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2016 CHALLENGE**



Sean Burns Back to Tristan

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

After hearing the statement on Radio from the Chief of Police in which he said the Fire Service responded to the scene of the fire in the specified time of twelve minutes. Reading a letter in the Independent two weeks ago, it has prompted me to reveal what I had observed at the scene.

The wind was strong that afternoon and continued as the evening was closing in. I was about to step into the shower and there was this urgent shout from my wife stating that there is a fire below the house. I almost ran outside naked but slipped something on the way and went to the front of the house and saw huge flames coming from the house about 50 metres below me at Sapper Way. I picked up the telephone and dialled 999 and the operator on the switch board said Hello and were still speaking to another caller who apparently was making contact for the same reason, the fire at Sapper Way. I went down to the scene of the fire and saw the flames going straight into the air being fanned by the wind. I could see people had gathered to assist. I was concerned that the fire could spread but saw three people Steve Bagley, Julian Borb and Clayton Yon running with buckets and a bin with water throwing it on the fire. There was a stand pipe nearby but no hose would fit and the tap could not cope with the speed the water was needed. There was a plastic inflatable large bath or tub that contained water and apparently that was boiling water for some reason, as though it had a heater element attached. The bath was soon emptied. Time was of an essence and the three mentioned people were risking their lives as Benjamin jumped up onto the wood framed patio and was fighting the fire that had caught to the facer board on the side of the house and flames could now be seen inside the building. The Police vehicle finally arrived on the scene and a Lady Police Officer (Expat) got out and shouted to everyone to clear the area. I told her that we are fighting the fire..... I noted that the minutes were ticking away and most of the big

To whom it may concern- House Fire at Sapper Way

flames had been compressed by the volunteers. Julian entered the house through the door only to be turned back because of the smoke in the house whilst Clayton Yon was running on top of burning wood framed Patio where planks gave way under him but he still persevered and kept the flames under control. The Big Fire Truck finally arrived and the lady police officer was asked to move the Police vehicle because it was obstructing the way of the fire truck.

Eventually the fire truck was in position and a couple of men got out and were starting compressors and pulling hoses. The hose was jammed and Steve Bagley came to the rescue by assisting the fire men to get the length of hose he required to reach the house but soon after the hose broke and the pumping of water stopped. By this time the second fire tender (The Land Rover type tender) arrived and some persons climbed out and it was noted by many bystanders that crocks, shorts and tee shirt was the uniform worn by at least one person and there was another person who did not have suitable clothing as a fire fighter either. The fire was eventually extinguished and all went to their respective places.

I am writing this account as I am sure all of us would want to know the following:

- **How did the fire start?**
- **Why did the Chief of Police make a statement saying that the Fire Service response was twelve minutes after the call, when it was actually over forty minutes before the fire service arrived to the fire scene?**
- **Why the Big Fire Truck was the first to arrive at the fire scene and not the small, faster response vehicle as is normally the case?**
- **Why some firefighters were not wearing firefighting gear, how could they rescue people in a house fire without the correct protective clothing?**
- **Why did a fire hose break? That might have been the crucial moment when water was needed?**
- **In order to get a proper report on the incident, an independ-**

ent body should have been appointed to investigate what really happened that evening of the fire at Sapper Way rather than the Chief of Police carrying out his own in house investigation.

Would the Fire Chief please state the definition of twelve minutes response time?

The above statement outlines what happened that evening. Many of us who were there know that all is not well and lessons need to be learnt. The Public should be told how the fire occurred so we will all know how to avoid this happening to us.

The Public was not thanked by the Authorities for doing what they did thus preventing the destruction of the house. If they had not acted quickly the house would have been destroyed by the time the fire services arrived. There should be a full and comprehensive report made public if we are to gain confidence in the St. Helena Fire Service knowing that when there is a fire they will respond as soon as possible in twelve minutes and ready to respond to any eventuality.

There was once a policy in place that applied to all fire and sea rescue personnel, and that was that once you became a member, where ever you go you carry your fire protective gear with you, in the boot of your car or by your bed with coveralls over your boots. What happened at Sapper Way clearly shows that no one was ready for the fire that evening. They did not think that would happen as nothing of that kind has occurred for many a long day. The Fire Service responds to a road side accident from time to time but they were not ready and did not expect a fire of that magnitude. I hope a response from the Chief of Police published in the "Independent" will be forthcoming so that we can all learn from this incident.

Tony Leo, Resident at Sapper Way

Your Opinion Counts

APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR FOR TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Mark Capes, the Governor of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha is pleased to announce the appointment of Sean Burns as the next Administrator of Tristan da Cunha. Sean will replace Alex Mitham at the end of the year.

Sean, currently the Head of the Governor's Office in St Helena, will be accompanied by his wife, Marina, on what will be his second posting to Tristan - having served as Administrator from 2010 -2013.

Administrator Alex Mitham said:

'The whole community looks forward to welcoming Sean and Marina back to the island at the end of the year. Sean has gained valuable insight from working in St Helena, and will no doubt be able to put that knowledge to good use on Tristan.

The island will be undergoing many changes over the next few years and its good that someone who already knows and



understands the community can assist them on meeting their sustainability objectives.'

January Newsletter from Atlantic Star Airlines

Dear Friends,

Thank you to those of you who have been in touch regarding progress with our UK to St.Helena charter flights for 2016. We have been quietly working through the necessary permissions that are required by the UK Civil Aviation Authority, UK Department of Transport, and St.Helena Government, and we are now in a position to share a little more of where we are in the process.

We have now established precisely what will be required by each organisation and have agreed a means of providing the necessary documentation for each of them. This has taken a little longer than we would have liked but naturally the regulation of a new airport in such a remote location means that each step forward is taken with a good deal of caution. Nonetheless we are confident that all of the necessary permissions relating to our charter programme will be in place within a few weeks from now.

This will allow us to release flight dates and times with certainty, but we have been advised that we will not be able to commence ticket sales until the St.Helena airport certification process is complete.

As many of you will know there has already been some delays to the airport certification process associated with the need to move some of the ground based navigation equipment necessary for pilots to make safe approaches at St.Helena. We are in contact with the Air Access Team at St.Helena Government and are confident that all the hurdles to certification will be overcome.

Based on the complexity of the certification process and the work still to be done on the airport it would be premature to give a precise date for certification and therefore we are not yet able to announce the date that ticket sales will start.

We fully appreciate how frustrating this waiting period is for those of you who wish to finalise 2016 travel plans. We share that frustration and naturally we would love to be on sale right



now. We are certain that certification will be successful and equally certain that our flights will take place as planned.

We have a provisional programme in place with TUIfly to provide two flights in late May and early June, a further pair in October and a final pair around Christmas. We will provide precise dates once our approval to operate from St.Helena Government is in place.

We will provide more information by email and on our website and social media channels as soon as the flight permissions are in place. In the meantime thank you all for your continued patience and support.

Warmest Regards

Richard Brown

Principal, Atlantic Star Airlines

Love your Local Community Radio Station?

Saint FM Community Radio Association Annual General Meeting/Social will be held at Saint FM Community Radio, Association Hall on Tuesday 2nd February at 6.30pm. All members, voluntary presenters and interested parties are warmly welcome to attend. Refreshments will be provided and we look forward to seeing you there.

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Editorial

The letters are definitely spicing up the newspaper this week. I find Tony Leo's eye-witness account about the house fire in Sapper Way very interesting. It corresponds with other accounts which have been relayed to me. Obviously, it does not fit in with the response from the Police, written by Pam Trevillion a few weeks ago, but I am fully satisfied from the eye-witness reports what the truth is. I definitely hope that the Police make the findings of their de-brief of the incident public. If they don't, they will look quite foolish.

The letter about the ESH contracts will undoubtedly raise a few eyebrows as well. Running a tender process on a small Island like St Helena is not easy. One person's close connection with any of the tenders will not go unnoticed even if it might not have had any impact on the outcome of the tender. The allegations of corruption will be heard whether the allegations are justified or not. In this case I simply don't know but I have no problem in giving the people involved a chance to battle it out. These issues are, in principle, very important.

I see that SHG are in the process of creating a 10 year plan for the future. I think I can recall 3 year and 5 year plans being drawn up ever since. It will give a well paid official something to do for a while. The effort might end up with an impressive document with a lot of words, but who will actually read it, and maybe even follow it? It is a complete waste of tax-payers money. I have noticed over the years that creating long term plans and so called 'strategic plans' can be more of a hindrance than actually be of help to create a better future. The best strategy for a small place like St Helena is to be as 'opportunistic' as possible. I mean opportunistic in a positive sense. We do not know what is around the corner which could better St Helena. Is the South Atlantic fibre-optic cable coming our way one day? Will dredging for manganese be a viable option for us in the future?

By writing long-terms plans we are rather excluding opportunities than embracing them. If you come up with an idea, some official will come back to you and say - Sorry, it is not in our ten year plan so

you can't do it.

I agree that we need some kind of budget and outlook for the future but we will not benefit from a plan driven economy. The Soviet Union tried it and China tried it, without much success I am afraid.

We can already sense some drawbacks for previous plans talking about 'tourist driven economy' with some input of fishing and farming. To me, this is far to narrow to create anything else than a 'banana republic'. We need visions and ideas not more plans and strategies.

I know that my views do not count for much in a society run by bureaucrats and paper-pushers but somebody might give it a thought.

Mike



"Kindly fill out this application for the reduction of bureaucracy."

Your Opinion Counts

This letter is an answer to the letter on page 8 from 'a very concerned half Saint'. Due to time constraints we had to publish the original letter and the answer on different pages.

Mike

Dear Mike,

Thank you for bringing this letter to my attention.

I can confirm that all aspects of the recent process fully complied with the ESH procurement policies and procedures and all decisions in the process were approved by the ESH Board.

The plans as illustrated in the Independent of the 17th July 2015 were draft Architects 3D perspective of the proposed redevelopment of the Ex Slaughterhouse in Longwood and not the finished design as submitted to Planning and Building Regulations for approval of its conversion into a Packhouse. The plans as contained in the Independent of the 15th January 2016 were again an indicative floor plan of the proposed development for a Packhouse and Business Units following an unsuccessful tender process for the Operation of the Packhouse and the ESH Board decision to modify the development into an Enterprise Park containing a Packhouse facility.

Apart from the partial change of use and name for the project, the two variations are the relocation of toilets in the development and the introduction of a new corridor. The modifications are at no additional cost to the project and the redesign was actually carried out by ESH's David Goodrick, Construction Training and Project Manager. Appropriate revised planning is being sought for the minor variations. I think it's important to point out that the three ESH capital projects to be completed by March 31st have engaged three separate local contractors and are employing 25 people with three apprentices. The three completed projects will provide opportunities for up to 23 businesses.

Finally, Enterprise St Helena has recently become the first organisation anywhere in the world to receive the Institute of Economic Development kite mark of "Working towards Excellence in Economic Development".

**Regards,
Niall**

Power trips end badly

There is a quote on the wall in the immigration office of the police department, it says ***“No matter how educated, talented, rich or cool you believe you are, how you treat people ultimately tells all. Integrity is everything”*** it is a quote that should adorn all offices, work places and our homes, it’s really great advice. Throughout our lives we will have experienced great people to work with and others who are on their way to the top and woe betide anyone who stands in the way, I’ve experienced first-hand little reigns of terror and foot stamping, strutting one’s authority, an abrasive and loud mouthed approach to keep people ‘in check’ and under control, needless to say this person did not win any friends and their reign of terror was soon cut short by the announcement of another person being awarded the coveted role which drew heaps of relieved sighs from so many in that office, the power trip was bought to an abrupt end and this person was put back very nicely in their place, a little deflated but having learned that ***“On the way to the top be careful whom you push aside tis likely you will meet them on the way down”***

If we are agreed that every human being deserves to be treated with kindness and respect then we will have learnt our lessons well, in every society inequalities exist and while we will always have the rich and poor among us it is our duty to use every resource to prevent that gap from widening, those that have will nearly always be okay, it is the marginalised that need our protection. Power trips are bad news for any small community because if these people get their way (and many times they do) we will all be expected to sing from the same song sheet despite having misgivings. St Helena has to get used to doing things differently and we may not all warmly embrace the changes coming however if in the long-term they will be better for us then we should do everything we can to make the transition easier. But then, what *‘If it ain’t broke?’*; *‘Why try fix it?’* I’ve asked the question in light of even more planning demands being placed on the local construction industry who are in the future going to require a qualified engineer to certify reinforcement of Lintels among other things, having never



needed this before after decades of good workmanship, our construction industry will now have even more demands placed upon them, we have said this before and I will say this yet again, trying to implement unnecessary building regulations will not work on a tiny island faced with so many constraints, it will in contrast give the man in the office something more to do but the impact for local builders will be quite the opposite, creating even more obstacles and headaches. This fact may rattle some cages but we must get it through to thick heads that if we are to alter anything then first view things from a local perspective and ask one simple question, will it work? Another question to ask, are these ideas being enforced or are we having direct conversations with the very people whose livelihoods are being affected?

The habitual routine of a power tripper is to leave behind a name for one-self, these people never consider others and the effects of their decisions and behaviour, they are in it for themselves and the fact that no one benefits is off little concern to them, the rule is to get ahead by whatever means. In the giddy rise to the top there is no room for other people’s opinions and they are usually first in line to prevent anyone from rising above them, some people have held the same

position for many years and are incapable of change in fact they are instrumental in holding back that change.

Already the ‘sweep clean’ is happening in government and I suggest that this ‘clean-up’ be extended to local people who have not made a true and fair representation of the facts for Saints, this is tyranny of the worse kind, when you are betrayed by your own. Remember this, no one is indispensable, in the cold light of day, people are seen for what they are, can be taken out and replaced. And then there are the bright and shining stars on St Helena, outspoken and determined, they can hold their own and will not be persuaded to back down and agree to something they know will be detrimental to the well-being of the islanders, they are a threat to the power trippers. Their arguments present sound reasoning; unashamedly they fight the cause and don’t mind sticking their heads above the parapet. Power trippers are afraid of them because they steal the limelight, reveal their inadequacies and inabilities and render them incapable of doing the job they’re in. Nonetheless there is hope, hope in a bright and glorious future, where those bright and shining stars will be given their rightful places, where our young Saints returning fresh from university will be able to experience the fruits of their studies and receive just rewards. We have a new future to look to where the old fashioned, colonialist system is replaced with vibrancy and innovation, where the true leaders of St Helena are now 18 years old, in their 20’s 30’s and 40’s, there is a new hybrid coming and it will not contain the people of today but the people of tomorrow. Bring it on.

THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 31 January 2016 @ 11H00
FOR PRAISE AND WORSHIP
JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE.

**Transport is available from
Longwood, Jamestown, HTH**

CONTACT 23905

PRAISE & WORSHIP

VIRAL INFECTION ON ST HELENA

The Health Directorate wishes to advise the public that there is currently a human viral infection going around on the Island, with symptoms which include diarrhoea, vomiting, high temperatures, dry cough and body aches.

Please be advised that this condition, in the majority of cases, can be managed at home with rest, regular fluids and painkillers (available in most local shops).

If symptoms deteriorate and are not improved after 24 - 48 hours please do seek medical advice. However if anyone is concerned about their health at any time please contact the Hospital to seek further advice. Patients particularly at risk include young children and the elderly.

This virus is contagious - and the Health Directorate would like to ask those with the virus to avoid attending the Hospital **where possible**. Those **who can** are asked to manage their symptoms at home to avoid spreading the virus.

Children

If parents are concerned about the health of their children they should contact the Hospital immedi-

ately to seek further advice.

A trial of the supply of free over-the-counter medications to children is currently under way on St Helena (on a six-month trial basis initially, begun on 1 September 2015)

Under this trial, children up to 16 years of age, or up to 18 years of age if still attending school, can obtain a maximum of two over the counter items per month, direct from the Hospital Pharmacy, without prescription or charge.

This is in specific situations where the Pharmacist deems the supply to be appropriate, either as a result of a nurse triaging the patient or from direct contact. If there are any clinical concerns, the patient will naturally be referred for an appointment with a medical officer.

SHG
26 January 2016



St Helena
Government

SHG PUBLISHES ACTION PLAN ON WASS REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

On 10 December last year St Helena Government welcomed publication of the Wass Inquiry Report, accepted the report's recommendations and committed to quickly implement them. This work commenced in December, with some recommendations already implemented and many others already well in hand.

There is a wide range of recommendations in the Wass Inquiry Report, covering Safeguarding, Governance, the Police, Healthcare, Recruitment, HR practices, Training and Education.

Today, SHG publishes its Action Plan for the Wass Recommendations - which can be viewed at <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/> detailing the actions and timeframe against each individual recommendation. This action plan will be updated regularly online with, at least, quarterly press releases on progress.

The progress already made across a number of the recommendations is balanced by SHG's acknowledgement that there remains much work to be done - both within and outside the scope of the Wass Inquiry. This will be delivered by

officials and Elected Members, working in partnership with Ginny Ferson of FCO and all other partners, including our main funder DFID.

All the issues raised in the Inquiry will be comprehensively addressed and we will regularly review our systems to make sure we are protecting the most vulnerable people in our community.

SHG and the UK Government will continue to take any allegations of abuse extremely seriously and are committed to ensuring that children and the vulnerable are heard and protected on St Helena. We will strive for further safeguarding improvements on the Island, bringing prosecutions where appropriate.

The Wass Inquiry Report itself can be viewed at: https://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/484129/51735_Wass_Inquiry_Web_Accessible_PDF.pdf Hard copies can also be viewed at the Public Library, the Human Rights Office and the Public Solicitor's Office.

SHG
22 January 2016

REOPENING OF DOCTOR-LED DISTRICT CLINICS

The Health Directorate is pleased to announce the reopening of the District Clinic at Half Tree Hollow, following its refurbishment. A Doctor will be present at the clinic on Monday mornings in conjunction with the Pharmacy Bus, and will see patients on an appointment basis, between 9.30am and 12.30pm - from Monday 1 February 2016.

A Doctor will now also attend Longwood Clinic on Wednesday mornings on an appointment basis, together with the Pharmacy Bus - commencing on Wednesday 3 February 2016, between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

And at Levelwood District Clinic, a Doctor will be in attendance fortnightly, on an appointment basis, in conjunction with the Pharmacy Bus. This arrangement will begin on Thursday 11 February, between 9.30am and 12.30pm.

Jamestown Out-patient Clinic will continue to run daily from 10am to 2pm, with the afternoon Doctors Clinic running from 2pm to 4pm. The late afternoon clinic (for patients unable to attend during working hours), currently held on a Wednesday, will now be moved to Mondays, commencing 1 February 2016, from 4pm to 5pm on an appointment basis.

As Doctor-led clinics have resumed at Half Tree Hollow, Longwood and Levelwood, the Health Directorate will no longer provide transport into town for Out-patient appointments. This will also take effect from Monday 1 February.

All emergencies should still be directed to the General Hospital.

SHG

27 January 2016

SHG TENDERS FOR AEROMEDICAL SERVICE

St Helena Government is currently pursuing the development of a Service Level Agreement (SLA) with an aeromedical evacuation provider and a provider of secondary and tertiary healthcare in South Africa, to commence this year.

At present, the majority of patients requiring specialist healthcare travel to Cape Town on the RMS St Helena. Only an extremely limited number of patients are transferred to the UK (usually via Ascension Island), and it is unlikely that this number of patients will change significantly in the foreseeable future.

St Helena is therefore likely to remain mainly reliant on accessing specialist secondary and tertiary medical care, in South Africa. This means that an aeromedical evacuation service is required from St Helena for clinically unstable patients who require urgent transfer to private healthcare provision in Johannesburg, Pretoria, Cape Town and possibly other locations, including Namibia and the United Kingdom.

The scope of the Invitation to Tender provides for the provision of both an emergency aeromedical service and specialist healthcare provision in South Africa. Two of the main points are:

It is likely in most instances that patients collected from St Helena via an urgent medevac flight will be trans-

ferred to either Johannesburg, Pretoria or Cape Town

It is proposed that any patient transferred via stretcher on the weekly commercial passenger flight will receive treatment in Johannesburg or Pretoria, due to the proximity of these locations and the inherent logistical difficulties associated with arranging medical transfer from Johannesburg to another location in South Africa

Following review of the tenders (due to close in mid-February) and shortlisting, SHG will undertake site visits and interviews to be confident that the specification and service meet St Helena's needs. A decision is expected no later than June 2016.

Full tender documentation can be found on the UK Government Website **Contracts Finder**
<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search> reference HSW-00063.

SHG
25 January 2016



**St Helena
Government**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Still lots of dabble dabble continuing as a result of an incident regarding the Local Fire Service, not headline material however, but what is making the headlines is the arrival of a new Governor, and a Lady One too, seems like a full shuffle is in the making at last!

Its perhaps about time, let's face it, nothing works fairly around here, I'm sincerely hoping Governor Phillips will act as a starting stone for a revamp of the entire outfit or starting with SHG as we know it!

The customary and shambles of how this place is run is like a curse! This tiny place with such a tiny number of people **does not** need an *administration task force* like that of SHG to run it! The sheer number of expatriate personnel here employed and working for SHG is through the roof, and I think we really have to ask ourselves.. Have we missed a trick or, is it because we Saints are really Ignorant or something..? Maybe it a case where it's just a normal and necessary process for an Overseas Territory. Is the UK politely telling us were incapable of running *most* of our own affairs..? It could be a means to get back some of that *Millions* in Aid (Annual Budget) money..? Either way, the people that call themselves Saints, can get it unfairly rough here sometimes.

It doesn't help when were stuck with the big firms having the monopoly on most things, land that just doesn't provide sufficient crops and meat (let alone affordability for first time buyers) and oh yes Corruption and Hush Stories. There's still no transparency with SHG, corruption scandals are still the normal gossip in Town and Freight is still being left in Cape town!

Plans are still on for major revamps in Jamestown including a Hotel, but still no information from SHG regarding the Serious Parking Issue! The road repair is becoming embarrassing now, Janet Lawrence would do good to secure a road grader from Basil Read when they leave... If they ever leave! I feel sorry for the poor guys that have to endure the frowns and scorns of daily passersby

who can see that it's all a waste of good tax payers money! The new roads take around a week before there's signs of bumps and humps which eventually turn into pot holes as you can see on EVERY road still! The significant Pay differences will still cause division among Islanders, divide and conquer we shall reign!

This place has a lot of problems and a lot of it has to do with SHG and the way *it's managed!* There's still no accountability, people are allowed to get away with too much, (if you fit into the right little SHG click that is) too many blind eyes have been turned in recent past and its time now for some proper accountability! Time to initiate real change for the future of our generations! If the reason for such an influx of expatriate personnel is to mop up all the problems that exist here, then we need to be seeing some results, some *mopping up!*

Those *Saints* that have been sitting in highly responsible positions, making serious decisions, we need to see positive developments from you too! Continuing development for us as a population, we need to see results! Where's the results? Maybe a few of you need to be thinking differently..?! Maybe these comfy little numbers are being offered on too long overdue contractual agreements..?!

Our Kids need more than just New Horizons, our elderly citizens need better than the Care Complex. Our Working Class need to be much more appreciated.. how much money does SHG spend regarding Shipping of Expatriate cars to and from the Island for example? That money could indeed extend the shade for our Nana's and Papa's down at Ladder Hill.

We almost lost a fair few quid on the last Tourist Boat in the Harbour! Nearly got ditched because of sea conditions, thanks to the Heavens, but tell me, will the Jetty at Rupert's Dock a ship that size?

I thought we were all about making money, *Tourism n' all that!* ESH is not afraid to dish it out, I'm curious to know if there's a tracking on developments as a result of all the investing.

I have some faith in the First Lady, after all, she has inherited the first real claim to radical change!

Maybe the new Safeguarding department can help establish a new law that demonstrates **Fairness, Equality and Dignity** of Life for ALL Habitants on the Island **to include Jobs and Salaries!!**

Back to the Future!

Dear Editor,

Longwood Enterprise Park! This seems to be the gossip on the street.

First of all the plans advertised in the Independent dated 17th July 2015 is nothing compared to the one that was published in the Independent dated 22nd January 2016. It begs the question to ask when was the plans changed?? Was it before the tendering process proceeded or after the tenders were closed as the independent stated "on Monday 4th January and following a successful tendering process, ESH handed over the keys to the ex-slaughter house at Longwood to Len Coleman, Director and owner of Dalco Ltd".

It is led to be believed on the street that the "new" plans was drawn after the tendering process closed and was produced by Dalco, the one that was awarded the contract. How can this be allowed to happen or am I missing - something or just plain stupid??? If the rumour is true St Helena can't get any more CORRUPT than this and whoever allowed this to happen should be dismissed from their position!!! Maybe the Sasha Wass Inquiry needs to have a look into this one.

From a very concerned Half Saint

Thank You!

**The Chairman and Committee of the
Jamestown Community Centre
send Greetings to June and Jerry Evans in
UK and to sincerely thank them for their
very generous donation for the Jamestown,
Ruperts and Briars Senior Citizens Annual
Tea Party.**



A Funny Thing Happened

Vince Thompson

Salvation Comes on Wednesdays

I'm not getting out too much these days. I have much to do but what is being done keeps me at home more than is usually the case. As a result I don't pick up as many useful bits of information. Sometimes I wonder what the hell I'm going to write about on Wednesdays, I need to get my scribbling to Mike for printing on Thursdays. This week was like that. I heard on the news a new statistical update had been published; there might be some interesting facts and figures in that, but what else was there? Not a lot, certainly nothing to get your heart racing or even skipping a beat. One government press release announced there is now just one version of the St Helena Badge of Arms and this one version should always be used when the St Helena Badge is used in any publication. Apparently, over the years several small changes have crept in and the Wirebird in particular had become distorted. Well, of course I was very happy that little problem has been sorted out; the one true version of the St Helena Badge of Arms is printed below for all to see, know and love.

Last week Wednesday was salvation day for me and my scribbles because it was officially announced that morning by the UK Foreign Office that Lisa Phillips will be our next governor. Great, I thought, now there is something of interest to write about. This Wednesday was the same, I fired up my laptop and. lo-and-behold, there it was; an announcement from SHG which gave me the opportunity to write several thousand words but I will spare you all and limit it to several hundred. Here it is; this is what raised my spirits!



How the St Helena Badge should look

SHG Announce a New 10 Year Strategic Plan

I love new strategies as much as everyone else does. Strategies and plans are enough to get anyone's heart thumping loudly – with frustration and exasperation. What happened to all the other plans and strategies there have been over the years; and why in the name of Heaven do we need yet another one? These words, I'm sure, are on the lips and in the minds of at least 90% of the 4,115 resident St Helenian population [according to the latest Statistical News Bulletin] and also maybe some of the other 587 residents.

I spent some time deciding where to start with this one but once I had gathered enough courage to look at the last national strategic plan I soon found where I could start with this

and then it carried on at a brisk pace after that. The last publication of this kind was the *Sustainable Development Plan* which tells us what it is hoped would happen from 2014 to 2017. I had to go no further than page two to know what to write next. My inspiration came from Governor Capes' foreword.

In his very optimistic introduction, His Excellency states, 'We know that social gains will come relatively easily - for example having rapid access to specialist medical care and much easier and quicker journeys to and from the Island for family, friends and visitors. The more complex, the less easy task, is to prepare St Helena to be able to seize new economic opportunities. But we can do it.'

Just fourteen months later it is announced in the UK Parliament there will be an inquiry into a range of social issues in St Helena which had not enjoyed any of these supposed relatively easy gains. The Inquiry Report makes us wonder if His Excellency has ever lived not only in St Helena but anywhere near this planet.

The Wass Report told us 'the hospital lacked the rudimentary facilities required for the care of the sick. We were told by nurses that there was only enough running hot water for *one bath*; that the dishwasher and bedpan washer had been broken for three years; and that the hospital relied on the charitable donations of others for fundamental equipment. For example, the only operating table had been donated by the previous surgeon when he left his post.' You will never find that kind of information in an SHG strategic plan. The 2014 version of strategy and planning looked for a *vibrant economy, strong community and family life and an environment which is effectively managed*. Wonderful words but how do you do it? The revised version of the *Sustainable Development Plan* compressed many things into numbered targets, such as 122 serviced rooms for tourist accommodation by 2015-16 or the target for reducing obesity which is still to be confirmed even though the Plan finishes next year.. Try as I might, I cannot find an updated version of the renowned *Sustainable Development Plan* which, if it exists, may have the mysterious figures which remain to be confirmed.

Returning to the Wass Report we find it is written, 'However, we have concluded that St Helena suffers from bad management and a lack of strategic organisation. This is not a new finding. In a DFID Social Development Advisor's report in 2000, he observed: "*There is little evidence of joined up thinking in SHG policy-making.*"'. In this week's announcement from SHG about a new 10 Year Plan this long established weakness is described as, '*St Helena has sometimes suffered from a short term approach to planning and this has led, in some cases, to the direction of travel changing or to possible missed opportunities from potential funders.*' To which can be added repeated wastage of significant sums of money, time and effort. Well, at least SHG appear to be now listening to constructive criticism, 16 years after the DfID Advisor included it in his report. For those of you not familiar with business jargon, 'direction of travel changing' in this case means deciding too often to do things differently or even not doing them at all. It is clearly an admittance that in the past plans and strategies have been ignored, forgotten and, simply, a waste of time.

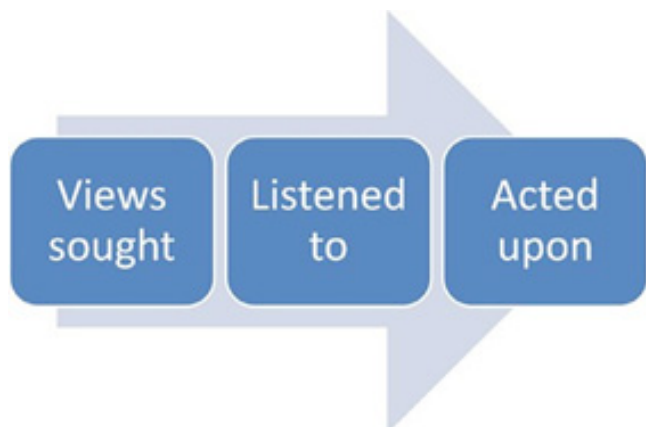
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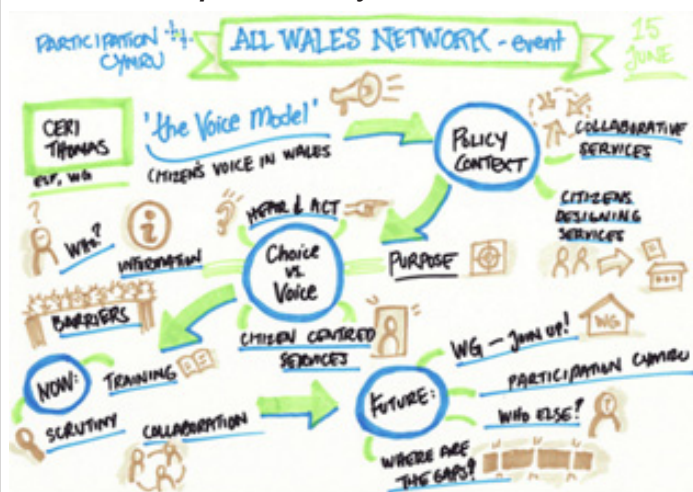
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The announcement then goes on to say the approach will be to start with a blank piece of paper and, using a 'participation model' rely 'heavily' on partnership with the community to develop the 10 Year Plan. I wondered what there is by way of 'participation models' and found various diagrams which illustrated how irrelevant some of these 'models' can be.

Participation Models



The simplest and maybe most unrealistic



A version of 'participation' beyond understanding

For the 10 Year Plan there will be a series of participation 'events'. A draft plan will then be published followed by a period of public consultation. All this is due to start in February, just three days away. If you do not want to be participated with or are not included in any of the February 'events' you can sit down and write out your ideas, thoughts and opinions and send them by email to tenyear.plan@sainthelena.gov.sh. Written comments can also be sent to the Corporate Policy & Planning Unit at the Castle, addressed to Assistant Chief Secretary (Performance).

The themes and aims for the next 10 years are listed as • Healthier • Greener • Safer • Wealthier and Better for Children and Young People. Chief Secretary Roy Burke said the Plan's success depends largely on com-

munity participation and a series of participation events will be published shortly.

It is also mentioned that the 10 Year Strategic Plan will be supported by three directorate plans. Judging from the themes, the directorates involved must be Public Health, Environment and Natural Resources and Safeguarding. But that leaves out Education and Employment in connection with Children and Young People as well as the Police Directorate where the theme involved is 'safer'. My first thoughts are, as they often are when thoughts turn to strategies and strategic planning, the so-called themes are too generalised to provoke thought or debate because too generalised too often also means bordering on meaningless; or at the very least, open to misinterpretation.

Anyway, if I play the game and keep it to general themes for the sake of drafting a strategy, why not have the following themes; Training – Delegating Responsibility – Productivity – Value for Money – Modernising Business and Government Methods – Continuity within Government Departments – Customer Service. If these themes are adopted, acted upon and actually result in improvements then all or most of us will be healthier, wealthier, greener and so on.

Bits from the Statistics Bulletin

Population

The three monthly Statistics Bulletin takes us to the end of December. Over the three months to the end of the year the average resident population was 4,702; the average resident St Helenian population was 4,115. The total population has only once been higher in recent years and that was during the first three months of 2015. The St Helenian population was higher during the six months from October 2014 to March 2015; the population then dropped for six months but has now picked up again. The increase is due to people returning to the island; deaths continue to outnumber births. In 2015 there were 40 births and 55 deaths.

Prices

Prices have risen by less than a penny in the pound compared with 12 months ago. Electricity and firewood show the biggest increase in prices but by less than half a per cent. Increases were also recorded in animal feed and sanitary goods. The price of petrol has fallen by 18p compared to a year ago although diesel has increased by 2p.

Tax and Duty

So far this financial year [April to December] £3.7million has been paid to SHG in taxes. That works out at £786.90 per Island resident. The total tax paid so far this financial year is 26% more than for the first nine months of the last financial year. Customs Duty collected for the same period amounted to a little over £4million, a 14% increase on last year. Just over £2million was paid in tax and duty on alcohol, tobacco, petrol and diesel while just under £2million was collected in duty from all other goods.

Prices - General

Island prices continue to benefit from a weak Rand, very low inflation in the UK and low fuel prices. The rate of price increases in South Africa continues to rise; the inflation stood



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at 5.2% just before Christmas.

Comings and Goings

In the nine months from April to December 2015 arrivals from the RMS increased in all categories except tourists. With just 418 tourists it was 59 less than for the same period in 2014. However only 250 of the 418 actually stayed in St Helena while the RMS went to Ascension and back. The UK and Europe provided more than half of the tourists [214] while South Africans made up 25% of the total number of tourists [106].



A Long Wait for the Next Tourist - photo; sthelenaisland.info

59 of the 418 in the 'tourist' category were classified as Saints Resident Overseas rather than 'Visiting Friends and Relatives. The inclusion of the overseas saints in the Tourist category probably makes the tourist total look a little less disastrous than it really is.

Returning residents numbered 802 and arrivals classified as 'business' totalled 731. People arriving to visit friends and relatives were slightly more than in 2014 at 478. There was a 15% increase in arrivals from Ascension [1,144] while arrivals from Cape Town were just 2% higher at 1,329.

And Finally

The Quarterly Statistic Bulletin reminds us all that the Census is just nine days away – 7th February.

Report It – Sort It – Remember



Report It



Sort It

On Friday 17th July the Report It Sort It initiative was launched, or as the press release described it, mobilised. It is usually an army which is mobilised for a hard, tiring and probably long campaign. The 'mobilisation' of the Report It Sort It initiative has been going on for five months so far, and to mix metaphors is in severe danger of hitting the buffers. [In this case it must be a troop train.]

Report It Sort It is an attempt to handle queries, comments and complaints from the public about government services, quickly, simply and satisfactorily. I'm all for it. It was decided prior to the launch, to give this idea regular publicity and try to get the scheme firmly in the minds of the public. Regular updates were envisaged together with advertising Report It Sort on the sides of all SHG vehicles. Unfortunately the governor's car belongs to the UK Foreign Office.

Since the launch in July there has been an SHG press release with photos issued in October. It told us that for the period July and August [a total of six weeks] they had 20 reports from the public using the Report It Sort It phone number [25252], or email address [customer.relations@sainthelena.gov.sh]. Most of these reports had been for the Roads Section [80%] and they had dealt quickly with each one of them. The Roads Section was made Team of the Month. There has not been another Team of the Month.

Another SHG press release was issued last Friday, 22nd January, saying that 22 reports from the public had been received from August 2015 to January 2016 and that 19 of the issues raised had been resolved. Since August is mentioned again maybe there has been some double counting but it appears that during the 22 weeks from September to mid-January there were a similar number of reports as in the first six weeks. All due I feel certain to the wonderful Report It Sort It advertising campaign which never happened. If the rate of reports from the public had been maintained at the level they reached just after the launch there would have been about 80 reports received not just 22.

If the public do not know about it they will not use it. Is this something the SHG employees have in mind? Is it just another of those plans which has been forgotten about or maybe it is because the person responsible for it now was not involved when the scheme was planned and launched? Y'know, the thing about continuity – again.

Members of the public can report problems in SHG's services by:

- 1] Visiting the Castle and speaking to Carol George, Corporate Services Executive Manager
- 2] Calling the dedicated phone number 25252 between 8.30am and 4pm (or leaving a message outside office hours)
- 3] Completing the form on the SHG website at: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/report-it-sort-it/> or sending an e-mail to: customer.relations@sainthelena.gov.sh



NEW GOVERNOR ANNOUNCED

LISA PHILLIPS TO SUCCEED MARK CAPES IN APRIL 2016 AS GOVERNOR OF ST HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA

Lisa Phillips has been appointed Governor of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha, in succession to Mark Capes. Lisa (photo attached) will take up her appointment in St Helena in late April 2016 after visiting Tristan da Cunha for its bicentenary celebrations.

Governor Mark Capes will arrive in St Helena on 30 January 2016, following overseas business and leave, and will depart the Island on Friday 18 March 2016 to carry out official business in Paris and Corsica connected with the Napoleonic bicentenary celebrations. From 18 March, Head of the Governor's Office, Sean Burns, will become Acting Governor until Lisa Phillips arrives at St Helena on the RMS on Tuesday 26 April 2016.

Lisa is currently Head of Office in Kenya for the Department for International Development (DFID), based in Nairobi. During her career - much of it spent with DFID - she has worked in a wide range of policy areas, overseas posts and in a number of leadership roles.

On her appointment as the 65th Governor of St Helena and the first ever woman appointed to the substantive role, Lisa said:

"I am so excited to be taking up the role of Governor of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha and cannot wait to be on the Islands and to get going.

"With the opening of the Airport, 2016 will be a year of change for St Helena. I am looking forward to working in partnership with the Island and her people to get the most benefit out of that change, while preserving the very special place that is St Helena".

Reflecting on his four years on the Island, Governor Capes added:

"Tamara and I will leave St Helena shortly after over four tremendously busy and satisfying years. Much has been achieved during those years on so many fronts and I am hugely grateful to Councillors and colleagues in St Helena Government for their support and for their commitment to moving the Island forward.

"It has been both a pleasure and a privilege to work with such a talented and enthusiastic team. Even now it still amazes me how such a small community, with limited resources, has coped so well with the diverse and challenging demands placed on it in recent years as we have prepared to meet the changes ahead."

"Knowing the Island and her people as well as I do now, I have no doubt, as I hand over to my successor, that St Helena is on course for a bright and prosperous future."

Councillor Lawson Henry, on behalf of Executive Council, concluded:



"I very much welcome the appointment of Lisa Phillips as our first Lady Governor - I am sure she will be given a special St Helena welcome when she takes up her post in April. As the first Lady Governor she will no doubt go down in the history books, but I hope too that she will also be written about for what she brings to the Island and what she is able to help us achieve at such a crucial time in our history. So welcome Lisa - we all look forward to meeting you.

"I would also like to pay sincere tribute to Governor Mark Capes for the time he has served as our Governor on St Helena and for all he has done in taking the Island forward, especially for his four years of work on the Airport project.

"I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Mark and Tamara all the very best in their future, wherever that might be."

SHG
22 January 2016



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Airport Certification

Basil Read is currently taking part in a further round of desktop audits with the regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI). Alongside this, work is progressing well on a number of fronts in relation to preparation for Airport operations.

The outcome of the desktop audits is expected in February, and this will inform next steps, including the requirements for an on-Island audit - needed in order to certify the Airport.

Bulk Fuel Installation



Permanent BFI
Dec 2015

The permanent BFI in Upper Rupert's comprises 4 diesel tanks, 2 aviation fuel tanks and 2 petrol tanks - each with 750,000l capacity. Considerable work has been taking place on the fuel systems, and it is planned that the future arrangements for handling fuel will include:

- *Two separate floating hoses, one dedicated to aviation fuel and the other to ground fuels, will be used to transfer fuel from ship to shore.*
- *These hoses will be connected to break tanks at the Bayside Fuel Facility.*
- *Fuel will then be pumped to the permanent BFI in Upper Rupert's via two surface pipelines, one dedicated to aviation fuel and the other to ground fuels.*
- *Fuel will then be stored at the permanent BFI in Upper Rupert's.*
- *Fuel intended for the Power Station, the Island's largest consumer, will be transferred from the BFI to the Power Station via a dedicated pipeline.*

Detailed designs are currently being prepared for the ship to shore arrangements and the Bayside Fuel Facility. Work has progressed on the pipelines that will connect the Bayside Fuel Facility with the Permanent BFI in Upper Rupert's and on the dedicated pipeline to the Power Station. Finally, all of the fuel tanks and the firewater tank have been erected at the permanent BFI and the accompanying piping is now in place.

It is expected that the commissioning of the fuel systems will take place later this year. Prior to this, the aviation fuel needed for Airport operations will be managed using temporary 'tanktainers', with the Island's diesel and petrol supplies continuing to be managed at the existing BFI.



BFI Pipeline
Jan 2016

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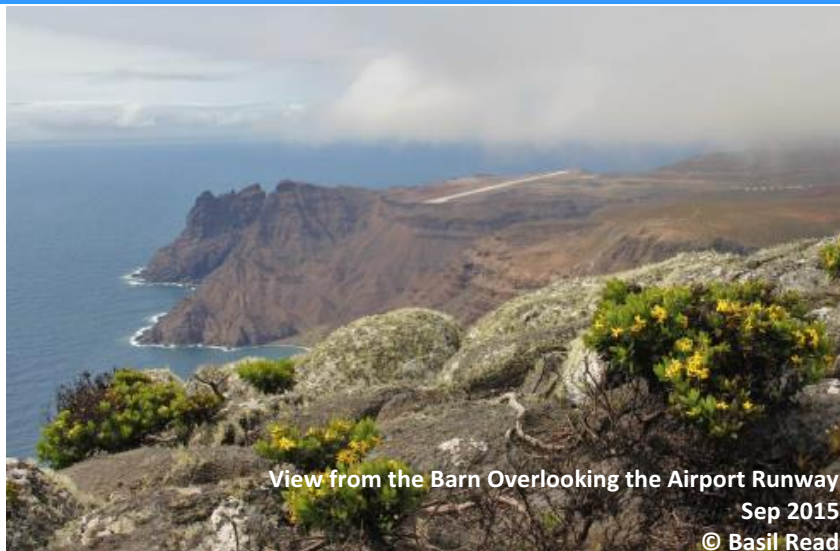
Airport Project Annual Environmental Report 2014-15 Published

The St Helena Airport Project Annual Environmental Report (AER) 2014-15 is the third AER produced for the St Helena Airport Project.

It provides an overview of the busiest construction period on the project to date, with activity taking place across the various sites within the Airport Development area (ADA). This includes works at the Permanent Wharf, the Bulk Fuel Installation, Airport Access Road and the Airport itself.

Monitoring all of this activity represented a great challenge for the environment team.

The diverse nature of the sites and the scale of construction work meant that this was a challenging year for the Airport Project as a whole.



The highlights for 2014/15 included the completion of Dry Gut Fill, works on the runway, works at the Airport Buildings and the installation of an incinerator at the Horse Point landfill site.

The same key performance indicators and structures as in previous AERs were employed to enable an easy comparison of environmental performance across the three reports. During the reporting period of 1 July 2014 to 30 June 2015, Basil Read continued to maintain their commitment to protecting St Helena's environment and to minimising any adverse environmental impacts.

There have been a number of environmental incidents during the reporting year, mostly related to hydrocarbon spills and general waste management. The most significant incident was the uncovering of an unmarked grave in Rupert's. Whilst widening the Access Road. Specialist archaeological support was utilised to advise the teams on the ground on appropriate mitigation. The uncovered Liberated African Slave remains were excavated and are being stored pending plans for reburial. Design works also took place to reduce the construction footprint in the area.

There have also been positive developments. These include an increase in Wirebird numbers within the ADA and a reduction in the use of resources such as water and diesel. It was also pleasing that complaints reduced by 50% compared to the previous year partly attributed to the proactive approach of Basil Read's Community Liaison Officer.

During this reporting period, the Airport team also developed a solution to disposal of hazardous waste generated by the project. This process consists of a combination of incineration and disposal in a hazardous waste cell for materials not suitable for incineration. These facilities will also provide a lasting legacy for the Island, allowing the safe management of hazardous waste beyond the Airport Project.

Basil Read Project Director, Jimmy Johnston, said:



"In reviewing the Annual Environmental Report for 2014-15 for the St Helena Airport Project, it is pleasing to note that the efforts of Bryony Walmsley, plus the on-Island and off-Island teams, have supported improvements in several Key Performance Indicators.

"However, attention is still required with regard to personnel behaviour and to dust and noise emissions.

"I am confident that with the experience and professionalism of the Environmental Team, together with other members of the site team, we will succeed in the continual improvement of our environmental aims and objectives."

For more information and a full copy of the report visit the St Helena Air Access Website at:

<http://www.sainthelenaaccess.com/news/>

Stakeholder Engagement Forum

A further Airport Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) was held at the Museum of St Helena on Wednesday 20 January 2016. A small group was present on the evening to learn about general progress on the Airport and to hear about the St Helena Airport Environmental Annual Report for 2014-15.

Representatives from Air Access, Halcrow and the environmental teams were present to address questions from the audience, and Robert Kleinjan, Environmental Monitor for Halcrow, delivered a presentation on the environmental report.



Landscape & Ecology Mitigation Programme



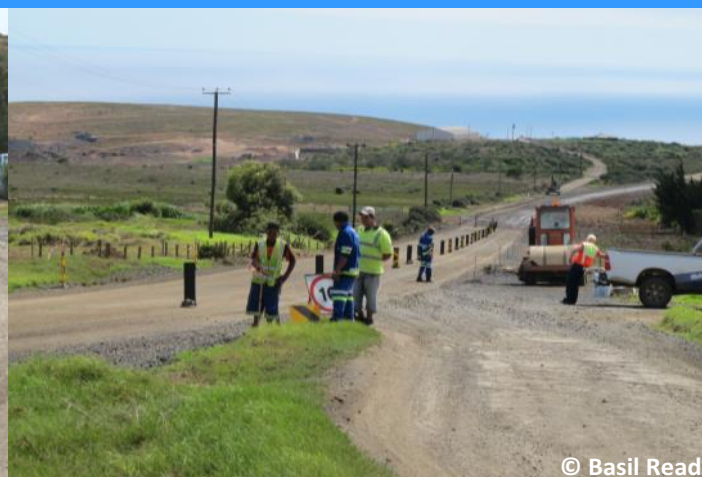
Experimental seed sowing works at Prosperous Bay Plain have resulted in the natural spread of endemic babies toes (*Hydrodea Cryptantha*).

It's still early days but this is a very positive result for the LEMP team.

Bottom Woods Access Road



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Basil Read would like to advise the public that work on the Bottom Woods Airport Access Road re-started on Monday 18 January 2016 and will continue for around two weeks.

The works will include the hauling, off-loading and compacting of road materials. A base course layer consisting of 150mm of crushed rock will be followed with a bitumen-based prime application, and a final 19mm cape seal surface layer - this will be the final layer on this section of the road.

Drivers are advised to proceed with caution and to adhere to the signage in place.

Basil Read apologises in advance for any inconvenience caused and thanks the public for their continued support.

For further information please contact Annina van Neel, Liaison Officer on Tel: 24026 or E-mail: avneel@brshap.co.za



ANRD Information Online

These days many people regularly use the internet to find information. ANRD has a site on the St Helena Government website, and we have put lots of information here in two additional sites, one for **biosecurity** and one for **integrated pest management**. Here's what we have on each site, and more is being added all the time.

The ANRD page <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/agriculture-and-natural-resources/>

Here you can find the national **agricultural policy**, information on **agricultural partnerships** and ANRD's service delivery standards.

Biosecurity page: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena-biosecurity-service/>

On this page you can find our national **biosecurity policy**, together with information on "What you can bring into St Helena": biosecurity information for short-term **visitors** to the island, **new residents**, visiting **yachts**, and a field trip protocol for **scientists** visiting our off-shore islets such as Egg Island.

Have you ever wondered why imported **honey** is prohibited? Why you are not allowed to import dogs and cats from South Africa? Find out here! We have also posted an **inventory** of all the invertebrates recorded on the island to date which are either pests or biological control agents, developed by David Pryce of the St Helena National Trust.



The Biosecurity St Helena team

You can also check out the **biosecurity protocol for the marine environment**.

There are links to a page for all the **import health standards** and **guidelines for importers** for a range of goods and commodities which could introduce new pests, weeds or diseases to the island:

- General guidelines for importers
- Fresh produce for human consumption
- Plant material
- Dogs and cats from the UK, Ascension Island and Ireland
- Other pet species from South Africa, such as guinea pigs
- Live ornamental fish, such as goldfish
- Bee products and bee equipment
- Biological control agents
- Composts, peats and soil conditioners
- Rock, stone, sand and pebbles
- Sawdust and wood chippings
- Wooden artefacts and handicrafts
- Vehicles, machinery and tyres

On this page you can also see our **manual of inspection procedures** which details how we go about inspection all the fresh fruit and vegetables which arrive on island.

Application forms for import and export licences can be found on another separate page, together with a list of closing dates for import licences this year.

Integrated pest management page: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/integrated-pest-management/>

Here, you can find our national **pesticide policy**, and a **checklist of the main pests and diseases** of our common crops, in both winter and summer seasons.

There are also 18 **ANRD Guidance Notes** which can be downloaded, currently covering the following topics:

- Rabbit fencing
- How to trap rabbits
- Peach tree care
- Cold storage
- How to store potatoes
- Blossom end rot of tomatoes
- Using wool-waste
- Spraying garden pesticides
- Cymbidium orchid care
- Production information for 9 different seed potato varieties from the UK and South Africa, including resistance to common scab, late blight and early blight, eating quality and yields.



Whitefly, a serious pest in need of integrated pest management

There is a link to a separate page for **pest control**. Here you can find a list of the products used by the ANRD pest control service, the **Voluntary Code of Practice** for the sale of pesticides on the island, and **6 Plant Protection Guides** for **covered production** and open field production of **potatoes, brassicas, carrots, cucurbits** (pumpkin and their relatives) and **fruit trees**. These give details of production such as soil preferences, the most commonly found pests and diseases in both winter and summer seasons, and their management.

There are also 7 **Codes of Best Practice for pesticide application** which can be downloaded:

- Using pesticides in farms and vegetable gardens
- Using pesticides on fruit trees
- Using herbicides in forestry plantations
- Using herbicides on roads and in public areas
- Using pesticides to kill wasps
- Using herbicides in Conservation Areas (including road verges)
- Pesticide stores, for retail, home use and professional purposes

There is also a link to a page for ANRDs **Biocontrol Unit**, giving information on the history of biological control on the island, and some details on the mass breeding of 8 species of biological control agent.

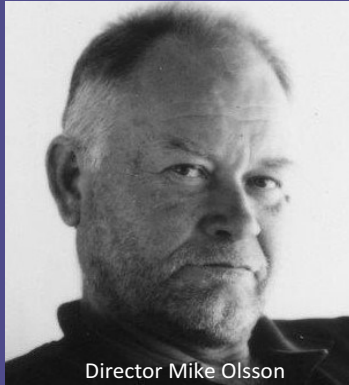
More is being added all the time, so keep checking the sites. We welcome suggestions for new Guidance Notes, Codes of Best Practice or other information to add to that available. We also know that not everyone has access to the internet or wants to use it for this, so if you'd like **hard copies** of any of the above or have any queries, please call Rosie Peters or Julie Balchin at ANRD on 24724.

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

January 2016



Saint FM Community Radio The Heartbeat of the South Atlantic, The No 1 Community Radio Created by the People, for the People



Director Mike Olsson



Transmitter at Foxy's Garage



Director Liz Johnson-Jdan

Saint FM Community Radio was initiated in January 2013, following the closure of Saint FM and Radio St Helena during December 2012.

Since then the radio station has had setbacks in its broadcasting capabilities due to a faulty piece of equipment at their High Knoll transmitter site. Due to this Saint FM were broadcasting on a lower output which has reduced the broadcasting capabilities and has also hindered the ability to expand coverage to areas such as Blue Hill and Sandy Bay. With this in mind, Saint FM realised the need for purchasing new equipment that would improve the wider coverage and quality. Two Eddystone XE150/RBRX Transponders and one Taylor Input Notch Filter was procured with ESH assistance and the new equipment was installed at the beginning of November.

The radio station has already seen an increased reach on the island with better coverage and stronger signals of broadcasting, especially at Blue Hill. An enhancement was made of what was already there and this has made a huge impact to the people on the island.

Mike Olsson, a director of Saint FM Community Radio, mentioned *"The application process within Enterprise St Helena was easy and went smoothly with the staff being very co-operative."*

With the new equipment, the radio station currently have spares if there are problems at their transmitter sites plus outside coverage of events can now also be covered.

Mike Olsson stated *"To develop one's business on the island is difficult as funding assistance is limited and by utilising the grants offered by Enterprise St Helena is one way to do it. This avenue should always be explored."*

Partners in Development



This is in recognition of the partnership working between this Enterprise and "The Economic Development Group"

If you have a business idea or are an existing business and need some assistance, Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Business Development Team on Telephone 22920 or email

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Prosperity Through Partnership

Expression of Interest/Tenders for the Construction of Greenlands - Phase II

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is seeking 'Expressions of Interest' from suitably equipped & experienced Building Contractors to undertake Phase II construction works at Greenlands, formerly the Jamestown Supermarket.

The scope of works will include, but is not limited to:

- The Excavation and Construction of Foundations
- Construction of the new Façade; a Three-Storey Tower Element and Support Columns
- Installation of Steel Roof Trusses and Purlins
- Installation of a Double-Skin Insulated Roof Covering and Rainwater Goods
- Installation of a Mezzanine Floor
- Installation of External Windows and Doors
- Decorating of Exterior Surfaces

The Contractor will be required to provide all the necessary equipment and transportation for undertaking the aforementioned works.

For further details of the job, interested persons should contact the Project Managing Team, Michael Constantine or Peter Young at the Building Services Office, Narra Backs, Jamestown or on telephone number 22739.

The deadline for 'Expressions of Interest' is at 16:00hrs on 13 February 2016 and interested parties should submit their interest in writing to the General Manager (Services), Adrian Joshua, Main Office Building, Jamestown.

A site visit to view and discuss the work is arranged for 09:00hrs on Monday 15 February 2016 at the Napoleon Street entrance to Greenlands.

Documentation for Tenders will thereafter be submitted to interested parties. The deadline for submission of Tender documents is at 15:00hrs on Friday 4 March 2016. Tenders should be submitted in a sealed envelope marked '**Tender for Construction of Greenlands - Phase II**' and placed in the tender box, located in the Main Office Foyer.

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Hospitality Upskilling is offering the following short courses.

Cooking for your partner (starter / main dish & dessert)	3 February 2016	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
Knife skills and garnish cuts (vegetables and chicken dishes)	10 February 2016	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
International cookery (Pan Asian dishes)	17 February 2016	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
Sushi workshop (Tamagoyaki— Tuna sushi)	24 February 2016	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
Cooking with kids (ages 8-12 years with a parent)	2 March 2016	To be confirmed	Prince Andrew School
Quick family meals (starters / mains / dessert)	9 March 2016	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
Healthier dishes & cooking (6 week course)	04/02/16-10/03/16	17h00-20h00	Prince Andrew School
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Press Release

Saint Representatives on Ascension and Falkland Islands

In October 2015, Enterprise St Helena publicly advertised for Expressions of Interest for Saint Representatives on both Ascension and the Falkland Islands. The Job purpose is for the representative to act as a communication channel between the Saint Helena Government, Enterprise St Helena and the St Helenian community, be responsible for gathering and disseminating information relating to St Helena and promoting announcements of events to the St Helenian community.

The organisation is now pleased to inform the public that we have received four applications for this role, where each applicant will be given the opportunity to undertake an interview in early February 2016. A criteria of questions has been formalised in order for a successful applicant to be selected to represent both Islands.

Following the successful selection of representatives, these roles will commence immediately and will be publicly announced.

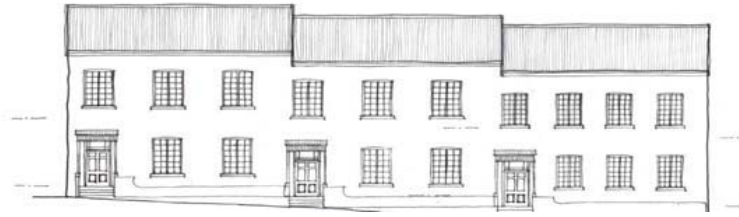


THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GROUP



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St Helena Hotel Development Ltd Invites Requests for Quotations (RFQ) from Professional Construction Companies for the provision of construction services for the New Jamestown Hotel Construction Project on the Island of St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean



A self-governing overseas territory of the United Kingdom, St Helena is a sub-tropical island of 122 square kilometres in the South Atlantic. St Helena currency is on parity 1:1 to UK GBP. With Cape Town some 3,139 kilometres to the Southeast, the Islanders enjoy a unique lifestyle in beautiful un-spoilt, friendly and peaceful surroundings. The island is poised for transformation once the construction of a new airport is completed, scheduled for early 2016.

Tourism has been identified as the key economic driver. St Helena Hotel Development Ltd with support from the St Helena Government and Enterprise St Helena are spearheading the investment into a new boutique four-star hotel with 30 en-suite double bedrooms, bar & restaurant located in Main Street Jamestown, the island's capital to ensure the island can support the anticipated increase in Tourist arrivals as the air service to the island develops. The outline design, costing stage and planning approval has been completed.

St Helena Hotel Development Ltd is procuring a construction contract to develop an upscale hotel in Jamestown suitable for use by a major international branded operator. The development site is owned by St Helena Hotel Development Ltd and the company envisages commencing construction in April 2016. The hotel is scheduled to be open for business mid-2017.

Requests for Quotations are now invited from local and international construction companies that are interested in providing construction quotations and proposals. St Helena Hotel Development Ltd wishes to engage with a suitably experienced company(ies) to provide full construction services for the completion of a four-star hotel. It is envisaged that the initial enabling scope of early works will be undertaken locally in order to meet the programme objectives.

Experience working with listed buildings and structures within a Conservation Area would be an advantage. Companies must demonstrate a track record of completing similar projects and provide résumés of investors & developers with whom they have contracted.

As part of the tender, Contractors must also be able to demonstrate that they have;

- a) Sound financial ability
- b) Technical expertise and capacity
- c) Appropriate management resources to be based on the island

In order to successfully deliver the project within budget, on time and to the necessary quality and standards expected from an international Hotel operator.

The tender invitation and tender documentation is available upon request and recording as an interested company via e-mail communication to Susan O'Bey, Director at St Helena Hotel Development Ltd, email: SHHD@helanta.co.sh

The deadline for the submission of all RFQ is no later than 13.00 GMT Friday 19th February 2016.



**St Helena
Government**

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

- 1. Proposed amendment to development consent 2013/92 and consent of Governor-in-Council (September 2008) granted for the Airport Project: Fuel Infrastructure and New Gantry, Rupert’s Bayside Fuel Facility.**
- 2. Proposed 2 Bedrooms and Wash Room extensions on land parcel no. 0529 in the Half Tree Hollow Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Mr Russell K Thomas.**

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected at the Planning and Building Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30 am to 4 pm.

Any person who wishes to make representations on the above applications should make them in writing within 14 days, to the Chief Planning Officer, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or email martin.hannah@enrd.gov.sh

**Martin Hannah
Chief Planning Officer**

DATED THIS 28th DAY OF JANUARY 2016



St Helena
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**SEA SAFETY
TRAINING GROUP**



MARITIME TRAINING

Maritime trainer Capt. Bill Derneir from Sea Safety Training Group in St Helena Bay South Africa will arrive on island on 30th January 2016.

Are you interested in training in maritime operations?

This training is targeted at all Marine Based business owners/operators, whether you are a Fishermen or a Sea Based Tourism operator.
The courses below are not the only courses being considered, but those that will lead to formal qualifications. Other training relating to operating smaller craft may be considered.

If you haven’t already registered your interest with ESH or LLS then please get in touch!

Small vessels under 9m recreational
Small vessels under 9 meters commercial
Small vessels over 9 meters but under 14 meters commercial
Fisherman Grade 4 Watch Keeper (under 24m)
Marine Motorman Grade 2 and Grade 1
Fisherman Grade 4 Skipper Under 24 meters
Fisherman Grade 3 Skipper limited to 30 meters
Fisherman Grade 2 Skipper over 30 meters
Unlimited waters Command

Contact Angela Benjamin Training Coordinator on
Tele: 22607 or email: training@education.gov.sh



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Vacancy for General Maintenance Assistant - MECHANICAL

Babcock has **TWO** vacancies for full-time **General Maintenance Assistants**.

The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Maintenance of HV Diesel Engines for Electricity Generation, Water Production & Distribution and other mechanical maintenance related duties under the Power Station functions.

The post will be offered either as household or single status, fixed-term contract and accommodation will be a single en-suite room with self-catering facilities. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Good understanding of Safety procedures and Safe Working Practices, particularly in the Mechanical area.
- Competent in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery within the Mechanical area.
- Basic Knowledge of Vehicular maintenance.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role.
- Knowledge of working with hazardous substances used as part of function.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and be available for call-outs and faults outside of working hours.
- Possession of current driving licence up to B category.
- Basic Compute

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of Power Stations' operations and maintenance work.
- Experience in Diesel Generators Engines overhaul and maintenance.
- Knowledge of Power Generation Systems, using large diesel engines and wind-turbines.
- Basic working knowledge and understanding of RO Plants Operation and Maintenance.
- Understanding of Water Testing and Sampling to *Supervised Practitioner* level.
- Ability to work at heights with reference to maintenance of Wind Turbines.
- Operation of vehicles up to 7.5 tonnes axle weight, Cranes or Fork Lift Trucks.
- Competent in painting & rust treatment.
- Use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at *Basic* Level.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

Please contact the Administrative Assistant on +247 66800 (Extn 101) or email Shelley.Knipe@babcock.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Admin Officer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station, English Bay
Ascension Island (or email Shelley.Knipe@babcock.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on a Babcock job application form, and must be received by **Friday 5th February 2016**

**SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE
VACANCY FOR
MANAGER ST HELENA DOMESTIC ABUSE SUPPORT SERVICE**



With the introduction of new facilities and support around domestic abuse, the Safeguarding Directorate is looking for a dynamic and versatile individual to manage a new service. This role will include managing an accommodation based service as well as support for families living in the local community.

Duties of the post include:

- Responsible for managing and facilitating the provision of support services and advocacy for adults and children who have been affected by domestic abuse.
- Assist with the recruitment of staff, providing supervision and training for staff team.
- Assist in assessing the client's needs, and their children's needs (where applicable) and promote empowerment and their independence.
- Attend and participate in, multi-agency meeting and work in partnership with other professionals where necessary.

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

The salary for this post is in grade D commencing at £10,739 per annum. However the successful applicant may be required to start in the training grade. The post is for a fixed term contract of two years in the first instance and could be extended subject to funding.

For further information please contact Dr Priscilla McDaniel on telephone no. 22713.

A copy of the Job Profile and Application Form, are available from Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House and should be completed and submitted to Sarah Williams, Human Resources & Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to HR.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh, by no later than Monday 1st February 2016.

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.

Paul McGinnety

Assistant Chief Secretary (Performance), 19 January 2016

**THE SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE
ARE SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR CASUAL WORKERS
TO WORK AS SUPPORT WORKERS WITHIN THE CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

In our Children's Services Department, there's a real commitment to improving outcomes for children and their families. We also regard staff support, regular supervision and staff development as priorities.

A confident communicator, you'll bring experience in supporting and engaging with children and families in need. You're also able to work collaboratively with others, both inside and outside the Department, to achieve common goals.

You'll undertake statutory tasks and help achieve outcomes that will benefit children, their parents and those responsible for planning for children's protection and care, including other agencies and the family courts. You'll be supervising families to enable them to have contact whilst they are not living together which will involve observing and supporting as per referral.

The role will require a good knowledge of children's needs, supervising the contact they have with their family members, also some experience of producing reports. The applicant must have a valid driving license and access to own vehicle for work purposes.

The criteria that will be used when selecting the successful applicants will be as follows:

- Must have attained Level 2 Adult numeracy and literacy qualification
- Must have a clean police vetting certificate

The fee payable will be £5 per hour.



For further information about the duties of the post, interested persons can contact Samantha Dunn, on telephone no. 23312. Application forms can be obtained from Brick House (tele 22713) and completed application forms are to be submitted to Sarah Williams, HR and Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House by Monday 1st February 2016.

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The Queen Mary Store has on sale the following Aluminium Windows, Patio doors & shower units at unbeatable prices!

Aluminium Windows white finish

PTH 600x900 (Obscure glass)	£78.00
PSH/PTH 900x900	£129.00
PSH/PTH 900x1200	£145.00
PSH/PTH 1200x1200	£165.00
PSH/PTH/PSH 1800x900	£226.00
PSH/PTH/PSH 1800x1000	£225.00
PSH/PTH/PSH 1800x1200	£230.00
PTTH 1800x1500	£286.00

DOUBLE GLAZING AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

Patio Doors

1500x2100	£250.00
1800x2100	£285.00
2100x2100	£285.00
2400x2100	£330.00
3000x2100	£360.00

Elite Range Patio Doors (premium quality doors) other sizes available on special order

1500x2100	£450.00
2400x2100	£550.00

Aluminium entrance swinging doors including frame & lock

Single Swinging door 880x2100	£349.00
Double swinging door 1600x2100	£560.00
Double swinging door 1800x2100	£595.00

Patio Sidelight 600x2100 PTTH	£220.00
Patio door cylinder locks	£9.50
Patio door replacement rollers	£2.50

Shower Pivot door White finish with obscure glass	800mm	£150.00
Shower return panel to suit	800mm	£120.00
Shower Base including waste	800mm	£95.00
Shower door 830-860mm white frame clear glass	860mm	£139.00
Shower door return panel for above door clear glass	860mm	£100.00
Shower Pivot door White finish with obscure glass	900mm	£165.00
Shower return panel to suit	900mm	£128.00
Shower base including waste	900mm	£105.00

If you require special sizes or a special colour we can order made to measure, call at the Queen Mary to get a quote!

Also available to order Aluminium concertina folding stack doors, the ultimate in outdoor living. Special Order Patio doors with built in sliding fly screens – keep the mozzies OUT!

10% discount for sales over £500.00

Shop at the Queen Mary for the best prices
‘The more you spend the more you save’



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Ambledale Workshop Ltd is looking to employ Labourers or Craftsmen on a full time basis.

Skill: £11,700.00 per annum
Semi Skill: £10,920.00 per annum
2 years experience: £8,320.00
Labourer: £7, 280.00
Apprentice: £6,500.00

Additional benefits include Annual and Sick Leave entitlements and provision of Home to Duty Transport in Jamestown and St Paul's areas.

For further information, please contact Mr Colin Yon on tel no. 23100 or Mr Chris Bargo on tel no. 23163 between the hours of 8:30am and 4:00pm Mondays to Saturdays or alternatively via email yons.ambledale@helanta.co.sh



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The Property
Division has one
Residential
Development Site
for sale

LAND FOR SALE

This site is located at Sapper Way, opposite Model Cottage within the St. Paul's district.

Access to the site can be spurred of from the existing road and services can be easily connected as they are within the vicinity.

This site is registered as:

Scotland Registration Section, Parcel Number 548, measuring 0.27 acres.

Closing date for bids has been set to 12 noon, Wednesday 2nd March 2016.

If you would like to view the site then please contact me

Please contact: Gina Henry, Crown Estates Officer on email address: gina-henry@enrd.gov.sh, telephone on number: 22270, or collect Particulars from Essex House, Jamestown.

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR ACTIVITIES CO-ORDINATOR (Part-time/Full-time)



St Helena
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The Safeguarding Directorate has a vacancy for an Activities Co-ordinator to work within their Social Services Section.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Manager, Older Persons Services for planning and developing recreational and therapeutic activities programmes that will improve the intellectual, physical and overall health of people living in residential care and within the community.

Under the direction of the Occupational Therapist and in conjunction with the Service Managers and according to the individual Care Plans and Unit rules and guidelines, the successful applicant will be expected to:

1. Plan and facilitate suitable and enjoyable recreational and therapeutic activities to keep residents active, healthy and mobile and to restore and maintain their mental and physical ability. Activities could include, but are not limited to, games, sports, creative arts and crafts and entertainment.
2. Be responsible for all aspects of preparation for activities including taking attendance, ensuring facility rules and safety guidelines are followed, managing incidents of conflict or medical emergencies.
3. Organise an activities programme that will maintain interest and progression over a period of time.
4. Responsible for actively promoting activities in the community and encouraging family and friends to become more involved
5. Be responsible for recruitment and management of activity volunteers under the direction of the Occupational Therapist.
6. Organise transport to/from community activities.

The salary grade for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,542 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post, interested persons can contact Lindsay Fennema on telephone no. 23090. For a copy of the job profile and application form please contact Sarah Williams on 22713 or email HR.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh. Application forms should be completed and submitted to Sarah Williams, HR and Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, by Monday 1st February 2016.

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Paul McGinney

Assistant Chief Secretary (Performance), 19 January 2016

Vacancy - Electrician Ascension Island

Ref SS12172

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting an Electrician to work on Ascension Island Base.

Main Responsibilities

- Carry out electrical planned and response maintenance and new works on various plant and systems. The systems may include:
 - LV distribution
 - Hazardous areas
 - Commercial and domestic equipment
 - Fire alarms
 - Airfield ground lighting
- At all times, the correct procedure for checking and maintaining the system should be followed. Works are to be undertaken to a high standard which produces a quality end product first time with no re-work required

The person

- Qualified to City & Guilds Electrical standards or equivalent
- Has good communication skills
- Will develop positive, supportive working relationships with team and colleagues
- Is self-motivated with ability to work on own initiative or as part of the team
- Has a "can do" attitude
- Able to meet deadlines
- Good appreciation of health and safety requirements
- Prepared to receive Health and Safety training and update technical knowledge
- Holds a valid driving licence

Interserve will pay a competitive salary, monthly site allowance and a bonus at 13th and 27th month of tour. Hours of work are 47.5 per week. Contract duration is 27 months unaccompanied with 74 days leave excluding weekends. Air/sea transportation for 4 agreed holiday periods at Company's expense. Free accommodation, catering services and work clothing will be provided.

Interested person should submit CV to apply or contact Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk for further information, tel 00247 63450, switchboard 00247 66339.

Closing date is Wednesday 10 February 2016.

Interserve trade and operate in more than 40 countries and have well-established offices in the Middle East where we provide on and off-shore services to the oil and gas industry, civil engineering, construction, high-end refurbishment and facilities management. Our falsework and formwork business - RMD Kwikform - has operations in an increasing number of territories and is expanding further. In areas such as defence, we provide support services to the armed forces in Gibraltar, Cyprus and remote areas like the Ascension and Falkland Islands.

Thank You - Raffle Draw

St Paul's Primary School sincerely thank all those who helped in any way and for the tremendous support to their Christmas events in 2015. Your efforts and skills were brilliant and much appreciated by all!

Totals raised from Church service and Christmas Parade was £903.81

A special thanks to all of those who generously donated to the Christmas raffle and they were –

Solomon's. Sparkles, Andy's Shop, Robin Castell, Serena's gift Shop, Moonbeams, Phillip John's Shop, Rose & Crown, Options, G-Unique, Thorpe's & Sons, Bliss, Essence, SURE, SHAPE, Anita Peters, Christine Clingham, Natasha Bargo, Cheryl Anthony, Amelia Grey & Two Boats Club.

Total sum raised was £1,237

Winners were as follows:-

Raffle no 1 - 2 Slice toaster - Patsy Francis, Napoleon Street
 Raffle no 2 – Sparkle Earrings & Chain set -Damien Stevens HTH
 Raffle no 3 – Xmas Bath Essentials - Denzil Fowler, Nr Half Way
 Raffle no 4 – Tin of sweets -Michael Thomas, Jamestown
 Raffle no 5 – Men's Watch - Catherine George, Sapper Way
 Raffle no 6 – Bottle of Red Wine - Lucinda Richards, New Ground
 Raffle no 7 – Ascension Island Coaster - Halie George
 Raffle no 8 – St Helena Book -Hazel Ellick, HTH
 Raffle no 9 – Stainless Vacuum Flask - Christianna Knipe, Levelwood
 Raffle no 10 – St Helena Book - Mike Roddie – Brick House
 Raffle no 11 - Bottle of White Wine - Anna Thomas – HTH
 Raffle no 12 - Bottle of White Wine - Charday Green – HTH
 Raffle no 13 – Moonbeams Gift Voucher - Alex Vanguard, Sandy Bay

Raffle no 14 – Box of Shortbread Biscuits - Michelle Clingham, Longwood
 Raffle no 15 – Bottle of White Wine - Dave John, St Paul's
 Raffle no 16 – Options Gift Voucher - Santana Fowler, HTH
 Raffle no 17 - Stainless Steel Vacuum Flask - Nesta Yon, Half Way
 Raffle no 18 – Rose & Crown Gift voucher - Wendy Constantine, HTH
 Raffle no 19 – G-Unique Voucher - Jayann Fowler, Guinea Grass
 Raffle no 20 – BBQ set - by Jasmine Benjamin, Bottomwoods
 Raffle no 21 – Dark Fruit Cake - Jayden Andrews, Longwood
 Raffle no 22 – Bliss Voucher - Jane Timm, Nr high Knoll
 Raffle no 23 – Iced Xmas cake - Marc Fowler, Trap Cott
 Raffle no 24 - £10 Top up card - Karen Henry, Pouncey's
 Raffle no 25 – Essence Voucher - - Jordan Yon, Plantation Stables
 Raffle no 26 – Shape Gift set - Margret Piek, Ropery Field

DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY - NEWSPAPER BINGO

Four separate games, £50 full house prize for each game

Game 1 (Lilac): 65 numbers

49	66	47	64	42
48	51	2	61	52
69	7	25	1	75
21	35	82	65	73
84	43	17	50	58
8	26	44	23	5
6	36	39	71	74
15	88	60	81	72
80	54	38	55	28
87	4	31	85	62
20	10	79	76	41
34	86	33	24	89
53	59	46	83	63

Game 2 (Brown): 65 numbers

43	38	78	89	74
64	70	26	50	19
24	25	39	86	47
1	68	62	7	58
15	48	13	87	16
76	8	3	72	88
79	14	81	27	51
82	65	44	20	77
90	18	33	71	56
83	29	6	66	4
45	30	9	61	2
84	32	60	49	17
5	42	31	80	73

Tickets on sale at Longwood Supermarket, Maisies Shop, McDaniel's Shop, Macknights, A&D MinMart, Moonbeams, MTB's Pick & Pay, Sydneyrays, Phillip Johns, Rose and Crown, Amelia Gough, Adrian Greentree's, Red Hill Shop

PLEASE NOTE

Winning tickets to be taken to Moonbeams

Game 3 (Pink): 65 numbers

47	69	30	15	55
81	58	45	11	28
65	33	3	18	21
1	70	37	38	89
8	10	5	66	73
23	25	56	76	26
50	71	84	86	72
40	41	83	85	78
43	31	62	52	9
24	80	13	20	63
59	19	7	48	88
53	29	75	60	4
17	49	27	32	14

Game 4 (Green): 65 numbers

52	82	56	48	64
45	18	41	11	8
90	26	58	61	88
40	32	15	20	81
89	22	31	47	69
42	84	65	37	36
74	63	75	77	43
85	33	19	3	35
54	34	67	9	7
71	86	23	39	5
78	10	6	29	28
16	21	38	79	55
76	62	50	83	59

- Playing games separately
- Playing for £50 full house for each game
- Only one prize per game
- In the event of more than one full house in any game the winner is decided on the earliest number called moving left to right
- If more than one winner on the same number then prize is shared
- If you have a full house please bring the whole book to Moonbeams before 2.30pm on Monday February 1st

SHCA League Results Week 8

The first game of the weekend saw the Jamestown Barracudas posted a massive 417 for the loss of 7 wickets in their innings against Western A Mustangs. David George scored an unbeaten 146; Damien O'Bey scored 118; Andrew Yon 33 and Gavin George 27.

Robert George took 3 wickets for 75 runs from 7 overs; Shane Williams 1/78 from 7 overs, Alex Fowler 1/37 from 4 overs and Callum Ellick 1/15 from 2 overs.

In reply the Mustangs were bowled out for 81 in 18.1 overs. Callum Ellick made 28 and Shane Williams 16.

Jason George took 5 wickets for 36 runs from 7 overs; Damien O'Bey 1/10 from 3 overs, Carlyn Yon 2/5 from 2 overs and Damien Burns 1/1 from 0.1 overs

David George picked up 3 performance points; Damien O'Bey 2 and Jason George 1

The second match saw Sandy Bay Pirates recover from 114 for 9 to post a score of 196 all out in 31.3 overs against Jamestown Zodiacs.

Barry Stroud topped scored with 42 not out; Campbell Buckley 25 and Cheddy Lawrence 19.

Christian George took 3 wickets for 47 runs from 7 overs; Dax Richards 2/32 from 7 overs, Jia Peters 2/39 from 6 overs, Liam Adams 2/31 from 5 overs and Cryuff Buckley 1/20 from 2.3 overs.

In reply the Zodiacs were bowled out for 36 in 11.2 overs. Darren Isaac took 4 wickets for 17 runs (including a hat trick); Ryan Bellgrove 2/9 from 4 overs, Cheddy Lawrence 2/5 from 2 overs and Rhys Francis 2/3 from 1.2 overs.

Barry Stroud picked up 3 performance points; Ryan Bellgrove 2 and Darren Isaac 1

The first game on Sunday saw St Matthew's Lions maintain their unbeaten start to the season with a hard fought victory over the Levelwood Rebels. The Lions scored 250 for the loss of 8 wickets in their allotted overs. Scott Crowie made 63; Phillip Stroud 34 and Nick Stevens 23.

Aiden Leo took 2 wickets for 33 runs from 7 overs; Delroy Leo 1/37 from 7 overs, Ralph Knipe 2/48 from 7 overs and Weston Clingham 2/48 from 5 overs.

In reply the Rebels were bowled out for 233 in 32 overs. Delroy Leo topped scored with 107 and Weston Clingham made 28. Scott Crowie took 3 wickets for 28 runs from 7 overs; Philip Stroud 2/29 from 7 overs, Chris Dawson 2/43 from 7 overs and Nick Stevens 2/14 from 2 overs

Delroy Leo picked up 3 performance points; Scott Crowie 2 and Nick Stevens 1

The final match of the weekend saw St Paul's B pick up their first win of the season against HTH Dolphins. St Paul's who only had 9 players were bowled out for 251 in 30.3 overs. Cliff Richards topped scored with 83; Ajay Bennett made 37; N Aldridge 26 and Adrian Bowers 20. Cody Thomas took 3 wickets for 73 runs from 7 overs; Chris Owen 1/46 from 7 overs, Darren Bedwell 1/27 from 4 overs, David Young 2/41 from 5.3 overs and Mike Hrper 1/30 from 3 overs.

In reply the Dolphins were bowled out for 81 14.3 overs. Rico



Thomas took 3 wickets for 19 runs from 3 overs; Colin Knipe 3/23 from 4 overs, Cliff Richards 3/12 from 3.3 overs and Ajay Bennett 1/27 from 4 overs

Cliff Richards picked up 3 performance points; Ajay Bennett 2 and Rico Thomas 1

Fixtures:

Saturday 30th Jan Organiser: Dolphins

8.45am Jamestown Zodiacs v St Paul's B

1.15pm Levelwood Rebels v Western B Warriors

Sunday 31st Jan Organisers: Barracudas

8.45am St Matthews Lions v Western A Mustangs

1.15pm Sandy Bay Pirates v Levelwood Allstars

Golf by Rodney Buckley

Sunday 24th January

18 Hole Medalford

Winner – Brian Joshua - 16 points

Runner-up – Brian Fowler – 16 points on count-back with Larry Legg

14 players took part in the competition. Medalford is played as Stableford points on the front nine holes and course par points on the back nine holes and the back nine score deducted from the front nine score i.e 36 Stableford points and 20 medal points = 16 points.

Competitions this weekend:-

Saturday 30th – 18 Hole Bogey

Sunday 31st – 18 Hole Monthly Medal sponsored by Basil Read

Youth Golf lessons (Ages 10-18) with the support of the Safeguarding Fund Saturday mornings 9.30am January 30th, February 6th & 13th Competition February 20th Transport and clubs can be provided Email youth@helanta.co.sh or niall.okeeffe@helanta.co.sh

St Helena Golf Club

9-Hole Stableford Competition

Sunday Morning February 14th, 9am

Beginners and new members welcome.

Email niall.okeeffe@helanta.co.sh to sign up or for further information

Happy swinging



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We would like to thank all the Saints who have used our services over the past months, your support is appreciated and we hope to hear from you again soon



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CUSTOMER NOTICE

Customers are advised of the revised Opening Hours for the **Half Tree Hollow Supermarket**, with effect from **Monday 1 February 2016**, as follows:

Monday, Tuesday & Thursday:

9am - 5pm

Wednesday:

9am - 1pm

Friday:

9am - 7pm

Saturday:

9am - 5:30pm

Sunday:

10am - 1pm

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc wishes to advise customers that the **Jamestown Fuel Station and Half Tree Hollow Fuel Station will be opening at 9:00am**

instead of the normal opening time of 8:00am

on Monday, 01 February 2016.

This later opening is due to a stock take being undertaken on this day.

Solomon & Company would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued custom.



**Census Night:
Sunday 7th February 2016**

Key Dates:

Saturday 30th Jan.- Saturday 6th Feb. – Forms delivered by enumerators to ALL Households

Sunday 7th February –fill in your Census form, if you haven't already. Include EVERYONE who lives in your house and is on St Helena.

Monday 8th Feb.- Sunday 14th Feb. – Make sure your form is completed and available for collection.

Any questions?

Call the Census Hotline: 22958

No Internet? Come in to the Statistics Office if you want to complete online.

Participation in the Census is compulsory, for all persons on St Helena on Census night, as outlined in the Census Ordinance (1986). If you will have any problems completing a form contact Dr Paula McLeod, Census Supervisor.



Please see below the results of Fun Run No.3 on 26th January organised by Enterprise St Helena in partnership with New Horizons. We had 43 finishers this week and a total of 68 different people have so far participated.

NUMBER	NAME	TIME
61	Parfrey Rob	00:13:11
2	O'Keeffe Dylan	00:13:29
17	Woollacott John	00:13:42
1	O'Keeffe Niall	00:14:31
66	Williams Anya	00:15:40
39	De Vere Dominic	00:15:52
57	Reyes-Milian Francisco	00:16:06
21	Sizeland Adam	00:16:42
40	Skalwat Szymon	00:16:53
27	Mathobela Jabulani	00:17:03
29	Yon-Stevens Aiden	00:17:24
15	Marais Chanelle	00:17:31
37	Berbotto Angelo	00:18:44
8	Mackison Catriona	00:19:25
23	George Josephine	00:20:23
45	Duncan Theo	00:20:27
44	Bargo Kenon	00:20:35
50	Thomas Hermainne	00:20:44
49	Thomas Cecil	00:20:56
28	Brown Sheona	00:21:06
3	O'Keeffe Laura	00:22:01
41	Millin Paul	00:22:29
33	Giles Lesley	00:22:44
4	O'Keeffe Sophie	00:23:40
59	Brodie William	00:24:15
58	Waghorn Natalie	00:24:15
55	Roberts Jane	00:24:17
34	Hickling Hannah	00:24:39
60	Joshua Cerys	00:24:56
67	Francis Carla	00:25:00
56	Magellan-Wade Shelley	00:25:06
9	Bennett Helena	00:25:12
19	Augustus Tania	00:26:00
20	Ellick Shayla	00:26:00
42	Richards Grace	00:26:41
16	Bargo Natasha	00:27:06
54	Bargo Shelby	00:27:09
6	O'Keeffe Aine	00:27:38
68	Legg Daryl	00:28:48
64	Anthony Danielle	00:29:37
65	Anthony Tyler	00:29:37
18	Du Preez Delia	00:32:12
63	Knipe Alberta	00:34:42

GRANT OF ST HELENIAN STATUS

In accordance with Section 15(3) of the Immigration Ordinance 2011, the following persons were granted St Helenian Status, with effect from 5 December 2015:

· Mrs Marian Bernadette Yon, of Jamestown, St Helena

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25 January 2016

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TIP OF THE WEEK...

If you are washing dishes by hand, don't leave the tap running for rinsing. Use a separate bowl of clean water for rinsing.

More from the Ivylettes

The Ivylettes excelled again this year in their production of the Pantomime Cinderella. The first night there were some empty seats but the second night it was a full house - every ticket was sold. This is the first since 1994 when the very first Pantomime was produced in Prince Andrew School we had a full house. In the days when there were two theatres in Jamestown - the Cinema Hall and the Queen Mary Theatre - we would alternate each year between the two halls. The performance would be on for three nights and each theatre had a capacity for 500 hundred seats and every ticket sold.

Everyone worked so hard, the Ivylettes would like thank them for their commitment and the time they gave to providing entertainment for our island community. It is therefore only proper that those who played any part in this production should be mentioned. The cast consisted of - Lizemarie, Anita, Annika, Lukas, and Eric Robbertsse; Chloe, Andrea, Robyn, and Christopher Midwinter; Helen, Grace, and Matthew Owen; Kalem Henry, Harriet Hathway, Gulliver and Ornella Kleinjan, Charlotte Hubbard, Joe Phippard, Nicholas Yon, Sheona Brown, Eva Anwyl, Eleanor Shirliff, Richard Wallis, Sharon and Charlotte Leask, Emerald and Rachel Newman, Eloise Clingham-Wright.

Working hard prior to the rehearsals over the past three months were – Helen Owen who planned and directed the show; another key player was Josie Kleinjan responsible for the wardrobe and props assisted by Eleanor Shirliff and Lindsay McGinnety; Charlotte Collier, Emma Dee and Julie-Marie Leo did the makeup. Robert Kleinjan once again rose to the occasion and did a splendid job of stage manager he was assisted by Paul Borough and Ross Towers. Behind the curtains throwing the actors their lines when needed were Joy George (Bunny) and Marian Yon. Music and SFX were in the capable hands of Gordon Brodie and Gay Marr played the piano. Young David Owen this year took time off from being an actor and very competently did a good job with the lighting. The hall in the Prince Andrew School is not the easiest place to perform in, as the acoustics are not good. However, thanks to Johnny Dillon, who over the years has made



great strides in improving the sound, for which we are grateful.

Thank you to the two media services for their support throughout – to our sponsors Printech for printing the tickets and posters; to Sure Limited, Messrs Solomon & Company for printing the programmes, the Rose and Crown and the Bank of St Helena. Last but not least the audience who always play a pivotal part, we must also say a big thank you to them, who on both evenings were warm and responsive.

If one had to count the number of hours spent in planning, rehearsals and the actual performances over the 41 years of the Ivylettes' existence it would undoubtedly tally to an astonishing amount of time, bearing in mind that years ago (a nice St Helenian couple) there used to be three shows per year. A tremendous amount of work was put into this production pulling it all together is no easy task, so all those involved must be congratulated. Big and Special thanks to Helen Owen for all she did making it such enjoyable event.

Sincerely
Ivy Ellick
Of the Ivylettes

International media organisations reaffirm support for global freedom of information and expression

DG7 joint statement:

We, the members of the DG7, at our annual meeting this year in Tokyo November 30-December 1, have reaffirmed our support for global freedom of information and expression, articulated in Article 19 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights:

Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

The DG7 comprises publicly funded international media organisations from seven democratic nations: Australia, France, Germany, Japan, the Netherlands, the United Kingdom, and the United States, represented by their respective directors general or chief executive officers.

Following the recent attacks in Paris and ongoing extremist violence in many parts of the world, including the Middle East and North Africa, the African Sahel, and South Asia, we condemn the contributing role of information as a weapon of terror and tool for recruitment of extremists.

We further note the continued decline of media freedom around the world as documented by international organisations such as Freedom House and Reporters Without Borders.

It is in this environment that we renew our call for unfettered access by citizens everywhere to free flows of fact-based, verifiable journalism. This we do in recognition of the critical role freedom of information and freedom of expression play in supporting peaceful and prosperous societies.

BBC Press Office





Ascension Island Government

VACANCY – FIRE FIGHTER/LIFEBOAT OPERATOR

If you're passionate about public safety and want to help save lives, this position could be ideal for you. Firefighters protect and save people and property from fire and other dangers. They provide emergency support. They also provide education and advice on fire prevention.

You will need a good standard of education and a reasonable level of physical fitness. A firefighter has the ability to react quickly and remain calm in dangerous situations.

Principal duties of the post include:

- **Fire fighting and Sea Rescue**
- **Assisting with training of AIG personnel and other organisations in fire safety**
- **Maintaining Fire & Sea Rescue equipment and appliances**
- **Undergoing continuous training in fire fighting and sea rescue operations**
- **Carrying a call-out pager and attending call-outs as and when required**

The successful candidate will be:

- **A qualified fire fighter with a minimum of two years' experience**
- **Able to swim**
- **Able to carry out Fire Service related tasks unsupervised**
- **Able to work well as part of a team**
- **In possession of a clean valid driving licence that includes class J4**
- **Qualified in the use of Breathing Apparatus**
- **Knowledgeable about fire fighting and sea rescue equipment**
- **Computer literate**
- **Physically fit**

Lifeboat Operator training will be provided if necessary.

The post is offered as single status. A competitive salary will be paid. The successful candidate will also receive: a food allowance, an on-call allowance, rent free accommodation, utility allowances, mid-tour passage/flight, a gratuity on completion of 2 year contract, free medical and primary dental treatment and a generous baggage allowance.

Further information about the post is available from Senior Fire & Sea Rescue Officer, Richard Joshua on telephone number (247) 66361 or e-mail richard.joshua@ascension.gov.ac.

Application forms and job descriptions are available from AIG's Human Resources in Georgetown by telephoning (247) 67000 extension 150 or by e-mailing: alan.nicholls@ascension.gov.ac. Completed forms should be returned to the aforementioned email address or by fax to (247) 66816 by no later than **Friday 5 February 2016**.

A H Nicholls
Director of Human Resources

Administration Building
Georgetown
Ascension Island

SHAKESPEARE'S ISLAND: ST HELENA AND THE TEMPEST

Was one of the last plays written by William Shakespeare inspired by St Helena? This week we speak to David Jeremiah, former Attorney General of St Helena and author of "Shakespeare's Island – St Helena and the Tempest", who believes just that.

Introducing Jeremiah's book, Amazon describes it as "an engaging yet academically sound exploration of this tiny island and how events and figures in the hundred years following its discovery in 1502 are reflected in the plot and characters of *The Tempest*".

We asked David the following...

What first led you to examine the connection between St Helena and *The Tempest*?

I read Philip Gosse's "St Helena 1502 – 1938", which is by far the best history of the island, and was immediately struck by similarities between the island's earliest long-term inhabitant and a character in "The Tempest". The more I researched the early history of the island the more it all fell into place.

What clues are there that St Helena is the setting for the story?

All the clues are in the text of the play – they just have to be matched up with characters and incidents in St Helena's early history.

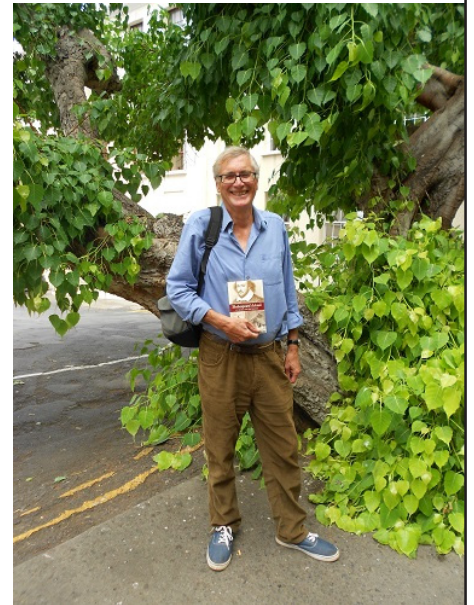
How would Shakespeare have come to hear about St Helena?

St Helena had a higher profile in London in Shakespeare's time than it has today. Shakespeare was an avid reader and there was plenty for him to read about the island, including in the works of Richard Hakluyt, the main collector of narratives of the early voyages of discovery. The East India Company had been formed in 1603 and the importance of the island was quickly becoming apparent. The first recorded performance of "The Tempest" was in 1611.

So are Shakespeare's characters based on real people who lived here?

One character who lived here and another who had a plan for the island that is clearly reflected in the play.

What can visitors to the island do to



immerse themselves in the play?

Read my book!

This year marks the 400th anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The Royal Shakespeare Company will be presenting *The Tempest* at Stratford-Upon-Avon from 8 November 2016 to 21 January 2017.

St Helena Tourism

ST HELENIAN OVERSEAS SURVEY TO COINCIDE WITH ISLAND CENSUS

St Helena is preparing for a Population & Housing Census on Sunday 7 February 2016. The Census will capture essential information on the pre-air access characteristics of the Island population. The information collected will be relied upon for many years to come to assist in the planning and development of services such as Health, Education and the provision of Housing - to meet the needs of the population both now and in the future.

Whilst the 2016 Census is targeted at those who are on-Island, the St Helenian population extends far beyond the Island itself. **To allow for members of the overseas community to participate, a 'St Helenians Overseas Survey' is being timed to coincide with the Island Census.** All Saints who are not on St Helena on Census night are encouraged to participate - whether you are overseas temporarily or have established your life elsewhere. Whether overseas for work, holiday, medical attention or some other reason, the characteristics of the extended population are

valuable additions to the information that will be collected about the Island itself.

Statistician and Census Supervisor, Paula McLeod, said:

"St Helena needs to develop to meet the needs of people on the Island and also those who may be returning in the future. With the opening of the Airport, travel to and from St Helena will become much easier and more frequent. With improved travel options and economic opportunities, it is expected that many people who are currently living and working overseas will find it easier to return to establish their lives on the Island."

"The Census will provide a comprehensive snapshot of the Island, but that is only half of the picture. We also need to know about those Saints who are overseas, because they have as much interest in the Island's development as those currently on St Helena. For these people to be properly represented in planning and decision making, we need to understand their data."



The St Helenians Overseas Survey is for online completion and anyone who wishes to participate can register at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/overseascensus

They will then be given a unique link to the Census which they can use for themselves and any other members of their immediate family group who are with them overseas. The survey itself will run from the Monday 1 February to Sunday 14 February, in line with the Island Census.

SHG, 26 January 2016

Shipping is Not Easy

The past week taught St Helena a further lesson how difficult shipping and logistics can be. Due to bad weather and overcrowding of ships in Cape Town, the Dal Karoo, carrying supplies for St Helena from UK had been delayed and diverted.

“RMS DELAYED AT CAPE TOWN

The RMS St Helena's next departure from Cape Town will be delayed - until at least the afternoon of Tuesday 26 January 2016 (she was due to depart on Monday 25 January). This is due to high winds and deteriorating weather conditions which have delayed the arrival of a connecting UK transhipment vessel.

The Dal Karoo cargo ship was originally intended to berth earlier in the month, but when she arrived at Cape Town the port was closed and 21 ships were waiting outside to berth. A decision was therefore taken for the ship to proceed on her onward journey to Port Elizabeth and Durban. The Dal Karoo was, in any case, due back in Cape Town on Sunday 24 January 2016, where she would have offloaded onto the RMS in time for its scheduled departure.

However, the bad weather means that the Dal Karoo will now not berth in Cape Town until at least the morning of Monday 25 January 2016. To compound this delay, Cape Town is currently experiencing more high winds and is behind in releasing containers.

The RMS will wait for the Dal Karoo to offload because she is carrying (in 24 containers) amongst other things, refrigerated foodstuffs and medical supplies.

The RMS will aim to make up at least one day by increasing her speed between St Helena and Ascension (and should be OK for Ascension flight connections). Further details will follow in due course.

SHG
22 January 2016”

On Monday, the Shipping Officer, Dax Richards, changed the plans.

“RMS BACK ON SCHEDULE BUT UK CARGO DELAYED

The RMS St Helena is now expected to depart Cape Town at 22.00hrs tonight, Monday 25 January 2016 - roughly on her original schedule.

Unfortunately due to the late berthing of the cargo ship MV Dal Karoo, there will be no connection with the RMS on this



voyage, and therefore no UK cargo until the RMS returns from Cape Town and arrives at St Helena on 19 February 2016.

The Dal Karoo will not berth at Cape Town until at least late Tuesday evening (tomorrow) and as there are multiple vessels awaiting access to the port, the Dal Karoo's actual berthing time is by no means guaranteed. Coupled with this, internal movement of cargo from incoming to outgoing vessels on the docks is already behind schedule and

congested, with significant delays expected.

Therefore, after discussion with those St Helena importers who were expecting to receive foodstuffs - about their stock levels - the decision has been taken not to delay departure of the RMS and to collect this UK cargo on the next voyage from Cape Town.

SHG
25 January 2016”

This press release was erroneous as the Dal Karoo arrived in Cape Town 13.41 GMT on Monday 25th January. It was a bit peculiar that the RMS managers AW Shipping had missed the arrival of the huge containers ship just a short distance from where the RMS was berthed.

However, the decision to let the RMS leave Cape Town was presumably correct. The Dal Karoo had not finished offloading until this morning. There was no chance of estimating when the 24 containers for St Helena would be cleared for loading on to the RMS. It is possible that those containers are still stuck at the container port in Cape Town.

The Dal Karoo left Cape Town this morning. The RMS is due in James Bay tomorrow, Saturday, at noon - without the containers from UK.





Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend.

Friday open from 2.30pm Country tunes from the bar. 10.00pm till late with DJ Jerome.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar, 8.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ Kimberly and Wayne - Boom Bang

Sunday open from 5.00 to 08pm mix Tunes from the bar.



A dance at the Blue Lamp club at Ladder Hill will be held on Saturday 30th January from 8.30pm onwards

Music will be provided by Barry and Smiley
All are warmly welcome

Mac - Bite's Menu Mac - Ville Alarm Hill

Friday 29th. BBQ Grill (chicken, pork, sausage, Burger , chilly Beans, fries /potato salad ,coleslaw,)
BBQ Tuna Steaks serve with fries / Southern fried wedges ,coleslaw or Tossed Salad
Chicken cheese chip wraps
T- Bone Steak Meals
And our daily menu of various Burgers, chicken & Chips

Saturday 30th Stuff Roll Belly Pork Meals
Stuff Tuna Steak served with Southern fried wedges ,coleslaw
Braised Steak serve with mash & peas
Sweet chilly pork & Chicken serve with southern fried wedges ,coleslaw
Various Jacket potatoes

Sunday 31st Daily menu :Wraps, Burgers , Chicken Deluxe
So why not head out to Mac - Bites where the Menu Just Right For you

To Book A Table or Takeaway call 24451

All our warmly welcome And would like to Thank you for your continued custom

Due to appointments we will Open from 16:00 till late on Friday & Saturday,14:00 on Sunday sorry for any inconvenience this may cause

A special service of Praise of Thanksgiving

St Helenians, their friends and families, and significant others residing in the UK, are warmly invited to attend a service of Praise and

Thanksgiving at:

St Mark's Shared Church, Pinehill Road, Bordon, Hampshire, UK, GU35 0BS

Date: Sunday 21 February 2016

Time: 15.30hrs

The service will be followed by a 'bring and shared' tea.

Complimentary drinks will be provided.

Full details can be found via Facebook Page 'Helena Saints'

Alternatively, please contact Gavin Thomas (Jack) via email address: Thomasgj05@aol.co.uk

We look forward to welcoming you to St Mark's

Valentines Menu



Starters.

Fishermans platter for 2 @ £6.95 – prawns with a Marie rose sauce, smoked salmon, devilled spiced tuna and king prawns with a sweet chilli dip served with dough sticks and tartar sauce

OR

Butcher's platter for 2 @ £6.95 – Farm house pate, marinated duck, black pepper sausages and spicy crumbed chicken served with toasted bloomer bread and dough stick's

Mains.

Sweet and Sour chicken served on a bed of egg fried rice, fresh salad and prawn crackers - **£10.50**

OR

Marinated T-Bone steak, accompany with baked potato, onion rings, corn on the cob, garlic bread, coleslaw and a side salad - **£12.75**

OR

Slow roasted pork shank on rustic parsley and garlic mash potatoes, seasonal root vegetables served with a rich red wine sauce - **£12.75**

Desserts.

Profiteroles served with whip cream and a chocolate sauce - **£3.00**

OR

Short Bread Snack – Home made short bread served with cinnamon cream and a caramel sauce on top - **£3.00**

To make a booking you can contact us on 25555 at the Blue Lantern

or E-mail- bluelantern@helena.co.sh