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Dear Editor,

The operational problem at St Helena Airport is of no surprise, I've been waiting for this to surface since the construction started. There is nothing anybody can do about wind shear, it is a meteorological phenomenon, the airport authority can discuss it for evermore, but nothing will change the local topography. If an airport is built on the edge of a near vertical 1000 foot cliff the prevailing wind is bound to cause problems. I predicted this to The Independent, to the consultants, and to my MP who is David Cameron. At the time Andrew Mitchell was in charge at DFID and his reply was that the airport would only be "challenging". To grumble about wind shear at St Helena airport is a bit like grumbling about the heat in a newly built Sahara airfield in the summer, it is entirely predictable.

The reason it will be a problem to airfield operations is that all jet aircraft carry a piece of safety equipment named Ground Proximity Warning System or GPWS for short. It is nothing to do with GPS navigation, although the two are used together. What GPWS does is to give 20 seconds warning of flying into the ground and works in several modes. Mode 1 measures vertical descent, mode 2 measures rate of terrain closure. But it does other things as well, notably monitoring landing gear and flap position for the correct position for landing. And finally it measures airspeed against ground speed against rate of descent, and uses this information to establish if wind shear is occurring. Any problem in any of the modes will give a "pull up" warning which is a loud hooter together with a voice saying "pull up". The Captain has no discretion to ignore this warning, he is required to carry out a "go around", which means applying full power and climbing away as rapidly as possible. In British Airways, the Captain could return for a second approach and ignore the warning in clear weather ie runway clearly in view. The same is probably true for Comair, almost certainly as BA would have done a safety audit on operational matters in connection

with the Comair/ BA franchise.

However, the operative phrase here is "clear weather", if a GPWS warning occurs in cloud with the runway obscured, the "go around" is mandatory on the second and all subsequent approaches. So the Captain would have to declare an emergency and divert to Ascension Island. In other words an operational shambles.

The press release mentions wind shear as the problem, and it may well be just that, but it could easily be a mode 2 GPWS warning that I predicted about 6 years ago. Either are equally unacceptable to an airline operation, and I would not be surprised if Comair pull out. There is no contract involved as an award of a route license is merely permission to operate, there is no legal obligation to do so.

**Yours Sincerely,
Brian Heywood
Retired BA 747 Pilot**

Dear Editor,

The Independent two weeks ago and last week made comments on Farmers and land plots and the possible growing of fruit on the island. Of all the varieties here, even the red date is now not fit for use because of the infestation.

Farmers arable crops are suffering the same from insects, rodents and birds. When the airport is sorted and tourists arrive we will probably be advertising our local fish cakes with imported potato ingredients. The recent Vet on the island highlighted pests associated with animal farming but we have known this for years. Some months ago a resident in Jamestown complained of the increase in flies and the change in refuse collection was the proclaimed cause. Another resident in the country area also complained of this but blamed cattle feeding hundreds of yards from his property. So, this is not a problem just in one area but clearly shows it is island wide.

This season will see an abundant crop of White Weed as the right temperature and rainfall have produce plants in areas not seen before. While this plant might be attractive to some it will be a headache for both farmers and SHG. Spaying roadside verges is a clear road to possible leeching of chemicals into our source of water supplies. When this plant threatens the island's endemics it will be a long road to recovery and as was said on Ascension " Things are too far gone to attempt restoration of the island's degraded

environment". It would seem that it is unclear which department of Government is responsible for all of the above so everybody waits for somebody to do something and in the end everybody does nothing so the insects, pests and weeds just multiply.

SHG needs to liaise with farmers, take on board their problems and try to create an environment where agriculture have a chance of surviving or we will be far more than ever dependent on imports and St Helena will be an island of pests producing nothing.

**Yours Sincerely,
Lionel Williams**

Dear Editor,

Last Thursday evening a Celebration took place in the Mule Yard, for Her Majesty the Queen's 90th Birthday. A very good event that was enjoyed by many people.

But horror upon horror, in the dimly lit area the surface that people walked and stood on was disastrous - large pot holes, terrible uneven patches of concrete etc could have caused many serious accidents, particularly with people wearing very high heels!

Fortunately I was not aware of any on this occasion.

This recreation area is used frequently to accommodate various events. Surely something could be done to rectify this appalling problem.

Please, please do something before St Helena Day is here??

A very concerned observer.

G. Pat Musk

Dear Editor,

I am a fellow saint living in the UK and I have been watching on the internet with interest the test flights for the new St.Helena Airport. When watching the flight of the Boeing 737 landing at the new airport, I was extremely surprised to see a South African flag being displayed out of the cockpit window, together with the St. Helenian flag.

Whilst I liked the gesture of this and the pilot's good intentions, it did not seem right for a British Airways aircraft landing on a British Overseas Territory on an airstrip funded by the British Government to be flying a South African flag!! Why couldn't it be the Union Jack! I wonder what your readers think?

**Thank you for your time.
Paddy Thomas - a dismayed 'saint'**

St Helena airport opening postponed - again

The Independent, UK

The royal opening of a new airport on one of the world's most remote islands has been indefinitely postponed. Air services to the £250m St Helena airport has been shelved while investigations take place into the risk from windshear, in which the speed and direction of wind close to the ground changes dramatically.

Prince Edward was due to fly in next month to open the airport on 21 May - St Helena Day. He was expected to arrive on the first passenger flight from Johannesburg to the South Atlantic island. That plan has now been scrapped.

St Helena is 1,200 miles from the African mainland. Its lifeline to the rest of the world is RMS St Helena, which takes five days to sail between Cape Town and the island. The airport was due to open in February, but that date was postponed by three months "to fine tune the operational readiness".

A test flight of a Boeing 737 landed at the airport last week, the first time a large passenger jet had done so. The plane, operated by Comair, is the aircraft expected to be used on the link from South Africa. At the time, the air-

line's operations director, Martin Louw, said: "The flight itself was a 'non-event' - beautiful over the sea with a fantastic view of the Island coming into land."

But it has emerged that the flight revealed concerns about windshear on the approach to the runway from the north. The St Helena Government statement announcing the postponement read: "As a result of the data gathered and the conditions experienced, it has been decided that there is some additional work to be done in order to ensure the safe operation of scheduled passenger flights."

"The Official Opening of St Helena Airport will now take place at a later date

which has yet to be determined."

Another airline, Atlantic Star, has been forced to postpone its planned link from Luton to St Helena. The first flight, which requires a refuelling stop in the Gambian capital, Banjul, was due to take off a day after the official opening.

Windshear has been deemed responsible for dozens of plane crashes. Dr Todd Curtis, founder of the airsafe.com website, said: "Innovations in aircraft and ground windshear detection systems, and also crew training, have led to a reduction in the risk."

The nearest diversion airport is Lubango in Angola, about 1,300 miles away.

Message from Atlantic Star

Atlantic Star, TUIfly and the St Helena Air Access Team have shared operational data and analysis from the recent Comair flight. On the basis of this latest data we agree with St. Helena Government's decision to allocate more time to the validation and safety management processes at St. Helena Airport.

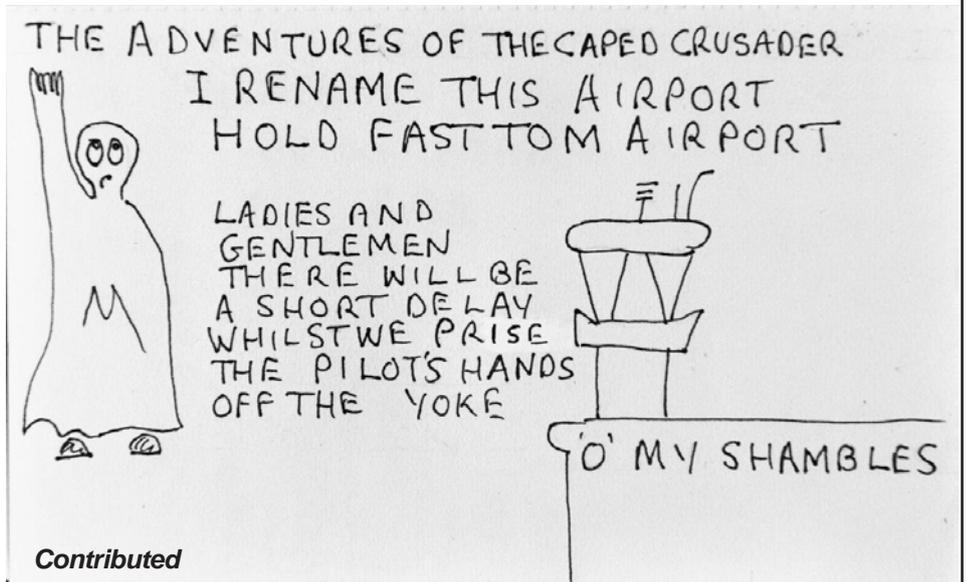
Once we have had time to digest the information we will be able to communicate in detail regarding our plans going forward.

We remain committed to providing a direct link between St. Helena and the UK and agree with the St. Helena Government statement that safety is paramount - we will be putting actions in place over the coming days to ensure that our service meets the highest possible safety standards at the point that we commence services.

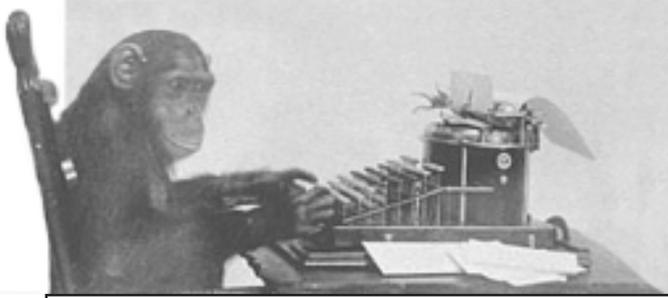
Atlantic Star Airlines



On Wednesday Cunard Lines' Queen Victoria sailed past St Helena with the RMS in the Bay. They were en route from Walvis Bay to Ascension Island then onwards to Cape Verde. (Pic: Bruce Salt)



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Editorial

They say a week is a long time in politics. So much happens in seven days the situations being dealt with at the end of the week are very different to those when the week started. This week we had a complete change of situation within 24 hours. At about 3pm on Monday the new governor was talking and laughing with people attending her inauguration ceremony; exactly 24 hours later the news broke that 'further safety and operational work is required' before the airport can be opened. As a result of last week's Comair flight, the press release told us, 'it has been decided that there is some additional work to be done in order to ensure the safe operation of scheduled passenger flights to and from St Helena Airport.' Describing the situation now prevailing as 'some additional work' has a very good chance of being an understatement of mammoth proportions. From what has been said by SHG this Tuesday it appears they are hoping and praying some quick fixes such as additional simulator training and making revisions to aviation operating manuals will sort this out. We can all hope it does but events could unfold very differently. SHG have not yet uttered a single word about what happens if the quick fixes do not work. Recent information makes clear there is no range of options. If the quick fixes don't work the only other option is to go back to the drawing board and decide whether St Helena's future lies with smaller planes or a longer runway.

If the eventual outcome is that windshear at the approach to the runway cannot be managed then planes will need to keep well off the ground at the approach and touch down on the runway about 700 metres further in. A longer runway will then be needed to make available the braking distance required by Comair's 737-800 and other similar planes. It is estimated a further 1,000 metres would need to be added to the runway length over Dry Gut. This could take two years to complete and would cost tens of millions. If a longer

runway is not built then smaller planes with shorter braking distances could be used. Smaller planes mean fewer passengers and higher fares; anyway the shorter flying distances will put long haul flights out of the question. Direct flights to the UK will not happen and Atlantic Star will never take off from London Luton International Airport.

One professional in the aviation industry contacted the Independent reminding us we published a letter six years ago pointing out that building a runway with the approach perched on top of an almost vertical 1,000 foot cliff, problems are bound to occur with the prevailing wind. Apart from writing to this newspaper consultants were notified about the foreseeable problem as was the UK prime minister. Another claims that in 2003 he predicted wind induced problems because the runway alignment is, again, 'perched on the eastern rim of the Bay Plain Basin'. Another complains that after the 'pause' the new UK government merely took the previous DfID project manager 'out of storage' and resurrected the much criticised WS Atkins plans for the airport and charged ahead. Many of us will remember the headlong rush to get the Memorandum of Understanding signed between HMG and SHG. However, now is not the time for recriminations, they can follow later. Now is the time for clear headed quick decisions and a large dose of mature frankness and openness from SHG. In view of what is at stake issuing a press release telling us 'further safety and operational work

is required' shows great skill in the art of uttering what Winston Churchill liked to call terminological inexactitudes. Our new governor said in her inaugural speech, 'I want you to feel that myself and my government colleagues work for you, and that there is trust between us.' We need to start that right now. People intending to travel need to know what is going on; is the RMS being kept in service; has that decision been taken yet? If not make it right now. Businesses need to know how to plan their futures, when to spend money on improvements and expansion, when to upgrade and increase stock, sort out cash flow predictions and much more. SHG and ESH often ask for the business plan before getting into discussion with businesses on certain subjects. For many businesses it is now more impossible than ever to produce a business plan containing an ounce of credibility. The authoritative and meaningful information needed to make any forecasts is just not available. What role will ESH now play in the overall scheme of things if the worst scenario becomes reality? Who is paying for the delays and the consequences of ignoring early warnings about windshear and air turbulence; what is the cost estimate? This problem affects all of us and we all need to know honestly and truthfully exactly what is happening, all the time. Now is the time to stop making announcements filled with soothing words, drip-feeding information and holding back on what everyone knows we need to know; what choices do we have? Tell it to us straight!

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AIRPORT OPENING CEREMONY POSTPONED

St Helena Government today confirms that further safety and operational work is required prior to the Official Opening of the Island's new Airport - and that this event has therefore been postponed. While this means that the Airport will not officially open on 21 May 2016 as originally planned, the safety of aircraft and passengers is of course paramount.

Last week the Island's Air Service Provider, Comair, brought a Boeing 737-800 aircraft to St Helena on an 'Implementation Flight'. The crew was able to gather real time information on the conditions at St Helena's new Airport to assist in preparations for the commencement of scheduled air services. The objectives of the Implementation Flight included route assessment, airside operations, passenger and cargo handling, training and various aspects of safety at St Helena Airport.

One outcome of the Implementation Flight has been the gathering of additional data on turbulence and windshear on the approach to Runway 20 (from the North). As a result of the data gathered and the conditions experienced, it has been decided that there is some additional work to be done in order to ensure the safe operation of scheduled passenger flights to and from St Helena Airport.

Windshear refers to a change in wind speed or direction, including a rapid change over a short distance. Difficult wind



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conditions, including turbulence and windshear, are encountered and safely managed at many airports around the world. All parties are now working hard to get a better understanding of how windshear conditions can be mitigated at St Helena Airport - assessing what measures need to be taken to ensure the safety of incoming aircraft landing on Runway 20. Everyone involved remains committed to commencing commercial flights to and from St Helena at the earliest possible opportunity.

SHG - working with all parties - has taken the decision to postpone the planned Official Opening Ceremony until a solution is found to manage this important safety issue.

The Official Opening of St Helena Airport will now take place at a later date which has yet to be determined.

The public will be kept informed as this work progresses.

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RMS ST HELENA'S LONDON CALL

The RMS St Helena will make her final scheduled call to the UK in June 2016. She will arrive at Tilbury Docks on Sunday 5 June, where she will disembark her passengers. On the afternoon of Tuesday 7 June, she will sail up the River Thames and moor next to HMS Belfast, at The Queen's Walk in central London.

Various receptions will take place onboard to promote St Helena as a tourist destination, highlight the opportunities to invest on the Island and celebrate the 26 years of dedicated service the RMS St Helena has provided. The RMS will sail back to Tilbury on the afternoon of Friday 10 June 2016.

On Saturday 11 June 2016, in Tilbury, the RMS will be opened to the public at the Cruise Terminal. It is anticipated that up to 500 visitors will be accommodated between 9am and 5pm. **Prospective visitors will need to apply for a ticket and details on how to apply will be advertised shortly.**

The RMS will move to the cargo port to commence cargo operations on the Saturday evening, returning to the Cruise Terminal on Monday 13 June to prepare for a farewell reception and departure for St Helena on Tuesday 14 June.

Further information will be provided in due course.

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LISA PHILLIPS SWORN IN AS GOVERNOR OF ST HELENA, ASCENSION ISLAND AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The RMS St Helena arrived in James' Bay on Monday morning, bringing with her the new Governor Designate for St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha - Ms Lisa Phillips.

Ms Phillips is the 68th Governor of St Helena and her Dependencies and the first ever female to take on the role. She was sworn in this afternoon, just after 2pm, Monday 25 April 2016.

The familiar music of the Scout's Band signaled the opening of the Inauguration Ceremony, which was also marked by the traditional parade of the St Helena Police, Sea Rescue Service, Fire Service, Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Scouts and Beavers and the Seventh Day Adventist Pathfinders. The Salvation Army Band and members, the Get-togethers Orchestra, Customs Officers, Nurses and a group of schoolchildren were also present.

At 2pm the Governor Designate arrived at the Grand Parade, accompanied by the Aide de Camp, Debbie Stroud, who escorted her to the stage in front of the Supreme Court Terrace, where she was received by Chief Secretary Roy Burke.

The Chief Secretary read the Royal Commission appointing Lisa Phillips as Governor of St Helena, Ascension Island and Tristan da Cunha. This was followed by the Administering of Oaths by St Helena's Sheriff, Ethel Yon OBE, who also read the Address of Welcome.

In her reply to the Sheriff and her address to the public, Governor Phillips remarked:

"Since I found out I was coming here, anyone I met told me there are three things they knew about St Helena. First, your famous previous resident, Napoleon, Second, your famous current resident, Jonathan. And third the new Airport. In a way, they are perhaps indicative of the past present and future of the Island. I am tremendously excited about the Airport. Having spent more years than I care to mention in DFID I am acutely aware of the history of the Airport from the inside, with all its twists and turns. Never did I imagine I would be the first Governor to fly in and out of the Island. I am proud to have that privilege in store for me....and talking of firsts I am also very proud to be your first female Governor."

Following Her Excellency's remarks, an address was made by Mr Alex Cameron, Head of the Southern Oceans Department, in FCO's Overseas Territories Directorate. Mr Cameron expressed his thanks for such a warm welcome to St Helena for the new Governor and wished her well in her new role.

Her Excellency then inspected the Parade with the Parade Commander Trevor Botting, followed by a Prayer and Blessing from the Vicar General, the Venerable Archdeacon Dale Bowers - and a March-Past by the Uniformed Contingents.

Her Excellency then proceeded to the Governor's Office where she was able to greet members of the public, Councillors, dignitaries and officials.

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INAUGURATION SPEECH BY NEW GOVERNOR - LISA PHILLIPS

Thank you so much for your warm welcome. And I would like to pay tribute to Sean Burns who has been so ably performing the Acting Governor role while I have been on my way. I am so pleased to be here. I found out I had been successful for this job last summer and have been itching to get here ever since. I have to say it is such an Honour to assume this responsibility and swear the Oath of Allegiance to Her Majesty the Queen as Her Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

I also count myself very lucky indeed to have visited Tristan da Cunha on my way to St Helena. Such a remarkable place with remarkable people. I think Tristan will hold a special place in my heart from now on and I want to thank the community there for such a fantastic welcome and for the terrific staff of the RMS for getting me there, against all the odds. Even though I am based on St Helena, I am committed to performing my Governor role well in each Territory, including Tristan and Ascension. The Island Council on Tristan da Cunha and the Ascension Island Government have a difficult job, trying to build revenues in order to provide more and better public services. I want to support them to do that.

Since I found out I was coming here, anyone I met told me there are three things they knew about St Helena. First, your famous previous resident, Napoleon, Second, your famous current resident, Jonathan. And third the new Airport. In a way, they are perhaps indicative of the past present and future of the Island. I am tremendously excited about the Airport. Having spent more years than I care to mention in DFID I am acutely aware of the history of the Airport from the inside, with all its twists and turns. Never did I imagine I would be the first Governor to fly in and out of the Island. I am proud to have that privilege in store for me....and talking of firsts I am also very proud to be your first female Governor.

As you would expect, I did some research before coming here...the Internet is a wonderful thing. I was particularly curious to know what mark each Governor had left during their tenure. One apparently received Captain Bligh...another named Jonathan...another used Jacob's Ladder regularly. Even though I have just arrived, it made me think about what my legacy would be and how I would like to be remembered. Now I'm certainly not in any hurry to leave, but I think my aspirations fall into four areas.

First, I want to continue with the good standard of governance that all three of the Islands currently enjoy. For me this means a well-functioning and efficient civil service, sound legal practices, transparency, accountability, an enabling environment for investments, and safety and security for everyone. I do though want to put more personal effort into bringing government closer to its people. I want you to feel that myself and my government colleagues work for you, and that there is trust between us. I would like people to feel that government is listening and that we are making your lives better. And I want the relationship between us to be a modern one...with joint responsibility and joint commitment. I hope you will help me to achieve that.

The second thing I would like to be known for is improving the lives of children and young people. This is not just about the Wass inquiry, but also I would like to focus my effort on the

next generation. A lot has been done on safeguarding and I would like to acknowledge the incredible effort of all of those who have helped to make that happen. I will work tirelessly to carry that effort through. But in addition I want the children and young people to have dreams and be able achieve them. We all want this as parents don't we? I certainly did for my son, Charlie. This might mean further education overseas or vocational opportunities at home. You will see



me out and about talking to children and young people about what they want, and I plan to be a regular visitor to SHAPE and New Horizons. Amongst other things, I would like more Saints to take up the jobs currently being filled by people abroad and this means investing in the next generation with this as a definite goal.

But I think that what will probably define my term is increased tourism. The airport is one element of that and I'm committed to making that work, but I am specifically committed to making tourism work for the benefit of all Saints. Tourism is everyone's business and it's in everyone's interest. I want to see a higher standard of living and increased wages as a result of tourism. It's quite simple. I want the money those tourists bring in to end up in the pockets of Saints. Now I know we will have to open up sensibly so as to protect St Helena's special beauty. But I believe I have a duty and responsibility to show the British public that the significant investment in the Airport that they have made, has been the right thing to do. I hope you feel the same.

And finally, I would like to be known as a visible Governor. I hope to see a lot of you. And I hope you will come to know me as someone who listens, is willing to take action if she thinks it's right thing to do, and who will help to explain the decisions taken. I'm starting off by visiting the older generation at the CCC on Wednesday to get their thoughts...their hopes...their fears. I did the same on Tristan da Cunha and had a fascinating conversation with the older people there. I also look forward to welcoming you to Plantation House and feel very privileged to live in such a beautiful house.

In summing up, I feel the future looks bright. I promise I will do my very best in this role. I am aware that, for you, I am just another name in a long list of Governors. But for me this is a unique opportunity to make a positive difference and I plan to seize it with both hands.

Thank you.

Governor Lisa Phillips
25 April 2016





St Helena Airport aims to make the Operational Readiness Trials scheduled for Saturday 30 April, Saturday 7 May and Friday 13 May 2016 as realistic as possible.

Flights will be scheduled to depart from St Helena Airport at 12.30hrs on each day of the trials - therefore check-in will commence at 09.30hrs and will finish at 11.30hrs.

Anyone arriving after 11.30hrs will not be checked in. Passengers are required to bring hand luggage, and bring with them hold luggage if they are able (please note that it is not necessary to fill luggage). Baggage carts will be available to assist with taking baggage through to check-in. Passengers are also required to bring their Passport. If someone does not have a Passport, please bring along another form of Identification - for example a birth certificate or drivers licence.

Family or friends seeing passengers off or awaiting the arrival of passengers will have access to the landside public restaurant. Passengers may drive to the Airport and park in the designated car park area.

Once the departure process is complete, volunteers will act as arriving passengers and will be taken through the arrivals process.

Basil Read anticipates that the trials will be completed around 12.30hrs

In order to assist with identifying issues that need attention, we will be issuing volunteers with a small questionnaire which will be used as their boarding card. It would be appreciated if all questionnaires could be completed and handed into the Customs Officer 'on arrival', as this will act as the passenger's Immigration & Customs card. There will be staff at the Airport to assist with questionnaires.

We wish to thank the public for their help and support during the three days of trials.

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ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

14th April 2016

MARTIN PLATO (46) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly in a public place. Mr Plato was fined £65.00 with costs of £15.00.

15th April 2016

SHANE GREEN (20) of Longwood Hangings pleaded guilty, after the end of the prosecution evidence in a trial, to carelessly driving at an excessive speed. Mr Green was fined £100.00 with costs of £50.00. The court indicated that there was evidence that persons were regularly driving at excessive speed at this location on the Hutts Gate to Longwood Road and that such would not be tolerated. Mr Green was further disqualified from driving for the period of 6 months.

21st April 2016

PAUL MARTIN FOWLER (45) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to driving whilst 28% over the prescribed alcohol limit. The offence was considerably aggravated by Mr Fowler having similar previous convictions from Ascension Island. Proceedings were adjourned to obtain a Pre-Sentence Report, as the court required to give consideration to a sentence of imprisonment. Mr Fowler was prohibited from driving as a condition of bail.

PATRICK STEVENS (52) of Teales Cottage pleaded guilty to failing to comply with a requirement to make an annual report to the police in terms of a sexual offences notification order. While any such offences are ordinarily very serious, the court was satisfied that on this occasion, the same was committed though negligence, rather than deliberately. Mr Stevens was therefore fined £300.00 with costs of £15.00.

JULIAN RICARDO THOMAS (23) of Bottom Woods pleaded guilty to driving whilst 52% over the prescribed alcohol limit. The offence was aggravated by Mr Thomas having a similar previous conviction. Mr Thomas was fined £450.00 with costs of 15.00. Mr Thomas was further disqualified from driving for the extended period of 3 years.

LEICELL LEE TRAVIS JOHN WILLIAMS (25) of Near Golf Club, Longwood pleaded guilty to failing to comply with a requirement to make an annual report to the police, in terms of a sexual offences notification order. While any such offences are ordinarily very serious, the court was satisfied that on this occasion, the same was committed though negligence, rather than deliberately. Mr Williams was therefore fined £260.00 with costs of £15.00.

RYAN JAMES YOUNG (20) of Barren Ground, Blue Hill pleaded guilty to carelessly driving whilst 44% over the prescribed alcohol limit. Mr Young was fined £240.00 with costs of £15.00. Mr Young was further disqualified from driving for the extended period of 18 months.



A Funny Thing Happened Vince Thompson

Shocked and Amazed – We Have Another Delay

Last week the Island seemed to have a spring in its step as the Comair flight came and went without any kind of show-stopping hitch. This week there is a feeling around of being down-in-the-mouth because Prince Edward and many others will not be arriving as planned and the airport remains a lonesome concrete strip. Well, keep your chin up. Most projects get delayed and most projects cost more than originally estimated. When a project is a disaster it is because a few truck loads of cash have been spent and there is nothing to show for it at the end of it all.

To keep things simple I will list UK Government project disasters just in computer and IT projects.

1. The Department of Transport spent £80million on a computer system which never worked properly.
2. Surrey Police spent £15million on a crime records computer system, the project was abandoned.
3. The Child Support Agency spent £450million on a system which was called 'a turkey from day one' by the Public Accounts Committee.
4. The Home Office paid out £350million for a system to deal with immigration applications; it never worked. An estimated £209million is to be spent on another system.
5. £469million spent on a computer system linking the Control Rooms for Emergency Services in England was a complete 'white elephant'. Some Control Centres were never used but still cost £4million a month to maintain.
6. The Ministry of Justice spent £56million on a computer system before they found out another ministry was doing exactly the same thing.
7. £98million was spent on a digital archive and editing facility for the BBC. It never worked.
8. The Home Office again! They were ordered by the court to pay £224million after terminating a computer systems contractor's contract unfairly. Loads of money is still being paid in legal costs as the battle continues in the courts.
9. The Department of Work and Pensions spent £700million on a computer system the Public Accounts Committee labelled a £700million flop.

If you get out your calculator [or just do some mental arithmetic] you will see the UK Government wasted enough money on the project disasters listed to pay for TEN St Helena airports. The airport will be finished and planes will fly – eventually. None of these nine projects ever worked. These nine, with the tenth one to come, are just the tip of the iceberg as far as money wasted on computer systems is concerned. Then there are all the other kinds of projects which have failed entirely, cost much more than estimated or just not done the job properly once they were completed.

Daily Mail

NHS 111 computer system blunders 'are killing one person a month' shock report reveals

They Never Learn – a headline this week in the Daily Mail

But now we go for the BIG ONE!

At Number 10 [literally, because Labour Prime Minister Tony Blair strongly supported this particular oven ready turkey] we have a whizz-bang, ultra-modern, all-in-one, super-efficient complete and colossal disaster. £10 billion spent of a nationwide, all problems solved, computer system for the National Health Service. Yes, TEN BILLION POUNDS. And then it was scrapped before ever being finished. That's 40 St Helena Airports. Remember the Labour Government wanted to scrap our airport right at the last minute, after Basil Read had been appointed, because they thought it was not worth the money. The cheek of it!

The following letter was received recently. It is meant for Janet Lawrence because the writer seems to think Janet is the Agony Aunt for everyone who tries to get something done, big or small. I thought I would include it here because there may be other people with the same problems. Janet has not seen this letter, she will read it on Friday, same as you. I wonder if there will be a reply. I have sympathy for the writer of the letter and hope he or she can get proper treatment.

Dear Janet,

I don't like sharing my personal problems with other people but I'm in such a bad way I hope you can help me; I've had a bad time of it recently and now I'm getting very, very desperate. The cause of all my anxiety and grief is a little project I started four years ago. It all started before that really, it took two years for someone in the trade to agree that what I wanted could actually be built. People I asked were saying it couldn't be done. I could not understand why it was an impossible thing to do. Looking back, even then I started to question my own ability to reason and probably started to lose confidence in myself.

Four years ago I got planning permission for my little project; that was the easy bit. Then, I started looking around for a builder. Builders, I have decided should have environmental protection; they should be on a list somewhere as an endangered species. I tried all sorts of people. All of them were too busy; call me back next year or next decade was the usual response. I had already started to import certain building materials from roofing to floor tiles. I had this stuff stored all over the place and it was getting me down, there was hardly any room to move. But, I was not depressed; at least not at that time.

Just when I was about to give up, sell up and then probably kill myself I found a builder who said YES! Unfortunately I soon discovered that is less than half the story. WHEN! is a much tougher question to get answered. Anyway, to cut a long story short, one morning the builders arrived and were ready to start work. By now I was getting used to what happens next. The complete joy I had getting a builder to say 'yes',



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followed by the wait until 'when' was sorted out repeated itself when the joy at seeing the builders finally arrive disappeared under the dust and debris that has to be cleared up after a day's work. Do you know why it is Janet that even though you pay someone to do some work for you there is enough work created to keep me going hard at it day and night?

You are probably wondering why I am telling you all this. Well, I know you have experience of delays and difficulties with the airport project. The frustration and exasperation I have endured must have got to you too. I need to know urgently how you deal with it. Is there a therapy group I can attend so I can tell my tale of woe to people who will really understand? They have that kind of thing for alcoholics, for addicted gamblers, for people who can't stop eating sweet and sugary food. There must be the same thing for people who are beaten into the ground by delays and then more delays together with reasons why this cannot be done or that is impossible. If you know of a therapy group for people with my problems will you please let me know about it?

My little project is not finished yet. I'm almost there but I will be riddled with worry until the day this nightmare ends. The electrician has been but he has to come back again. The carpenter is using some noisy electric power tool right now but he cannot finish all he has to do until the plumber finishes his work. The plumber has not started yet! Oh yes, did I mention the leak in the roof? Three different 'experts' have tried to solve that one – no success yet. The garden is a mess. It looks like a scrap yard and a builder's storage area at the same time. I'm trying to get the garden back into shape but when the next person comes along to do some work more mess is left behind for me to clear up. I'm a one-person LEMP project! Janet, I'm not sure how long I can go on like this. The stress and strain is really getting to me. I'm sure you know how I feel. How do I deal with it?

***Yours sincerely,
Down and Nearly Out***

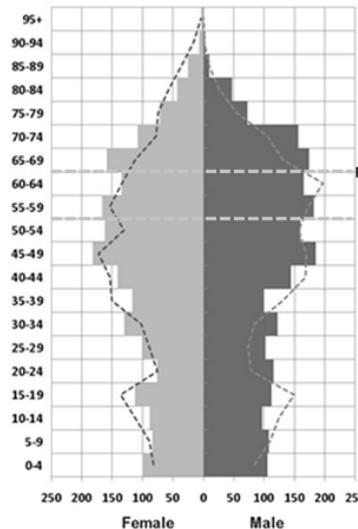
First Figures from the Census

It seems a long time ago now but the first headline figures from the February census were published this week by the Statistics Office. Households completing the census totalled 1,956 with a further 585 houses being identified as unoccupied. The residents of 13 communal establishments are also included in the figures. Saints overseas, who had the option to complete the census if they wished, numbered less than 40. On census night, 7th February, the population count was 4,171. This is 523 less than the population recalculation made every 3 months based on births, deaths and the comings and goings on the RMS.

The population breakdown by age shows 585 people [14%] aged between 0 and 14 years, 2,706 people aged between 15

and 64 [65%] and 880 people [21%] aged 65 and older.

Top Heavy Age-Sex Profile



The graphic above shows a fairly even split between male [dark grey] and female [light grey] through the different age ranges but compared to the numbers in the 2008 census there are more people aged 65 and over now than four years ago. The 2008 numbers are shown by the dotted line. The graphic shows, for instance, that compared with 4 years ago there are about 50 more men and 50 more women aged between 65 and 69 than in 2008. The same pattern of increasing population continues for men up through to aged 85 and up to 74 for women. The number of Island residents aged 25 to 34 is also greater now than in 2008 but the age ranges both above and below those age groups show a declining population.

Overall the graphic is top heavy with a growing population in the older age ranges and a decreasing population overall in the younger age groups. This spread of population across age ranges indicates a population which will continue to decline over the next 30 years or so, unless Saints overseas are attracted back to St Helena and school-leavers no longer find it necessary to leave St Helena in order to earn decent wages.

The Statistics Office points out the figures shown are the result of the first run through the census returns; some figures may be subject to small corrections.

Other statistics show that you good people paid almost £5million in tax for the financial year just ended, 29% more than for the previous financial year. Customs Duty collected amounted to £5.4million, 1% more than the previous year. The biggest number of them all is the £16.75million received from the UK as Grant-in-Aid, a 29% increase on the year before. The target to reduce Grant-in-Aid to 50% of total SHG revenue remains to be achieved. The current split is 38% Island tax and duty revenue and 62% UK funding.

On price increases the statistics show that what you paid 78p for in April 2006 now costs you about £1.18.

What Goes Around Comes Around

Or to put it another way, if it starting to happen in the UK now,



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[it does not much matter what] whatever it is will eventually find its way here. I have a habit of keeping an eye on what Lord Jones of Cheltenham is up to in the political arena. This week he has been getting answers to his questions about alcohol limits and progress on a review of the UK Alcohol Guidelines, published in January this year.

I've had quick run through the Review, customers frequenting the Standard, the White Horse, KJ's and other places may or may not like to know what the Review has to say, but here goes.

One paragraph filled with happiness I quote here, 'The group concluded that there is significant new, good quality evidence available on the effects of alcohol consumption on health, which was not available at the time of the 1995 review. This applies for both men and women. In particular, stronger evidence has emerged that the risk of a range of cancers, especially breast cancer, increases directly in line with consumption of any amount of alcohol.' The message is clear, the experts know more now than they did 21 years ago and more than that they now know better. What they know now is that alcohol has even more bad effects on your health than was imagined 21 years ago. Just to make sure everybody gets the message the Review tells us, 'drinking any amount of alcohol regularly can cause harm; the risks of cancer for most people are present even at a low level of consumption'.

And for those of us who like to point out that drinking in moderation has beneficial effects on your health, the Review tells

us otherwise. Again I quote, 'the evidence supporting protective effects today is now weaker than it was at the time of the 1995 report and that there are substantial uncertainties around direct attribution to alcohol of the level of protection still observed. Taking this into account alongside all the known acute and chronic risks to health from drinking even at low levels, supports the conclusion of the group that there is no justification for recommending drinking on health grounds, nor for starting drinking for health reasons.' Protective effects by the way is a curious way of saying drinking for the benefit of your health.

The current guidelines for drinking alcohol in the UK put a limit of 14 units a week for both men and women. This works out at one bottle of Windhoek [the green 4% bottle] each day and maybe an extra one bottle on a Saturday night. The Review published early this year in the UK recommends the guideline amounts are reduced further. The UK also has one of the lowest alcohol drink drive limits in the world.

In blood tests, 80 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood will get you nicked in the UK. In St Helena the limit is 115 milligrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood.

In a breath test, it is 35 microgrammes per 100 millilitres of breath in the UK while here it is 50 microgrammes of alcohol per 100 millilitres.

In a urine test it is 107 milligrammes per 100 millilitres of urine in the UK while in St Helena we have the limit set at 153 milligrammes of alcohol before you are off the road for a year.

So the UK is low already and the scene is being set to lower it further still. I wonder how long it will be before there are moves to reduce the St Helena drink-drive limits. By the way, if you are interested, Lord Jones [who started me off on this with his questions] drinks a cider now and again to quench a thirst; coming up a close second is a salty Bloody Mary.

HEALTH TITBIT

Last Thursday we had a discussion at Saint FM on sexual health with Lisa Rhodes, hospital nursing officer and Marion Kanes of health promotion. A campaign has revealed the following; Lisa said "We have had a really positive start to the campaign with 1.5 % of the population tested so far. 58% of those tested are Males, 42% of those tested are Females. We would also like to clarify some queries raised over the weekend.

1. Any samples taken as part of this campaign WILL NOT be tested for alcohol or drugs. It is illegal for us to perform other tests without your consent. We are only looking for Sexually Transmitted infections.
2. No results (positive or negative) will be put onto Medical Records. This will ensure privacy and confidentiality. A separate secure database has been created that ONLY the Lab and the Hospital Nursing Officer have access too. All results will be input here, the HNO will access and contact individuals with their results.
3. Please do not provide false samples. This is a free service to access, but it still costs the Health Service to run. If you do not wish to have a test, don't do it. DO NOT provide

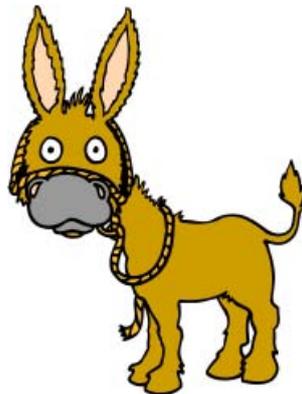


samples of water / wall swabs. This wastes all of our time, equipment and money.

4. ANYONE who has EVER had unprotected sex, should get a test, so that they can know with confidence their status. This is the only way to say with confidence that you are STI free.

Lisa added "We are still getting people telling us they don't need a test. Even though when asked they have had sex, and they didn't use a condom. They assured us they are "clean". Unless you have a test you cannot know, and you are putting others' lives and futures at risk. Please don't; please be responsible for yourself and others"

Things That Make You Go Hmmn...



Talk of the week is obviously the delayed opening of the airport and what will happen to passengers stranded either here or overseas. At what point will someone make the decision that we still need the RMS and, just a thought, but maybe we should get the airport up and running with all the problems sorted before announcing the 'official' opening even if that means waiting until next year if that is what it takes. With a project this amazing it would take some sort of miracle to get everything right first time so no shame in admitting there are still things to adjust and tweak at this stage. I have said it before but better to 'fess up' to difficulties before they become major problems and have everyone understanding just what is happening rather than listen to rumour and guesswork. All praise to Janet Lawrence for going on air to talk about the delay but come on SHG and everyone let's admit the RMS going off line in so many weeks is premature and give everyone time to make plans and fill the ship for the additional time we have her with us. There are people who make a difference. They are the volunteers who go out of their way to make things happen. Some are paid but go far beyond what they can be expected to do and money, while always welcome and useful, is not their driving force. They are the people we rely on to ensure national and local events work, the people who take the time to create opportunities for others to shine, they are the ones you call on when plans reach a log jam and so often they find a way forward – usually involving them giving up yet more time and resources when others won't. They are the investors in time and local knowledge, who bring skills and networking together and leave behind the smiles of a job well done but rarely are they given the praise they so richly deserve. This is often heaped on officials who could never do the job without them or the people who come along behind and are better at promoting themselves while the real work is being done by the ones I am talking about. They don't seek glory and are too busy to shout about their achievements but we should take the time to notice how much they do, to recognise the quiet work that makes things possible and that without them all our lives would be poorer. Some people are visionaries; they can

imagine things the rest of us cannot even conceive. Without them we would all be still waiting for the wheel to be invented and cars, trains and planes would have never seen the light of day. Just how anyone invented the combustion engine with all the intricate parts fitting together to provide power is beyond understanding. Other visionaries have given us a view of the world and how it can be a better place for all to live, this is often much harder to sell to the rest of us. The quote that a prophet is not recognised in their own land is one that is realised far more often than is fair. The people who had the vision to invent cures for smallpox and other infectious diseases had to struggle to convince people that the treatment would work, often demonstrating it on themselves first to prove it wouldn't kill them. You have to wonder how many inventors have died in this type of experiment or who found out what plants are safe to eat? Especially those ones where some parts are poisonous or they need special treatment before they are safe like potatoes or rhubarb. There are still people who believe the world is flat or that HIV/Aids is spread by drinking from the same cup even when the evidence proves them wrong.

There are also people who are scavengers who feed off the achievements of others rarely having new ideas of their own but know how to exploit the vision and hard work. I couldn't possibly mention any names of course but there are some around and in the scheme of things there always will be but let us not forget the real stars who should be given recognition as the inventors and bedrock of community on St Helena.

Most of us potter along without making world-changing inventions or amaz-

ing discoveries but just try to make the best of what we have and hope we can leave a legacy of something positive along the way. Sometimes it is the mundane ways of survival that throw up the best though and even if we are never going to build a space rocket or invent the best thing since sliced bread working out solutions to the everyday problems we face can make all the difference. Living on an isolated island where it can take months to get anything has made Saints into some of the most amazing inventors in the world. The skills needed to keep vehicles on the road or the plumbing working should never be underestimated. Recycling was a way of life here long before the rest of the world decided it was 'cool', the packing cases made into furniture, broken masts and salvage from foundered ships used for building have survived to prove it. It is only now that everything comes in so much packaging that cannot be utilised that we are seeing more and more heading to Horse Point.

The new arrangements at the dump have probably tidied things up and met all sorts of international health and safety requirements but do they meet the requirements of local people? If you are working, as almost everyone is thanks to our amazing employment rate, other than take a day's leave finding a time to take rubbish to the dump when it is open is difficult. Then when you get there the signage is confusing, the much heralded recycling area even more so and where it used to be possible to find any number of gems for recycling into new life now so much food waste is mixed up with the other things and all of it buried quickly that there is no chance to have a look around. Maybe this is to ensure any government documents are not discovered as in the past or is that just a conspiracy theory too far!

And finally, for everyone associated with the airport opening, "There cannot be a crisis next week. My schedule is already full." **Henry A. Kissinger**

It's not a matter of what is true that counts but a matter of what is perceived to be true

- Henry Kissinger



PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE FORMAL SESSION

A formal session of the Public Accounts Committee will be held in the Court House, Jamestown, on the mornings of Tuesday 10 and Wednesday 11 May 2016.

Members of the public and interested persons are invited to attend. The session will also be broadcast live on SAMS Radio 1.

Programme of Business

Tuesday 10 May 2016

09.30-10.30 Enterprise St Helena

2013/14 and 2014/15

11.00-11.30 St Helena National Trust 2014/15

11.30-12.00 St Helena Hotel Development Ltd 2014/15

12.00-12.30 St Helena Fisheries Corporation 2014/15

Wednesday 11 May 2016

09.30-10.30 Connect Saint Helena Ltd

2013/14 and 2014/15

11.00-11.30 St Helena Currency Fund

2013/14 and 2014/15

11.30-12.00 SHG Defined Contribution Pension Scheme

2012/13, 2013/14 and 2014/15

12.00-12.30 Not Allocated

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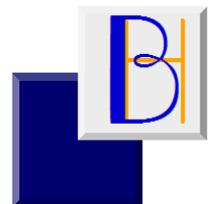


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On behalf of a local Saint business, Burgh House Limited is looking for premises in lower Jamestown for a non-polluting, non-food operation. Approx. 35sqm is required.

Please contact John on (+290) 22944 from 9am - 1pm Mon-Fri or email john@burghhouse.com

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WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES

Collection of Landscape Impacting Wastes

Waste Management Services are pleased to announce an ENRD trial initiative - Collection of Landscape Impacting Wastes.

The aim of this initiative is to make St Helena's environment more pleasing to the eye and begin to rid the Island of historical bulky waste that at times blights the landscape. Bulky waste is categorised in this instance as larger items, including end-of-life vehicles, bulk scrap metal, and large volumes of waste that may be visibly stored on public or private land.

The trial will begin in Longwood, on the road to and from Millennium Forest through to Longwood Gate and, if successful, may be implemented in other parts of the Island.

Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford, said:

"ENRD encourages residents in Longwood to take part in this free opportunity. In future, the newly enacted Environmental Protection Ordinance may require residents to dispose of such waste at their own expense."

"Waste Management Services acknowledges that residents from across the Island might wish to take part in this scheme but, due to current budget restrictions, ENRD can only offer the service to Longwood at this time, with a view to expanding to other districts if affordable, based on the experience of the trial initiative."

Customers can book for free collection and disposal of bulky waste impacting the landscape by contacting Mike Durnford on Tel: 24724 or e-mail mike-durnford@enrd.gov.sh, who will arrange a suitable day for collection. The service will commence in May 2016.

The regular Island-wide bulky waste collection service is planned to recommence when the replacement refuse collection vehicle increases capacity in the Waste Management Service - but this is still several months away. Members of the public are in the meantime encouraged to dispose of their bulky waste and large scrap items at the Horse Point Landfill Site during normal opening hours.

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MARRIAGE BILL, SUNDAY'S OBSERVANCE (AMENDMENT) BILL AND EMPLOYMENT REGULATIONS

The Social & Community Development Committee will be conducting focused consultations on the Marriage Bill, the Sunday's Observance Ordinance (Amendment) Bill and the Employment Regulations.

The Marriage Bill seeks to update the institution of marriage by introducing same sex marriage. The other significant amendment is to allow the Registrar-General to approve premises other than places of worship for solemnization of civil marriages, so long as some health and safety safeguards are in place.

The Sundays Observance (Amendment) Bill seeks to remove the restricted opening hours (10am and 6pm) of shops, stores and places of business on a Sunday. The Employment Regulations will reflect this and deal with remuneration for working on Sundays and on holidays.

All meetings will start at 7.30 pm.

District	Date	Councillors
HTH Community Centre	Tuesday, 3 May 2016	Hon Wilson Duncan & Hon Mike Olsson
St Michael's Church, Rupert's	Tuesday, 3 May 2016	Hon Brian Isaac & Hon Gavin Ellick
Harford Community Centre	Thursday, 5 May 2016	Hon Brian Isaac & Hon Mike Olsson
Sandy Bay Community Centre	Thursday, 5 May 2016	Hon Gavin Ellick & Hon Wilson Duncan
Blue Hill Community Centre	Friday, 6 May 2016	Hon Gavin Ellick & Hon Mike Olsson
Kingshurst Community Centre	Tuesday, 10 May 2016	Hon Gavin Ellick & Hon Wilson Duncan
Levelwood, Silver Hill Bar	Wednesday, 11 May 2016	Hon Brian Isaac & Hon Wilson Duncan
Jamestown Community Centre	Friday, 13 May 2016	Hon Brian Isaac & Hon Mike Olsson

Feedback on the draft legislation is to be submitted to the Chairperson of the Social & Community Development Committee, Hon Brian Isaac, via brian.isaac@helanta.co.sh by no later than Wednesday 25 May 2016.

The draft legislation will be made available in hard copy at the Public Library from Monday, 2 May 2016 and will also be uploaded on the SHG Website.

Social & Community Development Committee
27 April 2016



ROADSIDE VEGETATION

The Roads Section would like to remind all landowners and householders of their responsibilities regarding roadside vegetation.

In accordance with the Highways Ordinance, a landowner or householder with property adjoining the highway has a responsibility to keep all vegetation, including flax and trees, clear from obstructing the road.

All green waste can be safely disposed of at the Horse Point Landfill Site.

The Roads Section would like to thank householders and landowners for their continued cooperation.

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26 April 2016



NEW YEAR HONOURS 2017 OVERSEAS LIST

Reminder

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office invites nominations for the 2017 Queen's New Year Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2017 New Year Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that Honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement, or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services.

It should also be noted that age is not a factor in awarding Honours and younger members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution or have given exceptional service, should not be overlooked.

It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.

Nomination forms are available from Corporate Services at the Castle and can also be requested electronically from Miss Linda Benjamin, via email:

linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed forms should be returned in a sealed envelope, marked Confidential, to the Executive Secretary, Honours Committee, by Wednesday 4 May 2016.

SHG, 26 April 2016



IMPORTANT NOTICE

Imports of South African Meat & Meat products to be banned under new proposed regulations

Under section 7 of part 2 (Products of Animal Origin) Regulations in the new Food Safety Ordinance importers of meat & meat products will only be allowed to import from EU or EU approved suppliers.

This proposal **if approved by Council** will effectively ban shops from importing the vast majority of the meats presently enjoyed by you, many of the frozen goods common on the Island will disappear off the shelves forever. Here a list of the products you can expect to be banned.

South African chicken, whole, drumsticks, wings, breaded drumsticks, breast fillets, quarters etc Vienna & Russian sausages, Braai-wors, Beef & pork sausages, Ostrich steaks, pork rib, burgers, T-bone steaks, lamb chops, all cuts of beef, smoked Bacon bones, bacon sliced, battered fish fillets, Biltong and many canned meats, the list goes on.....

If this ban comes into effect (proposed for July 2016) it will not be possible to replace these food items with goods from the EU because of the cost involved – many items will be twice the price if imported from Europe & therefore not affordable by local people, businesses or tourists alike.

Why is this being proposed now? I asked this question in August last year and was told, 'we are soon to be expecting large numbers of tourist's & they will expect guaranteed food safety' – now we are being told we should import from a country that has had a number of food safety scandals in recent years, recently the UK has admitted that 73% of all fresh chicken is infected with **Campylobacter** that has led to 280,000 cases of food poisoning in the UK last year alone (source UK Food Standards Agency). South Africa has in place very strict food safety & quality control systems to international ISO 9001 (quality), ISO 14001 (environmental), ISO 22000 (food safety) and OHSAS 18001 standards, and enjoys tens of thousands of tourists from Europe every year. European tourists eat South African meat while in South Africa, should there be a problem with eating it here on St Helena?

I am not aware of any food poisoning outbreaks on St Helena that has been caused or even suspected of being caused from imported meats from South Africa. Clearly there is no reasonable case for banning shops from selling the best quality food at the best price possible, many people on very low incomes find it difficult finding the money for food now, any increases will make their lives harder.

What should you do? Give your councillor the power to protect your interests

If you are concerned that a ban on meat from South Africa will affect your quality of life here on St Helena please don't stay silent – there will be a number of Public consultation meetings around the Island over the coming weeks, try to find time to attend at least one & be prepared to **write your representation** to express your views & concerns before this is allowed to be passed into law. Representations should be addressed to Chief Environmental Officer Mrs Georgina Young Public Health Department.

Gregory Cairns-Wicks



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OUTSTANDING PERFORMANCE ON THE APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME FOR ALEX HENRY



In October 2015, Alex Henry, of Mulberry Gut, Longwood, started a one year Linesman Apprenticeship with Connect Saint Helena Ltd. Seven months later, in April 2016, Alex has been so successful that Connect have concluded the Apprenticeship and taken him on as a permanent employee.

Like all Apprenticeships, a Training Development Plan was devised for Alex which included practical work-based training as well as study through the Lifelong Learning Service (LLS). Work-based

training included: working at heights, pole climbing techniques and underground cabling. Health and safety is critical when dealing with voltage so Alex learned safe working practices for the installation of low voltage distribution and service lines, as well as additional safety techniques for working on the low voltage network. Alex also learned how to use various electrical test instruments, and understand the types and effects of voltage and current flow.



External training through LLS included the City and Guilds NVQ Level 2 in Electrical, and a re-sit in GCSE Maths. Alex applied himself to all of his training with great commitment and determination to learn as much as he could. His work-based Training Provider, Electrical Distribution Manager, Colin Anthony, said:

“Alex has so far exceeded my expectations as an Electrical Distribution Apprentice and continues to demonstrate a high level of motivation to achieve in this field. He is a very friendly person, has a positive working attitude and works well with team members. His practical development and performance in certain areas are very impressive. He has far exceeded the level of skills expected from an Apprentice at this stage of his training.”



Alex is well on his way to becoming a fully competent Linesman and has become a real asset to the Electricity Distribution Team. Connect will continue to support Alex with his NVQ training through LLS and ESH, and hope that he will continue to learn and further develop. With the progress made so far, he has assured his future career at Connect Saint Helena Ltd.

This is the first time in the history of the Apprenticeship Scheme that a position has been concluded because of outstanding performance.

Thank you to Connect Saint Helena Ltd for their great support and the initiative shown in this training provision. Well done to Alex for his exceptional performance and all the very best for a successful career and a bright future!



PC Mobile Block Making



With the construction industry on St Helena currently booming, the demand for blocks is ever increasing and Patrick Crowie has taken on the challenge of helping to meet this demand. He is producing 9" Cavity blocks and 4 ½" Solid Blocks, using an innovative approach which doesn't require the use of electricity as well as offering a service where blocks are made on the customer's building site.

Whilst doing DIY projects around his home, Patrick came upon this idea when placing two pieces of alloyed metal together lengthways – this formed a homemade mould for a 4" block. Patrick was keen to develop his business idea using this method of block making and decided to approach ESH for funding support.

Patrick has been working on his new venture with Enterprise St Helena since 2013 and was initially supported with a business plan and more recently with a Development Projects Grant for funding towards a Bevel Edge Paver and an Emerald Shape D block mould. Patrick is now operating a successful business where he is producing between 200 to 400 blocks a day and has employed one part-time staff to assist with the work load.

Patrick commented: "I've wanted to get the moulds for a long time but wasn't in a position to do so. I really appreciate the support provided by ESH in helping me to develop my business idea further."

Partners in Development



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

Business Start-up cara.joshua@esh.co.sh
Existing Businesses Justine.sim@esh.co.sh

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE VACANCIES

The Safeguarding Directorate is undergoing rapid growth and is looking for outstanding candidates to join our evolving Directorate for the following vacancies:

Behaviour Support Workers (Mental Health)

To provide direct support to clients who exhibit extreme challenging behaviour, to manage the behaviour and to enable them to participate in a wide range of therapeutic and social activities.

The salary grade for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out. The post is for a fixed term contract of one year in the first instance and could be extended subject to funding.

Expressions of interest are sought also for Behaviour Support Workers to work on a casual basis to cover night shifts and weekends only. The rate of pay will be paid at £3.68 per hour.

For further details about the post/s please contact James Bridgewater on telephone no. 22593.

Care Assistants, Older Persons Services (Community Care Centre)

To assist with the provision of high quality health and social care for frail older people in full time residential and day care.

The salary grade for this post is Grade A2 commencing at £5,508 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out. For further details about the post please contact Wendy Henry on telephone no. 23090.

Senior Care Assistants, Older Persons Services (Community Care Centre)

To assist with the provision of high quality health and social care for frail older people in full time residential and day care.

The salary grade for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out. The post is for a fixed term contract of one year in the first instance and could be extended subject to funding. For further details about the post please contact Wendy Henry on telephone no. 23090.

Heads of Care, Older Persons Services (Community Care Centre)

To provide high quality and social care to residents and clients of the Community Care Centre.

The salary grade for this post is Grade D commencing at £11,034 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out. The post is for a fixed term contract of one year in the first instance and could be extended subject to funding. For further details about the post please contact Wendy Henry on telephone no. 23090.

Handyman/Driver, Older Persons Services (Community Care Centre)

To provide the upkeep and maintenance of Ebony View, Barnview, Community Care Centre, Family Centre and Brick House to ensure that it remains in good condition and any other duties as required by the Service.

The salary grade for this post is Grade A commencing at £5,508 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out. The post is for a fixed term contract of one year in the first instance and could be extended subject to funding. For further details about the post please contact Wendy Henry on telephone no. 23090.

For a copy of the job profiles and application form please contact Sarah Williams on 22713 or email HR.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh. Application forms should be completed and submitted to Sarah Williams, HR and Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, by noon on Monday 9th May 2016.

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

Paul McGinnety
Ag Director
25 April 2016





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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCIES - ST HELENA POLICE DIRECTORATE

PRISON OFFICERS

The successful applicants will be responsible for the safety, security and care of prisoners in their charge - both within and outside of the prison - ensuring that a safe and secure environment is maintained at all times through provision of 24 hour cover in accordance with standard operating procedures.

Applicants should be self-motivated and an effective team player, have the ability to remain calm under pressure and work in a highly structured environment. They should have at least one year's experience of working with difficult, demanding and vulnerable members of society

Salary for these posts is in Grade C.1 commencing £11,307 per annum.

For further details interested persons are invited to contact Ms Linda Fuller, Deputy Prison Manager, on telephone number 22722 (or email linda.fuller@police.gov.sh).

POLICE CONSTABLES

The successful applicants will perform the statutory role of protecting life and property, preserve order, prevent crime and detect offenders. To effectively patrol St Helena providing an efficient response to matters arising. To identify with the community and foster and maintain close and courteous relationships and be committed to keeping people safe providing a quality service at all times.

Applicants should be in possession of a clean Drivers Licence in Class A. Applicants will need to possess good written and verbal communication and interpersonal skills to communicate with all types of people.

Salary for these posts is in Grade C.1 commencing £10,704 per annum.

POLICE CONCOTROLLER

The successful applicant will be the first point of contact for the St Helena Police Service including the efficient management of the telephone switchboard and radio communications, initial reports made and receiving all visitors to Police Headquarters.

Applicants should demonstrate relevant background in call centre operations or customer care work and have experience of dealing directly with the public

Salary for this post is Grade B.1 commencing £8,355 per annum.

For further details for the Police Constable and Police Controller, interested persons are invited to contact Inspector Matt Breeze on telephone number 22626 (or email matt.breeze@police.gov.sh).

Applicants for the ALL of the **above posts** should be 18 years of age or over and in possession of GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above. Hours of work are on a shift basis but may be varied to suit the exigencies of the role.

If you are looking for a rewarding but challenging career, then come and join us in the Police Directorate.

Application forms and information pack are available from Corporate HR and the Police Directorate these should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Anya Richards, HR and Admin Officer at Ogborn House (or email anya.richards@police.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Friday, 06 May 2016.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Vacancy - Terrestrial Conservation Officer

Salary and benefits worth up to £22K

Two year fixed term contract

Ascension Island is a small volcanic island situated in the sub-tropical South Atlantic, with a warm climate, excellent beaches and unique environmental biodiversity. The Island has a population of 850 living in 4 settlements. The Island is governed by an Administrator (HMG's representative on the island and Head of the Ascension Island Government) reporting to the Governor on St Helena and advised by an Island Council. The Ascension Island Government has around 150 employees, with a Conservation and Fisheries department of 12 staff.

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is looking for a Terrestrial Conservation Officer starting in July 2016 to conserve and enhance the natural beauty, wildlife and cultural heritage of the Island's Nature Reserves, within the context of the Island's Biodiversity Action Plan. One of the main tasks of this role will be to take a lead role in developing a biosecurity policy for Ascension Island. This will include implementing the recommendations in the biosecurity consultant report for Ascension as well as establishing monitoring of freight pathways and surveying landing areas to determine current levels of introductions. You will also establish control procedures, in particular for high risk species.

You will work with the Conservation team to develop and then implement management plans and strategies for the six newly designated Nature Reserves (Long Beach, Pan Am, North East Bay, Mars Bay, Waterside Fairs and Letterbox Peninsula) and for Green Mountain National Park. In this role, you will report to the Director of Conservation and Fisheries, and be part of the Conservation Department team.

You will need to build effective relationships with a wide range of stakeholders' on-island and produce effective and realistic management plans. You will need to be a self-starter and resilient, willing to live and work in a remote island community whilst remaining enthusiastic in the face of the challenges that this brings.

Besides developing both management plans and a biosecurity policy, you will:

- Take a leading role in the practical conservation of Ascension's native and endemic flora.
- Carry out the delegated functions of a Reserve Warden under the National Protected Areas Ordinance CAP A20.
- Manage and mentor the National Park Ranger/Assistant Reserve Warden.
- Encourage volunteers, both residents and visitors including military expedition groups to participate in practical conservation efforts in the National Parks.
- Educate and manage trainees, students, voluntary and some AIG staff working in the National Parks.

An environmental scientist, you are an excellent fieldworker with a proven track record of successful project delivery, a strong commitment to conservation, and experience in biosecurity policy implementation.

We are offering a two year single status contract with a salary of £12,000 per year (taxable in Ascension Island), together with the following benefits valued at up to £10,000 per year:

- Food allowance (£2,969).
- One mid-contract return air fare to the country of recruitment/residence.
- Rent free housing, with electricity and water allowances.
- Generous baggage allowances.
- Free medical and primary dental care.

For further details concerning the post, please contact the Conservation Team Leader and Nursery Officer Jolene Sim, on jolene.sim@ascension.gov.ac.

To obtain an application form and information pack please contact Patsy Moyce by email: patsy.moyce@ascension.gov.ac. Applications should be sent to the aforementioned email address by no later than **5pm on Wednesday 25th May 2016**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and called for interview. Interviews will be held by Skype in early June.



Ascension Island Government

Conservation Fieldworker (National Parks)/Assistant Reserve Warden

The Conservation Department is looking to recruit a suitable individual to fill the role of Conservation Fieldworker, with a primary focus on carrying out fieldwork in the Island's Nature Reserves and National Park. The individual will be based at the Red Lion, Green Mountain, and will work under the day-to-day guidance of the Terrestrial Conservation Officer, but will also spend time at the main Conservation Office, Georgetown, working with other members of the Conservation Team under the supervision of the Conservation team leader. Work tasks will be carried out within the context of the Island's Biodiversity Action Plan, with a focus on the safeguarding of Ascension's native and endemic fauna and flora, and the control/ removal of alien invasive species. The successful individual will also work to install and maintain amenities in the Protected Areas to encourage their responsible use, will assist with tours and supervise volunteers as required and will assist with research, surveys and monitoring under the direction of Conservation programme leaders.

The successful applicant should:

- Have a good standard of education.
- Have an advanced qualification (e.g. GNVQ, BSc etc.) in a relevant subject (desirable).
- Have a full clean valid driver's licence. Experience of driving 4x4 vehicles (highly desirable).
- Have a chainsaw and strimmer licence (this would be a distinct advantage).
- Be computer literate.
- Have the ability to work as part of a team, and also alone and unsupervised in isolated areas of the island.
- Have experience of practical conservation practices such as invasive species management and control, and also of biological monitoring methods would be an advantage.
- Be physically fit and enjoy working outdoors in all conditions (the job is field based with most days spent walking, often over rugged terrain and carrying heavy loads).
- Have working knowledge of the flora and fauna of Ascension Island.

We are offering a two year single status contract with a salary of £7,000 per year (taxable in Ascension Island), together with the following benefits valued at up to £10,000 per year:

- Food allowance (£2,969).
- One mid-contract return air fare to the country of recruitment/residence.
- Rent free housing, with electricity and water allowances.
- Generous baggage allowances.
- Free medical and primary dental care.

For further details concerning the post, please contact the Conservation Team Leader and Nursery Officer Jolene Sim, on jolene.sim@ascension.gov.ac or by telephone on +247 66359.

To obtain an application form and information pack please contact the HR Executive Officer, Patsy Moyce by email: patsy.moyce@ascension.gov.ac. Applications should be sent to the aforementioned email address by no later than **5pm on Tuesday 10th May 2016**. Only short-listed candidates will be contacted and called for interview. Interviews will be held towards the end of May 2016.

Customer Services StoresPerson Ascension Island

Ref SS15800

Competitive Salary + Bonus + Site Allowance

Interserve Defence Ltd is recruiting a Customer Services StoresPerson to work at the Travellers Hill ration store and other locations on the Ascension Island Base.

The StoresPerson will be required to carry out the following duties:

- Daily fridge freezer checks
- Collect and deliver Airbridge rations to the Combined Mess and In-Flight Catering
- Pick orders applying stock rotation practises, best before dates, first in first out; deliver to the Combined Mess and In-Flight Catering
- Pick and issue family rations
- Responsible for the upkeep of the entire Rations Store, deep cleaning and tidying of storerooms fridges, freezers and surrounds
- Off-load stores from the MOD ship
- Will work as a customer services assistant or kitchen assistant carrying out the full range of cleaning activities during quiet periods at the ration store, (usually Wednesdays, Fridays and alternate Saturday mornings).

The person

- Will have the ability to work effectively on their own or as part of a team
- Has a "can do attitude" and will take responsibility for their own actions
- The ability to record work accurately on work sheets
- A keenness to pro-actively improve housekeeping
- Prepared to undertake training
- Driving licence, classes A & B
- Will pass Medical, Dental and Security checks.

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

To apply interested persons should submit CV to Theresa.Corker-Coleman@interserve.mod.uk or for further information contact Shane Ormshaw at chef-interserve@atlantis.co.ac tel 00247 63244.

Closing date for applications is Friday 6th May 2016.

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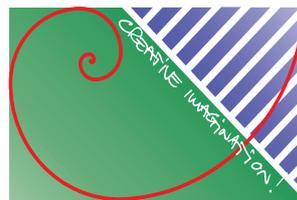
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The Public Solicitors Office urgently needs to recruit Lay Advocates

The Public Solicitor, is urgently in need of Lay Advocates to serve the people of St Helena.

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If you think you could be a Lay Advocate or would like some more information please contact the Public Solicitor, Nick Aldridge, on Telephone 23008 or email to Public Solicitor @helanta.co.sh and you will be supplied with more information.

Alternatively, please come along to the Public Solicitors office at Ladder Hill and have a friendly chat so that you can decide whether becoming a Lay Advocate is for you.

If you know of anyone else who you think could make a good Lay Advocate please encourage them to make contact!



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – MICROSOFT ACCESS DATABASE DEVELOPMENT

Connect Saint Helena Limited is seeking expressions of interest from suitably experienced persons to assist the company in the development of Microsoft Access Databases for its Projects and Administrative Offices.

All interested persons are encouraged to submit their expressions of interest, including capacity statement, in writing to the Operations Director by 09:00 on Monday the 9th May 2016.

The capacity statement should include the following information and documentation:

- Formal Qualifications and Documented Experience related to the formulation or development of MS Access Databases.

For any further details, please contact the Operations Director, namely Leon de Wet, on 22255 or email: leon.dewet@connect.co.sh.



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

PUBLIC GUARDIAN

Could you help to keep vulnerable adults and young people safe whilst helping them to live lives with choice and control?

SHG is seeking Expressions of Interest from interested persons to fill the role of Public Guardian.

The statutory role of Public Guardian grants specific powers and duties to supervise and regulate those appointed to make decisions for vulnerable adults who cannot do so themselves.

Anyone interested in this role should contact Paul Bridgewater (Adult Safeguarding) on tel: 23172 or by e-mail: manageradults.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh or Paul McGinnety (Assistant Chief Secretary) on tel: 22470 or by e-mail: paul.mcginnety@sainthelena.gov.sh for more information on the terms and reference.

SHG
25 April 2016

Ascension: Halfway to the Atlantic's largest marine reserve

By Charles Clover, Executive Director, Blue Marine Foundation, National Geographic

On the morning of Sunday 3 January 2016, the world woke to the news that the British government was proposing to create a "marine reserve nearly the size of the United Kingdom" in the tropical Atlantic around the island of Ascension. It was a moment of triumph for all those who had campaigned so hard for this outcome. The proposed designation of half the waters around Ascension Island would be the largest fully protected marine reserve in the Atlantic Ocean. Yet it is important to understand that what has happened is, for now, just a closure of some but not all of Ascension's waters to commercial fishing and that a great deal more remains to be done by both British and the US governments if the formal protection of this marine treasure is to succeed and, crucially, to be supported by the local people.



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Ascension is a Jurassic park for fish: it has the largest marlin in the Atlantic and record breaking yellowfin tuna, which attract recreational fishermen. Its beaches are pock-marked with craters left by breeding green turtles – for which it is the second most important breeding site in the Atlantic. Ascension is also one of the most important tropical seabird breeding sites in the world. Though a relatively young island, thought to be the result of a volcanic eruption only a million years ago, Ascension has its own unique species, a frigate bird and endemic fish species, such as the resplendent angel-fish. For these reasons, Ascension was described as a global "hope spot" for protection by Sylvia Earle's Mission Blue initiative and the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) which visited the island to back up the campaign for its protection in 2014. A scientific expedition to Ascension by National Geographic's Pristine Seas project is planned for next year.

How protection came about is a story of a coalition of conservation groups working in response to a threat. In 2012, the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), which had been working to protect Ascension's terrestrial environment for a decade, raised the alarm about the Ascension Island

Government's granting of commercial fishing licences to Taiwanese long-liners targeting bigeye tuna. There was no patrol boat, few observers and no monitoring of landings, by-catch or labour practices. There was worrying evidence that legal and illegal vessels were engaged in shark-finning. In a response to that concern, the Ascension government took the welcome decision at the end of 2013 to close the fishery and review its options.

Then in 2015 something happened back in Britain which set a new level of ambition for that review and for all the UK Overseas Territories, of which Ascension is one. A

group of six UK-based NGOs, the RSPB, Blue Marine Foundation, the Pew Trusts, the Zoological Society of London, the Marine Conservation Society and Greenpeace UK – with US support from Oceans 5 and National Geographic's Pristine Seas project – succeeded in persuading the Conservative party that its chief environmental commitment should be to create a "blue belt" around the overseas territories, and specifically reserves around Ascension in the Atlantic and Pitcairn in the Pacific. The crucial caveat about a reserve around Ascension was that it was "subject to the views of the local community." Rightly, the party that became the British government after the election did not want to forget people working on the island, who had strong views on protecting their marine resources, but also on economic necessity. At the height of the recent fishery, in 2011, fishing licences contributed over £1 million a year or 16 per cent of Ascension's income – an unsustainable amount, but significant nonetheless.

Members of the Ascension Island Council – an elected body which advises the Administrator appointed by the UK Foreign Office – insisted that the costs of paying for a marine reserve potentially the size of Germany should not fall on the few taxpayers of the small island. While there were many views sympathetic to a marine reserve, the islanders understandably insisted that they needed to replace lost income. As time went on and it became clear that the British government's commitment to conservation was unfunded and it was struggling to fund a reserve in even part of Ascension's waters, the locals understandably proposed reopening the fishery.

This alarmed the Great British Oceans coalition, the coalition of six NGOs that had come together to campaign for more marine reserves around the overseas territories. In July last year, the Blue Marine Foundation decided, with the coalition's support, to find a donor who could alter the equation. Blue turned to the US-based philanthropist Louis Bacon and his Bacon Foundation which undertook to fund the enforcement of a reserve that would stretch to 50 percent of Ascension's waters for 18 months if the British government would pick up the bill after that. The island would be able to sell commercial fishing licences under much tighter rules in the other half of the EEZ. There would be observer coverage to ensure, among other things, that sharks were returned alive to the water. After six months of negotiations between Blue, the Bacon Foundation and the British and Ascension Island



Ascension Island from above and below the surface
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governments, a patrol vessel was hired, half Ascension's waters were closed from Jan 1, and the fishery reopened, but only in half the area where it had existed before.

It may look as if the job is done. In fact it is only half done. The conservation community has catalysed the enforcement of a closed area 234,291 km² in size and a more responsible fishery. But it has yet to satisfy Ascension's councillors' concerns about financing. The conundrum is that the island still needs an income to support its crumbling infrastructure and the most obvious one is from selling fishing licences. Only two have been sold this year. Income is down due to the closure of the fishery which isn't coming back in its previous form. This puts both the British and US governments – whether they realize it or not – under pressure to find new sources of income for Ascension to enable local councillors to support the designation of a reserve in 50 per cent of Ascension's waters. There is no indigenous commercial fishery to placate, so it would theoretically be possible to close 100 per cent of Ascension's waters as a reserve, truly a major contribution to the whole tropical Atlantic, if the right money were found.

You would think a marine reserve would bring in income from tourism and science, and it would were it not for the unique circumstances that exist on Ascension. There is a hangover from the island's former and current military status that the British government owns all property and only short leases are given on shops and the island's only hotel, so there is no incentive to invest in upgrading the accommodation. Worse, those who live on the island, 60 per cent of whom are from St Helena 600 miles away, do not have "right of abode" so there is no reason they might want to spend their money there. Worse still, access to the island is restricted to diplomatic and military flights because an agreement between the British and US governments to allow civilian aircraft to use the Wideawake airfield – named after the colony of terns of that name that live nearby – has lapsed. The US has raised legal and security issues about re-signing the Wideawake Agreement, an agreement dating back to the Cold War which controls access to the runway. The 1200 tourists a year that do visit arrive mainly on military flights from RAF Brize Norton near Oxford, England. Among those lucrative clients who now find it difficult to visit are princelings from Arabia who used to come in their private jets to go spear-fishing. Looking at the mysterious satellite-tracking masts and the lack of gates into the airbase one can readily understand why it suits US defence chiefs to leave Ascension just as it is.

Yet I suspect this is not how others in the US government would see it, for it is also the rather admirable policy of the current US Administration to promote marine conservation. John Kerry, the US Secretary of State, takes marine conservation seriously and he has organised three "Our Ocean" conferences so far, the third and last of which is this autumn. President Obama is responsible for a vast expansion of the US protected marine estate. It is unclear whether either are aware that the US military has such a key role in enabling the marine reserves to flourish on British Overseas Territories where the US has military bases (the other is on Diego Garcia, one of the Chagos Archipelago in the Indian Ocean). On Ascension



Masked booby with chick © Simon Vacher

tion the US has a golden opportunity to help show how a globally-important marine reserve can pay for itself by allowing in a carefully monitored sprinkling of high-end tourism. Negotiations are under way to allow in one flight a month originating in Johannesburg when a new airport opens on nearby St Helena, but a more regular service opening up tourism to both these Atlantic islands and the Falklands beyond would be a more useful goal.

Undoubtedly the prime responsibility for making a success of a marine reserve around Ascension lies with the British government. The root of the problem facing the creation of a marine reserve is the UK's sclerotic inability to get round to formulating a long-term vision for the island on top of the military one it has had for just over 200 years. Will it extend leases so private companies can invest, or will it allow the island to apply for development aid, which many believe its decaying facilities now require? How can it supplement its income by taxing tourists, charging recreational fishermen for their trophies and extracting taxes from the other users of the island? One of these is the US Air Force which under an arrangement dating back to the 1950s, brings in all the provisions it needs but makes no financial contribution to the island's economy. That favourable arrangement must be in question now the island's population is no longer exclusively military and when its government provides a conservation purpose that benefits the whole Atlantic. It would be a small step, but a really significant one, for the US Administration to accept that inevitability and get some credit for doing so.

There's a lot to fix if a marine reserve around Ascension (50 miles around the island and then everything south of 8 degrees south, like the bottom half of an orange) is to succeed. The facilities on Ascension, including the runway, are gently crumbling. Within a year or two, doing nothing will longer an option. New investment and a new settlement are both needed.



VACANCY FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTOR

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ a suitably qualified Classroom Instructor to work within Prince Andrew School.

The purpose of the post is to be responsible to the Deputy Head Teacher for arranging cover for absent colleagues. Provide support to pastoral team in mentoring designated student to include the most vulnerable and challenging students personally, socially and academically.

Applicants must have GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above and at least 2 years experience as a Higher Level Teaching Assistant or Teaching Assistant.

The ideal candidate must be highly self motivated, reliable, have good interpersonal skills and have the ability to apply objective judgement when making decisions.

Salary for the post is I.1 commencing at £8,801 per annum. The successful applicant however may be required to start in the training grade.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Penny Bowers, Ag Headteacher, Prince Andrew School, on telephone number 24290 or (e-mail headteacher.pas@princeandrew.edu.sh)

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Human Resources & Administration Manager at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail leeanne.henry@education.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 6 May 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.

Mrs Shirley Wahler

Director of Education & Employment

22 April 2016



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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY

CONSERVATION WORKER —PEAKS

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate would like to recruit a Conservation Worker at the Peaks. The jobholder's role is to conserve and restore St Helena's native habitats and species, particularly but not limited to the cloud forest ecosystem in the Peaks National Park under the Peaks Conservation Program.

The successful candidate should have a clean driving licence for classes A-C and a certificate in the use of herbicides and pesticides. The candidate should also have knowledge of propagation and nursery management and knowledge of the Islands' endemics and habitats.

Salary for the post will be at Grade B1 which is £6,722 per annum

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Mike Jervois at Scotland; on telephone number 24724 or e-mail mike.jervois@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 11 May 2016.

Derek Henry

Deputy Director of Environment and Natural Resources

25 April 2016



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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCIES WITHIN THE WASTE MANAGEMENT SERVICES TEAM

The Environment and Natural Resources Directorate has vacancies for two Waste Management Services Operators, one on a permanent basis and the second on a fixed term contract until November 2017.

The successful candidate will work within a team to undertake duties such as; public and commercial refuse collection including bulky waste collection, public areas, toilets and street cleaning and provide temporary cover at Horse Point Landfill Site as required.

The successful candidates should have a valid Class C license.

The salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum with an allowance of £70.00 per month in lieu of overtime.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Mike Durnford, Environmental Risk Manager on Tel No: 24724 or e-mail: mike-durnford@enrd.gov.sh

Application forms and Job profiles are available from Essex House and should be submitted to the Human Resources Manager, ENRD, Essex House or e-mail: karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 11 May 2016.

Derek Henry

Deputy Director of Environment and Natural Resources

25 April 2016

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. Proposed 2 Bedroom Dwelling House with Garage and construction of Septic Tank and Soakaway – Near Head O’Wain Clinic on Land Parcel No. 010061 in the Thompsons Hill Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Marjorie Beatrice Harding.
2. Proposed construction of Sewerage Treatment Plant – Lower Rupert’s Valley on Land Parcel No. 75 in the Rupert’s Valley Registration Section, adjacent to Argos Building, Rupert’s.
3. Proposed Car Park – Narra Backs, Jamestown on Land Parcel No. 12, Block 8 in the Jamestown Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Ivy Glanville.
4. Proposed Ware House/Work Shop and construction of a septic tank – Longwood on Land Parcel No. 0105 in the Longwood North Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Nicholas Crowie.
5. Proposed conversion of ex-slaughter House into an 8 unit commercial and agricultural trading building. The units are envisaged to accommodate clean industries that directly or indirectly relates to agriculture – Longwood Enterprise Park on Land Parcel Nos 272 – 280 in the Longwood North Registration Section, adjacent to Longwood Avenue.
6. Proposed change of use of land and related operations (Full) to provide a Holiday Park (120 bed spaces) and ancillary accommodation, access and car parking – Bradleys Camp on Land Parcel Nos 26, 28 and 31 in the Prosperous Bay Registration Section, adjacent to Bradleys Garage.

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 Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or email Karen-Isaac@enrd.gov.sh

Martin Hannah
Head of Planning and Development Control



DATED THIS 28th DAY OF APRIL 2016

IN+VENTIVE

Part-time job vacancy

IN+VENTIVE youth group have a vacancy for a creative part-time assistant to work with young people exploring arts, crafts, music and drama.

Recent projects have included film making, nail art, radio broadcasting and salsa dance as well as more traditional flax weaving, painting, ukulele and chess games.

Experience working alongside young people and an interest in the creative or performing arts

would be welcome.



Some flexibility in working hours can be arranged and salary is paid on an hourly basis.

For further job description and an application form, please email: creativesainthelena@gmail.com or call 22791 / 23988

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**FOR MORE INFORMATION AND/OR VIEWING, PLEASE CONTACT PHILIP YON/LAURA STROUD:
TELEPHONE 22002**



FOREST SCHOOL FAMILY FUN DAY

Woodland crafts

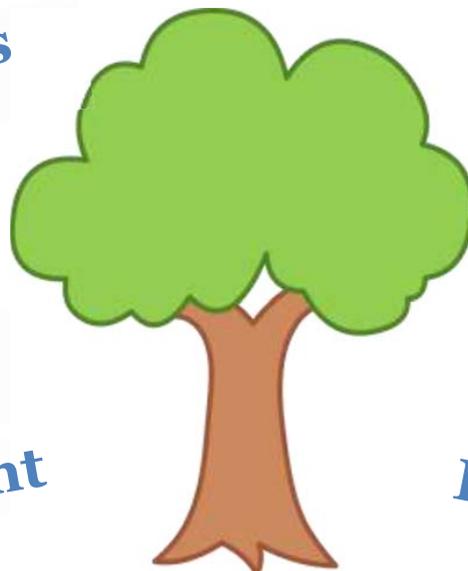
Lucky dip

Raffle

Fire pit

Scavenger hunt

Face painting



AND MORE!

Blue Hill School

Saturday 7th May

10.30am - 15.00pm

Hot food and drinks will be available

Free entrance



Bootylicious

Give Bowel Cancer the BOOT



Meet 6pm Market Square Saturday 30rd April 2016 Parade to Donny's

West End Entrance: £5 Includes refreshments, dance entertainment and access to our pamper room

SIX WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR RISK OF BOWEL CANCER

1. Eat more fresh chicken, fish and meat-free meals

People who eat a diet low in processed and red meat are less likely to develop bowel cancer. Although researchers aren't sure exactly why this is, the main culprits appear to be certain chemicals in the meat itself. While a bacon sandwich every now and then isn't going to do much harm, if you're eating a lot of processed and red meat then it's a good idea to try to cut down. Try swapping it for fresh chicken and fish, bulking out meals with beans and vegetables to use smaller portions of meat, or choosing meat-free meals like vegetable lasagnes, curries and pasta bakes. If you need ideas, Change4life has a great range of healthier recipes. www.nhs.uk/change4life

2. Keep a healthy weight

Keeping a healthy weight not only cuts your risk of bowel cancer, but could also reduce your risk of nine other types of cancer too. Researchers think this is because excess fat in our bodies can change our hormone levels and produce chemical messengers, which in turn can increase cancer risk.

3. Eat more fibre

Eating a diet high in fibre helps reduce the risk of bowel cancer in a number of ways. And one of the main ones seems to be by helping food pass through your body more quickly. Fruit, vegetables, beans and lentils are all great sources of fibre, as well as

whole grain varieties of bread, pasta and cereals. Meals don't need to get fancy to get in more fibre. Think beans on wholemeal toast, brown pasta rather than white, and beans and peas in casseroles.

4. Drink less alcohol

We're not saying you have to go tee-total, but it's important to know the less you drink the lower your risk (it's not just heavy drinking that's linked to cancer). So if you are going to drink alcohol, stick to the guidelines – that's a maximum of 14 units of alcohol a week, spread evenly over at least three days. Drink free days are a good way to cut down on the total amount of alcohol you drink. Also try choosing smaller servings, drinks with lower ABVs – or cutting down on the alcohol in your drink by making it a shandy or wine spritzer.

5. Be smoke free

Smoking doesn't just cause lung cancer. It causes at least 13 other types of cancer (including bowel) as well as heart disease and various lung diseases. Chemicals in cigarette smoke enter the bloodstream and can affect the entire body – and it's these that have been shown to damage our DNA and lead to cancer.

If you smoke and you want to quit, you're much more likely to quit successfully if you get professional support rather than going it alone. Speak to your nurse, doctor or pharmacist for advice and support.

6. Be active

Keeping active has a wide range of benefits for the body, including reducing the risk of bowel cancer. This is through helping food move through the bowel more quickly, as well as controlling inflammation.

It can be easier than you think to be more active, even if you don't do much at the moment. Aim to do at least two and a half hours of moderate activity (e.g. brisk walking) a week – it may sound like a lot but you don't need to do it all in one go – that's just over 20 minutes each day. Build up how active you are over time. The more active you are, the greater the benefits you can gain – but remember it's never too late to start.

if you notice something unusual, talk to your doctor. Get to know what's normal for you, and tell your doctor if you see blood in your poo, or about any change to your bowel habit – such as looser poo, pooing more often, and/or constipation – pain or a lump in your tummy, or losing weight without any reason. All of these are likely to be caused by something much less serious than bowel cancer, but it's best to get them or any other unusual changes checked out.

Article extracted from http://scienceblog.cancerresearchuk.org/2016/04/05/six-ways-to-reduce-your-risk-of-bowel-cancer/?utm_campaign=bl_aprilnews_070416_ccmpe&utm_source=ccmp&utm_medium=email&id=35792&mid=84300541



SHCA Knock Out Cup Preliminary Round

Sunday saw the start of the Cricket Knock Out Cup Competition. This is played as a 25 over match.

In the first match Sandy Bay Pirates incredibly chase down 217 runs to defeat Jamestown Barracudas in a captivating match.

Barracudas batted first and scored an above par 217 in their 25 overs losing just 5 wickets. Andrew Yon topped scored with 71; Jason George made 42, David George 29 and Damien O'Bey 23

Cheddy Lawrence took 2 wickets for 63 runs from 5 overs; Darren Isaac 1/37 from 5 overs, Ryan Belgrove 1/50 from 5 overs and Rhys Francis 1/31 from 5 overs

In reply the Pirates chase down the score with 4 balls to spare losing 5 wickets. Barry Stroud topped scored with 72; Ian Williams 67 not out and Matthew Benjamin 24

Andrew Yon took 1 wicket for 25 runs from 5 overs; Jason George 1/25 from 5 overs, Damien O'Bey 1/37 from 4 overs and Gavin George 1/42 from 4 overs

Ian Williams picked up 3 performance points; Barry Stroud 2 and Andrew Yon 1

In the second game HTH Dolphins won the toss and put St Matthew's Lions in to bat. Lions posted a score of 281 for the loss of 5 wickets in their 25 overs. Scott Crowie topped scored with 55; Nick Stevens 42, Michael Bedwell 40, Alex Langham 39; Simon Scipio and Kalen Crowie both made unbeaten scores of 23.

Jia Peters took 3 wickets for 60 runs from 5 overs and Ma-Kyle Fuller 2/51 from 4 overs

In reply the Dolphins were bowled out for 85 in 12.2 overs. David Young topped scored with 17, Ma- Kyle Fuller and Ruan Dippenaar both made 10.

Alex Langham took 3 wickets for 30 runs from 2 overs; Sean Lee Thomas 2/7 from 2 overs, Ross Leo 2/7 from 1.2 overs and Scott Henry 1/15 from 2 overs

Scott Crowie picked up 3 performance points; Alex Langham 2 and Nick Stevens 1

Fixtures: SHCA Knock Out Cup Quarter Finals

Saturday 30th April Organisers: Jamestown Barracudas

9.30am: Western A Mustangs v Levelwood Rebels

1.30pm: St Paul's B v Jamestown Zodiacs

Sunday 1st May Organisers: HTH Dolphins

9.30am: Levelwood Allstars v Western B Warriors

1.30pm: St Matthew's Lions v Sandy Bay Pirates



ST. HELENA



GOLF CLUB

Golf Report Weekending 24th April 2016

Only one competition was played over the weekend that was on Sunday 24th April which the monthly medal sponsored by Basil Read. We had twenty four players take part in reasonably good weather conditions although there were a few showers of rain at the beginning of the game.

The conditions on the Course are slowly improving following the election of Nicky Stevens earlier this month as Course Manager. Two players managed to keep their score in the sixties and back in the headlines is Brian (Billy J) Fowler on par round of 68 to take the runner up spot but one shot better was Gerald (Whistler) George) on 67 one under par to take the Tankard well done to both players. Gerald has a handicap of 13 and Brian 15.

There were no 2 ball recorded so each player had their ball back, three players namely Cecil Thomas, Jeffrey (Foxy) Stevens and Henzil Beard had their handicaps adjusted upwards 21, 7 and 27 respectively.

Competitions for next weekend on Saturday 30th April will be an 18 hole Stableford and on Sunday 1st May will be Solomon's challenge cup this is an 18 hole stroke play. Please sign list on club noticeboard.

Have a good week stay safe and keep swinging!

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TIP OF THE WEEK...

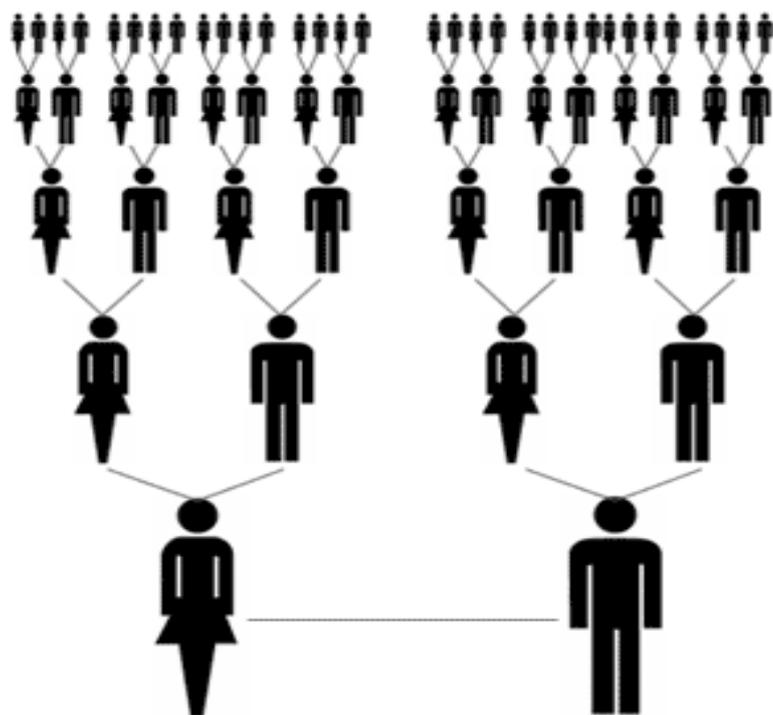
Unplug any
electrical device
that is not being
used.
Many appliances,
especially
computers and
televisions draw
power even when





EVERY MONTH IS **SEXUAL HEALTH** MONTH

This week we are thinking about sexual health and the growing problem that there is on the Island with sexually transmitted Infections (STIs) & diseases (STDs). These are often easily treatable, but left untreated they can lead to infertility and life long Complications, with infections such as HIV. The message from the Health Directorate is simple:



We are going to make getting tested easier by coming to you. There will be drop-in sessions around the Island offering **free screening and treatment**

You can also contact the Community Health Team on 23563 or visit the lab to arrange screening at your convenience.

Condoms



The only form of birth control that can help protect you from STDs.

When you have sex with someone, you are having sex
With everyone they have had sex with, and with
Everyone they have had sex with, and with
Everyone they have had sex with, and with
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One partner can expose you to many diseases. You are at risk of getting all of the STDs that your partner's past and present partners have had. If you have an infection we will ask you who you have had sex with. This information will be used anonymously. By tracing and treating partners we can help limit the spread of these infections in the future.



For further information contact the Health Promotion team on Tel. 22500 or e-mail Marian Kanes - Health Promotion Trainer hp.trainer@publichealth.gov.sh or Marian Yon - Health Promotion Coordinator marian.yon@publichealth.gov.sh.



For Sale

1.6 Vauxhall Astra
 License & insured until
 November
 In good condition
 Interested persons contact
 Tara Caswell on 23723/
 Danni-L on 23589

5KM Walk/Run Challenge - In Aid of New Horizons 26th April

1	WOOLLACOTT	John	24:33
2	MARAIS	Chanelle	29:02
3	BARGO	Chris	29:27
4	BERBOTTO	Angelo	35:30



3 1/2KM Walk/Run Challenge - In Aid of New Horizons

1	DURKIN	Sam	23:41
2	SCOTT	Louise	24:00
3	BARGO	Natasha	24:34
4	DURKIN	Matt	26:09
5	BENNETT	Taylor	27:29
6	GILES	Leslie	27:41
7	JOHNSON	Tina	27:41
8	GONSLAVES	Frankie	27:43
9	THOMAS	Sunna	30:33
10	RICHARDS	Grace	30:41
11	O'BEY	Susan	31:01
12	DURKIN	Jamie	33:59
13	KALWATT	Szymon (and Jess)	35:08
14	BARGO	Kenon	DNF

Tuesday saw the first of 5 walk to be done in the Rosemary Plain area. If you are interested in taking part in either the 5KM or 3 1/2K walk, then just turn up on Tuesday at 4:45pm; the walk will start at 5pm. 50p per person, all proceeds to New Horizons.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON – 2016

Skittles resumed at the Centre after the Easter break of two weeks.

LEAGUE RESULTS:-

18th. April

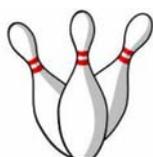
Crusaders - 524	Beat	Guys & Dolls - 472
Natasia Thomas - 54	WH Score	Patricia Essex - 57
Robert Bedwell - 74	MH Score	Charlie Young - 58
Brian Thomas - 16	MH Spare	Charlie Young - 13
Robert Bedwell - 16		

20th. April

Alcometers - 490	Beat	Rug Ratz - 449
Clarissa Osborne - 73	WH Score	Skye Balwin - 56
Dwayne Osborne - 72	MH Score	Julian Henry - 55
Adrian Phillips - 72		
Clarissa Osborne - 15	WH Spare	
Dwayne Osborne - 16	MH Spare	

Fixtures –

Mon. 2nd. May - Rug Ratz v Guys & Dolls
 Wed. 4th. May - Parttimers v Crusaders



INVITATION TO TENDER - St Helena Airport Landside Restaurant Concession

SHG have released the above ITT in readiness for the new airport opening.

Interested parties should contact Noleen Herne, Corporate Procurement Assistant, at the Corporate Procurement Office for a copy of the ITT documentation and instructions on E-mail noleen.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh or Telephone 22470.

The deadline for submission of Tenders is the 13 May 2016 by 12.00 noon.



QUARTERLY STATISTICAL NEWS BULLETIN



April 2016

The Quarterly Statistical News Bulletin for April 2016, covers the period January to March 2016 and contains updates for the annual rate of Inflation of the Retail Price Index, high level economic updates, estimated population, arrivals and departures and an update from the 2016 Census. The bulletin is available on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics

Annual inflation of the St Helena Retail Price Index (RPI) stood at 0.7 per cent in Quarter 1 2016 - unchanged from the previous quarter. The major upwards pressures come from increases in Fuel and Food costs. Upwards pressures are partially mitigated by a number of price decreases, mainly as a result of an increasingly favourable exchange rate between the St Helena Pound and the South African Rand.

In the first calendar quarter of 2016, the number of people on-Island averaged 4,694 and the average St Helenian population was 4,220. Compared to the same period in 2015 this represents a 0.4 per cent (19 person) decrease in total population and a 2.2 per cent (91 person) increase in St Helenian population. With 40 births and 58 deaths in the year to date, net migration continues to be the largest driver of population change for the St Helenian resident population.

In the first half of financial year 2015/16, a 17 per cent increase in passenger arrivals to St Helena is noted. This is primarily an increase in short term visitors - tourists and those visiting the Island for business purposes.

The Statistics Office would like to thank the public for their participation in the 2016 Population & Housing Census on Sunday, 7 February. Collation and analysis continue with the first formal release of an official update scheduled for June 2016. Due to the high level of interest in updates on the St Helenian resident population, some preliminary results have been included in this statistical news bulletin. These are provisional figures which are expected to change following thorough checks and quality assurance of data.

This Statistical News Bulletin, along with other statistical reports, is available on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/statistics

If you have requested a copy of this bulletin via email and have not yet received it, please contact the Statistics Office on 22138, or e-mail statistics@sainthelena.gov.sh

SHG, 26 April 2015

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking expressions of interest for an outstanding individual to temporarily work on an alternative education programme with students experiencing difficulties.

The candidate must have adequate training, professional teaching experience within Special Educational Needs, knowledge of safeguarding procedures and experience of reintegration of students into education. Candidates must be computer literate, an excellent communicator and be patient, engaging, inspiring, creative, consistent, and calm when under pressure.

We require someone who enjoys the immensely rewarding work of inspiring students who are emotionally and/or socially challenged and who has the ability to establish positive learning experiences through intuitive and creative learning.

Salary payable is Grade TA2, commencing £7,394 per annum but is dependent upon qualifications and/or experience.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Lolly Young on telephone number 22607 or e-mail lolly.young@education.gov.sh

Expressions of interest detailing experience and relevant qualifications should be submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Director at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail director@education.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Thursday, 12 May 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.

Mrs. Shirley Wahler
Director of Education & Employment
28 April 2016



BANK HOLIDAY IN LIEU OF ST HELENA'S DAY

SHG can confirm that, as previously announced on 12 April 2016, the **Bank Holiday in Lieu of St Helena's Day will remain as Friday 20 May 2016.**

New Horizons has today confirmed that the **St Helena's Day celebrations will continue to take place on the same day, Friday 20 May 2016 - as previously announced.**

SHG
27 April 2016



THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 1 MAY 2016 @ 11H00 FOR
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE.

Transport is available from
Longwood, Jamestown, HTH

CONTACT 23905

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Barry Thomas at St James' Park



Barry Thomas at St James Park Newcastle on April 16th 2016 when The Magpies beat Swansea 3-0



Barry Thomas with celebrity John Beresford former Newcastle player, who was most famous for his Newcastle United spell between 1992 and 1998



Pictures from the RMS



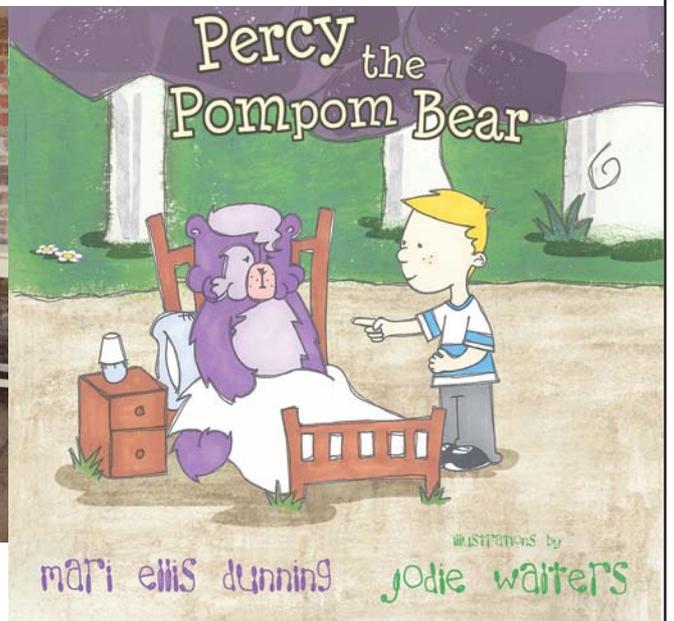
With 100 days to go to the end of the final voyage, the Royal Mail Ship St Helena was still making History, because on departure from St Helena on 7th April, the Hotel/ Pursers department was staffed for the first time by 5 female officers, lead by the Hotel Services Director Jackie Leo. The team is seen here being congratulated by TV and Antiques Road show personality Tim Wonnacott.



PERCY IS A POMPOM BEAR – A SMALL FLUFFY CREATURE WHO LIVES DEEP IN THE WOODS! MEET PERCY IN THIS CHILDREN'S BOOK



The book is written by Marie Ellis Dunning and illustrated by Jodie Walters (Daughter yo Cherry and Gary Walters). Well done.



Thanks for a Party Fit for a Queen

On behalf of Girlguiding St Helena in connection with Corporate Services, SHG, we would like to say a huge thank-you to all our Girlguiding Units - Senior Section, Girl Guides, Brownies and Rainbows, Trefoil Guild Members, Guide Council and the rest of the GG Association, School children representatives with their respective Heads, and, of course, the general public for turning out in great numbers to last evening's celebrations at the Mule Yard. We were overwhelmed by the support of everyone and hope that they enjoyed the event and were proud of the girls' efforts. Your presence certainly created a lovely atmosphere of celebration. Thankyou.

The GG Association certainly enjoyed organising the evening and congratulate the girls on their tremendous efforts in presenting their items of dedication to Our Queen on her 90th birthday. They did extremely well in such a short space of time; the presentation was unrehearsed, but it certainly was 'alright on the night!' Well done again, Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and all Leaders.

Our thanks also go to the Orchestra for their excellent musical rendition and uplift throughout the programme and to Mr Johnnie Dillon for use of the venue and the great effort put into making the area an appropriate site for the occasion. To everyone else who had an input into the success of the evening, we extend our grateful thanks.

The lighting of the Beacon would have happened in coordination with beacons being lit in places around the world, especially in Great Britain. We are sure that the messages conveyed in the shared event here on St Helena, mingled with similar sentiments expressed in other places, made for a grand birthday celebration for Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth.

Finally, we express a huge thankyou to SAINTFM for its tremendous efforts to promote and cover this special occasion for us. Thankyou very much indeed.

Betty Joshua
PRO for GG



Annual General Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the AGM of the Palm Villa Singers will take place on Wednesday 11th May at 7.00pm in the St John's Schoolroom. Anyone interested in the musical heritage of the Island is encouraged to attend.

NEW CHIEF INSPECTOR FOR ST HELENA POLICE

The St Helena Police Service will soon be welcoming a new Chief Inspector - Steve Riley - who succeeds the previous Chief Inspector, Merlin George, who has now retired from the service.



Chief Inspector Steve Riley is currently a serving officer with Leicestershire Police in the UK and arrives on St Helena with his family on Friday 20 May 2016 on a two year contract.

On his appointment, Chief Inspector Riley said:

"I am really looking forward to living and working on St Helena. While I bring certain skills and experience from the UK which I hope to pass onto my colleagues in the St Helena Police Service, I also hope and expect to learn from officers whilst I am on St Helena, in what is a unique policing environment."

Chief of Police Trevor Botting added:

"Chief Inspector Riley is an experienced police officer and brings a broad policing background to his role on St Helena. He will be responsible for Operations, for which he is very well qualified, and along with his responsibilities for Neighbourhood Policing, Chief Inspector Riley will also be leading on the succession and development plans to prepare local officers and staff for leadership roles within the Police Service."

Steve Riley grew up in Derbyshire and joined Leicestershire Police in 1998. His first posting was as a uniform response officer at Loughborough for three years. He then moved to the city of Leicester and was promoted to Sergeant in 2003. In 2004 he moved headquarters and for four years was in charge of public order training and involved in a number of specialist public order operations.

A short spell as a Neighbourhood Policing Sergeant back in the city followed, before he was promoted to Inspector. His first role was as an Operational Command Inspector and in 2010 he moved to East Leicester Local Policing Unit as the Neighbourhood Inspector. For three years he managed crime performance for the area as well as developing Neighbourhood Policing.

In September 2013, Steve Riley was promoted to Chief Inspector and his current role is as a Public order and Tactical Firearms Commander, whilst also being responsible for the Force's uniform response teams.

Away from work, Steve Riley enjoys fitness and sports, especially football and rugby, and has practiced martial arts since the age of 13. He arrives on St Helena with his wife Joanna and two daughters and a son.

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26 April 2016

Second resident Dentist FOR Health Directorate

Dentist Peter Schoeman arrived on St Helena on 30 March 2016. Dentist Schoeman, who is here on a two year contract, joins Dentist Wayne Badier and the existing dental team and has been treating patients at the Dental Clinic since the beginning of April.

This is the first time St Helena has had two full-time resident dentists.

Dentist Schoeman commented:

"I was born and raised in South Africa and I hope that being from a diverse and dynamic country has equipped me well enough to assist and partake in the exciting challenges that await St Helena and her people.

"Although my part may be small in the bigger picture of health care development on St Helena, I want to embrace this opportunity to make a difference as best I can."

Peter qualified as a dentist in 2006, at the University of the Western Cape and has both Private Practice and Community experience. In 2009 he completed a Post Graduate Diploma in Forensic Dentistry and is a certified Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) provider.

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22 April 2016



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The St Helena League of Friends

will be holding its

AGM

on

Wednesday 4 May 2016

at

The Baptist Schoolroom, Jamestown

at

4.15pm

All are welcome



Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 2.30pm to 10.00pm mix tunes from the bar.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar, 8.00pm till late Mix Sounds by DJ Phillip Leo

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm mix Tunes from the Bar.



MOONSHINES BAR THIS WEEKEND

Friday 29th April open from 8pm

Saturday 30th April Wayne Crowie will entertain you with his great dance tunes from 8.30pm till late

Sunday 1st May open 3pm with mix tunes from the bar



Art & Crafts
Uniquely Saint

Notice is hereby given that the **AGM of the St Helena Art & Crafts**

Association will take place in the Museum of St Helena on Wednesday 4th May at 7.30pm.

Guest Speaker Aine O'Keeffe.

"Taking Flight" – a group art exhibition will open in the Museum on 20 May- entry forms are in the A&C and Museum. Contact Aine O'Keeffe or Cathy Hopkins to find out more about this exciting opportunity to showcase St Helena's arts and crafts.

Friday 29th April

Why not start your weekend by heading out to **Sandy Bay Community Centre**

where there will be a family night out. starting @8pm

Live music by Ceddie and the Boy Bar and Hot snacks will be available Tickets for multi raffle will be on sale and drawn on the night

Entrance fee £1 for adults and children under 16 free

so for a swing out night head out to Sandy Bay.

Sunday 1st May

Sandy Bay Community Centre

will open from 3pm

for a chill out afternoon Alex Vanguard will entertain you from 4pm-8pm

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Jamestown Community Centre will hold their Annual General Meeting, at the Centre, on Monday, 9th. May, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Residents of Jamestown are urged to attend to ensure that a Committee can be elected.

Agenda:

- To open the meeting and receive the Chairperson's report.
- To read the minutes of the last Annual General meeting.
- Matters arising
- To receive the audited Accounts.
- To dissolved the Committee.
- To elect Chairperson, Treasurer, Secretary and members for the committee.
- Any other business.

NOTE: The skittles fixture scheduled for that evening between Rug Ratz and Hangovers will be re arranged.