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Ebony View on Tour 2016

The residents of Ebony View are returning home today after a short holiday to Ascension. They only had a day to visit the island, but had their time on the RMS to look forward to. *See Page 3*



FLYING HIGH

Atlantic Star Announce 22 May Flight

August Graham, SAMS

Atlantic Star say they have arranged a plane to come to St Helena on 22 May – a day after the official opening of the airport. They have permission from the St Helena government and are waiting on documents from the Civil Aviation Authority in the UK.

The company's CEO Richard Brown has said the plane will land on St Helena on the morning of 22 May and take passengers back to the UK later that day. It will then come back to St Helena on 5 June and leave on

6 June – giving people a two-week holiday on the island or in Britain. "We are very much hoping that Saints will recognise the opportunity to back an air service based around their needs by purchasing a ticket and flying direct to the UK with us in 6 hours less than the Comair service and at the same price," Mr Brown said.

The Civil Aviation Authority is not familiar with the brand-new St Helena Airport, so they are "taking their time" Mr Brown said. They want to make sure that people can get back from the island if something goes wrong, but Atlantic Star are "confident that we will get the green light soon."

ST HELENA SNIPPETS

Dazzling Baby Girl - Faith Lily-Jane John

Anne Clarke, SAMS

Dazzling baby girl Faith Lily-Jane John was born to proud parents Jessica Sim and Richard John and big brother Connan on 5 March at 1.26pm. Weighing 5lb 1oz and measuring 45cm, Faith is "chilled out and ready for her Easter eggs," daddy said with a laugh, "she is contented and relaxed," mummy added. Big brother Connan is also overwhelmed by the arrival of his baby sister, "he likes to hug her and is happy to have her," said Jessica. Both parents are thrilled to have little Faith, "I can't explain the joy I'm feeling," said Richard, "I'm a bit sore, but so happy to finally have my Peach and Pear," said Jessica.

The family would like to extend sincere thanks to midwives Rosie, Erika and Jenny, all of the theatre staff and Dr Anna for the safe delivery of Faith. A special thank you to family and friends for all of their love and support throughout and to those who sent wishes, cards and gifts.



A Positive Difference

SHAPE Host Commonwealth Day Celebrations



Met Office

Weekly stats from the Met Office,
Bottom Woods, St Helena
for W/E 13th March 2016

Max Temp	24.8 °C
Min Temp	18.8 °C
Total Rainfall	11.4 mm
Mean Temp	21.1 °C
Total Sunshine	38.8 hrs

August Graham, SAMS

Wherever we live in the Commonwealth, "each of us can make a positive difference in the lives of others by being willing to contribute and offer support," the Queen said in her annual Commonwealth Day message. On Monday the day was marked at SHAPE, who see themselves as the embodiment of the Commonwealth Affirmation and the Queen's message of inclusivity. In a speech Dottie Peters said that SHAPE is an "uplifting organisation" and "truly inspirational." She was asked to talk at the event, and praised

the staff and volunteers at SHAPE.

"The best advertisement for what we do is the staff and volunteers who work here but also give their time so freely to help others," she said, going on to praise "the trainees who come to SHAPE, people who show real commitment to achieving our objectives, often through adversity, but always with good cheer and dedication."

Dottie thanked the captain and crew of the RMS for helping the residents of Ebony View – who are familiar faces at SHAPE – get a holiday on Ascension Island.

She ended her speech by asking people to help the organisation by donating money, and old boxes and water bottles that SHAPE use.

ST HELENA SNIPPETS

A View from the RMS

August Graham, SAMS

Ebony View Residents Visit Ascension Island

The Ebony View residents have arrived back to St Helena after a short trip to Ascension Island. Safeguarding's Anna Crowie told The Sentinel that the group had a fan-

tastic trip. They arrived safely and spent most of their time there on the beach.

They only had a day on the island, but for many this was the first time away from St Helena. "We wanted to get everyone together to

say how thankful we are for everyone's support," Paul Bridgewater, the head of adult social services said last Wednesday evening when they had all gathered in the Mule Yard to be given their t-shirts donated by tourism. It was this help, and the help from other people and organisations, which made everything work. The trip was only possible after the RMS gave them a huge discount on the tickets, meaning that all the residents could get to Ascension and back for just £1,700.

The manager of Ebony View, Kathy Yon, told The Sentinel that she was very grateful to everyone who had been involved, including the Rose and Crown who had sponsored the food for Wednesday night.

This was another of the social nights that the directorate hold every week. Pulling himself away from the dance floor where the staff and residents were having a great time, Paul spoke to The Sentinel: "Every single week it's busy. These guys could probably dance until tomorrow morning. So much fun here and it's been a great night tonight like every other week."

Suzanne Williams receiving T-Shirt



Stakes Were High and the Competition Even Higher

We Are Stumped Takes Marine Quiz Title

Hannah Durnford, SAMS

The venue for the marine quiz; The RMS



Spirits were high as teams boarded the ship Thursday evening to take part in the RMS Marine Quiz night, as part of the Making March Marine celebrations.

21 teams were spread out between the deck and the sun lounge for the quiz. For some people it was the last time that they would be on the ship before it goes offline, making the night even more special.

There were six rounds in the quiz, with quizmaster Chris Pickard from tourism asking marine themed questions, including a picture, general knowledge and RMS round. Halfway

through the quiz the crew served out snacks to keep the teams energised. However, there could only be one winner which was the team We Are Stumped.

Annalea Beard from the St Helena Nature Conservation Group said, "It was very competitive with only a few points between the winning teams at the end. But it went really well and it was a great success. A lot of thanks have to go out to the captain and his crew on-board the ship."

The quiz raised £696 from ticket sales along with an additional £66 in donations to the SNCG on the night. This quiz will be the last

themed event to take place on the RMS for the SNCG before it goes offline. "I would just like to say a big thank you to all the sponsors for the quiz. There were quite a lot of local businesses that donated prizes. So a big thank you to all."

However, another event in aid of the conservation group is the coast to coast walk that will next Sunday, starting at Sandy Bay beach and ending at the wharf. "It is usually a very popular event. Last year we had over 60 people take part and it's just a nice walk to get involved in and enjoy yourselves."

SENTINEL COMMENT

Jane Durnford, SAMS

Holiday planning is an exciting time for any family and is not a 'five minute' task. Consideration as to destination, time spent away from home, who will house sit to care for the animals, booking accommodation at your chosen destination, available budget not forgetting spending money, car hire if required. These things all need to be booked and in most cases prepaid. If planning to visit family and friends, their availability within the projected dates of travel must also be considered and planned. While we are awaiting the official opening of the new airport on 21 May planning a holiday is becoming frustrating as there is currently no definite information on:

- Flight schedule
 - Flight ticket prices
 - Early bird booking discounts
 - Booking fees (will Solomons be adding a commission?)
 - Airport facilities that are available such as refreshments, secure long term parking etc.
- With the airport supposedly only two months away from opening when will this important information be released in order to adequately plan travel and holidays?

Unfortunately on St Helena at the moment all we can do is save and look up destinations online, or until your megabyte allowance 'runs out'.

It is still a pleasure to hear the RMS sound her horn and to see her in the harbour, she will be missed by us all even by someone like me who doesn't enjoy travel by sea.

I must include a comment on the poor driving standards of some motorists on island. Aside from the usual speeding and drink driving issues, basic driving considerations, affording other road users courtesy needs to improve;

- Indicators are fitted to vehicles for a reason. They inform other road users (including pedestrians) of your intentions so we do not have to guess what you are going to do.
- Fog lights are for when it's foggy, not to make your car look sportier at night. You think they look cool but they're dazzling other drivers, especially when travelling uphill.
- While you stop in the road to have a conversation with a friend or conduct some business may be convenient for you, please consider other motorists who also have a destination to reach. This is especially frustrating during the commute to and from work.

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DStv Price Rise August Graham, SAMS

Sure Unsure if South African TV Price Increases will Affect St Helena

Television provider DStv that supplies St Helena's TV services, has announced a large price rise in their charges for customers in South Africa, however Sure have not been told if this will affect prices on St Helena.

The new price changes – brought about due to the falling rand – will mean the company's most popular packages will be 8-10 per cent more expensive. Sure South Atlantic told The

Sentinel they have not been informed of any price increases that will affect consumers on St Helena. They said the current prices will remain in place until further notice.

In a statement DStv's mother company said: "We buy most of [our] fantastic content in foreign currency, and due to the depreciation of the rand by 29% since April 2015, our costs have gone up dramatically," according to South African website Moneyweb.

Thank You

A huge THANK YOU to everyone who donated their used greetings cards. It was a wonderful surprise to receive so many. The box will remain in the Post Office until further notice. I do hope that you will continue to contribute your cards towards this worthy cause. I am grateful.

A special thank you to Karen Yon and Connie Stevens for making it possible for the collection box to be placed in the Post Office.

I will advertise when the newly recycled cards are ready for sale to the public and the charities that will benefit.

I look forward to your continued support.

With appreciation and thanks, Elsie.

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS REVIEW OF PAY & GRADING

SHG have released the above request for proposal as part of their HR strategy delivery.

Terms of Reference can be found on the UK Government Website Contracts Finder
<https://www.contractsfinder.service.gov.uk/Search/reference/CS000-45>.

Any questions regarding the above should be addressed to Noleen Herne, Corporate Procurement Assistant.

E-mail noleen.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh

**The deadline for submission of Proposals is the 8 April 2016.
SHG, 14 March 2016**

YOUR LETTERS/NOTICE BOARD

Dear Editor

Re Dr James Steuart Miranda Barry

It is good to see Dr. Barry in the limelight again. I think hers is the most amazing story, and the fact that we had a lady doctor here on St. Helena as our first Principal Medical Officer under the Crown, in 1836, is even more amazing. Unsurprisingly she did not get on well with the all male establishment and was sent back to England in March 1838, having been here for only about 18 months, but during her time here she managed to make some positive changes for the better comfort of her patients – including separate wards for males and females.

In 2006 I published locally a booklet about her life on St. Helena, researched from the Records in the local Archives. A retired surgeon in South Africa has now written a book about her amazing life, as she worked there for many years at the beginning of her career after graduating from Edinburgh University. He was unable to find anything about her time on St. Helena in the London Archives, so purchased my booklet to cover that period, as our Archives have the only record of her period on the island. I surmise that the men in London were so horrified when they found out that she was a woman, they must have destroyed the Records! In fact Ferdie states in last week's article that "the British Military placed an embargo on Barry's military records for 100 years." I did not know that, but they must have been eventually destroyed.

This new book about her life by retired surgeon Michael DuPreez is now at the publishers and is due for release 25th August this year, so I am sure the local Libraries will purchase some copies so that we can learn more about this amazing woman.

I write this to highlight how important it is to

keep Records, and to look after and give funding for those we have to be conserved and digitised. It has troubled me greatly to hear in recent times of Records being thrown out, the proof being that someone thankfully managed to save Melliss's handwritten Diary of 1848 from the dump at Longwood!! I have heard rumours of other Records being thrown out with all the many relocations of Government Departments in recent times of change, which is shameful. I expect it is simply that they were in cupboards that someone was told to empty. However Brian Smith in his Report, commissioned by SHG in 1993 noted all the important contents of cupboards and elsewhere which could not be accommodated in the tiny Archives. The Records are part of our history and someone will want to know what happened on the island 100 years from now! Once gone they are lost forever.

I have asked before about the whereabouts of the Scroll and Radio donated to the hospital by the survivors of the "City of Cairo" who were brought here as recently as 1942. If anyone has any information, please let the museum staff know, as that is where they should rightly be displayed for safe keeping.

Ferdie's articles on Dr. Barry are well researched and we would not know about this part of our history if the Records here had been destroyed as they were in England.

Margaret Ann Bulkley, Dr. Barry's mother, was the sister of the famous artist, James Barry. He was a great friend of a Venezuelan General, General Francisco Miranda, whose surname she adopted for her daughter. This being the time when women could not attend university, together with a Scottish Lord Steuart, the Earl of Buchan, whose surname she also used, they all planned to send her, disguised as a boy, to Edinburgh University in 1809, aged 18/19. She excelled and took her degree in Medicine graduating M.D. at a very young age



in 1812. Her thesis was dedicated to General Francisco Miranda and David Steuart Erskine, her uncle's friends and both men who were very progressive in their thinking at the time.

Her first appointment was to South Africa, as mentioned in the article, and it was here, not on St. Helena, that the duel was fought over her snide remark about the Governor, Sir Charles Somerset.

If anyone has any idea of where she lived on the island: "a house near the hospital" is all I have found, or if anyone can confirm where the "old brewery" where she set up her civilian hospital was – not the Brewery yard in town. This must have been near the hospital, - we would be grateful for the information to tie up loose ends. Of course any photographs related to these too.

Can I close by proposing a board in the hospital entrance with a list of PMO's /SMO's since the Crown took over the Island in 1836, with the amazing Dr. James Miranda Barry as the first?

Yours sincerely
Barbara B. George



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Government

VACANCY EMD CONSERVATION WORKER

EMD would like to recruit a nursery Conservation Worker in the Terrestrial Conservation section to help work on the airport Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Programme (LEMP). If you are interested in the conservation of St Helena's unique habitats and want to contribute to the biggest restoration project on the island, the role of Conservation Worker (LEMP) might be just for you.

The successful candidate should have adequate knowledge in propagation techniques, nursery and restoration work.

Salary for the post will be between £5,106 and £5,617 per annum depending upon the experience of the candidate.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Vanessa Thomas Williams; on telephone number 24724 or e-mail vanessa-thomas@enrd.gov.sh. An application form and Job Profile is available from either Scotland Office or Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 30 March 2016.

Derek Henry, Deputy Director of Environment and Natural Resources
14 March 2016

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HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking staff to join their team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work and are linked to pay enhancements

The Staff Nurse will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of a high quality nursing patient care.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent

Salary commences at £10,739 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,276 and then Staff Nurse level 2b £12,350.

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

Job share applications may be considered.

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.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Miss Lisa Rhodes, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500.

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate by Friday, 25 March 2016.

Darren J Clarke (Dr), Director

01 March 2016

Wiggles and Giggles



For bumps, babies and beyond.....

**Are you pregnant and fancy a chat?
Do you have a child between the
ages of 0-4?**

**Why not come along to our friendly
open day at Guinea Grass community
centre from 9.30am to 11am on
Friday 18th March.**

**There will be toys, fun activities and
refreshments!**

**For more information contact Sheona on
23515 or Jenna on 24636**



INVITATION TO TENDER

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

Construction and Commissioning of Tractor Storage and Agricultural Units at the Ex ADA Fields in Longwood.

Copies of these Tender Documents can be obtained from Wednesday 02 March 2015 at 9:00am

**Please contact: Miss Tiffany Lawrence
Procurement Officer
Essex House
Jamestown
Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh**

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

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday 7 March 2016 at 1:00pm meeting at the Ex ADA Fields in Longwood.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12:00 Noon on Monday 21st March 2016.

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

A Hike Not For the Fainthearted

Walking to Shark's Valley

Hannah Durnford, SAMS



There is no sweeter sensation than the moment you finally complete a walk, whether it's with friends, just for fitness or as part of the Festival of Walking.

Rewind five hours to me starting the trek to Shark's Valley I began to realise I should have chosen something easier for my first walk of the festival. But I headed out to Silver Hill Bar to meet for the walk anyway. The weather was perfect, not too hot and with a constant breeze; weather I was happy to walk in.

While we waited for the remaining walkers to arrive I took in the amazing landscapes surrounding me, from Prosperous Bay Plain and the runway to looking out on the horizon and seeing blue water sparkling in the sun, it was a view to treasure.

Once all ten walkers had arrived and our knowledgeable guide David Pryce from the St Helena National Trust had given us an introductory briefing to the walk, we headed out with the wind in our hair and the edge of civilisation at our heels.

One of the amazing things about the walk is the illusion it gives that you've reached a dead end or the edge of a cliff, not knowing you have to zigzag down the side of it on an extremely narrow footpath. Realising I had to do this to reach the tree tunnel (a walkway under a canopy of trees with a stream running through it) I knew this walk would be pushing some of my boundaries.

We were not put off by not reaching our destination after almost two hours of walking, as we were kept well entertained with David's eagle-eye spotting of insects, some of which were endemic to the island, and with conversations flowing throughout the group and a steady pace keeping us moving we had not a



care in the world.

This care-free thinking did not last long for me as once we walked up and round and came face-to-face with the sea and more importantly Shark's Valley, I realised there was no way down to the rocky beach.

But I soon found out there was a way to get down and that it meant having to partly sit on the ground and slide down to the bottom while using the rocks for support en route. It was a new experience for me but what frightened me more was the prospect of having to get back up there later. However I had a greater matter at hand; I was now at the end of Shark's Valley. Once we had made it down to the rocky bottom and after exploring the largest waterfall on the walk and the beach area we began to attack the "long slog back" as our guide David called it.

I somehow managed to climb back up the side of the hill and decided to lag behind knowing I would just be slowing the others down. Six hours after first starting the walk, David and I finally made it back to the start, with sore feet and finding ourselves alone as the others had raced off without us.

Overall it was a fantastic walk and a big thank you has to go out to David for sticking by my side the whole walk, even when I did feel like giving up on the way back up.

But all in all I definitely recommend anyone to try the walk and take part in the festival, as it lets you walk to amazing places on the island, visit stunning landscapes and learn something new along the way.

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Vacancy for Communications Engineer - Transmitting Station

Babcock has a vacancy for a full-time Communications Engineer at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

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

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

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status contract, depending on personal circumstance, and with bungalow accommodation.

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

Qualifications & Experience

Required:-

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- Able to demonstrate standard knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse technical problems and undertake standard fault finding.
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Driving licence.
- IT Competent.
- **Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and be available for call-outs and faults outside of normal working hours.**

Desirable Qualifications/Experience

- Experience of antenna systems.
- Consistent & developed practical experience of a transmitter station's operation and maintenance work.
- HV Authorisation.

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)

or Fax direct to : +247 66117

Applications should be submitted on a Babcock job application form, and must be received by end of the working day on **Thursday 31st March 2016.**

WORLD NEWS/ST HELENA SNIPPETS



World NEWS

EU Court Turkey

The EU is facing a dilemma as they continue to negotiate with Turkey over the handling of Syrian refugees. Pressure is also mounting on German Chancellor Angela Merkel, whose Christian Democratic Party took a beating in this week's local elections – a result widely seen as a vote on Merkel's open-door refugee policy.

The European Union is facing fallout from the conflict in Syria. Refugees have been flocking to the borders of the union, daring the seas of the Mediterranean to get a better life in Europe. But national governments – not keen to deal with these helpless people – have been taking measures to keep them away.

Now the EU is trying to get Turkey to agree to a deal which will allow refugees who have been ejected from the union to resettle in the middle-eastern country. However this is forcing them to get into bed with the increasingly authoritarian Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan. Since winning his country's elections last year, Erdogan has spearheaded a crack-down on Kurdish areas in the east of the country and has targeted unfriendly journalists. He has authorised the downing of a Russian jet which had strayed into Turkish airspace – a move which angered and worried his NATO allies.

But Erdogan knows he holds all the cards. Angela Merkel has long said that Turkey is the key to solving the refugee crisis, and the EU knows they need the country.

If Erdogan agrees to the resettlement of refugees in Turkey it will come at a cost. He is demanding €3bn on top of the €3bn already agreed. Turkish negotiators are also asking for visa-free travel into the EU for their citizens and want to accelerate talks about possibly joining the union.

Despite these demands, perhaps the most costly part of the negotiations will be the negotiations themselves which will legitimise the increasingly authoritarian president, and could destabilise the Middle East's only Muslim democracy.

This could also mark a turning-point in the British EU referendum. With the country going to the polls in June, the prospect of 120 million Muslims getting access to the European Union could tip the balance in favour of the out campaign.

That said the future is starting to look brighter in Syria. On the eve of the 5-year anniversary of the conflict, Russia is drawing out its troops amid a ceasefire between the government and the rebels.



Sterling Time?

Financial Regulator Questions Future of St Helena Pound

August Graham, SAMS

Chris Duncan, Chair of St Helena's Financial Services Regulatory Authority

The Chair of St Helena's Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Chris Duncan, has said he thinks St Helena will eventually have to switch to Sterling and abolish the St Helena pound.

This comes after the Financial Secretary dismissed the idea as expensive and difficult in last month's legislative council. It would mean the island would have to import more money as people would take it abroad with them, he said.

But now Mr Duncan says the local currency is unsustainable and creates problems for travellers. "The St Helena pound has served good purpose in the past," he said. But "it can't be used anywhere else. It can't be used where Saints want to use it, and as the island opens up its access and people travel more and have more exposure to the need for an international currency, it becomes rather difficult to justify the continuation of the St Helena pound."

He said he would want to compare the facts and see which currency would be better, "but I suspect that at the end of the day St Helena

will become – sooner or later – well advised to become fully part of the Sterling world and have as its currency, into the future, the Sterling pound."

The statements came during an interview on SAMS Radio 1. Mr Duncan also said he thinks the island is doing well financially. "There is much more economic activity than there has been over the period from when I started to come, and that growth is set to increase, I believe, quite substantially with air access."

There is about £70 million in the bank, up from £45m in the beginning of the decade. This, he says, means the bank has more money to lend to businesses and private people.

Mr Duncan – who has been in the role for five years – does much of his work from the UK via email, but he visits the island once every year. He is one of four on the authority alongside another person based in Britain, and two on St Helena.

The group is tasked with making sure the Bank of St Helena, Solomons Insurance, and Enterprise St Helena's lending activities are done properly.




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JUNIOR CIVIL ENGINEER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is looking to appoint a Junior Civil Engineer, to join our Projects Team. This post is initially offered on a two year fixed term contract.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a large capital works programme to improve and upgrade our utility infrastructure. Primary focus at present is improving water security by maximizing catchment, increasing storage and reducing loss. The work load is both varied and challenging and the Junior Civil Engineer is a key player in all stages from initial concept design to final commissioning.

You would be working with our experienced in-house technical team as well as specialist external consultants; our main funding body; and various Government departments.

This is an excellent opportunity to quickly gain wide ranging experience across a number of EPC projects running simultaneously. You will develop your skills and knowledge under the supervision and mentoring of our Operations Director.

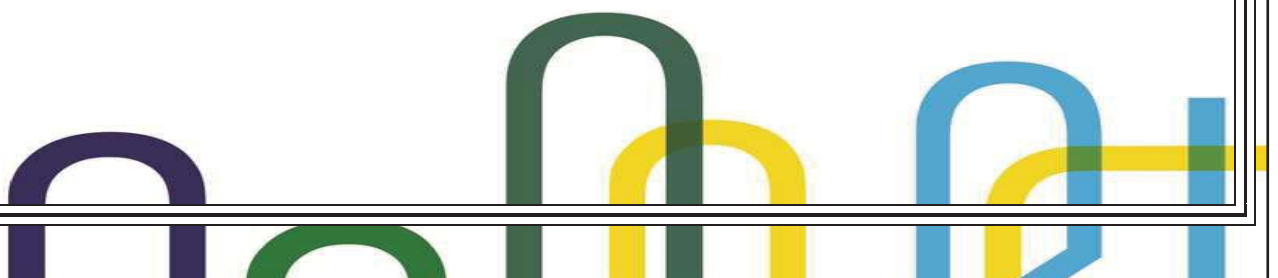
The essential qualifications and experience that we are seeking are:

- Civil Engineering degree with around 5 years relevant post-graduate experience on EPC projects
- Working towards Chartered status
- Proven experience with GIS and CAD (ideally AutoCAD3D)
- Strong computer literacy and able to maintain accurate records
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills. Able to produce clear reports, tenders and specifications.
- Adaptable and flexible approach and able to prioritise time and tasks
- Preference will be given to applicants with proven experience in design of infrastructure services.

A competitive salary will be paid, according to qualifications and experience. Additional benefits include 15% pension contribution, 25 days annual leave and support for further relevant professional training & development.

Applications are by CV and covering letter to Sarah Thomson, Business Support Manager, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, Seales Corner, Jamestown, St Helena, STHL 1ZZ or by e-mail to sarah.thomson@connect.co.sh.

Please show full details of your work history, experience and salary expectations.



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Sustaining The Resource

Damien O'Bey, SAMS

Marine Section Offers Rewards for Recapture of Tagged Tuna

The Marine section is offering the small reward of a tuna tagging t-shirt for anyone who reports or provides evidence of the recapture of a tagged tuna and details of where it was caught.

Members of the fishing community and the marine section have recently started a tuna tagging scheme which sees the team dart two yellow mechanical tags into the flesh of tuna fish. One dart is placed just beneath the second dorsal fin and another in the belly of the fish.

"It is a Darwin Plus project that looks at the biology of some of the target species in St Helena waters," Dr Martin Collins – the man overseeing the project – told The Sentinel. The tagging team is currently focusing on yellow fin tuna. "They tend to be around all year," Dr Collins, explained.

Dr Collins has been taking trips with commercial fisherman to popular fishing grounds to tag tuna. "We ask the fishermen to be a bit gentler when bringing the fish on board," he said. "The idea is to tag the fish, release them alive and then they are recaptured. We can

learn from recaptured fish how quickly they grow, see how far they have moved since tagging and how long they stick around for."

The fish are caught and brought on to deck; the hook is carefully removed and tagging begins. "We wrap the fish in a wet towel to calm it," Dr Collins said. "We then insert the tags and get the fish back over the side into the water. If we are quick, the whole process takes less than a minute."

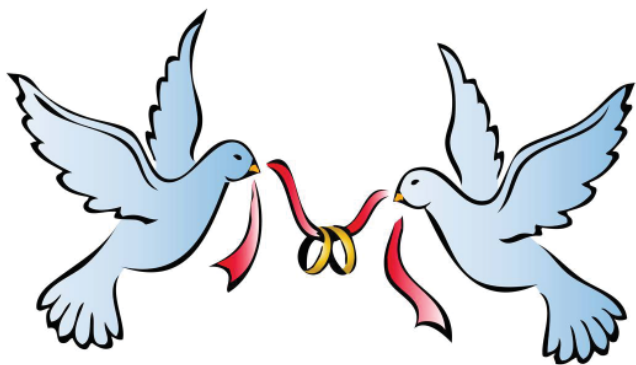
To date the team has been tagging smaller fish, "between 60-90 cm". But with the arrival of bigger tags on the RMS from Ascension the team will look to target larger fish. "From next week we will start tagging with the sports fishermen," said Dr Collins. Sports fishermen are limited on how many tuna they can catch so they are more likely to release some of their bigger catches unlike commercial fisherman for whom the bigger fish are very valuable.



Dr. Collins tagging a small yellow fin tuna
Inset: A mechanical tag

Tagging has gone well so far and eight fish have been recaptured. "One of the fish I tagged in early December was recaptured this month and it had grown from 5 kg to an 8.5 kg fish. The fish that originally measured 60 cm had also grown 20 cm," Dr Collins said.

The marine section would appreciate if the recaptured tuna could be measured to the nearest centimetre or if it could be kept until a member of their team can accurately measure the fish.



Thank You

John & Wilma Reid
Thank all friends for their best
wishes on our marriage
On the 28th December 2015

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PROGRAMME OF SACRED MUSIC FOR
EASTERTIDE**



**Holy Week
& Easter**

**Palm Sunday 20 March at 6.00pm in
the Cathedral and**

**Tuesday 22 March at 7.00pm in
St James Church**

NOTICE BOARD

AW Ship Management Release Cargo Ship Schedule

AW Ship Management are pleased to announce the schedule for the cargo ship that will replace the RMS St Helena, the RMS replacement ship will be dedicated to servicing the Islands of St Helena and Ascension as after sixteen years of managing the RMS St Helena AWSM is well aware of the importance of a regular, reliable and direct service to the Islands.

Saint Helena and Ascension Island Service											
YEAR 1					YEAR 2						
VOY 1	Dep	Tue 26/07/16	VOY 7	Dep	Tue 14/02/17	VOY 12	Dep	Tue 08/08/17	VOY 18	Dep	Wed 07/02/18
St Helena	Arr	Tue 02/08/16	St Helena	Arr	Tue 21/02/17	St Helena	Arr	Tue 15/08/17	St Helena	Arr	Wed 14/02/18
	Dep	Mon 08/08/16		Dep	Mon 27/02/17		Dep	Mon 21/08/17		Dep	Mon 19/02/18
Cape Town	Arr	Mon 15/08/16	Cape Town	Arr	Mon 06/03/17	Cape Town	Arr	Mon 28/08/17	Cape Town	Arr	Mon 26/02/18
VOY 2	Dep	Tue 30/08/16	VOY 8	Dep	Tue 21/03/17	VOY 13	Dep	Wed 06/09/17	VOY 19	Dep	Wed 07/03/18
St Helena	Arr	Tue 06/09/16	St Helena	Arr	Tue 28/03/17	St Helena	Arr	Wed 13/09/17	St Helena	Arr	Wed 14/03/18
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VOY 3	Dep	Tue 04/10/16	VOY 9	Dep	Tue 25/04/17	VOY 14	Dep	Wed 04/10/17	VOY 20	Dep	Wed 11/04/18
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The dates published above are for the first two years of service and as the service progresses AWSM will update the schedule so that dates will always be published eighteen months to two years in advance.

AWSM's agents are in possession of freight rates for the new service, so Solomon and Co on Saint Helena (e – mail freight@solomons.co.sh tel +290 22523), Ascension Island Government on Ascension Island (e-mail kitty.george@ascension.gov.ac tel + 247 66244) or RNC Ships Agency in Cape Town (e-mail winston@rncships.com or emilio@rncships.com tel + 27 21 551 5130) can be contacted for local freight information.

UK transshipment dates are also available via agents or alternatively you may contact cargo@awsml.co.uk for rates or transshipment information.

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ST HELENA SNIPPETS

New Minimum Income Standard

Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS

The Financial Secretary's Budget Speech on 18 March will introduce a new Minimum Income Standard from the 29th. Regulations have been approved by Exco for increased benefits in coming months. Annually the statistics team monitors how the price of a basket of goods, which Islanders believed in 2013 were the minimum require-

Sewerage Introduced for the First Time

ments for a reasonable standard of living, has risen. They didn't include sewerage. Government Economist, Tom Holvey told The Sentinel this "quite significant increase" is being introduced for the first time. Also additional is Connect St Helena fees.

Usually policy looks backwards how increases are taken into account the previous year. "This year, because of significant changes to St Helena's tariffs, both the looking backward and including that amount, but also looking forward to how prices will actually increase next year has been included," said Mr Holvey. The result is an increase of approximately 8.5% for Basic Island Pensioners, 667 and 144 households receiving Income Related Benefit.

Mr Holvey told the increase is significantly over and above current inflation. "Councillors were keen to see if there were any errors in the goods we are using. That is why we ended up with the more significant increase than we normally would have had."

Every item in the basket is analysed within the cost of living. Important changes are ahead. New shipping, airport in the next few months, there could be some cultural movements affecting prices. "Once that is settled it would be advisable to look at the basket as a whole; are people buying the same things, what is important to people," said Mr Holvey. "We will look again and reanalyse that basket to see if it is still appropriate."



Tom Holvey, Government Economist, Brian Isaac, Chair of Social & Economic Development Committee, and Nicholas Yon, Head of Accounting Services

A Different Approach

August Graham, SAMS

Getting Criminal and Victim Together can Reduce Re-Offending says Visiting Expert

Richard Newcombe is a trainer in restorative justice – the practice of bringing criminals face-to-face with their victims to understand the damage they have caused. It focuses on "the behaviour and not the individual," Mr Newcombe said after a long day of training on St Helena.

He has come as part of an effort to ensure social workers, teachers and of course the police learn about this approach, and they know that prison isn't the only way to deal with crime.

"It can in fact be an alternative to prison," Mr Newcombe said, adding that first-time offenders might benefit from being dealt with in this way. Getting a criminal conviction has a "massive impact" on young people's lives so should be avoided where possible.

But it's not just good for those who have committed the crime, the restorative approach has also been shown to reduce reoffending – meaning that people are less likely to commit another crime.

The approach means that a shopkeeper can have a meeting with a shoplifter to explain how they were affected by the crime. But if there is a risk of aggressive behaviour from either party they won't go ahead with the meet-



Trainer in restorative justice, Richard Newcombe

ing.

Teacher trainer Christine Blake was one of the people who made sure Mr Newcombe could come to the island. She told The Sentinel this approach can be useful in the classroom.

If two children have a fight in the playground the traditional teaching method would be to

"tell them off and give them a sanction or take their break away. But it happens again next week" she said. "After having a restorative meeting with children we always say to them this is to repair any harm in the relationship between you two and ensure the incident doesn't happen again."

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE



Steve Evans and Joan Peters

Spicing Up St Helena

Liam Yon, SAMS

Green Wagon Enterprise, Blue Hill, is an agriculture business set up and run by couple Steve Evans and Joan Peters. The business produces courgettes, aubergines, melons and a variety of herbs, using hydroponic technology under protective poly tunnels.

Steve and Joan arrived on island four years ago and are residents of Sandy Bay. Staying true to Saint tradition the couple decided to grow some of their own vegetables and spices in a home garden. "We had limited success," Steve said, "but we did manage to grow a bit of our own food and it just got us more and more interested." The couple also noticed, like many others, the lack of fresh produce and variety in shops on island.

Around the same time ANRD were seeking interest from members of the public for a partnership programme to enhance the island's agriculture industry. This piqued their interest and the couple made enquiries to ANRD. "We decided that we could take this beyond our own kitchen garden and actually look into it from a commercial standpoint and become a provider for the island," Steve explained.

After attending a week long hydroponic training session on island and Steve going away on ESH's agriculture exposure trip, the couple's dream of an agricultural business was becoming a reality. The next stage was to put in a business application; business plan etc. Luckily Joan has a degree in

The Journey of Green Wagon Enterprise



business management so was able to take hold of that side of the setup. Part of this process was deciding what products would be grown. "The strategy behind that was we wanted to grow things that are not commonly seen on the island," said Steve. Then began the research into what products can be produced in tunnels and what it'd take to produce them. "You have to figure out which crops are compatible with the same nutrient feed or relatively the same nutrient requirements," explained Steve. Once the marketing and business plans were completed by Joan there were some small de-

tails that needed finalised like naming the business. Green Wagon came from one of Steve's friends in Florida who upon retiring decided to start his own kitchen garden. "He bought this little green wagon because he would take his grow box in during night and put it out in the daytime during winter," said Steve. Not long after, because nothing would grow, Steve's friend decided to give up his new hobby. "He finally got disgusted with the whole project and said he'd find another hobby," laughed Steve, "so I said 'well, I kinda like that little green wagon

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE



there, I'll buy that of you' and I did." The couple brought the wagon to St Helena with them and, because green is associated with agriculture and being eco-friendly, decided to name the business after it. So Green Wagon Enterprise was born.

Setting up the business, which boasts two large poly tunnels, two 5000 litre tanks, and

a high tech hydroponic setup, was not easy and there were many setbacks. "We didn't realise how many obstacles there would be but we should have," explained Steve, "we know that any project this size [on St Helena] is going to encounter obstacles. It's logistics, its shipping; it's the timing of everything that has to happen." Nevertheless the couple persevered and, with help from ESH and other organisations, in March 2015 their business became fully operational. "Now everything is in place and now we have to produce," said Steve.

There were, and still are, difficulties for the couple in terms of production; one problem is keeping the pH and EC of the water at the op-

timum level. "You can get everything right; give them all the right nutrients in the right quantities," Steve explained, "but if the pH and EC of the water is not right then the plant is not going to take it up." Despite the training and endless hours of research, the couple are still relatively new to farming and are still learning as they go. "I've come to the conclusion that farming is a business where the farmer himself is probably never going to be satisfied with it," said Steve, "because one thing is doing really well, the other thing is not looking so good, and I think it's always going to be like that."

But now, a year on, the couple are growing a variety of products that are becoming so popular with local cooks that demand can't be met. "In one sense, the fact that everything goes off the shelf, that's very rewarding," Steve said, "but it's also frustrating that we can't provide even more." The couple had only planned to provide produce to the local market and hadn't included hotels, restaurants, or any other tourism-related market in their plans.

In terms of future growth Steve says there is nothing in the pipe line. "We don't have space for another tunnel, we don't have time for another tunnel," he laughed. He believes it is up to others to get involved and enhance the island's agriculture industry. "I think what it is going to take is other people," he said, "do what you have to do, jump through all the hoops, work your way around all of the obstacles, the island needs it."

Steve had worked in the aviation industry for 30 years but since starting Green Wagon Enterprise, along with partner Joan, has not regretted a second of it. "There are a lot of adjectives to go with farming; it's frustrating, it's aggravating; it's challenging, but ultimately it is very rewarding," Steve laughed, "when things work out right it's beautiful to see the fruit on the plants and when they sell out on the shelves, that's very rewarding."



NOTICE BOARD



VACANCY - LINESMAN

To strengthen our Electricity Distribution Team, Connect Saint Helena Ltd are seeking to appoint an additional Linesman.

The role of the Linesman is to work as part of a team to install, maintain and repair the High Voltage (11kv) and Low Voltage (415 volt) electricity distribution network. The work is physically demanding and involves working outside in all weather conditions.

Essential criteria are: ✓ Health & Safety awareness and a commitment to safe working practices ✓ proven team working ability ✓ physical fitness ✓ Class C driving licence.

A competitive salary will be offered for the right applicant, along with 25 days paid annual leave, and a 15% Pension contribution. For a Job Description and application form, please contact

brenda.stevens@connect.co.sh or telephone 22255.

The details can also be found on our website www.connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should reach us by 23 March 2016



St Helena
Government

FARMER ALERT



It has been an exceptional warm and wet year, the grass is flourishing and the livestock on the island are looking good. But this weather can also cause problems.

THE BARBER'S POLE WORM: A nasty and lethal gift from Africa, the Barber's Pole worm is a tiny cotton-thread like worm that is armed with an arrow head to pierce the stomach lining and suck the blood. It is all over the island. Sheep and goats are seriously affected. We are seeing a large number of cases and some deaths. Animals die of severe anaemia and heart failure. Diarrhoea is NOT a common symptom. Watch for 'bottle jaw', a jelly-like swelling under the jawbone. Best of all pull down the lower eyelid and check the pinkness. We can provide an excellent free colour guide to help you monitor throughout the year. While the warm weather lasts worm sheep and goats no longer than every 4 weeks. Don't leave it too late.

ARMY WORM: Another gift from Africa, the caterpillar of this moth is now booming and killing large patches of pasture. Be aware that the dead 'army worm' grass is highly poisonous to stock – be sure sufficient good grass is available so stock are not forced to graze it, and do not cut it as feed.

GRASS STAGGERS: Much of the island suffers from magnesium deficiency, and this is at its worst when the grass grows fast and lush. Mainly it affects cattle. Signs are staggering, twitching, and sudden death due to heart failure. Be aware that these animals are aggressive and dangerous, and will attack. Do not put yourself at risk. Prevention is difficult, but we stock a small number of palatable magnesium rich salt licks.

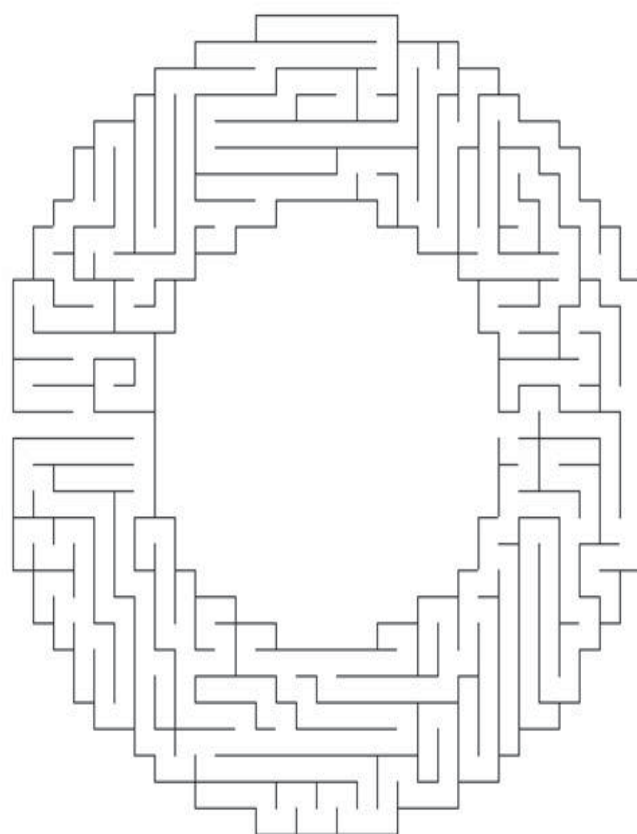
For magnesium/iron licks and worming guides contact the Veterinary Service at ANRD on 24724



COFFEE BREAK HUMOUR

Bob left work one Friday evening. But it was payday, so instead of going home, he stayed out the entire weekend partying with his mates and spending his entire wages. When he finally appeared at home on Sunday night, he was confronted by his angry wife and was barraged for nearly two hours with a tirade befitting his actions. Finally his wife stopped the nagging and said to him, "How would you like it if you didn't see me for two or three days?" He replied, "That would be fine with me." Monday went by and he didn't see his wife. Tuesday and Wednesday came and went with the same results. But on Thursday, the swelling went down just enough where he could see her a little out of the corner of his left eye.

My grandpa started walking five miles a day when he was 60. Now he's 97 years old and we have no idea where the hell he is.



CRAZY MAZE



Find your way through this 'Crazy Maze.' Enter through the gap on the left and work your way through to the middle. Good Luck!

SENTINEL REBOOT - Local news from this time last year



SHG and DfID announced on Monday afternoon that Comair Ltd have been selected as the preferred bidder to provide air services to St Helena. Comair – a South African aviation company – is proposing weekly flights to O.R Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. They will be using a Boeing 737-800 and the flight time will be approximately four and a half hours.

On a bright Tuesday morning as the RMS arrived she brought a reminder of the darker sides of the island's reputation. Sasha Wass and her team arrived to commence another stage of their Inquiry into allegations of child abuse and police and government incompetence and corruption.

Cricket: St Matthews Lions (114) fought back to escape from the jaws of defeat to become victorious over Jamestown Barracudas (96) in the final league playoff match on Sunday afternoon at Francis Plain.

Famous Birthdays 17 Mar - 23 Mar

Hozier (26)
Singer - 17 Mar
Adam Levine (37)
Singer - 18 Mar
Queen Latifah (46)
Actress - 18 Mar
Bruce Willis (61)
Actor - 19 Mar
Kyrie Irving (24)
Basketballer - 23 Mar

PEOPLE



top 3

... Favourite
Places I Visited:

1. New Zealand
2. India
3. Netherlands

Katie Hindle

If you would like to take part, we need a good picture of you (which we can do) and your top 3 - it could be your top 3 movies, songs, books or cars. It could be your top 3 places on St Helena, or top 3 achievements. The more interesting the better chance of being chosen, as we will only print 1 per week! Email: news@sams.sh with subject heading, top 3.



DID YOU KNOW...

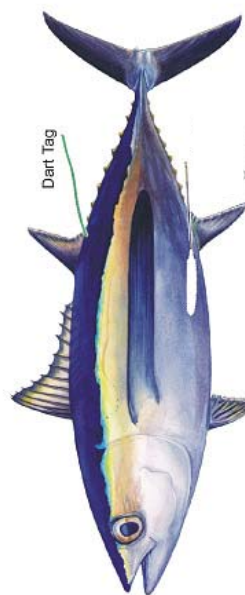
New Zealand sheep numbers peaked in 1982, with a total of 70.3 million sheep. In the same year, 3.18 million people lived in New Zealand. This works out to 22 sheep per person.

NOTICE BOARD



The marine section with members of the fishing community have recently embarked a tuna tagging scheme.

Tuna that has been tagged will have two small yellow dart tags implanted into its flesh like this:



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There will be a small

REWARD

For anyone that reports and provides evidence of the recapture of a tagged tuna along with details of where it was caught.

We would appreciate if the tuna caught could be measured to the nearest cm or if it could be kept until we can accurately measure it.

The reward can be obtained by returning if possible the tagged fish and capture information to:

Marine Conservation Section

Essex House

Tel no. 22270

email : marine@enrd.gov.sh



ST HELENA SNIPPETS/NOTICE BOARD

NASA to St Helena!

Hannah Durnford, SAMS

“We are Looking Forward to Working with High Profile Organisations”

“Yes, I can confirm that NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Centre will aim to send scientists to install a Sun Photometer,” Meteorological Office Station Manager Lori Bennett said. This is an electronic device which measures direct sunlight.

The US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) contacted the Meteorological Office on St Helena a couple weeks ago and is now aiming to send out equipment via Cape Town, which will be forward to the office on island for the installation project. Scientists were hoping to travel by the RMS to start the installation, but now this will not happen until they are able to fly here.

In collaboration with the UK Meteorological Office, this is the first step towards Project Clarify, which has been re-scheduled to 2017 for the St Helena visit. Their deployment for the island is primarily a cloud stratocumulus campaign.

The purpose is to observe the properties of

cloud in order to test how well the models represent the cloud in scale from regional models up to the big climatic models. Lori explained that the climate models need to get a basic handle on the cloud properties in order to get the energy balance right, “so the whole specific drive begins with robust research observations. This is exciting times for Meteorological Operations on St. Helena, the forthcoming project and the inclusion of additional climatic monitoring equipment will only aid and enhance the profile of St Helena and expand our global climatic knowledge,” Lori told The Sentinel.

Launching the weather balloon



“We are very much looking forward to working directly with high profile organisations such as NASA and wish them well in the initial phases of set up and will continue to support them throughout the project. If anyone is interested in the data it is publicly available from NASA’s website,” Lori said.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

102.7MHz, 90.5MHz, 105.1MHz, 105.3MHz

Also Live Streaming via www.sams.sh

CONTACT THE SHOW

To reach the Radio 1 team, call 22727, or email: news@sams.sh. You can also contact us via our Facebook page - just visit the SAMS website, www.sams.sh, click the Facebook link at the top right of every page.

2nd CHANCE SUNDAY

9.00am - Selection of recorded interviews and programmes from the week, mixed with easy listening sounds for a chilled out Sunday.

St Helena News:

Monday to Fridays at 7am, 10am, 12noon, 5pm, 7pm & 10pm also at 3am & 5am Tuesday to Saturday.
Saturday news: 8am & 12noon

GOSPEL FM

Thursday 7.30 - 9.30pm
Presented by John Moyce, 30 minutes of childrens’ feature followed by 90 mins of gospel music.

IN CONVERSATION

Every week day at 5:30pm or 7.30pm
Another chance to hear interviews that made the news during last week and also this week.

THE CHART SHOW

Wednesday 10.30am
Presented by Isha Harris & Sheona Brown. Catch up on the latest chart music. Repeated Wednesday 8.30pm, Thursday 12.15pm and Saturday 1.00pm.

AFTERNOON DRIVE

Mondays to Wednesdays from 4pm to 7pm with Luke Bennett

PRIME TIME

John Lamdon and Andy Parkinson share their passion for mathematics and classic rock and pop. Every second Thursday 5.30pm. Repeated on ‘2nd Chance Sunday.’

HOT ROCKS

Mondays at 7:30pm, Replayed Fridays at 5:30pm. Hannah Durnford and Lizemarie Robbertse, play their way through alternative rock tracks.

PAS SHOW - ‘News & Views’

Mondays after 7pm news & notice board. Replayed Fridays, after 10am news & notice board once a month.

Behind the Music

Saturday 9.30am. Repeated on Saturday at 6.00pm, Tuesday at 2pm & Wednesday at 7.30pm.

B&H GOLD

Ben and Harriet Hathway host 1 hour of all time great tracks. Friday 7.30pm. Repeated on ‘2nd Chance Sunday.’

SUNRISE 7am to 10am

Live music, entertainment, discussion, interviews and trivia. includes: 7am: St Helena News
Repeated at 11pm everyday.

HITS AND BITS

WITH DJ DONNA (Subject to change of DJ)

Monday to Friday from 10.30am till 12.30pm and 2pm till 4pm
Join Donna Crowie for the latest news and updates as well as great music to keep you entertained.

Includes 12pm news and noticeboard.

BBC WORLD SERVICE NEWS

24/7 on our 2nd radio channel.
88.1MHz, 100.7 MHz and 102.7MHz

CHURCH NOTICES

Faith Matters

Bishop Richard Fenwick

Thoughts written on
Mothering Sunday, 2016:



The first statue ever put up to a woman in the USA is of Margaret Haughey. It stands at the corner of Prytania and Camp Streets in New Orleans, Louisiana. Margaret (born in 1813) was a penniless Irish immigrant from Co. Cavan in Southern Ireland, who lost her parents, and later her husband and child to the yellow fever epidemic soon after they arrived from Ireland in 1835. Yet from those humble beginnings she grew to be a skilled businessman. She was an entrepreneur - and a philanthropist who built four orphanages and several homes for the elderly. At her death, her estate was given to New Orleans' orphanages. She was especially well known for her compassion, and her determination to provide for the city's orphans. Her first orphanage was established in a dilapidated old house which had the reputation for being haunted. After she had restored it, the owner then wanted to evict them all and sell the property. Margaret used all her ingenuity to convince the owner of the value of charity - and for her efforts the orphanage was granted free rent from that day on! After this success, she bought several cows to provide milk for the children - and this purchase grew into a flourishing dairy whose products she sold in the city from her milk cart. But there was more to her than this, for her investments and loans were so profitable that her wealth burgeoned. Then, as a result of earlier loans to businessmen, she found herself to be the major stockholder of a bankrupt bakery business. And this she transformed into a highly successful venture known as "Margaret's Bakery"...

Yet another side to Margaret was her endless practicality, and she personally nursed victims of the yellow fever epidemics which plagued the city. After the particularly devastating epidemic of 1853, she was approached with the need for an orphanage for infants alone. Her answer was, "Build the asylum, and God will pay for it" - and so it was that "St. Vincent De Paul Infant Asylum" was started. It was a big and ambitious project. Even so, the debt for the orphanage was paid off in 16 years - largely through Margaret's milk cart sales.

Margaret Haughey died in 1882 greatly mourned. The crowd at her funeral stretched for hundreds of yards outside the church doors and her pallbearers included former governors and mayors. All the stores, city offices and business establishments were closed for the day in respect. At her death, her fortune amounted to \$600,000 - in those days! But every cent was left to the orphanages - without consideration of race, religion, or class.

Yet the oddest thing of all? Apparently she was unable to sign her Will for herself because she could neither read nor write. The document was signed with a cross... the sign that she had treasured and served all her life!

And the Moral is quite simply that a mother never gives-up. But then, at this time of

Mothering Sunday we remember that it's also true of our "Holy Mother the Church". It's even more true of the Kingdom of Heaven, "Jerusalem above...the Mother of us all" (Galatians 4.26).

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Cathedral Parish of St Paul

Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday
8.00 a.m. Eucharist, Cathedral
10.00 a.m. Procession/Sung Eucharist/Admissions, Cathedral

3.30 p.m. Eucharist, St Peter
6.00 p.m. Resurrection Music Palm Villa Singers & Bug Eye Tuners, Cathedral

Wednesday 23 March Holy Week
5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confession, Cathedral

6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Sacred Heart

Thursday 24 March, Maundy Thursday

Mass of the Lord's Supper/Vigil, Cathedral

Friday 25 March Good Friday

12 Noon - 1.00 p.m. Mattins, Cathedral

1.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m. Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross, Cathedral

Saturday 26 March Holy Saturday

7.00 p.m. Easter Vigil and First Mass of Easter, Cathedral

Sunday 27 March Easter Sunday

8.00 a.m. Eucharist, St Andrews

9.00 a.m. Eucharist, St Peters

10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist, Cathedral

11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist, St Helena & The Cross

The Parish of St James

Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday

9.15 a.m. Procession/Sung Eucharist/Parade, St James

Congregate outside Canister

Monday 21 March Holy Week

7.00 p.m. Eucharist & Confirmation, St James

Tuesday 22 March Holy Week

6.00 p.m. Resurrection Music Palm Villa Singers & Bug Eye Tuners, St James

Wednesday 23 March Holy Week

7.30 a.m. Eucharist, St James

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confession, St James

6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Sacred Heart

Thursday 24 March Maundy Thursday

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper/Vigil, St James

Friday 25 March Good Friday, 12 Noon - 2.00 p.m. Devotions/Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross, St James

Sunday 27 March Easter Sunday

6.00 a.m. Vigil Mass, St John

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist, St James

Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 20 March Palm Sunday

9.30 a.m. Procession/Sung Eucharist, St Mark

11.00 a.m. Eucharist & Baptism, Level/W - CC

Tuesday 22 March Holy Week

6.00 p.m. Mass and Meditation, St Mark

Wednesday 23 March Holy Week

5.00 p.m. - 6.00 p.m. Confession, St Matthew

6.30 p.m. Stations of the Cross, Sacred Heart

Thursday 24 March Maundy Thursday

7.00 p.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper/Vigil, St Mark

St Mark Friday 25 March Good Friday

6.00 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mark

12 Noon - 2.00 p.m. Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross, St Mark

Saturday 26 March Holy Saturday

9.30 a.m. Morning Prayer, St Mark

Sunday 27 March Easter Sunday

6.30 a.m. Vigil Mass, St Mark

9.30 a.m. Eucharist, St Matthew



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Abdu'l-Baha

BAPTIST NOTICES

Saturday 19 March

Prayer meeting, 7:00 am, Sandy Bay Chapel

Church Council meeting, 3:00 pm

Jamestown Chapel

Sunday 20 March

Church Services:

Morning Worship, 10:00 am,

Jamestown Chapel

(Leader & preacher: Pastor Graeme)

Joint Service, 10:00 pm, Head O'Wain Chapel

(Leader: Nick Williams; preacher: Vincent March)

Other activities:

Prayer Meeting, 9:00 am, Jamestown Schoolroom

Sunday School, 10:00 am, Baptist Manse, Jamestown

Tuesday 22 March

Bible Study & Refreshments, 7:00 pm

Jamestown Schoolroom (Led by Pastor)

Thursday 24 March

Bible Study, 5:30 pm, Sandy Bay Chapel

Bible Study, 7:30 pm Home of Francis Peters

For further information please call Pastor Graeme Beckett at 22388



Women's Fellowship at Kingshurst Community Centre on Saturday

19th March at 3pm.

Contact Nicky Adams on Telephone No 22572 or

Kate Germany on Telephone No 24547

Praise and Worship service at Kingshurst Community centre at 11 am Contact Charles Telephone No 23905

Sunday School will also take place during the sermon

Easter tea party/fellowship on Wednesday 23rd March at 5pm at Deasons Sheltered accommodation. You are most warmly welcomed to these meetings.

Activities at the Army this weekend

SUNDAY 20 MARCH

PALM SUNDAY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP AT THE

HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT

11AM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

Every Wednesday Evening

Prayer meeting & Bible study at the Half Tree Hollow Hall at 7.30pm. All are welcome.

Friday & Saturday

'Revive' café and Thrift shop open from 10am to 1pm.

There is always a warm welcome for you at the Salvation Army.

If you would like to know more about The Salvation Army's activities, contact Lt. Coral Yon on telephone nos 22703/24358.



ST HELENA SNIPPETS

Active Committee for Levelwood

Attempts to Resurrect in April

Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS

The Levelwood Community Centre (CC) has been without an active committee to manage its affairs for at least two years. Chair of the last Ronald Coleman, complying with CC Ordinance remains Chair in situ. Registrar of Community Centres, Karen Yon

told The Sentinel the Social and Community Development Committee recently agreed to meetings in the Levelwood to establish new officers. "At the moment it is quite busy," said Mrs Yon. "We are probably looking at April". In the meantime the Community Development Fund is providing assistance with replacing

equipment, an indication it seems that the centre wants to open.

Levelwood is the only CC without committee. Keys are held by Mr Coleman who has authority to allow the odd activity but no public functions. Some residents say this does nothing to encourage a fully functioning one. The CC was built in the 1980s. It is a Crown asset even though community fund raising and private donations largely completed the project. Former Estates Management Advisor and Acting Head of Property Division, John Clement pondered whether inactive CC for lengthy periods are actually needed by the community for their recreation; "perhaps an unused one could be sold to offset others". He told The Sentinel, "Each year more and more maintenance is required, and each year less and less gets done because of affordability, etc". He was referring mainly to replacing roofs and windows, and rewiring. "That was something John wanted to introduce but nothing has gone forward on that," said Mrs Yon.



Karen Yon, Registrar of Community Centres

Do I Have a Right to Football?

August Graham, SAMS

Human Rights Commissioners get Strange Questions

The newly established Human Rights Commission has been getting some strange requests, such as ensuring that football broadcasts are not interrupted, the CEO of the commission, Catherine Turner, has told The Sentinel.

The group was set up to ensure people's rights are upheld by the government, employers and others across the island. It raises awareness about human rights, helps those with complaints and can – in extreme circumstances – take offenders to court.

But there are still many unanswered questions about what human rights mean. "Initially people would come in and say, 'I think I have a right to this. Do I?' Sometimes that would be 'Sure cut the football match off half-way through and I have a right to watch football.' While I can understand how frustrating that is, there isn't – unfortunately – a human right that says you're allowed to watch football." Ms Turner said.

The commission is the result of a project which stretches back to 2008 when the island got money from the Commonwealth Foundation and DfID to look into human rights. Ms Turner says they will be focussing on ensuring the gap between rich and poor doesn't



increase too much.

She told The Sentinel this isn't an issue unique to St Helena: "I can remember times when children with learning difficulties were in special schools. They were tucked away, nobody met them, nobody knew about them, they weren't part of society, and yet an awful lot of people with learning difficulties have great skills in other areas," she said, highlighting that it's important to accept people's differences "rather than, you're different so I don't

like you."

The next step for the commission is to go to public consultation and get feedback on their vision for a fairer St Helena based on "mutual respect between all members of the community," the chair Cathy Hopkins said. During the consultation they will be basing their discussions around three topics: Fairness in the economy and economic development; good governance; and promoting respect and dignity and keeping people safe.

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ENLARGEMENT OF HARPERS 3 RESERVOIR

In 2013, St Helena suffered from a serious drought situation. Since then we have introduced key measures to optimise the use of our water resources, whilst simultaneously working on a programme of preventative maintenance and system upgrades to increase water capture, improve storage capacity and reduce leakage.

Through this on-going water system improvement programme, we have redesigned and replaced a number of water abstraction systems; relined the Scott's Mill Reservoir and our largest project to date is the expansion of the Harpers 3 Reservoir. This project will increase the capacity of the Harpers 3 Reservoir from 8,000 cubic metres to around 20,000 cubic metres. The construction works commenced in January 2016 and significant progress has been made to date.



This is a large scale project with a number of engineering and practical challenges. There are far-reaching and long-term impacts for both Connect and consumers in the Redhill Water Supply Area and we'd like to give you an update on how things are progressing.

As with a project of this scale, the construction of the reservoir will consist of a number of key steps:

Step 1 – Empty the reservoir and remove the existing lining. From an engineering perspective on Island, works to a reservoir are best completed during the dry season. This requirement was carefully considered, as this is also the time of the year when we need to focus on preserving water supplies to ensure that there is enough water to last until the winter rains arrive. The water in Harpers 3 was drained into Scott's Mill Reservoir and prioritised for use, to ensure the water was not lost. The Scott's Mill Reservoir was relined in advance of this to ensure no water was lost through leaks.



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Step 2 – Clear the works area on site. This involved clearing vegetation on and around the site to facilitate setting out (surveying) of the works and construction of the reservoir.

Step 3 – Construction. In order to optimise the enlargement of the reservoir, detailed engineering designs were prepared, which focussed on three construction objectives: making the reservoir deeper – by excavating down a further 2 metres; raising the reservoir embankment by approximately 2 metres; and expanding the old reservoir walls outwards towards the east, south and west. These objectives ensured the reservoir can be enlarged to two and half times its previous size. There is a further objective to provide subsoil drainage to the reservoir to ensure its long-term safety.



Although excavating a bigger hole in the ground appears easy, it requires sound engineering to ensure the end result will meet the objective of increased storage and improved water security. Every stage during construction will be carefully monitored, works properly measured and compaction tests being carried out to ensure built strength and stability. The embankments of the reservoir are compacted in layers, which are similarly tested to the work undertaken when Dry Gut was filled to safely allow airplanes to take off and land. Retaining walls will also be built where the reservoir is being cut into the eastern and western banks of the site, to prevent land slip and to aid future stormwater drainage around the reservoir.

Project progress – Since the start of the project, satisfactory progress has been made. We have had more rain than would usually be expected at this time of the year and this has made conditions less than ideal at times. Once the reservoir construction is complete, the works will be inspected by and signed off by specialist consultant engineers. The excavated reservoir will then be lined with a Butyl lining, which will ensure the reservoir remains water tight, with the new lining expected to last around 30 years.



And finally, we wait for the rains to come and fill up the finished reservoir – that's the part we really have no control over at all!

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ST HELENA'S OWN ANTIQUES ROAD SHOW

We know you watch Bargain Hunt & Antiques Road Show and often wonder if you have any valuables lying around your home. Well, wonder no more as Tim Wonnacott is dancing his way to St Helena and it's your turn to have your antiques valued.



When: Saturday, 2 April 2016

Where: The Grand Parade

Time: 10am until 12noon

So start dusting off those antiques as you never know what they might be worth!!

There will also be a local market and live music.

If you are interested in having a stall, please contact Juliet Williams by Friday, 25 March 2016.



For further information please contact:

**Juliet Williams on telephone 22158 or
email juliet.williams@tourism.co.sh**

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AT THE HEART OF CARE

AN INSIDE LOOK AT THE PEOPLE WHO PROVIDE A CRUCIAL SERVICE TO THOSE WHO CALL

THE ROYAL CCC HOME

Contribution, Staff at the CCC

When asked what *care* means, you may think of compassion, going beyond what is asked, sacrifice, walking in another's shoes. These ideas are what 49 staff live out at the CCC each morning, afternoon and night, giving some of the most experienced people on the island the kind of dignity they

need and deserve. Often unappreciated, overlooked and sometimes even criticised, the 28 care assistants, 17 senior care assistants and 4

heads of care, put every effort in to better the lives of those in their care. Many of the staff have worked more than 20 years in care and continue to provide some of the best personal care anyone could ask for. The residents are not just clients - they are remembered as the neighbours, shopkeepers, restaurant owners, teachers that the staff have fond memories of. The resilient men and women

**"I DO THIS FOR
THE RESIDENTS,
EACH ONE OF THEM.
THEIR CARE IS WHY
I'M HERE."**

who care at the CCC, take their jobs seriously, knowing each resident depends on it.

Dulcie Bowers, Head of Care, trained in the hospital and came to the CCC when it first opened. She has been in care work for more than 30 years, and when asked why, she states, "I do this for the residents, each one of

them. Their care is why I'm here. I love my job, I'm here to support residents, families and colleagues in any way I can."

Being Head of Care is not an easy role to play (and it definitely isn't taken for the pay). Being awoken at home to come in to assist a resident with deteriorating health or called to work your only day off is definitely not a job many would be up for.

Of course there are always those who will give poor reviews to the CCC, and the staff know there are daily challenges - related to the increasing needs of

residents, staff shortages and low benefits.

In the past month, sickness has heavily affected staff at the CCC, but as was evident from the long shifts that were covered and the valued days off that were given up, the team at the CCC is one that mirrors a close family. This is a place where residents and staff engage together, even eat together, providing a home that supplements the ones they have left. It takes a whole lot to break apart this family.

Staff take on roles that are humbling and not for the faint of heart, including bathing, toileting, feeding, encouraging, cleaning, and being patient with those who are confused - without expecting credit.

The next time you think living in your own shoes is tough, think about those who clean the feet of another's and think about doing this every day. If you're still wondering what goes on at the CCC come have a visit and see for yourself.

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Vacancy for Trainee Rigger

Babcock has a vacancy for a full-time **Trainee Rigger**.

The post holder will form part of the Team that is primarily responsible for Antenna Maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other Rigging & Aerial maintenance related duties under BBC Atlantic Relay Station's portfolio.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances. Accommodation will be either a single en-suite room with self catering facilities or a bungalow, if accompanied.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.
Candidates short-listed for interview will be expected to pass a mast climbing test.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Physically fit, able to pass a climbing medical and climbing test.
- Good knowledge of Safe Working practices and Safety Procedures, especially relating to Working at Heights.
- An understanding of paint systems and preparation of surfaces.
- Good mechanical/electrical aptitude, with an understanding of basic mechanical/electrical systems.
- Competent use and operation of hand, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Able to prioritise tasks and work without supervision.
- Experience of PC use and basic keyboard skills.
- Driving licence.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.
(The successful candidate will receive complete training to fulfil the above requirements.)

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 end of working day **Thursday 31st March 2016**

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Preparing St Helena for Air Access DMCs / Travel Agents / Air Freight Agents

The opening of the airport on St Helena will see travellers and freight moving to-and-from the island by air in ever increasing numbers and volume.

To service the needs of inbound and outbound travellers that air access will create, as well as the movement of freight by air, a number of sectors will need to be developed on island. These include:

Destination Management Companies (DMC) / Ground Handlers

Travel Agencies / Tour Operators

Air Freight Agents

If you are interested in setting up any of the above on St Helena and need advice and information on what is required to run such an operation, please feel free to contact St Helena Tourism or Enterprise St Helena.

For further information or to arrange a meeting please contact:

Christopher Pickard, Director of Tourism, on 22158 or
via email christopher.pickard@tourism.co.sh



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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY SMALL MACHINERY OPERATOR

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division has a vacancy for a Small Machinery Operator within the Forestry Section's Silviculture team.

The role will include tree felling, thinning, pruning and chemical and mechanised cleaning operations through the forest estate.

The candidate should have a certificate in Basic numeracy and literacy, a clean Drivers licence in Class C, experience with tree felling and working with and maintaining small machinery.

Salary for the post is at Grade B1 which is £6,542 per annum

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Myra Young, Forestry Officer; on telephone number 24724 or e-mail forestry-officer@enrd.gov.sh.

An application form and Job Profile is available from either Scotland Office or Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 30 March 2015.

Darren Duncan
Head of Agriculture and Natural Resources Division
14 March 2016



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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. Proposed windows and shop fronts to the market in Jamestown (partially retrospective).
2. Proposed Grocery and Hardware Shop, adjacent to the properties of Mr David Benjamin and Mr Raymond Benjamin, Two Gun Saddle contained between the main highway road and the road leading to Salts Spring.

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 Planning Officer, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or email Alfred-isaac@enrd.gov.sh

Alfred Isaac
Planning Officer
17th March 2016

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***BECAUSE
ST' HELENA
NEEDS HIM***

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***VOTE FOR
MIKE
OLSSON***



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Time to get moving

St Helena is at a very important stage with the airport to open this year and some form of economic development around the corner. It is important that Saints are not left behind in this process. We do not want an Island governed the future of the Island decided by people who have no long-term stake, or commitment, to St Helena.

The big decisions should not be taken by short-term officials, or worse, middle and lower management, they should be taken by the people's representatives. The members of Legislative Council must be strong enough to drive the issues forward on behalf of the people. Councillors should not be on-lookers, they should have a more active role in decision making.

We need real change. As it is now, people don't feel that they have a say at all. Some Councillors seldom interact with the people they represent and do not know enough about what the people want and need. It seems to be easier to just go down to the Castle and follow the ideas and decisions made by government officers; and the problems will be solved.

I am not known for saying yes too often without challenging the arguments behind a suggestion. We need Councillors who can communicate with the people and with administrators on an equal level.

Far too often it seems like Councillors do not understand the issues in front of them. If you don't understand, the easy way out is to say yes. If you just follow others then you do not have to justify your decision. If you say no, you have to explain yourself, which is more difficult. I know that we have a Constitution which is designed to stop real democracy on St Helena. The Governor decides in on far too many issues. However, with strong Councillors and the people behind them, the Governor will have a far harder time imposing rules which are not acceptable or favourable to the Island.

You need to vote for a Councillor who can put his foot down and properly put the views of the electorate across.

If I am elected as your Councillor, you will see some important changes:

I live in the middle of Jamestown, with available office facilities. There will always be an open door for anybody who needs to talk to a Councillor about current issues or problems.

You will know more about the issues discussed in Council. I will make sure, without breaking any rules, that people in the street know what is happening within government. It is ridiculous that people have very little knowledge of what is happening about issues that are important to their future. We need to know much more about what is happening, well before the decisions are made.

Make sure that you turn up to the polling stations on 23rd March and vote for somebody who can actually make a change. I know that it is only one seat out of twelve but having the right person in that seat can make a huge difference for St Helena.

If you vote for me next week I will promise not to disappoint you.

Mike Olsson



Mobile Banking March 2016

Bank of St Helena would like to advise the public that Mobile Banking will take place as of **Monday, 21 March 2016** in the following areas:

**ANRD, Scotland – Monday, 21 March,
09.30 – 12:30pm**

**H.T.H Supermarket - Thursday, 24 March,
09.30 - 13:00pm**

**Longwood Supermarket - Thursday, 24 March,
09.30 - 14:30pm**

Save yourself the trip into Jamestown, have all your bills paid, make a withdrawal or a deposit, request the balance of your account, set up your standing order or submit your remittance requests.

Statement Prints are also available

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VACANCY TEMPORARY PROJECT SUPPORT ASSISTANT

The Access Office is seeking to recruit a Project Support Assistant to provide support to the Airport Project.

Reporting to the Head of Project Support, the post holder will assist with all project support and office management functions in the Access Office. Salary for the post is at Grade C2 (£8,801 per annum) and employment is offered on a fixed term contract up to 30th September 2016.

Application forms and job descriptions which are available from the Air Access Office, 1st Floor, Post Office, Jamestown should be completed and submitted to Janet Lawrence, Airport Project Director or email janet.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 30th March 2016.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Megan Sim, Project Support Assistant, on telephone number 22494.

**Miss Janet Lawrence
Airport Project Director
15 March 2016**

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Deadline for import licence applications for potatoes from Tristan da Cunha

The MV Plancius will be calling at Tristan da Cunha, weather permitting, on 10th April and arriving in St Helena on 16th April. The RMS St Helena is scheduled to call at Tristan da Cunha on 22nd April 2016. If you are expecting to receive **potatoes** from Tristan please be advised that an **import licence** is required to bring them into St Helena. The licence must be issued **before** the ship arrives in Tristan and no potatoes will be loaded which don't have a licence.

An import licence application costs £6 and forms can be obtained from ANRD. Please call Julie Balchin on 24724, email julie.balchin@enrd.gov.sh or check the biosecurity page on the SHG website to download one directly from the site.

Approved licences should be sent to Mr Neil Swain, Agricultural Officer on Tristan da Cunha. Deadline for import licence applications is close of business **Monday 28th March** for potatoes expected to arrive on MV Plancius and on **Monday 11th April** for those due to arrive via **the RMS St Helena**.

ST HELENA SNIPPETS



Tiny Killers, Big Victims

Warm Moist Weather Brings Danger to Island's Livestock

Liam Yon, SAMS

A mixture of warm and wet weather this year has seen the island's grass grow lush and livestock also looks healthy, but the excellent conditions means that parasites are also thriving. The island's livestock are being struck by dangerous organisms; some causing sudden death.

The first major problem is a worm dubbed the barber's pole worm. "It's tiny like a very

thin cotton thread and not very long, maybe about a centimetre," Senior Veterinary Officer, Joe Hollins, explained. The worm, which sucks blood, has an arrowhead that allows it to pierce the stomach of animals. "Particularly sheep and goats can have up to 100,000 of these in their stomach," Joe said. This can cause animals to die of severe anaemia and heart failure. ANRD suggests farmers look out for a jelly-like swelling under the animals jaw

and to check the colour in the bottom eyelids to see if they have become anaemic. Farmers must also ensure animals are given worm treatment every four weeks.

Another threat to livestock is the consumption of grass that has been poisoned by the army worm; the caterpillar larvae of a moth. The damage of the caterpillar is visible in pastures where a large patch of grass would be dead. "The weird thing about it is that this grass can kill cattle," said Joe. "Kikuyu Grass, which is very common here, produces, of all things, cyanide if it is grazed by insects." The cyanide in the grass, if eaten by cattle, will kill them.

Cattle farmers must also be aware of grass staggers; a magnesium deficiency in the grass. After consumption cattle may begin to stagger and twitch and there are cases where the deficiency leads to heart failure and sudden death. This is quite a common problem that some farmers are dealing with using magnesium bullets. "They dose them with a heavy bullet down the throat which sinks to the bottom of the stomach and it stays there," Joe said, "slowly releasing magnesium and it keeps them alive and well." ANRD also stock magnesium licks that can be given to the cattle.

There have also been cases of fly strike that are killing the island's sheep. This is when the bluebottle fly lays eggs in the wool of sheep and the resulting maggots kill the animal. To prevent this sheep farmers are advised to regularly check the wool and cut away any affected areas.

If farmers experience any of these problems or want to know more about prevention methods they are asked to contact the veterinary service.



Island Livestock

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Again it would seem the electorate will go to the polls in a by-election to vote for one candidate. However the media service wants to have a view of what the candidates are hoping to achieve. They never comment on what has already been done or have an exit interview of candidates leaving the Council or even a half term interview to allow the electorate to make an assessment as to whether they have made a difference and worthy of their vote.

Our problems started with a Governor who put our constitution to the UK privy council without the majority of votes present within the local House. I rightly told him so that this was an act of Colonialism. We had a failing infrastructure and I high-lighted this with UK members of Parliament resulting in a review of the services. (Can anybody remember whereby a member of the public had been electrocuted). This review revealed that the system had a huge safety hazard of not having an earth system provided for draining residual power before commencing work. Improvements have been made in both electrical and water however there are still questions of which nobody will supply any answers. The UK Government at the time said this would be taken care of. I asked the previous Governor not to put all our eggs in the one basket of tourism but to develop our fishing and agriculture. Those of you who attended the two meetings at Plantation House and are still in this field of work will remember, however this is only materialising now. All of the above was initiated by me---so do I have a track record---it is for you the electorate to decide.



The discussions recently have been around SAINTS stepping up to the plate and taking control of our Island—I AM DOING EXACTLY THAT.

There are a number of issues to be taken up with Government as of a discussion with members of the public, however I would like to see more of a younger age of constituents interested in local politics. I would also be willing to seek funding for this should anyone decide this is an interest they want to pursue and leading to themselves being nominated to Council. I LOOK FORWARD TO YOUR VOTE.

Lionel G. Williams



POLICE DIRECTORATE VACANCY FINANCE OFFICER

The St. Helena Police Service has a vacancy for a Finance Officer. Working to the Director the job purpose and key tasks of the role are:

Job Purpose - Responsible for all aspects of the financial function including the provision of advice and information to managers

1. Responsible for the compilation of the directorate's annual budget in liaison with Section Heads, including phasing and forecasting for submission to Corporate Finance. Regular monitoring of revenue and expenditure including providing the financial status of the Directorate to the Command Team on a monthly basis as well as regularly appraising budget holders.
2. Responsible for the effective and efficient management and daily operations of the Directorate finance functions
3. Responsible for authorising all accounting transactions entered into the SHG accounting system and ensuring that charges for all goods and services rendered and received are accounted for on the system within the required timeframes and allocated to the appropriate cost centres in accordance with financial regulations.
4. Regular monitoring of Directorate's performance against targets and reporting progress on the focus and/achievement of KPI's and Strategic Objectives via relevant performance reporting systems.

The successful Candidate should be in possession of GCSE in Maths or Accounts and English Language at Grade C or above. Must be CAT Qualified or willing to work towards gaining the qualification and should have 4 years relevant experience in budgeting and financial management.

The salary for this post is grade D commencing at £10, 739 per annum.

Applications are invited from suitably qualified and experienced individuals to fill this post. For further information about this opportunity, please contact Mr Trevor Botting, Director of Police on telephone no. 22310 or email trevor.botting@police.gov.sh , or make an appointment for an informal chat.

Application forms, are available from Corporate HR and the Police Directorate (Ogborn House or Police Headquarters). Applications should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources and Administration Officer at Ogborn House (or email anya.richards@police.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 25 March 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.

Trevor Botting, Director of Police, 15 March 2016



THE WAY IT WAS! - So Different to Schooling Today

Finger nail inspections... sitting in rows... boys separated from the girls... the cane... chanting times tables... the dunce's hat... black board and easel... slate and chalk... dip pen and ink... drill practise...the 3R's (Reading, wRiting, aRithmetic)

Contribution, Pilling Primary School

In concluding their history topic 'The Victorians' Yr 5/6 pupils of Pilling Primary School went back in time to find out what schooling was like for Victorian children.

On Thursday 25th March the children spent a whole day experiencing what a typical school day would have been like for a Victorian child. Eager children (many of them dressed for the part) were so looking forward to the day, particularly as discussions in previous lessons had already given them many clues.

Role play being caned or wearing the dunce hat proved very popular and the constant chanting of times tables and spelling was clearly heard vibrating across the playground. The tapping of the cane on the table was a stark reminder of children not being allowed to talk or ask questions, not being allowed to slouch in chairs and certainly no day dreaming or fidgeting during lessons.

Children's comments at the end of the day included:

Some of it was fun but not being able to talk to your friends in the lessons was very boring. - **Colby**

I didn't like it that we had to keep chanting and repeating our work. - **Ben**

I liked writing with the ink pen because it was easier to make my handwriting look neat. It was funny that our teacher was so strict all day. - **Christo**

Today was fascinating. I liked writing with the ink pen but not with the chalk. - **Philippa**



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I think writing on slates with chalk is not worth it as it makes your writing untidy and the chalk is very messy. - **Courtney**

I didn't like being in a Victorian school because the teacher was too strict and we weren't even allowed to talk to each other. - **Kalem**

It was fun to experience what it was like for Victorian school children. - **Gemma**

I thought today was cool as we didn't have to do regular things. I loved writing with the ink pen and dressing up as a Victorian child. - **Olicia**

I prefer modern day teaching because we have actual lessons with fun things to do. - **Demi**

I enjoyed the role play but didn't like the fact that we were not allowed to talk. I also didn't like it that we had to wear hot clothes all day. - **Aiden**

I liked the dunce hat, but children wearing it had to sit in the corner for a long time doing nothing. - **Lemar**

Getting the cane must have been extremely brutal and painful. The dunce hat was a disgrace that showed other children you were stupid or ignorant. - **Jamie**

I found the Victorian life style for school children very cruel. - **Jolan**

I had lots of fun today. I liked the sewing lesson and the marching(drill practise) - **Megan**

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<i>Consumption</i>			
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Untreated water £0.64 per m ³			
<i>Standing Charge</i>			
£7.18	£7.18	£7.18	£21.53

DISCONNECTION/RECONNECTION CHARGES
<i>Connection / Disconnection / Reconnection (per visit)</i>
£32.50

SEWERAGE

DOMESTIC	COMMERCIAL
<i>Standing Charge</i>	
£12.50 per quarter	£19.73 per quarter
<i>Emptying of septic tank</i>	
£66.00 per visit	£106.00 per visit
<i>Unblocking private sewer line</i>	
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<i>Connection / Disconnection fee (per visit)</i>	
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Commercial	£0.46 kWh

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£37.50

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Environmental Management Division Newsletter February - March 2016

ST. HELENA ISLAND

MAKING MARCH



OUR ISLAND, OUR ENVIRONMENT, OUR RESPONSIBILITY...

Instead of the usual Marine Awareness Week, EMD's Marine Section has been busy orchestrating an entire marine awareness month through 'Making March Marine'. For this initiative they have teamed up with the Tourism Office and Marine Science teacher Bev Tyson to bring you a full month of marine related activities to help raise awareness of St Helena's marine environment and highlight the importance of our marine life. The Island's marine environment forms a vital part of our culture and identity, supports livelihoods and the economy, contributes to our health and well-being, and supports our tourism industry. Activities have been wide-ranging and include school presentations, craft sessions, water sports, Post Box walks, a Fun Day and much more. These have all been advertised in the newspapers and on our Facebook page.

For more information please contact: **Elizabeth Clingham** on **22270** or **marine@enrd.gov.sh**

CORE WORK AREAS

- ◆ Making March Marine!
- ◆ Environmental monitoring training as part of the Darwin Plus DPLUS020 project
- ◆ Seabird ringing, tracking & nest monitoring
- ◆ Environmental assessments & planning applications
- ◆ Input/ support to Airport project
- ◆ Met Office Global Upper Atmosphere Project
- ◆ Waste Wheel
- ◆ Horse Point Landfill Site Pigeon monitoring
- ◆ Habitat restoration & maintenance
- ◆ Endemic seed collection & propagation
- ◆ Environmental Data & GIS management
- ◆ Waste Collection & Management service
- ◆ Publicity, promotion and advice on environmental issues
- ◆ Training in endemic seed collection and banking
- ◆ Horticulture training

DPLUS037: CONSERVING THE GENETIC DIVERSITY OF ST HELENA'S THREATENED ENDEMIC FLORA

A collaborative Darwin Plus-funded project between the Royal Botanic Gardens Kew and EMD is seeking to build EMD's capacity for managing ex-situ collections and improving the range of material of St Helena's endemics held in seed banks and in cultivation. Having a comprehensive base of material available for other conservation activities is critical to the long-term success of efforts to secure the future of St Helena's precious endemic flora.

The project has already seen EMD's Vanessa Thomas-Williams and Lourens Malan visit the UK in September 2015 to work with conservationists at the Millennium Seed Bank, to experience some of the techniques and equipment used there to process and bank seeds of plants, as well as have the opportunity to share skills with conservation horticulturalists at Kew.

The project also allowed for two of Kew's experts to visit the island recently in February and March to provide further training.



Tom Heller was the first to arrive and during his two week stay his primary aim was to provide additional support to EMD's Endemic Nursery team in seed collecting and banking seeds. Following leads gained through a gap analysis exercise, Tom, along with the Scotland-based nursery team, were able to visit a variety of sites across the island where previously unsampled populations of endemics were known to exist. They were able to make new seed collections of plants such as Diana's Peak grass (*Carex dianae*) from the Barn, as well as collect spores of endemic ferns for banking in liquid nitrogen, which has not been attempted with St Helenian ferns previously. The field work highlighted the challenges involved in plant conservation in St Helena, with many unsampled populations effectively inaccessible on cliff faces.

The training continued with the arrival of Tom's colleague Marcella Corcoran, who also spent two weeks on-island providing training and support in horticulture to staff of EMD, the National Trust and LEMP, to further build capacity in ex-situ plant conservation.

Marcella spent the first week providing formal classroom based training covering horticultural techniques such as nursery good practices; pests and diseases; seed sowing and germination; trial situations; endemic cuttings; fern production; and production planning. She spent her final week providing support in participants' individual nursery situations at the Endemic Nursery at Scotland; the Peaks nursery; the Millennium Forest; and the LEMP nursery in Half Tree Hollow. Marcella commented of the training: "It was brilliant to have several groups of conservation-minded teams exchanging information".



More information can be obtained from **Vanessa Thomas-Williams** on **24724** or email: **vanessa-thomas@enrd.gov.sh**

Also follow the project on: <https://storify.com/KewUKOTs/conserving-the-genetic-diversity-of-st-helena-s-th>



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DPLUS020: ST HELENA BASELINE ASSESSMENT: A FOUNDATION OF EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

The aim of this Darwin Plus-funded project is to establish an island-wide environmental baseline for parameters including air, soil, water and noise. This baseline will provide the basis for a monitoring network, which is a statutory requirement under the recently enacted Environmental Protection Ordinance. The Environmental Management Division (EMD) is the lead organisation for the project and has spent the past year researching and procuring specialist equipment, consumables and accessories; and exploring and setting up different monitoring locations around the island.

The main pieces of environmental monitoring equipment and the parameters they measure:

Surface water and Groundwater

- Metalyser - tests for a selection of heavy metals in water
- Dissolved Oxygen meter - measures quantity of Dissolved Oxygen in water and temperature
- pH, TDS & EC meter - measures pH, Total Dissolved Solids and Electrical Conductivity in water
- RUGGED TROLLs - borehole data loggers, measures temperature and level of water in boreholes, as well as barometric pressure
- Diptape and Interface Probe - for measuring depth of water in boreholes
- Flow meter - measures stream velocity
- Water quality - reagents were purchased to measure a range of parameters with the help of the Public Health Lab, such as manganese and lead.

Soil/ Air

- MiniRae 3000 PID - measures total concentration in air of Volatile Organic Chemicals; e.g. this piece of equipment can be used in monitoring for petrol spills

EMD also has a noise meter

- Norsonic sound level meter - measures decibels in the surrounding environment

The Marine Section also has

- Hobo TidbiT v2 Temperature Loggers for monitoring sea temperature

We will also be procuring suitable kit to measure air quality - toxic gases and particulate matter.

AECOM, a UK-based environmental consultancy, were contracted last year to produce a Technical Field Manual for the project, incorporating all of the specialist kit procured or already owned by EMD. Part of the contract was also to provide training on use of the equipment, and a trainer from AECOM, Kath Thorp, was on island from the 6th to 21st February to carry out this requirement.

There was a core group of EMD staff who attended all training sessions, however, staff from the St Helena National Trust, Connect St Helena, the Public Health Lab and the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division also attended selected training sessions relevant to their work. There were initial classroom-based theory sessions for each of the parameters to be monitored, which covered general principles including risk assessments; health and safety, appropriate PPE; general field kit; site safety; and site and location selection. Kath also covered equipment calibration, checks and maintenance; Quality Control; downloading data; data management and storage; and basic data interpretation. She also did a small session on marine monitoring.

After the theory presentations the trainees spent time getting comfortable with setting up and using the equipment in the classroom; this was then followed by practical field-based sessions where participants were able to use the equipment in real-world situations. There were practical sessions at Frenches Gut, Ruperts, Black Bridge and at Horse Point Landfill Site. The training ended with a refresher/ summary session of everything covered over the two weeks.

The training was especially useful in allowing staff to become more confident in using the monitoring equipment, and also in the selection and setting up of monitoring sites. Kath's help was also invaluable in identifying gaps in the equipment and locations selected. EMD will now employ the training to establish a monitoring network which will initially conduct baseline surveys of St Helena's environmental quality; this data will be vital in assessing any future changes in the environment.



For more information about this project please contact **Isabel Peters** on **24724** or email isabel-peters@enrd.gov.sh



Measuring stream velocity



Measuring depth to water in borehole



Measuring pH, TDS and EC in water samples

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE, 2016

Following the passing of the Environmental Protection Ordinance (EPO) during the November sitting of Formal Legislative Council; the EPO was brought into force on 29th February 2016. The EPO is St Helena's first piece of comprehensive environmental legislation and makes provision for the protection of the environment, including the conservation of biodiversity, the regulation of trade in endangered species and the control of pollution, hazardous substances, litter and waste. The EPO now provides the statutory basis for the Environmental Management Division's role and operations. Over the coming months we will be assessing what parts of the EPO we are ready to implement and where subsequent regulations, policies and guidelines will need to be developed. As we progress, updates and a programme of public awareness will be provided via local media.

Enquiries on the EPO should in the first instance be directed to **Isabel Peters**, on **24724** or **22270** or email isabel-peters@enrd.gov.sh

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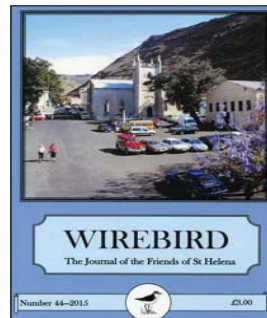


FRIENDS OF ST HELENA

Founded in March 1988 with two aims:

- To disseminate information about St Helena's history, culture, environment and current affairs.
- To provide practical support to the St Helena community.

Copies of our publications, the (twice yearly) *St Helena Connection* and (annual) *Wirebird* are **now on sale** at the Museum and the Art and Crafts shop.



- We publish social-historical books, under our Wirebird imprint, available at reduced prices to members.
- With St Helena Heritage we are planning a major funding exercise for the proposed St Helena Cultural Centre.
- On June 9th we say farewell to the RMS *St Helena*, when she is London, with a Thames river boat cruise.
- Annual subscription: £20 for members living in the UK, £10 living on St Helena and £30 elsewhere.

Visit our web site www.sthelena.uk.net or contact Margaret Dyson on subscriptions@sthelene.uk.net

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Tel no: 00247 64566



CLEANER

A vacancy exists for a Cleaner at the St Helena Airport (Operational Phase). The successful candidate will report to the Airport Manager or his designate and the duties and scope of the work is as follows:

- General cleaning of the Terminal and Combined Building including toilets and outside perimeter.
- Must be prepared to take on other duties outside cleaning responsibilities.

Applicants:

- Must be able to pass a Criminal History Check with no disqualifying offences;
- Must be able to provide a 5 year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment;
- Must be able to pass a drugs and alcohol test;
- Must be reliable, detailed and conscientious and able to work without supervision;

The successful candidate will remunerated at market related pay scales.

Interested persons to apply in writing to Charles Schwarz (cschwarz@basilread.co.za) or the Basil Read HR Department situated at Longwood before 12h00 on 29 March 2016

ST HELENA SNIPPETS/NOTICE BOARD

Supreme Court Opens

August Graham, SAMS

Ethel Yon Sits as Sheriff for the First Time

The Chief Justice, Charles Ekins, has arrived back on the island to oversee another sitting of the Supreme Court. He got to the island last Thursday, started sitting the next day and will continue until 6 April.

He was joined on the RMS by a lawyer, Iain Morley, who was part of the trial of Hezbollah for the assassination of the Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hairiri and also involved in the Rwandan genocide cases. Mr Morley QC will be holding talks at the museum on these subjects over the next two weekends.

In court the new sheriff Ethel Yon has been welcomed – replacing Pat Musk who was in the role for almost two and a half decades.

The Acting Attorney General Angelo Berbotto also welcomed the Chief Justice and told him what has been happening since the publication of the Wass report late last year. “We are witnessing a process of changing cultures and embedding of safe practices” he said.

Judge Ekins arriving at court



VACANCY FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND SHOP MANAGER ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a Communications and Shop Manager in the St Helena National Trust (STHNT). The St Helena National Trust seeks an individual who can demonstrate ability and enthusiasm to build and expand the St Helena National Trust's offering both to Members and the General Public.

The salary for the post of Communications and Shop Manager is £8382 per annum.

A full job description can be obtained from the Senior Executive Officer at the St Helena National Trust Head Quarters in Broadway House, Jamestown.

Please feel free to contact the Senior Executive Officer at the SHNT on Telephone No. 22190 for an informal chat about the post so that you will have a good understanding of the role.

Closing date for applications is 31 March 2016.

Have you just been blessed with a gorgeous bundle of joy?

Would you like to have your baby featured in The Sentinel?

If your answer is Yes! Contact Anne at SAMS on 22727 for further details

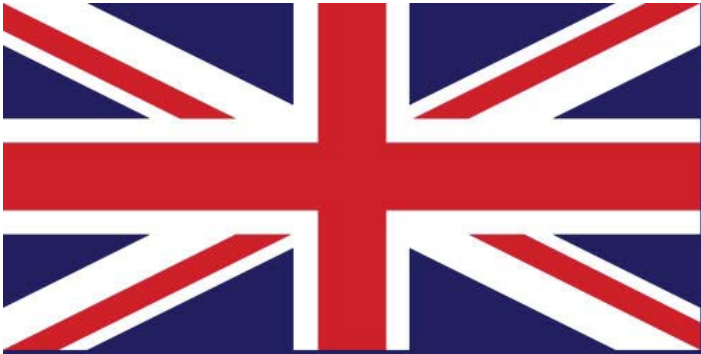
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SENTINEL SPORT/NOTICE BOARD

VOLLEYBALL NEWS

Penny Bowers was named Lady of the Match against Saint Setterz on Sunday



VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE RESULTS

Sunday, 13 March 2016

Volley Diggers vs Serve-ivors
(23 - 25) (25 - 23) (13 - 15)
LOM: Marie Jonas

Good Volley Ms Molly vs Saint Setterz
(25 - 15) (26 - 28) (5 - 15)
LOM: Penny Bowers

VOLLEYBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Sunday, 20 March 2016

2:00pm Serve-ivors vs Saint Setterz (Ref: BL & VD)
2:30pm Ballsy Ladies vs Volley Diggers (Ref: S & SS)
Organiser: Serve-ivors

WOMEN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ST HELENA NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

Marine Quiz 10th March

The marine quiz hosted on board the RMS St Helena was a great success; over £762 was raised in ticket sales and donations. The group would like to say a big thank you to the Captain and his crew for agreeing to host the event. Thank you to the following local businesses for the generous donation of quiz prizes; Rose and Crown, Solomon's, Beauty Spot, Essence, Into the Blue, WA Thorpes and Sons, Serena's Gift Shop, Queen Mary, the Blue Lantern and the Consulate Hotel.

For more information about the group please visit our website at <http://www.shncg.org/>



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promoting St Helena's unique
natural environment*

IAIN MORLEY QC

TWO PRESENTATIONS AT THE MUSEUM

Iain Morley QC, currently on-Island for the Supreme Court will be holding two talks at the Museum on Sunday 20 March and Sunday 3 April 2016 - both at 7pm.

- This Sunday's presentation (20 March) will focus on the 2005 assassination of Lebanese PM Rafiq Hariri - where Iain Morley was trial counsel in 2009 (to 2012) at the Lebanon Tribunal in The Hague. He marshalled the evidence and created the indictment against Hezbollah for the assassination. The talk will last an hour and Iain will explain the origins of the tribunal, its ground-breaking work, and its successes and weaknesses.

- On Sunday 3 April at 7pm the topic will cover the 1994 Rwanda genocide - where Iain was trial counsel in 2005 (to 2009) in four cases concerning the genocide, prosecuting for the UN in Tanzania. This talk will last for about an hour and Iain will explain the work of International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda and the origins and scale of the conflict.

Iain Morley has practised in all aspects of domestic criminal law, prosecuting and defending, mostly in murder, plus fraud - and since 2004 has become a well-known figure on the international circuit, practicing in genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity, and international terrorism. He has worked and taught in 28 jurisdictions, and assisted practitioners directly in a further 19 - on advocacy skills, criminal law procedures, financial crime, and on international criminal law.

15 March 2016

SENTINEL SPORT

SHOOTING

Pat Henry, Chairman JTRC

Jamestown Rifle Club

“Aiming to do better” says a Group of our Community.

The Jamestown Rifle Club hosts the art of .22 rifle target shooting on Monday nights to a group of people who are interested and keen to find out what it's like to shoot. Target shooting normally starts as a fun event and from my experience most of us get hooked on it and I can often spot anyone with potential to progress from their attitude, position, body language and confidence. With some encouragement, listening with your ears and eyes your performance can develop swiftly. Staying right on target is Joe, Louise, Phil, Chris and Dave who has had more practice and understanding some of the fundamental techniques that is required to deliver an outstanding performance. Our new members to the platform for only the second time Sally, Molly, Lorelei, Damien and Mathew who shot some impressive scores considering this is the first time they shot a .22 rifle. We still have much to learn and irritating adjustments to make but with positive attitudes and efforts you will uncover your hidden talents. Well done all and thanks for all our enjoyable sessions, next week your concentration will be tested with a challenging pairs knockout match so come and be prepared.

GOLF NEWS

Contributed by **St Helena Golf Club Report**
Lawson Henry Week ending 13 March 2016

Seventeen players took part in the late Arnold Flagg challenge cup which was supposed to have been played over the two days. Rain however, stopped play on day 2 so we could not complete the tournament, therefore the second round will be played on Sunday 19th March starting at 12.00 hours.

Best scores from day one were Norman Thomas on par round of 68 closely followed by Henzil Beard and John Joshua on 71. Three players holed out in two to share the ball pool they were Leon Crowie Jeffrey (Foxy) Stevens and Norman Thomas.

Despite not been able to complete the tournament players enjoyed high tea on Sunday afternoon prepared by Mrs Pasty Flagg the sponsor, we are grateful to her for her continued support to the club and thank her for providing the tea.

On Saturday 18th March will be an 18 hole Stableford sponsored by the O'Keeffe family to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day. This will be followed by a curry meal and music please sign up if you wish to take part by Friday evening at 6pm.

Stay safe and keep swinging!

HANGOVERS
& CRUSADERS
VICTORIOUS

Contributed by Terrence Lawrence

Jamestown Community Centre

SKITTLES

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

SKITTLES RESULTS

Monday 7 March 2016

Hangovers 494 Guys & Dolls 480

Asita O'Bey, 50	L HSc	Olive Williams, 69
Julian Fuller, 70	G HSc	Charlie Young, 54
	L HSp	Olive Williams, 14
Julian Fuller, 16	G HSp	

Wednesday 9 March 2016

Crusaders 521 Rugratz 446

Stacy Peters, 61	L HSc	Shandy Osborne, 51
Clayton Thomas, 70	G HSc	Fabian Peters, 58
Stacy Peters, 14	L HSp	Shandy Osborne, 15
Terry Lawrence, 16	G HSp	

SKITTLES FIXTURES

No matches are scheduled for the next two weeks (the Easter period.) The league will resume on Monday 4 April with Parttimers v Guys & Dolls and on Wednesday 6 April, Rugratz v Never Readys.

NASAS Expression of Interest Forms signed by shooting Athletes

Prone shooting position on our club nights is recorded as part of the athletes' training in preparation for the 2017 Island Games in Gotland, however the last order of ammunition purchase for training seems to be a poor batch – its projection is weak with no accuracy and not making a difference to elevation adjustments. The last two weeks have been a struggle and scores calculated for Madolyn and Jordie Andrews and Jodie Scipio-Constantine has dropped in the low 180s but they still battle to train. Jodie for the first time attempted to practice with her air rifle; after making some fitting adjustments of comfort she was all geared up to see how the rifle shoots. For safety a 25 yard target was placed on a large board design to capture any stray pellets. Her determination made sure she was right on target though and her face lit up with smiles all over, feeling happy with her first air rifle score card. Well done Jodie. See you all on the firing point next week and remember, a good sportsmanship is reacting correctly even when others don't. Have a healthy weekend.



Jodie practicing with her air rifle

SENTINEL SPORT

Pirates Sail On

Ryan Belgrove's spectacular all-round performance helps Pirates brush aside the challenge of Warriors

Damien O'Bey, SAMS

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The move to push the big-hitting Simon Henry to the number three position also back fired as he was dismissed; caught Cheddy Lawrence, bowled Belgrove for a duck.

Warriors were boosted by the arrival of two more players, but this did nothing to curb the rate at which they were losing wickets. Jordi Henry was the next batsman to fall; punting the ball straight into hands of Darren Isaac who completed an easy caught and bowled opportunity. Henry had hit a solitary boundary during his short stay at the crease.

Wickets continued to fall but a captain's innings from Eddie Duff, saw Warriors salvage some pride. Duff had been batting in the lower order for Warriors all season – choosing to take the back seat and allow some of the team's younger batsmen to flourish. However in this match he stepped up when his team needed him the most. He strung together a number of elegant lofted drives on his way to an impressive 35 before departing the crease; caught Rhys Francis, bowled by the newlywed Barry Stroud. Melvyn Henry added a valuable unbeaten 19 at the back end of Warriors innings to see them to a below par total of 89.

While all of Pirates' bowlers produced economical figures, Belgrove's four over spell which saw him take four wickets for just ten runs was the stand out performance.

Pirates began the run chase in a particularly attacking fashion. Belgrove struck sixes off the third and fourth balls off

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first over to see the boys from Sandy Bay to 17 of just one over. In contrast it had taken Warriors six overs to achieve the same number of runs at the start of their innings.

In the second over Warriors called on their leading wicket taker J Henry to see if he could secure them an early wicket, but he too suffered at the hands of Belgrove who struck two more sixes and advanced Pirates total to 32.

Ian Williams was dismissed in the third over – bowled for two after receiving a peach of a delivery from Paul Crowie. However his would be the only wicket Warriors took for the duration of the match. Belgrove did offer up a chance at his wicket, but, despite completing a comfortable catch on the mid-wicket boundary, momentum carried Warriors Anelka Leo over the boundary rope and a six was awarded.

Captain Matthew Benjamin had replaced Williams at the crease and he too produced a destructive batting display. Both he and Belgrove struck boundary after boundary as they raced across the line in 6.1 overs.

Benjamin finished unbeaten on 34 and Belgrove 48. Belgrove scooped three performance points for his spectacular all-round display, Benjamin picked up two while Duff's captain's innings saw him take the final point.

Matthew Benjamin struck a brutal unbeaten 34 in Saturdays match



Jordi Henry in action on Saturday



Run Machines

Leading T20 Run Scorers

Ryan Belgrove (Pirates)	140
David Young (Dolphins)	121
Gareth Johnson (Allstarz)	100
Gavin Barlow (Barracudas)	77
Brooklyn Fowler (Rebels)	57

SENTINEL SPORT

Lions Maul Dolphins

St Matthews Lions convincingly defeat HTH Dolphins by 6 wickets in Saturday's second T20 fixture. Phillip Stroud and Ross Leo bagged three wickets a piece as Lions bowled Dolphins for 65. Dolphins' youngster David Young who was fresh from a 100 in his previous match could only manage 18 this time around. Clinton Lockem's 18 was the only other major contribution from a Dolphins batsman.

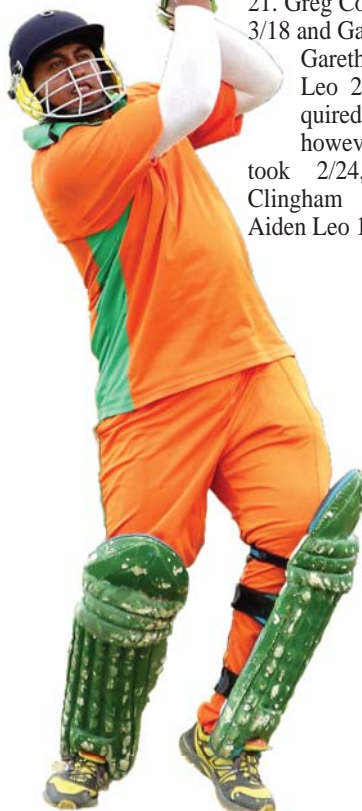
Lions reversed their batting order and their lower order batsman duly knocked of the score. Kalen Crowie's 24 was the top score. But Alex Langham also added 23. Deon De Jager collected 2 wickets for 3 runs and Tris Moyce 2/20



Allstarz On Top in Derby

On Sunday Allstarz came out on top in the Levelwood derby, despite Brooklyn Fowler smashing 57 and taking Rebels to 112. Weston Clingham also added 21. Greg Coleman took 3/11 Ross Henry 3/18 and Gareth Johnson 2/21.

Gareth Johnson struck 64 and Dane Leo 21 as Allstarz reached the required target in 15 overs. They did however lose 4 wickets. Ralph Knipe took 2/24, Weston Clingham 1/10, and Aiden Leo 1/22.



CRICKET RESULTS

Saturday 12 March 2016

Warriors 89Gavin Ellick 35
Paul Crowie 1/18

Ryan Belgrove 3, Matthew Benjamin 2, Gavin Ellick 1

Lions 66/4Kalen Crowie 24*
Ross Leo 3/3

Kalen Crowie 3, Phillip Stroud 2, Ross Leo 1

Pirates 94/1Ryan Belgrove 48*
Ryan Belgrove 4/10David Young 18
Deon De Jager 2/3**Dolphins 65/0**David Young 18
Deon De Jager 2/3

Sunday 13 March 2016

Rebels 112Brooklyn Fowler 57*
Ralph Knipe 2/24

Gareth Johnson 3, Brooklyn Fowler 2, Greg Coleman 1

Allstarz 114Gareth Johnson 64*
Greg Coleman 3/11**St Pauls 112/6**Cliff Richards 31
Darren Duncan 1/29

Gavin Barlow 3, Jason George 2, Damien O'Bey 1

Barracudas 113/1Gavin Barlow 77*
Gavin Barlow 2/16

CRICKET FIXTURES

Saturday 19 March 2016

10.00am **St Pauls**Organiser **Lions****Rebels**1.00pm **Zodiacs**Organiser **Lions****Allstarz**

Sunday 20 March 2016

10.00am **Mustangs**Organiser **Barracudas****Pirates**1.00pm **Warriors**Organiser **Barracudas****Dolphins**

Golden Arms

Leading T20 Wicket Takers

Ryan Belgrove (Pirates) 7
Geoff Benjamin (Dolphins) 6
Phillip Stroud (Lions) 6
Ross Henry (Allstarz) 4
Tyler Scipio (Allstarz) 3

Barracudas defeat St Pauls

The final match of the weekend saw Jamestown Barracudas restrict St Pauls B to 112/6 in 20 overs. Cliff Richards hit a top score of 31 and Derek Richards 25. Gavin Barlow and Damien O'Bey took two wickets a piece for Barracudas.

Gavin Barlow then struck an unbeaten 77 and Jason George added 21 as Barracudas crossed the line in 9 overs. The only wicket to fall was taken by Darren Duncan who finished with figures of 1/29.

SPORTS ARENA



PIRATES SAIL ON

Ryan Belgrove's spectacular all-round performance helps Pirates brush aside the challenge of Warriors

Damien O'Bey, SAMS

Sandy Bay Pirates produced a dominant fielding display on their way to a convincing 9-wicket victory over a 10-man Western B Warriors in week two of the T20 Cricket Tournament at Francis Plain on Saturday morning.

Warriors didn't get the best start in this quick-fire format of the game. Paul Crowe filled the void left by Tyrel Ellick at the top of Warriors batting line-up, but was bowled by Ryan Belgrove in the second over of the match having made just one.

Warriors only managed nine runs in the first five overs of the match. Both Belgrove and Darren Isaac were bowling a tight consistent line – making scoring difficult for Warriors batsmen. Opening bat Mike-e Williams' eight over stay at the crease saw him make just 13 runs before he too was bowled by Belgrove.

Tight bowling was not the only thing that hampered their run-rate. Warriors started the match with just eight players, so the likes of Williams had adopted a less aggressive approach in an attempt to see his team bat for the full twenty overs.

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