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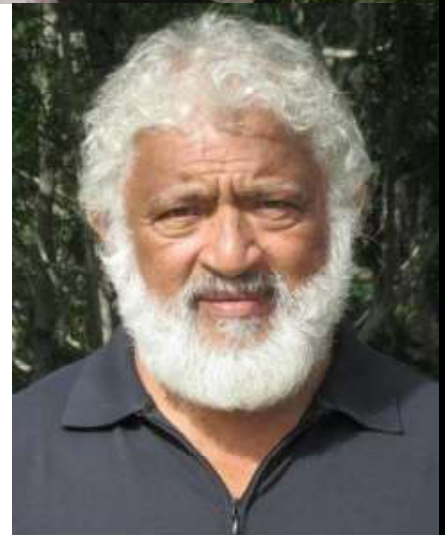
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Following the contract signing with Google for a link to the inter-continental Equiano cable, last Friday the contract was finally signed with PASH Global for the Power Purchase Agreement with Connect St Helena. It took just over two years to get from choosing PASH as the Preferred Bidder to contract signing. Connect St Helena were always confident the contract would be signed, however the unusual circumstances that St Helena is always finding itself in, meant additional discussion, clarification and agreement was needed.

If exactly the same type of agreement was signed between PASH and a utility company in Europe, for instance, the issue which caused extra negotiation would not have arisen. In Europe PASH could sign the agreement knowing that if, for instance, the business they made the agreement with went bankrupt they could make alternative arrangements with one of the many other utility companies. In St Helena this cannot happen. There is Connect St Helena and only Connect St Helena. There is no room for another utility company. The lack of alternative utility companies meant PASH was accepting an increased risk and this was at the forefront of the minds of their financial backers.

The risk to the financial backers was eventually reduced to what they thought to be an acceptable level. This would probably be done by setting up guarantees on the Connect St Helena/SHG side.

The project PASH will undertake involves erecting three wind turbines to the north of the existing twelve. The three new ones will be much larger and it is only possible to have wind turbines of this size because there is now the Haul Road to use as the transport route. Development permission has already been given for the three extra wind turbines. In addition PASH will extend the solar farm at the rifle range and install large batteries at Deadwood to store electricity generated by the wind turbines which is not required for immediate use. The three parts of this renewable energy project are expected to be completed during 2021.

On completion the extended solar farm will be able to generate 568 kilowatts during peak conditions and the three additional wind turbines have the capacity to generate 2.7 megawatts. The battery power storage facility will be capable of supplying 3.2 megawatts per hour when needed. The entire



Connect's chief executive, Barry Hubbard, told the *Independent*, "I am delighted that we now have a contract in place to deliver considerable quantities of renewable energy to St Helena by way of the largest private investment that has been made in the Island so far. This can only be great news because it reduces the amount of money that goes overseas to pay for diesel currently used to fuel the generators. The reduced fuel bill will keep money on island where we can look forward to reduced SHG subsidy that can be directed to improved Government services and ultimately lower electricity prices."

The Government's Chief Economist added, "St Helena will join Hawaii's Kauai Island, Denmark's Samso Island, Tokelau Island and a small number of other Small Island States who have achieved enough renewable energy capacity to deliver over 90% of demand at any one time. Through this contract St Helena can stand up as an exemplar of Green Growth amongst the British Overseas Territories, and be proud to be on track to meet the goals of St Helena's Energy Strategy." She also pointed out the PASH Global investment is the largest private investment in St Helena so far.

A Power Purchase Agreement is increasingly used by electricity generating and distribution companies. In St Helena's case, PASH Global have agreed to generate the electricity for the Island under certain agreed terms including commercial operation, schedule for delivery of electricity, penalties for under delivery and payment terms, for a contract period of 25 years.

Connect St Helena is contracted to buy the electricity generated by PASH Global and distribute it to homes and businesses. The purchase price agreed between Connect St Helena and PASH Global is a fixed price over the 25 year contract period. During the contract period PASH will expect to recoup the investment in the wind turbines, the extended solar farm and the battery storage facility and make a return on the investment.

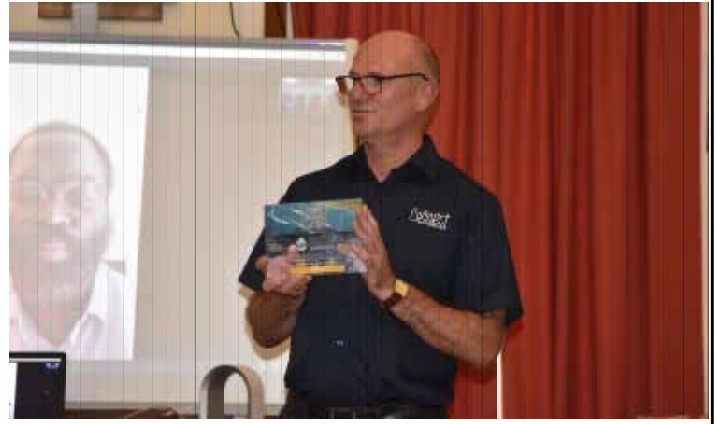
Connect St Helena will expect, over a period of a few years, to see the price of electricity reduce in comparison with other prices; simply because other prices will rise while the electricity price remains fixed. As the contract with PASH progresses toward the 25 year limit, the price will be increas-



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ingly favourable compared with today. At the end of the 25 year contract PASH Global point out they will be transferring to Connect the power generation assets they have installed, so they can continue to use the three additional wind turbines, extended solar farm and battery power storage for the remainder of their useful lives.

International reports on the signing of this agreement include one where it is recalled the renewable energy project started with a conversation between Paul McGinnety, then Assistant Chief Secretary, and Roy Burke who was the Chief Secretary at the time. It is possible in St Helena too; tall oaks from little acorns grow.



NURSERY PROVISION

The Education and Employment Directorate offers non-compulsory Nursery Education for all children between the ages of 3 and 4yrs.

The Directorate will be in contact with parents/guardians of those children born on-Island and who are eligible to enter Nursery Education in the school year September 2020 – August 2021 to offer a place in Nursery Education and to give details of school placement and date of admission.

It would be appreciated if parents of children who were not born on St Helena could submit the following information in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools (see contact details below) so that a placement offer can be made:

- (i) The child's FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH
- (ii) NAME and ADDRESS OF PARENT/S or GUARDIAN
- (iii) TELEPHONE NUMBER and EMAIL ADDRESS (if applicable)

Once all required information has been received, parents will be advised of their child's Nursery placement.

It should be noted that a child should attend school in the catchment area where he/she is resident. However, for non-compulsory schooling, exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area if numbers in the requested school are low enough to accommodate the extra intake and if there is a valid reason for this e.g. child care.

Parents who would like their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area must apply in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area. In such cases parents must be willing to take responsibility for transporting their child to and from school.

Correspondence can be sent to the Assistant Director of Schools, Education and Learning Centre, Jamestown or emailed to: kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG
4 June 2020





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Editorial

An interesting little background story to the signing of a power purchase agreement between Connect St Helena and PASH Global is the signing ceremony should have taken place on Thursday, not Friday. The reason this momentous and historic occasion was delayed 24 hours was . . . a power outage! An unplanned power cut at that. The announcement that a 21st Century power supply agreement is to be signed and sealed was delayed by the resurrection of 20th Century power supply failings.

As Barry Hubbard said himself, it was a return to the bad old days with an insulator at New Ground and another at Sandy Bay both failing at around the same time. Searching for faulty insulators which turned out to be at opposite ends of the Island meant most of St Helena was without power for much of Thursday with shorter power outages running into Friday. It was a bit like having an earthquake and then feeling the after-shocks.

At the *Independent* we had to draw on our innovative and entrepreneurial skills to ensure the newspaper was on the streets at all on Friday. Emails were down, the smaller outages damaged a computer and the publication schedule was in tatters. Even though I say it myself, we adapted to the situation and found ways to make the technology that was available work for us rather than against us. Please do not let it happen again Barry, we may well run out of ideas to get around the next power failure.

Another little snippet is that Exco had to agree to amend some old legislation on Tuesday to make it fit with new legislation required when the threat of coronavirus reared its ugly head. It all starts with the system where there is the Ordinance as the main piece of legislation on a particular subject and any Ordinance can allow for Regulations to be put in place to support the law in the main Ordinance. The Regulations can be reviewed and changed at any particular time using a shorter process which avoids going through Legislative Council once again to change the Ordinance.

When the Coronavirus Regulations were put in place the maximum penalty for some offences was set at 12 or 18 months imprisonment. The Coronavirus Regulations sit with the Public Health Ordinance but it was overlooked that penalties for a breach of the law in Regulations is limited to 6 months unless the main Ordinance says otherwise. The Public Health Ordinance does not say otherwise so the new Coronavirus Regulation has 12 and 18 month imprisonment penalties when only a 6 month penalty can be imposed. At the next Legislative Council they will change the Public Health Ordinance so the maximum penalties for imprisonment in the Coronavirus Regulations can be legally imposed. It is reported that all councillors agreed to exceptionally high prison terms for a breach of coronavirus law and that the severe

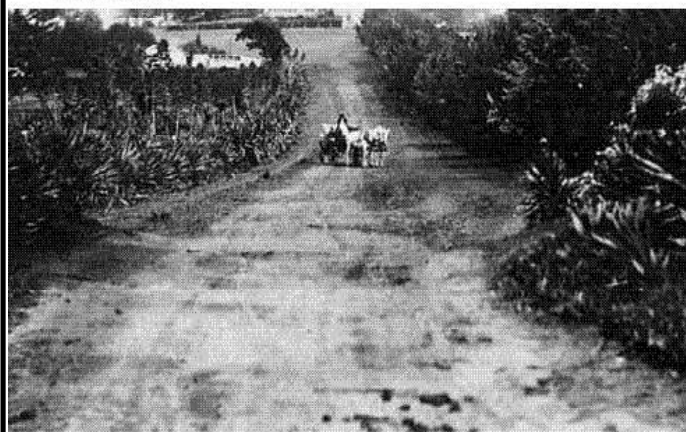
penalties imposed are the highest in any of the Overseas Territories.

This change in approach or attitude to maximum prison terms seems to have gone through with the minimum of information or publicity. The information to Exco members on Tuesday advised "The Bill fixes a technical error so there should not be any adverse public reaction." Doubling and tripling maximum penalties for imprisonment is a major shift rather than a technical fix and I'm sure those of us who like to comply with and support the law would like our lawmakers to exert more energy in letting us know about changes such as this when the change is proposed.

Vince



INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past Picture 26...



WHAT IS THIS STRETCH OF ROAD KNOWN AS TODAY?

I tune in to the next Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out when and how to answer. There will be a prize for the first person with the correct answer. (Entries are only valid if submitted to the Shine Show)

ANSWER TO PICTURE 18....

Mr Gordon Henry (aka Grapejuice) (Winner: Alan Buckley, The Briars)

ANSWER TO PICTURE 19....

Miss Iris Essex (later Mrs Iris Brooks) (Winner: Joan Thomas, Longwood)

Airlink Back into the Skies But only above South Africa

South Africa's lockdown reduced to Level 3 on Monday 1st June and Airlink will start flying again on Monday 8th June. After two months of no scheduled flights the South African Government has given the go-ahead for airlines to start operating again, but only on domestic routes. It is said international flights will not restart until the South African Covid-19 precautions are down to Level 1.

Airlink will fly planes from OR Tambo (Jo'burg), Cape Town International and King Shaka (Durban) with a much reduced schedule. Leisure travel by plane is still not permitted, business travel only is allowed. Leisure and tourism passengers are not expected to be able to use air services in South Africa until December this year. Comair, the airline originally chosen to operate the St Helena – Jo'burg air service until they discovered wind shear, is now under bankruptcy protection and does not plan to start flying again until November. South Africa's aviation industry expects recovery from business slump during the Covid-19 restrictions to take three or four years.

The Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA) is already pressing for more airports to be allowed to open, it is claimed the survival of the South African airlines depends upon it.

No International Flights from South Africa until February

It is reported that South Africa's Department of Tourism announced during a briefing last week that international tourism

to and from South Africa will not fully resume until February next year. If resumption of international flights is held off until then it means St Helena will have its quietest Christmas in living memory. As things stand, there will be no family and friends returning home for Christmas and New Year. The Cape to St Helena yacht race is under threat of being postponed or cancelled. The World ARC Rally, which normally calls here in January, is currently in disarray in the Pacific Ocean as yacht crews search for a safe haven while running low on food as harbours and ports turn them away as part of their Covid-19 restrictions.

The Airlines Association of Southern Africa (AASA) Chief Executive has announced to South African media they are continuing to work with various authorities and the tourism sector in support of the re-introduction of international flights. Regional flights to other African countries and St Helena, along with inter-continental flights will not restart until there is full agreement between nations to re-open their borders to passenger traffic and charter flights.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) is urging governments to follow the International Civil Aviation Organisation's (ICAO) global guidelines for a phased introduction of passenger flights. The guidelines include wearing of face masks by passengers and aviation workers; routine sanitation and disinfection; health screening; contact tracing; passenger health declaration forms and testing.

Mr Eric Crowie Obituary

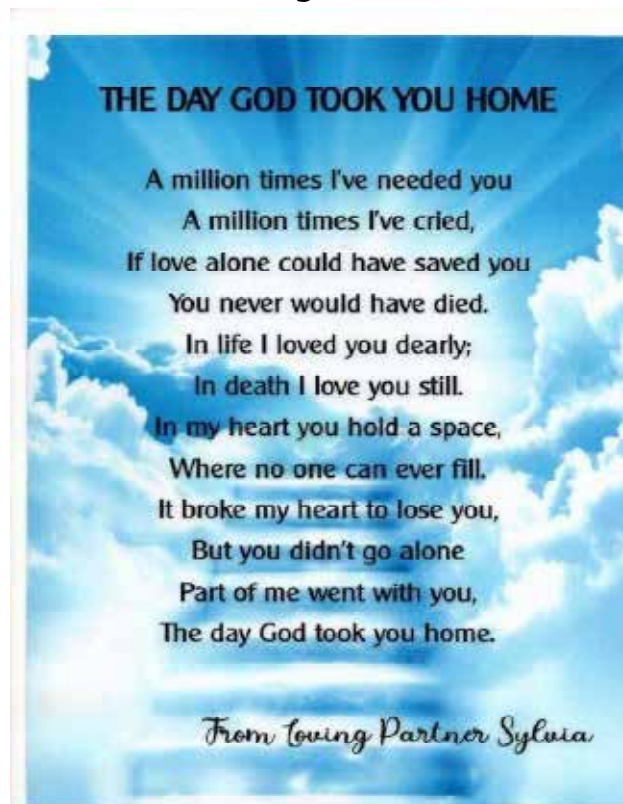
Partner Sylvia and Family, Lynette, Patrick and Grandchildren would like to thank the doctor and nurses who helped and support us in every way in the short time Mr Eric Crowie was sick in Hospital.

A big thank you to the brothers and sisters and their families for the help and support that they gave to us. We also thank the minister of St Matthews Church and all who helped in the funeral service, in the church and around the grave.

We thank the Mittens family and others who support us through his illness.

We also thank people who gave flowers, phone calls and sent sympathy cards.

May God Bless You All And May He Rest In Peace.





INCOME TAX NOTICE

PLEASE REMEMBER!

30 JUNE 2020 IS THE FINAL DATE FOR SELF-EMPLOYED BUSINESSES AND COMPANIES TO SUBMIT A TAX RETURN AND PROFIT & LOSS ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020.

Questions & Answers to help you with the above:

Q. Where can I obtain a Tax Return?

A. You can obtain one from the SHG website using this link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/income-tax/> or request one via email from any of the Income Tax Office Staff using the contact details below.

Q. How must I submit a Tax Return?

A. The Return must be completed electronically and sent to the Tax Office via email address: tax.returns@sainthelena.gov.sh. Please note you should not send in a printed copy.

Q. If I am not computer literate and do not have access to a computer, what should I do?

A. Please contact the Tax Office on telephone number: 25880.

Q. What else must I send to the Tax Office by 30 June 2020?

A. Along with your Tax Return you will need to send a copy of your business Trading, Profit & Loss Account/Income & Expenditure and a Fixed Asset & Depreciation Schedule.

Q. What is the penalty for missing the date of submission (30 June 2020)?

A. The penalty is £100 plus £10 for each month the above documents remain outstanding.

Q. Due to SHG's guidance on Social Distancing, can I visit the Tax Office?

A. It is advisable that you try and avoid visiting the office as much as possible, rather call the office on telephone: 25880 with your queries or use email. The staff will advise you on any queries you may have.

Income Tax Office Location and Contact Details:

Customs Building, The Wharf, Jamestown

Tel. No. 25880

Assistant Commissioner of Income Tax (Gillian Knipe) Email: gillian.knipe@sainthelena.gov.sh

Tax Auditor (Noleen Phillips) Email: noleen.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh

Executive Officer PAYE (Pamela Joshua) Email: pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

Quick Bits

Why was there a Bank Holiday on Monday?

A quick survey, simply by asking people we came across, shows there are a good number of people who seem very happy to have a Bank Holiday at this time of year but really do not know why there was one on Monday.

It is a Bank Holiday from the UK which has been transplanted to St Helena with no translation or alteration. In the UK it is now called the Spring Bank Holiday and is usually the last Monday in May. It's strange to move this day off work 4,500 miles south to a place where we are in the middle of autumn. It is also called Whit Monday and, in an increasingly complicated situation this UK Bank Holiday is, or maybe was, the first Monday after Pentecost. Pentecost is the commemoration of the descent of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter. Now all of that is explained and is as clear as mud the question remains; why do we have a Spring Bank Holiday in autumn? There is another Bank Holiday due on 15th June, to commemorate Her Majesty's birthday. The Queen was born on 21st April, but that is another story. Every British monarch has had publicly celebrated birthday since 1788. In 1936 King George V was on the throne and his birthday was 3rd June. After he died someone decided to keep the official birthday of the Sovereign as the 2nd Monday in June.

Next, we have a Bank Holiday at the end of scruffy August. Why? Because the UK has a Summer Bank Holiday at the end of August. So what? They have Summer at the end of August while we get wind and rain. After August there are no public holidays until Christmas. Why have two Bank Holidays when winter is approaching and another in the middle of what is often the worst winter weather? Let's move these Bank Holidays to OUR Spring and Summer.

Countries with the Most US Military Bases

The UK comes in at 5th place for the number and size of United States military bases and installations on its soil. There are 18 in total, including the Overseas Territories, covering 18,500 acres valued at more than £10 billion. The biggest two are in the Overseas Territories. The largest is the 7,000 acre Diego Garcia naval support facility in the Indian Ocean followed by Wideawake on Ascension.

Former RMS on National Geographic

We follow what is happening at Extreme E, the new series of car races using electric powered SUVs. The reason for this is to find out how our dear departed RMS St Helena is getting on in her new life as the mobile operations and administration centre for the series of races; carrying all the cars, drivers, engineers, scientists and more as the whole Extreme E organisation travels from one tough and remote part of the world to another.

The latest is that National Geographic will be televising three programmes on the still developing Extreme E races and the organisation behind it. The three TV programmes will tell the story of how the idea to race electrically powered SUVs in the rainforest and desert, on a glacier, in the mountains and along a coast became reality as Extreme E heads ever closer to the

first race in Senegal on January 2021. The TV series is scheduled to be broadcast in October – November this year. Somewhere among all of it we will be looking for the former RMS, now called simply 'St Helena'.



An artist's impression of what the 'floating paddock' in the St Helena will look like when refitting in Liverpool is complete.

From Director of Tourism to award-winning B&B

Some will remember Mike Dean, the first person contracted by SHG to hold the job title 'Director of Tourism'. He was also the first person to head up St Helena tourism, under whatever job title, who was given some money to help do the job.

Mike Dean with his wife, Diane, own and run the 'Old Vicarage' bed and breakfast in Llangurig in the heart of Wales. Their four star accommodation recently won a Recognition of Excellence award from an on-line booking agency that base their awards on feedback given by their clients. The award is given to businesses that consistently get a high satisfaction rating from guests who have used their accommodation. The couple took over the Old Vicarage last September after previously running a guest house in Llandudno, North Wales.

Since March there have been no guests because of the coronavirus pandemic; all Mike Dean and his wife have been able to do is polish the floors, put a shine on the pots and pans and get the garden looking tidy. The award has been welcome during this grim time.



Mike and Diane Dean – recognised for their excellent service

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

It was about time government did something about certain tenants living in landlord houses

I have always believed that council flats should be for the vulnerable in our society, I would say the obvious low rent is an indication, half of these families could have built their own houses years ago, they were no poorer than most Saints back then and they are exploited the system for far too long. Because of this we now have a never ending waiting list of vulnerable people who would qualify for one of these flats, problem is, how do you move half of these spongers?

Why should some of these Tenants be worried about handing over their bank statements? Elsewhere in the world if you live in a council flat you wouldn't have thousands of pounds in your account anyway, you wouldn't even have hundreds and if you do you should be building your own house or renting privately and before you start shouting and making accusations look around the island there are hundreds of privately owned homes.

My wife and I started building our house when we were in our early twenties, we decided like most Saint families to make our own way, we were only making £150 per week between us like the majority of us were earning back then, most of us were poor but some of us were determined, and some of us, WELL!!

Over twenty years ago did I have a bank account? No

Could I AFFORD to build a house? No
Did we struggle to pay our house loan and bills? Yes

We struggled like crazy but we made it and now own our own home and is proud of it

I get so angry when I hear Tenants moan that government won't change their tiles, or baths or paint the place but they take the rent, LOL, let me tell you, your low paid rent could never cover the maintenance that needs doing on government

housing, I work in the construction industry, so us know. Sadly I observe the mind-sets of most people who grew up in council flats they believe when they turn into adults the government must provide them with a house too and they are convinced that it is their right.

So I congratulate government for making a stand and taking this route as this will be separated from the vulnerable who should be paying the low rent from those who shouldn't even be staying in a council flat. There is something else that could be done and that is house sharing, I know of many single men and women who are renting 2 & 3 bedroom flats in Jamestown, this is outrageous for one person to have such a big house when there are families on the waiting list. If you have 3 single women put them into the 3 bedroom house and the same goes for the men and in this way they don't have to move from their area. This method could be achieved in a few months and would not cost a penny, this is how social housing is done elsewhere in the world, why not on St Helena?

I know this letter will make a lot of tenants angry but I hope when you calm down you will realise how good the St Helena government has been to you over the years and those of you who feel you shouldn't have to abide by the rules government put in front of you I would say praise the Lord you have seen the light and that you ready to step out and make your own way in life. Amen

But if you feel you fit the criteria and you can't make it on your own I would say be grateful and just do as you are told because YOU are no longer in a situation where you can dictate, YOU are living in a low cost house or flat where you don't own a tile on the wall!

**Sincerely,
Apostle Peter**

Dear Editor,

When the going gets tough, the Saint gets going.

In the atmosphere of Covid-19 the economy of St Helena appears to have taken a further landslide backwards on the slippery slopes of life. Many Saints were not living the 'juicy fruity' lives before this; struggling to make ends meet. Whilst covid-19 must not be used at the 'scape goat' for all our problems, it has

certainly brought a damper to already too bleak a situation for many.

Some have had to face the harsh reality of redundancy (a bitter pillow to swallow) if you were struggling financially even with a salary. Businesses slowed down. There were rumours of unfair distribution of jobs given to certain contractors and we watched as many of the essentials we have come to love disappear off shop shelves. Flights were cancelled. Planned holidays and reunions with love ones were put on hold and our hearts ached. When our beloved St Helena day celebrations were cancelled we mourned what we could not have and remembered yesterday.

Social distancing meant no customary handshake, perhaps worse of all was not hugging each other and for many weeks our public places of social gatherings "grieved the lack of trade". The absence of those familiar patrons were felt.

As we watched the news on tv we were deeply saddened to hear of the many deaths caused in other lands by Covid-19. We ached for those suffering and grieved with those left behind to face the devastation.

A shadow had fallen and we wondered who would rise to the challenge to lift it for us on St Helena. Who with enough tenacity and resilience would stand to face the hour? The moment called for a hero.

And the heroes did come. They arrived in the form of many merchants who saw rationing as a sacred duty. Were it not for their sense of community commitment many families (especially those with a lower income) would have simply gone without. We saw them on the front line at Bradley's reaching out to those in isolation. She came with her Dvd's. Said that she understood with so many practising social distancing (and with more time at home) she was happy to loan me her films and then asked if I would pass them on to the library once done, so that others could also have the benefit of these lovely movies. What about the margarine hero. He had heard someone was in need and he was prepared to give from what he had. They knew that our hospital could have easily become a high risk area but this did not deter our medical carers from going into work. The voluntary presenters at the two radio stations were not going to

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be "frighten away" by this dreadful virus. Yes, they were justified with their concerns but they rose up to continue offering service to the community, bringing joy and comfort with their songs to listeners all over the world.

As we reflect isn't it time to ask ourselves the question has covid-19 brought out the beast in me or the best? Did I join the group of doomsayers, sat on the fence or rise to take positive action? Did you find me grabbing what I could for myself? Stocking up when I could have been sharing? Did I pause to look up at the sky at night and give thanks that the virus is not here or simply complain, and as we all know another crisis at some other time will befall us how will I choose then? I pray that I will choose to be a hero not for world recognition or accolades from man, but so that at night when I lay my head down to rest, I can do so knowing I have chosen to be kind.

Contributed.

With no plans to retire

I crushed someone's life today
With spiteful, venomous things I like to say
I care not as to the impact,
No thought for others and that's a fact.
Whether the story is true or not
A revelation or a load of rot
As long as I can spread it around
The latest gossip in Jamestown.

With too much time on my hands
I spread these stories like grains of sand
To your face I present modesty
It's just a mask to hide hypocrisy.
I hide behind the clothes I wear
And to the world an appearance of charity I bear
But if the truth be told my heart is black
And I'm well known for my little tact.

I'll beat you down with the lashings of my tongue
Even if what I say is wrong.
I have no desire to see you aspire
Even if the world knows I'm a liar.
I know who slept with who and who stole what.
Who got fired and who's smoking pot.
My phone bill is high, my pennies well spent
I even know how much you pay for rent.

I'm always on the lookout for when you fail
I'm hoping you'll end up in jail(honest I do)
There's always time for the dirt on your life
The happier I feel if it's filled with strife.

I've nothing to say when your light shines
To speak of your goodness I don't have the time.
You don't need Facebook or Twitter with me around
I can fill you in on what's going down.

So what if you can't stand my company
Others are out there just like me.
They fuel my fire and keep me alive
And it's their stories for which I thrive.
You see me everywhere you go.
When it's gossip, I'm never a no show.
I'll never let the opportunity slip by
To share your failures and make you cry.

I am society's disease. A BLOOD SUCKING LEECH!!
With stealthy claws a whole island to reach.
The older I get, the worse I become
Did you think I would change the career of my tongue?

Written by Colette Braaf

For Sale on Ascension

**5.5m Humber RIB with 55hp
Mariner Marathon 2 stroke
outboard and road trailer**
An ex RAF dive boat with cylinder rack

**2006 Nissan Xtrail Columbia dCi
black 2.2l diesel**
New cam belt and clutch repair kit fitted
in April

**2006 Peugeot 307 CC silver
cabriolet 2.0l diesel**

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Controversy on confidentiality Rumbles on Councillor Cyril Leo

Last week we published a letter from Councillor Cyril Leo. He closed his letter saying, "Recently there was a government official reaction to a broadcast on local radio informing the people of St Helena on an ExCo agenda item concerning a Memorandum of Understanding between SHG and PQ Trading Ltd – the preferred investor (Fisheries). As a result of the apparent 'leak' of information contained in confidential ExCo closed agenda documents to the media, the decision was taken to no longer share any closed agenda documents to any person outside of ExCo membership for an indefinite period. Constituents are thereby informed that as an elected representative, I am not able to fully represent your interests in Council accordingly."

This letter, addressed to everyone in St Helena was followed up by a letter from Cyril Leo to the Governor which has been released by Cyril for publication.

Letter to the Governor



Dear Governor,

Although I would have much rather you had agreed to attend the informal LegCo on Friday, thank you for offering me the alternative of writing to you.

The first day of work for the then newly elected members of this Council was on 28th July 2017.

On the 8th August Governor Lisa Phillips emailed the following to all elected members: 'I would support scrapping the Oath too. As it is part of the Constitution the proposal to do this would have to go to the Privy Council for approval. This could take time. But I have been thinking about this given the Nolan Principles are essentially in conflict with the Oath.

So in the meantime, I have given some thought as to how to give Councillors more flexibility in communications and a paper will come to the first ExCo on this. I hope you will be pleased with the contents.'

Maximising openness and transparency, when engaging with constituents on Council business, was a top priority, from the onset, for this Council.

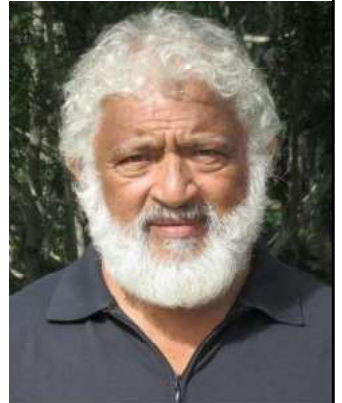
On the 11th August 2017, Governor Phillips wrote to all elected members: 'We will be discussing the Oath of Confidentiality at our first ExCo meeting. I hope you now have the ExCo paper where I am suggesting some flexibility ahead of submitting to the Privy Council for the Oath to be amended or scrapped. As you know I am keen to support moves towards Councillors being able to engage more transparently with the public.'

Governor, the colonial wording of the Oath, is a large thorn in the side of St Helena's democracy. The Oath is a direct contradiction to the UK's Nolan Principles.

Let us remind ourselves of just two sections of the seven

Nolan Principles: (a) 'Holders of public office should act and take decisions in an open and transparent manner. Information should not be withheld from the public unless there are clear and lawful reasons for doing so.' (b) '....be willing to challenge poor behaviour wherever it occurs.'

Now I'm not insinuating that your decision to investigate the people's elected representatives is poor behaviour, but with reference to my explanations here, I do ask that you show the Electorate and their elected representatives more consideration. Please stop dragging this Council back to the colonial era and stop your investigation.



I feel under no obligation to tell you or the police what communication I have with constituents.

However, I will inform you – and I will the Speaker – that I neither discussed nor shared the contents of the confidential documents provided to me on the Memorandum of Understanding (Fisheries).

With reference to the ExCo meeting to decide on the MOU, I took the decision to inform Mr Waylon Thomas, on Sunday 17th May, that the agenda item would be discussed by ExCo on Tuesday, 19 May 2020. The Agenda was not classified as a confidential document. And in my opinion, it was for very good reasons that I informed Mr Thomas, Chairman of the SHCFA, that the MOU between SHG and the preferred investor PQ Trading Ltd was soon to be discussed by ExCo.

Governor, you may be aware, our local fishermen and their families are experiencing unprecedented difficulties, frustrations and stress since the St Helena Fisheries Corporation was dissolved on 31st January 2020.

I am deeply concerned for those constituents and their livelihoods at this uncertain period in time, and the following correspondence will provide you with my rational accordingly.

Incidentally, I intend to recommend to all elected representatives at the informal LegCo on Friday that all ExCo agenda items, albeit open or closed sessions, must be made public with immediate effect.

Copy of email sent to Chair of SHCFA on Sunday, 24th May 2020

Dear Waylon,

After attending the service at St James last Sunday morning, we decided to drive/walk through the wharf area. You were working on your boat; and I am pleased we had a very useful (for me) conversation. It was interesting to hear your comments and passionate points of view on matters relating to the island's fish resources.

There were two things, in particular, you had strong concerns on: (1) the apparent unfairness in the SHG selection process for the 'preferred investor' due to breaches of the SHG guide-

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lines on conflict of interests. (2) SHG officials were encouraging fishers to make a special effort to liaise with the preferred investor(s), but they replied to your primary question with terminology like '....how long is a piece of string'. In reply to your concerns and obvious frustrations, I told you that I was very uncomfortable that some elected members also had serious concerns on the possible breaches of the SHG conflict of interests rules. And noted that the first time I had heard of their concerns was on Friday (just three days before). The Code of Conduct for Members of Legislative Council (4.2) states: 'Members shall – (a) act in good conscience'. As to your second "frustration": I told you that I consider you a person who likes to speak your mind and be upfront with me, and therefore, although you may not agree with my opinion, I will give it to you anyway. In my opinion, you (fishers) are asking for answers to questions that the preferred investor is not yet in a position to accurately answer. You asked me to explain. I gave you an example: The process is only at a stage whereby a MOU between SHG and RQ Trading Ltd will be discussed at the ExCo meeting on Tuesday. Once all of that initial work is completed, in my opinion, the investor will be better informed and thereby in a better position to answer your questions.

I was unable to provide you with details relating to the ExCo closed session documents; however, I was free to inform you of the agenda item as the Agenda was not classified as a confidential document. I would just like to add here, that I will request ExCo elected members make the decision to make public closed agenda items in the future in the interests of improving SHG openness and transparency.

Please can you kindly confirm according to the following: I am not sure what exactly the local news content was, but there has been official developments relating to SHG confidential material, concerning the MOU, being broadcast on local radio. Consequently, I would appreciate if you will kindly inform me if you shared any part of our communication with staff of the local radio stations please.

The email to Waylon Thomas is signed by Cyril Leo

Thank you, Governor

Kind regards

Cyril

This week, Cyril Leo has followed up with another letter

THE CONSTITUENT C Leo (LegCo)

St Helena Government – Openness and Transparency



Dear Constituents,

We wait for His Excellency, Governor Rushbrook, to fully inform the community as to why he decided to have the police investigate your councillors, and to make public the details of

the outcome of the investigation.

There was an ExCo meeting on Tuesday, 2nd June 2020, and the majority of your elected representatives had not been permitted the agenda or the documents for the closed session discussions and decisions.

I remain uncertain as to the true reason why councillors are being investigated by the Police. However, in my humble opinion, the decision to investigate elected members without first discussing the matter with all twelve elected members, as was recommended to Governor Rushbrook, has proved a mistake. Consequently, St Helena, the electorate and elected representatives have all been, in effect, scandalously undermined on the world stage by the authority; this was unnecessary and avoidable.

Leading up to the local general election of July 2017, the people of St Helena were calling for more openness and transparency in local government. Accordingly, maximising openness and transparency, when engaging with constituents on Council business, was a top priority, from the onset, for this Council.

The first day of work for the then newly elected members of this Council was on 28th July 2017.

On the 8th August Governor Lisa Phillips emailed the following to all elected members: 'I would support scrapping the Oath of Confidentiality too. As it is part of the Constitution the proposal to do this would have to go to the Privy Council for approval. This could take time. But I have been thinking about this given the Nolan Principles are essentially in conflict with the Oath.

So in the meantime, I have given some thought as to how to give Councillors more flexibility in communications and a paper will come to the first ExCo on this. I hope you will be pleased with the contents.'

On the 11th August 2017, Governor Phillips wrote to all elected members: 'We will be discussing the Oath of Confidentiality at our first ExCo meeting. I hope you now have the ExCo paper where I am suggesting some flexibility ahead of submitting to the Privy Council for the Oath to be amended or scrapped. As you know I am keen to support moves towards Councillors being able to engage more transparently with the public.'

Following the ExCo meeting, on 30th August 2017, the St Helena Government Gazette No.64 was published. It was a significant step away from the colonial era of dominance and moved towards more openness, transparency and therefore enhanced democracy. Reversing the progress is not an option.

Please note: I have decided not to caucus* on documents for ExCo meetings until I am provided with the full agenda and all open and closed session agenda documents – and thereby be in a position to fully represent constituents.

*a caucus is a meeting of councillors to discuss current issues without government officers present

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Governor Lisa Phillips' clarification of the oath of confidentiality

The Government Gazette (official announcement) published on 30th August 2017 gave the following advice to elected representatives on what can be discussed openly without permission, or not, in view of the oath they have to swear at the first Legislative Council they attend.

No express authority is required for the following:

1. Ongoing work done by the Councillors (eg. contact with the Administration over issues raised by the public; progress/timing in considering new policies)
2. Rationale behind decisions taken (eg. budget allocations)
3. Use of analysis carried out by the Administration which underpins a discussion taking place with the public (eg. data from elsewhere about wearing of seatbelts)
4. Information already in the public domain (eg. press releases, radio appearances, speeches, responses to the Code of Practice on the release of information etc.)
5. Matters discussed in the open sessions of Executive Council or Council Committees

Express authority is required for the following:

- a. Ongoing discussions / negotiations with HMG (which are not concluded);
- b. Information that is owned by a third party and whose permission to disclose has not been obtained;
- c. Information that is deemed confidential or sensitive (eg. information about an individual);
- d. Information that is commercial in confidence (eg. information about a business proposal or the contents of a contract etc.)
- e. Executive Council 'green papers' (but please note that Councillors can draw on information contained therein as appropriate).

If in doubt, Members can obtain advice from the Attorney General's Chambers.

The oath sworn by every Councillor

Oath of confidentiality

I....(name).... do swear that I will be a true and faithful Councillor and that I will not, directly or indirectly, except with the authority of the Governor, reveal the business or proceedings of the Government of St Helena or the nature or contents of any document communicated to me, or any matter coming to my knowledge, in my capacity as a Councillor. So help me God.

The oath sworn by every Governor

Oath for due execution of office of Governor

I.....do swear that I will well and truly serve Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth the Second, Her Heirs and Successors, in the office of Governor in accordance with the Constitution and other laws of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha and with due regard to the customs of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. So help me God.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicle on Ascension Island.

FORD FIESTA HATCHBACK

Formerly registered as A784

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and can only be used for spare parts.

For further information, persons can contact Tracey Thomas, Insurance Manager on telephone 00290 22860 or email: traceyt@solomons.co.sh

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 10 June 2020.

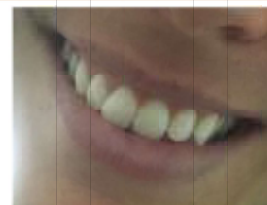
Tenders from Ascension Island should be emailed direct to the Tender Board Secretary, email address: finance-propertiesadmin@solomons.co.sh copied to the Tender Board Chairman, email address: marilyn@solomons.co.sh.



03 June 2020

During 'Smile Month' the Dental Department would like to remind the public of the importance of a healthy mouth.

WEEK 3 discusses gum disease, along with ways to prevent and treat it.



GUM DISEASE

What is gum disease?

Periodontal (gum) disease is a chronic condition where gums are inflamed, may become infected, and which causes teeth to become loose and 'shaky' over time if not treated.

What causes gum disease?

Gum disease is caused by poor oral/mouth hygiene i.e. poor toothbrushing. Plaque is the sticky layer of bacteria and food debris that toothbrushing removes. If plaque is left on teeth for long periods it causes damage to the gums and makes them get puffy, soft and bleed more. Over time the gums will shrink and the bone holding the teeth in the jaw will be damaged. The end result is that teeth will get loose and may either need to be extracted or may fall out on their own.

What can be done?

The best way to prevent and treat gum disease is for you to remember to clean your teeth **twice** each day and to do so thoroughly. By doing this you will prevent the plaque causing damage to the gums. For people who already have gum disease you will need to see the dental team for scaling (cleaning) of your teeth and gums. Mild gum disease may only require a 'scale and polish' but advanced gum disease may need regular sessions of 'deep cleaning' in order to treat it properly.

GUIDANCE & TIPS FOR PATIENTS

Reduce your risk factors

Mouth Hygiene

Poor mouth hygiene is the biggest cause of gum problems. Brushing your teeth twice a day is important. Try to spend two minutes each time, and work your way around your mouth methodically so that you don't miss any areas.



For most people it is best to use an electric toothbrush, or a manual 'normal' toothbrush which has *soft* bristles and a *small* head—you will be able to reach all the areas of your mouth and are less likely to damage your gums.



Floss, tape or interdental brushes (TePe brushes or similar) can help you clean between your teeth where your toothbrush cannot reach.



Smoking

Toxins in cigarette smoke directly harm your gums and also make your gums heal more slowly. Smoking also stains teeth and causes bad breath. Speak to the 'stop smoking' team for help with quitting.



Mouthwash can help you to rinse food debris away after mealtimes. The dentist or hygienist might recommend a medicated mouthwash if you are having treatment for gum disease.

Diabetes

Poorly controlled diabetes reduces your ability to heal well. Diabetics are far more likely to suffer with advanced gum problems unless their mouth hygiene is good and their diabetes is well controlled. Speak to the diabetic nursing team for help controlling your sugars.

It is always a good idea to see the dental team every 6-12 months so they can check for cavities, gum problems and mouth cancer. If you have active gum disease you should see the hygienist every three months for ongoing gum treatment.

You can prevent gum disease and improve your gum health by brushing your teeth thoroughly twice a day, cleaning between your teeth and stopping smoking.

For further information contact the Dental Clinic, tel. 22500
Dental Clinic, General Hospital, Jamestown, St Helena, STHL 1ZZ

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST **PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM**

The St Helena Police Directorate invites Expressions of Interest to provide a Project Management Team (PMT) to support the design implementation and construction of the proposed new prison in the Bottom Woods area. The PMT will have appropriate and complementary professional, technical and specialist skills in secure facilities and, under the direction of the Client, the team will be responsible for carrying out the work detailed in the Project Plan.

The team will need to be able to demonstrate a proven track record in the following areas:

- . Large Construction Projects
- . Stakeholder engagement (Local & Overseas e.g. the UK Ministry of Justice)
- . Project Management including management of subcontractors
- . International Supplier & Customer Relationship Management
- . Contract, Procurement & Logistics Management in remote locations
- . Risk Management & Problem Solving
- . Project Assurance & Document Control
- . Access to relevant technical support as required
- . Able to work within a national security framework
- . Management of Health and Safety across all disciplines.



For further information, please contact the Prison Manager, Ms Heidi Murray, on tel:22541 or email: heidi.murray@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed Expressions of Interest should be deposited at the HM Prison Reception Jamestown, by 12 noon on Friday, 12 June 2020.

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



Enterprise St Helena (ESH) invites Expressions of Interest from Private Sector individuals who are interested in serving on its Board of Directors or its three Subcommittees: Tourism, Business Development and Investment, or Finance, Governance and Audit.

The function of the Board is to promote and facilitate economic development on St Helena, in line with the Island's Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP), with input from and liaison with its Subcommittees.

A copy of the Terms of Reference for Board and individual Subcommittees, together with a form to register an interest can be collected from Reception at the ESH Office, Ladder Hill Business Park or can be requested electronically via email: natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh. Completed forms, accompanied by a current Curriculum Vitae, should be submitted to the Board Secretary, Natasha Bargo by 22 June 2020.

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PRESS RELEASE: Increase in Broadband Inclusive Allowances

Increase of Broadband Inclusive Allowances continued for June through August 2020

Sure is pleased to advise customers that the current 20% increase in Broadband inclusive allowances which were in place for April and May 2020 to support the community during the current global pandemic; will remain in place for the months of June through August 2020.

We trust the additional data has assisted our customers to stay in touch with friends and family and to keep up with current affairs online during this challenging period for us all.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes; please contact our Customer Services team on telephone +22900 or email us at service@sure.co.sh



END OF YEAR ACCOUNTS AND INSURANCE RENEWALS - REMINDERS

End of Year Accounts

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind all Commercial Lending Clients who have not yet done so, that you are required to submit a copy of your End of Year Accounts for the financial year 2019-2020, by no later than 30 June 2020. This should include a minimum of:

- ⇒ Income and Expenditure Accounts / Trading, Profit and Loss Accounts
- ⇒ Balance Sheet
- ⇒ Depreciation Schedule

Insurance Renewals

Commercial and Personal Lending Clients who have loans secured on assets such as property, vehicles, plant or machinery are reminded to submit a copy of your updated insurance receipts.

Please submit all necessary documentation to the Lending Section, Bank of St Helena Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown. For further assistance or information, contact the Lending Section on (+290) 22390 or email commercialending@sainthelenabank.com or personallending@sainthelenabank.com.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- Application 2020/41:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Container Handling Facilities, incorporating Office Buildings, Warehousing, 3no Secure Compounds and Car Parking**, Lower Rupert's Valley, from Hay town House to Rupert's Lines on Parcels RV0033, RV0063, RV0054, RV0022, RV0069, RV0005, RV0035 and RV0036. Applicant: Programme Management Unit, St Helena Government.
- Application 2020/42:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Way**, St Paul's Primary School on Parcel SCOT0413. Applicant: Programme Management Unit, St Helena Government.

Copies of the Applications 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 22270 or email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 19th June 2020

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



St Helena
Government

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St Helena Football Association

Two key dates will be approaching for us Premier League Football Fans. Next Wednesday 10th June we will see the summer transfer window open and the following week on Wednesday 17th June the Premier League is scheduled to resume.

The summer transfer window is scheduled to close on 1st September although there is some media reports that it might remain open until January.

With clubs losing so much money due to Covid-19 and who are likely to continue to lose money as matches will be played behind closed doors, it will be interesting to see which clubs will be active in this window and how much they would be prepared to spend.

There is so much speculation at the moment with the likes of Sancho; Werner, Grealish, Pogba and Aubameyang considering a move away from their current clubs.



Will Aubameyang be still at Arsenal next season?

Premier League Clubs have been given permission to play friendlies prior to the 17th June matches between Aston Villa v Sheffield United and Manchester City v Arsenal.

Premier League players are facing a crucial week of testing as any positive test would likely rule them out from the opening round of restarted games.

All players and club staff are being tested for coronavirus twice a week ahead of the restart date of June 17, with this week's sessions taking place on Tuesday and Friday.

The current protocol as part of Project Restart rules that in any case of a Premier League player returning a positive test he would be kept away from group training for a total of 14 days including the seven days of government-advised self-isolation.

No fixtures of dates; times and venues for the remaining games have been released for the remaining EPL games.

The FA Cup has been provisionally scheduled to return with the quarter-finals on June 27/28, the semi-finals on July 18-19 and the final set to be held on Saturday August 1.



The 2020 SHFA League season will kick off next Saturday 13th June with a match between last season's Champions the Rovers and the Axis at 1pm followed by Saints v Bellboys. Sunday's matches will see Lakers play Wirebirds at 1pm and Harts v Crystal Rangers at 3pm.

Captains are asked to ensure that at least half of this season's entrance fee is paid into the SHFA Bank account 20564002 by Thursday 11th June and receipt to be presented by them to the treasurer at next week's meeting which will be held at New Horizons on Thursday 11th June at 7pm.



Some laws have changed since the start of last season Premier League and we will be enforcing them fully in the SHFA league this season. All Captains will be issued with all changes and I have submitted a few key ones below.

Dropped ball - Laws 8 & 9

Changes

- If play is stopped inside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for the goalkeeper
- If play is stopped outside the penalty area, the ball will be dropped for one player of the team that last touched the ball at the point of the last touch
- In all cases, all the other players (of both teams) must be at least 4m (4.5yds) away
- If the ball touches the referee (or another match official) and goes into the goal, team possession changes or a promising attack starts, a dropped ball is awarded

Explanation

- The current dropped ball procedure often leads to a 'manufactured' restart which is 'exploited' unfairly (e.g. kicking the ball out for a throw-in deep in the opponents' half) or an aggressive confrontation. Returning the ball to the team that last played it restores what was 'lost' when play was stopped, except in the penalty area where it is simpler to return the ball to the goalkeeper. To prevent that team gaining an unfair advantage, all players of both teams, except the player receiving the ball, must be at least 4m (4.5 yds) away.
- It can be very unfair if a team gains an advantage or scores a goal because the ball has hit a match official, especially the referee.

Free Kicks - Law 13

Changes

- When there is a 'wall' of three or more defenders, the attackers are not allowed within 1m (1 yd) of the wall; an attacker less than 1m (1yd) from the 'wall' when the kick is taken will be penalised with an indirect free kick
- When the defending team takes a free kick in their own penalty area, the ball is in play once the kick is taken; it does not have to leave the penalty area before it can be played

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Explanation

- Attackers standing very close to, or in, the defensive 'wall' at a free kick often cause management problems and waste time. There is no legitimate tactical justification for attackers to be in the 'wall' and their presence is against the 'spirit of the game' and often damages the image of the game.

- The experiment where, at a defending team free kick in the penalty area, the ball is in play once it is kicked and does not have to leave the penalty area, has produced a faster and more constructive restart. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area and at least 9.15m away until the ball is in play. The same change has been made to the goal kick (see Law 16).

Goal Kick - Law 16

Changes

- The ball is in play once the kick is taken; it can be played before leaving the penalty area

Explanation

The experiment that at a goal kick the ball is in play once it is kicked, and does not have to leave the penalty area, has created a faster and more dynamic/constructive restart to the game. It has reduced the time 'lost/wasted' including stopping the tactic of 'wasting' time when a defender deliberately plays the ball before it leaves the penalty area knowing that all that will happen is the goal kick will be retaken. Opponents must remain outside the penalty area until the ball is in play

Handball - Law 12

Changes

- Deliberate handball remains an offence
- The following 'handball' situations, even if accidental, will be a free kick:

- The ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm

- A player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touched their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm)

- The following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near

- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger

- If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)

- If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball

Explanation

Greater clarity is needed for handball, especially on those occasions when 'non-deliberate' handball is an offence. The re-wording follows a number of principles:

- Football does not accept a goal being scored by a hand/arm (even if accidental)

- Football expects a player to be penalised for handball if they gain possession/control of the ball from their hand/arm and gain a major advantage e.g. score or create a goal-scoring opportunity

- It is natural for a player to put their arm between their body and the ground for support when falling.

- Having the hand/arm above shoulder height is rarely a 'natural' position and a player is 'taking a risk' by having the hand/arm in that position, including when sliding

- If the ball comes off the player's body, or off another player (of either team) who is close by, onto the hands/arms it is often impossible to avoid contact with the ball

- When the GK clearly kicks or tries to kick the ball into play, this shows no intention to handle the ball so, if the 'clearance' attempt is unsuccessful, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball without committing an offence

Penalty Kick - Law 14

Changes

- The team's penalty taker can have (quick) treatment/assessment and then take the kick

- The goalkeeper must not be touching the goalposts/crossbar/nets; they must not be moving

- The goalkeeper must have at least part of one foot on/in line with the goal line when the kick is taken; cannot stand behind the line

Explanation

- It is unfair if the kicker needs assessment/treatment and then has to leave the field and cannot take the penalty kick.

- The referee must not signal for the penalty kick to be taken if the goalkeeper is touching the goalposts, crossbar or net, or if they are moving e.g. the goalkeeper has kicked/shaken them

- Goalkeepers are not permitted to stand in front of or behind the line. Allowing the goalkeeper to have only one foot touching the goal line (or, if jumping, in line with the goal line) when the penalty kick is taken is a more practical approach as it is easier to identify if both feet are not on the line. As the kicker can 'stutter' in the run, it is reasonable that the goalkeeper can take one step in anticipation of the kick.

Substitutes - Law 3

Changes

- A player who is being substituted must leave the field by the nearest point on the touchline/goal line (unless the referee indicates the player can leave quickly/immediately at the halfway line or a different point because of safety, injury etc.)

Explanation

- To stop a player who is being substituted 'wasting' time by leaving slowly at the halfway line (which is not a Law

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requirement) the player must leave at the nearest point (as with an injury) unless the referee indicates otherwise, e.g. if the player can leave quickly at the halfway line, there is a safety/security issue or the player leaves on a stretcher. The player must go immediately to the technical area or dressing room to avoid problems with substitutes, spectators, or the match officials. A player who infringes the spirit of this Law should be sanctioned for unsporting behaviour i.e. delaying the restart of play.



Sports is playing its role in promoting the campaign 'Black Lives Matter' following the murder of African American George Floyd.

On Wednesday the St Helena International Team knelt in protest of George Floyd's killing and in support of the #Blacklivesmatter movement.

I also receive an open letter to Sport from the President of the Commonwealth Games Association Dame Louise Martin. Please see below:



An open letter to sport #BlackLivesMatter

Citizens across the world have mobilised to stand up for equal rights, for freedom, fairness, equality and justice.

This must be our wake-up call too. Surely it is time for the world of sport to grant itself a social and moral licence. A licence to use all its platforms to encourage athletes, coaches, officials, sponsors, administrators and fans to inspire, to edu-

cate, to stand for what they believe in. A licence to provide the scope and freedom for all our participants to be agents of change, advocates of integrity and ambassadors for respect, impartiality and non-discrimination.

Everyone working in sport is in the business of creating, protecting and promoting some of people's proudest moments. People have often argued that sport is like life and that life manifests itself through sport. When glorious – sport inspires, excites, captivates, entertains and creates hope and pride; and when compromised – it angers, disappoints, disillusion, creates doubt and shame.

Let us not be on the wrong side of history. Let us ensure we are on the side of humanity and equality, the side of people and passion, not profit or politics. Let us continue to forge a future for Commonwealth Sport built on empathy, inclusion, trust and unity.

Right now, we are faced with managing the impact of a global pandemic and the pain, anger and sadness resulting from the tragic and brutal killing of George Floyd. Both raise the familiar spectres of inequality, racism and injustice into our hearts and homes and our wider communities.

The world of sport cannot be an observer.

A Games', a match, a season does not happen in a vacuum. Silence or the status quo cannot be an option.

It is our passionate belief that athlete advocacy and activism humanises, rather than politicises, sport. We must use our voices and continually seek to reduce inequalities and build peaceful communities.

Dame Louise Martin DBE, President

David Grevemberg CBE, Chief Executive

WHAT ON EARTH AM I HERE FOR?

The Rock Christian Fellowship would like to invite you all to be part of the **Purpose Driven Life by Rick Warren**, Bible study every week on Tue (Sandy Bay) and Wed (Longwood and Sapperway) for 5 weeks commencing Tue 9 June 2020 and Wed 10 June 2020 respectively.

By the end of this journey you will know God's purpose for your life and will understand the big picture—how all the pieces of your life fit together.

Before you were born, God planned this moment in your life. It is no accident that you are here on St Helena. God longs for you to discover the life he created you to live—here on earth, and forever in eternity.

Visit our
Facebook page
for more details

Venue
and
times

Sandy Bay, Tue @1900 at the Sandy Bay Community Centre. Call Cilla at 23249
Sapperway, Wed @1930 at Anthony and Elaine Hopkins House. Call Anthony at 63658
Longwood, Wed @1930 at Longwood Business Park Unit 3. Call Tav at 22582/64108

Golf Report for Sunday 31st May 2020

Once a month the St Helena Golf club hosts a monthly medal competition. The format is always standard. 18 Hole Strokeplay competition. Strokeplay competitions are often used to adjust handicaps. Especially the monthly medal competition. This event attracted 19 players. At tee off time it was just cloudy with a light breeze. Someone had mentioned that it will be a dry afternoon. He lied. The clouds became very pregnant and gave birth to rain. Umbrellas and waterproof clothing immediately emerged from the fat golf bags. (Now you know what they keep in those bags). The game became more challenging especially for golfers like KJ who hates playing in the rain. At the end it was those who were consistent and unbowed by the rain that emerged tops. First prize and winner of the monthly medal was Mr. Arthur Young with nett 66 playing off 14 handicap followed in second place by handicap 17 Mr. Gerald George with nett 67. Each of their handicaps dropped by one after the competition. Congratulations gentlemen for your well-deserved prizes. There was no two-ball pool winner.

The committee of management is pleased to announce that junior members competition/training is scheduled to resume next month on Saturday July 25th and will be held every last Saturday of the month thereafter. Details on start times to follow in due course. Should any member of the club be aware of any former golfer who is keen to resume golfing but is unable due to financial constraints kindly inform any member of the committee and we will endeavor to reach out to them and to support them in getting back to golf.

On Sunday 7th June 2020 the club will be hosting The Furrows stroke play competition sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Foxy. Tee off is 12:00. This will be a challenging competition where hitting your ball to the wrong fairway will be deemed out of



bounds. Stroke and distance rules will apply. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. For more pictures and information like our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh Wish you all a great weekend of fun...!

Contributed by: SHGC

DRAFT COMPANY REGISTRY POLICY OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION

St Helena Government, with support from Orgueil Consulting, are developing a Company Registry Policy for St Helena. The draft Policy is available online at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/

The Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP), as endorsed by the Economic Development Committee in 2018, supports growth of exports in order to attract more money to St Helena, and become *Altogether Wealthier*.

Many jurisdictions work to provide competitive Company Registry services for globally operating companies to attract international revenues. St Helena regularly reviews revenue generating opportunities and this paper has been put together to move forward development of St Helena's Company Registry to provide a better, more transparent and more attractive service to customers whilst ensuring that SHG keeps abreast of international requirements.

Modernisation of St Helena's Company Registry is timely, as the EU's new Economic Substance Requirements legislation will require tax policy on St Helena to be transparent and fair.

St Helena Government, in developing its Company Registry, followed the principles of:

- Openness and transparency
- Sound Business Practice
- Non-discriminatory taxation
- Anti-tax avoidance



The consultation on the draft Policy will run for a period of six weeks ending on Tuesday, 14 July 2020. If you would like to respond to this consultation, please respond through our online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CompanyRegisterPolicy2020> or respond by email to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, via: nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh or by phone on (+290 22470) by the deadline date. Furthermore, we will be giving a presentation relating to this consultation to companies on St Helena. This will be held on Thursday, 18 June 2020, from 4pm to 5pm in the Council Chamber at the Castle.

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Exco this week

New Tobacco Legislation Edges Forward

On Tuesday Exco decided the Control of Tobacco and Related Products Bill should be presented to the next Legislative Council. This will be the final stage in the legislation process before the Bill becomes law. The Bill requires young people to provide proof of age before buying cigarettes, vending machines for cigarettes will be banned, as will sweets and toys which mimic cigarettes.

Only complete and sealed packets of cigarette will be allowed to be sold and cigarette sales will be banned at healthcare, sports and recreation facilities as well as government buildings and education centres. No form of cigarette advertising or display will be allowed which means shops will have cigarettes hidden under the counter. The only available information will be a list of cigarette brands available.

Smoking will be prohibited in any vehicle if children are present, private importation of cigarettes will be banned and commercial importers will need to be registered before cigarettes are imported. SHG will charge a registration fee. Tobacco products of any kind will only be allowed from the UK or South Africa and labelled 'in the prescribed manner'. This means cigarette packaging will be an almost plain box in the most unattractive colour available with the brand name less prominent than now. More prominent on the pack is a photo of a diseased lung or something similar. Existing UK law requires similar packaging and South African is expected to have the same legislation in place by 2022.

E cigarettes will also be regulated with the import or sale of sweet flavoured e-liquids or e-cigarette liquids with more than 19mg nicotine being prohibited. E-cigarette users will need to purchase these from registered sellers.

There are more than ten offences under the proposed legislation, attracting maximum fines ranging from £200 to £800 if found guilty.



Ladder Hill Zulu Monument gets Final Approval – with a twist in the tail

The Land Development Control Authority recommended permission be given for a Zulu memorial to be erected in a vacant area at the viewing platform located at the top of Jacob's ladder. Some Zulu Chiefs were sentenced to exile in St Helena with hard labour after the Bambatha Zulu rebellion was suppressed in 1906. They were held in Ladder Hill Barracks.

The monument will have a plaque fixed to it but the inscription on the plaque is yet to be finalised. Exco asked that the inscription "include a respectful recognition for *all* who died in the period related to the Zulu conflict period". The Zulus often were in conflict as they exerted their superior authority on adjacent lands. Notable is the *Mfecane* when widespread conflict and destruction prevailed from 1815 for over 20 years.

The period of Zulu conflict can also include the Anglo-Zulu War of 1879.

"All who died" includes many people of many races including the Brits at Rorke's Drift and Isandlwana. More than 1,300 Brits died at Isandlwana and 17 of the 140 Brit defenders at Rorke's Drift were killed. If "respectful recognition" really does include "all" it will have a wider significance than 'Zulu' as a memorial and as a monument. At the same time, some may consider the commemoration of St Helena's link to the history of the Zulu nation will be lost.

There was a prompt reply to a request from the *Independent* for clarification of this part of the report on Tuesday's Exco report. It was explained:-

"When asked about the wording on the monument ExCo was told there was no information provided in the application on the wording. The Governor then asked for the wording to be resolved and the organisers should refer to the Planning team when ready. The Governor has advised that no suggestion was made to list all of the names of other people on the monument." St Helena Tourism submitted the development application for what was described as the Zulu Remembrance Monument.

The clarification continued, "The Governor did suggest that the monument was an opportunity to recognise the time and circumstances of those brought to St Helena. In addition, as this form of monument has a wider function of highlighting, broadening understanding and, hopefully reconciliation, then it would be nice if it could include in some way a respectful consideration towards all who tragically died in the conflict that occurred around this time from whatever backgrounds. After all, every death as a result of conflict and its aftermath is a tragedy for a family left behind. As St Helena is a British Overseas Territory this could be an appropriate place to foster a message of reconciliation."

When the development application was considered by the Land Development Control Authority the Chief Planning Officer opened his report with, "The application is to install Zulu Remembrance Monument to remember the number of Zulu prisoners exiled on the Island between 1907 and 1910". The Chief Planner's closing remarks and assessment included, "The proposed erection of the Zulu Remembrance Monument provides a recognition of the Islands historic past."

A person prominent in the commemoration of African history from the point of view of Africans was also contacted by the *Independent*. The first question raised was, "what is the intent and spirit of the monument?" The design of the shield carved on the monument also raised a comment. "It would be helpful and enlightening to understand its meaning. Will the plaque explain?" This was followed with a question about whether the descendants of the Zulu Chiefs the monument is designed to remember were part of the discussion on the intent and spirit of the monument. If not the descendants, was a cultural representative contacted? In a stimulating finish to a series of observations this prominent person ended with, "Black lives do indeed matter, as does their history. This is an opportunity to 'be the change'." Could it be we have an interesting discussion developing here?

Cricket Presentation

St Helena Cricket Association

Royal Challengers showed grit and determination and an awful lot of skill to win the knockout Tournament as the St Helena Cricket Association 2020 season came to an exciting finish on Francis Plain this past weekend.

The Royal Challengers won the toss and elected to bat, a somewhat surprising decision from Captain Cliff Richards, who explained at the end that setting a target against Levelwood was what the Challengers did best and again it proved to be the case.

The final result then of the 2020 knockout competition – Royal Challengers 122/6 in 20 overs (Sean-Lee Thomas 34, Mike-e Williams 26, Gareth Johnson 3/26) beat Levelwood Allstarz 114 in 17.5 overs (Ross Henry 34, Jordi Henry 3/13, Andrew Yon 2/21) by 8 runs.

It was the Challengers who won the toss and elected to bat first, they boarded 122. Levelwood Allstarz had to achieve a target that was well within their ability, but on the contrary, they succumbed on 114 and lost the match by eight runs.

As the opening duo of Challengers arrived, it was expected a good start from them. Andrew Yon and Alex Langham provided them with a steady start, but by the end of power-play, Allstars had the upper hand. Challengers score was 29/2 after the end of six overs and both their openers were back in pavilion then. Then there was a healthy partnership between Mike-e Williams and Sean-Lee Thomas for the third wicket, they added 62 runs. But as soon as Williams departed, there was again a mini collapse and after 16 overs, Challengers were 98 with half of their team back in pavilion. In the end, they managed to get 122 on the board. In bowling, Gareth Johnson was best of the bowlers for Levelwood Allstarz as his figures were 3/26. Brendon Leo too was excellent with his 2/9 in his quota of four overs.

Allstars' problems started with Gareth Johnson, the star performer with the ball faced as many as seven deliveries and was out on zero without troubling the scorers. It was Ross Henry who kept the score-board ticking before he was dismissed for 34. In the middle-order, there were contributions of 10, 11 and 20 but no one was really able to make an impact. They lost wickets quickly and easily. From the Challengers bowling unit, Jordi Henry was pick of the bowlers as he dismissed three of the Allstarz batsmen. Along with him, Joey, Sean-Lee and Andrew Yon also took a couple of wickets each. Their combined bowling performance and some outstanding catches from the Challengers fielders proved too good for the batting side, seeing them being crowned as the 2020 Knockout Champions.

The afternoon was concluded with the customary presentation and tea, followed by an evening meal for the teams who contributed and a firework display.

The season's statistics will be published in a future edition of this paper.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CUSTODY SUITE CONSTRUCTION

The St Helena Police Directorate invites Expressions of Interest to provide any or all of the following three phases of construction for the new Custody Suite at Coleman House, Jamestown. The contractor(s) will need to be able to provide all relevant skills and equipment.

The works will be carried out under the direction of the client or the client's nominated representative. The contractor will be responsible for carrying out the work detailed in the project plan and the client may consider providing all construction major materials.

The phases of construction are as follows:

Phase 1 – Demolition

- Safe demolition of current buildings
- Safe removal and disposal of all waste materials
- Clean up and hand over

Phase 2 – Excavation

- Excavations to foundations
- Safe removal and disposal of all waste materials
- Secure excavations
- Clean up and hand over

Phase 3 – Construction to completion (including)

- Substructure (concrete to foundations)
- Superstructure
- Drainage
- Electrics, plumbing, painting and decoration
- Clean up and hand over

For further information, please contact the Prison Manager, Ms Heidi Murray, on telephone number: 22541 or email: heidi.murray@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed Expressions of Interest should be deposited at the HM Prison Reception, Jamestown, by 12 noon on Friday, 19 June 2020.

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

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PROJECT MANAGEMENT TEAM

The St Helena Police Directorate invites Expressions of Interest to provide a Project Management Team (PMT) to support the design implementation and construction of the new Custody Suite at Coleman House, Jamestown. The relevant Project Team will have appropriate and complementary professional, technical and specialist skills in secure facilities. Under the direction of the client, the PMT will be responsible for carrying out the work detailed in the Project Plan.

The team will need to be able to demonstrate a proven track record in the following areas:

- Large Construction Projects
- Stakeholder engagement (Local & Overseas e.g. the UK Ministry of Justice)
- Project Management including management of subcontractors
- International Supplier & Customer Relationship Management
- Contract, Procurement & Logistics Management in remote locations
- Risk Management & Problem Solving
- Project Assurance & Document Control
- Access to relevant technical support as required
- Able to work within a national security framework
- Management of Health and Safety across all disciplines

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White Lion RAF Darkdale Papanui Spangereid

Bottom Steps

415m

1 White Lion

390m

2 Darkdale

550m

3 Papanui

50m

4 Spangereid

325m

Middle Steps



Solo or a relay teams of 4 are welcome

Entry Free: solo £10 and relay teams £20

Contact: Christabel Wade 67100
Craig Yon 61400 or Michelle Yon
23677 to register your team

7 JUNE ACCEPT THE OPEN WATER

Starts 2PM

Register from 1PM

SWIMMING CHALLENGE

Register from 1PM

and support the Yellow Fins Swimming Club

Public Solicitor Office receives full Lexcel re-accreditation

The Public Solicitor Office's third year full re-accreditation application for Lexcel England and Wales has been successful. Our membership is awarded for three years from 31/05/2020 until 30/05/2023, with annual maintenance visits in years two and three.

The Public Solicitor Office has been a pilot for the Law Society to test remote assessment of firms and offices. Due to the success of our pilot, remote assessment has been adopted nationwide in England and Wales as a result of Covid-19 lockdown.

Lexcel is the Law Society of England & Wales' legal practice quality mark for practice management and client care.

HE Governor Rushbrook comments 'The sustained high standard in the Public Solicitor's Office is a marvellous achievement. To be awarded full re-accreditation for the third year running by Lexcel and to have pioneered the Law Society's testing arrangements for remote assessment of firms and offices show the well-deserved international recognition of the team we have working for the people of St Helena'.

Chief Justice Ekins comments "I am aware that the Public Solicitor's Office has been awarded Lexcel full re-accreditation for a three year period commencing 31st May 2020. The

achievement that the award represents should not be underestimated. It is an award made only to law firms able to demonstrate an ability to achieve and maintain the highest of standards. It is an award, therefore, that reflects the commitment and ability of each member of the Public Solicitor's office and all should be commended. To single individuals out for special mention is a practice usually to be avoided but in this instance it is only right to acknowledge the contribution of the Acting Public Solicitor, Mrs Helen Scott. Mrs Scott played a significant role when the Public Solicitor's Office was first awarded Lexcel accreditation under the then Public Solicitor, Mr N Aldridge. The Office has continued since then to provide a service of high quality to the community of St Helena, a service maintained even in the present difficult times. The Public Solicitor's Office plays a crucial role in the administration of justice on St Helena, a role it discharges with distinction. I offer my heartfelt congratulations to everyone at the Office for this demonstration of their continued high achievement."



Inventive

School Holiday Activity Day for Children 6 to 12 years old

On: **Wednesday 10th June**

From: **10 am - 3pm**

At: **The Baptist church hall, Jamestown. £2.50 per child**

Many activities during the day including: Art and Craft, Cupcake icing competition, Learn to play Ukulele, Fun Drama session, Zumba workout, Board games etc.

Design your own mini pizza lunch and popcorn provided.

Numbers limited. Please email creativesainthelena@gmail.com to register or call 23988 for further details.



Calling all artists, photographers, writers and lovers of the ocean!

8th June is World Oceans Day 2020 – and we want to celebrate our oceans!

Given COVID-19 precautions surrounding public gatherings, the Trust's Marine Team is taking the celebration ONLINE!

This year's theme is calling on world leaders to 'protect 30% of our blue planet by 2030' – so we want your ideas on how to achieve '30 by 30'!

Innovative ideas can be related to ANY aspect of the ocean or marine activity that you are passionate about protecting: fishing, tourism, SCUBA, swimming, snorkelling, or even visiting the beach!

You can send your '30 by 30' protection ideas in the following forms:

- Poem
- Written or video pledge
- Photos
- Art project



Please submit your entries to: the Trust's Office in Jamestown or alternatively, via email to: kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh

The winners and prizes will be announced on 19th June.

#ProtectOurHome #WorldOceansDay2020



UK FUNDING PROVIDES WELCOME SUPPORT FOR COVID-19 PREPARATIONS ON ST HELENA

The UK Government has provided funding, through the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF), for additional medical staff to support St Helena's COVID-19 preparations.

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed this week between the Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and St Helena Government (SHG) for £380,000 to fund a general doctor, physiotherapist, anaesthetist, biomedical scientist, two ITU nurses and five general nurses. The funding will cover the costs for all posts for six months, apart from the physiotherapist (which will be covered for three months). These staff will bolster St Helena's existing health service and increase our capacity to respond to the threat of COVID-19.

The UK Government is committed to supporting St Helena during this pandemic and is working closely with SHG and the Health Directorate to identify their needs and provide support.

This funding is part of a wider package of support the UK Government is providing to help ensure the safety of St Helena's residents. Previous support has included supporting St Helena with procuring the PCR machine for COVID-19 testing, which has enabled St Helena to conduct its own testing on-Island for the first time. Medical supplies, public health advice and access for people and vital supplies has also been provided by the UK Government.

The UK Government has also funded a telemedicine service, delivered through International SOS, which links clinicians on St Helena and other Overseas Territories to a pool of international medics. This provision of clinical advice will help decision making in critical care cases.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
4 June 2020



Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension and
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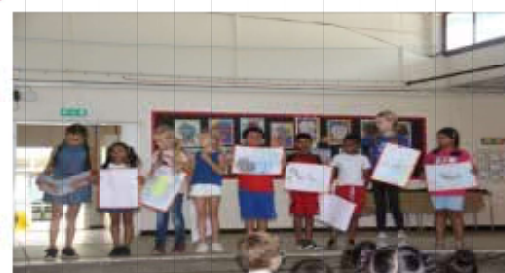
21st May is an important date to St. Helenians all around the world.

Here at Two Boats School on Ascension Island we celebrated the day our wonderful Island was discovered.



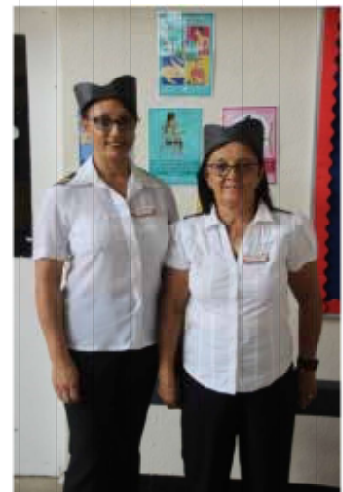
A small group of us, with the help of the staff and children, planned a special assembly whereby each class shared some information about the Island. This included old time dancing including the Boston, the History of St. Helena, Tourism, Sports, Favourite Places, the weather, Ancestry tales and some 'saint' talk too!

It was an amazing assembly and the children were brilliant. We had a guest appearance from our very own Napoleon and the Administrator Mr Sean Burns shared his experiences of his time living on the Island with his family.





Lunch was set up 'RMS Buffet Style' and on the sound of the RMS dinner tune, we all tucked into a feast of good old traditional Saint food.



We ended our assembly by singing the traditional RMS leaving song, "My St. Helena Island" which caused emotions to run a bit high but what a way to end a very successful St. Helena's Day celebration here at Two Boats School.

