris flat, ticket no 4 cooling rack

6th Mrs Greta Plato, Jamestown, ticket no 12, Sandwich baking pans,

7th Mrs Dorothy Young, The Gardens, ticket no 7, Sieve and measuring spoons,

8th Mrs Sylvia Henry, Cape Villa, ticket no 6 Balloon whisk, and wooden spoons,

The results of the monthly 200club draw for August 2019 winners are

1st Prize Shirley George, Main Street, Jamestown

2nd Prize Chloe Duncan, Sapperway,

3rd Prize Chloe Duncan Sapperway,

Thank You

The St Matthew's and St Mark's Ladies Guild would like to thank everyone who attended their Coffee Morning on August 26th 2019. The amount raised was £285. Thanks are also extended to those who gave donations and prizes for the Raffle.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL – SOLAR STREET LIGHTS FOR JAMESTOWN

Reference: ENRD-0275-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Requests for Proposal for Solar Street lights for Jamestown.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-Procurement system which can be accessed via:

<https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

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

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Christy Joshua, Procurement Officer.

E-mail: christy.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 11 October 2019.

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12 September 2019



St Helena
Government

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on

**Wednesday, 2nd October 2019, at 10
am at the**

**St Helena Community College,
Jamestown.**

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

The Agenda and redacted versions of the Handling Reports will be available on the SHG Web Page LDCA Agenda and Reports

Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270.

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

Drugs

Addie Thomas

Last week it seemed such a coincidence that I had a fifteen minute conversation with a medicinal cannabis supplier. I also watched a program on BBC on the subject and since it is such a hot topic on the island, I thought I would write about it. I look for circumstances to inspire me to write these days and I am inspired by this topic.

I have a family member and close friends who have battled with extreme pain and the Big C. There's got to be a way to unlock this 'plague' which is cancer. Can cannabis really reduce tumours?

The BBC did this program on the legalisation and testing of medicinal cannabis and I watched this with such intrigue having only recently seen discussions on legalisation take place on the island. How informed are our Government when making the necessary decisions around this? Where does it start? Where does it end? How do we manage the clinical side based on best first hand knowledge available around testing when the best science is still trying to understand causal effects of its use?

There is a stigma attached to drug taking, obviously this is because it has been proven that certain street drugs are devastating to our health. Here is the independent's top ten list of the most dangerous street drugs at present. You may look at the list and see some of the more popular names, you may not have heard of some of the others. I can assure you that Bath Salts aren't your normal bathing salts.

- Purple Drank
- Scopolamine
- Heroin
- Crack cocaine
- Crystal Meth
- AH-7921
- Flakka
- Bath Salts
- Whoonga
- Krokodil

There are others we can add to the list, especially illegal highs such as 'Spice' and 'Black Mamba', two synthetic cannabinoids. Synthetic being a man-made concoction of chemicals. To walk The Strand, Charing Cross, Trafalgar Square, The Embankment and surrounding areas will expose you to the effects of these illegal highs.

Absolute degradation to society. Never before have I seen in our society such visible deterioration. More and more homeless people are ending up on our streets and then their behavioural patterns alter to cope with street life with an every increasing drug population.

I worked in pharmacy for many years. Whitechapel was one of our best performing pharmacies. Why? It had a methadone machine because of the number of heroin addicts that frequented for treatment, even people going into the city with suits and ties on. Yes folks, drugs affects every pay grade and culture.



Cornwall for instance also has a growing drug use 'epidemic'. Employment is low, Cornwall being very much a seasonal destination, young people would come out of school and have very few vocations to choose from. We chatted to a couple of young people one evening in Padstow and they said that they did not have the network, finances or courage to leave Cornwall and create a better life. Is this how some of our youngsters feel on the island too?

It's always the case that harmful crutches prey on the most vulnerable which is why I am saddened by the depraved drug traders who make a profit not quite understanding perhaps, or even caring about the effects on not just the person they are selling to but their families, friends and entire communities.

However.....

After researching medicinal cannabis I was intrigued by what I found. Folks, I am in no way qualified, I am not a scientist, I am simply offering you my observations, as I have always suggested, make it what you will.

Carly Barton from Brighton was the first person to receive legally prescribed cannabis in the UK. Carly suffered with a stroke in her twenties and she described the pain in her body and bones as being stabbed internally with a hot poker. Imagine living with that pain daily? She remained on opioids for a long time (opioids being opium from the poppy plant) and whilst the pain was lessened, she spent most of her days in a dazed state with very little quality of life.

Since she started taking cannabis through black market measures and then via NHS prescription (and she had to spend over £2k on her own prescription so it is inevitable that she returns to the black market) she has quality of life all over again.

The two main components of cannabis are CBD and THC and there are hundreds of different cannabis plants. These two components stimulate 'reactors' in the brain according to their specific properties. The issue with trials and testing is that tests would need to be carried out on the individual species so it will take considerable time and investment to fully understand the benefits vs. the side-effects for the many hundreds of plants.

Drugs

Addie Thomas

It is the THC component which creates the 'high' which social drug takers seek. It is also suggested that THC is responsible for long term effects (paranoia through schizophrenia, memory loss etc). If you are a social drug taker, what strain are you taking? What are the side effects for you? What kind of life will you lead in not knowing the full impact of the chemicals you are absorbing into your body / blood stream?

I continue to read about the emerging medicinal cannabis market and I believe there is so much to celebrate. During my time on the island, there were many concerns about the effects of cannabis on our society and those concerns are just because of the lack of trialling and research. No folks, cannabis in every form is not proven safe.

I chatted with the same medicinal cannabis firm again today. Equatorial countries are using wastelands to now cultivate cannabis for manufacture. Is there a chance of cultivating on St Helena with the correct 'policing'? We should understand our ethical responsibility to society in doing this.

This is about flooding the market with produce for trials, for prescription, for potential cures/treatment for illnesses which have plagued our society for too long. I would like to see an end to cancer, could cannabis be the key? Could components linked with other plant based medicines be the key? Could we see yet another revolution against human culling epidemics?

On a separate note, I've started working in the Old Bank of England Bar near the Royal Courts of Justice and what a blast. It's great being on the other end of Customer Service (hail to you those people in hospitality on the island) in a City Pub, I can only use the excuse that "today is my first day" so many times. It's something I have always wanted to do (although I have been a waitress in long days gone by) because the requirement to be on point is instant and reactive problem-solving can be so unforgiving in front of a customer. I'm doing ok :)

I had a wonderful meeting with Kedall last Friday. She's such a knowledgeable person with a very pragmatic approach. I could have sat and chatted to her for hours. My hope is that we engage more with Kedall as she has so much to offer whether you are thinking of moving back to the island, moving to the UK or just trying to understand Island Politics better. She really cares about the island and what happens there. Just because you don't hear from her doesn't mean she isn't fighting a cause in the UK for the islanders.

I have offered (unpaid) my attendance to Kedall when it comes to visiting St Helena dignitaries to the UK so that I may stay abreast of current political trends. I hope that I may once again meet Governor Rushbrook in November with other UK based St Helenians to enhance understanding of how we can HELP the changes afoot.

My fellow Islanders, have a wonderful weekend.....

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/84:** FULL Planning Application for **Formation of Access Road**, Hutts Gate, Longwood on Parcel 0099 Alarm Forest, adjacent to the property of Mr Daniel Crowie. Applicant: Linda V Thomas

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

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

Public Review & Representations Closing Date: 4pm – 4th October 2019

**Shane Williams
Planning Officer**



ROAD CLOSURE NEW GROUND TO SUNNY SIDE JUNCTION

The following is a public announcement from the Roads Section:

The Roads Section would like to advise the public that the road from Mr Nigel Dollery's residence, New Ground, to Sunny Side Junction will be closed from 9am to 3pm on weekdays between Monday, 23 September, and Friday, 4 October 2019. This closure is to allow the Roads Section to repair the retaining wall near Mr Joe Terry's residence in Young's Valley.

During this closure, only residents in the affected area and Emergency Services will be granted access. Appropriate signage will be in place. The diversion route for this closure will be via Sunny Side Road or Sapper Way.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

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17 September 2019



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)

Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and

Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given of an Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) to be held on 5th October 2019 at SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay at 10:00 am

Agenda:

- 1. Welcome.**
- 2. Apologies**
- 3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting**
- 4. Chair of Directors Report**
- 5. Treasurer's report**
- 6. Appointment of Directors**
- 7. Any Other Current Business**

Note: Any member or representative of a corporate member, except an employee member, who wishes to be considered for appointment as a community or corporate member at the annual general meeting must lodge with the company secretary a written notice of his/her willingness to be appointed, signed by him/her, at least seven days before the date of the annual general meeting.

Lolly Young (lolly@helanta.co.sh)
Chair SHAPE Board of Directors
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay

Sponsored Busy Hands



**Fund Raiser with a Difference
In Aid of the Women's Corona Society
Wednesday, 16 October 2019**

Place:

"Harlyn"

Half Tree Hollow

Time:

7-9pm

**LADIES, GENTS YOUNG PEOPLE -
KEEP YOUR HANDS PURPOSEFULLY
BUSY FOR UP TO TWO HOURS!**

**YOU CAN HAVE FUN WITH:
CRAFT WORK, LAPTOP WORK,
LETTER/CARD WRITING, MUSIC,
SORTING ITEMS/
PHOTOS, ETC.**

Plan for the Evening:

- Please arrive from 6pm with your sponsor paper and money - so that details can be checked in advance for the prize presentation on the night.
- Sponsor activities will start promptly at 7pm.
- Tea/coffee & light refreshments will be on offer, following completion of activities and prize presentation.
- No charge for refreshments but a small donation is appreciated.

Sponsor Forms are
available from:

J. Patsy Flagg - 23727
Hazel Stevens - 24333
Doreen Bagley - 23446
Margaret Duncan - 24484

**IT'S YOUR
CHOICE
FOR YOUR
BENEFIT!**

Just work at getting as
many sponsors as you
can, or...

If it's a last minute
decision just turn up
on the night and give a
donation!

ST HELENA CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL YOUTH DAY

In recognition of the United Nations International Youth Day, the Children & Adults Social Care Directorate's Safe Haven Project hosted a special event to celebrate young people on St Helena at the Mule Yard, Jamestown, today, Friday 13 September 2019.

The event ran from 10am-3pm and was hosted for Year 9 and 10 students of Prince Andrew School.

The programme for the day included the Jamestown Amazing Race, Lunch, where students were issued vouchers for meals, drinks and a treat, novelty sports in the Leisure Park and an Apple Eating Competition. Young people who did not wish to participate in specific events were able to take part in other activities at the Mule Yard.

Medals and badges for students who took part in the various activities were presented by Youth Leader, Nick Stevens, and his team from New Horizons.

The speeches took place at the Mule Yard at 2.45pm.

Children's Champion, Councillor Derek Thomas, spoke at the event and said:

"The youth are our future leaders and as the Island develops we will rely on our Youth to step up and form the skill base which we will need. Our education system is also expanding and providing greater learning opportunities.

"As the Children's Champion I am pleased to say that I am working with the Head Boy of Prince Andrew School, Isaac Greentree, to try and re-establish a Youth Parliament. Once re-established this will provide a platform and a voice for our youth to properly engage with Elected Members and discuss



The start of the Jamestown Amazing Race

topics which they feel will lead to shaping their future. With the support of my colleagues, I look forward to taking this forward."

The event concluded with closing remarks by United Nations Safe Haven Project Manager, Nicolene Adams. Nicolene said: "To all of the youth on St Helena, International Youth Day is a reminder that you are competent, smart, strong and motivated to do things you want. Each of you have a combination of high energies, intelligent brains and smartness – the formula for a successful St Helena."

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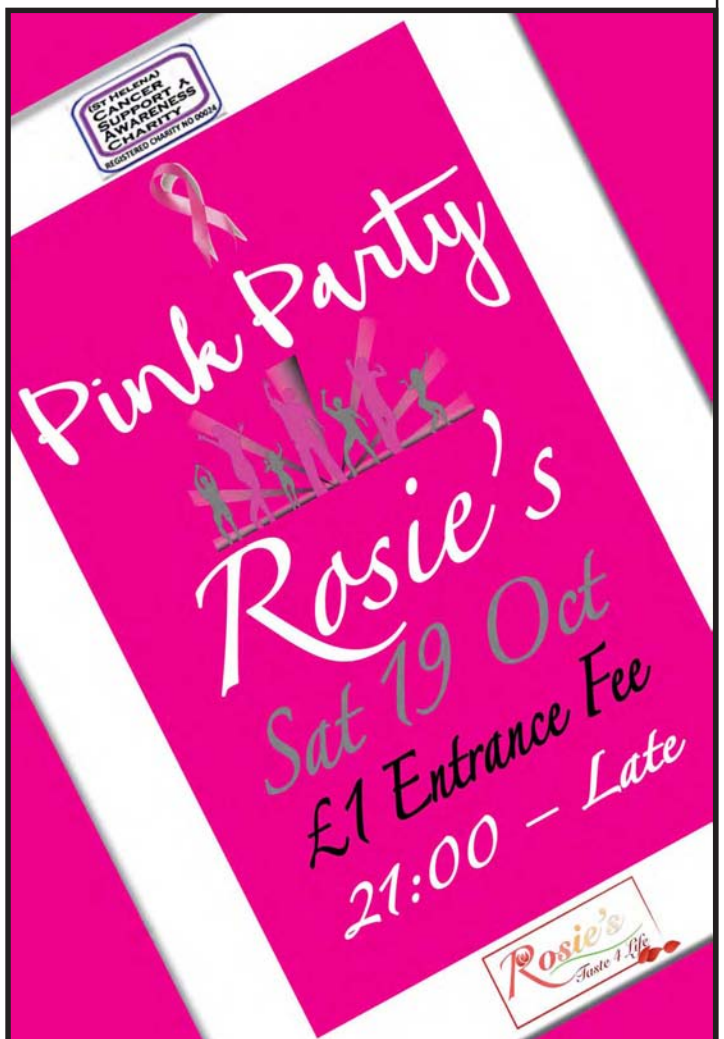
13 September 2019



Lunch in the Mule Yard



DJ Colin Peters





PINK WALK 19

SUNDAY 27 OCTOBER 19
STARTING FROM THE MULE YARD
REGISTRATION @ 1400 WALK STARTS @ 1500



NEON PARTY

DONNY'S
Sat 2 Nov 19
£1 Entrance Fee
21:00 - LATE

FUNDRAISING & AWARENESS MONTH

**(ST HELENA)
CANCER
SUPPORT &
AWARENESS
CHARITY**

REGISTERED CHARITY NO 00024

Saturday 5th - COFFEE MORNING
Jamestown Community Centre
10.30 am - 1pm, Tickets £2 each
From Committee Members or call
Marlene 23030 - Olive 22392

Sunday 6th - Private Function
Cancer Patients/Spouses
(By Invitation)



Thursday 10th @ 7pm
HEALING SERVICE
St John's Church
All ARE WELCOME!

Friday 11th
**HEALTH & WELLBEING
PRESENTATION**
Followed by Healthy Buffet
Rosie's Restaurant
(Time to be confirmed)

Saturday 12th
**PINK COCKTAIL
PARTY**
V2 Paradise

Thursday 17th
Fundraising & Awareness STALL
In Front of The Cannister - 10.30am
(Donations of Cupcakes/
cakes etc welcomed)

Saturday 19th
PINK PARTY
Rosie's Restaurant
(Evening event)

Sunday 20th
PINK TEA
Mantis Hotel - 3pm - 5pm
(Tickets from Mantis Hotel)

Sunday 20th
PINK SUNDAY
V2 Paradise

Thursday 24th
FAMILY BINGO - 8pm
J/Town Community Centre

Friday 25th
PINK LADY'S NITE
V2 Paradise

Sunday 27th
PINK WALK
Starting from Mule Yard
Registration @ 2pm - Walk starts 3pm

Saturday 2nd November
DONNY'S NEON PARTY
Starting @ 9pm

Auditions

Your chance to be part of a special show
in a very special place....

One day - two performances
at **HIGH KNOLL FORT** in mid-February 2020

Love ABBA? Fancy a singing or acting part -
or just want to be part of the chorus?



**COME ALONG TO AN INFORMAL,
NON-SCARY WORKSHOP AUDITION
SO WE CAN PUT A GREAT CAST
TOGETHER,
ON: SATURDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER
10.00 - 12.00 AT: JAMESTOWN
COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Further cast details: See Creative Saint Helena
Facebook page, email:
creativesainthelena@gmail.com or call 23988

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