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## **One result of Andrew Mitchell's St Helena research, "coffee liqueur produced in St Helena is absolutely superb. I have three bottles of it"**

While the St Helena Research Institute was being officially launched at Anne's Place on Tuesday a similar event was taking place, at the same time, at the St Helena Government Office near Regent's Park, London. The SHG UK representative, Kedell Worboys, hosted the event; introducing the guest speaker, Andrew Mitchell MP who is also the chairman of the St Helena All Party Parliamentary Group. Other speakers were Tara Pelembe who was involved with the formation of the St Helena Research Institute (SHRI) from the beginning and Kirsty Joshua who recently left St Helena to make her mark in the UK. The attendees were officials from HMG departments and agencies, St Helena graduates, other OT Government Representatives, as well as representatives from universities, academia, NGOs and the CPA UK branch.

Tara is the deputy director of SHRI's sister organisation the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) and is also extremely active at the UK Joint Nature Conservation Committee. Kirsty Joshua also spoke about SHRI to the people assembled for the well attended London launch. Kirsty too, had an involvement with the formation of SHRI and now works for Innovate UK which part of the UK Government sponsored UK Research and Innovation, the national funding agency investing in science and research across the whole of the UK with a budget of more than £6 billion. As well as Innovate UK, Research England and seven Research Councils are part of UK Research and Innovation. Tara Pelembe pointed out during her presentation that research depends on individual researchers developing their work based on a network on individual relationships and trust. Tara and Kirsty are two of several Saints overseas who are doing just that and the rest of us can only benefit from it.

Also attending the London launch was recently graduated Alexia Lawrence who achieved a first class honours in biomedical science at Kingston University. In addition, Alexia was top of her group at Kingston University; she was also awarded the prestigious Institute of Biomedical Sciences President's Prize and won two Kingston University Dean's prizes for consistent performance and best performance during her degree course.

Alexia Lawrence, one of a new generation of Saint academics to follow in the footsteps of Tara, Kirsty and many more. David Clarke, Jordan Clingham and Kyle Shoesmith are three



more high-flyers from the Class of 2019

The format for the London launch was very similar to the simultaneous event at Anne's Place. Andrew Mitchell filled the slot in the programme occupied by Governor Rushbrook at the St Helena launch. Mitchell spoke about his visits to some 'interesting' parts of the world where he has been under fire and at least within earshot of explosive devices being detonated in every direction. All that aside, St Helena is the most fascinating of all locations Andrew Mitchell has visited. He described the wind shear scare as 'misinformation' and remained "filled with optimism" about St Helena's economic future. What St Helena needs now, Mitchell said are visionary entrepreneurs to kick start the long awaited benefits arising from the opening of the airport. There is already a solid foundation for tourism based economic growth and the "absolutely superb coffee liqueur produced in St Helena" is part of the potential which needs to be exploited by visionary entrepreneurs.



**Andrew Mitchell at the London launch of the St Helena Research Institute**



**Kirsty Joshua speaking in London**



**Wendy Benjamin - Chair, St Helena Research Institute Council, at Anne's Place (See page 30-31)**

## FORMAL OPENING OF SUPREME COURT MONDAY, 11 NOVEMBER 2019

The formal opening of the St Helena Supreme Court took place at 9am today, Monday 11 November 2019.

The opening commenced as His Lordship, the Chief Justice, Charles Ekins Esq, entered the Courthouse accompanied by the Sheriff of St Helena, Mrs Ethel Yon OBE, Bishop Dale Bowers, and Chief Magistrate, Nicholas Aldridge (see photo attached). Lawyers, Justices of the Peace, officials, and members of the public were also in attendance.

Acting Attorney General, Allen Cansick, welcomed the Lord Chief Justice and introduced members of the Attorney General's (AG's) Chambers, the Public Solicitor's Office, Lay Advocates and the Probation Service to the Supreme Court. This was followed by an address from the Chief Justice. In his address the Chief Justice acknowledged today being a day of remembrance. He spoke about remembering the Rule of Law and its importance.

The Chief Justice said:

"In essence the Rule of Law is the guardian of any civilised society. Everyone in this community is innately connected to the Rule of Law and has a role in upholding it. It is, I think, sometimes a concept that we take for granted, but, as I say,



at this time of remembrance, it is worth acknowledging the central role that it plays in our society and giving thanks, therefore, for those who have enabled its preservation."

The Chief Justice then spoke directly to members of the AG's Chambers, Public Solicitors Office and Probation Service. He welcomed Crown Counsel (Civil Litigation) Bianca Huggins and Crown Counsel (Criminal) Amanda Bailey to their first sitting of Supreme Court before acknowledging the important role of Catherine Williams as the new Legislative Drafter within the AG's Chambers. The Chief Justice then said it was a pleasure to see Assistant Crown Counsel, Alwyn Thomas, back within the AG's Chambers before stating his disappointment that Legal Officer, Nikita Crowie, would be leaving. Finally, His Lordship welcomed Kylie Hercules to the Public Solicitor's Office and Laura Aston to the Probation Service and said he looked forward to the continuing assistance of the Probation team.

The St Helena Supreme Court will continue until Friday, 29 November 2019.

**SHG**

**11 November 2019**



### INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past

#### Picture 9...



NAME THIS HOUSE....

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer.

*CLUE: Not in town, but not quite country either.....*

#### ANSWERS TO PICTURES 7 & 8....

7. Mr Freddie Wade (Winner: Doris Benjamin—Smith's Point)
8. St Helena Regiment (Winner: Fred Thomas—Longwood)



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# Editorial

The second hurricane force storm to hit Tristan in three months this year has brought home to all who care to notice the power and strength that can be summoned from the sinews of the Tristan community. After the first storm in July everyone in the Settlement gathered together and got on with repairing the storm damage as best they could. Within a short period buildings the wind had ripped open to the skies were water-tight once more. A special squad formed of pensioners also got to work on repairs to damaged buildings.

The second storm, just two weeks ago, was as severe as the first and the damage to recently repaired buildings was also similar to the damage caused by the July storm. This time, a reasonable supply of building materials were available and a few additional people brought in to help after the July storm were on hand. A day or two after the second storm there was an 'All Hands Day' when everyone who could stand, including the walking wounded, made themselves available to repair the storm damaged buildings once more. The result was impressive. Repairs were completed on three large building with severely damaged roofs before All Hands Day came to a close. The Pensioners Squad turned out in force and helped to make sure all work was completed in time for tea. All Hands Day started at 6:30am and all planned work was completed by 4pm; a tremendous achievement.

It occurred to me the entire Tristan population deserve recognition for their robust and united response to the widespread damage the storms left in their wake. It was several weeks before the MFV Edinburgh arrived with a supply of building materials and one or two additional people with appropriate

skills. Immediately after the storm and for some weeks afterwards the Tristanians were on their own and nothing could change that. They just got on with it and did the best they could with what they had.

There are many community awards; awards of all sorts for all sorts of communities. But I have not yet found an award which gives recognition to a community because that community has shown the rest of us how brilliantly well results can be achieved if a community acts as a community in every sense of the word by pulling together and achieving great things despite extreme difficulties. I will continue looking for a suitable community award recognition scheme but all I have ever found is awards for best gardens, technological advances and business awards. If there is not a community award for a community which is the best example of community strength at a time of extreme adversity then it's time there was such an award. With all the famine, floods, draughts, terrorism and repression around the world there must be many communities with uplifting stories about unsung heroes the rest of us don't even know exist. For the moment though it is an award for the Tristan community which is top priority.

**Vince**

## ***Wreath Laying on the Darkdale***



**Left to right: Joe Hollins, Craig Yon and Leigh Morris  
(photo: Karl Thrower)**



***An ecumenical helping hand; Father David offers his arm to Father Clive as they walk towards the cenotaph on Remembrance Sunday***



***The Governor Arrested?***

# What is the Minimum Income Standard?

The Minimum Income Standard, or MIS, is the cost of a basket of goods and services that are intended to represent a socially acceptable minimum amount required for an adult individual to live on St Helena; it is often thought of as St Helena's poverty line. The latest value of the full MIS is £91.51 per week, which is an increase of £20.18 (or 28%) during the six years since it was introduced. The Minimum Wage is currently £125.20 a week based on working a 40 hour week at £3.13 an hour. The Basic Island Pension (BIP) was raised to £74 a week on 3<sup>rd</sup> October and the Incomes Related Benefit (IRB) to £71.50 for single adults. IRB claimants are paid £20 below what is considered by some to be the poverty line. People who rely on BIP do not fair much better. The £20 difference is the housing rental cost estimate built into the overall MIS calculation, for IRB claimants rent is paid in a different way so the house rent estimate is deducted.

This week the Government Statistics Office released figures on the Minimum Income Standard since its inception in 2013. Since January last year the very detailed list of items and quantities which are thought to be necessary as an acceptable minimum for one adult to 'live' on have been revalued at six-monthly intervals; in previous years the revaluation was done on an annual basis. The latest £91.51 a week MIS was calculated in July this year.

The list of foods used in the MIS calculation assumes people on the poverty line are all members of the St Helena Temperance Society; teetotallers to the last man (and woman). The Food and Non-Alcoholic Beverages category of the MIS is valued at £33.73 per week. The liquid allowed to pass the lips of people who are down on their uppers includes instant coffee - 25g a week, gravy granules - 20g, low fat milk - 1.2 litres and tea - 14 bags or two cups a day. Fizzy drinks are blacklisted along with alcohol.



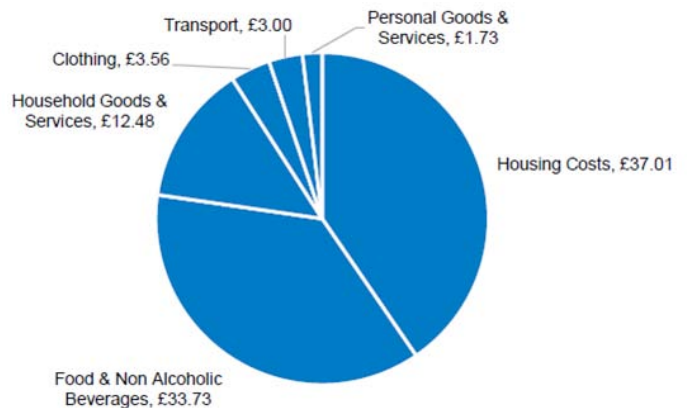
**Fierce looking females speak out against the Devil's brew**

Fresh fruit includes 5 apples or pears and 4 bananas week. One large wholemeal loaf, 150g of cheese and 200g of low fat margarine and 50g of peanut butter are available for a sandwich ration while porridge (250g) and Weetabix (40g) are listed as the breakfast cereals. There is a good range of fresh vegetables listed but the usual half-a-dozen eggs very awkwardly become 7 eggs a week or one a day. Meat is chicken

breast, pork chops, tinned ham, stewing steak and two sausages, which is impossible. Sausages usually come in a pack of six and they will not last three weeks so the last two can be used.

One gram of black pepper is used in the calculation and 20g of garlic. Salt is not in the calculation but 80g of sugar is included. Four grams of curry powder are used in the calculation as well as half a stock cube, a dash of tomato sauce and a splash of vegetable oil.

Costings for clothes have the same level of detail. A pair of shoes is estimated to last a year and a pair of trainers six months but flip flops are expected to soldier on for two years. Socks and underpants are also given a one year life. Household furniture is expected to last 15 years and the cooker, washing machine and fridge/freezer are expected to give 10 years service. If a new cooker is expected to cost £650 when the time comes to buy another, £1.25 has to be saved each week so the cash is available to pay for it in 10 years time. The same goes for the fridge/freezer, the washing machine, the curtains, the furniture and so forth. Surely anyone trying to keep to the Minimum Income Standard is driven to drink.



**Where the money is calculated to be spent when you haven't got much**

## ST HELENA TOURISM ASSOCIATION AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St Helena Tourism Association will be held at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Tuesday, 3 December 2019, at 6.30pm.

The agenda will be as follows:

- Welcome/Apologies
- Confirmation of Minutes
- Chairman's Report
- Presentation of Accounts
- Election of Officers
- Any Other Business

All are warmly welcome to attend.

## Arriving in 2021 from Napoleon Bonaparte airport



### If Luc Berini has his way

Napoleon Bonaparte airport is at Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica and is the birthplace of Emperor Napoleon. Luc Berini is the president of the board of management at Air Corsica. The Air Corsica headquarters are at Napoleon Bonaparte airport. The island of Napoleon's birth and the island of Napoleon's death came face to face when Johnny Clingham, Saint FM's techno-wizard in the UK and all-round willing and capable organiser, presenter and producer met Luc Berini at the World Travel Market in London. Johnny invited the president of Air Corsica to visit the St Helena exhibition stand at the World Travel Market. Luc Berini cancelled an appointment to make the visit possible.

Soon after Luc Berini arrived at the St Helena exhibition stand Johnny Clingham had him lined up for a live radio interview on Saint FM. Mr Berini was certain there would be a lot of demand from Corsicans for flights to St Helena. Air Corsica has a fleet of twelve planes; half of them are Airbus A320s which are suited to the local characteristics of St Helena airport. A320s can carry up to 180 passengers. Napoleon is very popular with the population of 320,000 Corsicans on the island of Napoleon's birth, especially in his birthplace Ajaccio. Mr Berini compared Napoleon in Ajaccio with the Queen in London; very popular, a great tourist attraction and the reason for many thousands of souvenir sales every year. Mr Berini thought St Helena would be especially popular with Corsicans in 2021, the bicentenary of Napoleon's death. He thought it would be possible to organise a series of flights from Corsica to St Helena to coincide with the bicentenary celebrations. If Air Corsica found it was not operationally possible to fly their own planes direct to St Helena then a travel package could be put together where Air Corsica connects with other airlines either in Europe or Africa giving flight connections to St Helena.

Showing keen interest in the commercial possibilities for this 2021 bicentenary project Luc Bernini remained on the St Helena exhibition stand to continue



**Luc Berini, President of Air Corsica**

discussing its potential with ESH Tourism Manager Mellissa Fowler and Martin George, ESH director. 57 year old Luc Berini was born in Corsica and started a career in air transport in 1985. He was previously the commercial director for Air Corsica from 2000 to 2007 and has held various positions with several other French airlines. Air Corsica started in 1990 as a regional carrier and operates air services to several destinations in France as well as to Belgium, UK, Italy, Hungary and the Czech Republic. Berini was appointed president of Air Corsica in September this year.

Anthony Thomas of Sub-Tropic Adventures was with the ESH Tourism team at the World Travel Market promoting his business and St Helena as a destination for divers. He also offers destination management services, meaning he will organise everything for his clients from accommodation to tours and eating out. When speaking live on air with Johnny Clingham on the prospect of a series of planes each with around 180 passengers aboard Anthony Nails said the work involved in arranging holidays would be too much for one destination management company in St Helena; even if the series of planes meant just two Air Corsica flights arriving around the time of the bicentenary of Napoleon's death. While the extra business was wholeheartedly welcomed, Nails could foresee a big operation involving every part of St Helena tourism services. Mellissa Fowler and Martin George were

both excited about the prospect and said discussions on developing the project with Air Corsica had already started and they would work on it as a high priority from now on.

Mellissa said this was her second tour of duty at the World Travel Market and found the 2019 exhibition busier than three years ago. She had met many tour operators and individuals; some were familiar faces, others were new. One tour operator whose clients had been stranded in Jo'burg for several days when they organised a St Helena tour package in 2017 told Mellissa they are now organising another. When returning to St Helena Mellissa will arrange a meeting with Jo'burg Tourism on joint working which could be mutually beneficial.

Martin George mentioned an interview with BBC World News where the discussion on sustainable tourism appeared to be well received by the interviewer and thinks they may be some follow up involvement as a result. Other potentially important connections were made or strengthened, some of the organisations being well resourced with a global reach. Some of the more important contacts were involved with protecting fragile environments from the rougher effects of tourists and tourism. Martin returns to St Helena having had a successful involvement with the International Tourism and Investment Conference and the possibility that St Helena may win an award for sustainable tourism economic development.

Also part of the team on the St Helena exhibition stand was Sarah Long of the Brighter Group; the PR company working with ESH Tourism. For the World Travel Market, the Brighter Group used both their own and ESH's contacts to encourage representatives of businesses in the tourism trade to visit the St Helena exhibition stand. She told Johnny that St Helena offers 'the authentic experience' which is what is demanded today by travellers in Britain. For Kelly Jonas too it was her second World Travel Market. Johnny Clingham

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was at the same event and doing the same live broadcasts when Kelly made her first visit. Speaking with a range of people associated with tourism, answering emails and offering samples of the coffee liqueur from the St Helena Distillery were some of the jobs in Kelly's long, busy day. Sophie Joshua was making her first appearance at the World Travel Market and said it was as busy as she was warned it would be. Apart from people in the tourism trade Sophie had seen journalists from magazines and a few bloggers; people who

use social media to communicate rather than the traditional magazines and newspapers. Social media is increasing in importance as an influence in tourism and needs to be accommodated in the same way as writers and journalists. Anthony Nails, who is also a board member at ESH said we need to see results from events such as the World Travel Market. That means more tour operators bringing more tourists to St Helena. But, when a tour operator finds St Helena for the first time at the World Travel Mar-

ket, or other similar events, it can take them two to three years to do their research and costings, organise a St Helena tour to sell on their websites or in brochures and start taking bookings. Nails said the 2021 bicentenary is big on some other stands, particularly the French and more selling through tour operators would help. For Anthony Nails the peak season will be starting soon after he returns and will continue through to the end of April/early May. Diving is not looking too bad at the moment.

## OFFICIAL LIST OF CANDIDATES FOR BYE-ELECTION 2019

Returning Officer, Carol George, this afternoon, Wednesday 13 November 2019, announced the names of the five Candidates who will be standing for the Bye-Election to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council.

The candidates are as follows:

**Gillian Ann Brooks:** of Upper Cow Path, Half Tree Hollow

**Jeffrey Robert Ellick:** of Police Quarters, Alarm Forest

**Jeremy James Johns:** of Nr. Harlyn, Half Tree Hollow

**Elizabeth Knipe:** of Perkin's Gutt, Sandy Bay

**Lionel George Williams:** of 'Brenville', Nr. Half Tree Hollow, St Pauls

The list of nominated candidates, including the names of Sponsors, can be found in the Extraordinary Gazette Notice 94 - 13 November 2019, available on the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/news/government-gazettes/>.

Polling Day is set for Wednesday, 27 November 2019. Details on how and where to vote will be published in next week's newspapers.

**SHG**

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## ROAD CLOSURE GENERAL HOSPITAL TO NEW BRIDGE POND

The following is a Public Announcement from the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate:

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road from the General Hospital to New Bridge Pond to be closed from 9am to 3pm on Tuesday, 19 November, and Wednesday, 20 November 2019.

This closure is to allow the Roads Section to carry out slurry works in this area.

While the road is closed, the diversion route will be via Side Path Road and only emergency services will be granted access.

The public is thanked in advance for their continued support and understanding.

**SHG**

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# Statements From Election Candidates



## **VOTE GILLIAN BROOKS**

St Helena is my home. I was born, raised and educated here. I started my career on St Helena working for local companies, the St Helena Government and on-board the RMS St Helena.

I spent twenty years living and working in the UK, including working at the office of the St Helena Representative in London. Whilst in the UK, I became a student with Stonebridge Associated Colleges and through extended learning, successfully completed three diploma courses

Cognitive Behaviour Therapy (CBT)

Depression Management

Drug, Solvent and Alcohol Abuse Counselling

Since returning home in 2017, I have worked as a Lay Advocate and am currently employed as a Manager with the Children and Adults Social Care Directorate. From both of these roles, I have gained knowledge and continue to learn of the problems that so many of our society are facing.

Why am I putting forward my candidature?

The decision to stand as a candidate was not one I made in a hurry, or took lightly. Not for one moment do I underestimate the commitment and challenges that will be expected of me and put before me.

Like you, I am hearing off and living with, the many issues that are of concern to us, to name but a few: rising food prices, utility bills, salaries and wages, water shortage, will BREXIT have an impact on St Helena, challenges facing small businesses, succession planning, social and affordable housing, future planning for our aging population, employment and progression for our school leavers and the cost of travel to and from St Helena. These are, as I mentioned above, just some of our ongoing concerns.

I believe my experience has broadened my vision and will enable me to bring a fresh approach to the table. In these challenging times we need to look for better ways to overcome the obstacles that we seem to often stumble over. You need a voice out there and I would like to be that voice for you. We may not always have immediate solutions to some of our problems, but do we try hard enough to find options? What we also need is honesty, transparency and accountability.

I will not make promises that will be unfair and misleading to you but, I can promise, should you put your trust in me and **vote for me**, I will not fail you for the want of trying – I will do my utmost for you. Come Polling Day you will have the

chance to vote for and put your trust in the candidate who you feel will have your best interest at heart and who you can relate to.

Over the upcoming week, I look forward to speaking with as many of you as possible.

**Thank you, Gillian**



## **Jeffrey Robert Ellick**

Currently St Helena is going through a difficult time where the economy is at a very low point and morale amongst the majority of our community is also low.

With increasing prices and no significant inward investment to assist in balancing the increases, the private sector businesses are feeling the impact of this, especially in the hospitality, construction, fisheries and agricultural sectors. More so however, it is being felt by our vulnerable people in society who are finding it difficult to cope with necessities. We, as the entire community need to be moving forward together if we are to achieve a healthier and wealthier society, as currently we do not have it right, as people are being left behind. St Helena needs leaders who are not afraid to challenge, scrutinise, take responsibility and justify to the community the decisions that are being taken.

Unified Saints have been facilitating meetings at the request of the community about issues that have impacted them directly. They have also attended Councillors constituency and consultation meetings throughout the island to challenge and seek justification on how and why decisions are made. Members of Unified Saints are supporting my nomination for this bye-election as there is an opportunity to continue their pursuit of achieving Unified Saints goal which is to strive for accountability.

It is time for action! Presently, Unified Saints are on the outside continuously knocking on the door of Government but, if they were able to secure a seat on the inside, they would have a better opportunity of convincing others within the realms of Government, to open that door and embrace the views, opinions and expertise of the community.

With this said, I want to clarify that there is no intention of working against those working within Government, in actual fact it will be the complete opposite. I will be seeking to work with others to build relationships, as the key to success for St Helena is collaboration and if we can build a good relationship between Government and the people of St Helena, we can move forward together and more effectively to achieve our goals.

If you are concerned about the current situation on the island and feel that there is a need for change, do make the effort to go to the Polling Station on 27 November and cast your vote.

**Vote ELLICK**

**(More Statements NEXT WEEK)**



## **EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 12 NOVEMBER 2019**

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 12 November 2019, to consider and advise whether the Currency (Amendment) Bill, 2019 should be printed, published and presented as Government Business at the next formal meeting of Legislative Council on 6 December 2019.

The amendments address two issues, namely:

- Deficit arrangements – that any deficit in any given Financial Year is covered by the General Reserve of the Currency Fund
- Distribution of Surplus in any given Financial Year, and related powers for Currency Commissioners.

Before considering the proposed amendments, Members noted that these were procedural and administrative changes to the Currency Ordinance and that the Currency Fund has not incurred a deficit in recent years but that it is prudent to ensure that provision is made in the legislation should a deficit occur in the future.

Members also noted that these amendments provide that the Commissioners are able to allocate as much of any surplus generated in the year to build the General Reserve and build financial resilience and security for the Currency Fund rather than the surplus having to be allocated to the General Revenue of St Helena Government (SHG).

Secondly, it will give the Commissioners the ability to contribute to the General Revenue of SHG, if it is deemed equitable to do so with the approval of the Governor, through a clear and unambiguous process.

These proposals had been previously endorsed by the Economic Development Committee and Members accepted the proposed amendments and changes therein.

Council viewed this as a tidying up exercise of the legislation and fully supported this pragmatic approach.

**ExCo**

**12 November 2019**



## **ADVANCE NOTICE NEEDED FOR CRANE OPERATIONS**

The following is a Public Announcement from Port Control:

**The public is advised that a 72-hour advance notice is needed for any requests for crane operations.** This is due to the Logistics Coordinator leaving the Island on Saturday, 16 November 2019, until the New Year.

**Anyone requesting crane lifts is advised to contact Port Control directly via telephone: 22750 and not to contact the Government Garage.**

Port control apologises for any inconvenience and thanks the public for their continued support.

**SHG**

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## **ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT**

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

**Austin Hopkins of Ropery Field**, pleaded guilty to three counts of causing or permitting a vehicle to be on a public road in an unroadworthy condition. He did not enter his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Financial Penalty of £90.00 for each offence totalling £270.00. He was also ordered as to pay £50.00 costs.

**Shane Coleman of Bottom Woods**, pleaded guilty to driving with no insurance. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a fine of £100.00 and £15.00 costs.



## ***For sale by orders only***

**Various colours of LED strip lights, priced by the metre & sold in lengths up to 300m suitable for interior and exterior use, also Slim-line flood lights 10w LED. If any lights are required by December then orders must be placed by this weekend.**

**Also available by order and to measurement are Vertical, Venetian & Roller Blinds as well as galvanised Gates & Rails. Available for sale on island is a LDV Maxus crew Bus 2.5 Turbo Diesel, MOT and Road Tax until August 2020 For further information, cost or viewing of items and samples, please contact Nicky on 61466, 23297 or email [zonic@helanta.co.sh](mailto:zonic@helanta.co.sh)**

# A Slow Boat To St Helena

*The first paying passenger on the MV Helena gives account of his journey from Cape Town*

**Matt Joshua**

While comparisons with the good old RMS are inevitable, it should be made clear from the outset - for anyone considering booking - that the MV Helena is a working vessel, and as such is not designed with passengers in mind. The RMS had lounges, a sun deck, a pool, dining room, dining options, entertainment, information bureau, jovial Pursers, attentive Hotel Staff, and lovely Ettie Benjamin to bring soup and a roll to your cabin if you were feeling a bit green around the gills. The RMS was designed and staffed with passenger comfort and entertainment in mind. The MV Helena is a container ship.

I joined the ship in Cape Town and was met at the Seaman's Mission by an Andrew Weir representative who took me to immigration, which was quite quick, but more involved, with fingerprint scans and a photo taken for records - this is the same procedure that all merchant seaman are subject to when they 'sign on'. I was brought to the vessel and boarded via the gangway. I was warmly welcomed by the Captain and told a few 'house rules' and then handed over to Second Mate, Sivu - a familiar face from the RMS - for the safety briefing. This was not Lyn or Sharon, with their quick, charismatic delivery, punctuated with the tried and tested humorous quips... the reality that you are on a working vessel - with no doctor and total crew complement of 12 - really sinks in when you are shown how to don your immersion suit and read about 8 sides of A4 of safety instructions and procedures. Orientation of the vessel is relatively quick - there are not a lot of places to go, and there are, understandably, many areas that are out of bounds to passengers.

The passenger cabin is level with the main deck and sits roughly at water level, thus subject to less movement than the crew cabins higher up in the vessel. The cabin is next to the galley and two doors down from the crew mess, where all meals are taken. So everything is within a few meters. There is a small area on deck with a table and chairs near the lifeboat where the guys sit out, play cards and chill. Otherwise, there is one area a couple decks up big enough for a reasonably comfy camp chair - look in the locker in the cabin. Helpful hint: tie it fast to a rail to stop it sliding about.

The RMS took 5 days from Cape Town. The MV (this time)



took 7 days and 6 nights, departing Cape Town on Monday evening, 8pm, arriving alongside in Ruperts at around 8am, the following Monday.

The MV takes longer to do the trip as it runs around 10 knots, economising on fuel burn to optimise operational costs. Average speed of the RMS was around 14 knots. And with no stabilisers the vessel does roll a little.

The passenger cabin forms an elongated T-shape with the four bunks (two up, two down) at the top of the T. The bathroom is spacious, enough room to change clothes if privacy is required without having a wet shower curtain stick to your bum cheek (like the RMS), and plenty of grab bars to steady yourself should the ship roll. There are 4 lockers, 4 drawers, a desk with chair, a TV with DVD player and sound bar, fridge and 2 seater sofa. There are ample power UK 3-pin sockets and 6 USB charging points.

Each bunk has a reading light, and a curtain for privacy. Towels and bed linen are provided. However, if you are fussy with your pillow, bring your own. And the duvet is good if the cabin is cold, but when it's warm (as it was on the last two nights as the aircon was underperforming) you might opt for a light sheet. Also, bring your own soap and shampoo. Laundry can be done on board, but only if absolutely essential.

The food is good, well seasoned and tasty, served buffet style in the crew mess, where all meals are taken. Bread for toasting, fruit, biscuits, bottled water, tea and coffee are available freely throughout the day and night. There's usually some form of egg and sausage or bacon, as well as tomato, cheese and avocado, fresh fruit salad and yoghurt on the breakfast buffet. Lunch and dinner are very much a home-cooked fayre: roast meat, potatoes and veg, fish and chips, build your own burger, biryani, stroganoff, etc. plus sides (Greek salad, beetroot, chilli beans, pasta salad, potato salad). Occasionally soup as well. Dinner is hearty, with homemade cheesecake or pudding for afters. On the last day there was delicious birthday cake. There is a small selection of soft drinks, beer, crisps and chocolates available from the ship, but these must be purchased all at once and only on the first day at sea when the crew get their bond stores. So bring some cash with you. Ciggies are available as well.

## A Slow Boat To St Helena

*The first paying passenger on the MV Helena gives account of his journey from Cape Town*

**Matt Joshua**

One of the three tables has been designated the 'passenger table' in the crew mess, but as the only passenger on board I sat with the crew, who were very welcoming and after initial introductions were quick to check on me regularly to ask if everything was ok. Meal times are half an hour: breakfast from 7.30, lunch from 12.00 noon, dinner from 5pm.

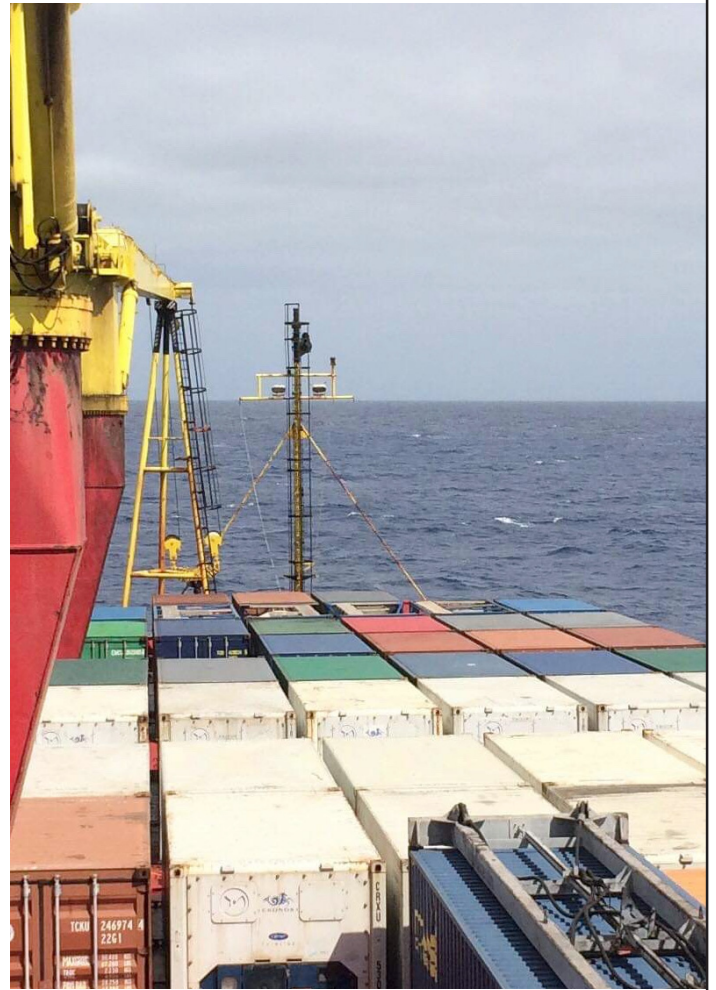
**DON'T** do this trip if you: can't stand being in a small space for a long time; if you're not prepared to share a small space with other humans; don't want to interact with the crew; are easily bored; expect silver service at meal times and a bartender to shake your martini; or, if you are prone to sea sickness (remember there is no doctor on board).

**DO** consider this trip: if you enjoy your own company and have reasonably good set of sea legs; can happily entertain yourself for a week; don't mind potentially sharing a cabin and bathroom with strangers; and, if your idea of a breathtaking view for a week is miles and miles of blissful, unbroken Atlantic blue.

Would I do it again? In a heartbeat! There's something deeply nostalgic and romantic about arriving at St Helena by sea, historically the only way to access the island for over 500 years. Seeing the island looming out of the mist at dawn was actually quite emotional. Yes, it's a week on the water, but this is what I signed up for, eagerly. If you want some serious downtime, enough time to binge watch several Netflix series, or get through War And Peace and half the Harry Potters, or (if you can commandeer the desk in the cabin) get some serious work done, then this slow boat to St Helena is certainly for you.

Oh, and you still get a cubic meter cargo allowance.

**For further info on the MV Helena, schedules, routes, prices, T&C's and how to book a passage go to <https://sthelenashipping.com/passengers>.**



## Branches Breakout! Thanks to Sponsors



St Helena Girlguiding extend grateful thanks to the following sponsors for the generous support given to help finance their GG Group's recent trip to the Bermudan GG Centenary celebrations:

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## Thank You

The Ladies Fund Raising Group would like to Thank everyone for supporting the Senior Citizens Tea Party last month. Your generous monetary gifts, donations for the raffle and volunteers time will help us continue working for our community and we were thrilled to have your support.

Through your donations we will be able to continue with our work for another year. You truly make a difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

This year your donations will go towards gift vouchers to help bring good cheer to many this holiday season.

## **READING YOUR WATER METER**

In recent months, Connect Saint Helena Ltd suggested that households check their water meter on a weekly basis to determine if you are using more water than you are aware of, and if so this might mean that you have a water leak on your property.

How many of us though know how to read our water meter, to see how much water we're using in a week? For those who do not, we hope you find the below instructions helpful.



Step 1: Make note of the numbers in black on your water meter.

Step 2: After a week, record your water meter reading again.

Step 3: Minus your first reading from the last reading. The answer will be the number of units used in that week.

**Note:** One unit equates to one cubic metre. If you want to convert this to litres, then times the number of units by 1,000.

Continue to do this exercise for at least a month to see if there are any abnormalities in your water usage.

You can also try setting a goal for you and your household to reduce your water usage each week by using our water saving tips.

If you have any further queries regarding reading your water meter, please feel free to call Connect Saint Helena Ltd on 22255.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would also like to remind the island's consumers that we are still under a hosepipe ban, so please continue to restrict your water usage to essential use only.

**12 November 2019**

# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Sir,**

regarding Rev Jack Horner's letter about his experiences of Johannesburg (JNB) OR Tambo airport, I'd like to give an alternative perspective based on my own experiences. Like Rev Horner, I too have used a number of international airports and indeed have travelled through nine different airports this year.

I note that the Reverend describes Airlink as the "poor relation" when discussing assigned aircraft parking. This is not necessarily a fair assessment of the situation. It is true that Airlink does not carry the same 'weight' as other international carriers that use JNB such as Virgin, British Airways, Qatar Airways, Lufthansa and so on. But then Airlink is not an international carrier, but a large regional airline and frequent user of JNB to the extent that on some days it has more departures from JNB than any other carrier. So regarding parking assignment, their relatively small-sized aircraft do not warrant the use of the passenger bridges, resulting in the use of remote parking stands. With competition from other carriers and bigger aircraft, the Operations Centre at OR Tambo is more likely to assign the larger aircraft to the larger gates given that some carry much greater passenger numbers than the Airlink aircraft. Put simply, economical and logistical considerations have a major influence on gate assignment.

Turning to the Reverend's own experiences, I am somewhat mystified that it took 40 minutes to walk to Immigration upon arrival in JNB from St Helena. Usually the bus drops you off on the ground floor outside Arrivals, you go through the doors, up the ramp, turn right and you are then at the Immigration area. Perhaps upon arrival he was taken to a different entrance or went a different route because he was an assisted passenger? Or perhaps it was both? But usually it's a walk of no more than a couple of minutes or so. By contrast, I recently had a brisk walk of over 15 minutes from the aircraft to the Immigration e-gates upon arrival at Heathrow.

Once you are through Immigration at JNB, you are only a short walk from baggage reclaim and exit on the same floor. Contrast this with my experience of Edinburgh airport: once through Immigration, I had a 10-minute walk that involved negotiating several flights of stairs and the melee of departing passengers in order to arrive at baggage reclaim and exit to landside.

For the return to St Helena, I disagree with Reverend Horner's comments – the walk to the departures area is not overly "long". It is true it takes a while to get from the check-in desks, through security and immigration in Terminal A to get airside; but it is by no means longer than other airports I have been through. My recent walk just from the Gatwick departures area to the aircraft gate was much longer than the walk from check-in at JNB to departures. So whilst I agree that JNB is not the best airport, in my experiences it's not the worst.

Reverend Horner then goes on to describe Cape Town Airport as a better alternative to JNB and in many ways it is, mainly due to the numbers of tourists that select Cape Town as their destination of choice. However, whilst JNB does not have the same (immediate) access to major tourist attractions, it does have some good tourist places within striking distance. I can heartily recommend the Lion and Rhino Park, and the Elephant Sanctuary, both of which can be reached within 90 minutes' drive of JNB and both of which make good half day tours when you are waiting for your next flight.

As many will know, Cape Town flights are being trialled over the coming peak season and I would encourage people thinking of coming to St Helena to use them. However, it should not be assumed that these flights are more popular than those from JNB. Indeed, at the time of writing, only one of the 22 Cape Town flights is full, so the flights are yet to prove as popular as has always been assumed. If they were, surely many more would be full? Of course, these flights are relatively new to St Helena and will take time to become widely known and thus become popular. But it's worth noting that flights to/from St Helena's main source of visitors (UK/Europe) are cheaper, quicker and more frequent to JNB than those to Cape Town. These factors are particularly important for those passengers who are time and/or finan-

cially 'sensitive'.

In response to Rev Horner's comments about wasted time (and expense) in JNB, this is not necessarily required. There are same-day connections in both directions although I wouldn't necessarily recommend same-day connection on the southbound route from Europe to JNB given the infrequency of flights to St Helena. However, on the outbound flights from St Helena to JNB, there are some same day connections available. For example, if you were feeling brave, the Virgin and BA direct flights to the UK are available, particularly given that the Airlink flight usually arrives prior to its scheduled arrival time of 2115. But if you wanted to play safe, there is always the KLM flight at 2355 or the Kenya Airways flight early on Sunday morning. It's also worth pointing out that the same "wasted day and expense" is likely to be required for Cape Town flights, so you'll have a 'wasted day' regardless of which airport you use.

So, in the absence of a 'direct' flight to Europe/UK, the South African flights will continue and JNB will remain the chosen hub. This may well change over time as visitor requirements demand a change in hub, but from my perspective, the problem with visitor numbers isn't the hub – it's because there are numerous well-established tourist destinations in the region, and more importantly, few people have ever heard of St Helena, let alone could locate it on a map. The Island desperately needs to shake off it's "secret of the South Atlantic" tagline if its tourism (and economy) is to grow.

**Yours sincerely,  
James Kellett**

**Dear Editor,**

The wind turbines on Deadwood Plain have been turning electricity for two decades now. First there were three, then six and now twelve. It is difficult to see them from a mile away because they are not large and they are set away from the crest of the hill.

There is now a need for more. The proposal is for three more but they will differ vastly from the others. They will be three times taller and be sited on the ridge below Flagstaff. The Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) submitted with the planning application says their

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# Your Opinion Counts

prominence will seriously affect the landscape and that nothing can be done about it. At night their height dictates that each will be topped by two red flashing lights. They will dominate the landscape of Flagstaff from across the island day and night.

Four years ago, a previous planning officer successfully negotiated with Connect to route a new high voltage power line from Sandy Bay to Blue Hill. The primary aim was to protect the landscape from adverse intrusion. To that end parts of it around the Ridges were placed underground which was an expensive but justifiable solution.

Much larger power lines elsewhere in the world have been subject to similar considerations for over half a century, especially where proposals cross valued landscapes. In some parts of the world wind turbines are banned where they could affect long distance views of World Heritage Sites for instance. This week the UK energy minister and Business Secretary Andrea Leadsom has called a halt on the development of wind farms pending a review into their impact on the treasured British countryside.

The EIA accompanying the planning application by PASH, for Connect, does not include an assessment of alternative options such as an extension to the existing group of smaller windmills. There is only a very limited assessment of the effects on the landscape and critically there is no assessment of the value or importance of the landscape it will affect.

It does not include any significant evidence that the planning office had much input into the design, siting or effects of the application. It does however include an email endorsement by last year's chief planning officer, who was known to have a conflict of interest as her husband was a senior executive at Connect.

A wind turbine is a piece of industrial machinery that will complete with, and

detract from important views of Flagstaff and the Barn including that classic view from the Peaks. The view across the island from Flagstaff will also be marred. These are interrelated views between two National Parks. Napoleon's famous view from Longwood House to the Deadwood racecourse will also be affected.

Before the unique island landscape is sacrificed for industrial power generation it perhaps should be more thoroughly and openly, thought through. After all the purpose of the airport was also to boost the long-term economy by providing access for tourists to visit this unique landscape.

**Regards**  
**Andy Pearce**

**Dear Editor,**

I have read with great interest Mr Paul Laban's letter and an extract from the URA published in the St Helena Independent dated 01 November 2019. Like Mr Laban, I have been approached in the street and received a number of phone calls from members of the community concerning the current water situation on the Island.

Mr Laban has stated that there are members of the public who have worked for SHG Water Division in the past, this is correct as I am one of those people. I have worked for the Water Division from the early 70's supervising various water related projects, including the construction of spring houses and laying concrete foundations for sectional water tanks. In 1983, I was appointed as Senior Engineer Water until reaching my retirement age in 2003, a post previously held by an expatriate officer. Connect St Helena was established in 2013, I have offered my service without any financial reward as it was obvious they were having problems; my offer was refused.

The main questions the community have raised with me are as follows:

- (1) Why was the water restriction not enforced prior to the reservoirs being empty?
- (2) Why is Connect St Helena not advising the public of the current water situation on both local radios instead of press releases from the Resilience Forum?
- (3) What are Connect St Helena plans to alleviate the current water situation and provide confidence to the public?
- (4) Why has the spring at Osborne's dried up when it was a realisable source of

water that supplied Half Tree Hollow and St Pauls in the past, yielding 454 m<sup>3</sup> per day in winter, decaling to 68m<sup>3</sup> per day in summer?

I am led to believe that the springs at Plantation Forest known as Plantation Springs and Ladies Bath that was installed by the Chinese and gravity feed via an open stone channel to the cistern tank near Red Hill House that previously supplied Half Tree Hollow, New ground and Cleughs Plain, have also dried up.

What has caused the springs to dry up? From my observation, it appears that drilling a deep hole near the springs at Plantation and other various locations on the Island, have fractured the aquifers. The bore holes at Willow Bank were always a reliable source supplementing the dry weather flows at Hutt's Gate; pumping rates at Willow Bank have also declined, is this due to a fractured aquifer? Can Connect St Helena confirm if any aquifers are fractured?

An extract from the URA report stated that a water connection took 90 days at the time when Connect St Helena took over from PWD and 50 days for an electrical connection. I am not aware of these long delays for a new connection for water and electricity. Reference was also made about six thousand tonnes of silt was removed from the Earth Dam. This amount of silt had accumulated over thirty years as it's the first time the silt was removed, no silt trap was provided when the Earth Dam was constructed. I can confirm that a silt trap measuring approximately two meters deep that was surrounded with large boulders, including a vehicular access track for heavy plant to gain access to the basin of the reservoir, was installed.

The majority of the identified proposals in St Helena Water Plan dated 1990-2010 is completed, except for the proposal of pumping water from Sharks Valley that was planned for 2010.

It is hoped that Connect St Helena will be more proactive in providing regular updates about the water situation to the community, maintain confidence and address concerns that they have raised, through the local media.

**Regards,**  
**Cyril George**



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Monday, 30 December	Closed				
Tuesday, 31 December	Closed	09:00 - 13:00			
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- Support the Chief Executive for Economic Development in managing the affairs of the Organisation.

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- Previous Chair experience, preferably of a Private Company/Organisation;
- Knowledge and understanding of Strategic Planning, Corporate Governance, Quality and Performance Management, and Investment;
- Skilled in supporting and encouraging open discussion, allowing the whole Board to contribute to decision making.

Expressions of Interest, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, should be submitted to the Board Secretary by Monday 9 December 2019 via email: [natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh](mailto:natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh) or at the Enterprise St Helena Office, Ladder Hill Business Park.

**For further information please contact the Director of Resources, Michielle Yon on telephone: 22920 or email: [michielle.yon@esh.co.sh](mailto:michielle.yon@esh.co.sh)**



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# VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (CHILDREN & ADULT SERVICES)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill their vacant post of Administration Assistant (Children & Adult Services). The post holder will be required to provide effective and efficient administrative support to the Children's Services section of the directorate.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Responsible for the day-to-day general administrative duties of the section.
- Provide a first point of contact by receiving and addressing public and business enquiries from members of the public and visiting professionals either by telephone or in person.
- Responsible for managing and maintaining the Sections manual and electronic filing system including archived material ensuring that paper files are stored in relevant locations and readily accessible.
- Provide administrative and secretarial support for staff meetings, multi-agency and ad hoc meetings.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process).
- Proficient in IT skills in Word and Excel.

Applicants should have good communication and customer care skills, with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have a minimum of 1 years' experience working in an administrative and customer focused environment.

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



For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Ms Adele McMahan, Team Manager (Children's Services) on telephone number 23312 or e-mail: [Adele.McMahan@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Adele.McMahan@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate, should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Monday, 18 November 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.*

**Children & Adult Social Care Directorate**

**4 November 2019**



**AUDIT ST HELENA invites applications for the following job vacancies**

**ASSISTANT AUDITOR**

**Salary range £8,067 to £9,904 per annum**

**Commencing January 2020**

The Assistant Auditor will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades in English and Mathematics, and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills, and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

**ANALYST INTERN**

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**9-month fixed term internship – July 2020 to March 2021**

The analyst intern will undertake performance audits under supervision and assist with financial audits across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE in English and Mathematics with further studies in a quantitative discipline (economics/ business management/ accounting/ finance or similar) to diploma level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

Job Profiles and Application Forms are available by calling 22111 or emailing [belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Applications should be submitted by hand or by email to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on Thursday, 21 November 2019.

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**SENIOR AUDITOR**

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The Senior Auditor's primary role is to undertake the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across SHG and other public entities in accordance with auditing standards.

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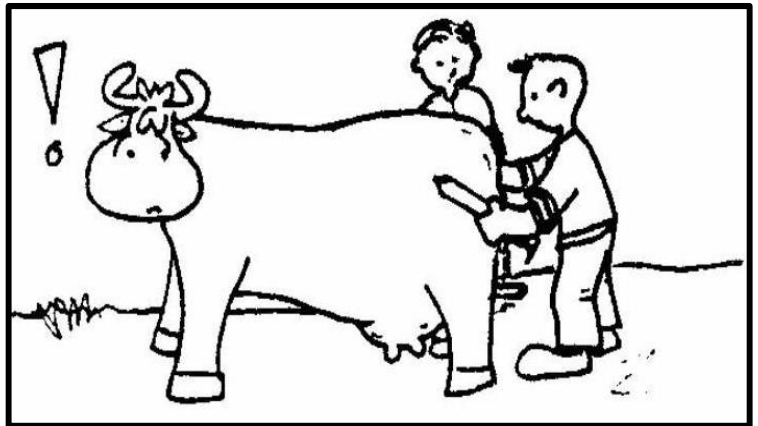
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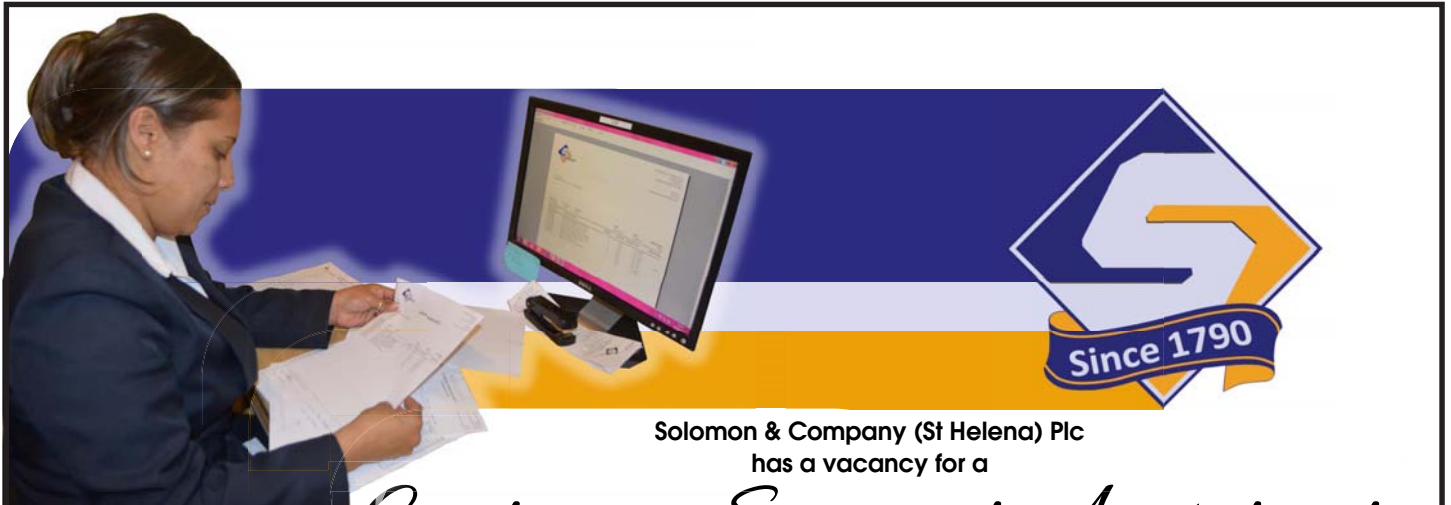
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For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Dave Leo, Auto Shop & Transport Supervisor on telephone number: 22638 or via email address: [Solomons.Autoshop@helanta.co.sh](mailto:Solomons.Autoshop@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, **By 18 November 2019**

## VACANCY – GENERAL OPERATIVE

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate has a vacancy for a General Operative in the Roads section who will work as part of a team to deliver the roads maintenance programmes.

The candidate should be able to carry out operational duties, be physically fit, have basic written and verbal communication skills and an awareness of the importance of Health and Safety practices in the workplace.

The salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Darin Francis, Construction Supervisor on telephone number 22054 (e-mail roads.supervisor2@helanta.gov.sh)

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday 26th November 2019.

Proposed interviews for shortlisted candidates will take place on Tuesday 3rd December 2019 at the Roads section.

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 Infrastructure and Transport Directorate**

**12 November 2019**



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## REMOTE BANKING NOVEMBER 2019

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

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

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## 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 C starting at £8,613 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](mailto: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](mailto:santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 22 November 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**  
**14 November 2019**



Enterprise St Helena (ESH) will be disposing of various items from previous capital projects which are surplus to our needs.

Items for sale will include, Saniware (Toilets, basins, bathroom fittings), Fridges, Freezers, Washing Machine, Kitchenware (glasses, jugs, trays, mincer, slow cookers), stainless steel shelving, tables, bedside lamps, fans, wall & floor tiles, projector screen and more....

Members of the Public are welcome to view items for sale at the Ladder Hill Business Park (Units 10 and 15) on Monday the 25th November between 1200 and 1400 and Wednesday the 27th November 2019 between 1600 and 1800

Bids must be submitted to our office by Friday the 29th November 2019 no later than 1500. Bids must be submitted in a sealed envelope.

For a complete list of items, please contact Mrs Robyn Franconi, Finance Manager on telephone 22920 or email on [robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh](mailto:robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh).

**For further information please contact Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on telephone 22920 or email on [michielle.yon@esh.co.sh](mailto:michielle.yon@esh.co.sh)**



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## PROCUREMENT OF CHIPMASTER 220 WOOD CHIPPER

As a result of collaborative working between Enterprise St Helena and the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Directorate, ESH funded (DFID Project under the auspices of Recycling and Green Energy) the procurement and delivery of a Chipmaster 220 Wood Chipper to the Forestry Section of the Agricultural & Natural Resources Division in June 2019.

The wood chipper will be used on all forestry work sites where appropriate to chip the increasing amounts of woody waste material resulting from estate management operations. The reduction of this waste from the forest estate will assist the section as follows:-

- decreasing the risk of forest fires as combustible material will be removed from the forest floor,
- increasing available land for restocking both timber and firewood trees that would have been otherwise lost to the practice of windrowing waste material, and
- reducing the existing rodent population, especially in areas of the forest directly adjoining residential areas, by removing potential habitats.

The material produced from chipping forest waste will be recycled to produce material for amelioration of forest soils and other community projects; a bay has been allocated at the Horse Point Landfill Site for chippings produced from off-site forestry operations to support Waste Management Services Composting initiatives.

The Private Sector and public will also benefit from the availability of the chips produced if required for private sector business or private use, along with the opportunity to be able to hire (subject to availability) the wood chipper when required.



*Figure 1: Chip master 220 in use during 2019 Tree Maintenance Programme, Jamestown*

A protocol for the Hire of the Chipmaster 220 Wood Chipper can be obtained from the Forestry Section of ANRD on request; applications for the hire of the Wood Chipper can be made by contacting the following Officers:

Forestry Services Officer, Larry Stevens at [larry.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:larry.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Forestry Assistant, Rickie Thomas at [rickie.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rickie.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh)

or via telephone on number:

00290 24724



## Golf Report - Contributed

Due to the Remembrance Service in Jamestown, no golf competition was arranged for Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2019. A Turkey and Ham 18 Hole Stroke play competition is scheduled for Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2019. You may register your name on the sign-up sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voicemail on telephone number 24421 by 6pm on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

After a particularly bad round of golf, Robert decided not to go to the nineteenth hole [the clubhouse bar] and started to go straight home. As he was walking to the golf car park to get his Range Rover, a policeman stopped him and asked, 'Did you tee off on the seventeenth hole about twenty minutes ago?' 'Yes', Robert answered 'Did you happen to slice your ball so that it went over the trees and out of bounds and completely off the golf course?' 'Yes, I did. How did you know?' Robert questioned. 'Well', said the policeman gravely, 'Your golf ball flew out onto the main road and crashed through the windscreen of a BMW. The car driver lost control and crashed into six other cars and a fire engine. The fire engine was unable to reach the fire in time and the building burned down. Now, what do you intend to do about it?' Robert thought it over very carefully and responded, 'I think I'll close my stance a little bit, tighten my grip and lower my right thumb.'

### Happy Swinging

## Harts and Bellboys in this years KO final

Harts booked their place into this years final on Saturday with a hard fort win against Wirebirds. Before kick off the players held a minute silence for remembers day. The game started with Wirebirds settling on the ball first and taking complete control of midfield, with the wind at their backs Wirebirds were unlucky not to go a goal up in the first half with Harts number one pulling of several great saves to keep his team in the game, the pick of the lot was a brilliant effort from Tyler Benjamin just outside the box which Jia Peters tipped over the bar at full stretch. The first half came to an end with Wirebirds the more happier of the two teams. Harts needed to bounce back from a below par display and couldn't ask for a better start to the second half, a switch of play out to the right wing was helped on it's way by Sean-Lee, into the path of Shane Stroud with a touch to settle Stroud unleashed a venoms strike from outside the box that was too hot to handle for the Wirebirds goalie. Harts started to grow more into the game, they were rewarded a corner which didn't go down well with some of the Wirebirds players, then to make things worst Joey Thomas swung the ball right into the goal to make it two nil to Harts. Things went from bad to worst for the Birds as Mario Green was Sent of for abusive language towards the ref. Wirebirds did how ever pulled a goal back through man of the match Tyler Benjamin, but any hope of a comeback was quickly extinguish when Shane Stroud was on hand to tap in for his second and Harts third of the game.

The second game on Saturday has to go down as one of the most entertaining games of the year, with Bellboys victorious against the Lakers in a game that had everything. Eleven goals, three penalties, three comebacks an a red card. It was Lakers who got the goals flowing with Jace Williams finishing from close range, Lakers were playing some of their best football all season, on the other hand Bellboys were playing some of their worst, with the likes of Sid Benjamin and Andrew Yon missing the first half do to work. Lakers double their lead when they were rewarded a penalty that Liam Yon took with ease. Bellboys were give some hope when Matthias Young scored a great goal from outside the area, two-one half time. The boys in yellow now kicking too the Red Hill end started to find some momentum and completed the comeback with a goal from Tyler Brady, to make things worst for Lakers, Andrew Yon was ready to come on, with moments of being on the field Yon put Bellboys ahead to make the score three-two. The game was end to end, with both teams giving everything to book their place in the final. Now it was Lakers turn to find a goal, substitute Cody Thomas was having one of his better games as well and played a delightful pass to Jordan Johnson to level the scores again. The second half ended with the scores at three-three, so the crowd would enjoy another half and hour of football. Bellboys drew first blood with Ryan Benjamin putting them ahead once more, Matthias Young had a chance to kill the game with a penalty but the keeper was equal to his effort. Lakers would get their equaliser from the third penalty of the game from Louie Barnikel, with that goal Liam Yon who already had been subbed off ran onto the field shutting at Bellboys goalie was shown a red card. Four-four. In to the last fifteen with a penalty shoot-out looming Bellboys killed the game off with two quick goals from Andrew Yon to complete his hat-trick. Then to put the cherry on top, Tyler Brady ended the game with the goal of the match with a screamer that had the crowd on their feet. Final score seven-four. So it will be Harts vs Bellboys in this years knock-out final. The last time these two teams met in the final was 2009 with Bellboys being victorious with the score ending two-one. Also Congratulation to Rovers for becoming this years league champions. **Mikee Williams**

## Can you help? Where is the original No 1?

Is anyone able to reliably identify the exact place of the wreck, burnt-out remains, rusted body-work, engine-block, chassis, back fender, etc., of our very original imported car on our Island which initially bore the registration **No 1** on the radiator?

To-date we have 'somewhere in Longwood' and off Constitutional Hill.

**Father David, Catholic Church, 22535**

## For Sale

is a Toyota Surf 3.0l automatic licenced and insured until October 2020 contact mobile 63302

## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

With just 12 matches into the 2019/2020 Premier League season it has become apparent that the League title is now Liverpool's to lose after they defeated their nearest challengers Manchester City 3-1 in a very entertaining game at Anfield. Liverpool took the lead after just 6 minutes with a stunning strike from Fabinho, seconds after Man City thought they should have had a penalty after the ball struck Trent Alexander Arnold's arm. VAR did the check and the result was no penalty and Liverpool's goal was awarded.

The change to the handball law is confusing and I think that players, managers and even the commentators need to seek clarity.

The referee in my opinion was right not to award the penalty as it hit Trent via a deflection.

See changes to law below:

### Handball

#### Law 12

**Changes •Deliberate handball remains an offence •the following 'handball' situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick:**

- the ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm
- a player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm)

The following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:

- the ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near
- the ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger
- if a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)
- If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball

Man City didn't play to bad and dominated the procession and had 18 shots at goal. Liverpool was just more clinical. Goals from Salah and Mane gave them a 3-0 lead. Bernardo Silva scored the consolation for City.

Liverpool is now 8 points clear of Leicester and Chelsea and if they don't pick up the title this season it will be a major disaster for them.

Leicester City is now second in the table after they defeated Arsenal 2-0 in a game they fully deserved to win. Brendan Rodgers have Leicester playing some really attractive and effective football. The first goal the 'Foxes' scored by Jamie Vardy was a brilliant team goal.

Pundits are now saying this Leicester team is playing better than the 2015/2016 team that went on to win the Premier League.



**Man of the match Fabinho**

Arsenal on the other hand has not won a match since they defeated Bournemouth in October.

All is not well at Arsenal. Rodgers has been linked with replacing Emery at Arsenal, but given where the two clubs are in the table and in terms of form, it is hard to see why he would consider a move to Emirates Stadium.



**Jamie Vardy top scorer in the EPL so far**

Chelsea's good form continues as two second half goals from Abrahams and Pulisic gave them all 3 points against Crystal Palace.

Lampard who was named Manager of the month in October has his side playing dynamic football and despite a slow start to the season is now 3<sup>rd</sup> place in the table and currently above Manchester City.

In other matches on Saturday Sheffield United picked up a deserved point away at Spurs in a 1-1 draw. Despite a good win in the Champions League, Spurs league form remains indifferent.

But for VAR who denied Sheffield United a goal for offside by the slightest of margins it could have been a worse afternoon for the Tottenham fans.

Southampton was defeated 2-1 at St Mary's Stadium by Everton with Richarlison scoring the winner.

Newcastle United showed great character as they came from behind to defeat Bournemouth 2-1.

West Ham after a promising start to the Premier League season is now in free fall. The Hammers was defeated 3-0 by Burnley.

Manchester United produces their best performance of the season as they defeated Brighton 3-1.

Daniel James was outstanding on the right wing as time and time again he created chances for Manchester United. Fred played his best game for the 'Red Devils' since his big money switch from Shakhtar Donetsk and was named man of the match.

Rashford scored one but could have easily had a hat trick. Pereira scored the opener and an own goal gave United a 2-

## Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

nil lead. Dunk pulled a goal back before Rashford made the game safe.

Davy Propper's own goal is the 68<sup>th</sup> own goal United have benefited from.



**Man of the Match Fred**

The other match on Sunday saw Wolves beat their midland rivals Aston Villa 2-1.

Due to Euro 20/20 qualifiers there won't be any EPL football this weekend.

### SHFA and Junior Football Presentation Day 2019

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November will see the Junior and SHFA Cup finals take place at Francis plain starting at 10am. This will be followed by the Presentation of Trophies at 4pm.

There will be a Bar and Hot Food will be on sale. A Live band will be performing after the presentation and a Bouncy Castle will be provided for the kids from 12 noon.

Presentation Day Schedule:

10am Futsal Knock Out Cup Final 11-15 years Pitch 1  
Galacticos v Titans

10am Pitch 2  
Beginners League Football

11am Futsal Knock Out Final Primary School Pitch 1  
Yellow Devils v Jungle Rangers

11am Pitch 2  
Young Rebels v Skyscrapers (Friendly)

12 noon Friendly 11aside match  
Rovers v Lakers

2pm: SHFA Knock Out Cup Final  
Harts v Bellboys

4pm: Presentation of Cups and Trophies.

Junior Football Results:

Yellow Devils 5 v Young Rebels 3

G/S Yellow Devils: Kenin Bargo 3 1 own goal & Zac Francis 1

G/S Young Rebels: Taylon Phillips 2 & Jet Le Yon 1

POM: Kenin Bargo & Jet Le Yon

Galacticos 11 v Rangers 1

G/S Galacticos: 2 own goals; Aiden Yon-Stevens 3, Christo Crowie 1, Evan Constantine 2, Ethan Harris 1, Musa 1 & Callum Young 1

G/S Rangers: Tristan Clarke 1

Football Coach Merv Williams will arrive on Saturday and will start his 12 day training programme on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 4.45pm. All sessions will start at this time except for the weekend when the session will start at 11am.

On the weekend 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November we are hoping to run some coaching sessions for the under 15's from 9am- 11am.



Merv is the most decorated Island Games Athlete from Ynys Mon having won 4 medals at the Island Games including the Football Gold Medal in 1999.

Merv was the Goal Keeping coach for the 2019 Ynys Mon Men's and Women's team. The Ynys Mon Men won Gold and the Women's team won Silver.

Merv is currently a coach with Bangor 1876 a newly form team in the Welsh League.

### What's happening at New Horizons?

We just finished assisting the St Helena Tourist Office with the Festival of Running; Junior Football will finish this weekend. However we can't rest just yet as the 2019 Bank of St Helena Youth games will officially open this afternoon at 5.30pm. Following the opening the Volleyball Tournament sponsored by Queen Mary Stores will take place.

Although the games will officially open today the Badminton sponsored by Wendy Benjamin took place on Tuesday evening. 25 youngsters took part and the medal winners were:

Girls:

Gold Medal: Brooke Yon HTH

Silver Medal: Cerys Joshua St Paul's

Bronze Jay-Ann Fowler St Paul's

Boys:

Gold Medal: Matthias Young Longwood

Silver Medal: Luke Bowers St Paul's

Bronze Medal: Colby Thomas Longwood

Doubles:

Gold Medal: Matthias Young & Colby Thomas Longwood

Silver Medal: Luke Bowers & Sean Cansick St Paul's

Bronze Medal: Joey Thomas & Tristan Thomas Longwood



We had 16 youngsters attending 'Kids Get Fit' on Monday. The next two Monday sessions will be at Francis Plain from 3.30 -4.30pm. Parents are reminded to ensure they pick up their Children at 4.30pm.

# LIFE AND LIVERPOOL

Addie Thomas

Well folks, its been a little while since I wrote. A lot has happened in my life since we last communicated.

It's been wonderful to see the Islanders from Tourism and ESH here in London. Dawn and Martin on two occasions. Dawn mentioned that the visit (especially for perhaps Martin) has been insanely busy and it certainly reminded me just how manic networking can be. One networking event and I am done, these guys have had back to back meetings. London can be exhausting on a day to day basis without the hype of networking.

This is of course, what they are paid to do and shows great value on their return to the island, especially if there are follow-up discussions with people this end. However, sometimes perhaps, it its worth just making sure that we are not reaching a point of exhaustion so that our focal points receive the same / similar potency throughout our visits.

Either way, well done to all of the team who 'put in a good shift'.

When I visit NYC in December for three months, I too hope that I can continue island-promotion and networking and Melissa has kindly given me some USB sticks to travel with, sharing information with people the other side of the water who have probably never heard of St Helena. It is great being part of the initiative to promote the island I'd like to thank the team including Kedell for the invites and inclusion.

It was very interesting to chat to the various delegates at the launch on 12th November. The amateur journalist in me had to sneak a photo with Andrew Mitchell. He was very obliging.

I would like to make special mention of those people who are doing so well academically. I have been so fortunate to meet with past and current university students who have really paved the way for island recognition through their efforts. Tara Pelembé, for her efforts in launching the Research Institute on the island, awesome. Then finally, my special little friend, Kirsty Joshua. This young lady has pushed barriers out of the way to not only excel academically but also mature into a beautiful, kind young Mum and Wife. I resonate with energy. When I connect with people, I often identify that connection through energy. Kirsty has an energy that is so beautiful. I am so proud of all she has achieved and wish her well for the future.

How many of you got to see that this year on 11th November Kedell laid a wreath for St Helena, Ascension and Tristan at the Cenotaph? I missed the event due to being in Liverpool but watched the BBC program and was so proud to see St Helena represented. How far we have come hey from having a 'white elephant' airport? I really do feel a shift in perspective around the island from the international community, even if just stopping to talk to someone on the tube.

The 31st October 2019 made twenty years that I have lived in the UK. How time has passed so quickly. I still remember looking for the rolls hills of Cardiff as we docked, there were none. I still remember thinking how expensive a sandwich and a drink was and how the £600 in my pocket wasn't going to go



very far at this rate. I still remember not knowing how to use an underpass and instead walking onto a big roundabout and being beeped by motorists. I still remember going out in my shorts in November because I thought the sun shining meant it was warm outside.

Last week I sat my PMQ / APM exam (3 hours of writing - my hand was pretty darn sore afterwards). I was just glad (regardless of the results) to have it out of the way as I had spent all of the previous week revising. I'm not a natural academic, I enjoy learning in small chunks but intensive periods of study are very daunting to me.

Unfortunately I had to let the pub work go in preparation for the exam as the pub management insisted on putting me down for ludicrous hours and generally, by then, the novelty of working in a pub in Fleet Street and being barked at by a load of white collars had worn off. I met some lovely people whom I won't forget but full time pub work is not for me. I'm grateful I got the experience as I hadn't worked behind a bar before, so just another little skill to fall back on (especially in there US). It doesn't help that Brits don't tip. I like to tip, even if it is fifty pence because it's such a difficult industry to work in. The Americans on the other hand tip.....many bartenders in the US don't actually have a salary but make huge amounts of money just from the generosity of the patrons.

I feel I am closing in on that piece of land that I have been actively trying to acquire on the island. I've had some good discussions with three sets of parties, it is good to see more land being made available for islanders to purchase. Beyond London and the outside world, I dream one day of sitting on my own verandah and enjoying a cup of tea as the sun sinks into the ocean.

Now, onto more important matters. Liverpool vs. Man City. I had booked myself onto the coach a while ago, Saturday came and off I went to Liverpool, my now favourite city in the UK. There was no time to lose as I dropped my back with a very kind gentleman called Ross who runs an air bnb on the docks and off I went to meet Michael, my old housemate who has now relocated back to the North.

# LIFE AND LIVERPOOL

Addie Thomas

My favourite restaurant in Liverpool is Mowgli. Indian Street food at it's finest. So tasty, well of course, it would not be right to eat anywhere else. Liverpool is one of the friendliest cities on this planet (I reckon). The Scousers get a bad name for all sorts but tell me one town that has all 'by the book' citizens. I've travelled extensively in the North but never found any such city as charismatic as Liverpool.

In the time I was there, I got to spend time with Norwegians, Newcastle ladies, Irish Fellas, an old man called Vinnie who had been to the island on the Merchant Navy, Scousers trying to break free from stigma and pre-judgement because of their accents etc. Even if I sat alone in a restaurant people still talked to me.

This was the first time I was able to get done up in my 'Liverpool Regalia' and it was so great to see so many people on match day adorned with theirs. I didn't get the Golden Ticket but I watched the game from a pub just around the corner from the stadium. It was packed out. This was the game of the season. Three large cheers were to go up before the end of the game which settled the score at 3-1 to Liverpool.

I'll be the first to admit that the Trent-Alexander incident was a penalty. However, in the game of football, what the ref and the dreaded VAR stipulates stays, so unfortunately, this time Pep G and his City side were at a disadvantage. Either way, the goals from Fabinho, Sala and Mane were just quite excellent, not forgetting the wonderful assists which led to them. I feel a title win is now closer than ever and ours to lose but we are only mid-season so one can be optimistic but not too presumptuous.

As I travelled back by coach on Monday 11th, I felt really sad. I didn't want to go back to London, my box room and the crazy busy tubes. I didn't want to go back to life without real community spirit. I am blessed that I have built up many friends over time in London, however life is still so busy here that those friends at times I don't see for months on end. People just seem to have more quality time together 'Outside of the City Walls'.

When I return from NYC in March, I will not be going back to live in London. I turn my sights to the North and perhaps Liverpool for six months. I don't want to work in full time PAYE employment anymore. If all goes well with my project management (and I also want to start a Spanish course today online) I would like to spend the next few years working on projects, contracted for a period of time and then free to travel / move around again. I am sickened by eleven and a bit years sitting in the same seat day in and day out. I think's it's put me off a permanent desk space for life. Ha ha ha.

I'm house sharing in Tooting now and I think the markets are great. Having spent time in Oval, Balham and Clapham 'Sarf London' as the posh people say .....I much prefer Tooting out of the lot. It's full of culture and has not been overly-gentrified. It's a great end to my time in London. I'm loving the craft beer (yuckie to the Amstel, Peroni etc) and have even become part

of a craft beer group from Tooting Market. The Broadway Market is the closest I am going to get to Community Spirit.

The chap I am living with makes far too much money for his own good at such a young age he's already secured this place for £750k this year, and doesn't know what a broom or Hoover is, let alone using one. I don't know many people who would put cuff-links in the wash still on the shirt and then leave the same batch of washing in the machine for three weeks whilst I have to tackle his underwear every time I have to do my washing. This is sometimes the issue with air bnb-ing it. You hope for a clean, tidy and mature household and on many occasions, I have secured this, not this time however. I only have another month to go and then I can bid farewell to his Amazon addictions and three-times washed but never hung out clothing.

So folks on that note, I will leave you now and write again soon. I was writing regularly but I agree with Mike that perhaps every now and then works so that my tales don't become too stale and he also doesn't require the need for spend on additional pages. Understood. I don't really look at the cost of things much these days if I believe I am bringing some good to the table. For me, money is a necessity but where I can, I try to use it to bring cheer to others because spending never feels so good when its to benefit others (that's just my humble opinion).

Have a great weekend folks and I'll be in touch again soon

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# St Helena extends network of Atlantic Research Institutes



Tuesday's official launch of the St Helena Research Institute means there are now three research institutes in the British Atlantic Overseas Territories. All three were established by an Overseas Territory government but the oldest, the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI), became a standalone, independent organisation in 2017 after being established by the Falkland Islands Government. In 2018 the Anguilla Government formed the Mid-Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (MAERI) and now, in 2019, the St Helena Research Institute is added to the network. Saint Helenian Tara Palembe has had a hand in the establishment of all three.

The St Helena Research Institute (SHRI) is slightly different from the other two. The South Atlantic and Mid Atlantic Institutes cover regions rather than a single country and include 'environmental' in their title. The St Helena Research Institute has been set up to encourage, facilitate and undertake research in any and all disciplines. The SHRI website will tell enquirers, "We work to support and conduct world class research on St Helena Island across the range of natural, earth, business, humanities and social sciences". Side-by-side with environmental research will be studies of our social history and cultural legacy, education, health, globalisation, the digital economy and other subjects where there is a relevance to St Helena and an inclusive benefit across the whole of St Helenian society. Beneath the image of the Madeira storm petrel on the St Helena Research Institute logo (designed by Liam Yon) are the words, "In St Helena, by St Helena, for St Helena"; clearly indicating, except maybe in very exceptional circumstances, that SHRI will devote its attention and energy only to St Helena. SAERI has undertaken research work as far north as Montserrat and has produced research for all three islands under the administration of the St Helena governor. MAERI has been established to cover the Caribbean, not just Anguilla where it is based.

On Tuesday the well attended official launch at Anne's Place started with a short speech from the Governor who said the establishment of the St Helena Research Institute embodies mankind's relentless pursuit of knowledge, a pursuit that literally knows no bounds. He hoped the new Marine Centre on the seafront, the Scotland laboratory, Harpers field study centre, the weather station and the seismic arrays would all be harnessed when required in the pursuit of knowledge.

Director of Education and Employment, Wendy Benjamin, spoke of Tara Palembe's 'longstanding dream' for a research institute in St Helena. In 2016 Tara suggested the idea to Shirley Wahler, the then Education Director, soon after the St Helena Community College was established. The idea quickly gained support from all sides and the details on how the Institute would be established, its guiding principles and organisation were thrashed out over the next two to three years.

Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, described by Wendy Benjamin as the driving force behind the establishment of the SHRI, then took the floor and referred to St Helena's rich and longstanding

research tradition. From Edmund Halley and Charles Darwin through to the present day Professor Dan Yon, Dr Cilla McDaniel and Dr Jason Yon and then on to the bountiful harvest of 1<sup>st</sup> class honours degrees achieved by last year's Saints on overseas university courses. These people will lead the relentless pursuit of knowledge as the next generation takes hold of the reins.

Rebecca also emphasised the ethos of SHRI which is well described on the SHRI website, "Our mission is to grow and share knowledge, manage data, teach, train and build capacity to improve the quality of people's lives, support sustainable living and care for our shared natural and physical environment and cultural heritage." Throughout it all is the aim that St Helena and all St Helenians should benefit from the advantages flowing from world class, quality research.

The Right Honourable Clint Beard closed the event giving thanks to all who were involved with setting up this exciting new venture.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the world, in London a similar launch event took place at the same time.

## **The Storm Petrel of St Helena is the new symbol of ground-breaking research**



The St Helena Research Institute was officially launched on Tuesday at a well attended event at Anne's Place. There was standing room only when Governor Rushbrook with Rebecca Cairns-Wicks (Co-ordinator, SH Research Institute) and Wendy Benjamin (Education & Employment Director) spoke of the opportunities available through promoting and expanding research on St Helena. The St Helena Research Institute aims to guide and monitor research projects to ensure high quality, ethical research is maintained and that the results of research are shared with and benefit St Helena.

Research and St Helena have gone hand-in-hand through the centuries. Edmund Halley (17<sup>th</sup> century) and Charles Darwin (19<sup>th</sup> century) are two of the most notable in a long list of researchers who have come here to expand knowledge across many fields of study. Not all research is done by people coming here from overseas. The seeds for recent, ground breaking research started fifteen years ago when Emma Bennett, working with the SHG Marine Section, discovered the Storm Petrels which breed on the islets just off-shore have two breeding seasons, the 'cool' March to July season and the 'hot' September – December season. After completing research which included visiting Egg Island and Peaked Island every month for three years Emma Bennett published a research paper with Mark Bolton and Geoff Hilton of the RSPB which posited the possibility the storm petrels which nested in the cool and hot seasons were different from each other

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and storm petrels of St Helena also a different species from the storm petrels on other parts of the world.



A storm petrel photographed near Speery Island

in body shape, bird sound and response to bird sound by other storm petrels. The indications are that St Helena Storm Petrels are in a class of their own and the storm petrels on Ascension are also another different group. There is a lengthy and precise process which has to be followed before a new piece of research is generally accepted as the new norm. The encouraging signs are that the Wirebird may not be the only endemic bird in St Helena. We may well have an endemic land bird and an endemic sea bird in the St Helena Storm Petrel. Perhaps the St Helena Research Institute will encourage researchers to resolve this question.



Further research on storm petrels was undertaken and specimens taken to identify any genetic differences from other storm petrels. Further analysis was completed to identify differences

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Writer's Workshop

### JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE FAMILY NIGHT AND SKITTLES TROPHY PRESENTATION

A family Night with presentation of skittles trophies will be held at the Centre on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup>. November, starting at 7.30p.m. with the team Knock Out final between the Extractors & Parttimers. The throw-offs for the lady's best score and gent's best spare will follow the final. The Presentation of trophies will be at approximately 10.00 p.m. by the Centre Chairperson, Emerald Newman.

#### PRESENTATION LIST

LEAGUE			
POSITION	TEAM	POINTS	PINFALL
CHAMPIONS	PARTTIMERS	18	6268
RUNNERS UP	EXTRACTORS	15	5876
INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES			
LADY'S - BEST AVE:	SALLY HICKLING - STRUGGLERS: 55.5833		
GENT'S - BEST AVE	GAVIN (Duff) ELLICK - PARTTIMERS: 61.833		
LADY'S - BEST SC:	PATRICIA ESSEX - GUYS & DOLLS: 66		
	KEDALL LAWRENCE - GUYS & DOLLS: 66		
GENT'S - BEST SC:	DEON THOMAS - EXTRACTORS: 82		
LADY'S - BEST SP:	MARILYN JOSHUA - GUYS & DOLLS: 17		
GENT'S - BEST SP:	NEIL JOSHUA - GUYS & DOLLS: 18		
	NIGEL THOMAS - PARTTIMERS: 18		
LADY'S - MOST SP:	KEDALL LAWRENCE - GUYS & DOLLS: 5		
GENT'S - MOST SP:	DEON THOMAS - EXTRACTORS: 12		
BEST TEAM AVERAGE			
EXTRACTORS - DEON THOMAS: 60.7273			
GUYS & DOLLS - NEIL JOSHUA: 60.0833			
PARTTIMERS - GAVIN (Duff) ELLICK: 61.8333			
RUSTY PISTOLS - MARTIN PLATO: 58.3000			
STRUGGLERS - FABIAN PETERS: 60.7500			
KNOCK-OUTS			
	WINNERS	RUNNERS UP	
LADY'S - SINGLES	MARILYN JOSHUA	STACEY WILLIAMS	
GENT'S - SINGLES:	FABIAN PETERS	DAVID THOMAS	
MIXED DOUBLES:	KEDALL & RONNIE	JUNE & TERRY	
	LAWRENCE	LAWRENCE	

## Commemorative Flag Ceremony is first of a kind

When checking the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday Governor Rushbrook realised the service at the cenotaph was almost entirely a civil/religious ceremony; he immediately put in motion a plan to ensure all those who have seen military service are suitably honoured.

The result was a simple but moving commemoration held outside Plantation House on Monday when all on St Helena who have served in the armed forces were given pride of place. Those who did not return were remembered with respect and gratitude.

The Governor gave a short speech of welcome and then at 10:50am Mrs Marjorie Harding read the first three verses from 'For the Fallen' by Robert Laurence Binyon. Fr Jack Horner read three later verses of the poem while the governor read the most famous verse:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them.

The Bishop of St Helena then read a prayer before Graeme Beckett sounded the Last Post at one minute to eleven o'clock. As Graeme blew a faultless rendition of the bugle call that signals the end of battle and those slain have gone to their final rest, the flag above Plantation House was lowered to half mast. After a two minutes silence Graeme Beckett once more raised his bugle to his lips to sound the Reveille ,



the call that signals the start of the day.

Mr Stephen Biggs then read a poem by one of the most famous wartime poets, Siegfried Sassoon, called 'Everyone Sang'. Bishop Dale Bowers concluded the commemoration with a further short prayer and the commemoration ended at 11:10am.



## World Kindness Day is an international observance on 13 November

World Kindness Day was first introduced as a day of observation by the World Kindness Movement in 1998, but the history of the group stretches back to a Tokyo-based convention in 1997 where countries including Australia, Thailand, the United States, and the United Kingdom assembled because of their dedication to championing kindness in society, stating their "pledge to join together to build a kinder and more compassionate world."

The purpose of World Kindness Day as outlined by the World Kindness Movement is "to highlight good deeds in the community focusing on the positive power and the common thread of kindness which binds us." Since its creation more than two decades ago, the day has achieved truly global notice; events associated with the day have attracted participants from every inhabited continent. These have included activities such as concerts, dance routines and the distribution of "kindness cards."

While, at present, the day is one of unofficial observance, it remains the hope of the World Kindness Movement to attain official recognition status by the United Nations. Should the group be successful in their efforts, World Kindness Day would join the ranks of recognized days of observance such as International Day of Peace, Human Rights Day, and World Health Day.

Pilling Primary School will be observing World Kindness Day this year in the form of a theme day and each class will carry out a kindness activity; activities include giving out kindness cards, flowers or biscuits to people in the community; radio programmes at SAMS (11am) and St FM (11am), singing gospel choruses to the elderly at the CCC and doing some craft activities, hosting a tea in school for some invited retirees,



**Pupils from Pilling Primary school at Saint FM with teacher Ms Sandra George and Major Dave Harding**

where the ladies will enjoy a pampering session and the men will enjoy playing board games with the boys.

Pilling Primary supports the words of the late Princess Diana "Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that one day someone might do the same for you."

**Elaine Benjamin**  
**Head Teacher**





# SHFA and Junior Football Presentation Day 2019

Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019



At Francis Plain

- 10am** Junior Futsal Knockout Cup Final, 11-15 yrs (Pitch 1)  
Galacticos v Titans
- 10am** Beginners League Football (Pitch 2)
- 11am** Futsal Knockout Cup Final Primary School (Pitch 1)  
Yellow Devils v Jungle Rangers
- 11am** Friendly Game (Pitch 2)  
Young Rebels v Skyscrapers
- 12noon** SHFA Friendly 11-a-side  
Rovers v Lakers
- 2pm** SHFA Knockout Cup Final  
Harts v Bellboys
- 4pm** Presentation of Cups and Trophies



Cash Bar Available  
Hot Food will be on Sale  
Bouncy Castle for the kids  
Live Band performance after the Presentation



## Off-Shore seasonal sunset boat cruises!

1: Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December - Country Music  
with Alex Vanguard and Friends

2: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
– Christmassy sing-along  
Carols and Xmas songs



3: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January - relaxing classical  
music recital



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- **Captain Johnny Herne on *The Enchanted Isle***
- **£20 adults. £10 children under 16**
- **5.30 – 7.30 pm (17.30 -19.30)**



## WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN TO LAUNCH ON ST HELENA

To recognise White Ribbon Day 2019, the UN Development Programme Safe Haven Project and the Children & Adults Social Care Directorate will be running an awareness raising campaign, starting on Monday, 18 November, and ending with a final event on Monday, 25 November 2019. The theme for this Campaign is ‘*SOSU*’ for *Domestic Abuse* – Speak out, Stand up for Domestic Abuse’.

Around the world, White Ribbon awareness focuses on men taking a stand against domestic violence. The White Ribbon Day Committee has chosen to change the focus from targeting males and decided that the aim and vision would be to use the voices of the male and female population of St Helena to encourage all on the Island to ‘Speak Out and Stand Up’ against all kinds of abuse, irrespective of gender and age.

Campaign activities are as follows:

<b>White Ribbon (WR) Campaign Programme (18 – 25 November 2019)</b>		
White Ribbon activities includes purchasing T-Shirts (donations made to a registered charity), distribution of White Ribbons, signing of Pledges, and gathering for group photographs.		
Date	Event	Time
Monday, 18 November	Launch of White Ribbon Campaign via the local media.	8am – 9am
	White Ribbon activities for private sector organisations and the community at the Market, Jamestown.	9am – 12pm
Tuesday, 19 November	White Ribbon activities for private sector, government organisations and the community as follows: CCC (9am-10am) Joshie’s (10am-11am) Children Services/Ebony View (11am-12pm).	9am – 12pm
Wednesday, 20 November	Media Radio Interview on the 30 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Convention on the rights of the child.	8am – 9am
	All Schools: 30th anniversary of the Convention on the rights of the child assemblies and White Ribbon Formation.	9am – 2pm
	30th anniversary of the Convention on the rights of the child Reception held at Plantation House (invited guests)	5pm – 7pm
Thursday, 21 November	White Ribbon activities for SHG Directorates and community at the General Hospital, Jamestown.	9am – 12pm
Friday, 22 November	White Ribbon activities for SHG Directorates and community at the Castle Courtyard.	9am – 12pm
Monday, 25 November	March from Napoleon Street to Castle Gardens for Closing Ceremony. The Closing Ceremony Programme includes a rose tree planting and an inscribed stone laid in honour of survivors and victims of domestic abuse, and a number of speeches.	11am – 12.30pm

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SATURDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> November 19

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Please note Rosie's will not be providing the normal menu on the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> November 19

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## ROSTIE'S UPCOMING EVENTS

Sat 7 December 19- Gentlemen's Evening (Coyote Ugly Style)

Sun 8 December 19- Rosie's Anniversary Party on Deck

Tues 10 December 19- Carols with Complimentary Mince Pies & Mulled Wine with Johnny Carter, Alex Vanguard & Friends

Sat 14 December 19- Ladies Night - Christmas Theme

(Ladies a Treat is in store with a Special Entertainer)

Sun 15 December 19- Christmas High Tea

Sun 22 December 19- Children's Christmas Party & Disco

Wed 25 December 19- Rosie's Christmas Day Meal

Fri 27 December 19- Keeping in the Christmas Spirit

Ladies & Gents Sexy Santa Glow Party

Tue 31 December 19- Rosie's New Years Eve Party

(more details on events will follow)

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