Island Getting Ready for Calibration Flights

Cannabis and Road Safety Debate Continue

Re-Lining of Reservoirs

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From the House of Lords

Class Reunion in UK

Longest Serving British Regent
SON Danny and Daughter Irene along with siblings overseas Pat, Patsy and Dorothy and Goddaughter Inez Cranfield would like to thank all who sent kind words through cards and facebook during the passing of their mother Evelyn Edna Peters. The family would like to thank Roy Williams, Ivan Beard, Davina Lawrence and their teams for their assistance in giving mum a good send off, she would have appreciated it and all who attended her funeral and laid floral tributes. The family would also like to thank Glenda Piek and her team especially at the CCC for the dignity given to mum in her last hours, and to Dulcie and Sylvia who also treated mum with dignity in her short time at the CCC. The family would also like to acknowledge Danny’s wife Hazel for her devotion during mums time at the CCC, feeding her nightly and comforting her through her difficult time. Thanks to Canon Clive and the Bishop for your prayers and the service. Mum choose her own wmp reading for her funeral which showed she was ready for her next journey and to be reunited with her mother who she lost at the age of 11. She would have been pleased her favourite people Joy George and Coral Yon were able to play the organ and read the Eulogy, mum was very fond of Joy and loved Corals blessings and kind words. Mum led a full life and was still relatively active until last year at the age of 95 still making cakes and living independently. With a strong mind and will many describe her as a legend to St Helena. The family appreciates everyone sharing fond memories. She deserves her rest now, may she rest in peace.
True Friendship Is One That Never Fades Through Time

Class of ‘95 School Reunion, 5th September, Bristol

14 students from Prince Andrew School’s Class of ‘95 organised and attended a School Reunion celebrating their 20 year anniversary. The venue, superbly chosen by Ashley Moyce, was appropriately named: the Old School Rooms, that was beautifully decorated on the day by Cyndi Leo, with the much appreciated help of every man, woman and child there. The colour scheme for the reunion reflected the four houses: Jenkins, Mundens, Cavendish and Dutton. However, the colour coded candy buffet, in particular the homemade marshmallows, stole the show, but only second to Morgan’s (Cheryl’s partner) tshirt slogan: CAUTION! My woman’s a SAINT. Our meal on the day was deliciously cooked and delivered by Mrs Nellie Francis: Saint food at its finest.

Both Sharon and Beth’s parents worked as expats on the island, who still kept in touch with PAS school friends, even after all these years. We were also joined by Sharon’s sister, Rozanne.

Words cannot describe that magical moment of meeting everyone again, especially seeing old friends for the first time in over 20 years, which, only felt like it was yesterday. We were truly blessed to have a great day, with everyone having a superb time reminiscing and catching up. What made this occasion even more memorable was having Cheryl (Australia) and Petra (Glasgow) making their trip especially for the reunion. Throughout the day we happily remembered our friends scattered around the world, who were unable to join us, but also taking the time to light candles in memory of those no longer with us (may they rest in peace). Thank you to everyone who have helped to make this day, a day to remember.

 Regards, Sam (Leo).

AN EVENING OF GOSPEL MUSIC AND SONG

Come and enjoy an evening of Gospel Music and Song at Prince Andrew School on Friday 2nd October at 7pm. You will be entertained by the Blue Hill Singers and Musicians as well as Guest Singers, and funds raised will be in aid of St Helena and the Cross Funds. Admission Fees will be £3 for Adults and £1.50 for children under 16 years.

Solar Interference for September 2015

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The debate continues. Firstly, the discussions to legalise cannabis is picking up momentum with arguments about the danger, or no danger, with using cannabis. There will also be further radio debates on the topic of cannabis. I think that the cannabis supporters are going too far in their support of the drug. There is no question about that cannabis is one of the least harmful illegal drugs but going as far as legalise it would be dangerous and uncalled for. Countries who have legalised it have not done so because cannabis is harmless but because the dangers of the criminal environment around drug dealers and people committing crimes to afford to buy an unlawful drug are more harmful than the cannabis itself. I would fully support a liberalisation of the penalties for possession and cultivation of cannabis for personal use, maybe even liberalise the penalties down to a level where the Police would not bother too much with chasing offenders. At the same time there should be severe penalties for supply, intent to supply and cultivation with intent to supply cannabis. That would make more sense for St Helena. To totally decriminalise is would be wrong.

Cannabis and driving is definitely a bad combination whatever Mr Russell Yon is claiming. There is enough evidence to introduce proper legislation prohibiting driving with THC (cannabis) in your blood.

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The St Helena Independent

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A Funny Thing
Happened ....
Vince Thompson

Wider Still and Wider, Will Our Bounds Be Set

These words from Britain’s unofficial national anthem drifted into my mind this week. I could have sworn blind these words are from ‘Rule Britannia’ but no, I eventually found them in ‘Land of Hope and Glory’, another unofficial national anthem. So why have I had this sudden burst of patriotism you may ask; well not quite, it’s just that HRH Queen Elizabeth II has broken a record this week and I got to thinking how modern day efforts to set the British boundaries yet wider have changed since the lyrics for ‘Land of Hope and Glory’ were written in 1902.

As has been heavily advertised The Queen, God Bless Her, became the longest serving British monarch on Wednesday of this week. She is also the longest serving queen in the history of the world and her 68 years with The Duke of Edin-

There is also Mo Farah who has won more gold medals in international competition than any other British athlete. The fact that Mo was born on Mogadishu, Somalia and did not come to Britain until he was eight years old is not important, except to Somalis. In the more civilised countries of the modern world nationalism is also contained within more peaceable boundaries. It’s a bit like Scottish born Andy Murray, currently ranked 3rd best tennis player in the men’s competitions. If you are born in England or Wales Andy Murray is British. If you are Scottish, Andy Murray is Scottish and nothing else. Come to think of it, the fact that some members of the England cricket team who have beaten Australia in the Ashes contests of the past were born in Australia is also a point never worth mentioning – by Brits. I’d better not forget Wayne Rooney who, in this week of tumbling records, beat Bobbie Charlton’s long-standing record for the number of goals scored by any individual for the English national football team.

Unfortunately not every country in the world is content to replace whenever possible the battlefield with the sports field. In the Middle East we are still fighting the Christian / Muslim battles of the 11th century except the Christians are now called Western World. The First Crusade was in 1095 when the Pope urged European Christians to wage war against the Muslims. The strife continued off and on until the Third Crusade ended in the defeat of the Christians in 1291. We can only hope and the current Jihad or ‘Holy War’ waged by the so-called Islamic State and an assortment of other fanatical groups who use religion as their excuse for violent domination does not also last almost 200 years.

As we are all well aware, Rhodes style wars over mineral wealth do still exist. Oil is often a motivator for legalised violence [Iraq] and is a now a consideration in the Argentine / British differences over the Falklands. Another subterranean source of wealth which has cost many lives is diamonds. Civil wars in Sierra Leone, Angola, Congo and Ivory Coast are some of the West African countries where ‘blood diamonds’ have caused untold human misery.

Against this background of human failings and inadequacies probably the best thing to do is to make most of the opportunity presented to us by Queen Elizabeth II. Despite the temporary unpopularity of the British monarchy in the eyes of...
many of the British public at the time of Diana Spencer’s death, Queen Elizabeth’s record breaking reign has been a popular success based largely on unassuming ordinariness. She has focussed her life on fulfilling the duties placed upon her by birth. Despite the palaces, the servants, the high standard of living and other comforts and conveniences I feel sure her unassuming ordinariness too often has to deal with an excess of drudgery.

Too much travelling, too many people to smile at and shake hands with, too many polite but boring conversations at the dining table, too many speeches, too many ceremonies and not enough privacy. I also feel sure the glitter thought to go with the job is only believed by those who have not given enough thought to what the Queen and those around her have to do week in, week out, and year in, year out. There are almost one hundred different Life Time Achievement Awards, mainly for people in film, theatre, books and music. While the Queen and her clan dispense hundreds of awards each year, I know of no award for royalty. In the old days they would have tried to obtain their own award by attacking and plundering the kingdom next door and running off with the royal family silver but nowadays that little perk is out of bounds.

I Can Report it is Being Sorted

What we have before us, ladies and gentlemen, is more than just the usual change of name. Changing names of departments and people’s jobs is a much loved and often used way to give the impression that a private sector company or a government is forging ahead to new and improved levels of efficiency and customer service. In my experience the main reason for these reorganisations is to reduce the number of people on the payroll.

Five months ago the Sanitary Services was administered by the old and since reorganised Public Health and Social Services Department. At the beginning of this financial year responsibility for rubbish collections and clean toilets was transferred to Waste Management Services under the Environment and Natural Resources Department. A lot has happened in those five months. In fact, I am very much aware that a transformation took place in one aspect of the service within days of ENRD taking over. A big cruise ship was due to call and about 2,000 passengers and crew were expected to come ashore. On previous similar occasions the public toilets in Jamestown have become a complete mess within about an hour of cruise passengers landing. At very short notice the new organisation put a completely new cleaning regime in place to deal with the one day up surge in public toilet usage. The new cleaning arrangement worked well and involved what previously had been desk bound managers getting out into the street to get down and dirty in the toilets under their care. I was told the first hand experience of toilet cleaning by ENRD managers was a great help in making permanent improvements to the day to day toilet cleaning arrangements and there is now a permanent plan for toilet cleaning when cruise ships call. The new work culture at ENRD Waste Management Services includes the managers being prepared to do anything they ask the staff to do. If a manager is not prepared to do a certain job then the staff cannot be asked to do it either.

The winds of change did not stop there. The initial burst of energy has continued. It must be 40 years ago when I first watched street cleaners sweep outside the Court House and other places in Jamestown with a particular type of big broom. It must have taken a whole morning of back-breaking sweeping to clean an area which a machine could clean in about 30 minutes. Forty years have passed and still the same type of broom is used in the same slow way to clear all the dropings from the trees and of course, the litter. This age-old tradition of doing it the same way great-grand dad did it is about to change. Recently purchased mechanical street cleaning machines are with us now! As soon as staff have been trained in how to use them they will be on the Jamestown streets. The lovable old brooms will be consigned to a boot sale, I hope. I hope because I would like to buy one, or maybe two.

Recycling Waste Gains Ground

Better litter bins are starting to be placed around Jamestown now with two dozen more planned for other parts of the Island. In addition, twelve recycling bins will be on their way soon. The recycling facility at Horse Point is now completed with safe disposal available for glass, household and car batteries, scrap metal, wood and tyres. A collection scheme has been implemented for glass recycling. Electricals and small appliances, textiles, household chemicals and furniture are also accepted now with waste motor oil and cooking oil being added to the list as soon as the receptacles for their disposal are in place.

The transformation from Sanitary Services to Waste Management Services included some necessary but ‘boring’ tasks such as moving out of Public Health and on to Donkey Plain and a Site Office has been established at Horse Point including provision of staff facilities. Additional staff training has also been completed, mainly on health and safety issues. Hand held radios are now provided for staff so the crews on rubbish collection vehicles and other mobile staff can keep in contact with the EMD Base at Scotland and Horse Point. The rubbish collection crews are now also responsible for cleaning certain public toilets as they pass them during their
The distribution of the wheelie bins was completed by Waste Management Services and the orange litter bins are being replaced in certain places by brown wheelie bins. Most if not all these changes and improvements have been achieved without any additional money or extra staff being required. Several working practices have been reviewed and it has been possible to reduce costs either because the new way of doing it means vehicles are used less or time is being used more efficiently. ENRD are also working closely with other bodies to obtain views on how services could be improved. Some litter picking duties have been completed in partnership with HM Prison Offender Management. Looking to the future it is planned to have a Bulky Waste Collection Service as well as a Secure Data Disposal Service. The disposal of secure data is based on incineration.

The Numbers Don’t Add Up

Two weeks back I wrote a piece about the Performance Tracker used by SHG to check itself on how well it is doing or not. This week I decided to check if anyone is asking any questions in the UK Parliament about St Helena. Well, someone has. That someone is our old friend Lord Jones of Cheltenham. He asked several questions, one of which was to know how many hotel beds were available in St Helena at present.

The Noble Baroness Varma informed our trusted Lord Jones the ‘St Helena Government confirms that 101 tourist beds are currently available in serviced rooms, with an additional 38 serviced rooms planned for construction between 2015 and 2016. There are also 90 self-catering rooms on the island’. This answer troubles me deeply because in SHG Performance Tracker it states the current number of ‘en suite serviced rooms’ is 40. Getting 101 beds into 40 rooms has got to be more than a little tricky. Most en suite rooms are either twin or double bedded; the exception is the ‘family room’ with three or possibly more beds per room. More crucially, the 101 beds are described as ‘tourist beds’ which again leaves me losing sleep over where other visitors who are not tourists will rest their heads for the night. Businessmen, government officials, friends visiting relatives, where will these people stay; at the Camp Site planned at Hooper’s Rock?

In answer to another question from Lord Jones the Noble Baroness stated that the ‘St Helena Government estimates that 80 to 160 tourist beds will be required when the air service becomes operational.’ Based on the assumption that there really are 101 tourist beds in the 40 en suite serviced rooms as claimed, SHG are telling us we have enough tourist beds in St Helena to meet the lower end of the expected demand; the bottom quarter in fact. I beg to differ; call me negative if you must but I see the Island as severely short on hotel beds, all of which must be en suite in this day and age. This shortage, in my humble opinion, will be a drag on aircraft passenger numbers. This in turn will impact adversely on the subsidy required to run the air service.

COUNCILLORS’ CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS IN SEPTEMBER

Councillors will continue to hold their Constituency Meetings in September 2015. Topics for discussion will be Safeguarding, Opening Hours for businesses on Sundays, Public and Bank Holidays, and the 2016 St Helena Population and Housing Census.

All meetings will start at 7.30pm. The schedule for the remaining meetings is as follows:

Jamestown Community Centre
Tuesday, 15 September
Chair: Councillor Henry

Blue Hill Community Centre
Wednesday, 16 September
Chair: Councillor Ward Pearce

SHG
7 September 2015
MOBILE PHONES CONNECTING TO 999 SYSTEM

As the Island mobile phone system is starting to become live the network is allowing some mobile phones to register and display ‘Emergency Calls Only’ - if the owner of the phone dials 999 they will then be connected to Police Control. A number of users have been dialling 999 to test the network and then disconnecting when the operator answers. This is wasting Police time and engaging the 999 system when someone may need it at the same time for a real emergency. The public is advised that mobile phone numbers can be traced just the same as landline telephones. Only dial 999 from a mobile phone or landline if it is an emergency and you require assistance. It is a criminal offence to dial 999 when it is not an emergency.

Trevor Botting, Chief of Police
SHG
4 September 2015

NEW PRISON AT SUNDALE – INFORMATION EVENING

As part of the Sundale development engagement strategy an open meeting will be held on Monday 14 September 2015 at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, between 4pm and 7pm. The meeting will not be a consultation - but is a chance for local residents and other interested people to view the plans for the new Prison and see how the Prison will look and work in the future. The community is invited to drop in anytime between 4pm and 7pm to see the plans and have an informal discussion with the Chief of Police, Prison Manager and other members of the Prison team. We look forward to meeting you on Monday the 14th.

Trevor Botting, Chief of Police
SHG
4 September 2015

Sandy Bay Community center held their AGM on wednesday 2nd September 2015 and are pleased to announce that a new committee has been selected.

Chair person - Loretta Peters
Treasurer - Sharon O’dean
Secretary - Paul Fowler
Members - Diana Fowler, Barbara Fowler, Darren Isaac, James Peters.
EXCO REPORT – TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2015

Executive Council met today, Tuesday 8 September 2015, with two items on the Open Agenda.

The first item was for ExCo to consider whether outline development permission should be granted to a commercial camping site at Hooper’s Rock, Blue Hill. Executive Council had previously supported this business venture by way of excision of land from the National Forest.

Executive Council agreed that outline development permission (with conditions) should be granted, as this provides an opportunity for a high quality camping facility that supports a leisure pastime enjoyed by many on and off-Island.

In the second item, ExCo endorsed a proposal that a new build hospital should be the priority project for St Helena’s allocation from the 11th European Development Fund, recognising that a new purpose built hospital, will provide a quality community health facility going forward.

Executive Council on behalf of Legislative Council wished the Honourable Derek Thomas a successful Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Executive Council Committee Meeting that is being held in London from 1 to 6 October 2015.

ExCo
8 September 2015

ST. HELENA POLICE SERVICE

The Police Service received and dealt with a total of 51 reports for the period Tuesday 1st to Sunday 6th September.

A total of three road traffic collisions were reported and dealt with. Two were of a minor nature, all drivers were found to be free from alcohol and no offences were disclosed. The third collision involved one vehicle which had collided with a retaining wall, the driver was found to be free from alcohol, but this case is currently under investigation.

Police has now launched the Speed and Drink Drive Campaign titled ‘IMPACT’ which will run for the months of September and October and again for December and January, this is in line with our strategic objectives for Road Safety. A number of vehicles were stopped for passengers being carried in the tray and defective lights. All drivers were found to be free from alcohol. We look forward to your continued support and remember to drive safe.

Have a safe week.

Anthony Clingham
Acting Inspector of Police (Operations)
St. Helena Police Directorate
7 September 2015

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES’ COURT

20th August 2015

ONRAY MILES BUCKLEY (55) of Levelwood pleaded guilty to offences of being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst 76% over the prescribed limit and on a second occasion driving a motor vehicle whilst 134% over the prescribed limit. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Buckley was fined £235.00 with costs of £15.00 for being in charge of a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit and given a Community Service Order of 120 hours with costs of £15.00 in respect of driving a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit. Mr Buckley was disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for the extended period of 3 years in respect of each offence.

SHAVON MARK HENRY (28) of Jamestown pleaded guilty to offences of criminal damage, possession of a small quantity of cannabis and being found drunk in a public place. Mr Henry was given a conditional discharge of 12 months. Mr Henry was also ordered to pay compensation in respect of the damage he caused in the amount of £280.00.

27th August 2015

JORDAN BLAINE YON (18) of Plantation Stables, St Paul’s pleaded guilty to an offence sexual activity with a child. In view of the serious nature of the offence, sentence was adjourned for a Pre-Sentence report to be prepared.

BENJY JAMES LAWRENCE of Cow Path pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 43% over the prescribed limit. Mr Lawrence was fined £100.00 and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for the period of 12 months, together with costs of £15.00.

JEREMY THEODORE TIMM (22) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to an offence of being found drunk in a public place. Mr Timm was fined £30.00 together with costs for £15.00.

3rd September 2015

SIMON REX ISAAC of Levelwood pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst 47% over the prescribed limit. Mr Isaac was fined £156.00 and disqualified from holding or obtaining a drivers licence for the period of 12 months, together with costs of £15.00.

JEREMY THEODORE TIMM (22) of Half Tree Hollow pleaded guilty to an offence of being found drunk in a public place. Mr Timm was fined £30.00 together with costs for £15.00.

7th September 2015

JULIAN DEAN FULLER (33) of Alarm Forest was found guilty after trial of careless driving. Mr Fuller was fined the maximum sum of £100.00 and ordered to pay the maximum compensation of £2,000.00, together with costs of £100.00. Mr Fuller was also disqualified from driving for the period of 6 months.

8th September 2015

ASHLEY MARK JOSHUA (22) of Model Cottage, St Pauls pleaded guilty to assault occasioning actual bodily harm. The offence was aggravated by being at or about licensed premises, involving kicking the victim on the back once whilst the victim was on the ground and a previous conviction for assault. Fortunately the victim suffered comparatively minor injury. Mr Joshua was fined £480.00 together with costs of £15.00.
Dear Editor,
I read your concern about cannabis and driving, I’m sure more people are. All I can say is that……

Although it is sometimes asserted that skills, or using heavy machinery and driving a car would be adversely affected by cannabis use, this is the unscientific voice of prejudice speaking. This damaging fiction about cannabis is a widely promulgated, premeditated calumny, for official tests and studies have demonstrated that, with cannabis use, no deterioration of manual dexterity or mental adroitness occurs. The opposite is established: with the use of cannabis heightened awareness is reported and increase in skills is observed.

The deleterious progressive intensification-by-quantity which occurs with use of alcohol tranquilisers and other toxic drugs (whose biological action differs from cannabis) is mendaciously asserted to occur with cannabis too, in both official and other propaganda, despite the specific and complete exonerations of cannabis from all such “harm” allegations, by replicable, clinical tests.

Given the brief to discover impairments, if any, the Crancer Study, for example, from the Washington Department of motor Vehicles, confirms that cannabis has no deleterious effect on driving ability. When clinically tested, cannabis is shown to induce no functional impairments. Rather the reverse is confirmed: improvement in the ability to concentrate and demonstrated by recorded results.

The tests of skills in simulated driving performance of the U S official Crancer Studies demonstrate that any quantity of cannabis, even huge amounts consumed by test subjects, is unable to cause the slightest impairment of brain function. Crancer finds: “Simulated driving scores for subjects experiencing a normal social marijuana “high” and the same subjects under control conditions are not significantly different. However, there, are significantly more errors for alcohol intoxicated than for control subjects.”

Moreover, increased quantity dose not have deleterious results. To quote Crancer again, both regular and novice smokers smoking three times effective dose:

“showed either no change or negligible improvements in their scores.”

Hope my letter will set everyone who is concern at rest. Until next time.

Jah Bless
Restorator
Russell Yon

Dear Mike,
I see that SHG’s “Health Promotion Trainer” has been instructed to trot out all the old Cannabis scare stories, yet again. Much of this is based on doubtful science, but SHG clearly thinks you can frighten people off with such stuff. They are completely missing the point.

EVERYTHING has some danger associated with it. Alcohol can lead to violent behavior and destroys your liver. Coffee can cause high blood pressure and increase your risk of stroke. Coca cola can give you diabetes. Smoking can give you lung cancer. Ask any doctor. Yes, Weed has some issues too, but they are no worse than any of these (legal) others. Why are they all legal if Weed isn’t? Legality cannot possibly have anything to do with health.

If Weed were legal people could, as the saying goes “choose your poison”. Or live life to the full and enjoy the lot!

And imagine how much our island’s Health bill would be reduced if our doctors could prescribe locally-grown Weed instead of expensive imported medicines? Wouldn’t that be Import Substitution? Maybe ESH could comment?

Let’s stop the silly scare stories and instead concentrate on the REAL debate – why IS Cannabis still illegal here? Maybe someone from SHG could tell us that.

Peter Simple
Smoker, and Coffee, Coke and Alcohol drinker
Jamestown

St Helena Farmers Association announce postponement of Agriculture Show Day which was due to take place on Sunday 11th October at Longwood Green in conjunction with the Napolionic Bicentenary events.

This is due to a number of reasons and we intend to hold the show during the next few months when we will be able to showcase the best produce St Helena can offer.

We would like to thank everyone who has supported us in our endeavour to stage the show and hope that you will remain in support with the new date.

Our apologies to anyone who had planned to enter the show but again hope that you will be able to enter on the new date.

The Scarecrow Festival will continue on the 11th October and entry forms are available from the Tourist Office. There will be a Farmers Market at the Food Fair organised by St Helena Tourism at Longwood Green. If you would like to book a space please contact Marco (marco-yon@hotmail.com).

With best wishes
Liz Johnson

The Housing Division of ENRD is urgently seeking private accommodation to rent.

Please contact the Housing Officer, Tracy Thomas on telephone 22270 or email tracy-thomas@enrd.gov.sh
There has been a lot of information in the press lately about the use of cannabis on the Island, so I thought that I would put forward some information from a health perspective. My aim is to make this a balanced message based on the research available, to show that whilst cannabis is by no means one of the most dangerous illegal drugs around, it is certainly not risk free.

Cannabis (also known as Marijuana, Weed or Grass)

How cannabis makes you feel

The effects of cannabis vary from person to person:

- Some people may feel chilled out, relaxed and happy
- Others get the giggles or become more talkative
- Hunger pangs are common - sometimes known as ‘getting the munchies’
- You may become more aware of your senses - colours may look more intense and music may sound better
- It’s common to feel as though time is slowing down
- Cannabis can have other effects too:
  - It makes some people feel faint and/or sick - this is sometimes known as a ‘whitey’
  - It can make you feel sleepy and lethargic
  - Some people find it affects their memory, making it harder to remember things
  - It makes some people feel confused, anxious or paranoid, and some experience panic attacks and hallucinations. These effects are particularly common with stronger forms of cannabis, such as skunk and sinsemilla

If you use cannabis regularly it can make you demotivated and uninterested in other things going on in your life, such as education or work. Long-term use can affect your ability to learn and to concentrate.

Can you get addicted to cannabis?

In the past cannabis wasn’t thought to be addictive. However, research has shown that it can be addictive, particularly if you have been using it regularly for quite a while. About 10% of regular cannabis users are thought to be dependent. As with other addictive drugs such as cocaine and heroin, you can develop a tolerance to it. This means you have to have more and more to get the same effects. If you stop taking it, you can experience withdrawal symptoms, such as cravings, difficulty sleeping, mood swings and irritability. If you regularly smoke cannabis with tobacco, you’re likely to get addicted to nicotine and may develop tobacco-related illnesses, such as cancer and coronary heart disease. If you cut down or give up, you will experience withdrawal from nicotine as well as cannabis.

Risks associated with cannabis

Recent research has helped us better understand the health risks from using cannabis. We know that:

- **Cannabis affects your ability to drive** - This is one of the reasons why drug driving, like drink driving, is illegal. One French study found that drivers who had been using cannabis were more than twice as likely to cause a fatal car crash. And you can still be unfit to drive the day after smoking cannabis.

- **If you smoke it, cannabis can be harmful to your lungs** - Like tobacco, it contains cancer-causing chemicals (carcinogens) that increase your risk of lung cancer. It can also make asthma worse, and cause wheezing in people without asthma. If you mix cannabis with tobacco and smoke it, the risks to your lungs are higher.

- **Cannabis can harm your mental health** - Cannabis plants produce a group of chemicals called cannabinoids, which produce mental and physical effects when consumed. Regular use is associated with an increased risk of developing a psychotic illness, such as schizophrenia. A psychotic illness is one where you experience hallucinations (when you see things that aren’t really there) and delusions (when you believe things that aren’t really true). Your risk of developing a psychotic illness is higher if you start using cannabis in your teens and if you have a family history of mental illness. Cannabis use has also been shown to increase the risk of a relapse in people who have schizophrenia, and could make existing symptoms worse.

- **Cannabis may affect your fertility** - Research done in animals suggests that cannabis can disrupt sperm production in males and ovulation in females.

- **If you are pregnant, cannabis may harm your unborn baby** - Research suggests that using cannabis during pregnancy could affect your baby’s brain development. Regularly smoking cannabis with tobacco is associated with an increased risk of your baby being born small or premature.

Does my age affect my risks?

The risks linked to using cannabis do seem to be higher for people who use it regularly from an early age, including the risk of developing a mental illness. It’s not clear why the risks are higher for people who start using cannabis when young but it may be linked to the fact that, during the teenage years, the brain is still forming its connections and cannabis interferes with this process.
Dear Editor,

Thank you for your support on the Police Service Road Safety Campaign. Road safety is a critical issue for St Helena as indeed it is for all communities. You will be aware that the Police Service has heard from many people voicing their concerns about the dangers being caused by a small number of drivers and riders using the roads on St Helena. The Road Safety Campaign is part of our response to this issue which is causing such concern. Within your editorial, one of your comments ‘Where are the Police……?’ is an interesting one for me. Whilst the Police Service plays a lead role in dealing with such issues, my response is:

‘Where is the sense of personal responsibility of the irresponsible drivers causing danger to our community?’

I have over thirty years policing experience, ten of those within Roads Policing. One thing I do know is that enforcement, in isolation, is not the long term answer. Sure, enforcement plays a part but we ALL have a personal responsibility to use our cars and motorcycles in a way that does not cause danger to others.

There has been previous criticism for what has been described as ‘heavy handed policing’ from my team. I make no apologies for leading my team in delivering a robust style of policing where it is required, particularly where public safety is an issue. However, my policing team want to engage and work with our community to deal with key issues that are causing concern and this road safety campaign is part of that engagement.

Such engagement is crucial, as members of our community know the individuals who are driving whilst over the alcohol limit, those who are driving after consuming drugs and those who regularly drive excessively fast or dangerously on our roads. Indeed, many have no doubt seen the YouTube footage taken on St Helena with video cameras attached to the front of cars…. (yes, we do know and it can provide supporting evidence in some circumstances when you are prosecuted). My question to those people who know who is causing the problem is ‘What are you doing about it?’

For any enforcement to be effective, education must play an equally important part. It is attitudes that must change and this will be through a number of factors: education, our community not accepting such dangerous behaviour and challenging those who they know are causing the danger to the people of St Helena.

Whilst there are differences between issues in the UK and St Helena, the focus in the UK is on dealing with the four main causes of road deaths, known as the ‘fatal four’- drink driving, speeding, not wearing seat belts and using mobile telephones. It is my view that we face the same issues on St Helena and we all must work together to make our roads safer.

During my police career I have investigated many deaths on the roads of the UK. It is difficult to articulate the devastation caused to families through a sudden and violent death as a result of a road collision. One of my roles was to liaise with the families of those killed. Whilst I regarded this as a rewarding job, it drove home to me the senseless and avoidable nature of people being killed in road collisions together with the lifelong impact of losing a loved one in this way.

My team and I are speaking to those who we know are driving dangerously and, where the evidence is available, they will be investigated and prosecuted. I have personally spoken to a number of drivers, taking the time to explain the consequences of driving at excessive speed. This engagement by the Police is critical if the problem is to be addressed - and should not be seen as a ‘soft touch’.

My team are taking measures to deal with the problem but we must all play our part. A reporting system has been introduced to allow members of the public to report people who are driving in a way that is causing danger to the community through speed, anti-social driving or drink driving. I would encourage people to report their concerns. This is a problem for the community as a whole and we need your help in dealing with the issue.

One of the aims of the current campaign is to provide a degree of education as to the consequences of drunk driving, dangerous driving or speeding. For those of you who continue to cause a danger to the public, enforcement will follow. In relation to this and road safety in general we are working to:

- Reduce the drink drive limit for St Helena.
- Revise the road traffic ordinance to specifically deal with drug driving.
- Obtain the drug testing kits that have just been launched in the UK to detect cannabis.
- Bring into use an updated speed detection device which will be introduced once the legislation allows. This device was donated (free of charge) by Sussex Police.
- Introduce compulsory wearing of seat belts.
- Legislate to deal with drivers who use mobile telephones whilst driving.

In relation to your specific questions, the updated speed detection device will be brought into use as soon as legislation allows. The breathalyser machine in the custody area has to be regularly calibrated and this cannot be done on-
Island - so there are occasions when it has to be sent away for recalibration. Whilst taking of a blood sample does not give an instant reading, the testing is done on Island and the delay is minimal. The bottom line is, no-one will escape justice. In summary, road safety is a critical issue for our community. The ultimate consequence of drivers ignoring the warnings are, at best, being prosecuted or, at worst, being killed or killing someone else.

It is important we tackle this issue together. This is not a policing issue alone and we need the help of our community to make our roads safer for all. For any of you who believe that the Police Service are stepping back from our responsibilities, don’t be surprised and certainly don’t complain when you are prosecuted and no longer have a driving licence.

My team have been and will continue to target those who we know are causing the problem. We will be carrying out checks to stop and prosecute drink drivers through road checks across the 24 hour period. Work is being undertaken to revise the legislation. When completed, I will ensure that my team have all the tools available to them to prosecute those who are causing danger to our community. It is worth taking time over the legislative change to ensure the revised Ordinance meets all of St Helena’s needs, but that does not mean nothing is being done in the interim. My team and I remain wholly committed to working with the community to make our roads safer.

Trevor Botting
Chief of Police
SHG
11 September 2015

Dear Mike,
A few weeks ago the Independent had a response from Elected Members concerning the situation with shipping. This was very informative and therefore confirmed that rumours of an already selected Company was untrue.

Back in 2009 funding was approved from the UK Government thru DFID for an upgrade and improvement for the Island’s infrastructure namely ELECTRICITY, WATER, and the ROADS network. A review and report was carried out by John Cox. Electricity and water have seen some works been done but roads have seen no improvement at all—(there is not one km of road with a line down the middle) despite the fact that revenue has been collected thru the increase in vehicles, road tax, personal licences and service tax on insurances.

Please can Elected Members enlighten the public on where has the funding for roads as was approved under the Infrastructure Review gone, or is it still to be use.

Lionel Williams
ACTING FINANCIAL SECRETARY SWORN IN

Acting Financial Secretary Dax Richards departed the Island on Saturday 5 September 2015 on overseas leave and training.

The duties of Financial Secretary will now be undertaken by Nicholas Yon, Head of Accounting Services, until the return of the substantive post holder, Colin Owen, on 17 September 2015.

Nicholas this morning took the prescribed Oaths of Office in the presence of HE Governor Capes at the Castle.

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE DEVELOPMENTS

As part of the developments in the way the Emergency Services respond to emergencies, new tabards have been purchased to designate the Incident Commander for the Police, for the Fire and Rescue Service and for the Health Directorate. These tabards will be worn by the senior official from each of the emergency services for identification purposes.

Chief of Police, Trevor Botting said:

“A visible command of incidents across the Island is key to ensuring an effective response and management of emergencies and incidents. These tabards will allow an easy identification of the lead officer from each of the emergency responders.

“Members of the community will now see these tabards in use as they will be used for a range of incidents such as road collisions, fires and other emergencies that require a response from more than one agency.”

Two photos are attached to this release.

Trevor Botting, Chief of Police

SHG 8 September 2015

ROADSIDE SAFETY MIRRORS

The Environmental & Natural Resources Directorate is currently trialling roadside safety mirrors in three locations on the Island:

- Ladder Hill
- Two Gun Saddle
- Longwood Gate

Roads Manager, Ben Hathway, commented:

“Drivers will be aware of the existing convex safety mirror situated at the Seale’s Corner junction with Market Street.

“This mirror and others at the new locations are designed as a driver’s aid only. Drivers should still approach locations where the safety mirrors are situated with caution, and use their own judgment when approaching junctions.”

Although these roadside mirrors will help motorists approaching these locations, drivers should bear in mind the following:

- Glare from sunlight or approaching headlamps can impair the driver’s vision
- Bad weather can reduce visibility of the image in the mirror

It can be difficult to judge the speed of an approaching vehicle from the mirror image.

Reliance on the mirror’s image only may compromise the safety of other road users who might not appear in the mirror, such as pedestrians and cyclists.

The Roads Team thanks the public in advance for their cooperation and will report back in due course on these trials.

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RESIDENT TRANSLATORS NEEDED

As part of the Island’s Emergency Response plans the emergency planning team would like to compile a list of people who can converse in another language and who would be willing to assist should there be an incident involving overseas visitors who have a limited understanding of English.

If you would be willing to go on such a list please contact the Emergency Planning Manager, Ian Johnson on email ian.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh or tel: 25052 with your name, contact details and the languages you speak.

SHG 8 September 2015
On Friday 4 September 2015 Basil Read was granted temporary use of the St Helena Airport runway by Air Support Safety International (ASSI). This heralds an historic milestone next week when a Beechcraft King Air 200 aircraft is due to land at the Airport to carry out a series of calibration flights. This will be the first ever plane to land on St Helena.

ASSI Senior Aerodrome Inspector, Justin Rothwell, carried out an assessment of the Airport infrastructure and safety procedures. As a result, an exemption was granted until 30 September 2015 to enable the calibration flights to go ahead.

The aircraft is due to arrive between Sunday 13 and Thursday 17 September 2015, dependent upon suitable weather and other factors. The precise date and time of arrival is therefore still to be determined, but every effort will be made to inform the public as early as possible.

The calibration tests will be undertaken by Flight Calibration Services Limited (FCSL) who will travel to St Helena on the aircraft leased from TAB in South Africa. The aircraft will fly from Lanseria Airport in Johannesburg, to Namibia, then to Angola and on to St Helena, taking approximately four hours for the final leg of the journey to the Island.

The aircraft will likely arrive between mid-morning and early afternoon. We expect that it will approach the northern end of the runway (i.e. from the direction of The Barn) and that it will carry out an initial low-level pass of the runway before coming in to land.

Although it is expected that the first flight to land at St Helena Airport will generate a huge amount of public interest, the public should be aware that this will not be the only chance to see this aircraft. It will remain on the Island for around a week, undertaking several flights each day (weather permitting).

**Vantage Points and Vehicles**

The public is advised that there is no access to the Airport Site. Instead, Basil Read, working closely with the St Helena Police Service, has identified various public vantage points where people will be able to get a good view of the aircraft. Other vantage points, such as Woody Ridge, will be available - but there will be no traffic management available at those places. The public is therefore asked to take extra care when driving to and parking at other vantage points on the Island.

The public are strongly encouraged to car share where possible, and to be mindful of their personal safety, particularly when on foot. People should drive and park sensibly and be aware of their surroundings.

Basil Read has granted permission for part of the Access Road, normally closed to the public, to be used as part of a one way system on the day to alleviate congestion. To approach the vantage points below, vehicles will be allowed through Longwood Gate and through to Bottom Woods. To return, vehicles will be directed past Reggie’s Takeaway at Bottom Woods, along the Access Road, through to Foxy’s Garage at Deadwood and then back to Longwood Gate (See map).

The entrance to Fisher’s Valley will be closed to all traffic other than residents.

**Bradley’s Camp/Garage Area**

- The Airport site will remain off-limits to the general public. A barricade will be in place just before the turning to Bradley’s Camp to mark the area that is out of bounds.
- A viewing area before the barricade will be available on a first-come-first-served basis.

**Millennium Forest**

- A good view will also be available from the Millennium Forest. For a small donation to the St Helena National Trust, there will be limited parking available to the public. National Trust Staff will be on hand to assist with parking and marshalling of people at the site.

**Access Road**

- Exceptionally, parking will be allowed on this day on the left hand side of the Access Road from the area of Reggie’s Takeaway at Bottom Woods to the barricade at Bradley’s. Vehicles should be parked sensibly so that access can be maintained to the Airport and to the Waste Management Facility at Horse Point.

**Horse Point**

- Horse Point on the day will only be accessible on foot - this is to protect Wirebird nests and other endemic species from accidental damage. A barrier to vehicles will be in place along the track that leads to Horse Point, just past the Waste Management Facility.
- The public should be mindful that Horse Point is an environmentally sensitive area and are urged to take care when moving around that area.

Further updates, particularly on the timing of the first flight, will be provided in due course. Interested members of the public are asked to listen out for regular radio news updates, beginning on Sunday 13 September.

Enquiries about the practical arrangements on the day the plane arrives should be directed to the Police on tel: 22626.

**SHG**

9 September 2015
Calibration Flights Approved

Senior Aerodrome Inspector, Justin Rothwell, from Air Safety Support International (ASSI), approved conditional use of the St Helena runway on Friday 4 September 2015, following an assessment and verification of the Airport infrastructure and safety procedures. This means that Basil Read can now proceed with preparation planning for the Calibration Flights scheduled to take place next week. These historic flights will be undertaken by Flight Calibration Services Limited (FCSL) who will travel to St Helena on a Beechcraft King Air 200 aircraft which has been leased from TAB Charters, in South Africa. Leading up to the planned calibration flights a lot of work is going on behind the scenes and with different agencies. This week we take a further look at some of the key parties and their roles in preparing for the first aircraft to land on St Helena.

My Role in Calibration Flights - Part 2

Basil Read On-Island Director, Deon de Jager: “As the Island Director my primary responsibility is to ensure the readiness of the Airport for the calibration flights. This includes the completion of the physical construction works as per ASSI’s requirements and specifications. “Last week was a hectic 24/7 week answering questions and providing information for the ASSI audit.”

Basil Read Airport Manager, Nigel Spackman: “I’m responsible for the overall planning and coordination of the calibration flights. This includes liaising with the Police Service to ensure that vantage points and access is available to the public. “Coordinating and assisting the ASSI Regulator’s inspection for temporary use of the runway went well and I must now ensure that all systems and procedures are properly implemented and that the flights operate as safely and smoothly as possible. This includes systems such as Air Traffic Control, Ground Movement and Fire Response etc.”

Basil Read Rescue and Fire Fighting Service Manager, Marc Fowler: “My role during the calibration flights will be to manage the Rescue & Fire Fighting team who will be expected to maintain high standards during the calibration flights. Our job is to provide fire fighting and rescue services in the event of an emergency and ensure a safe working environment.”

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Update on Rupert’s Wharf

Work continues apace on the Permanent Wharf at Rupert’s. At end-August 2015 the Pre-cast Yard had produced 1504 Core-Loc® units, all hollow blocks (384 units) and cut-off panels (4 units) and all Crown Wall Blocks (62 units) - to be used for construction of the breakwater. 35 out of 37 cope panels have now been cast and all hollow blocks and cut off panels placed at the Wharf.

Placing of the Core- Locs® on the breakwater is also progressing well, along with the placing of under layer and core rock. Execution of the Crown Wall has commenced with the placing of precast Crown Wall panels.

The construction of the Sea Rescue Facility is also moving ahead with the concrete structure already complete. Work on the brick walls are ongoing as well as backfilling works for the surface bed slab.

Successful RFFS Training In Johannesburg

In June 2015 a newly recruited Rescue and Fire Fighting Service team (RFFS) travelled to Johannesburg to embark on extensive refresher training at Lanseria Airport. The training programme took around two months, covering a wide range of areas, including Airside/AVOP, Rescue & Fire Fighting, Aircraft Rescue, Dangerous Goods Handling, Marshalling, Dealing with Communicable Diseases, Health & Safety, Bird and Wildlife, Disaster Control, First Responder and Aircraft Equipment Operations.

The team arrived back on Island on 29 August 2015 in good time for the calibration flights scheduled to take place next week.

RFFS Manager, Marc Fowler reported: "Our training was a complete success. The course was intense and comprehensive and everyone passed with exceptional scores on every subject. We were visited by an ASSI Inspector who had nothing but good comments during our Aircraft fire fighting module."

The RFFS Team comprises Manager Marc Fowler, Crew Leaders Ryan Moyce and Mario George and crew members Dennis Stroud, Deon Leo, Trevor Magellan, Robert George, Onray Williams and Phillip Newman.
During the recent RFFS training in Johannesburg, the RFFS team also took part in various training sessions on the Environmental Management System (EMS) for St Helena Airport - on 1 & 2 August 2015 at the Lanseria Training Centre in Johannesburg.

All St Helena Airport Fire Fighters attended the first session to gain an understanding of the need for and requirements of the EMS, with the three designated Environmental Officers - Dennis Stroud, Ryan Moyce and Mario George (along with Airport Manager, Nigel Spackman) - attending both training days.

Training on the Wildlife Hazard Management Plan took place on 3 August, attended by the three Environmental Officers, future Air Traffic Controller and members of the Lanseria environmental team.

Photo L to R: Dennis Stroud (Environmental Officer), Ryan Moyce, Mario George (Assistant Environmental Officers) and Kenny Wasmuth (Lanseria Trainer, Birdstrike Risks).

An Airport Stakeholder Engagement Forum (SEF) was held at the Museum of St Helena on Wednesday 2 September 2015. Twelve people turned up on the evening to learn about progress on the Airport Project and to hear various presentations from Basil Read, the Project Management Unit and the SHG Access Office. PMU Resident Engineer, Andreas Huber, delivered a presentation on the current progress of the Airport Project. Audience members were able to view past and current photos of the Airport site and Rupert’s Wharf. Andreas outlined the current progress on various components such as the NavAids, fire training rig, Airport buildings, and runway markings.

He then went on to discuss planned next steps and reported that by December 2015 the Sea Rescue Facility in Rupert’s and the Terminal Building at the Airport site will be fully complete.

The St Helena Airport is scheduled to be open in late February 2016 for commercial flights and all work is now focused on components that are essential for Airport operations.

Basil Read Environmental Officer, Annina van Neel, delivered a presentation on how hazardous waste is managed at the Airport site. The staff at Basil Read do their best to keep hazardous waste at a minimum but given the nature of the construction work being undertaken it is unavoidable that some hazardous waste is generated (e.g. paint tins, oily rags, oil containers, etc). Annina said that Basil Read do not have any very significant categories of hazardous waste but they are mindful that a project of this scale does generate relatively large quantities of waste. Basil Read currently collects and stores all items that can be classed as hazardous and will shortly start to dispose of these items. The new incinerator will be online shortly and Basil Read has also constructed hazardous waste cells at the Horse Point landfill site. In this way, the Airport Project has assisted in creating a long-term solution for disposing of hazardous waste on St Helena.

Basil Read Airport Manager, Nigel Spackman, gave a brief introduction to his role. Nigel has had an extensive and fascinating career in the aviation industry, spanning a number of continents and in a variety of roles - including various aspects of airport operations and management, from ground handling to airline management to aviation security. SHG Project Manager (Certification and Operations), James Kellett, then gave an update on the calibration flights - what they are, what needs to be done before hand, what the calibration flights will do and what will happen once they are completed.

Isabel Peters, from the SHG Environmental Management Division, presented a paper that she prepared for a recent conference in Gibraltar. The paper examines key environmental lessons learnt during the Airport Project, for example, the importance of the time and effort invested in preparing the Environmental Statement for the Airport Project and how important it was to then have the teams in place to translate this into operations.

Isabel said that the response at the conference had been very positive and it was recognised that every effort possible had been made to consider environmental aspects in the design and construction of St Helena Airport.

Andreas then led a discussion about the safety of the Airport Access Road. He said that members of the public had asked ‘is the Access Road safe?’ The forum concluded that the Access Road was as safe as it could be during the construction phase. The road has been designed to comply with all relevant road safety standards so when it is commissioned and becomes a public highway, we are confident that the road itself will be safe.

There was a suggestion from the audience that a road safety campaign be carried out before the Access Road is commissioned, and this will be followed up.

Questions Asked and Answers Provided at the SEF

Q. Will there be night flights in the future for medevac purposes?
A. Currently flights will only take place during daylight hours. Further permission needs to be granted from the regulator, Air Safety Support International (ASSI), before a night flight could take place.

Q. What is the range for the restriction of balloons, drones and other flying equipment on flight days?
A. Anything east of Diana’s Peak would fall into the Control Zone of 6 nautical miles and up to 4000ft above ground level. Controlled airspace will operate at all times so if you want to fly balloons, kites or drones etc on non-flight days, just make a quick phone call to Air Traffic Control to ensure it is safe to do so. Further information will follow in due course.

Q. Is Field Road also being resurfaced as part of the Airport Project?
A. Over the course of the Airport Project, Basil Read and the SHG Roads Section have worked together to carry out maintenance of Field Road to ensure that the road is safe and passable. SHG is planning a roads project that will look at Field Road and Side Path, but this can only take place once the Airport Access Road is complete - so that Field Road can be shut without isolating residents in Rupert’s Valley.

Q. Will the red remote obstacle lights be left on at night on Great Stone Stop even though there are no night flights?
A. The lights are currently being left on to test different scenarios. It is possible to turn off the ROLs and our current thinking is that this would be the case. However, a final decision will only be taken when the test period is complete.

Q. What is the biggest aircraft the runway can handle?
A. B737-800, A320 and B757-200 (with weight restrictions) and the A319.

Q. If a plane was in distress, is the St Helena Airport runway currently suitable for emergency landings?
A. St Helena Airport will be happy to assist any aircraft in distress, but a plane would have to be in serious trouble to divert to St Helena’s relatively small runway when there are other airports with longer runways available.

Q. Will the route for the Calibration Flights be different to the route for commercial flights?
A. Yes commercial flights will come from OR Tambo Airport in Johannesburg and will be nonstop.
RELINING OF RESERVOIRS - SCOTTS MILL

At Connect St Helena we are in the process of upgrading the water system. A major part of this involves re-lining of the reservoirs. The reservoir at Scott’s Mill has already been re-lined and the other three will be re-lined this financial year. This week we thought we would ‘dive in’ and tell you more about how we go about re-lining a reservoir.

The first step is to do an assessment of the existing lining. This is done when the water levels are naturally low so that we can observe tears or breakages. This is also when maintenance is done and if the maintenance costs are higher than normal, we look at why and what else can be done.

The next step is to do a complete survey of the reservoir to be relined. This mainly involves mapping out the shape of the reservoir so that potential contractors can create accurate estimates of the cost. We then put a bid out to tender so that we can find a contractor to do the work. For the relining of the Scott’s Mill reservoir we selected the same contractor that installed the original lining. As well as a competitive price, they have materials and a method of installation that has proven to be very durable.

The Scott’s Mill project was particularly difficult because time was limited and the project had to be finished before the rainy season began. Before the contractors arrived all the prep work had to be completed. This included clearing vegetation and digging the trenches used to anchor the lining.

The lining was composed of several different sections, each one built to the exact shape of the reservoir (leaving a slight overlap). These were then installed over the existing lining so that there would be a double layer of protection from any damage.

A team of sixteen people positioned the various sections and then welded them together. The same welding process was then used around the inlet and outlet pipes in order to create an effective seal. Within four days the work was completed and the reservoir could start to be re-filled.

The procedure is the same for the other three reservoirs across the island. We have also taken the opportunity to redesign and enlarge the Harpers 3 reservoir so we can increase our water security. All of this is being done to reduce waste and make a more efficient system which benefits everyone.

11 September 2015
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- Overall management of the QHSE system.
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- To undertake some project supervisory work.
- To facilitate a culture of continuous individual and organisational learning with regards to QHSE.
- Producing reports for senior management on both the integrated management system and relevant projects.

Your skills:

- A good standard of education is essential.
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If you are interested in this role and would like to know more about what the job entails, please contact the current QHSE Team Leader on telephone +247 66233 or email jane.murray-stringer@ascension.gov.ac

Application forms and a job description are available from the AIG’s Human Resources by telephoning (247) 67000 extension 150 or by emailing alan.nicholls@ascension.gov.ac. Completed applications should be submitted to the Director of Human Resources at the aforementioned email address or by fax to (247 66152) by no later than 21 September 2015

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VACANCY FOR PAINTERS

The Ascension Island Government is seeking to recruit two experienced and competent painters to work on a Repairs & Maintenance Project for a period of 15 months.

In addition to having the ability to undertake a wide range of Painter’s duties, the successful applicants may also be required to carry out stevedore duties and will be required to work a 12-hour shift and at times, weekends when performing these duties.

Previous experience of painting/finishing work is essential and an appropriate qualification or competency certificate is desirable. A clean, valid driving licence for class A & B vehicles is also an essential requirement of the post.

The position is offered as a single status or household position. Salary for the post will depend upon qualifications and experience. If the successful candidate has single status, he or she will also receive: an appropriate food allowance, rent free accommodation, utility allowances, mid-tour passage/flight, a gratuity on completion of a 2-year contract, free medical and primary dental treatment and generous baggage allowances.

Further information about the posts is available from the Repairs and Maintenance (B&C) Team Leader on telephone number (+247) 66138 or email robert.anthony@ascension.gov.ac.

Application forms and a job description are available from AIG’s Human Resources in Georgetown by telephoning (247) 67000 extension 132 or by e-mailing: alan.nicholls@ascension.gov.ac. Completed forms should be returned to the Director of Human Resources at the aforementioned email address or fax number (247) 66152 by no later than Monday 21 September 2015.

Alan H Nicholls
Director of Human Resources

Administration Building
Georgetown
Ascension Island
07 September 2015

Please note that this advertisement was first published in June 2015, persons who applied for the post then need not reapply.
Take part in the Napoleonic Bicentenary Programme

Window Dressing Competition

Theme: *French Style*
Closing date to enter your window: 08 October 2015
Winner will be announced on 17 October 2015

Festival

11 October 2015, Longwood Green at 10.00 am
Come and join the community in celebrating food and fun. Bring your locally made products such as cakes, sweets (fudge, marshmallows) preservatives, puddings, fishcakes etc. The day includes the local Farmers Market and a display of their winning scarecrows.

Contact: Julia Benjamin on 22158 to book a table by 25 September 2015

Scarecrow Districts Competition by St Helena Farmers Association

Best traditional scarecrow and most creative scarecrow
Closing date for entries: 20 September 2015, £1 entry fee.
Judging will take place between 03-09 October 2015

Lets go fly a Kite!

16 October 2015, Francis Plain at 15.30pm
Join the Scouts and Cubs on Francis Plain for kite flying. Do you remember how to make a kite? Prizes for the best design and longest flyer.

A re-enactment of the 1970s lineup of people waiting at the wharf using the BBC documentary “Man on the Rock”

17 October 2015, Seaside at 18.30pm
Come and join the line-up to commemorate 200 years since Napoleon stepped ashore on St Helena. Bring your candles and torches.

Pictures of the 1970s line-up to be released soon.

Further information including the full Bicentenary programme will be released over the coming weeks.

Or contact Helena on 22158 or email helena.bennett@tourism.co.sh
APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. Proposed 2 Bedroom Dwelling House on Land Parcel No. 101 in the Francis Plain Registration Section, adjacent to the property of Mr Mark George, Gum Woods
2. Proposed demolition of a Nissan Hut (behind the Dental Clinic) and site a containerised medical oxygen plant, and siting of a Portacabin adjacent to this plant on Land Parcel No 140010 in the Jamestown Registration Section, adjacent to the property of the Diocese of St Helena, Jamestown
3. Proposed enlargement of Harpers Earth Embankment Reservoir No 3 at Harpers Valley, adjacent to the property of the Baptist Church, Francis Plain

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

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

Alfred Isaac
Planning Officer

DATED THIS 11th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2015

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Customer Statements Exercise

Bank of St Helena is currently undertaking a Statement Exercise as part of its “Know Your Customer” Compliance Practices. The exercise is anticipated to run until March 2016.

Whilst undertaking this exercise, customers will receive a letter from the Bank to confirm the details of their Account.

This exercise is a routine procedure for the bank to verify its records, and should in no way cause concern.

Should customers find that they are not in agreement with any of the information given, please contact our Internal Auditor on telephone number +290 22390 or alternatively email iauditor@sainthelenabank.com for further assistance with any queries that you may have.
PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY FOR BIOSECURITY ASSISTANT

ANRD is seeking a motivated individual to assist with the implementation of St Helena Government’s biosecurity system.

The key tasks of this post will involve:

- Delivery of the Biosecurity Service to the appropriate standard. This includes leading the border operations under the direction of the Biosecurity Officer (BO), and managing the post-border operations in collaboration with the Pest Control Services team.
- Support the BO in the identification of resources (financial, transport, equipment) required to deliver the border and post-border operations.
- Development of annual action plan to coordinate operations across the biosecurity continuum – pre-border, border and post-border - at all ports of access to St Helena.
- Coordination of border inspection operations. This includes coordination of post-border monitoring and emergency response actions; issuing import licences against established import health standards, liaison with Customs, PCSO and her team; issuing phytosanitary certificates for exported produce and plant material.

Salary for the post is at Grade C which is £8,382 per annum however, if you do not fully match our requirements but have the potential to fulfill the requirements of the post, you may be considered for appointment at the Training Grade.

If you are interested in finding out more about this post please contact Dr Jill Key or Julie Balchin, at the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division, on telephone 24724 or email jill-key@enrd.gov.sh or julie.balchin@enrd.gov.sh An application form and Job Profile is available from Receptionists at Scotland Office and Essex House. Completed application forms should be submitted to the ENRD Human Resources Manager, Essex House by 4pm Monday 21 September 2015.

Darren Duncan
Head of Agriculture and Natural Resources Division
7 September 2015

Environment & Natural Resources Directorate, St Helena Government, Island of St Helena, South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ
Telephone: +(290) 24724 Facsimile: +(290) 24603 E-mail: karen-thomas@enrd.gov.sh

www.sainthelena.gov.sh
CAREERS CENTRE UP AND RUNNING

Are you looking for a job, thinking about starting your own business or interested in finding out about training opportunities?

Enterprise St Helena, in conjunction with St Helena Government, are now operating a careers centre every Thursday, from 9am until 3.30pm, on the first floor above the Post Office in Jamestown.

If you are seeking employment, a change in career, looking to start up a business or needing assistance with completing job applications, we are here to assist you.

For further information please contact Cara Joshua, Business Start-up Co-ordinator on Tel No 22920 or email cara.joshua@esh.co.sh

Jamestown Market has relocated to AVEC building

Please be advised that as from Monday 7th September 2015 Jamestown Market will be closed for refurbishment.

The Traders have relocated to the old AVEC building in the areas as indicated on the map.

Opening will be as previously operated unless advertised differently.

G-unique has relocated to the Consulate Hotel and Stevens Butchers to Tinkers.

For further information please contact Sabrina Harper at Enterprise St Helena, Ladder Hill, Tel: 22920 or email sabrina.harper@esh.co.sh
Expressions of Interest

Laundry Services to Public Health and Social Services Department

The St Helena Government invites formal Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced individuals/organisations who are interested in providing a laundry service to the Department on a fully outsourced basis.

Businesses expressing interest should be able to clearly demonstrate their capability and experience in these types of operations.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Corporate Procurement Assistant, The Castle, Jamestown, Saint Helena. STHL 1ZZ via Email: noleen.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12:00 noon on Thursday the 24th September 2015.

Courses for October...Are you interested?

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Note: These are individual courses and spaces are limited to 12 people.
Spaces will ONLY be confirmed upon receipt of registration forms by the closing date stated in the table.
For further information and registration forms please contact reception at the ELC
On telephone 22607 or email: clerk@education.gov.sh
APPLICATIONS INVITED FOR CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIPS

Potential Island Scholars are reminded that the Chevening Secretariat is accepting applications for 2016/17 Chevening Scholarships via www.chevening.org/apply until 3 November 2015.

Chevening Scholarships are awarded to individuals with strong academic backgrounds who also have demonstrable leadership potential. The scholarship offers financial support to study for a Master’s degree at any of the UK’s leading universities and the opportunity to become part of an influential global network of 44,000 alumni. There are approximately 1,500 Chevening Scholarships on offer globally for the 2016/17 academic cycle.

For more information, visit www.chevening.org/faqs for details on the eligibility criteria and award specifications - or contact Manager of the Governor’s Office, Sandra Sim, on tel: 22308 or email: sandra.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh

SHG
7 September 2015
Do you care about people and want to make a difference? If you are dedicated, have a caring nature and can provide expert care for our residents we would like to meet you.

The Learning Disabilities Section are dedicated to making lives better through delivery of the highest possible standards of care.

The main duties of the post include:

- Assist with clients care e.g. all aspects of personal hygiene, administering medication, toileting requirements, mobilisation with all aspects of client privacy and dignity maintained;
- Record the necessary information in the clients notes. Must be able to record and document observations of pulse, blood pressures, respirations etc.

What you’ll need:

- Previous experience in working in a care facility
- NVQ Level 2 in Health and Social Care or be willing to work towards gaining this qualification
- Level 2 Adult Literacy
- Able to maintain confidentiality
- Good reporting skills, both written and verbal

The salary grade for this post is Grade A2 commencing at £5,361 per annum. A £75 per month non-pensionable enhancement will also be payable for the next six months while a review of salaries is carried out.

A copy of the Job Profile and Application Form, are available from the Human Resources & Admin Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, and should be completed and submitted to Sarah Williams, Human Resources and Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to HR.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh, by no later than Friday 25 September 2015.

Gregory Hall (Mr)
Director
Safeguarding Directorate, 8 September 2015

The Safeguarding Directorate seeks a dynamic and versatile person to work within their busy environment.

Duties of the post include:

- Provide secretarial duties for Child Protection Conferences.
- Provide administrative support to various Boards and staff meetings.
- Assist Social Care Officers with contact visits.
- Ensure all case files, both electronic and paper-based, are up-to-date and maintained and easily accessible to staff.

The successful Candidate should be in possession of GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above and must have a valid driving license.

Salary for the post is at Grade B, commencing at £6,542 per annum. This post is offered on a fixed term contract of one year in the first instance.

For further information please contact Sarah Williams on telephone no. 22713.

A copy of the Job Profile and Application Forms, are available from the Human Resources & Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, and should be completed and submitted to Sarah Williams, Human Resources & Administration Officer, Safeguarding Directorate, Brick House, or emailed to HR.safeguarding@helanta.co.sh, by no later than Friday 25 September 2015.

Gregory Hall (Mr)
Director
Safeguarding Directorate, 8 September 2015
Direct Debit Mandate

Connect St Helena Ltd are pleased to advise that you can sign up to pay your Utilities Bill by Direct Debit.

Collect a Direct Debit Mandate form from our Connect Admin Office or the Billing Section at Seales Corner, Jamestown. This form will also be available for downloading on our website www.connect.co.sh.

4 September 2015
Contact Property Search St. Helena
22944 (9am-1pm) or 22041
properties@burghhouse.com

St Helena
Government

LEISURE & PLEASURE ACTIVITIES - PAS

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HEALTH DIRECTORATE
VACANCY FOR CLERK (STORES & ACCOUNTS)

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Clerk (Stores & Accounts). The purpose of this role is to assist the Executive Officer (Accounts) with providing an efficient and effective Stores and Accounts function.

The successful applicant must have GCSE qualifications in Maths or Accounts and English at Grade C or above, or equivalent and Class A drivers licence.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £6,542 per annum.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Miss Clarissa Osborne, Executive Officer (Accounts) on telephone number 22500.

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Miss Tina Sim, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate by Wednesday, 16 September 2015.

Darren J Clarke (Dr)
Director
3 September 2015
Health Directorate

Hearing Aids

The Health Directorate is currently planning an Audiologist visit to the island. In preparation for this visit the Community Nurses would like to hear from any members of the public that is currently using hearing aids or has had hearing aids that is no longer in working order and would like to be listed for an assessment.

Please provide Ms Christine Laskey, Community Nursing Officer with the following details:
- The type of Hearing Aid you have or had.
- The year you purchased your hearing aid.

It would be appreciated if this information could be submitted to Ms Laskey by Friday, 18th September 2015 or alternatively, bring your hearing aid to the Community Nurses Office, St John’s Villa or to any of the Community Nurses in the district clinics.

Contact Details:
Telephone 22500 Ext 329/330
Email: community.no@publichealth.gov.sh

Darren J Clarke (Dr)
Director
7 September 2015
Health Directorate
**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**SKITTLES SEASON – 2015**

**RESULTS:**

**Mon. 24th. August:-(League)**
- Guys & Dolls -515 bt L H Score:- Patricia Essex - 61
- Andrea Timm – 55
- Danielle Stevens - 55
- G H Score:- Neil Joshua - 70
- G H Spare:- Neil Joshua - 16

**Wed. 26th. August:-(League)**
- Never Readys - 576 bt L H Score:- Ann Andrews - 70
- G H Score: Andrew George - 78

**Alley Cats - 499**
- Shelley Thomas – 55
- Graham Peters - 66
- Graham Peters - 14

**Gang-Go - 483**
- Danielle Anthony - 57

**Mon. 14th. Sept:- Guys & Dolls v Rejects**
- L H Score:- Ann Andrews - 16
- G H Score: Andrew George - 16

**Lucia Plato - 12**

**Anthony Phillips - 14**

**Wed. 2nd. September: (Knock Out)**
- Never Readys - 508 bt L H Score:- Stasia Plato - 66
- G H Score: Dion Thomas - 74
- L H Spare:- Stasia Plato - 14
- G H Spare:- Dion Thomas - 18

**Rejects - 454**
- Patsy Francis - 72
- Stephen O’Dean - 54
- Patsy Francis - 16

The next week’s fixtures are:-
- Mon. 14th. Sept:- Guys & Dolls v Rejects
- Wed. 16th. Sept: White Horse Bandits v Never Readys

Golf

by Rodney Buckley

Saturday & Sunday 5th & 6th September

36 Hole Stroke Play - Sponsored by AMD Engineering

Winner – Martin (Jackson) Buckley – on par 136
Runner-up – Tony Green after play-off with Martin on the 18th hole.

Third Place – Larry Legg – 11 over par 147
Fourth Place – Gavin Crowie – on count-back with Larry

Best Gross – Overall – Martin Buckley

Nearest the Pin - 5th Green Par 3 – Day 1 – Martin Buckley
Nearest the Pin -16th Green Par 3 – Day 1 – Brian Fowler
Nearest the Pin in 3 – 8th Green Par 5 – Day 1 – Deon de Jager

Nearest the Pin – 7th Green Par 3– Day 2- Gideon Niemand
Nearest the Pin -14th Green Par 3 – Day 2 – Nicky Stevens

Nearest the Pin in 2 – 18th Green par 4 – Day 2 – Arthur Francis

20 players turned out on both days in fine, although sometimes chilly weather producing some good and some not so good scores, but all very competitive nevertheless. Some not so good scorers endured a fair amount of teasing at the 19th hole.

Members expressed their appreciation of the exceptional prizes sponsored by AMD Engineering and the presentation was followed by all enjoying a good old St. Helenian style curry & rice.

Club competitions this week – on Saturday Playing to the furrows (narrow fairways – a game for golfers!!) and on Sunday – 18 hole bogey.

Happy swinging.
EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
FOR PART-TIME LIBRARY ASSISTANCE,
PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Education & Employment Directorate are seeking expressions of interest for part-time Library Assistance in the Public Library for a period of approximately 3 months. The part-time Assistant will be responsible to the Librarian for the provision of a Public Library Service, which includes evening and weekend work.

Some of the duties are:
- the issue, return and storage of books, publications, magazines and video tapes/DvD’s
- providing assistance to the community with information
- filing,
- updating memberships,
- handling of cash,
- sending overdue letters,
- accessioning material
- book repairs.

Applicants should have a love for books, together with excellent customer service skills and some knowledge in IT. The ability to produce clear and accurate written communications is essential. Self-motivation, a team player, reliability and the ability to work independently are some of the personal attributes required for the role.

The assistant will be paid at the rate of £3.76 per hour

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mrs Jill Young, Librarian on telephone number 22580 (e-mail Librarian@helanta.co.sh)

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources & Administration Manager at the Education Learning Centre or email hram@education.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 16 September 2015.

Mrs Shirley Wahler
Director
Education & Employment Directorate, 9 September 2015

VACANCIES
LEMP Conservation Worker

The Air Access Office (AAO) is recruiting staff to assist in the delivery of the Airport Project’s Landscape and Ecology Mitigation Programme (LEMP). If you are interested in the conservation of St Helena’s unique habitats and want to contribute to the biggest conservation project on the Island, this role might just be for you.

Salary for this post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,542 per annum however, if you do not fully match our requirements but have the potential to fulfilling the requirements of the post, you may be considered for appointment at the Training Grade.

Application forms and Terms of Reference are available from the Air Access Office, 1st Floor, Post Office, James-town, telephone number 22494. Completed forms should be submitted to Tessa Roberts, Head of Project Support, or email tessa.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 25th September 2015.

For further details regarding the post, interested persons should contact Paul Cherrett, LEMP Team Leader; on telephone number 22721, or email paul.cherrett@sainthelena.gov.sh.
**TIP OF THE WEEK...**

A leaking overflow can waste up to 80 litres of water in a day – the equivalent of a full bath.

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**PURE CLASS**

Will Have A Clearance sale
This Saturday 12th Sep 2015
on All Ladies & Girls tops, Jeans, Dressers etc., Men’s & Boys cargo shorts, checked shirts, T-shirts, vests etc. & children clothing, shoes, perfumes all from £15.00 and under (50p), PRS School Shirts (blue/white for £4.50 each and white T-Shirts £3.00 each, Curtains now £20.00 each, All for a good bargain Price so stop by to avoid disappointment everything must go ready for new stock to arrived in October for end of year Bargains and Fashion.

All customers are advice that we close to the road with car park available the shop is next to Mac Bites Takeaway, we Looking forward in seeing all.

Call 24451 for further info if needed.

**OPENING TIME:**
10.00 TILL 14.00 hrs.

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**TAX TIMELINE**

**Important Notice to:**

**All Businesses, Self Employed, Companies & Individuals who submitted an annual Tax Return for the year 2014/2015**

All tax due relating to the year 2014/2015 must be paid before 30 September 2015.

You have already calculated your own tax when completing your 2014/2015 tax return therefore you may not receive any further notification of the tax you should pay.

If you are unsure about the amount of tax you have to pay please do not hesitate to contact the tax office on telephone number 22287 or email using the addresses below.

**Failure to make payment of this tax by the 30 September 2015 will result in penalty of 10% of the debt and 1% of the debt for every month it remains outstanding.**

**Income Tax Office Contacts**
Email: ac.tax@hmrc.gov.sh (Gillian Knipe)
Email tax.auditor@hmrc.gov.sh (Noleen Phillips)
Tel. No. 22287
**Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend.**

**Friday** open from 2.30pm to 8.00pm mix tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late Disco & Reggie Sounds by Jamie.

**Saturday** open from 4.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar, 8.00pm till late Great Sounds by Kimberly

**Sunday** open from 5.00 to 10pm mix Tunes from the Bar.

**Entertainment at the Blue Lamp Club**
this coming

**Saturday 12th September**
will be music provided by Barry Vanguard and Cyril

All are welcome

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**MAC -BITES TAKEAWAY**
Mac - Ville Alarm Hill
Tel: 24451

**Friday 11th** Mexican chicken & chips , Fish & Batter & chips.ac fish bites , Tuna Pasta with Stuff Potato & Garlic Bread. Burger Rib Special

**Saturday 12th** Beef Ragu with Rice & Veg. BBQ Mix Grill (sau,burger,Min Steak, Pork, Coleslaw, potato salad or chips & chilly Beans). T-Bone steak meals , stuff Tuna steaks with fries and salad

**Sunday 13th** Beef Stew or Lamb Curry & Rice with veg.Roast Pork Potatoes Veg & Gravy

**Friday ,Sat. and Sunday** our daily menu including our weekend special's
T-Bone steak Meals , Wraps , Burgers, chicken strips ,buf-falo wings & various pizza's
Deserts for weekend : Trifles, Peach Jello Cream
opening times :Friday & Saturday  14.00 - 00.30
           Sunday  14.00 - 21.30
Mac Bites also open Mon - Wed 14.00 - 2100
Thu 1400 - 18.30 For a Takeaway way
with pizza's, burgers, wraps, Fish & chips ,but as for pork chops, steaks, or other Meals must be ordered by 12noon that same day you require it and the time for pick up or if require delivery. We looking forward in seeing you all for another successful weekend at Mac Bite’s Alarm Hill

We take this opportunity to thank you for your continued custom

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**Saturday Arts Club**

**NEW 10 WEEK COURSES STARTING 12TH SEPTEMBER IN BAPTIST HALL JAMESTOWN**

12pm-1pm  Salsa class with Nicola Essex (adults and teenagers)

2pm - 3pm  Tap dancing with Tina Lucy (all ages)

3.30pm - 4.30pm (DELAYED UNTIL 19th SEPT) Drama with Helen Jaggers (adults and teenagers)

4.30 – 5.30pm Youth Arts Club with Pam Murray (teenagers)
– teenagers can get involved in Creative Saint Helena art and filmmaking projects

**Cost: PAY WHAT YOU CAN**

Contact Pam at 22133 or creativesainthelena@gmail.com to register

Special thanks to Safeguarding Board for funding Youth Arts Club