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Community Pulls Together to Widen Dungeon Junction

"I decided to make it a community involvement project," Deon said. "We phoned around, sent a few emails to some of the bigger contractors and material suppliers and a few guys responded. The biggest contributors were obviously the Thorpes, who gave us the land, and then Johnny Isaac. He gave us an excavator free of charge with an operator he hired in specifically for the job."

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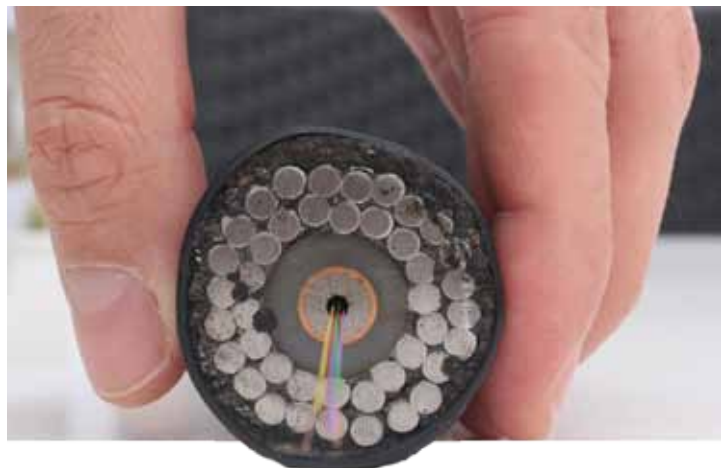
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ST HELENA NEWS

Library Reopens

— Andrew Turner, SAMS —

After the completion of an extensive renovation, the Public Library held its reopening ceremony Wednesday, Nov. 22.

Councillors, officials, Schoolchildren and members of the public gathered outside to witness the reopening.

The ceremony began with speeches from Education Director Shirley Wahler, Chair of the Education Committee Councillor Christine Scipio-O'Dean and Public Librarian Jill Young, who talked about the recent growth in the services the Library offers.

"The Library has grown over the years, not only with a stock of 15,000 books but also audio books, DVDs, a photocopying service and a wide selection of magazines," Jill said. "We currently host holiday activities, World Book Day, Reading Awareness Day, but we also go out into the community visiting the Community Care Complex and the Holiday Crèche Clubs."

Governor Lisa Phillips then proceeded to cut the ribbon and declare the newly renovated Library

open.

After the ribbon-cutting, people flocked into the library to see the new look. People were also able to sign up for library memberships.

A cake was cut to mark the occasion outside in Castle Gardens, with children from all four schools rushing to get a piece.

The Library was originally intended to open Oct. 11, but because of a delay in receiving furniture and new equipment from overseas, the date had to be pushed back.

The Library has been closed since July 2017.

This is the first time the Library has been refurbished in over 10 years; it is known to be the oldest Library in the southern hemisphere.

The Library was renovated due to the poor conditions, and has been given a more modern look as well as an electronic tracking system.

"Today is another part of history as we not only renovated and re-designed the building, but also added a computerised library system," Jill said. "There are still some improvements to finalise, but I hope what you see today will benefit our community into the future."



New Airport Contracts Manager

— Andrew Turner, SAMS —



St Helena's new Airport Contracts Manager, Alan Shaw, has taken up his position in the Airport Directorate.

Alan has taken over from Edward Jerrard, who left in October 2016.

"There are basically four streams to this work," Alan said. "The first is, as you would imagine, administering the operations phase of the airport. Phase 1 was the build of it, which I was involved in on Basil Read's side and Phase 2 is the operation of it, which is now up and running and has been from April 2016. [Part of] Phase 2 is making sure that Basil Read performs to the contract."

With 52 years of experience in Airport Operations, Airport Management and Business Management, Alan has worked across the globe in the aviation industry.

His career history includes airport management roles in the UK, working for the UK Aviation Safety Regulator and 23 years as an Air Traffic Controller. In 2011 Alan also began his own aviation consultancy business.

Alan has been working as Basil Read's Regulatory Consultant since 2015 and assisted with gaining Air Safety Support International (ASSI) approval for the airport.

Alan said he is keen to see further contracts at the airport and expand the number of arriving flights.

"It doesn't matter if you are the Isle of Barra or Heathrow, the regulations are exactly the same," Alan said. "The difference here at the moment is that we only get one scheduled service a week. That means maintaining a full operational capability for that one service."

Dental Clinic Improvements

Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS

Refurbishments started in the dental clinics of Public Health in September 2016. Despite a few delays, work was completed in June 2017 with pleasing overall results.

A removed wall in reception has created an open-plan, brighter and more welcoming environment. A special floor covering, going up the base of the walls, creates a hygienic feel throughout the building.

Part of the aim of the refurbishments was to keep up with changing UK standards in dentistry; new equipment has improved sterilisation and the decontamination processes; a washer-disinfector streamlines instrument care, and a vacuum autoclave vacuums air out, sterilising more efficiently.

HTN0105 is an infections control policy in the UK that differentiates between standard practice, best practice and outstanding practice. Charmaine Buckley, a dental clinic staff member of 18 years, said that "With the new facilities we probably are at best practice."

The island's dental clinicians un-

dergo continuous training to keep abreast of HTN0105 guidelines.

The clinics employ two full-time dentists, one part-time dental hygienist, three qualified dental nurses, one laboratory technician and one clinical assistant. There are now three fully-equipped surgeries that will enable wait time for appointments to be cut from six-eight weeks to two weeks.

A new digital radiography machine is awaiting a specialist to install it. Currently, manual x-rays with chemicals are used, but the surgeries have radiography that is capable of digital imaging. The new machine will enable this improvement.

Charmaine has seen a variety of improvements at the clinics, especially in the last four years.

But still, clinicians are faced with a few years of backlogged laboratory work. With only one full-time dental technician, the workload in this area is insurmountable. A bid has been made for a TC dental technician to help reduce this over six months. Senior dentist Wayne Baddier said the plan eventually is to have two full-time laboratory technicians.



And Charmaine will soon be leaving the dental clinic as well, for a 27-month course that commences on January 2, 2018. Charmaine will study Dental Therapy & Hygiene in the UK at Greater Manchester School for Dental Care Professions.

When the course is completed, Charmaine will undertake the Royal College of Surgeons of England examination. Once fully qualified, she will then take up the resident Dental Hygienist & Therapist post on-island. She will be able to perform a wide range of duties including fillings, extractions on children and other preventative treatment such as scaling and polishing. A full article on Charmaine will appear in The Sentinel within the next month.

First Flight to Ascension

Emma Weaver, SAMS

photo by Ascension Island Government



On Saturday, Nov. 18 the SA Airlink E190, which Saints are just getting used to seeing descending from the clouds each Saturday, took off in a new direction.

The E190 made its first two-hour monthly air service to Ascension Island Saturday, and returned to St Helena Sunday on its way back to South Africa.

The air link with neighboring Ascension Island has been highly anticipated; only smaller planes can currently land on Ascension's runway, and so commercial activity had come to a stand-still at Ascension's airport. Additionally, as the RMS gets decommissioned this February, the introduction of a new link between the sister islands is crucial both for families and employers/employees.

While the 'high' flight prices are still putting some islanders off the journey, others are beginning to shed worries and exchange them for excitement.

"There was a quite a turn out up on Command Hill that day, everybody seemed quite pleased," said Ascension Island resident Tristan Hudson. "It actually is great to have a quick connection, give me two hours over two days any day."

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A Running Start

Emma Weaver, SAMS

St Helena's annual Festival of Running got off on the right foot Sunday, Nov. 19 with Marathon, Half Marathon, 10km and 3km Fun Run events.

The 42km Marathon took runners through Sandy Bay Ridge, Halley's Mount, Green Hill and Levelwood; The 21km Half Marathon took runners through White Gate, Sandy Bay Ridge, Gordon's Post and New Ground; The 10km Fun Run took runners through White Gate, Red Hill and Rosemary Plain and the 3km Fun Run took them through White Gate, Red Hill and Scott's Mill.

For both the Half Marathon and the 10km Fun Run, Jean-Paul Van Belle has held the record times (1hr, 40mins, 5secs and 42mins, 22secs) since 2001.

Martin Collins has the Marathon record as of 2016 (3hrs, 44mins, 5secs) and Rocky Stroud has held the 3km Fun Run record since 2007 (18mins, 19secs).

The Jacob's Ladder Challenge took place at 4:30pm Wednesday, Nov. 22.

20 people total participated in the male, female, girl and boy categories. Jack McShane won the male category with a time of 6mins, 30secs. Sharon Leask won the female category at 9mins, 44:69secs. Chloe Yon won the

girls category at 10mins 27:91secs. Kenon Bargo won the boys category at 9mins, 07:62secs.

Participants in the Festival are sponsored, and all money raised goes toward the National Amateur Sports Association of St Helena (NASAS). Competitors must raise a minimum of £5 for the entire event (though they do not have to participate in all events).

Money from the triathlon event will go toward the New Horizons Youth Centre, and sponsorship for that event alone is £5.

The Festival of Running will last until the Closing Ceremony Nov. 26, and details of the remaining runs can be found on page 36.

The first events of the Festival of Running kicked off Sunday, Nov. 19. Photo by St Helena Tourism.



Wednesday's first competitor, Jack McShane, won the St Helena Day 2017 Ladder Challenge with a time of 5 mins, 47 secs, and won Wednesday's run with a time of 6mins, 30secs. Photo by Andrew Turner.



Prince Andrew School student Chloe Yon taking her turn to race up the infamous 699-step Ladder. Chloe won the girls category with a time of 10mins, 27:91secs. Photo by Andrew Turner.



The first events of the Festival of Running kicked off Sunday, Nov. 19. Photo by St Helena Tourism.

St Helena Political Forum Facebook Page Closes

— Jeremy Johns & Emma Weaver, SAMS

After the 2017 elections, the 12 newly elected councillors created a Facebook page named the 'St Helena Political Forum.'

The page was to be a social media platform for communicating with constituents and others, and went along with the pronounced increased governmental transparency goals of the new council and Governor Lisa Phillips.

Since the page was created in July, it was used for councillor campaigns, public information about political events and developments, and the occasional political cartoon. A couple of the councillors posted to the page relatively frequently, but the page never saw an enormous amount of activity.

And so on Nov. 13 the page 'administrators' posted that due to low activity with the page, it was closing immediately. The post read as follows:

"It's been several months on since



The "occasional political cartoon" posted on St Helena Political Forum. The joke is along the same lines as the fact that although the page was promised as part of a transparency effort, it's now shutting down (to restart, potentially, after the next election) because that fell through. Cartoon from the Facebook page, via John Turner.

this page was started and the general elections took place. It was initially created to give Councillors the forum where they could interact with their constituents and other readers in line with their pre election campaign promises that they would have far greater communication links with constituents and interact with them via social media and other means. It seems that these promises have been forgotten and apart from 2 or 3 of them, they post very little which

leave little room for the expansion and use of this page.

With this in mind, Admin will be closing this page with immediate effect.

Thanks to all who played a part and those who have asked to keep it up and running.

Unfortunately communication works both ways and unless there is something posted, the page become inactive.... See you all in 4 years when we have more promises to consider!"



The St Helena Heritage Society welcomes you to the Museum on

Tuesday 28th November at 6.30pm, where

Donal McCracken

Will give a talk about the

St Helena Botanic Gardens: The lost jewel in the South Atlantic

Dating back to 1787, the St Helena Botanic Gardens were the earliest botanical gardens in the southern hemisphere part of the then East India Company and later the British Empire. In its heyday, the gardens were one of the world's most active botanic gardens outside Europe.

It was a resting station for plants being transported across the globe. It was also used as an agricultural research station in the painful quest to find a crop species to assist the island's struggling economy.

The great botanists of the age came to visit, including Burchell, Darwin and Hooker. It served as the base for the scientific discovery of the island's indigenous endemic flora. But the gardens declined and was eventually destroyed.

Donal is the senior professor of History at the University of KwaZulu-Natal in Durban and founding chair of the Durban Botanic Gardens Trust. He is a botanical historian with four books to his name on botanic gardens history. He is currently writing the history of the St Helena Botanic Gardens

Entrance is Free. Donations are welcome.

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Proposed New Build Prison

Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS

The Prison in Jamestown was built in 1826. The most recent assessments made in 2013 and 2015 by both the Prison Advisor for Overseas Territories and the Southern Oceans Prison Advisor, respectively, have described the Prison Building as being “totally unsatisfactory in physical terms and unfit for purpose.”

The public consultation meeting at Harford Community Centre Nov. 15, to gauge people’s feelings about the proposed two sites in Bottom Woods for a new build prison, attracted an attendance of approximately 32. These included the Chief of Police and Elected Members of Executive Council.

Councillor Derek Thomas chaired the meeting. Chief Engineer David Goodrick, Prison Manager Lesley Giles and Capital Programme Manager Alfreda Yon comprised the rest of the panel.

Her Majesty’s Prison is a special responsibility of the Governor, who is keen for government to progress a new one with high priority.

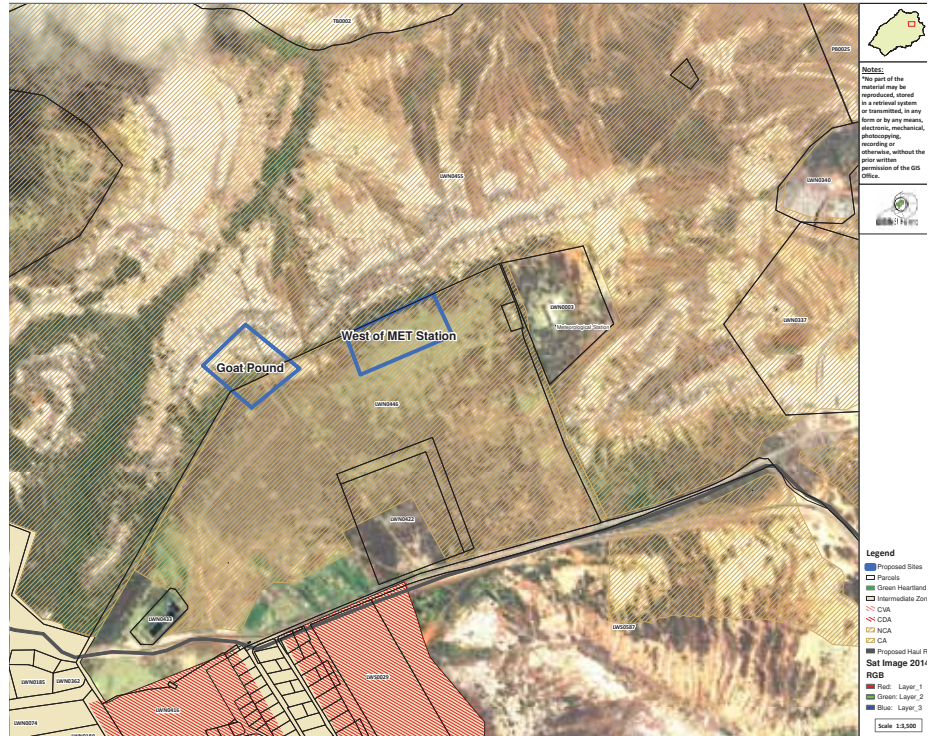
Three sites in Bottom Woods were identified. An initial environmental assessment deemed one to be unviable because it is within the Millennium Forest Nature Reserve. The others are in National Conservation Areas (NCA).

The sites present different challenges. In his PowerPoint presentation, Mr Goodrick said 10 environmental considerations and 10 physical considerations were taken into account for each site.

Mr Goodrick noted Site 2 is an important Wirebird area, “but no Wirebirds are there now.” This statement was disputed.

The new prison will accommodate up to 40 people in 26 cells. Broken down, that is 20 cells for males and 6 for females and juveniles. The new prison will also accommodate Category ‘A’ Prisoners, who currently get imprisoned in the UK. Councillor Thomas informed those at the consultation meeting that 16 years ago, the cost per Category ‘A’ Prisoner was £80k per year, with family visits (a fundamental human right) costing extra.

Buildings and land for the new



prison will initially require up to 15,000sq. ft, and could later expand to 20,000 as it has to conform to Her Majesty’s Probation Prison Service standards. There will also be a prison farm.

The Prison Building was described as “totally unsatisfactory in physical terms and unfit for purpose” – 2013/2015 assessments

could have been better-planned, and it drew heavy criticism. No site location map, no printed handouts and no Initial Environmental Assessment were presented; even though the ExCo Open Agenda public document, dated Sept. 20, 2017, stated these “would be completed by September 29th (pending feedback from National Trust) for the findings to be made available for the public consultation period.”

Funding for the build prison could be secured from the DfID Capital Programme. DfID has apparently committed £35m over a 5-year period for the programme, and Councillor Thomas said that due diligence needs to be shown when applying. Presumably, this due diligence should include giving the public important

information during consultation.

The exact cost of a new prison will not be known until the design is drawn up; but for comparison, it was noted that 15 years ago building a new prison at White Hill would have cost £3.5m.

There was opposition to a prison in Bottom Woods NCAs, because of Wirebirds. Although no-one said there shouldn’t be a prison in Longwood, one person did ask, “Why Longwood?”

Looking at alternatives, there is real difficulty finding suitable land when 95% of the island is designated as NCAs. Some thought White Hill would be the best alternative to seek funding for.

The Prison Board is comprised of Councillor Derek Thomas as Political Representative, the Governor as Chair, Chief of Police, Chief Engineer, Financial Secretary, Chief Secretary,

Capital Programme Manager, DfID Representative and advice is given by the FCO Prison Advisor. This Board will decide the next steps. A former councillor advised that when final decisions are made, the Board should be mindful of past mistakes made (citing as examples Rupert’s Wharf and Airport projects).

Fibre-Optic Cable Consultants Visit

— Andrew Turner, SAMS —

Saturday saw the arrival of three people who are here to facilitate the project that will see St Helena connected to the outside world via a Fibre-Optic cable, which is being laid between America and South Africa. The group included Dr Rosalind Thomas (Managing Director of South Atlantic Express), Tony Fisk (Commercial Director & Head of Practice at Pelagian and SHG's adviser) and Christian von der Ropp (from A Human Right).

Access to a submarine cable could have massive benefits for the island. These include better access to educational and medical knowledge from overseas, but also better opportunities for employment, including internet-based businesses such as data storage facilities. Tourism would also be improved; by allowing tourists greater connectivity, they can better promote the island with their posts.

SAEx, the company placing the cable, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with SHG Oct. 27. The agreement covers the laying of the cable to St Helena and a 25-year secure right of use.

A reception was held at Plantation House on Saturday night to welcome the team.

"This has been a long haul," said SAEx CEO Dr Rosalind Thomas at the reception. "I have been working with representatives of St Helena since 2012 and please bear in mind that these projects take a long time to get to where they are. It has been six years in the making. We are very pleased and honoured that we were chosen, we know there were other cables that made offers to St Helena but we felt that we were the best and the fastest and would give you the best service possible."

While Dr Thomas travelled here representing SAEx, the two others in the group are independent consultants. Tony Fisk explained at a press conference Sunday that he will be overseeing the technical side of the project, ensuring that SAEx brings the connection to St Helena in the agreed fashion.

Tony will be based overseas, but will fly out to the island as needed in order to perform his role in the project. His basis overseas will be useful in allowing him easy access to the overseas companies that will be involved in brining the cable to St



Helena.

Surveys will begin in early 2018 in order to map out the seabed and choose the ideal route for the cable.

"You can probably expect to see a ship in the first half of 2018," Tony said. "That information is then used to complete the design of the cable so that it has the right amount of protection and armour applied in the right places."

Tony said the cable will then take between 9 and 12 months to build, and will then be spooled onto ships that will lay the cable slightly under the seabed. This is predicted to happen in late 2019 with the cable landing in St Helena soon after. After tests, the cable is likely to be operational by early 2020.

Christian von der Ropp, from the organisation A Human Right, is the other visiting independent consultant. Christian has volunteered much of his free time to ensure St Helena gets better connectivity.

A Human Right is an international NGO that focuses on bringing internet to developing countries, to ensure that all people have access to information and other resources online.

Christian has been involved in the cable project since November 2011 and has made major campaigns in the UK parliament in order to secure the deal for the cable.

Christian's involvement began when, having realised the airport was coming and seeing several cable projects beginning in the South Atlantic, he decided to get involved and lobby parliament to get St Helena connected to a submarine cable.

"I thought in the light of this massive investment in the Airport, if there were any considerations to ending St Helena's digital isolation by bringing broadband through a submarine cable," Christian said. "Out of curiosity I sent emails to SHG and to the South African entity behind the cable project and I also proposed the connection to the FCO."



Christian von der Ropp

Christian works in his day job for Ecosystem Director Europe at Megaport in Germany. In his spare time he volunteers at A Human Right, a group that dedicates itself to promoting connectivity to remote locations and developing countries across the globe.

Christian launched the campaign "Connect St Helena" to link St Helena to a planned major submarine communications cable (South Atlantic Express). He has lobbied with British Members of Parliament and ministries for financial support, attracted international media coverage and assisted St Helena Government in developing a sound business case for cable landing.



Tony Fisk

Tony is the Commercial Director & Head of Practice at Pelagian Ltd. in Swindon. He specialises in submarine cable system installation, route engineering, hydrographic survey, marine survey and installation permits.

Pelagian is a Consultancy and Marine Management company specialising in subsea cables, supporting the Renewable Energy and Telecoms sectors. Pelagian provides consultancy services including cable route engineering, export and array cable planning, expert personnel provision and end-to-end marine and management solutions for the subsea cable, offshore renewable energy, oil/gas and dredging sectors.

ST HELENA NEWS

From the Falklands

News straight from the Falklands, courtesy of Penguin News

Met Office Talks Rotor Winds

St Helena isn't the only Atlantic island to struggle with flight delays caused by winds. The Falkland Islands' *Penguin News* has been working with the Mount Pleasant Met Office to study rotor wind patterns.

Currently, the Mount Pleasant Met Office is finding a higher proportion of rotor winds than is average for the season.

This means the Falkland Islands' airport has to shut, and flights in and out are delayed.

"Rotor winds are a well-known aviation hazard and were first documented in the 1930s by glider pilots. It is the turbulence associated with them that is the main issue for aviation, if severe it can cause temporary loss of control of an aircraft, which during take-off or landing could be catastrophic and at worst lead to loss of life.

The Met Office uses different criteria to predict rotor winds and uses those criteria and physical observations as a means of forecast verification. The analysis shows that approximately 70% of occasions when rotors have been forecast, there has been evidence of their existence."

New Government Elected

Members of the new Falkland Islands Government, who were elected Nov. 9, are now in the midst of a two-week induction period. The eight members of the Legislative Assembly began the induction period by familiarising themselves with the workings of the Government, the civil service and the Legislative Assembly's procedures and duties.

On Tuesday, they will begin three days of CPA UK training.

"The trainers comprise Jamie Greene MSP (Scottish Parliament) Deputy Dawn Tindall (States of Guernsey), James Dent (States of Alderney) and Judith Boyce (Clerk of the Women & Equalities Select Committee, House of Commons)."

Additionally, during the first meeting of the new Legislative Assembly, Members elected the Speaker of the House and his/her Deputy. Former Speaker Keith Biles was chosen to resume his duties, while former Clerk Claudette Prior was chosen to be his Deputy.

The three Executive Council members were then chosen; MLA Teslyn Barkman was elected for the Camp Constituency, MLA Roger Spink for Stanley and MLA Leona Roberts for both Stanley and Camp.

Something Fishy

— Emma Weaver, SAMS —

The island's only cold store was forced to close due to major issues with its freezers two weeks ago, putting a near lockdown on fresh and frozen fish for the island.

Luckily, the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) reopened the Cold Store Nov. 6.

But on Nov. 13, it was reported that the temperature controls on the Cold Store's refrigerated container had been tampered with, potentially losing them yet more stock.

"In the container that was tampered with, we have approximately 12 tons of fish that was ready and waiting for the RMS to return to be exported," said Elizabeth Clingham, SHFC General Manager. "As a result of the incident we are still very concerned if this fish will be ok. To that end, the fish will need to be tested – we are working with the Environmental Health (Component Authority) to ensure that every measure is taken to ensure the integrity and quality of our product for our buyers."

Since Nov. 16, the St Helena Police Service has been appealing to the public for any information regarding the incident.

"Between the afternoon of Sunday, 12 November, and the morning of Monday, 13 November 2017, the temperature control of a refrigerated unit at the Fish Plant in Rupert's was altered," said Detective Inspector David Honan in a Nov. 16 press release. "This alteration led to an increase in the temperature inside the unit, the result being that the contents can now not be exported. This is a significant economic loss for both the St Helena Fisheries Corporation and the Island as a whole. Fellow Islanders livelihoods have been put at risk by the actions of those responsible. If you have any knowledge of who was responsible for this act, then please come forward to the Police and your information will be treated with the strictest confidence."

Anyone with any information is encouraged to contact Police on telephone 22626, or to email the Criminal Investigations Department via: cid@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Anyone found trespassing on the SHFC's property, or tampering with their equipment, may face prosecution.



The Bark Europa left the Falkland Islands Saturday, Nov. 18. The ship has been there for a few weeks before departing for its next destination. The Falkland Islands Government posted this photo of the Europa on its Facebook page after she left.

Sentencing in high-profile case Bail denied, then granted by Chief Justice

— Andrew Turner, SAMS —

Visiting Magistrate Ms Martine Kushner, Senior Magistrate of Falkland Islands, reached out to the media in the interest of the public for attendance at a court case Friday, Nov. 17.

Ms Kushner is currently on-island, standing in for the Chief Magistrate Nicholas Aldridge and dealing with cases which he is unable to deal with.

At 10am Nov. 17, Ms Kushner heard the case of the Crown v John Reid and Anita Reid.

Below are the details of Friday's sentencing, and background details of the case.

The Sentencing

John and Anita Reid were sentenced on Friday morning, Nov. 17 in a case of child neglect in the St Helena Magistrates Court.

The case concerned an incident that occurred in 2008 where the couple failed to seek medical care, within an appropriate time frame, for a child within their care.

Both were sentenced to an immediate six-month custodial sentence.

This case was heard by Ms Martine Kushner, Senior Magistrate of Falkland Islands. Ms Kushner is currently filling in for Chief Magistrate Nicholas Aldrich.

Ms Kushner began her sentencing by criticising the "poor" note taking by the medical services at the time, and continued to say that both care from social services and police inquiries in 2008 were also poor. She recommended that all agencies looked at their protocols and their actions to ensure that vulnerable children do not continue to be neglected.

Although the agencies at the time had given this poor service, Ms Kushner said that primary responsibility for the child still lay in the hands of Mr and Mrs Reid.

Guilty pleas were entered by Mr and Mrs Reid but were not entered at the earliest opportunity, and the pre-sentence report showed a "lack of understanding about the seriousness of this incident."

"This is a serious offence against a child who was at their most

vulnerable," Ms Kushner said before handing down her sentence.

The Defence Council has now entered intent to appeal the case.

Ms Kushner refused bail on Nov. 17, pending the appeal to the Supreme Court. However, the Defendants renewed their application to the Supreme Court for bail, pending appeal. That application was heard by the Chief Justice on Saturday, Nov. 18 and he admitted them to bail, pending their appeal.

The Background

This case focused on one specific incident of neglect that occurred in 2008, but the seriousness of the incident was increased because of two other incidents where the child had been seriously injured.

The main incident of neglect involved the young child that Mr and Mrs Reid had been caring for while the mother of the child was working overseas. The charge focused on an incident where the child had suffered a perforated bowel.

In a young child, this injury is potentially life-threatening and is noticeable with symptoms such as severe abdominal pain and tenderness, swelling of the abdomen, fever and nausea or vomiting: Death can occur within 36 to 48 hours after perforation.

According to the prosecution, Mr and Mrs Reid were aware there was an issue following the child falling on the Friday but failed to seek medical attention until the following Sunday.

In the courtroom Nov. 17 it was stated that the child had also received other serious injuries on two previous occasions under Mr and Mrs Reid's care. In one case, the child had fractured her arm; and an x-ray of the area revealed a previous fracture for which medical attention had not been sought. Although Mr and Mrs Reid were not charged with causing these injuries, it provided the backdrop to the offence and should have prompted them to be vigilant in their supervision of a young child.

This has been a high profile case as the incident appeared in both the Lucy Faithful report and as a redacted chapter in the Wass Report.

Minimum Income Standard Increased

— Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS —

A 5.7 percent increase in St Helena's Minimum Income Standard (MIS) was approved at the Nov. 17 Open Executive Council meeting.

This means that from Dec. 1, 2017 the basic level of Income Related Benefits (IRB) for a single person will increase from £61.60 per week to £65.10, and the maximum amount of Basic Island Pension (BIP) will increase from £63.70 to £67.30.

Currently 122 households receive IRB and 698 people are in receipt of BIP. To implement the uplift for the 820 households for the last four months of financial year 2017/18 (December to March), the estimated cost is approximately £50,000, which can be accommodated within the overall Pensions and Benefits budget.

The MIS Policy is the mechanism by which the rates of IRB and BIP are determined. The basket of goods agreed in 2013, when a wide cross-section of Islanders met to discuss what they believed the minimum requirements for a reasonable standard of living in St Helena, is analysed annually. ExCo agreed that a half-yearly review of the MIS now be carried out in addition to the annual review.

Statistician Neil Fantom was at the ExCo meeting to explain the methodology behind the data.

The annual rate of food price increases remains high, at 9.7 percent, in the third quarter of 2017. Therefore, the 2013 basket may now hold little relevance. People's habits have also changed since 2013, and certain services were not factored in (including medical).

While all recipients of IRB and BIP receive free prescriptions (IRB also receive free medical services), those on BIP still have to pay for medical charges. It was said that some BIP individuals are denying themselves medical examinations. ExCo members would now like to see the policy reviewed. There is a proposal for a contributory health pension scheme, but if implemented this is still some 12-18 months away.

Members also entered into discussion around Brexit and its impact on food prices. It was also pointed out that when the RMS St Helena goes off-line, freight on the MV Helena will not be subsidised, therefore causing merchants to pass on their increased costs (including for food) to the consumer.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

2018 Commonwealth Games - Welcoming Saint Helena to the Sunshine Coast

From the Sunshine Coast Council
Nov. 21, 2017

Athletes from remote Saint Helena will join the growing contingent of Commonwealth Games athletes training on the Sunshine Coast next year in their quest for gold.

A British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic, approximately 3300km from South Africa, St Helena has a population of just 4500 and will be contesting its sixth Commonwealth Games after making its debut in the Brisbane 1982 Games.

Its athletes will join Team Scotland, Team Wales, Team Isle of Man and Team Niue and a number of athletes from sporting teams, including Australia's Olympic champion women's sevens rugby squad, who will be staying on the Sunshine Coast. Saint Helena's 2018 Games team and family and friends will benefit from a much faster trip to Australia than their 1982 predecessors had to undertake.

They will be able to fly directly from the island's newly christened airport.

In previous years, the journey from Saint Helena started with a ship voyage to either Cape Town (taking five days) or Ascension Island (taking three days).

Tourism, Sport and Major Events Portfolio Councillor Jason O'Pray said planning was underway for a range of activities to leverage the teams' visits to the Sunshine Coast.

"Sunshine Coast Council and key stakeholders will be embracing the opportunities that the Commonwealth Games will bring to our region," Cr O'Pray said.

"As a community we will also warmly welcome the visiting athletes, the training staff and their supporters and ensure their stay is productive and fondly remembered."

Chef de Mission for Team Saint Helena Nick Stevens said he was immediately attracted to the Sunshine Coast for its first-class facilities and beautiful surrounds.

"Most importantly we feel our team



will be comfortable in this region and we wish for our team and their families to feel relaxed and welcomed when they are not training," Mr Stevens said.

Saint Helena athletes will train at a range of locally facilities, including the Sunshine Coast Grammar aquatic facilities.

Sunshine Coast Grammar principal Maria Woods said her school looked forward to welcoming the Saint Helena swimmers, who will train at their newly opened world class swimming facilities.

"Our school is greatly looking forward to welcoming Saint Helena and showcasing our new swimming facilities," she said.

"It will also be a great opportunity for our community to engage and experience all of the excitement of the upcoming Commonwealth Games.

"Many of our school community would not know about Saint Helena and we're certainly looking forward to learning more about this country and their people."

Around 500 athletes, training staff and supporters will stay on the Sunshine Coast in preparation for the Commonwealth Games, generating a stay of more than 7000 room nights with an estimated contribution of up to \$1.5 million to the local economy.

Full details of community engagement opportunities will be released in the New Year.

Fast Facts about Saint Helena

Saint Helena is a volcanic tropical island in the South Atlantic Ocean, 4000km east of Rio de Janeiro and 1950km west of the Cunene River, which marks the border between Namibia and Angola in south-western Africa.

It is part of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. Saint Helena measures about 16 by 8 kilometres and has a population of 4534 (2016 census).

It is one of the most remote islands in the world, and was uninhabited when discovered by the Portuguese in 1502.

Saint Helena has a small population, mainly descended from people from Europe (mostly planters, government employees and ex-soldiers serving in the local Saint Helena Regiment), Chinese (itinerant workers from about 1810) and slaves (mostly from Madagascar and Asia, only a few coming from Africa from 1840 onward).

Saint Helenians, also known as "Saints", are known for their friendliness – everyone waves and greets each other, even to passing cars.

Interstellar object confirmed to be from another solar system

Astronomers are now certain that the mysterious object detected hurtling past our sun last month is indeed from another solar system. They have named it 1I/2017 U1 ('Oumuamua) and believe it could be one of 10,000 others lurking undetected in our cosmic neighbourhood.

The certainty of its extraterrestrial origin comes from an analysis that shows its orbit is almost impossible to achieve from within our solar system.

Its name comes from a Hawaiian term for messenger or scout. Indeed, it is the first space rock to have been identified as forming around another star. Since asteroids coalesce during the process of planet formation, this object can tell us something about the formation of planets around its unknown parent star.

The latest analyses with ground-based telescopes show that 'Oumuamua is quite similar to some comets and asteroids in our own solar system. This is important because it suggests that planetary compositions like ours could be typical across the galaxy.

Mysterious object seen speeding past sun could be 'visitor from another star system'



From The Guardian
Nov. 20, 2017
Photo by Getty Images

It is thought to be an extremely dark object, absorbing 96% of the light that falls on its surface, and it is red. This colour is the hallmark of organic (carbon-based) molecules. Organic molecules are the building blocks of the biological molecules that allow life to function.

It is widely thought that the delivery of organic molecules to the early Earth by the collision of comets and asteroids made life here possible. 'Oumuamua shows that the same could be possible in other solar systems.

Its characteristics have been published by two independent groups of astronomers. The first group, led by Karen Meech, University of Hawaii, also found that 'Oumuamua was extremely elongated and roughly 400 metres long. Using the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope (VLT) they also found that it rotated once every 7.3 hours.

The other group of astronomers, led by David Jewitt, University of California Los Angeles, estimated how many other interstellar visitors like it there might be in our solar system. Surprisingly, they calculate that

another 10,000 could be closer to the Sun than the eighth planet, Neptune, which lies 30 times further from the Sun than the Earth. Yet these are currently undetected.

Each of these interstellar interlopers would be just passing through. They are travelling too fast to be captured by the gravity of the Sun. Yet it still takes them about a decade to cross our solar system and disappear back into interstellar space.

If this estimate is correct, then roughly 1,000 enter and another 1,000 leave every year – which means that roughly three arrive and three leave every day.

Using robotic telescopes such as Pan-STARRS, the one that detected 'Oumuamua, to look for asteroids is a priority for astronomers as they concentrate on discovering potentially hazardous objects that could impact Earth.

Imminent upgrades to these survey telescopes and improvements in data processing techniques mean that astronomers will soon be able to detect smaller and fainter objects. They expect a number of these to be interstellar interlopers like 'Oumuamua.

Charles Manson, cult leader and convicted murderer, dies aged 83

From The Guardian
Nov. 20, 2017

Charles Manson, the pseudo-satanic sociopath behind a string of killings that shocked California out of its late 1960s cultural reverie, died on Sunday after almost a half century in prison.

The 83-year-old, who died of natural causes, had been serving multiple life sentences in state prison in Corcoran, California, for orchestrating the violence in 1969 that claimed the lives of Sharon Tate, the heavily pregnant wife of film director Roman Polanski, and six others.

While his death prompted the in-

evitable and renewed questioning around why his grim notoriety had been so enduring, Michele Hanisee, president of the Association of Deputy District Attorneys for Los Angeles County, said: "Today, Manson's victims are the ones who should be remembered and mourned on the occasion of his death."

She went on to quote the late Vincent Bugliosi, the prosecutor who put Manson behind bars, who had said: "Manson was an evil, sophisticated conman with twisted and warped moral values."

As the leader of a cult known as the Manson Family, Manson had instructed his followers, made up mostly of disaffected young women,

to carry out the killings. The brutality of the murders set Los Angeles on edge, and ended the sunny optimism of the 60s counterculture and its aspirations to a new society built on peace and love. Manson presented himself as a demonic force: at trial, he carved a Nazi swastika into his forehead.

The five received the death penalty but were spared when capital punishment was temporarily abolished following a ruling by the supreme court in 1972.

Manson and three female followers, Susan Atkins, Patricia Krenwinkel and Leslie Van Houten, were convicted of murder and conspiracy to murder[...]

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The Local Buzz



“Plant a Flowering Tree for the Honey Bee.” Honey is one of Nature’s Super Foods.

— Tony Leo, Secretary to the SHBKA, Contributed —

Episode 8

Hello again and before I start for real, I must apologise for leaving out the constant temperature of a bee hive. There was a blank space in last week’s edition and that should have read between 30 and 35 Celsius. The Bees have air conditioning like us humans who can afford the running cost. For the bees it is a necessity; the hive cannot survive without the correct temperature.

Have you noticed that the warmer weather has brought out some flowers and the bees are very active? As you walk the roads and go about your daily chores in your own property, take note where the sound of bees is coming from. The best time is just after daylight. Hearing the bees and seeing them on some trees will give you an idea what flowers they like, see them up close and observe if they are pollen carriers or nectar. They might have full sacks of pollen, might be going straight to their hive, so observe which direction they are heading. You might be lucky to find their hive and it could be your first wild or feral swarm. If you just happen to stumble across a feral swarm, keep at a distance and get out of the way of their flight path. If you can see the bees flying very close to your head or they bounce off your clothing, then you know the hive is near and you are in their way. Just like an aircraft that has to land they need a clear vision for landing.

If you see a swarm in a tree or an old tree stump or in any other object, mark the spot and take note of the surroundings. Remember bees are dangerous and you should never trust bees as they will sting and can kill. If you are already a bee keeper then you might know exactly what to do in order to capture that swarm, but on the other hand you might not be interested at all in bees or keeping a hive so call someone and tell them about what you have discovered, the area and describe where the bees are. That way the person collecting the swarm will know what equipment to take with them. Collecting a swarm can be very difficult or impossible and sometimes it may be very easy.



Let’s deal with a swarm in a tree. If that is the case, then you might want to visit first to ascertain if you need a ladder, a saw or some other tool. A beekeeper will have his veil and a zipped bee suit, boots that his coveralls can be tucked in, and it is best to have the second person at hand. First, light up the smoker. The best fuel to use is perforated cardboard, sometimes used in the packing of delicate objects, the next best thing is hessian or the most common in use is dry aloe pulp (aloe guts), but be very careful with lighters and matches in a forest. Once you have some smoke coming from the smoker, go to the side of where the swarm is coming from and puff some smoke at the entrance. This will calm the bees and make them docile but don’t over smoke. In other words, smoke a few puffs and then wait to observe what the bees are doing. You will notice that they will start pouring out and gather in a clump near their home or tree stump. I have to mention that if they are high in a tree the capture will be more difficult or impossible, so let us concentrate with a swarm on ground level. Keep a constant watch on the entrance of the hive and see if there are any other outlets or just the one. If there are several, then block them up with some rag stuffed in the crevasse. Concentrate on the

main entrance and make sure all the bees coming out look the same. If you happen to see a long bee, slightly brown in colour and trying to take cover, then get your queen catcher or a match box handy. Either use the queen catcher or pick up the queen very delicately and place her in the match box and leave a slight opening. She will send out a high pitched squeal that the bees can hear and they will come to her rescue. Your hive should be ready, so take out a few slides and place the matchbox with the queen inside the hive. Put the lid on the hive and the bees will use the correct entrance to the hive and move in with the queen. The most fascinating thing I have ever seen is the bee march. This is done with a perfectly white table cloth or a pillow case placed in front of the hive where the bees are, and have your hive about a metre from the tree so that the white cloth will meet the entrance to their new home. When the queen is calling, the bees will all walk from the tree and walk across the white cloth to the entrance of the new home. It is a wonderful experience to witness and this is called the bee march. They will all leave the old tree trunk and move to their new home. I think I will have to leave it there, but will conclude this subject next week so make sure you read next week’s episode.

One Very Special Environment

Jonathan Hall, Head of UK Overseas Territories, RSPB, Contributed

St Helena is one super special island. Not just for its friendly and welcoming people and amazing historical heritage, but also for its unique environment. It is therefore always an absolute pleasure to visit. I am extremely fortunate that last week was in fact my third visit to the island since 2012, with my purpose being to catch up with all the great environmental work underway on island and assess if there are any areas where the RSPB, Europe's largest nature conservation charity, can help further.

Why St Helena? Well the Overseas Territories are one of two international priority areas for the RSPB due to the overwhelming value of their wildlife. St Helena for instance has more than five times as many endemic species as the UK, and far more than any other Territory. We work to save all nature, recognising that you can't only save birds in isolation from the rest of the environment on which they depend, and St Helena thus stands out for being of special environmental importance. We have been supporting nature conservation work on St Helena for over a decade, primarily through our excellent local partner, the St Helena National Trust.

Whilst the gap between this visit and my previous one in early 2014, was longer than I would have liked, it did have one silver lining in that the changes and progress in conservation work have been even clearer to see. Our work in St Helena began with the wirebird, and it was wonderful to go on a tour with Denny Leo from the Trust and see how well this charming species is responding to the Trust's targeted feral cat control and rodent baiting work. It is a serious success story that the wirebird is no longer rated as Critically Endangered, but with a small and vulnerable population, it was concerning to learn that at least 12 individuals have so far been killed on the airport road. And these are just the ones we know about. Wirebird warning signs are in place, so hopefully care and speed reduction measures can be taken to reduce wirebird fatalities there, particularly on the key straight stretch of road above the central



Jonathan Hall. Photo provided.

basin, and safeguard this fragile species.

Other major changes to my unfamiliar eyes was all the wonderful progress in the Peaks National Park by SHG to save some of the Critically Endangered cloud forest trees from following the St Helena Olive Tree into extinction. The plantings and work carried out by the Trust and SHG at High Peak, the magnificent new fence around the vital remnants of gumwood forest of Peakdale, the extensive plantings of endemic trees at the nursery in Scotland (which could really be considered the botanic gardens of St Helena), and developments at the Millennium Forest were also all great to see. Saints should be particularly proud of the far-sighted work at the latter I think, as no other Territory has such a large-scale restoration project underway, nor one in which such a large proportion of the community have been personally involved by planting a tree.

With so many key natural sites, conservationists on island have done excellent work to identify and demarcate the most important ones as National Conservation Areas (NCAs). It is vital that the final regulatory step in protecting these sites- the passage of plans which outline which developments are appropriate on them- is now advanced so that they can be effectively safeguarded for future generations to enjoy their riches. The other key threat to these sites, such as invasive plant species in the Peaks, will also need to be maintained as a constant priority if

these natural jewels of St Helena are to be preserved for Saints and tourists alike. Thankfully the excellent SHG biosecurity team, who kindly gave me a demonstration of their impressive work when the RMS arrived, are striving as hard as possible, despite limited powers, to prevent new invasive species arriving.

I would like to finish however by focussing on one area where St Helena has become a real world-leader since my last visit, and that is in helping to protect our planet's oceans. The Marine Protected Area that has been designated is one of the largest in the world, and the vision of advancing just 'one-by-one' local Saint fishing is so impressive. What better than to build on the traditional sustainable fishing practices that Saints have practiced for generations and ensure that the benefits of fishing are captured by local families? The alternative of foreign vessels coming in to do industrial-scale long-lining, taking the benefits with them off-island and potentially wrecking vulnerable stocks, which are restricted to small areas around the island and the seamounts, would have been deeply unattractive (and likely incompatible with the MPA). One of the stand-out highlights of my week on-island was an opportunity to join one of the commercial fishing boats to see traditional Saint fishing in action, catching baitfish in the dark and admiring the impressive pole and line work once on the tuna. The RSPB applauds St Helena's one-by-one vision and will certainly be making the case back in the UK for further UK Government support for these sustainable local fishing practices as required. This is something I think that St Helena can proudly shout about from the rooftops.

A very big thank you to everyone on-island who so generously hosted me, showed me their work and talked through the various environmental challenges they face. It was extremely valuable, very impressive and much appreciated. We look forward to continuing our work with the Trust and everyone on-island to support your very special environment.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Wartime Rescuer Reunion: City of Cairo memories

Ferdie Gunnell, SAMS

The article "Goodnight, Sorry for Sinking You" in the Nov. 9 *Sentinel* awakened memories of the 1942 *City of Cairo* disaster.

George Bennett, who was 10 and living at the Life Insurance building between the Consulate Hotel and Solomon's at the time, said his mother took in one lady survivor.

A *Brixham News* article dated Aug. 3, 2005 tells of an unbelievable encounter that allowed a British woman (that lady survivor) to say a long-delayed "thank you" to South Atlantic Islanders who cared for her and her torpedoed shipmates.

Sheila Graham was only 8 years old when she came ashore at St Helena in 1942 after surviving 13 days in an open lifeboat. Watching her step ashore was 13-year-old Reuben March, whose father was a lookout.

By an amazing series of coincidences, the two came face-to-face at Galmpton Gooseberry Pie Fair in early August 2005, for what one onlooker (Philip Pascoe) described as "quite an emotional meeting."

"It was a lovely surprise," Mrs Sheila Graham – now of Chestnut Drive, Brixham (near Torbay) – told *Brixham News*. "I was working down at the village hall with the art group when my husband came running down and said there was someone Philip Pascoe wanted me to meet."

Retired Superintendent Philip Pascoe was the catalyst in bringing Sheila and Reuben together, after John Graham had spotted Reuben cutting up gooseberry pie.

"This is Reuben," Philip said. "He is from St Helena, and Reuben said he remembered the boats bringing the survivors in."

Reuben later told *Brixham News*, "[That encounter] was very emotional.

I had never met anyone who was in that disaster and I was the first person she had met from St Helena. It was unbelievable, really."

Mrs Sheila Graham had been on the *SS City of Cairo*, travelling from Cape

Town to South America with her mother, on a route that was meant to take them away from U-boats. But a U-boat under command of Captain Karl-Friedrich Merten attacked the ship on November 6, 1942.

"We had Guy Fawkes Day one day late," Mrs Graham said.

After sinking the *Cairo*, the U-boat Captain had surfaced and asked if there were any prisoners of war on board. He was told no, but there were women and children.

"He said he was sorry; he was a gentleman," Mrs Graham said.

A book has since been written about the incident titled *Goodnight, Sorry for Sinking You*.

The lifeboats had a choice of making for Walvis Bay or St Helena, and Mrs

Graham and more than 60 others made for St Helena.

"I was 8 years old, I don't remember a tremendous amount about it," she said. "I gather I slept for much of the time. We didn't have much food or water and everything was rationed, but children don't remember the seriousness of the thing. It's a nature's way, you block things out."

Eventually their boat was picked up by *Clan Alpine*, which was looking for survivors.

"Those still alive were taken to hospital," said Mrs Graham. "The Islanders were poor. They never had a lot, but they rummaged through their cupboards to find clothes for us, because we only had what we stood in. They shared what they had with

us and my mother said we never had a chance to say thank you."

After a three-month stay on the island Sheila, her mother and other survivors departed on *TSS Nestor* and arrived safely in Liverpool on April 5, 1943.

"We came back through a cordon of snapping U-boats, which knew full

Cairo comes back up

In 2015, the *SS City of Cairo* made international news again:

"A British-led team has broken the world underwater salvage record after recovering almost 50 million dollars (£34 million) worth of silver coins from the wreck of a British steamship 17,000 feet under the sea, it emerged on Tuesday.

[...] a team led by Briton John Kingsford, a search and salvage veteran, managed to track down the elusive cargo using a powerful survey and salvage vessel equipped with sonar and robotics.

Miraculously, the team, which included 20 French oceanographers, finally pinpointed the stricken craft "broken in two and buried deep in the sea floor silt" at a depth of 5,150 metres (17,000 feet).

Recovery at this depth is a "world record", DOS said. By comparison, the *Titanic* rests at a depth of 3,800m, or 12,500 feet[...]"

- *The Telegraph*, April 14, 2015

well refugees were trying to escape," Mrs Graham said. "That bit is very clear and very frightening. It's all a bit of a dream now. Sometimes I

"[That encounter] was very emotional. I had never met anyone who was in that disaster and I was the first person she had met from St Helena. It was unbelievable, really."

- Reuben March

put myself in my mother's shoes. It must have been dreadful for her."

Reuben March told *Brixham News* he had come to England more than 50 years ago. He lived in London before moving to Brixham. When Reuben March moved to Brixham in 2001, he lived at Orchard Close (which the Graham's could see from their windows). Reuben then moved to the still-close Galmpton Glade.

Though Reuben's memory of Sheila and the other survivors stepping ashore had faded, he said the late-in-life meeting was incredible.

"I had forgotten all about it until I met Mrs Graham and she brought it up," he said. "I was 13 at the time, and I can remember them all coming ashore in the clothes they stood up in. A lot of them were dead, some were dying. They all went to the hospital. The survivors lived at Longwood House where Napoleon, exiled to the island, died."

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A Bitter Draught:

Q&A with author
Colin Fox

Emma Weaver, SAMS

Copies of a new book about St Helena's slave history arrived on-island Saturday and are now for sale at the Museum in Jamestown.

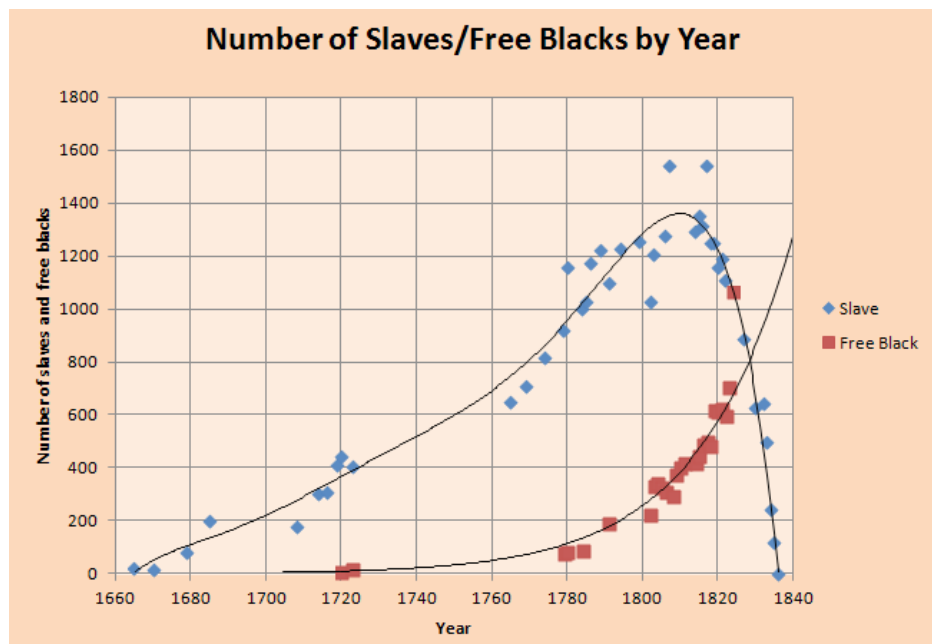
Written by Colin Fox and published by the Friends of St Helena, the book discusses the abolition of slavery on St Helena. The Sentinel held a Q&A with Colin about this new book, "A Bitter Draught: St Helena and the Abolition of Slavery 1792-1840."

How did you first become interested in St Helena and its slave history?

My forbear James Bennett (my maternal grandmother's ggrandfather) came to the island in about 1788 as a private soldier in the garrison. He left as a sergeant in 1801 after his wife died and returned to England where he remarried. In 1814 he returned to the island as a Lieutenant and purchased Chubb Spring. He later became a Captain and bought the Maldivia estate. I researched his story with much help from Trevor Hearl and later published a book called The Bennett Letters – two copies went to the library on the island. My researches for this book revealed that JB owned slaves and searches in the British Library revealed a valuation list of 881 slaves which included JB's slaves. After the book was published it seemed to me that this list should be made more easily available to others with a slave history so I transcribed it for the Friends and a copy went to the museum. The list is also available in one of the appendices to the book. For purchasers, it is also available as an Excel download from <http://main.sthelena.uk.net/index.php> using a code given in the book.

How and when did you become a member of the Friends of St Helena, and how has the membership aided this book?

I became a member in about 2006 (I can't remember exactly when). I have had a lot of help and support from members in particular Ian Bruce, and Edward Baldwin and of course Dan Yon. The committee have also been most supportive and funded the printing of the book. I am hoping it will make some profit as this will all go to the Friends.



How did you go about research for this book?

There are very few secondary sources that cover the end of slavery on the island. It is mentioned briefly but to get to the full story it was necessary to go to the prime source. *The East India Company St Helena Consultations*. It was a long winded process and included countless visits to the British Library and working through the hand written records of the Company. These are inches thick and very few have indexes so it is a slow process. And when you find references to slaves then these sections have to be transcribed. I did this at the library to begin with and later used voice recognition software and photography. Some of the later (post 1836) records are kept at the National Archives at Kew. My wife and I also visited the island in Dec. 2011 and I was able to look at some of the records on the island. I wish I had had longer as although some records are duplicated in London, some are not. The judicial records in London only go up to 1801 and these are very important as they record verbatim accounts of trials where slave voices are heard. During the trials a lot of information comes out on slave living conditions and white/slave relationships. If anyone wants to expand on my book I am sure this would prove a wonderful source of study. Perhaps a fascinating project for senior school pupils. Further background research on slavery was done either from books I purchased

and some in the Bodleian Library in Oxford.

When were slaves first brought to the island, and where did they come from?

The slaves arrived at the same time as the settlers in 1659 and at that time from Cape Verde islands. The slaves came initially from West Africa, later from Madagascar, Mozambique and also from India and SE Asia. A few came from the West Indies.

How rapidly did slave numbers build up, and what were the demographics like?

Slave numbers rose as the white population rose. See attached table. The records are not always clear as sometimes Company slaves were included and sometimes not. Also I believe that occasionally free blacks were included in the numbers which may account for a few outliers in the data.

How were the slaves treated?

It varied – terribly to begin with, but it gradually improved with time. Things got much better after 1792 when new set of slave laws were introduced, One of the laws banned any further import of slaves so owners were forced to take more care of the ones they had as they could no longer depend on new slaves arriving to replace any shortfall. Even so there were some bad actors. Some owners tried to do their best for their slaves and granted them freedom as a

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reward for good service. The problem for the white population was that however much they hated the idea of slavery, the slaves they owned represented a major part of their wealth. In a modern analogy, think of a person who believes strongly that global warming is a real threat to the world but also own a large gas-guzzling car that they need for their work. Their conscience may say that they should give their car away but how then do they make their living? I know cars and people are not the same but in those days slaves were regarded as property and however liberal they were, that was the belief at the time. I am in no way, and I emphasise this, defending slavery in any way whatsoever. I just use this analogy to make the point that then, as today, people can hold two opposing ideas in their heads at the same time. That our grandchildren's children may look on us, with our prolific use of carbon fuels with the same distaste as we do of the slave owners of yesterday.

What tasks did the slaves get assigned to, and were the children given different tasks?

There are tables in the book that provide a breakdown of slave jobs. I don't want to provide too much information here. Generally women were used in domestic tasks and men either as labourers or tradesmen. A few men were also used as domestics – there were in fact more male cooks than female in the 1827 list. Children would be assigned jobs as errand boys, looking after poultry, nursemaids etc.

Was St Helena's emancipation process different to that of the rest of the British Empire?

Yes very much so. On St Helena the process started earlier and finished later. The ban on the slave trade to the island stopped in 1792 but only in 1807 for colonial slaves. Emancipation of colonial slaves was paid by government and cost £20 million in 1834. On St Helena, slaves were given loans to buy their own freedom and were expected to pay the money back. The remaining loans were only written off in 1840.

When Governor Hudson Lowe persuaded slave owners that all children born after Christmas 1818 were to be free, what tensions arose? This likely meant sons and daughters were freed while

parents were still enslaved?

The tensions amongst siblings was seen by governor Alexander Walker to be a potential problem early in the 1820s. E.G. a child born in 1817 would be a slave, another born in 1819 would be free. Also, unless efforts were made to end slavery, slave owners would also be in trouble as they would still be expected to look after their older slaves whilst having to pay younger free blacks to do the work. Also the value of slaves, particularly male slaves dropped off quite rapidly as they aged. Once the idea of the slaves getting loans to buy their freedom took root, the slave owners were keen to get the process started.

Did the emancipation process change when control of St Helena passed from the East India Company to the British Government in 1834?

The main problem after the change-over was the lack of money available to pay wages to freed slaves. The change was accompanied by a huge cut-back of money coming into the island, the garrison being disbanded, pensions being cut. Yet still the freed slaves were expected to repay their loans. Many women were forced by circumstance to resort to prostitution to maintain themselves and their families. More info in "A Precarious Livelihood" a transcription of the *Commissioners of Inquiry Report of 1834* edited by myself and Edward Baldwin.

Did any of the emancipated slaves pay off their immense debts?

Very few did and in fact repayments dried up when the EIC sovereignty came to an end. The sad thing was that those slaves with the best skills and who were regarded as the most deserving because they worked hard were given the highest valuation. Everybody knew this was unfair and attempts were made to deal with it but not all slave owners were willing to aid these people. Many ex-slaves left the island and left their debts behind – some to South Africa and some women, married or cohabiting with soldiers, left with the garrison and came to England.

What issues arose when emancipated slaves tried to find employment – especially as they were competing against Chinese workers?

Attempts were made to repatriate

the Chinese but they were so skilled and some had been on the island for so long that not all were sent home. It was agreed that 85 were allowed to stay on the island on the understanding that they would be taken off the establishment and would have to maintain themselves as free people. They certainly added to the labour pool and would have added to the difficulties of the freed slaves in finding work. More info in "A Precarious Livelihood" a transcription of the *Commissioners of Inquiry Report of 1834* edited by myself and Edward Baldwin. Also of course Barbara George's "St Helena: The Chinese Connection."

Does your book have something to offer for those of island ancestry, who may be wondering if they are related to these slaves – and to which ones?

The 1827 valuation list provides names of slaves as also does a second list made in 1839. The book also contains tables where I have tried to construct families groups using both the 1827 list and also information from baptism and marriage lists that have been transcribed by Chris Hillman. I am not sure if these are freely available on the island. I tried to reconcile the 1827 and 1839 data but with limited success as many slaves (particularly women) had changed their name though marriage or for some other reasons. Also many of the slaves used diminutives so that Margaret in 1827 may be Meg in 1839 or Ann, Nancy or Eleanor, Nell.

Is there anything else you would like to say?

Please buy the book! It has taken me 10 years of research and, as said previously, any profit goes to the Friends of St Helena who are helping to get the new Cultural Centre up and running.

Finally I'll just mention the choice of name for the book – A Bitter Draught. It comes from the writings of Laurence Sterne (1713-1768):

"Disguise thyself as thou wilt, still, slavery! said I—still thou art a bitter draught! and though thousands in all ages have been made to drink of thee, thou art no less bitter on that account."

The expression refers to slavery but in the case of St Helena, and ironically, it also recalls the terrible consequences of freedom for some of them, emancipated, but burdened with unpayable debts.

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Yassine Henry: Dorset

Around the World in 80 Saints

— Barry Francis, Contributed

In 1998 a small group of St Helenians from St Helena and Ascension islands travelled to England to join the British Armed Forces. Among them was 17-year-old Yassine Henry from Thompson's Hill.

20 years later, SAMS caught up with Staff Sergeant Henry of 29 Commando Regiment to find out how much life has changed and what he misses most about home.

Can you give a brief overview of your role in the military?

"Most of my 20-year career I have served with 29 Commando Regiment, who support 3 Commando Brigade and work very closely with the Royal Navy and Royal Marines. This has seen me deployed all over the world on a variety of ships from the jungles of Sierra Leone to the harsh, frozen conditions of the Arctic Circle in Northern Norway, as well as active duty in Afghanistan and Iraq. I have since stepped away from Regimental Duties and for the past three years I have been in a Training Establishment at the Armoured Centre as part of the Armed Fighting Vehicle Technical Training School (AFV TTS). This is a role in which I have thoroughly enjoyed and I'm now the Senior Instructor and Staff Sergeant within the RA Wing overseeing the training being delivered to the Field Army."

What's your proudest achievement since joining the military?

"This is a tough one, I have achieved so much and cannot pin a certain event. The Army has taken me from a young inexperienced boy to a strong independent man who had to grow up very quickly if I was to make something of myself. So I thought about it and will name a few that spring to mind. From the beginning;

- **Passing out Phase 1 training as a young 17-year-old and becoming a Soldier.**
- **Passing my All Arms Commando Course and earning the coveted Green Beret.**
- **My first deployment and**



probably my most memorable to Kenya in 1999.

- **Spending 10 months on various ships touring the Mediterranean and the Middle East in one year.**

- **Serving in some of the most hostile countries alongside some of the best friends and colleagues you will ever have.**

- **Becoming the only member of my Regiment to get a field promotion on an Operation in Iraq.**

- **Living and surviving in a Snow Hole in Norway on a mountain for five days whilst the temperature reached minus 57 Degrees Celsius.**

- **And more recently, and probably the most rewarding of all, the birth of my two children. Particularly the struggle to travel 900 miles in three hours using boat, trains, planes, taxis and sprinting through the street to get there on time for the magical moment. I made it!**

I have many more great achievements, too many to mention. No doubt some day you will catch me with a few cold ones where many a dark story will be told, or I'll just write a book and make you pay for the pleasure."

How do you feel about the opening of the St Helena Airport and the start of tourism on the island?

"Like everyone I have been following this progress very closely. Being in the Army means you have the ability to deploy around the world at a moment's notice, so quick access in and out is essential. I for one am very pleased St Helena now has an airport, amidst the problems that arose in its initial stages. I feel St Helena has now moved forward and the welcome of tourists from around the world, so much quicker than the RMS did, in my eyes is amazing. There are always going to be opinions for and against and what's best for the Island but having a job like mine where time is everything, being able to get to the Island and back to the UK in just over a week is a giant leap forward. I do hope, however, a direct flight will emerge from the UK, as a quicker return will have a better effect on tourism than what is currently in place."

Do you plan to move back to the island?

"I am now approaching 20 years in the Army. Having joined at the age of 17, my adult service did not start until I turned 18 thus concluding I will have to complete 23 years' service in total. I have 3 years left until retirement at the age of 40, not many people can say that and walk away with a pension, another great reason why the Armed Forces is an excellent choice. The answer is yes, I would love to return to the Island, I do however have other factors in the UK to think about such as my family. So for now it's still early days and I can't give a definite yes or no."

Is there anything in particular you miss from home?

"We don't have enough typing space for this question! Where do I

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start! I miss a lot and don't I half think about it. Number one on my list has got to be the sunshine, if you've ever lived in the Northern Hemisphere and spent winter nearly every January-April in the Arctic circle then you will know why I have said sunshine."

Do you have a message for any friends and family members who might be reading this?

"I have tried to give an honest review to the questions and some of my answers might sound cheesy but for myself as a 17-year-old - joining the Armed Forces was an experience I was not ready for. I had never been to the outside world before and only seen it on TV. I was unprepared for the choices ahead of me. I was naive to what joining the Army was about. I was about to leave everything I ever knew and do something I knew nothing about. I had no technology to do any research, nor any friends or family in the military to ask for advice and I was about to travel thousands of miles from the comfort

zone of this tiny Island to join the Armed Forces. But I made it! That's a message I would like to get across to the youth of St Helena: If you would like to join the Armed Forces then prepare yourselves beforehand. St Helena now has the technology. Use the internet to your advantage and do your research.

To my family and friends, I would like to say a big thank you for your support that you have all given me. There are too many names to mention but you know who you all are. Some of you are still helping me on Ascension Island and St Helena to this day and no doubt in future years to come. If anyone has any questions then please get in touch.

Finally, I leave you all with my favorite quote:

'By failing to prepare, you are preparing to fail' (- Benjamin Franklin)."

29 Commando Regiment is a highly trained group of soldiers of the British Army's Royal Artillery. They were first established in 1947 and have since

played a vital role in armed conflict and peace keeping duties all around the world. The training is grueling and only a select few earn the right to wear the coveted Green Beret.

We'd like to thank Sgt Henry for taking the time to answer our questions and we wish him and all St Helenians currently serving in the armed forces good health and good fortune.

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aims to get in touch with Saints of all ages, in all places. If you are a Saint abroad wishing to be interviewed, or if you know someone you'd like to see in the paper, contact us at news@sams.sh.

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November 2017
at Art & Crafts
Shop at 7pm**


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LIST OF PERSONS WHO HELD THE POST OF POSTMASTER AND POSTMISTRESS ON ST HELENA by A..E. David Clarke

- 1815 W. Brabzon
- " W. Coles
- " Joseph Cole
- 1836 - 1839 W. H. Seale
- 1839 - 1863 J. McDaniel
- 1863 - 1873 H. R. Janish
- 1873 - 1883 Robert Nobel
- 1884 - 1886 George A. Banbury
- 1886 Thomas E. Fowler
- 1886 - 1887 W. Grey-Wilson
- 1887 - 1894 Samuel P. Young
- 1894 - 1898 Henry S. Hands
- 1898 - 1928 Thomas R. Bruce
- 1928 - 1938 George E. Moss
- 1938 - 1963 Cecil J. George
- 1963 - 1972 O. N. Duncan
- 1972 - 1980 A.E.David Clarke
- 1980 - 1982 Raymond I. Ellick
- 1982 - 1993 Reginald A. Legg
- 1993 - 1996 Dorothy G. Pagan
- 1996 - 1999 Iva I, Henry
- 1999 - 2010 Beverley J. Francis



Stamp designed by Thomas R. Bruce a St Helenian.



International Society of Postmasters Certificate of Membership
Certificat de Membre de l'Association Internationale des Receveurs de la Poste

The Board of Governors is pleased to welcome the individual named below as a Life Member of the International Society of Postmasters, a fraternal organization for postmasters throughout the world.

Le Conseil d'Administration de l'Association Internationale des Receveurs de la Poste est heureux d'accueillir la personne citée ci-dessous à titre de membre à vie au sein de son organisation fraternelle et mondiale.

A.E.D. CLARKE

Life Member
Membre à vie

This Life Member is entitled to all rights and privileges of the Society as provided in the Charter.

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Kenneth D. Stow

President _____ Date 30.9.1974

ST HELENA DAY - Part 3

Ian Bruce, Contributed

This week: Was St Helena found on the feast day of the saint? Since the Portuguese were Catholics, was St Helena discovered on their feast day for Saint Helena?

The Dutchman Jan Huygen van Linschoten is thought to have been the first to state that St Helena was discovered on 21 May. He arrived there on 12 May 1589 and stayed nine days, sailing on 21 May. When he wrote up his account some seven years later, he was a practising Protestant. In this, Linschoten stated that the 21 May 1589 was the feast day of Saint Helena and Whitsunday. Whitsunday is celebrated seven weeks after Easter in both Western (Catholic and Protestant) and Eastern Churches. However, these faiths celebrated Easter on different days in 1589 – all Western Churches celebrated Easter on 2 April and the Eastern Church on 9 April. Therefore, moving forward seven weeks, in 1589 Whitsunday was celebrated on 21 May by the Western Churches and on 28 May by the Eastern Church. Therefore, when Linschoten spoke of Whitsunday being celebrated on 21 May 1589, he was referring to either the Catholic or Protestant feast day. However, he also said the 21 May was the feast day of Saint Helena. Only the Protestant Church celebrates Saint Helena on 21 May, which is unsurprising because at the time he wrote this he was a Protestant. However, Protestantism did not exist as a faith in the year 1502 when St Helena was discovered. Therefore, Linschoten's date of 21 May for the discovery of the island must be wrong.

It is thought that Linschoten made two assumptions when he quoted the date of 21 May, of which the first was possibly wrong and the second certainly so. First, Linschoten presumed the island was found on the feast-day of Saint Helena. Certainly, the Portuguese named most of their land discoveries after the feast-day of the saint on which they were found, but some rules are made to be broken. For example, Bahai da Santa Elena (St Helena Bay) near Cape Town was first seen and named by Vasco da Gama on 7 November 1497, this date having nothing at all to do with Saint Helena. However, she is the patron saint of new discoveries, so da Gama may not have been tied to any specific date. Again, when Pedro Álvares Cabral, leader of the second Portuguese India Armada,

first sighted the Brazilian coastline on 22 April 1500 it was thought to be a large island. However, it was only named Ilha de Vera Cruz (Island of the True Cross) because Cabral left Brazil on the next stage of his voyage to India on 3 May, the feast-day of the True Cross.

Linschoten's other assumption relates to the fact that he mistakenly quoted the Protestant rather than the Catholic date for Saint Helena Day. When writing his book in Holland some years after his stay at St Helena in 1589, having assumed the island must have been discovered on the feast-day, he must have looked up the feast-day for Saint Helena and found the Protestant date of 21 May. If his sentence "The island of Saint Helena is so named because the Portugales discovered it upon Saint Helens day, which is the twentie one of May" is examined, the phrase "which is the twentie one of May" suggests that this is only known because Linschoten looked up the date of Saint Helena's feast day whilst writing his book. He presumably did not know Catholics celebrate Saint Helena on 18 August. This was only a tiny error; nevertheless, this mistake has echoed across more than four centuries, all the way down to the present day.

Given that Linschoten should have quoted 18 August, how realistic is this as a discovery date? One of the few near-certain facts about Da Nova's discovery fleet is that it returned to Lisbon on 11 September 1502. Calculations show that even if da Nova left for Lisbon on the same day as he discovered the island, his fleet then needed to sail five to six times faster on the second stage of the home voyage from St Helena to Lisbon compared with the first stage from India to St Helena. This seems improbable. Any delay before leaving, for example to replenish water stocks or to explore the island, only worsened the situation, necessitating a still faster voyage to Lisbon. Thus, had Linschoten quoted the 18 August, this would probably have been too late in the year for da Nova's discovery fleet to get back to Lisbon by 11 September.

In short, not only is it concluded that Linschoten was mistaken when



The timeless Saint Helena (aged 80) with the True Cross.

he quoted the Protestant feast-day for Saint Helena on 21 May, but the Roman Church's feast-day date of 18 August also seems unlikely.

It is perfectly possible that no feast-day was involved when da Nova named the island. Several scenarios can be imagined. For example, the island may have been so named because Saint Helena is the patron saint of new discoveries. Da Nova may even have named the island after a female relative called Helena. Alexander Schulenburg suggested in 1999 that the island might not have been found on any of Saint Helena's feast-days, but for a different reason. Commenting that the island, unlike many others, has always been known by its original name, in whichever language and spelling it was written, he suggested early writers attempted to square the island's name with a suitable date. The assumption was therefore made that it was discovered on one of the feast-days of Saint Helena. He believed this was mere conjecture. He also suggested that the island was named in association with St Helena Bay in Southern Africa, which was visited and named by Vasco da Gama on 7 November 1498 and which faces the island to its northwest. If any of these possibilities are true, the date of discovery is thrown wide open.

Note: A complete and full referenced version of this article can be read on a section of the Island Info website, <http://sainthelenaisland.info/sthelenadayarticleianbruce.pdf>

Next Week: Why was the island named St Helena? Might it have been named Vera Cruz? Was St Helena actually discovered on 3 May 1502?

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When Government Couldn't, the Community Could

Andrew Turner, SAMS

photos by the Roads Team

For years, the Dungeon junction has been one of the most dangerous corners on the island's infamous roads. But the Roads Division budget at SHG has been shrinking each year, and it seemed as though nothing could be done to fix the junction.

Not to be defeated, the community pulled together; within six days, and for nearly no cost at all, the junction has now been widened by two metres.

"The Dungeon junction is one of the pinch points around the island," said Roads Manager Deon Robbertse. "It was one of the un-safer corners that we had."

Work on the Dungeon junction has just finished, and the widened road now allows for greater visibility and easier manoeuvrability, especially for larger vehicles.

Plans for the works first came about in October, when the Thorpe family gave land surrounding the junction over to the Roads Team so they could make the junction safer.

Although there was no budget to do the works, Deon was able to find a number of generous people who were able to chip in and do the works, and the Roads Team spent six of its regular working days on the project.

Island resident William Knipe was excited to hear the junction had been widened.

"I had to drive that road for 2.5 years, I had many frights going around that corner," said William, a former Basil Read employee. "[And] the

mirror doesn't help; you are focused on going around a blind turn, so your eyes are on the road and not on a flippin' mirror. People frequently drive too fast around that junction, but if you stick to your side and appropriate speed and use your horn, you are okay."

Johnny Isaac's Contractors supplied an excavator and operator, as well as use of his trucks. ANRD and the team from the Horse Point Landfill site also lent trucks to the Roads Team.

"I decided to make it a community involvement project," Deon said. "We phoned around, sent a few emails to some of the bigger contractors and material suppliers and a few guys responded. The biggest contributors were obviously the Thorpes, who gave us the land, and then Johnny Isaac. He gave us an excavator free of charge with an operator he hired in specifically for the job."

Work was completed within the space of six days, and saw

the road extended by 2 metres. The team also widened the line of sight at the junction so drivers will be able to see other vehicles more easily.

"Jonny Issac's did a fantastic job helping us," Deon said. "Elvis Fowler was the operator of the machine and you cannot get better on the island. He contributed the diesel, the time, the machine and the trucks."

Because of the community involvement, the only actual cost involved in the project was the cost of the bitumen (to surface the road). This came in at approximately £1,400.

"The corner by the Dungeons was an accident waiting to happen, so we were more than happy to allow the Roads Department to cut back 2 metres or so into our land in order to make that junction safer for road users," Ed Thorpe said. "They did a very neat job and used our pasture on the other side of the road to level off the soil that was excavated, helping to smother the invasive thatching grass."



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The finished junction.

FAITH MATTERS

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Cathedral Parish of St Paul

Sunday 26 November
Christ the King

8.00 a.m. Eucharist Cathedral
11.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Andrew
11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Helena & The Cross
5.30 p.m. Choral Evensong Cathedral

Thursday 30 November

10.00 a.m. Eucharist Arabia
7.00 p.m. Patronal Festival St Andrew

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday
8.00 a.m. Eucharist Cathedral
10.00 a.m. Sung Eucharist Cathedral
3.30 p.m. Eucharist St Peter

The Parish of St James

Sunday 26 November Christ the King
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St James
7.00 p.m. Evening Prayer St John

Wednesday 29 November

7.30 a.m. Eucharist St James

Thursday 30 November

7.00 p.m. Patronal Festival St Andrew

Sunday 3 December Advent Sunday
9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist St James
3.30 p.m. Eucharist St Michael

Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 26 November Christ the King
11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Matthew

Tuesday 28 November

7.00 p.m. Eucharist St Mark

Thursday 30 November

7.00 p.m. Patronal Festival St Andrew

Sunday 3 December
Advent Sunday

11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist St Mark



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DEVOTIONAL MEETING

THURSDAY EVENINGS
8pm.
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Telephone 24525

“Trustworthiness is the greatest door to the security and tranquillity of mankind. The stability of every affair always depends on it, and the worlds of honour, glory and affluence are illuminated by its light.”

Baha'u'llah



Sunday Baptist Services

26th November
Sandy Bay Chapel
08.45 pm

Head O'Wain Chapel
10.45 pm

Jamestown Chapel
6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 28th November
Jamestown Schoolroom
7.00 pm

Thursday 30th November
Sandy Bay Chapel
5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



Activities at the Army this weekend

FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER
'QUALITY SECONDS' SHOP OPEN
FROM 10AM TO 1PM. GREAT

BARGAINS STILL ON OFFER!

SATURDAY 25TH NOVEMBER
'QUALITY SECONDS' SHOP CLOSED

SUNDAY 26TH NOVEMBER
MORNING SERVICE AT THE HALF
TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 11AM. ALL
ARE WELCOME.

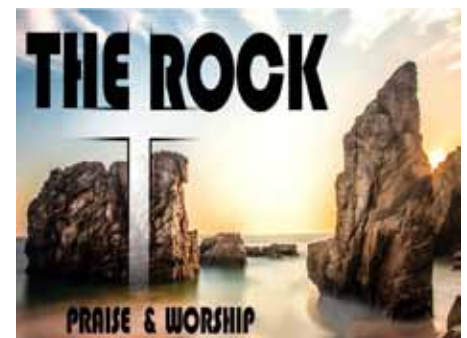
MONDAY 27TH NOVEMBER
MUMS & TODDLERS CANCELLED

PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY
CANCELED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR.

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

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

Take care and God bless.



**Notices for the ROCK this
week are as follows:**

Church Service

26th November 2017 at Kingshurst
Community Centre at 11am.

25th November BOOK SHOP Open at
ESH Unit 3, Longwood from 10.30am
to 12.30

Cell Groups

28th November Cell group at Cape
Villa at 5pm

29th November Cell group Elaine
and Anthony Hopkins Sapper Way
7.30pm

29th November 2017 7pm at Sandy
Bay Call Betty 24747 and Priscilla
23249

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For the kind attention of Roman Catholics and those associated with the Church on the Island

Please be informed that as of the First Sunday of Advent, 3rd December 2017, Holy Mass on Sundays will be regularly celebrated at 10 in the morning in our church of the Sacred Heart upper Market Street, Jamestown.

Please feel yourself invited by our long awaited Saviour, as this marks the beginning of a new Church Year leading to the Christmas Season.

Our Christmas-tide schedule of Services will be available in due course.

For any further enquires, please call Father David at 22 535. Thank you and God bless you!



The Public Solicitor’s Office is pleased to announce the appointment of two new Lay Advocates to serve our community.

They are: **Ms Gillian Brooks** of Barracks Square Jamestown and **Mr Alastair Norrie** of Upper Jamestown.

Gillian can be contacted on telephone number (Home) 23505 (Mobile) 51384 and Alastair on telephone number 22967 at home.

This brings the total to five Lay Advocates on Island.

Existing Lay Advocates are:

Mrs Ivy Ellick, Putty Hill, Telephone No 24733. (*Mrs Ellick is off island at present and is due to return in the New Year.*)

Mr Kevin Bagget, Jamestown, Telephone No 62824

Mr Eric Benjamin, Marriotts, Jamestown Telephone No 22354

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has an exciting opportunity for a
Building Services Manager
To lead the Building Works Team
As Building Services Manager, you will:

- Manage all aspects of construction projects and be responsible for the delivery of all the elements of the Building Services department
 - Undertake Risk Assessments and compile **method statements, as necessary**
- Manage all staff assigned to construction projects ensuring that the jobs are carried out in a safe and cost effective manner.
 - Set expectation and deliver on quality standards and customer service standard

Further information is contained on the Job Description

Interested Persons Should:

- ✓ Demonstrate good managerial and technical skills
- ✓ Be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to lead a team
- ✓ Ideally have a relevant industry qualification or a proven track record of working in a similar environment for a minimum of 5 years
- ✓ Have a valid Driver's licence

Salary for the post will start at \$12,782.16 per annum (\$1,065.18 per month), depending on qualifications and experience

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Mandy Peters Chief Executive Officer on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: CEO@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **6 December 2017**

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SAFEGUARDING DIRECTORATE

IS SEEKING EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR MALE SUPPORT WORKERS

The Safeguarding Directorate invites expressions of interest from members of the public who would like to become support workers for a young person with disabilities.

The directorate has decided that due to the personal nature of the work involved and the considerations of privacy and decency for the client, the Safeguarding Directorate has applied an additional occupational requirement to the position: male that is physically fit.

Working in a small and dedicated team, the support workers will provide respite sessions and activities for the young person who has additional needs including some challenging behaviours. You will aim to improve the young person's access to community services and activities and support opportunities for new experiences. You will receive advice and support from qualified experts in various roles including speech and language therapists, behaviour specialists and social workers.

You will preferably have experience in working with people diagnosed with various disabilities. You will also have a strong ability to empathise, engage with and form a professional and therapeutic relationship with the client, the circumstances and family background. The role will include travel to various locations on the island. You will need to have a driving license and be able to transport a young person in an SHG vehicle.

This post will be flexible and consideration will be given to either part time or full time contracts depending on availability of applicants. The length of the contract will be reviewed on an ongoing basis.

A competitive rate of pay of up to £7.00 per hour is being offered which will reflect the level of skill and responsibility required.

For further details about the post please contact Frankie Gonsalves on 23312. For a copy of the job profiles and application forms please contact Sherrilee Phillips on 22713 or email sherrilee.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh. Application forms should be completed and submitted to Sherrilee Phillips, HR and Administration Officer at Brick House in Jamestown by Friday, 01st December 2017.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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

Matt Ansell

**Director
Safeguarding Directorate**

20th November 2017

Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, St Helena Government, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ
Telephone: +(290) 22713 E-mail: director.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh

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INVITATION TO TENDER

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

Internal Refurbishment of No.8 Harris Flats

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from
Miss Tiffany Lawrence
Procurement Officer
Essex House
Jamestown
Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 29 November 2017, at 10am, meeting at Harris Flats, Jamestown. If you require any further details, please contact the Assistant Buildings Manager, Mr Theron Henry, on telephone number 22270 or email theron-henry@enrd.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Wednesday, 06 December 2017. Tenders submitted must include a breakdown of all costs associated with the contract. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.



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Rewire Longwood Golf Club

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Essex House
Jamestown
Telephone No: 22270
Email: tiffany-lawrence@enrd.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 20th November 2017, at 10am, meeting at the Longwood Golf Club. If you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Anders Bowers, on telephone number 22360/22054 or email anders.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 30th November 2017. Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.



Enterprise St. Helena (ESH) will have a unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the Jamestown Market. This unit will be available for occupancy early 2018.

Applications should be submitted to Mandy O'Bey, Administration & Communications Coordinator in the form of an extended business brief with a 3 year cash flow, detailing your planned business and intended opening hours via email mandy.obey@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Friday 08th December 2018.



For further information please contact **Michielle Yon, Director of Resources on 22920**
or e-mail michielle.yon@esh.co.sh

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. Application 2017/125: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a Double Garage, Bottom Woods on Parcel 0236 Longwood South, adjacent to Brian Phillips. Applicant: Bertina Benjamin
2. Application 2017/127: FULL Planning Application for Temporary Siting of a 20ft Container for a Period of 1 Year, Marble Hall, on Parcel 0523 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to Clive Bagley. Applicant: Adrian Greentree

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

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 shane.williams@enrd.gov.sh

Public Review Commencement Date : 23 November 2017
Public Review Closing Date : 8 December 2017

Riana De Wet
Chief Planning Officer



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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY FOR A FIXED TERM AUTO SPARES STOCK CONTROLLER

Applications are invited from suitably qualified persons to fill the post of Auto Spares Stock Controller on a fixed term basis in the Transport Section for a period of about 15 months.

The applicant will be responsible to the Senior Transport Manager for the efficient and effective management of all auto spares held by the Transport Division

Applicants should have a GCSE in Maths and English at Grade C, experience in stores and stock-keeping with knowledge of auto-spares and components. The candidate should also have good computer skills including the use of Access Dimensions.

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

For further details on the duties of the post, please contact the Senior Transport Manager Mr Nicholas George on telephone No. 23643 or e-mail Vehicle.Fleet@helanta.co.sh

Application forms are available from the Receptionist at Essex House and should be completed and submitted to the Human Resources Manager, Essex House or e-mail karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Monday 27th November 2017.

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Mr Nicholas George
Senior Transport Manager
Environment and Natural Resources Directorate

14 November 2017

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have vacancies for**

Grocery Sales Assistants

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

Job Outline

To provide a high standard of customer service and to assist with the day-to-day running of the shop.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent Customer Service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Have some knowledge & experience in Food Handling
- Have some experience in Cash Handling

Salary for the post will be **£587.08** per month (£6615 per annum)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Marilyn Joshua, Grocery Manager (HTH & Silver Hill Shop) on telephone number: 23559 or via email address: hth-manager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Nicola Essex, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **29 November 2017**



**Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a Vacancy for a**

Stock Controller

Within the Finance Department

Job Outline

To provide and maintain an efficient and accurate stock control system for the company, including the effective processing and monitoring of all relevant documentation and reporting.

Interested Persons Should:-

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Office applications
 - Have the ability to work to deadlines
 - Have some supervisory experience
 - Have experience in stock management
- Desirably have experience in using Access Dimensions

Salary will start at **£945.67** per month, (£11,348.04 per annum) depending on qualifications and experience

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Julie Lawrence, Financial Services Manager on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: FSM@solomons.co.sh

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NOTICE BOARD**Bank of St. Helena Ltd.**www.sainthelenabank.com

VACANCY

Teller/Operations Assistant

£7212 pa

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of Teller/Operations Assistant. This position will incur significant contact with the Public and other Bank staff.

The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank Team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Assisting in the Operations/Compliance section with the checking of daily work and any other Duties.

Bank of St Helena Limited also offers an excellent staff benefits package and encourages Staff Career Development.

Interested persons can contact Lilian Andrews, Teller Supervisor on 22390 or Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager on 22102 for more information.

An application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, HR & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com

Closing date for applications is Friday, 01 December 2017



Vacancy – Instrumentation & Control Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is looking to recruit an Instrumentation & Control Technician.

Responsible for the development and maintenance of all control and electronic systems within the company, the Instrumentation & Control Technician will report to the Electricity Generation Manager and will be based at the Power Station at Ruperts.

Duties of the post includes:

- Safe maintenance and operation of expensive and sensitive electrical control and instrumentation assets in the Power Station, Wind Farm, Water & Sewage infrastructure.
 - Fault finding and diagnostics of defective equipment.
- Compiling and maintaining instrumentation and control systems documentation to include manuals, monthly reports, annual budget requirements, assets and spares inventory.
 - Provision of training and support to Plant Operators
- To act in a support capacity to all section managers to help develop technical direction for continuous improvement of electronic equipment and systems.
 - Emergency call out and standby.

The essential qualifications and experience are:

- HNC in Electrical, Electronics or Control and Instrumentation Engineering.
 - Intermediate level computer literacy.
 - Working outside normal hours and in adverse circumstances.
 - Health and safety awareness in a high risk environment.
- Compliance with Safety Rules and Procedures for HV/LV when working on, near, testing or operating electrical equipment and systems.
 - Class A drivers licence.

Preferred experience:

- Working with SCADA (or similar), Telemetry and PLC control systems.
 - Wind Turbine Maintenance.
 - Working at Heights.
 - Coaching and Training.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers is an equal opportunities employer offering a competitive salary paid according to qualifications and experience. Additional benefits include 15% pension contribution and 25 day annual leave.

For further information or to apply for this position, please contact Kerry Lane at Connect Saint Helena Ltd on 22255 or email kerry.lane@connect.co.sh for an application form and a full job description. The closing date for applications is 4:00pm on Monday, 11th December 2017.



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Vacancy-
Cleaner /
Handyman



Enterprise St Helena is looking for a Cleaner/ Handyman based at the Business Park, Ladder Hill. Reporting to the Director of Resources the successful applicant will be responsible for the day to day cleaning of the Enterprise St Helena Offices at both ladder Hill and the Tourism Office at the Canister, Jamestown and providing handyman and driving duties.

Applicants must have previous experience or be able to demonstrate experience.

A drivers licence for Class A & C is also a requirement.

The salary for this position will be subject to experience.

A copy of the Terms of Reference can be emailed or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Reception and formal applications should be submitted to the Human Resources and Administration Assistant at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill by no later than close of business on Monday 27th November 2017



For further information please contact: Sharnell Benjamin, Human Resources and Administration
Assistant on telephone number 22920 or email on Sharnell.benjamin@esh.co.sh

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TIP OF THE WEEK...

A leaking toilet can waste around 100 litres per day and you would not even notice it was leaking. To check for leaks, put a few drops of food colouring into the cistern and wait 30 minutes. If the colour has appeared in your toilet bowl during that time, you have a leak. Get it fixed and save around £30 per year.



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CONSULTATION ON THE TWO PROPOSED SITES FOR THE NEW PRISON

The public is reminded that a comments book has been placed in the foyer of Essex House for anyone wishing to make comments on the two proposed sites for the new prison. Alternatively, persons wishing to make comments may do so by emailing the Secretary of the Prison Project Board, Miss Nicole Plato, via: nicole.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Thursday, 30 November 2017.

The two proposed sites, situated in the Bottom Woods area of Longwood are:

1. West of the Met Station
2. An area known as the Goat Pen

The layouts of the proposed sites have been placed in the foyer of Essex House and at Longwood Supermarket for the public to view.

In addition, the layout is available on the Publications page of the SHG website: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications/>

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WITH NATURE CONSERVATION **offering transport** MAKING

POSTERS **BUYING CHRISTMAS PRE-**

SENTS Scouts Helper *Cooking* PAINTING

A C C O U N T I N G Girl Guide Volunteer SCOUT

LEADER Social Media Support MAKING A

POT OF PLO serving tea & coffee...

*Do you want to
volunteer on
St Helena?
Here are some ideas!*

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANISATION

Contact: 22791 or
Community
.sthelena@gmail.com



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TO ALL LOCAL BUSINESS ESTABLISHMENTS



Bank of St Helena Ltd is inviting all local Business Establishments, wishing to offer the Local Debit Card Acceptance Service, to apply now!

Upon receiving your application the Bank will invite you to a Service Introduction to discuss your business requirements and outline how the Local Debit Card Service works. Training sessions for you and your Staff will be organised and a site visit arranged.



To apply today call at the Bank's Main Branch, Market Street, Jamestown or contact us on telephone 22390 or email info@sainthelenabank.com.

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VACANCY

Assistant Managing Director

Salary £30k pa (Depending on Qualifications & Experience)

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified and experienced individual to full the role of Assistant Managing Director (Assistant MD). This is an exciting and challenging strategic leadership role as the Bank prepares to launch new and improved products and services that are set to change the face of banking on St Helena.

The Assistant MD is responsible for planning, organising and controlling the day to day activities of the Bank in collaboration with the Managing Director. The post holder will also be an Executive Director on the Bank's Board and in the absence of the Managing Director will be required to deputise.

Candidates suited to this role must have the right mix of skills and experience, this includes:

- Proven work experience in a financial and or business management environment with high levels of organisational skills;
- A Degree or equivalent academic qualification in Banking/Finance or in Business Management;
- A minimum of 5 years work experience in a senior management/leadership role in various positions within a banking or financial services environment;
- Being a strong team leader and strategic thinker;
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills including an excellent standard of written and verbal communication and computer proficiency.
- Knowledge and experience in bank products and services.

For further information about the post please contact Josephine George, Managing Director (Designate) on telephone number (+290) 22390 or email: manager@sainthelenabank.com

An application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Josephine George, Managing Director (Designate), Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to manager@sainthelenabank.com

Closing Date for Applications is Friday, 01 December 2017

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TRAIL RUN, SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER, 08:00

Participants will meet at The Arch and pass through Jamestown, Peak Hill, Browns Hill, Lemon Tree Gut and Cabbage Tree Road before ascending Diana's Peak, where this 15km run concludes - 823m above sea level.

TRIATHLON EVENT, SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 09:00

Individuals or teams of three will swim from the Middle Steps at the Wharf to the Papanui and return. Both the Cycle and run routes will be around Jamestown, the Briars and ending at the Mule Yard.

CLOSING CEREMONY, SUNDAY 26 NOVEMBER, 12:00

The presentation of medals and prizes will take place at The Mule Yard. Please come along and support all those who participated in the Festival of Running 2017. All are welcome.



For further information please contact: please contact Juliet Williams on 22158 or email address juliet.williams@tourism.co.sh



St Helena Tourism would like advise the public that there will be an evening Christmas Market on Friday, 1 December 2017 to start of the Christmas Season.

The Christmas Market will be held on the Bridge at The Market, starting at 18:30 until 22:30.

If you are interested in having a free stall, please contact Juliet Williams at the Tourist Office on: Tel: 22158 or Email: juliet.williams@tourism.co.sh by 12noon on Tuesday, 28 November 2017.



NOTICE BOARD**FORESTRY MATTERS****Theft of forest produce (trees)**

It has been brought to the attention of the Forestry Section of ANRD that the unauthorized removal of eucalyptus and wattle trees from the Willow Bank and Barren Ground Forests has become more frequent over the past weeks. ANRD would like to advise the persons responsible for this, that this is an offence, punishable by law under the Forestry Ordinance, Chapter 92 of the Laws of St Helena, and that any persons found undertaking this activity will be dealt with in accordance with the law.

The public are advised that increased policing of the National Forest Estate will commence with immediate effect.

It should be noted that should any person wish to purchase dry standing or fallen trees from the forest estate they should do so by contacting the Forestry Services Officer, Mr. Larry Stevens or the Forestry Assistant, Mr. Rickie Thomas at ANRD on telephone 24724.

All persons who currently hold a permit to collect fodder or chips from the National Forest Estate are reminded that the relevant permit must be carried with them when entering the Forest Estate.

Orders for Christmas Trees

The public are also advised that due to a limited stock of Christmas Trees available for sale, regrettably, no further orders will be accepted for this calendar year.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, SCOTLAND, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, STHL 1ZZ
November 2017



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**HUTT'S GATE TO LEVELWOOD
ROAD CLOSURE**

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road to be closed from Hutt's Gate to Levelwood, from 9am to 2pm on Tuesday, 28 November 2017. This is to enable the Roads Section to carry out rehabilitation works nr Wells Gut.

Appropriate signage will be in place and as normal, only Emergency Services will be granted access.

The diversion route for persons travelling to and from Levelwood during this closure will be via Sandy Bay and Rock Rose.

The Roads Section would like to apologise for any inconvenience caused, and thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

#StHelena #RoadsSection #RoadClosure

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APPEAL FOR INFORMATION**STOLEN VEHICLE**

Between Friday, 29 September 2017, and Monday, 2 October 2017, a vehicle with registration number: 1397 was stolen from outside Greenlands in Jamestown. The vehicle was a Landrover Defender, white in colour with black doors.

The vehicle was later recovered but the Police are appealing to anyone with any information on this incident to please contact Police Headquarters on telephone: 22626 or email the Criminal Investigations Department via: cid@sainthelena.gov.sh.

#StHelena #StHelenaPolice #AppealforInformation

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Charity Ladder Challenge Tuesday
28th November

Come along to the bottom of the Ladder. Meeting at 4.00 Starting at 4.30

Represent your charity - climb the ladder for one of 45 charities!

Community Development Organisation
T: 22791

Mini Film Festival Wednesday
29th November

5.30 At Guinea Grass Community Centre for a Children's Film

7.30 At Kingshurst Community Centre
(the film may not be appropriate for children)

10.00 At the Museum with Creative St Helena
(enjoy with canapes and wine)

Catch a Family Film at Harford Community Centre on Thursday 30th at 7pm

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– St Helena Community Help Association – St Helena Emergency Relief Fund – St Helena SPCA – Baha'i Community – St Helena League of Friends – Women's Corona Society – St Helena Disabled Person's

Thursday 30th Nov
Island wide MUFTI DAY
at work for a charity of your choice!

Aid Society
Helena
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– St Helena Ladies Orchestra – St Helena Donkey Home – St Helena National Trust – St Helena Active Participation in Enterprise (SHAPE) – Parent Teacher Association PAS – St Helena Heritage Society – Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church – St Helena Nature Conservation Group – Help us to help ourselves (HUHO) – St Helena Community Development Organisation – Women in St Helena – Pilling Primary PAS – Women's Sports Association – HTH Rifle Club – Creative St Helena – Making Ends Meet – St Helena Arts & Crafts Association – New Horizons – St Helena Baptist Church – St Helena Golf Club – St Helena Cricket Association – St Helena Guide Association – Cancer Support & Awareness Group – Seventh Day Adventist Church – St Helena Football Association – Equality & Human Rights Commission – Blue Hill Community Association – St Paul's Primary School PTA – The Palm Villa Singers – The Rock Christian Fellowship – St Helena Dive Club – Jamestown Rifle Club – Saint Helena Napoleonic Heritage Limited – 1st Jamestown Scout Group – St Helena Red Cross – St Helena Community Help Association – St Helena Emergency Relief Fund – St Helena Baha'i Community – St Helena League of Friends – Women's Corona Society – St Helena Disabled Person's Aid Society – St Helena Ladies Orchestra – St Helena Donkey Home – St Helena National Trust – St Helena Active Participation in Enterprise (SHAPE) – Parent Teacher Association PAS – St Helena Heritage Society – Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church – St Helena Nature Conservation Group – Help us to help ourselves (HUHO) – St Helena Community Development Organisation – Women in St Helena – Pilling Primary PAS – Women's Sports Association – HTH Rifle Club – Creative St Helena – Making Ends Meet – St Helena Arts & Crafts Association – New Horizons – St Helena Baptist Church – St Helena Golf Club –

Choose from 45 charities or 8 community centres & many more community groups

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Car Wash at the Dive Club from 12-3pm

Activities & Crafts at Art & Crafts Shop from 11-1pm

Saturday 2nd December
Community Development Organisation
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From Tuesday 28th November to
 5th December the Community Development
 Organisation will be celebrating Volunteer Week

- Tuesday 28th Ladder Challenge 4.30 start -6.30
- Wednesday 29th Mini Film Festival 5.30pm -12.00pm
- Thursday 30th Mufti Day
7pm Family Film at Harford Community Centre
- Saturday 2nd Art & Crafts Craft Day 11am-1pm
Car Wash at Dive Club 12-3pm
- Tuesday 5th 500 Fish Cakes at Castle Gardens
4.30-6.30pm

The International Volunteer Day mandated by the UN is held each year on 5 December. It is viewed as a unique chance for volunteers and organisations to celebrate their efforts, to share their values, and to promote their work among their communities.
 Every day thousands of people are volunteering, online or on site, contributing to peace and development.



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Tuesday 5th December the
 Community Development Organisation
 will be celebrating Volunteer Day

Do you Volunteer?
 If you do please come join us
 for a FREE fishcake in a bun
 and music and food at Castle
 Gardens

At 4.30 -6.30 on 5th December
 And a Charity Basket Auction!

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 Every day thousands of people are volunteering, online or on site, contributing to peace and development, working to achieve the MDGs and engaging people to shape the sustainable development agenda.

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 inequality]

art exhibition

Museum of St Helena James Town

starts at 4pm Friday 1st December

ISHA HARRIS & SZYMON KALWAT

1 December 2017 - 7 January 2018

free entry

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Package	Details	Monthly Fee
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	Local Debit Card	
	£25.00 Interest Free Overdraft Facility	
Classic	Local Debit Card	£2.00
	Online Banking Services (View/download Statements only)	
	£50.00 Interest Free Overdraft Facility	
Premium	Local Debit Card	£5.00
	Online Banking Services (View/download Statements & unlimited Account Transfers)	
	£100.00 Interest Free Overdraft Facility	

Packages range from Basic, where you can apply for just your FREE Local Debit Card to the Standard, Classic and Premium where other features such as Online Banking and Interest-Free Overdrafts are included.

See our Business Current Account Packages on the next page

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Account	Package	Monthly Fee
Basic	One Free Monthly Statement	Free
Standard	Local Debit Card	£5.00
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	Online Banking Services (View/download Statements)	
	£100 Interest Free Overdraft	
Classic	Local Debit Card	£12.00
	One Free Cheque Book Per Month	
	Online Banking Services (Statements & 20 Account Transfers)	
	£300 Interest Free Overdraft	
Premium	Local Debit Card	£30.00
	One Free Cheque Book Per Month	
	Online Banking Services (Statements & unlimited Account Transfers)	
	£500 Interest Free Overdraft	
Premium Plus	Local Debit Card	£65.00
	One Free Cheque Book Per Month	
	Online Banking Services (Statements, unlimited Account Transfers & Journals)	
	£750 Interest Free Overdraft	
Platinum	Local Debit Card	£150.00
	One Free Cheque Book Per Month	
	Online Banking Services (Statements, unlimited Account Transfers, Journals, BACs & Direct Debits)	
	£1,000 Interest Free Overdraft	

Contact the Bank for full details and applications on telephone 22390 or email info@sainthelenabank.com

OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Mic-kail Harris, SAMS

I have witnessed a lot of people saying "This is better than that because I read on the internet that this statistic shows that." For instance, a lot of people said that the new *Transformers* was not as good as the previous sequel, even without having seen it.

Well, to be brutally honest, you can't really have a conclusion with just statistics. Just because you researched it doesn't make your opinion finalised. In order to have an accurate conclusion, you must experiment for yourself.

I have learned this in two ways. Firstly, through science. Science has taught me to experiment and test out any subject in order to have an accurate conclusion. Just finding out random numbers and formulas does not make your hypothesis accurate.

Secondly, I learnt this by watching *Top Gear*. The people on *Top Gear* don't just look at a sheet to judge the car, or even judge the car just because of its brand. They test drive it, take it to its absolute limit; and then have a conclusion. This point being made in Season 13, when Jeremy Clarkson thought that the Ford Focus RS was better than Richard Hammond's Renault. They test drove each other's cars, and were mind blown when they underestimate the full power and fun of their cars.

That is what having a conclusion is. Searching for numbers to prove that "this is the best" is not a valid point. Instead, either shed a few pounds and experience the opposition, or find another way to find out which is better. Don't just search online to find out which of the "nominees" are better, or even take other people's word for it.

So the moral for this comment: Don't have a conclusion with just statistics, but experience it first, then draw your own conclusions.

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YOUR LETTERS/NOTICE BOARD

Dear Editor,

My name is Jack I am 10 and I stay on the East coast of Scotland and I would like to correspond with someone or lots from your island who are the same age as me at school, I would like to know what you do for fun when not in school and what you do at school.

I would love to visit your Island someday when I am older as I love geography and learning about Islands and maps etc.

I am looking forward to hearing from someone

Kind Regards
Jack Paterson

Contact news@sams.sh to reach out.

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, 29 November 2017, at 9 am at the Education Learning Centre, Jamestown.

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

Should you require a copy of the Agenda, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270. Agenda will be available on Monday, 27 November 2017.

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

The Scouts September Jackpot Draw was delayed and was completed on 27th October.

The winners were as follows:

1st prize - £100 – Fred Thomas --- Longwood Avenue -Ticket No. 261, 2nd prize - £50 – Patricia Essex – Jamestown – Ticket No. 466, 3rd prize - £25 – Doris Reynolds – New Ground - Ticket No. 309, 4th prize - £25 – Catherine Turner – Jamestown –Ticket No. 544.

The winners of the Scouts October Jackpot Draw were as follows:

1st prize - £100 – Tara O'Bey – Blue Hill – Ticket No. 219, 2nd prize £50 – Chelsea Pete – Jamestown – Ticket No. 131, 3rd prize £25 – Andrew Joshua – Half Tree Hollow -0 Ticket No. 200, 4th prize £25 – Jacob Bowers - Jamestown – Ticket No. 516.

There will not be a Draw for November but the December bumper draw with prizes of 1 x £100, 2 x £50 and 8 x £25 will take place at the Standard Bar on 21 December 2017.

Tickets will be available from the following vendors: Sylvia Stevens (Options), the Inkwell, Standard Bar, G-Unique (Market), Debbie Williams (Market), Rose & Crown, Thorpe's Wholesale, Sharon McDaniel, MTB's Pick 'n' Pay, C H Yon – New Ground, Maisie's Shops – Longwood - they are also available from the following personnel: June Lawrence, Pat Crowie, Dorita Fuller, Elaine Benjamin, Angie Roberts, Mark Yon, Joy George – HTH, Bobby Essex, Ray Hudson, Anya Richards, Fr Dale Bowers, Gavin George and Beavers, Cubs and Scouts.

Please remember to have any chance of winning, you must participate.

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Magistrates Court Report

21st September 2017

SHANE JULIAN GREEN (25) of Longwood pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 60% over the prescribed limit, driving without a valid road licence and driving a motor vehicle without 3rd party insurance. The offence of driving without insurance was aggravated by there being an analogous offence. Mr Green was fined a total of £280.00 with costs of £15.00. He was also disqualified from driving for the extended period of 15 months.

28th September 2017

MARK GEORGE BENJAMIN (39) of Mulberry Gut, Longwood pleaded guilty to driving whilst 140% over the prescribed alcohol limit. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. This offence was aggravated by the very high reading and the fact that an accident occurred in which damage was caused to roadside

property. Mr Benjamin was sentenced to a Community Service Order in which he is to perform 160hrs of unpaid work in the community as a direct alternative to imprisonment. He was also disqualified from driving for the extended period of 2 years. Mr Benjamin was also ordered to pay costs of £15 together with compensation.

12th October 2017

RICO THOMAS (20) of Near High Knoll pleaded guilty to 3 counts of burglary. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. This offence was aggravated by Mr Thomas having entered a private dwelling on 3 separate occasions and having an analogous offence and warning for the same. Mr Thomas was sentenced to a Community Service Order in which he is to perform 240hrs of unpaid work in the community as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Mr Thomas was also ordered to pay costs of £15 together with compensation.

19th October 2017

PHILLIP ANTHONY MERCURY (46) of Oaklands, St Paul's pleaded guilty to careless driving and driving a motor

vehicle without an efficient braking system. Mr Mercury was fined a total of £85.00 with costs of £15.00.

JAMES ROGERS (23) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 62% over the prescribed limit. The offence was aggravated by there being damage caused to private property. Mr Rogers was fined £185.00 with costs of £15.00. He was also disqualified from driving for the extended period of 15 months.

26th October 2017

RICARDO JAMES WILLIAMS (25) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to careless driving. Mr Williams was fined £60.00 with costs of £15.00.

2nd November 2017

ANTHONY MARC CROWIE (28) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to causing a breach of the peace. Mr Crowie had previous convictions and warnings for analogous offences. Mr Crowie was fined £65 together with costs of £15.



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VACANCY – EXECUTIVE MANAGER

The Environment & Natural Resources Directorate is seeking to recruit a highly motivated individual to head its Support Services team. The candidate should have a Post Graduate Diploma in Public Management or equivalent and previous experience working in a senior management role to include management of people, resources, strategic planning and managing change. The Executive Manager will be required to provide effective management, leadership and direction for Support Services.

Salary for the post starts at Grade E1 (£14,138 per annum).

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Derek Henry, Director on telephone number 22270 (e-mail derek-henry@enrd.gov.sh).

Application forms and a job profile are available from Essex House, Jamestown. Application forms should be completed and submitted to Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager or email karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 6th December 2017.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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

Derek Henry
Director of Environment and Natural Resources Division
21 November 2017

SPORTS ARENA

Shooting Arrows: learning to shoot recurve target archery by our youth members to whatever level of interest they have and the level of technique can be given by their leader. The key stage is to align the body so that it is most stable, and by aligning the shoulders and arms to carry the draw weight to produce accuracy hitting middle on the target. Key elements of practicing are the standing position, loading, predawn, aiming, full draw and release. Archery is a fun sport for people of any age, it can also be a very social activity an element to relax the mind and body after a hard day at work or school or to deranged unsettlement. Many people has said they won't be able to do this when I ask them to try, it's always that first step you need to take by griping the bow in your hand, watch the demonstration and follow the instructions given on how to shoot an arrow, with all the help given and with your effort, you will enjoy it. On Thursdays at 4pm a youth group look forward and enjoy the activity, they are full of ambition and building stronger confidence within themselves with the sport. We all have much to learn but every step we take will lead to success. So if anyone would like to join us and be part of the group it will just cost £2 for the use of equipment and to replace broken or worn equipment and accessories.

Small-bore rifle shooting training takes place Mondays and Thursdays at 4pm for those members interested in developing their skills and practicing to gain a place for international games. Emma Piek, Patrick Young and Murray Henry continue to progress producing



Greetings from the J T rifle Club

Pat Henry, Contributed

good groupings working on focusing, breathing, consternation, alignment, accuracy and consistency, highest scores is not the key element at this stage. But one needs to be committed and dedicated to train mentally and physically mastering all elements. Every session is different it's a challenge but this is what makes successfulness. Along with hard work and dedication there is also a high cost for ammunition therefore Tuesday 28 November 17 will be a Medal competition to raise funds which will be used to purchase ammo for training our adults and youth group. We are organising another youth group who are interested in learning small bore rifle shooting this will commence soon, classes will take place at 4pm during the week, date's has yet to be confirm.

Tuesday night's shooting were another exciting social event, twelve people turned up including two visitors Christian and Tony who is a qualified marksman from Wilshire UK. It was a thrilling moment having them entering our club

door, both men travelled to St Helena for the first time for a week and had the opportunity to shoot at the Jamestown Rifle club. Tony had the honour to use my Feinwerkbau rifle and shot 94.4 Ladies highest scores Deirdre Maggott 97.2, Nicole Hobbs 94.3 and Frankie McKinney 92.1 Gents scores Patrick Young 98.4 & 191.4, Nicky George 96.4, Colin Knipe 96.1 Rhys Hobbs 90.3 well done and thanks everyone including those who didn't get a mentioned. Next Tuesday 28 November 17 will be an individual Medal competition with hot cheese burgers and spicy sausage on sale, let's have a good turnout and shoot your way to the top. So until then always put on your smile it suits you better than the cloths you wear. Have a peaceful weekend.

Golf Report weekending 19 November 2017

Tony Green, Contributed

Nineteen players enjoyed good weather last Sunday for the eighteen hole Stableford Competition. This was kindly sponsored by Agmac Construction Africa CC. The St Helena Golf Club heartily thanks Agmac Construction and particularly Tyren McNamara. It was unfortunate that due to other commitments members of team were unable to join in that day. Prize winners were Larry Thomas with 40 Stableford points, second place went to Peter Johnson 38 points and in third place was Gavin Crowie on 37 points. Players also recorded their score on every hole to determine the best gross which was also won by Larry Thomas who returned two 36's for a gross 72. Gross is probably the word until the 'hatchet' comes into play! Four 'Nearest the Pin' prizes were won by Lawson Henry on 2nd and 16th holes, Gavin Crowie on 5th and Tony

Green on 7th. Lawson Henry and Tony Green shared the Two Ball Pool holing out for two's on the 16th and 7th respectively. Congratulations to all winners and thanks again to Agmac Construction.

Next Sunday there will be a Turkey and Ham stroke play Competition starting at 12 o'clock. A sign-up sheet is on the Club Notice Board or members can leave their names on the Club telephone Message Service 24421. List closes 4 pm Friday. Always looking for new members!

Last Friday's basketball results from the Bank of St Helena Youth games, sponsored by A&D's Mini Mart (at PAS):

Jamestown/Sandy Bay 33 beat HTH 5
Points J/S: Rieedwaan Richards 7; Ma-Kyle Fuller 10, David Young 6 & Trystan Thomas 10 Points HTH: Latisha Fowler 4 & Brad 3

St Paul's 17 v Longwood/Alarm Forest 15
Points SP: Danielle Benjamin 2; Jia Peters

4, Christian George 6, Christopher Herne 2 & Brandon Harris 3 Points LLA: Kalen Cowie 13 & Dylan O'Keeffe 2

Bronze Medal Match: Longwood 22 v HTH 6

Points LLA: Matthias 7; Kalen Crowie 2, Dylan O'Keeffe 4, Colby Thomas 2 & Scott George 7 Points HTH: Joey Thomas 2; Tristan Thomas 4

Gold Medal match: Jamestown/Sandy Bay 14 v St Paul's 11

Points J/S: Brett Isaac 4; David Young 2, Trystan Thomas 6 & Ma-Kyle Fuller 2
Monday night, 20 kids took part in Table Tennis, sponsored by Island Images

In the Gold Medal game Matthaïs Young beat Christian George by 2 games to 1. 11-7; 9-11 & 11-7. **In the Bronze medal game** Aiden Yon-Stevens beat Christopher Herne 12-10 & 11-8. Tanisha Benjamin beat Rebeca Young **in the Gold Medal game** 11-7 & 11-4. Chloe Yon **picked up the bronze medal** as she lost her two matches 9-11 to Rebecca 7 and 1-11 to Tanisha. - contributed by NASAS