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It bothers me that St Helena, given its historic link over many decades with South Africa, does not do significantly more to establish that fact. I ask myself if the Zulus on St Helena are increasingly a forgotten part of St Helena’s important history.

History is very important. I think it is great that Napoleon’s death is commemorated annually, yet seven Zulu chiefs who were also exiled here, and died in 1910 (of the 25 prisoners that arrived in 1907), are not given similar attention. Their deaths are recorded, but no one seems to know where they are buried.

Zulus came to St Helena searching for information about their forefathers in 2009, most importantly to take back their spirits, which they did in a proper memorial ritual. The prisoners were taken from the South Coast of KwaZulu Natal, South Africa and some never returned. In terms of Zulu heritage they are heroes – the first pioneers that struggled against British Colonies; arrested for resisting the British-imposed Poll Tax in 1906. The “rebellion” by the Zulus has become known as the “poll tax uprising,” and the consequences of their actions are cemented in their history.

The Zulu delegation of 13 from the Ugu District Municipality in 2009 wanted reconciliation. In his speech at the Plantation House reception that Governor Gurr hosted for the visitors, His Worship, the Mayor of Ugu District Cllr Cithembiso Celo, said “Reconciliation is the theme of us being here.” Commenting further on their heroes the Mayor said, “We want to take their spirits back home and establish a tourism trade which will involve the building of a Library for the community and an amphitheatre where we will actually display our cultural heritage.” A monument on top of Ladder Hill was proposed and accepted for St Helena but has never been erected.

The future of Saints and Zulus was toasted at Plantation House. How difficult would it be to go the extra mile to amend the forgotten years by acknowledging the sacrifice of the Zulus buried here with a monument? The missing linkage in Zulu and St Helena history would be enshrined forever. To what extent is this tourism potential left untapped?

Ronald Cranfield (64) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to one charge of Breaching a Restraining Order. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and was dealt with by way of a Probation Order for a period of 12 months. He was also made subject to a further Restraining Order for a period of 5 years and ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Grant of St Helenian Status

In accordance with Section 15(3) of the Immigration Ordinance, 2011, the following persons have been granted St Helenian Status with effect from:

22 March 2018

- Mr Ashley Charles Yon of Barren Ground, Blue Hill

New Solicitor General Appointed

New Solicitor General for St Helena, Allen Cansick, recently arrived on-island to take up his role in the Attorney General’s Chambers. Allen has been appointed on a two-year contract. He will undertake work in all aspects of the Attorney General’s Chambers and depute for the Attorney General when required.
**New Acting Attorney General**

Solicitor General, Allen Cansick, was sworn in as Acting Attorney General Monday, April 23.

Allen took the prescribed Oaths in the presence of HE Governor Lisa Honan and colleagues in the Governor’s Office, The Castle.

The substantive Attorney General, Sara O'Donnell, departs the Island today and is due to return on Saturday, 5 May 2018.

**New Chief Secretary Appointed**

Chief Secretary (Designate) Susan O’Bey was, on Monday, April 23, sworn in as Chief Secretary for St Helena.

Susan took the prescribed Oaths in the presence of HE Governor Lisa Honan and colleagues in the Governor’s Office, The Castle. Her appointment is effective immediately.

Former Chief Secretary, Roy Burke, departed the Island April 23 on completion of his contract with St Helena Government.

**Public Toilets Opposite the Museum Re-opened**

The Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD) would like to advise the public that, following restoration improvement works, the public toilets opposite the Museum in Jamestown have been re-opened with immediate effect.

Improvement works to the facility, undertaken by Meshara Yon and Phillip Isaac, included internal and external painting, new sanitary ware and plumbing, and other fixtures (see photo attached).

This upgrade was delivered through a partnership approach between ENRD’s Property Division and Waste Management Services.

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**New Prison Site Agreed**

Governor Lisa Honan and the Executive Council, together with the Prison Project Board, hosted a public meeting at Harford Community Centre in Longwood Monday evening April 23.

Not including the panel of six, over 30 people were present at the meeting, during which the proposed site for the new Prison was presented. This ‘information meeting’ was a result of the public consultation held in November 2017 (on proposed Prison sites in Bottom Woods), which the assembly felt didn’t give sufficient information for making an informed decision.

Following visits by all councillors to various proposed sites, including Cox’s Battery (said to be “too expensive”), the councillors agreed the preferred site for the new Prison would be the Goat Pen area, which they say is the least costly to construct.

They said a number of mitigation measures would need to be put in place, including positioning the building as far as possible from the main road.

The site was pegged out for members of the public to view at their convenience, a step that hadn’t been taken before the November 2017 meeting.

In her presentation, the Governor referred to the Initial Environmental Assessment and layout of the proposed site which had been posted for the public to view (these important documents were not available at the November 2017 meeting). With the help of an overhead projector, she then went through feedback from the previous public consultation and the steps taken since that meeting to satisfy public requests, which included:

- Ensuring visibility of the Prison is minimal
- The Prison being sited on land that has been used for agriculture (currently used for grazing and not virgin land)

- The site allowing for the Prison and a small farm
- Not placing the site in a Wirebird-designated area
- The site not interfering with the Weather and Radionuclide Stations
- There being minimal intrusion into National Conservation Areas (NCAs)
- Taking the most cost effective option

The Governor said many options had been investigated, but that out of all the sites, Goat Pen had the least problems associated.

The assembly was able to ask questions and make comments during the Governor’s presentation and also at the end.

One comment was “You have looked at costs before coming to us.”

Chartered Engineer David Goodrick, in answer, said he had provided ballpark figures for the proposed Goat Pen area site (but didn’t say what they were).

When asked what the new Prison will look like, Prison Manager Lesley Giles said it will have up to 40 single cells, which could be doubled-up; it would be suitable for all categories of prisoners; and, if in the future more cells were to be needed, an extension to the building would be possible.

Prior to the April 23 meeting, councillors had agreed the Goat Pen area as the preferred site, and apparently the Chief Planning Officer had also.

However, one of the panel of six at the April 23 meeting said he still hadn’t made up his mind about the site, and another said he would take away “the same view” as from the consultation in November 2017 that “this is not the preferred site.”

The Executive Council will now need to approve outline planning permission to get to the next stage of the new Prison development, which will involve much more detail and a full-blown Environmental Impact Assessment.
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**Commonwealth Heads of Government**

Andrew Turner, SAMS

The Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM) took place in London from April 11 to 15 2018.

CHOGM and associated forums takes place every two years in a different Commonwealth country, and this year took place in the UK.

The theme of this year’s event was ‘Towards a Common Future,’ which was also the theme for Commonwealth Day on March 12, 2018.

“CHOGM 2018 seeks to deliver better global outcomes for the Commonwealth’s 2.4 billion citizens, 60% of whom are under the age of 30 by all parts of the Commonwealth family working more closely together towards a common future,” CPA Secretary-General, Akbar Khan, said. “Members of the CPA representing over 180 Commonwealth Parliaments and Legislatures and 17,000 Parliamentarians across the Commonwealth will be at the heart of the discussions taking place at key forums and side events.”

Parliamentarians also discussed at CHOGM who will succeed the Queen as the head of the Commonwealth.

On Thursday, the Queen endorsed Prince Charles as future leader and it was eventually agreed that he will succeed her as Head of the Commonwealth when the time comes.

**Might it be the Monk-cat?**

Emma Weaver, SAMS

After four years of reported sightings, of believers and disbelievers, of attempts to find it and infrequent, inconclusive tracks – the myth, the ‘Monk-cat,’ the legend might finally have been caught on camera.

St Helena’s own version of Bigfoot first made headlines in 2014, when Basil Read employee Wavel Thomas reported the first sighting in Rupert’s.

“The animal moved on four legs, was brownish in colour, about 30 inches long and 18 inches high, and has a long tail and strange looking face,” read the Sentinel article by Sharon Henry and Ferdie Gunnell.

Since then, the Monk-cat sightings haven’t stopped. The mysterious and elusive animal has typically been described as a large cat-like creature. One person famously described it as looking like a monkey (giving rise to the name ‘Monk-cat’); some said its coat was gray, while some said it was orange; some said it had spots. Almost all, though, said the creature had stand-up ears, a predator’s lope and a strange face.

If there is a foreign creature on the island, it would have had to traverse thousands of miles of open ocean to even reach St Helena’s shores; and then, it would have had to evade capture and photograph for four years on end. That would be an incredible feat.

Maybe the Monk-cat, if real, could bring in tourism; our own, real, little Bigfoot.

Learning lessons from the Essex Lion, though, a lack of firm evidence still means the myth could be just that – a myth.

But some who have sighted it believe an African wild cat, or perhaps a jackal, could reasonably have boarded a yacht or a ship, and made it onto shore.

Phil Sharman, the island’s Chief Auditor, and his wife Sarah-Jane claim they saw the animal in 2015; they believed it to be an African Golden Cat.

Denny Leo from the National Trust has followed the story of the Monk-cat from day 1, and always thought the existence of the creature was improbable, but not impossible; his belief in it increased after investigating a burrow and strangely eaten rabbit carcass in August 2017.

He believes the photo to be the ‘Monk-cat’ – which he now believes to be some type of African wild cat.

Sophia Joshua, who captured the image last week in the area between Blue Hill and the South-West Point Post Box walk, said she didn’t believe in the creature before she saw it in person and attempted to photograph it.

Image (cropped) taken between Blue Hill and South-West Point April 18. with a compact camera from over 100 metres away.

Even before The Sentinel puts this photo to print; we know it won’t look great in black-and-white, and that the quality of the photograph is poor. Still, we thought better to include it than not. However, we are sending the photo off for analysis, and will keep the public updated.

**Inflation and Population**

Andrew Turner, SAMS

Over the last week, the SHG Statistics Office released the latest figures on the island’s inflation rates and population estimates.

**Inflation**

The Statistics Office has estimated the rate of annual price inflation to be 2.8 percent, between the first quarter of 2017 and the first quarter of 2018 – lower than the annual price inflation rate for the previous quarter, which was at 4 percent.

The category with the highest annual price increase is ‘Alcohol and Tobacco’ at 8.2 percent. The inflation rate of ‘Transport’ also increased, from 1.3 percent last quarter to 3.5 percent this quarter, due to increased petrol/diesel prices.

Categories with the lowest inflation are ‘Fuel and Light’ (0.2 percent) and ‘Services’ (0.9 percent).

The food inflation rate this quarter may have had significant impact on the lower overall inflation rate. Food comprises around a third of the overall average shopping basket on St Helena, and therefore has a major impact on the overall inflation rate (1 percentage point of the overall 2.8 percent rate). However, for the first time in several quarters, the inflation rate of food this quarter was only slightly higher than the overall inflation rate, rather than significantly higher.

**Population**

4,901 was the estimated number of people on St Helena at the end of January 2018. This is the highest number recorded in the past 10 years. As usual, this was partly due to the annual Christmas/holiday period visitors, but was also impacted by the overlap in the service of the RMS St Helena and the St Helena Airport.

In February 2018, the 4,901 declined by over 200 people. This followed the usual post-holiday-season trend.

At the end of March, the estimated number of people on St Helena, residents plus visitors, was 4,713 and the estimated resident population, excluding visitors, was 4,628.

That 4,628 is a 4 percent increase compared to the end of March 2017. The St Helenian resident population (number of people with Saint Helenian Status on-island) was estimated to stand at 4,276, which is a 2 percent increase from the previous month and a 4 percent increase from the end of March 2017.
Who Let the Dogs Out?

Police Launch Dog Campaign

Donna Crowie, SAMS

“The police have received complaints that dogs are wandering in public places, chasing vehicles and threatening walkers,” Sergeant Jane John said. “This behaviour cannot continue to happen. If your dog is caught doing any of these things, you – as either the owner or keeper of the dog – could be prosecuted.”

Sergeant John was talking about the dog campaign the St Helena Police Directorate launched Tuesday, April 17.

Across the island, the Police said, there was great concern that dogs were not being kept under proper control, as required by law under the Dogs and Cats Ordinance 2011.

The new campaign is a move to enhance enforcement of certain sections of the Ordinance.

Specifically, those points in the Ordinance are:

• “The keeper or any other person in charge of a dog shall ensure that, while in any public place or place to which the public has access, such dog at all times remains under the control of such keeper or person.”

• “The keeper or person in charge of a dog shall be responsible for the immediate removal of any faeces deposited by such dog on any land in a public place or to which the public has access.”

“The purpose of this campaign is to target offences such as dogs wandering on the highway without proper control, chasing vehicles, causing road traffic collisions, worrying domestic animals and biting, among other offences,” said an April 17 press release.

But Sergeant John said this wasn’t the only aspect of the new campaign.

The Police also wanted to remind the public that “the owner or keeper of every dog shall, before the dog reaches the age of seven months, apply to the issuing officer for a licence.”

A control officer may inspect any dog, whether on public property or private property, to ascertain whether it is licensed in accordance with the Dogs and Cats Ordinance 2011.

A control officer may enter any premises where he reasonably suspects there is a dog that is required to be licensed under this Ordinance, but is not so licensed, and may search the premises for any such dog.

For more information, call the Police on 22626.

The Sentinel is waiting on an answer as to whether restorative justice can be used in these dog-related cases...

The campaign closes May 30.

Creative St Helena to Recreate Lower DOE Play Area

Cyril (Ferdie) Gunnell, SAMS

Currently, no safe play area for children exists in the island’s capital of Jamestown.

But it seems the Creative St Helena charity now has plans to change this.

The former Duke of Edinburgh (DOE) Playground in Lower Jamestown was opened by HRH Duke of Edinburgh on Jan. 22, 1957 when he visited the Island in the Royal yacht Britannia.

But the DOE Playground has not functioned as a safe area for children to play for many years.

Expensive equipment (paid for by an overseas grant) installed for the DOE’s grand opening was removed, and funding from SHG to keep the area cleaned regularly was withdrawn as a cost-cutting measure. Subsequently, the whole area has deteriorated.

Some time ago a public notice (undated) said the lower section of the DOE Playground was temporarily closed, by order of the Education Committee. To date, this notice has not been taken down.

And on March 21, 2016 a Public Recreation Ground (Revocation) Order, 2016 declared “the Duke of Edinburgh Recreation Ground as a public recreation ground reserved for the use of children and young persons,” revoked. The Order was revoked in order for the “disused playground to be redeveloped into a parking lot.” Planning permission for developing the top half of the DOE Playground into parking spaces, however, was applied for but refused.

On Jan. 9, 2018 the Environment & Natural Resources Directorate (ENRD) reinforced the Education Committee public notice, seemingly adding the upper section of the DOE Playground into the mix: “This area is no longer designated a playground and shall not be used as such until further notice.”

It was interpreted “this area” meant both the top and bottom sections of the playground; an enquiry was made to the Director of ENRD, Derek Henry.

“You are correct in thinking that the Revocation Order applied to the entire playground,” he said. “Since this time, Creative St Helena had proposed to recreate a playground on the lower part of the area again and Education was asked to put forward the relevant legislation to make provision for this, i.e. to reinstate that the lower part of the area as a playground, under the Recreation and Playgrounds Ordinance. Until this happens, the lower DOE is not a playground.”

Recently councillors said the “apparently disused” and now dilapidated play area at the Quarry in Upper Jamestown could possibly be turned into parking spaces for small vehicles; but it seems Creative St Helena hopes to see a safe area for children to play become a real priority over increased parking spaces.
The St Helena National Trust Marine Team organised two events last week in celebration of Earth Day (April 22).

This year, the worldwide Earth Day theme was ‘Ending Plastic Pollution.’ The entire National Trust Team, joined by scientists from the RRS James Clark Ross and the Green Renaissance film crew, took to Sandy Bay April 19 for the first of the events – a beach clean.

The team collected over 40kg of rubbish, including a large number of plastic bottles.

But the team didn’t only clean Sandy Bay Beach. During the beach clean, Marine Team member Leigh Morris and the Green Renaissance crew took a boat around to Powell’s Bay to survey and collect plastic marine rubbish from that beach as well.

The second of the two events was held on Earth Day itself. In James Bay Sunday, 19 people helped the Trust with a “dive litter-pick.”

Despite a small swell and poor visibility in the water (full safety precautions were in place), the divers collected 190kg of rubbish.

The 190kg included 203 glass bottles, large pieces of metal, a previously lost torch and pair of pliers.

“It is worth noting that compared to other harbours around the world, Jamestown is very clean,” said an April 22 National Trust press release. “But it is still a useful task to take all rubbish out of our Bay and record what we find.”

The two events contributed to the global Earth Day efforts, and the recorded amounts of rubbish collected during the dive have already proven to be further useful.

The Marine Team sent the data to the Project Aware #DiveAgainstDebris Programme, “so that the information from St Helena is added to the global database and we gain maximum positive exposure for the great work being done on our island,” the release said.

“A huge thanks goes to all who helped out, especially Leann from the EMD Marine Section who weighed, counted and sorted the rubbish as it came up from the divers, and Craig, Keith and Jamie from Into The Blue who provided their time, dive equipment, support boat and lunch free of charge.”

The Blue Marine Foundation has secured £75,000 for a two-year project to research whale sharks in St Helena’s waters.

The funding has come from an unnamed UK company that offers grants for UK-based charities involved in research and technology.

Only UK charities were able to apply for the grants.

Beth Taylor, employed by the UK-based Blue Marine Foundation but currently working on St Helena with the National Trust’s Marine Team, put in a bid for St Helena’s whale shark research.

“Since we started on St Helena, the marine team has been excited to find out where they could contribute to research that’s already going on,” Beth said. “If certain areas are in need of extra help, whether it’s an extra person or logistics or whether it’s funding, we’re very keen to help with that.”

The funding will be used to supply two full-time staff for the research works currently being conducted by Georgia Aquarium and the SHG Marine Section.

The funding will also cover new equipment, such as drones, that will survey whale sharks further out to sea; and fishermen will be supplied with hand-held cameras so they can better document whale-shark sightings.

In June, Beth will return to the UK to give the funders a first-hand account of the importance of whale shark research for the island, in an attempt to secure further funding for the project.

“The funding can fill a lot of gaps and again, just expand on a project that is already being done fantastically well,” Beth said.
For those of you who don’t understand what ADF2018 is about, it’s ‘Ascension Day Fair 2018,’ in aid of St. Mary’s Church.

St. Mary’s is entirely reliant on contributions, mainly from residents and the congregation, for the operation and maintenance of our church, which serves the Ascension Island community as a whole.

Each year, these contributions are enhanced with proceeds from the Ascension Day Fair. This year we also have additional expenses to find for essential repairs to the church and the congregation, for the operation and maintenance of our church, which serves the Ascension Island community as a whole.

Since the age of 7 I’ve been helping at this Fair as a Brownie then ‘Girl Guide’, onto manning a stall then becoming Chairperson in my 20s to date (I did have a three-year break because of health issues).

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This year’s brilliant prizes are:

43” TV; Smart Watch; 9.6” Samsung Tablet (RAF); MOTO x Mobile phone (SURE); Asc Landscape on canvas; Framed £50 note; and loads more gobsmacking prizes!!

Saturday, April 14 I started the fundraising off with a car wash and ‘cover Myrtle the Turtle Template (made by Robert, who gets roped in doing EVERYTHING I ask) with unwanted coins to make a mile.’

The car wash was done by the ADF committee ladies (Nan, Lydia, Natasha and Krystal) and I manned Myrtle. Thirteen vehicles showed up for washing and brought in £110 – and Myrtle won by a mile, her collection of £229.26, which covered the £22470 or email jessica.harper@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Matteo Augustus and Kyra Yon helped me to place the coins in their appropriate sections. Glen Yon, Twinnies Madisyn and Eliana Young helped with the tedious job of gathering all the coins off Myrtle at the end of the morning. Myrtle will be back at the Fair on Saturday May 12 so everybody has to save their unwanted coins for her on this day.

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Corporation Finance has an opportunity for a self-motivated individual to provide support to the Directorate’s Accounting Services team as a Finance Support Officer. This offer is for a temporary period of two months and will be paid at £40.58 per day. Part-time support will also be considered. The successful candidate must be available to start immediately.

The main duties include:

- creating and updating spreadsheets
- processing of data in Excel
- checking of figures
- Prospective candidates should have excellent computer skills, proficient in the use of Excel and Word and have an aptitude for figures.

For further details regarding the full duties, applicants can contact the Financial Accountant, Jessica Harper, on telephone no: 224/70 or email jessica.harper@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Expressions of interest together with a copy of an up-to-date CV should be submitted to Clare O’Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or email clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 2nd May 2018.

The successful candidate will be required to provide 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.

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Napoleon Street on Sunday, April 22 was filled with the sounds of gospel music.

Shortly after 5pm Sunday, “Pilling Primary School and friends” delivered an afternoon gospel event of praise and worship songs.

The event was exceptionally well-attended despite a same-day change of venue due to weather conditions. The event was moved from the Mule Yard to the Jamestown Community Centre.

Elaine Benjamin, Pilling’s Head Teacher, welcomed and addressed the attendees with a brief overview of the event.

“We’ve got children, teachers and friends of the school taking part this afternoon so we hope you will enjoy the programme,” she said.

“The funds we raise this afternoon is partly towards our school PTA funds and we are also going to make a donation; half of the proceeds to charity.”

Elaine then talked about what costs need to be covered by Pilling PTA funds, as people had questioned this at recent constituency meetings.

“Put things into perspective, our Christmas party is well over £1,000; where children get a meal and a present,” she said. “At the moment on the MV Helena is some safety netting for the climbing frames, which cost between £2,500 – £3,000; and other things like books, pencils etc. Government funding doesn’t cover all aspects, therefore fundraising is necessary.”

And with that, the gospel fundraising event kicked off.

The group performed an array of gospel, praise, worship and inspirational songs, which included ‘Lord I Can’t Make it Without You,’ ‘Sing Hosanna,’ ‘Ten Thousand Years’ and ‘My Forever Friend.’

The performances were well-received, and attendees clapped along to the livelier songs.

The event, which lasted just under two hours, was the first of four upcoming Pilling gospel events.

The next event is scheduled for 4pm Sunday, May 6 at the Harford Community Centre (tea and snacks will be on sale).

The only one of the four events that is not open to the public will be held at 4pm Sunday, May 13 at the Community Care Complex.

The final event will be at 4pm Sunday, May 20 at the Blue Hill Community Centre (bring your own tea/snacks).

Entrance fees are £1 for adults and 50p for children, and will assist with the school’s funding.

This weekend brought a familiar story – delays for both air and sea access to St Helena.

Saturday’s normal SA Airlink flight was postponed for two days due to the poor weather conditions in St Helena. The flight was eventually able to land at HLE in the afternoon of Monday, April 23. Team St Helena was among those returning to the island on the delayed flight (page 28).

As St Helena is moving further into winter – for the first time since commercial passenger flights have been operational – it remains to be seen just how often these delays might occur as weather conditions deteriorate across the island.

The MV Helena arrived on schedule on Saturday, April 21 – but has since suffered delays.

The heavy swells in James Bay and Rupert’s left the vessel sitting far out in the harbour, awaiting the swells to die down before offloading. Cargo operations were attempted on the morning of April 24, but efforts had to be abandoned again due to the sea conditions.

The vessel’s first departure to Ascension Island has therefore been rescheduled.

Sailing ship SV Tenacious arrived Sunday and departed Tuesday. Tenacious is a wooden sailing ship that was launched in 2000 and was the largest wooden sailing ship to have been built in the UK for 100 years. The ship was designed to accommodate people with disabilities – the ship is run by a charity that offers sailing adventures for people with disabilities.
Longwood had little luck with the weather this past weekend. But despite the fog and rain at 6pm April 20, about 100 people turned out to an invite-only cocktail party at V2 Pub Paradise.

“Despite the weather, we felt the turnout was extremely good,” V2 management said.

Pub Paradise management was promoting their new Hors d’oeuvre and cocktail range, and showcasing their ability to cater for either private or public events.

V2 also showcased the transformation of the Pub Paradise venue itself, with photo reels shown on TV screens throughout the night. Feedback from the event, it seemed, was positive.

“Attendees felt that was very professional and the range offered was absolutely wonderful,” V2 management said. “Comments also suggested that V2 really had a diverse range of entertainment and food.”

The event opened up to the public at 8pm, with cocktails still being pushed out from the bar and tables still laden with Hors d’oeuvres.

The night had been successful; but as soon as Saturday dawned, V2 was again focused on its future.

As tourists had not arrived in abundance, and as V2 is relatively reliant on tourism, the company’s management said they might have to re-build areas of their business in future to remain operational.

For now, V2 continues to power forward, and thanks those who have helped keep them running.

“The event gave us the opportunity to showcase and advertise our services effectively,” management said. “We are currently working towards further promotions and services in the taxi service, and are pleased to advise the public that our next big event will cover our new office and hopefully the opening of our commercial kitchen.”

V2 would like to thank the general public and the community who have helped to keep their businesses running.
St Helena’s Dark Skies

Andrew Turner & Emma Weaver, SAMS

Only two islands in the world have been dark-skies certified; St Helena is now actively working to become the third.

Because of our location close to the Equator, as well as our lack of light pollution, as much as 95 percent of the stars in the night sky can be seen from St Helena Island. Most places see significantly fewer stars.

Over the last two weeks, St Helena Tourism brought out a visiting amateur astronomer, Bob Bower, to host a series of stargazing sessions.

“I’m into my bucket list, and St Helena has been on my list for a while because I’ve managed to do all the other south Atlantic islands over the years; and to come here and do what is one of my passions, which is astronomy, is just the bees-knees,” Bob said.

The sessions aimed to educate the local community on St Helena’s outstanding night skies, and what amateur stargazing could do for the island’s future.

Bob’s initial stargazing classes covered the basics of what is visible to the naked eye in St Helena’s night sky. This includes more than just stars – it includes planets, nebulas, moons and even galaxies.

This is the first time any such classes have been conducted on the island. Despite poor weather conditions that hindered most of the practical sessions, the large groups of attendees were amazed by what they learned and what was visible even through shifting cloud cover.

“As someone who is interested in the cosmos, I have never once looked through a telescope until the arrival of Robert Bower (Bob),” said event organizer, Merrill Joshua of ESH. “[...] I became engrossed when Bob explained how to navigate the celestial sphere and the mechanics of orbit and time. The classes also explained the physics of operating a telescope, and what the significance was of what was in our scope.”

During the two weeks, Bob delivered both theory and practical sessions on the basics of stargazing to schoolchildren and the general public.

The Tourist Office hopes the education Bob is delivering will result in the formation of a stargazing club, and also in the development of local stargazing tour guides.

“Having done those basic sessions, last week we offered a slightly more intensive session,” Bob said “This added more weight to what the basic stuff was, so you can get to the point where you’re confident enough to take a group of people who know very little about astronomy and point out the various things in the sky.”

ESH now has binoculars, telescopes, laser pointers (that can pinpoint stars) and red flashlights for stargazing.

St Helena is working toward gaining International Dark-Sky Association ‘Dark Sky Status.’ This title has so far only been granted to two other islands in the world, and would greatly help in the development of St Helena as a tourist destination.

“As a developing tourist destination, St Helena has been identified as having an exceptional blackness of the night sky that makes for spectacular stargazing on the island,” Merrill said. “Like with many niche products, we anticipate a relatively high demand of stargazers from across the globe to visit St Helena due to the pristine skies we have. We have an established Marine environment, picturesque terrestrial landscapes and we are now about to embark on touring the night sky above St Helena.”

The work to encourage stargazing tours is going alongside SHG’s recent dark sky management plan, and associated legislation for further reducing light pollution on the island.

“This island, I am sure, will become a Mecca for other astronomers who want to come here,” Bob said. “Combine that with tourism, and it’s a brilliant combination.”
RMS St Helena Converted to Floating Armory

The RMS St Helena arrived in St Helena for the last time on January 29, 2018. As Britain’s last working postal ship, she sailed to the remote islands of St Helena delivering mail to 4,500 residents for nearly three decades.

St Helena now has a commercial airport, so the purpose-built ship is no longer needed. Renamed MNG Tahiti, the 103-meter (340-foot) ship is being readied by her new owner MNG Maritime to become a floating armory working in the Gulf of Oman.

The RMS St Helena was built by Hall, Russell & Company in Aberdeen in 1989 and has berths for a maximum of 156 passengers plus 56 officers and crew. She first came into service in 1990 and primarily shuttles between the St Helena Island, neighboring Ascension Island and Cape Town. Other than the sporadic international cruise ship visit over the years, she has been St Helena’s only constant link with the outside world.

St Helena lies in the South Atlantic Ocean, 4,000 kilometers (2,500 miles) east of Rio de Janeiro and 1,950 kilometers (1,210 miles) west of the Kunene River which marks the border between Namibia and Angola in southwestern Africa.

Royal baby: Prince Charles feels ‘great joy’ for new prince

The Prince of Wales has said he is “so pleased” with the birth of the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge’s third child.

Gun salutes across London are set to mark the arrival of the couple’s second son, who is yet to be named.

The new prince, who is fifth in line to the throne, was born on Monday at the Lindo Wing of St Mary’s Hospital, London weighing 8lb 7oz.

Prince Charles also joked about having another grandchild and that he did not know how he would “keep up with them”.

The name of the new prince has not yet been announced but the family have returned home to Kensington Palace.

His arrival will be celebrated with traditional gun salutes from the Tower of London and Hyde Park at 14:00 BST, which are used to mark every birth of a prince or princess.

In a statement released by Clarence House, Prince Charles said: “We are both [the Duchess of Cornwall and I] so pleased at the news.

“It is a great joy to have another grandchild, the only trouble is I don’t know how I am going to keep up with them.”

The palace said a name would be revealed in due course but for the time being a formal notice of the birth of the child has been placed on the forecourt of Buckingham Palace.

Arthur, James, Philip and Albert are among the bookies’ favourites.

The prince’s siblings, Prince George and Princess Charlotte, visited their younger brother in hospital on Monday.

Catherine was admitted to the Lindo Wing at around 06:00 BST on Monday with the birth being announced shortly after 13:00 BST.

Crowds had gathered outside the hospital in Paddington, with some well-wishers having camped out for more than two weeks.

As Prince William left with his new son, he said the couple were very happy and joked he would have “thrice the worry now”.

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The MNG Tahiti, previously the RMS. Photo provided.

BBC News

April 24, 2018

MNG Tahiti

Photo provided.
The Festival of Walking was lent some helping hooves April 21 by the St Helena Donkey Home charity. In heavy fog and occasional rain, six donkeys and around 20 people padded along the wet roads; the donkeys tirelessly munching on vegetation every time the group stopped for a passing vehicle.

But it was far from only this past Saturday that St Helena’s donkeys have lent a helping hoof. World Donkey Day will be held May 8 – so today, The Sentinel takes a glance at the island’s donkeys and the St Helena Donkey Home.

The island used to rely heavily on its donkey population for transport and carting of goods – in 1945, 1,311 donkeys were recorded on-island. While some still used donkeys for carting goods (for instance, for carting endemics to hard-to-reach areas of the island), in 2014, only 37 donkeys were recorded on-island.

Today, a few donkeys are still privately owned, and there are one or two wild herds in the Horse Pasture area; only six donkeys remain in the Donkey Home.

And the downsized Donkey Home has a downsized committee – namely, three committee members and one volunteer, Sharon Leask, who goes to the Home around three times a week and cleans the hooves, checks the donkeys, picks up the droppings etc.
The Donkey Home in Blue Hill brings money into the island through tourism, serving as a last interactive connection to “the original 4X4s of St Helena.”

“We’ve been doing some donkey walks recently, and Tourism often contact us because there’s tourists that want to go out for a walk,” said Donkey Home Chairperson Teeny Lucy.

Island residents can also buy bags of donkey droppings – great for soil – from the Home for just £2.50 per bag.

But despite the positives, the donkeys have been struggling to survive well in the Blue Hill Home for years.

Teeny Lucy has been Chairperson since late 2017, after the previous committee disbanded and a number of the donkeys passed away from various causes, such as hoof inflammation.

Teeny has a background in equine care – she worked for the RSPCA in the UK, served as a voluntary veterinary nurse for the island’s vet Joe Hollins, has a degree in equine science and was a lecturer in equine studies at an agricultural college in the UK.

Upon joining the Donkey Home committee, Teeny immediately recognised, as the previous committee had also, that the Donkey Home charity lacked the resources to look after the donkeys as intensively as they needed to in the Blue Hill environment – an extremely tough environment for the animals.

“The donkeys are not really in the right place,” she said. “The grass they’re on is too rich, its way too wet up there – which means that their feet are always too soft, and the hooves get saturated – and they’ve got something called ‘thrust’ and ‘seedy-toe,’ which are two bad things for donkeys’ hooves.”

Teeny said the donkeys are struggling in their current habitat, and noted that the new committee is looking to relocate the donkeys to a hotter, drier area of the island – an environment where the donkeys would better survive.

“They are the North African Ass,” Teeny said. “They are designed to roam over very large areas, eating very little. The diet (at Blue Hill) is too rich in protein, and it does cause all sorts of metabolic problems with their digestion and also with their feet.”

For now, the three committee members and volunteers will continue aiding the donkeys. The animals have been de-wormed, regularly groomed and a padlock has been added to the gate. (As the gate had been found open a few times recently, the padlock is to prevent the gray donkeys wandering out into gray fog and getting injured or causing traffic incidents.)

The charity is also organising fundraisers, etc. to help with relocation efforts.

“We’re still looking for somewhere else to move them to, which is drier and more sparse in grazing, where they can wander more and wear their feet down,” Teeny said. “Nowhere has been quite right yet.”

A bingo/quiz night is being planned within the next two months, to help pay for a farrier to come out to the island and train Donkey Home members, volunteers, private donkey owners and other interested parties to properly care for hooves – so the donkeys won’t get things like Laminitis, as two donkeys did in the time of the previous committee, and pass away.

To volunteer as a committee member or on an occasional basis, sign up for a donkey walk or purchase donkey droppings (the Home asks for the bags to be returned once the droppings have been used), contact sainthelenadonkeyhome@gmail.com.

For anyone interested in helping with Sharon Leask’s role; work would result in payment of £3 an hour.
Autism Awareness
Perspectives and Insights from Home and School

**A day in the life of... parents of children with autism: Part 2 – Out and About in the Community**

We are a group of parents who have one thing in common – our children have autism. Whilst all of our children are unique, there are some characteristics they all share. Most of us have three to four family members living in our household, one of which has autism. April is Autism Awareness Month and we have decided to share parts of our lives with you.

Transitions are very difficult for our children. Moving from one activity to another can present challenges. But for us as parents, stepping out our front door can be a journey into the unknown. We have managed to maintain control at home with our morning routines, but anything can now happen that will change the routine and cause stress to our child. So although we are making it to the bus stop on time with our visual aids, the iPad fully charged with games for the bus journey; our minds are in turmoil; can we get on the bus without a meltdown? How will today go, how will my child cope?

One parent says that at school she is relying on structure and routine. She is expecting her child to be in care of people who know him, who he is familiar with. But with a flu virus going around and so many teachers being off sick she is fretting on her way to school, will my child’s teacher be there? Who will he be met by? He won’t understand about this virus and change of people. In the past there were days when we were asked to keep him at home because his teacher couldn’t come to work. Why? Because he has additional needs and requires extra support.

The worst part is often our children do manage to hold it together for the day but when they get home we see their real feelings, their frustrations. One mother says how her child would come home screaming and crying. We know something has upset her, but we don’t know what. We can only guess but we can’t make right what went wrong in the day. We take her hand and gently massage her, this will often provide a calming effect. But the whimpering continues. As a parent, not being able to find out what is really bothering my child is heart-breaking. We ask that those who are working with our children to make sure communicate with us, use the ‘home – school book’ tell us about their day, our child can’t do this. Tell us what went well, didn’t go well. Tell us anything, everything.

A dad is telling what it is like to go to the shop. It’s after 4pm, the shops are full and there is a queue. Our children have no understanding of queuing. My child pushes his way to the till. His teacher has shown him the basic understanding of shopping and those what you want and pay at the till. I try to gently pull him back, he shrugs me off and frowns. I pull him again, gently, but he pushes my arm away, slaps the money down and takes off. People are staring. I try to call his name but he is running in to the street. I have to put down my shopping, I have to go after my son. I can feel people judging me. My son’s physically a big lad but with his autism he is socially immature, he has no social graces. Inside I’m pleading, begging those shoppers to please understand, whilst my heart is racing, I need to get to my son, I need to protect him. Outside of Thorpe’s a car has pulled up and loud music is blasting, I know this is going to cause my son alarm.

I search for him and I see him standing behind The Clock, his fingers in his ears – he is trying to block out the loud noise. A lady, in all her kindness go across to him, he doesn’t understand. He pushes past rather roughly and makes off down the street. I mutter a thank you as I rush past to get to my son. I know this lady tried and as I quicken my pace I pray she at least understands my son is not being rude, my son is not disrespectful. He has autism and for a brief period his world has become utterly confused.

**Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder, it’s ok. They have autism, this is who they are. Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder, we can’t ‘fix’ our children. But we can help make their world a better place. Thank you for reading about our lives, thank you for understanding and we hope you unite with us in promoting the importance of appreciating a life through these unique individuals who have autism.**

Yours sincerely

Au-Some Parent Group, St Helena

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*Living with an autistic brother can be fun and sometimes not. Sometimes he can be annoying and a little bit weird but I’m happy to share my home with him and also my heart, I love my autistic brother.*

*“My first experience with Autism was a year ago... I’d heard of Autism but I was not aware of the different types, changes and behaviour that occur, but having regular discussions with a parent of an autistic child I have learnt a great deal & how they cope as a family on an everyday basis. Every individual is different I have utmost respect praise & admiration for the parents & siblings living, working with, educating and always striving to give their child the best start in life. Living on St Helena I truly hope that every autistic child is offered the professional help & expertise that is required. The community needs to become more aware of Autism & accept & acknowledge that these children are special, every child deserves love, respect & attention regardless of their differences.”*

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*Dear Reader, we hope these articles have given you an insight into our lives, to our children’s lives. As parents, our prime focus is our children, whether they are safe, happy and well. If they are and they are doing something you consider ‘weird’. That is ok. They have autism, this is who they are. Autism is a lifelong developmental disorder, we can’t ‘fix’ our children. But we can help make their world a better place. Thank you for reading about our lives, thank you for understanding and we hope you unite with us in promoting the importance of appreciating a life through these unique individuals who have autism.*

*In collaboration with Friday 27th April 2018 ‘Choose Blue for AUTISM Day’ High Knoll Fort will be lit blue that evening.”*
- A clear conscience is usually the sign of a bad memory.
- I didn’t say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.

Arnold: Why do you meditate?
Hannah: It beats sitting around doing nothing!

**PUZZLE TIME:**

- Best One-Liners

**Sentinel Crossword: Parts of a House**

**Wordsearch: 5-Digit Numbers**

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Across:
1. The part of a room/building which forms the lower enclosing – the part that you walk on.
2. A room where you can take a shower, bath, or use the toilet.
3. The external upper covering of a building which protects the inside from rain and snow.
4. The internal upper surface of a room. It is above your head.

Down:
1. A movable barrier which blocks an entrance to a room or building.
2. A room used for sleeping.
3. A room used for cooking.
4. A covered exterior area of a building used for sitting.
5. This is used to separate one room from another. It does not move.
6. A room used to store motor vehicles.
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**Maze: Trip to School**

Can you help the boy reach school, whilst picking up his school equipment along the way?
Friday’s Farewell

Emma Weaver, SAMS

Springfield Week ended with the “Farewell Wine Tasting” event Friday.

Jeanette Bruwer, who runs Springfield Estate in Robertson, South Africa, was on-island to promote the Estate’s wine from April 14–21.

The three Springfield Week events offered tasters of various Springfield wines, from Sauvignon Blancs to “blends of Merlot, Cab Franc and Cab Sav.”

Event organiser Rose & Crown offered 10 percent discounts of the wines, and Mantis St Helena provided canapes and the venue for the events.
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Service
29th April
Jamestown Chapel 2.30 pm

No services will be held at the Sandy Bay and Head O’Wain Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 1st May Jamestown Chapel 7.00 pm
Thursday 3rd May Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

BAHA’I FAITH
www.sthelenabahai.org

"O Son of Being!
Thy heart is MY home; sanctify it
for My descent. Thy spirit is My
place of revelation; cleanse it for My
Manifestation."

-Baha’i Scripture

DEVOTIONAL MEETING
BAHA’I CENTRE
Gumwoods
8pm
THURSDAY EVENINGS

ALL ARE WELCOME
Telephone 24342

CATHOLIC CHURCH OF THE SACRED HEART
Contact : 22535

Fifth Sunday of Easter 29th April
10 a.m. Holy Mass

Tuesday 1st May St Joseph the Worker
6 p.m. Holy Mass

Thursday 3rd May Feast of Apostles
Ss Philip & James
6 p.m. Holy Mass

Saturday 28th April 2018
0915 – 1000
Sabbath School Programme
1000 – 1045 Group Bible Study
1100 – 1200 Divine Service
1400 – 1500 Youth

Every Wednesday
Wednesday 2nd May 2018
1930 – 2030 Prayer Meeting

All are Welcome

For further information contact:
Pastor Paul Millin Tel No 22267

The Rock
PRAISE & WORSHIP

Prayer meeting at the home of Anthony and Elaine Hopkins at Sapperway on saturday at 8am

Praise and worship service at Kingshurst community Centre at 11am on sunday 29th April

Sunday School at 11:30pm

On Wednesday 2nd May at 6:30 pm
at sandy Bay and also at the home
of Anthony and Elaine Hopkins at
7:30pm

Cathedral Parish of St Paul’s
Fourth Sunday in Easter 29th April
8 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral
10 a.m. Mass at the Cathedral
(with Admission of Parish Officers)
Thursday 3rd May

10 a.m. Mass at Arabia
Parish of St James
Fourth Sunday in Easter 29th April
9.30 a.m. Mass at St James’
Thursday 3rd May
7 p.m. Mass with Confirmation at St John’s

Parish of St Matthew
Fourth Sunday in Easter 29th April
11.30 a.m. Communion Service at St Mark’s
Tuesday 1st May
7 p.m. Communion Service at St Mark’s

Please note: Salvation Army Citadel
Half-Tree Hollow – combined
Service at 5.30 p.m. Sunday 29th
April
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Activities at the Army this weekend
FRIDAY 27TH APRIL 2018
‘QUALITY SECONDS’ SHOP AND CAFÉ CLOSED

SATURDAY 28TH APRIL 2018
SALE – SALE – SALE
‘QUALITY SECONDS’ SALE AT THE JAMESTOWN HALL FROM 10AM TILL LATE. COME ALONG AND GRAB SOME GREAT BARGAINS. THERE’S SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE.

SUNDAY 29TH APRIL
PRAISE & WORSHIP SERVICE AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 5.30PM. UNITED WITH THE ANGLICANS. EVERYONE IS WARMLY WELCOME. TEA & REFRESHMENTS WILL FOLLOW THE SERVICE.

EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING
PRAYER MEETING & BIBLE STUDY AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW HALL AT 7.30 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

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

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

Take care and God bless.
On Tuesday 17th April at St. Paul’s Primary School children and their families enjoyed two hours of ‘healthy fun’ activities. In her opening address Head Teacher Mrs Pat Williams stressed the importance of establishing healthy eating and exercise habits from childhood and explained how the school is fulfilling its commitment to promoting healthy lifestyles for all.

Among the activities on offer were dance, parachute games, novelty sports, skipping and ‘strictly come dancercise’. Some children chose to play their own games using the equipment provided. Parents took part alongside their children and many could be seen skipping or dancing. For those who preferred to relax there was a ‘chill zone’ for mindfulness colouring and meditation, with calming music.

In addition there was information and advice from dietician Gina Giebner and school nurse Elaine Stafford and many people took advantage of the healthy recipe leaflets on offer. There were healthy tasters to nibble and refreshments on sale to satisfy the hungry and thirsty, all made from healthy ingredients. Representatives from Solomons provided information about healthy versions of everyday foods on sale in their stores as well as sharing tasters of different varieties of bread.

School staff would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of the event by giving up their time and sharing their knowledge and expertise.
JAZZ AT THE MANTIS

Saturday 28th April
5 — 7.30 pm

Tickets £10 available from Mantis St Helena
Call 25505 or call in.

1st drink and canapés included in ticket price

Raffle to be drawn on the night.
1st prize: A luxury one night’s stay at Mantis St Helena including evening meal & wine for two!
Tickets £1
(Tel) 23988 (Email) creativesainthelena@gmail.com

LAND AVAILABLE FOR AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION

ANRD wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2018:

- Arable land at Plantation, Ex ADA Fields, Colsheds, Scotland Headquarters and Bell Stone, Levelwood.

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at ANRD Office or by contacting the Agricultural Development Officer, Andy Timm or the Farmers Support Officer, Fred Green on telephone 24724 or email andy-timm@enrd.gov.sh or fred-green@enrd.gov.sh respectively.

Closing date for applications to the Head of ANRD is 1600 hours on 7 May 2018.
AGRICULTURE INDUSTRY FAMILY FUN DAY!

When: 28 April 2018
Time: 1pm—5pm
Where: Kingshurst Community Centre

A programme of agriculture industry engagement sessions for 2018 will be introduced at this event by the Agriculture 2018 Programme Working Group, i.e. ANRD, Beekeepers Association, Economic Development Committee, Education & Employment Directorate, Environmental Natural Resources Committee, ESH and St Helena Growers Co-operative.

This will be a business and social engagement event so come along with the family to see what it is all about and gain an insight into agriculture on St. Helena.

Hot food, tea, Shirley’s Ice Cream van and a bar facility will be available.
Bouncy castle and face painting for the children.

We look forward to seeing you there!

For more information please contact
Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator
on telephone 22920 or email della.dupreez@esh.co.sh
Choose blue for AUTISM

When: Friday 27th April 2018

Where: Organisations, businesses, schools - wherever

Why: April is Autism Awareness Month, let’s light up with blue

What: Wear blue for the day and Donate to Disabled Person’s Aid Society

To whom it may concern,

April is Autism Awareness Month and we are trying to raise awareness of Autism across the island. We are appealing to all to wear blue on 27th April so that together we can unite in support of Autism.

As a ‘mufti day’ we are looking to raise monies to support the valuable work of the Disabled Person’s Aid Society (DPAS). Would you encourage everyone in your organisation to choose blue and make a small donation to the DPAS?

Can we light up the island with blue on 27th April and show our support for Autism?

If your organisation is willing to take part please contact Leeanne Henry on leeaalexsha@gmail.com to confirm details or simply donate through Bank of St. Helena Account Name: St Helena Disabled Persons’ Aid Society Number: 13524002 Reference: ‘Choose Blue’

Thank you

DPAS Committee

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Tourist Office Opening Hours

St Helena Tourist Office would like to advise the public that the revised Opening Hours are as follows:

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For further information please contact St Helena Tourism on email enquiries@tourism.co.sh or tel 22158.
PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY
Senior Accounts Executive

Corporate Finance has an opportunity for a Senior Accounts Executive to work within their Accounting Services Section. The post holder will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded.

The successful applicant will be responsible for:

- Management of the Sales and Purchases Ledgers
- Ensuring prompt recovery of Debts
- Processing payments in accordance with the Financial Regulations

Applicants should have at least 3 years’ experience in a similar accounting role and at least 2 years’ experience in supervising staff. A good understanding in both accounts payable and receivable processes to enable a flexible, inter-changeable role.

Applicants should possess intermediate analytical skills and good financial management skills, be proficient in Microsoft applications and the Accounting software package Access Dimensions. Applicants are expected to be highly motivated and an effective team player with the ability to relate to officers at all levels across SHG.

Persons interested should have attained GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above and ACCA Certified Accounting Technician Level 2 or equivalent.

Salary for the post will be at Grade C commencing £8,613 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Sara Benjamin, Accounting Services and Budget Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sara.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or Sarah Greentree, Senior Accounts Executive on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Corporate Finance and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Clare O’Dean, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 9 May 2018.

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.

Corporate Services

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. Application 2018/45: FULL Planning Application for Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling, Pleasant Valley, Nr Levelwood Clinic on Parcel 0267 Diana’s Peak Ring Road, adjacent to Aubrey Evans. Applicant: Ryan Crowie

2. Application 2018/46: FULL Planning Application for Refurbishment of Teutonic Hall (Change of Use to 3 Accommodation Units), Hutts Gate on Parcel 0191 Longwood South, adjacent to Solomon & Company. Applicant: W A Thorpe & Sons

3. Application 2018/47: FULL Planning Application for Chubbs Spring Water Abstraction Upgrade (Construction of Abstraction Chambers, Installation of Gabion Baskets, Clearing of Trees around Existing Infrastructures, Reinstatement of Concrete Channel Walls, Installation of Stilling Chambers, etc.), on Parcels 0397, 0398 Francis Plain and 170033, 170083, 170009, 170023, 170021 and 170020 Jamestown. Applicant: Connect St Helena Ltd

Copies of the Application and Plans may be inspected by Prior Appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone No 22270 or email Karen-Issaac@enrd.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application 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 : 26 April 2018
Public Review Closing Date : 11 May 2018

Riana De Wet
Chief Planning Officer
Enterprise St Helena (ESH) will have a unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at the Jamestown Market. The unit in the Jamestown Market will be available for occupancy from 1st July 2018.

Applications should be submitted to Emma Peters, Receptionist/Administration Support, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email emma.peters@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Monday 7th May 2018.

Terms and Conditions apply.

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

Enterprise St Helena invites proposals from any suitably qualified persons or businesses who would be willing to enter into a multi-activity ‘Call Off’ contract to offer technical services in the following fields:

- Technical Design
- Procurement of Contractors
- Project Management
- Surveying

Interested parties should note that this requirement is only being advertised on St Helena.

For a copy of the Terms Of Reference or if you require further information please contact Merrill Joshua, Projects Manager, on tel 22920 or email merrill.joshua@esh.co.sh.

Proposals should be emailed to the above address or delivered by sealed envelope marked “Technical services” to Enterprise St Helena office by no later than 12 Noon GMT Monday, 14th May 2018 providing full details of the services your business can offer with your rates.

Terms and Conditions apply.
VACANCY

Finance Officer
Salary £20,952 pa (Depending on Qualifications & Experience)

Bank of St Helena is seeking a suitably experienced and qualified individual to fill the position of Finance Officer.

This is a senior management position that supports the strategic development and growth of the Bank by maintaining robust financial management practices, ensuring compliance with internal and external regulations and international and financial reporting standards and the training and development of staff.

The successful candidate should ideally have Certified Accountant Technician status, a finance or management degree or equivalent academic qualification, along with a minimum of 3 years work experience in a management/leadership role; preferably within a financial services environment.

As a senior manager the Finance Officer must be a strategic thinker with commercial acumen; be solution focused with strong interpersonal and negotiation skills with the ability to interact, engage and influence. The Finance Officer will also be an active member of the Bank’s Project Management Team and will lead a section that specialises in finance and the Bank’s Swift Payments Service.

This is an exciting yet challenging opportunity for anyone who has the right set of skills, experience, qualifications and attitude to assist Bank of St Helena as it continues to develop and grow.

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

Closing Date for Applications is Friday, 11th May 2018
Invitation to Tender

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

Proposed Maintenance Works to Sydenham House

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 Thursday, 26 April 2018, at 10am, meeting at Sydenham House, Scotland.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 03 May 2018.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.
Vacancy - Head of Finance

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced accountant to head our Finance section. Working to International financial standards, the Head of Finance reports to the CEO and will lead the Finance department and undertake a range of duties which includes:

Running of monthly management reports, preparation of management accounts and forecasting of the company’s financial strategy; Preparation of annual accounts and financial statements; Monitoring capital expenditure and grant amortisation; Capitalisation of costs relating to capital projects; Compilation of monthly reports and data including tariff review; Managing and controlling the company’s credit, liquidity and other financial risks.

The successful candidate should:

be a full member of an Accountancy body with 5 years post qualification experience; have experience with budget preparation and analysis of financial information at a complex level, experience with Access Dimensions or similar software. Have 3 years management experience, and be an excellent team leader and communicator and be able to think and plan strategically. Commitment to best practice and good governance also essential to this role.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Clare Harris on 22255 or email Clare at clare.harris@connect.co.sh.

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Vacancy – Electrical Linesworker

Connect Saint Helena Ltd a vacancy within the Electrical Distribution Team for a Linesworker to carry out work on the 11kV High Voltage and 415 Volt Low Voltage Electricity Distribution Network.

The duties of the position includes: Infrastructure refurbishment and maintenance of transformers, power lines, pole mounted equipment and switchgear; performing data acquisition, logging and recording activities as required; liaising with consumers for access to properties for domestic and commercial installations, complying with Health and Safety regulations; complying with Environmental Protection Ordinance.

Linesworkers operate in all weather conditions and over adverse terrain. The successful applicant must be reliable, has the ability to work at heights, able to work effectively within a team and be able to follow instructions clearly, adhering to critical safe working practices at all times. Electrical Installations or Technicians certificate is preferred but not essential as training directly relevant to the post will be given. The successful candidate should also have a class C driving licence.

Salary for the post will depend on skills and experience. For further information or for a full job description and application form, please contact Kerry Lane on 22255 or email Kerry at kerry.lane@connect.co.sh.

Completed applications must be submitted by 4:00pm on Monday, 7th May 2018 to our office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or emailed to Kerry at the above email address.
St Helena Tourism are pleased to announce that from 266 nomination forms, the top 15 nominated Wonders are:

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The public are now invited to vote for the 7 they would like to see as the official Wonders of St Helena. Forms will now be placed in Jamestown Star, Public Library, Tourist Office, Half Tree Hollow Supermarket and Longwood Supermarket.

**Voting will close on 6 May 2018.**

The top 7 voted attractions will be announced on 21 May, St Helena’s Day, as the new 7 Wonders of St Helena.

**All votes will be entered into a prize draw for a £100 gift voucher for a tour of your choosing.**

For further information please contact Kimberley Peters, Marketing Officer, on email kimberley.peters@tourism.co.sh, or telephone 22514.
SPORTS ARENA

Team St Helena Returns Home

Photos by Wise Monkeys Media Productions

GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 22ND APRIL 2018

Bramwell Lumukwana, Contributed

Our Par 3 golf competition on Sunday 22nd April 2018 was played in weather characterised by patches of fog that created poor visibility. For the first time this year tee off time was at 9 a.m. In spite of the weather an impressive number of players took part in the competition. The field attracted 17 players. Being a Par 3 stroke play competition half a handicap was used in scoring. Taking second position with net 58 was Mr Jeffrey Stevens. In first place was none other than Mr Alaistair Norrie who returned an impressive net 56. Hensil Beard, Larry Legg and Tony Green had birdies and shared the 2 ball pool. 7 Players returned scores in the 60’s which was quite impressive. In the 19th hole a delectable fish fry kindly and generously sponsored by Lawson Henry, Jeffrey Stevens and Helena Stevens awaited the members. What a great time we had...!

Next Sunday 29th April the club will be hosting the monthly medal. Tee off time is 12:00, 14 players have already signed up. Those who have not signed up and would like to participate are encouraged to dial in and leave a message in the club phone number 24421.

Are you keen to start playing golf? We have good news for you. With prior arrangement you can get free golf lessons on Mondays from 16:00. Contact the captain on 62117 for details. You can now follow us on Facebook @shgc.org.sh for updates and information. Our website www.shgc.org.sh is being refurbished and updated we ask for your patience as we work towards giving it a fresh look.

Since Saturday, March 17 the members of Team St Helena had been off-island for the Commonwealth Games 2018 in Gold Coast, Australia. After a two-day flight delay due to weather conditions at HLE, on April 23 the team officials (Chef De Mission Nick Stevens, General Team Manager Jeremy Roberts and Team Officials Johnny and Anne Dillon), as well as the athletes (Ben Dillon, Scott George, Colby Thomas, Duwaine Yon and Carlos Yon) returned home to a warm and celebratory welcome.