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“Never give up on your dreams: nothing worth having is ever easy. Most people do not see the daily struggles you face, especially when it comes to your career so keep pushing on.

If you work hard enough, you will get there!”

Kate Downes

Marine Fisheries Scientist,

Ascension Island 2014 – 2017

In memory of Kate Downes – 8 July 1988 to 7 June 2020

On a bitterly cold November evening in 2017, the Blue Marine team gathered at a coffee warehouse in East London. One of the sponsors of the London to Monaco cycle ride was hosting an event at which Kate Downes was to speak about her tuna tagging work around Ascension. I was secretly anxious that the talk would be too dryly scientific for the audience which consisted of sporty cyclists.

I needn't have worried. As soon as Kate started to speak, her humour, enthusiasm and love for her work, combined with her huge knowledge, had the audience enrapt. Everyone wanted to know more about this extraordinary island in the middle of the Atlantic. Everyone started to grasp how we might better manage our seas. Everyone would consider where their tuna came from – rather than just saying 'from a can'.

Kate's unfair and untimely death from a brain tumour at the age of only 31 has left the BLUE team shocked and saddened. We are struggling to believe that a talented scientist a warm-hearted person should be taken so young. We are determined that her pioneering work should be completed. Luckily, we were able to tell Kate before she died that we had secured funding so that Dr Sam Weber at Exeter University could finish her PhD.

Kate's PhD, based on years of tuna tagging work on Ascension, shows that yellowfin tuna there are slower-growing and longer-lived than was previously estimated. It demonstrates the importance of Ascension's marine protected area – currently the largest no-take zone in the Atlantic – for providing a sanctuary for fish whose stocks have been in continuous decline since the 1950s. When the PhD is published, we hope that it will add to other work which shows what an exceptional place Ascension is, and how many more marine biologists

Kate – far right following a dive with Dr Sylvia Earle (a world-renowned marine biologist) at Comfortless Cove. Dr Earle identified Ascension Island's offshore waters as a 'Hope Spot' – an ideal location for a large scale marine protected area – and her visit, along with RSPB, was to raise awareness of the unique marine biodiversity found in Ascension's waters. Here on Ascension Island we feel privileged to have known Kate and our thoughts and prayers are with her family at this incredibly sad time.



AIMS Team Sylvia Earle and Kate

should base their studies on these pristine and unique waters.

Kate's last email to us at BLUE was typically generous and thoughtful: she asked that her underwater camera equipment be donated to the marine team on St Helena. She said: 'I am donating the camera, housing and strobe to Blue Marine Foundation to be used for whale shark ID photos on St Helena or whatever the team thinks it should be used for. Ascension and St Helena are so very important to me and I'm glad I can leave a legacy that shows that.

It has been a pleasure to work with you all.

Many, many thanks

Kate'

We at BLUE will do what we can to ensure that Kate's memory endures, through her work, through the work of the St Helena National Trust marine team, through Ascension's world-leading marine protected area and through the IUCN Category VI marine protected area on St Helena. We will continue to think of ways that we can keep Kate's legacy alive, possibly through a scholarship programme in her name.

Clare Brook, CEO, Blue Marine Foundation (BLUE)

Some News Bits from the Week

Hong Kong and the Chagos Islands

Here's an extract from the statement made by the UK Foreign Secretary on Wednesday 1st July after the Chinese Government finally decided to ignore the 1984 Treaty between Britain and China on the handover of Hong Kong and send in their Heavy Mob.

"We want a positive relationship with China, but we will not look the other way when it comes to Hong Kong and we will not duck our historic responsibilities to its people. We will continue to bring together our international partners, to stand up for the people of Hong Kong, to call out the violations of their freedoms, and to hold China to its international obligations, freely assumed under international law."

On 25th February 2019 the situation was very different. The International Court of Justice (ICJ) gave an advisory opinion (not a ruling) that "the United Kingdom's continued administration of the Chagos Archipelago constitutes a wrongful act." And "It is an unlawful act of a continuing character which arose as a result of the separation of the Chagos Archipelago from Mauritius." The United Nations General Assembly supported the ICJ decision by 116 votes to 6.

On 30th April 2019 the UK Government made its official response; "we have no doubt about our sovereignty over the Chagos Archipelago, which has been under continuous British sovereignty since 1814. Mauritius has never held sovereignty over the Archipelago and we do not recognise its claim. We have, however, made a long-standing commitment since 1965 to cede sovereignty of the territory to Mauritius when it is no longer required for defence purposes. We stand by that commitment."

While the United States uses Diego Garcia, the biggest of the Chagos Islands as an air force and naval base the Chagossians who were forcibly evicted from their homeland to make way for the US military remain divorced from their culture and the land of their birth. While the Foreign Secretary takes the moral high ground to stand up for the people of Hong Kong he remains with his back turned to the plight of the Chagossians.

Boris Johnson spurns legacy of the St Helena Act 1833

One provision in the St Helena Act 1833 was to recruit civil servants through open competition and not by nomination. This was the first move to stop favouritism and nepotism in a 'jobs for the boys' culture in civil service recruitment where if 'Bob was your uncle' you could sit back and have a comfortable and well paid job for life. Other civil service reforms followed and it was not until 20 years later that open recruitment became established as the only way to start a career in the British civil service.

Now Prime Minister Johnson, his ministers and advisors have started to turn the clock back more than 150 years. In April Sir Philip Rutnam, the most senior civil servant at the Home Office started legal proceedings against the UK Government

claiming he was forced from office by the bullying treatment and actions of Priti Patel the Home Secretary. Johnson gave Patel his whole-hearted support.

Next for the chop was the most senior, senior civil servant of them all. Johnson forced out Sir Mark Sedwill, the senior civil servant who works with the prime minister. A political appointee was drafted in to take over part of Sedwill's job but essentially the post is expected to remain vacant for a few months. The political appointee has no experience of that part of Sedwill's job he has been given. Bringing in political appointees to civil service jobs is a definite move back by a 150 year jump.

Next to go was Sir Simon MacDonald, the senior civil servant at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Head of the Diplomatic Service and a recent visitor to St Helena. MacDonald resigned soon after Sedwill was forced out.

The UK Government is now seen as being run by the prime minister, one of his favourite ministers and the prime minister's favourite and eccentric (I make the rules then break them) personal advisor. The long-standing and hard won tradition of aspiring to have a 'loyal and neutral' civil service looks to be under attack. As one UK newspaper headline put it, "Johnson wants to build Britain up again - but all he knows is how to break it". Once more, the worst of how things are done in the United States is being imported to Britain.

A Water Resources Strategy is needed Followed by a Water Resources Management Plan

A Water Resources Strategy has been published this month in draft form and is due to start the usual round of public consultation. The overall aims of the strategy are:

- i. Ensure that sufficient quality and quantity of water is available to support healthy living
- ii. Ensure that sufficient quality and quantity of water is available to sustain economic activity
- iii. Ensure that sufficient quality and quantity of water is available to sustain food security

There will probably not be too many people to argue with that; except there is no overall aim that recognises the need for Value for Money. There is probably no need to worry on that score because, "Ensure that water resources and associated infrastructure assets are managed efficiently to minimise the cost of water to all consumers" is one of the seven principles. Next there are the Objectives, four of them; Water security, Drinking water quality, Water affordability and Water sustainability.

Further into the small print we move on to a 30 year Water Resources Management Plan which highlights water leakage reduction programmes and water efficiency incentive schemes. The water efficiency refers customers usage not collection and distribution so the incentive may well be to pay higher rates if you use more. There are 44 pages of facts, figures and information in the strategy document which deals with the future of our most valued resource.

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Editorial



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Tomorrow's 4th July. Lots of things happened on 4th July – in different years. In 1837 the world's first long distance railway opened between Birmingham and Liverpool – 98 miles was a long distance 180 years ago. In 1829 the first bus service, the Shillibeer Omnibus was routed through Central London. On the same day in 1810 French troops occupied Amsterdam. In 1779 the French Navy occupied Grenada. In 1807 Guisepepe Garibaldi, famous for unifying Italy (and baking biscuits) was born on this day. What definitely did not happen on 4th July was the signing of the Declaration of Independence by the United States. The resolution to break

away from Britain was passed on 7th June then a 'working group' was deployed to write the Declaration. The Continental Congress approved the working group's version on 2nd July. The actual signing of the document took a long time as it had to be sent all around the country to get signatures. Tomorrow Trump is due to hold an hour-long press conference where he will ramble on for at least an hour telling anyone who will listen that "the whole independence thing" is a fraud and a fake – and it's all the fault of CNN and the New York Times.

Finally, a little more on the Equiano Cable; more information trickling in suggests there should be no significant delay due to Covid 19 and perhaps no delay at all. The French company making the cable did close down because of the coronavirus but is now working flat out producing long lengths of cable. The main concern here is to get the cable landing station in Rupert's completed on time, and to budget. There have been no postponed deadlines for finishing that job.

Have a good weekend

Vince

My View on New Tobacco Legislation

It did not go unnoticed that our dear Councillors passed new tobacco legislation in their formal meeting this week. Once again, there will be more restrictions on the sale of tobacco, how it is sold and where you can smoke. One of the most controversial parts of the new legislation is that you cannot sell individual cigarettes, they can only be purchased in whole packets of 20. How this would benefit anything is beyond me. Some people can only afford to buy a few cigarettes and why can't they continue to be allowed to do what they enjoy?

It has been said that this is to stop children and youngsters from start smoking. This is absolute nonsense, they will buy their cigarettes from friend or somebody else in the street instead. The sellers in the street do not apply any age restrictions to their customers.

It seems like the tobacco smokers and alcohol drinkers should be penalised for habits which is actually subsidising the Island. Nobody can say that drinking and smoking is good for you (my liver can tell you) but these habits are most definitely not a financial burden on our society. Look at some simple figures from this year's budget.

SHG has a budget of about £49.1 million this financial year, of this £34.3 million comes from UK and only £14.1 is raised locally. This means that 28.6% of all the money SHG is spending come from St Helena tax payers.

If we look at the Public Health Directorate, they have a budget of £5.6 million for this financial year. If we apply the same calculation to Health as for the entire SHG we come to an

astonishing result. Alcohol drinkers and tobacco smokers contribute more to the Health budget than the Directorate spends from local sources. Of the £5.6 million spent on Health, 28.6%, or £1.6 million comes from the local tax payer and the rest from UK. As the budget book for this year tells us that the specific duty on alcohol and tobacco is almost £2.1 million (2.07million), drinkers and smokers pay for the entire local funding of the Public Health Directorate and almost half a million more than that – is that fair?-obviously not. Drinkers and smokers are subsidising the rest of the society with large amounts of money and still the authorities want to penalise us further in all ways they can.

Why should a packet of cigarettes be twice as expensive in St Helena as in UK? In UK you can buy a packet of cigarettes for 1 hours work on a normal wage, in St Helena you have to work 2 hours for a packet of cigarettes.

We are constantly complaining about an aging population on the Island and the costs associated with looking after old people. If smokers and drinkers die a bit younger because of their habit it will save even more money in institutional care, benefits and pension payments. Drinkers and smokers are the economic pillars of our society, cherish then, don't penalise them.

I think that the biggest political problem in Council is that we have more pot smokers than tobacco smokers in the seats.

Mike

Grow Your Own



Solomons along with the National Trust launched the project 'Plant a garden, grow your own' at the DIY show room at 11am yesterday.

Nicola Essex, Human Resources & Marketing Manager said to the Independent "It began as a promotional activity as our DIY Store stocks everything you need if you want to start a garden and we thought how awesome it would be if everyone started growing their own produce... we'd be helping to contribute to healthy lifestyle of locals as well as contributing to the Island's sustainability, increasing our community resilience and making us more self-sufficient in the long run. What better demonstration of our Company Purpose: 'Serving our customers through sustainable business, for the benefit of our Company and Island'! And so, the 'Grow Local' campaign was born and became a collaborative effort between DIY Store and some of our other departments within the Company, such as Marketing & Communications, Farms and Building Works. We also had the opportunity to collaborate with the St Helena National Trust in their drive to reduce plastics in the landfill -

they are providing ways in which we can reuse plastic as planters for those who just don't have garden space. We couldn't stop there as we realised that some of us didn't know a thing about gardening! So we've also enlisted the help of some of our employees and some local growers together with our Farms team to provide us with some advice and tips on growing all sorts that we will make available to customers to get them started through our Grow Local launch.

This will be in the form of videos and print so look out for more from Solomon's. Growing your own food puts you in control - what you grow, what you eat, and what you spend is entirely up to you, the individual - everything is literally "In Your Hands" (the inspiration behind the hashtag). We'd love to hear from customers about our campaign and our offerings so please feel free to engage with us via our many communication channels."



The Independent congratulates both Solomons and the National Trust on such an innovative and creative project – well done!

WORKSHOP TO DISCUSS ST HELENA TUNA FISHERY STATUS & MANAGEMENT ADVICE REPORT

Fisheries stakeholders, the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Directorate's (ENR&P) marine and fisheries team and a number of Elected Members yesterday afternoon attended a workshop led by the Blue Belt team to discuss the St Helena Tuna Fishery Status and Management Advice report recently released by the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) as part of the UK Government's Blue Belt programme. The production of the report follows a five-year period of tuna tagging across multiple programmes, collates data from historic local landings, local knowledge and at sea observer data from biological sampling.

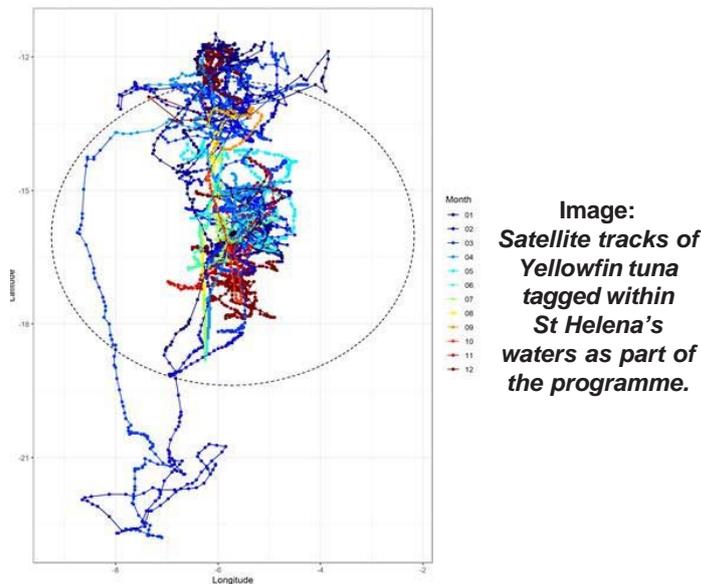
A presentation of the key components of the Report was provided by Cefas and there was opportunity for all involved to ask questions, seek clarification where necessary and generally to comment on the contents of the Report. The St Helena Government and Blue Belt teams are hopeful that stakeholders were able to be further informed on the Report and its use to inform fisheries management going forward.

Stakeholders also have the added opportunity of providing written comments to the Blue Belt team by Friday afternoon

for their consideration before the Report is finalised.

SHG

2 July 2020



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Independent,

I listen to the Legco this week as the talks were on about tobacco, good on Councillor Eddie Duff for giving 'em run on the money and kicking up the dust, everybody listening know that this is about the money and not about the people's health because we can stop the import of beer and cigarettes right away if we want to.

The only people who gettin' the raw deal is the ones who already got problems and the government just give 'em more. They worry about the cost smoking has on the public health system but we all know the government build their coffers from the filthy fags that we bring in, well over 2 ½ million come from alcohol and cigarettes, the point I try to make is we all hypocrites because without this money the financial secretary will be sitting in his counting house counting out no money!

Mate, this ain't real life, any tobacco company that wanna invest in St Helena is gonna be turn away? I sponsor sportswear and Ferrari, I laugh at the health official she say it probably not a good idea, yeah right, you think St Helena government will say no to this money?

I know you don't care bout my lungs, you say it is my choice but you counting on me to make bad choices otherwise the budget go down the drain, the fact is you need me to carry on my filthy habit so you can pay the nurses.

Don't get me wrong I hate the thought of kids smoking but if you worry about them not having the money you'd be wrong, teenagers got more money than the people on benefits! And kids got bad role models in this society ain't nothing worse than a good lookin woman standing up with a fag between her fingers, don't worry about window advertising, just stop the gorgeous gals from modelling it, oh and a big blow up picture of black lungs and coughing up sputum may be all they need.

The wolf in sheep's clothing is the government, just like the sugar free drinks, what a laugh that turn out to be, the sugar free is now the same price as the rest, the merchants done stop counting the teaspoons of sugar, so now if us sinners stop smoking then hallelujah, lungs are saved and the doctors can all go home, young people won't take up smoking, merchants won't import the smutty sticks and the government can thank the good Lawd that the treasury will be skint.

Mr Marlboro

Dear Editor,

We understand the necessity for container handling and warehousing in Ruperts. However the current plans are concentrated in an area below Hay Town House and the walls of the fort. This area has a number of other interests and demands including provision for dealing with passengers from cruise ships unable to land at the wharf at Jamestown ((which will also involves improving Rupert's road); restricted access to the beach important to Islanders for leisure; historic aspects of the fort and the Boers; fisheries development; liberated African depot; to name most. The public understood that an area larger than that in the plan and without these interests and demands was identified at the upper part of Rupert's Valley previously levelled and used for concreting sections of the breakwater.

What is of particular concern in the plans is that it includes the only building left standing connected with the liberated African depot. That building, locally called the hospital and No 1 building in the records, is a monument to commemorate the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade and the role St Helena played in its abolition. It is of great international importance. Though the building was erected when transporting slaves across the Atlantic was being stopped, it is of such a permanent structure and fine stone masonry that it shows

the island was preparing and committed to its role in the transatlantic slave trade for a longer period of time. About 26,000 slaves were brought to St Helena to be freed. Many in the region of 8,000 died on or shortly after arrival. The majority are buried in Ruperts. Records show that most of the people employed at the depot were Islanders. They were constantly at risk from diseases in caring for the slaves. There are plans to build a memorial to the 325 slave remains uncovered in excavating for the haul road. It is understood that the building now standing will be used as an information centre. It will stand as a monument to all transatlantic slaves who died on the island and the role St Helena and its people played in caring for those who survived. The building as a monument will tell their story and keep alive these memories. It has to be in a setting that shows respect for the many slaves who died and are buried in the various graves in Ruperts Valley. A monument of such global importance should be given the respect it deserves and not be within a wire-fenced, container compound.

Basil George

Dear Sir,

I listened to the repeat interview with Tammy Williams and Gavin Jack Thomas about gay rights. Mr Jack should be proud of himself for speaking out and what a pity he could not be accepted to be a priest because of his sexuality. Some of us would like to know about the church and all religions here on St Helena. If somebody wanted to train as a priest or church leader, will they be accepted? Do religions here on St Helena accept the gay people? Can the Bishop and all other church leaders tell us through the newspaper what is happening in their church cos I think we have the right to know after hearing the interview. We have to accept gay people cos after all they are human just like everybody else.

St Helenian

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“The Future Of The Island”

Katie-Raye Williams



As young people we have heard countless times that we are: “The Future of the Island”, of course we acknowledge the thought, but we don’t necessarily linger on it. Indeed it seems rather obvious that we should be the future as we all grow older “replacing” each other in a seemingly never-ending cycle. However, this blunt description is likely not what the older generation mean when they remind us of this. There is nationalism in the idea; we all want the island to be left in good hands, so how can we make sure of this? Although we share the ideal of protecting the island, there is probably a different story playing in our minds when we hear this. Do we want to have a future here? Will we be on island when the time for leadership appears? It is hoped that the answer to these questions is yes, but I cannot say that we are all so sure.

We are aware that St. Helena is a very small island, one with restricted activities and amenities. Of course this is a small price to pay for the additional safety and homeliness the island provides. Despite this we can all become blinded by the “shiny” and new opportunities a life overseas can bring. It can be argued that this excitement would fade; a realisation of home’s advantages would eventually come to light. This cannot possibly always be the case. Truthfully the island might lose some of it’s best to areas overseas, and do we blame these people when their choice is made? It might cause you to wonder of the decision you would make in the same position. To many people a life in the UK or elsewhere is simply just a better option.

Really, this is not to say that the island has no opportunities. We are grateful for the education and the occupations obtained by ourselves and our families. Maybe we are being too particular. Aside from life’s unfairness, how might we justify the uncertainty of the youth? If we are properly informed of what is on offer, if we can guarantee a job worthy of our skill set and if we can equally praise the importance of non-academic occupations, surely we cannot want for more. Surely the island cannot want for more. Do you think this is provided?

Other than what the youth want, what is it that the island needs? I at times wonder if we would be “good enough” for an honourable position here. It can be questioned if we would be trusted or at all respected despite not having a lot of experience. Indeed this is understandable, but do we really want a younger future if to only be looked down upon or underestimated? Of course this isn’t always the case, but perhaps something to think about.

Undoubtedly the educational and academic opportunities provided here are somewhat unmatched, something all dedicated students are eternally grateful for. Although nothing is perfect, there isn’t a need not to celebrate the goodness here. The youth are not left disregarded, but are we left wanting more?

Morning Coffee Cancelled

At 5:20am on Wednesday morning the electric power was cut off. The power outage continued for five hours. The usual time for the first welcome cup of coffee came and went. People in the area affected, Two Gun Saddle, Sea View, Putty



The new pole is pulled into position. The lower branches of a tall eucalyptus tree were cut back to keep them clear of the power line.



Hill, Gordon’s Post, Prospect & Alarm Forest, heard electric appliances, including the kettle, fizz back to life around 10:20am. The cause of the power failure was the power line coming down, complete with pole. Power was cut-off again for an hour in the afternoon to finish the new installation.

Tourism Recovery Strategy discussion attracts 70 people

St Helena Tourism organised a meeting on Tuesday evening for private sector tourism businesses to discuss different ways to attract tourists to St Helena when the Covid pandemic has passed.

Earlier this month the SHG Economic Development Committee discussed a revised Tourism Marketing Strategy which is being drafted by the Director of Tourism for consultation with Elected Members and other stakeholders. The seventy people attending on Tuesday evening presumably did so in order to make their views known on what the strategy should be. As it turned out, it was not as simple as what might be presumed.

Tourism Director Helena Bennett opened the discussion explaining that St Helena Tourism wanted the views of everyone attending without being first guided by tourism officials on the direction the strategy should go. Discussion would start with a blank sheet of paper. Helena then went on to say that the main target for visitors to St Helena is the UK and Europe and that the air service would restart from Johannesburg with additional flights from Cape Town in the peak season – whenever the next peak season may be. She continued to fill in some of the blanks by pointing out that a focus on marine activities as the most successful commercial attraction for visitors to St Helena was a preferred option, supported by the attractions the Island offers to walkers and hikers. The seventy people were then organised into seven discussion groups and asked to come back in half-an-hour with some suggestions on what St Helena Tourism should focus on in the immediate to short term and in the medium to long term. Views were also sought on what are the barriers to tourism growth and ways to avoid those barriers.

The groups discussed a range of things during the thirty minutes and tried to do so strategically. There was a common belief that the air service should be a direct flight from the UK instead of connecting to the international air transport hub at OR Tambo airport. It was, after all, recognised that the UK and Europe was the main tourist market for St Helena and it is likely a direct flight from the UK would be the best way to attract tourists in numbers when the Covid pandemic recedes. It was also pointed out by some discussion groups that when air travel resumes, dealing with the UK instead of South Africa appears to be the preferred option.

Different ways of marketing and promoting St Helena were suggested, including continued emphasis on the recently adopted use of a wider range of digital platforms to promote



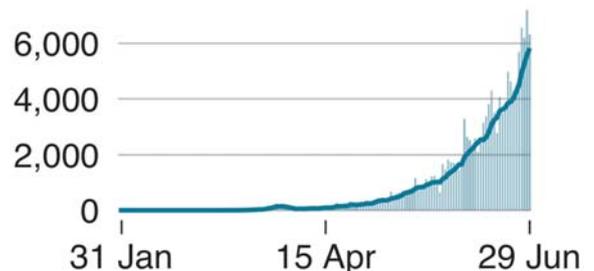
St Helena to tour operators and booking agents in the UK. This new development, in association with the Brighter Group, St Helena Tourism's UK PR agency, is to be extended to France and Germany. A better stream of information to stakeholders about what the Brighter Group is doing on behalf of St Helena was also requested.

While marine activities can be central in promotion campaigns which highlight the attractions of St Helena it was generally thought the other attractions should not be forgotten and the range of attractions should be widened if possible. It was pointed out that a hiker or walker is often a star gazer too and someone who likes to swim with whale sharks may also have an interest in one of the many aspects of history which can be experienced first-hand in St Helena. Our endemic land bird and sea bird should not be forgotten.

Tourism services providers have been surviving, almost, without any tourists for three months now. It was pointed out in Helena Bennett's introduction that the financial support to tourism services finished the same day as this meeting on the future of St Helena Tourism. Further support for tourism services until the tourists start to return did not figure prominently in the immediate or short term list of subjects St Helena Tourism should focus on.

South Africa joins Brazil, Mexico and India where new coronavirus cases are rising

South Africa



Should St Helena be so dependent on South Africa? This was one of several questions raised at Tuesday's tourism meeting.

Improving services offered to tourists was also included in the Strategy. This is a continuing theme which was first introduced by the first Tourism Director, Mike Dean. A common reaction from people attending the meeting as they left when it was all over was that most of the topics for discussion were a reworking of old themes.



Google develops communications networks in upper atmosphere as well as the ocean bottom

Google is developing networks of balloons which fly in the stratosphere; their purpose is to connect remote locations where internet accessibility is non-existent or sub-standard. They are a low cost solution for connecting low populated and remote areas compared to the traditional towers built on the ground. Balloons can cover a wider communication area than towers and are operationally more flexible. They are controlled remotely from the ground and 'piloted' by increasing and decreasing height to find the best wind to propel them where they need to go. It has been found possible to guide the balloon into a figure 8 manoeuvre to keep them above a specific area. However, the balloons do crash to the ground from time to time.



A Loon Balloon being prepared for take-off

ing from internet access using a Loon balloon network.

There have been reports that balloons have drifted off course and get lost. One or two have been tracked flying close to St Helena. Unfortunately this has no advantage for us. The signals from the balloons need to connect with a ground station in the same way the high speed data from submarine cables needs to be landed for onward transmission to earth-bound users via a ground station. With no ground station on St Helena, yet, there is no way the balloons can be used to improve our internet speed.

The balloon communications network is being developed by a company called Google Loon which was formed as a wholly owned subsidiary of Google in 2018 to take over the project work previously under the direct control of Google. Kenya, Sri Lanka and Puerto Rico are in the list of countries benefit-

The Equiano Cable

St Helena awaits the arrival of the Equiano Cable which in pre-coronavirus days was scheduled for next year. More recent estimates now set completion at early 2022 but it is recognised the full effects of the pandemic have not been officially announced by Google; who are most likely still assessing what the full effect will be. It is anticipated there will be a clearer indication by the end of the year of what the revised schedule for the Equiano Cable will be.

JAMESTOWN WHARF ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Port Control would like to advise that access to the Jamestown Wharf will be restricted to members of the public from Monday, 6 July 2020, for approximately two weeks.

The restrictions will be in place between 7am to 11.30am and 12.30pm to 4.30pm, weekdays only (Monday to Friday).



These access restrictions are to allow CAN France to complete all the parts of the rockfall protection measures on the wall along Sisters Walk.

Traffic marshalls will be in place to direct Wharf users and:

- No parking will be permitted at any time at Jamestown Wharf (from the first security barrier to the End Steps) unless authorised by Port Control
- Parking is available on the Seafront, as far as the Swimming Pool
- Pedestrian access will be via a shuttle bus from the first security barrier (outside the Customs & Port Control building) to the End Steps, running approximately every 20 minutes.

There are no alterations to the ferry boat timetable or landing point.

SHG, 26 June 2020



The Budget Speech - Give Me the Good News

It has become a feature in recent years for the Financial Secretary to list some of the achievements and good news of the last financial year. This is normally done early in the speech, before giving the not so good news for the year ahead. Looking back over the last 15 months the Financial Secretary reminded us:

- To date, we have successfully kept the Island COVID 19 free. New coronavirus testing services were developed, supplies were received and the quarantine, isolation and medical facilities at Bradleys' were developed in an incredible 6 weeks, all significant achievements given the limited resources available
- Standard and Poor's (S&P) awarded St Helena an investment grade credit rating of BBB- this year.
- SHG received the second tranche of EDF 11 funding from the EU amounting to €5.5 million which will be used to fund the St Helena branch on the Equiano cable project.
- The Gibraltar International Bank is offering international bank accounts to local residents and businesses.
- The UK Government approved a new economic development capital investment programme of £30 million over 6 years.
- SHG rolled out a new Labour Market Strategy which focuses on developing our working age population both now and in the future.
- v The launch of the St Helena Research institute oc-

curred in November 2019 with the aim to attract visiting researchers.

- The New Earth Station licensing policy was agreed, laying the groundwork for a new revenue stream made possible through the fibre optic cable.
- We have been exploring other new revenue streams such as through ship registry and company registry
- There has been refurbishment of 6 Government Landlord Housing, this coupled with some reorganisation has seen the housing register waiting list reduced by 20%.
- We now have planning permission for the Comprehensive Development Area (CDA) at Bottom Woods.
- The Investment Prospectus was endorsed and launched in October 2019 and has stimulated interest in developing a number of SHG's strategic assets into business premises.
- 15 staff in the Education Directorate have achieved success in their studies with 100% pass rate.
- 24 Orthopaedic operations were undertaken on Island during the last year avoiding costs associated with overseas referrals and ensuring patients could recover in the comfort of familiar surroundings.
- 43% of the cohort achieved 5 or more GCSE's at Grade C and above
- We have 9 students studying degrees overseas through the scholarship programme who will return bringing new skills with a long term view of filling key roles across the Island.

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2020/48:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Verandah Extension to Existing House**, Brewery Yard, Jamestown on Parcel JT100013. Neil and Deborah Fantom
2. **Application 2020/49:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Storey, One Bedroom Dwelling**, Red Hill, St Pauls on Parcel SCOT0082. Applicant: Stephen McDaniel
3. **Application 2020/50:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Three Bedroom Dwelling**, Longwood Road on Parcel LWS0264. Applicant: John Vago

Copies of the Application and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 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 – 17th July 2020

**Shane Williams
Planning Officer**



A NEW NORMAL

Digital Marketing From Inside St Helena

By Darrin & Sharon Henry

The *Inside St Helena* app is a digital marketing tool designed to improve fair access to the island's economy for all businesses and organisations. Think of it as effectively an 'always-open' marketplace that connects businesses and services to potential customers, every time someone opens the app.

Birthdays Numbers

Wednesday this week, 1 July, the *Inside St Helena* app celebrated its first full year of operation.

Registered users with the app at time of writing this (Tue 30 June) was 2,514 with 567 of those users here on St Helena. The UK registers the most users at 1,016 and South Africa, 281.

'Live' monthly page views average 62,372 (when the app user is online). Our highest single-day 'live' activity was 21 May, 2020, for our St Helena Day event celebration, registering 9,940 page views in 24 hours.

Note: The app is also designed to work offline; when this occurs the usage stats are not recorded.

Across the world, digital-based economic activity has shown a certain resilience against the impacts of Coronavirus. So it is pleasing to know we have demonstrated the viability of app technology here on St Helena.

Taking Risks & Making It Work

Although complete newbies to app design, we have been able to draw on our extensive experience in website design, photography, journalism, marketing and design, which combined to help make this first year of *Inside St Helena* work so well.

We have always seen ourselves as home-grown, private investors in St Helena's economy. The risk is usually higher with ventures involving innovation, a reason why the project took two years to carefully plan and launch. But now, with a full year of experience and insight into the capabilities of this technology it's been exciting to realise there is even more potential for *Inside St Helena* to facilitate business development across almost every sector. Likewise, we can now see how a similar approach with this technology could offer viable solutions to known problems within other areas of the economy.

The Ups and Downs

Perhaps the most flexibility required, unsurprisingly, in developing and operating the app has been managing our monthly internet allowance. Nightshifts, midnight to 6 have been a

regular thing; we've been called night 'owls,' 'vampires' and 'hawks,' among other things!

Another big challenge came right at the beginning, trying to get *Inside St Helena* into Apple's App Store. Whereas Google Play took just a day, Apple took nearly three weeks and a new iPhone to get it sorted.

The best moments have been seeing people with *Inside St Helena* on their phones or receiving user feedback. Over Christmas we met a whole bunch of people on holiday who were using the app to help them enjoy their time here, which was brilliant.

Inside St Helena encourages and makes it easy, for visitors especially, to quickly find and engage (spend money on island) with a full range of local services, from cafés and restaurants to guided tours and souvenir shops, from calling a taxi or booking a hire-drive to reserving a hotel room or making an appointment at the hair salon.



Digital Marketing & Real-People Engagement

Inside St Helena makes it very easy and extremely affordable for even the smallest businesses, to instantly establish an effective digital presence and attract customers. The app is promoted by its own website and social media channels, as well as the digital platforms of What The Saints Did Next, plus those of other members and supporters.

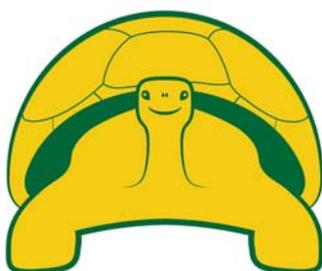
As part of the *Inside St Helena* service we have also designed and delivered training courses on how businesses can use social media for their own marketing.

Highlight of year one has to be the incredibly successful 'Engage 2020,' the island's first private-sector business conference organised exclusively for *Inside St Helena* members. Networking and bringing people together to learn, problem-solve and share ideas.

Covid-19 is the latest challenge to tackle as we head into year two. But already we have been active with new strategies to adapt to the uncertain climate ahead.

insidesthelena.com

Thank you to everyone who has installed *Inside St Helena* on their devices. If you don't already have the app, please consider downloading it. It's free. It's the ultimate St Helena directory that fits in your pocket, goes anywhere and is updated automatically with the latest information.





COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND

Contributing to our Island Community

Bank of St Helena Ltd contributes to the social development of St Helena by funding community activities through the Community Projects Fund.

The Bank helps fund community activities in the following areas:

Developing St Helena's Young People

The youth are the future of St Helena. They will be the managers and workforce of the growing economy; therefore, their development is vital to the economic and social future of St Helena.

Developing St Helena's Environment

It is possible that the pressure on the economic development can result in the destruction of St Helena's very special environment. Appropriate environmental management can allow businesses to thrive without risking environmental damage. It is therefore appropriate that the Bank, being strongly committed to economic development, support projects to achieve constructive environmental management.

Developing St Helena's Arts and Culture

The arts are an important part of life, and St Helena's arts and culture are part of what makes the community special. The Bank therefore wishes to support the development of local artistic and cultural activities.

Interested in applying for the Community Projects Fund?

Contact us on 22390 or info@sainthelenabank.com.

Please provide details of your Organisation, activity or event for which you are seeking funding; what the organisation does, or what the event or activity will achieve, relating this to the above categories, and the amount you are requesting.

Visit www.sainthelenabank.com for your copy of our Community Projects Fund Guide.



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UNCLAIMED FUNDS

Are you entitled?

Have you suffered the loss of a loved one?

Did an authorised person finalise all banking related matters for your loved one? If banking related matters have not been finalised, there might be unclaimed monies being held in their name.

Bank of St Helena urges family members or authorised persons to contact the Compliance and Operations Section at Bank of St Helena Ltd on (+290) 22390 or compliancesupervisor@sainthelenabank.com if this applies to you.

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Unit available at the Longwood Enterprise Park

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) has an unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at Longwood Enterprise Park.

Applications should be submitted to Robyn Franconi, Finance Manager, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Terms and Conditions apply.

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



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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

PUBLIC CONSULTATION DRAFT WATER RESOURCE STRATEGY

The public is advised that consultation on the draft Water Resource Strategy will start from Wednesday 1 July, until Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

This draft Water Resource Strategy has been developed to set the framework by which St Helena will achieve the **objectives** of:

1. Increasing sustainable access to safe drinking water
2. Increasing availability of water to sustain and develop agricultural production
3. Providing continuity of water supplies required for economic activity (e.g. food processing, construction, tourism, etc)
4. Improving behaviours associated with the efficient use of water and
5. Encouraging the sound management and protection of freshwater resources.

To achieve these objectives, SHG will set the agenda, through the Strategy, for Water Resource Management Planning on St Helena. The overall aim is to achieve a detailed understanding of how water resources will be secured in the future and to reduce the risk and impacts of drought.

Public meetings to discuss the draft Strategy will be held as follows:

Date	Time	Venue
8 July 2020	7pm to 9pm	Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
13 July 2020	7pm to 9pm	Blue Hill Community Centre
16 July 2020	7pm to 9pm	Sandy Bay Community Centre
20 July 2020	7pm to 9pm	Harford Community Centre
22 July 2020	7.30pm to 9.30pm	Kingshurst Community Centre
27 July 2020	7pm to 9pm	Jamestown Community Centre



These meetings will be led by members of the Environment & Natural Resources Committee and the Water Security Working Group which includes members of St Helena Government (SHG), Connect Saint Helena Ltd and a public representative.

A copy of the draft Strategy is available at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/> and in hard copy at the Public Library, Jamestown. Feedback can also be provided electronically via: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DraftWaterConsultation> or submitted to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, on tel: 22470 or via email: Nicole.Shamier@Sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG, 1 July 2020

Calling all St Helena Civil Society Organisations

Are you holding an Annual General Meeting (AGM)?

If you are a Charity, Non Government Organisation, Constituted Group or other Community Organisation and having an AGM, then the Community Development Organisation (CDO) would like to be notified.

The presence of the CDO is primarily to gather, update and provide information to assist you with services the CDO offers

The Community Development Organisation (CDO) works with and through island community groups, to build a stronger and more resilient community for the betterment of St Helena.

Our objectives:

- promote a sustainable, vibrant and influential Civil Society
- help create an enabling environment for Civil Society
- encourage community participation and collaboration
- promote and support Civil Society Organisations in achieving their respective objectives.

Invites/notifications can be sent to the CDO Officer, Jeremy Johns
Tele: 22791 or Email: shcdo@helanta.co.sh or community.sthelena@gmail.com

Community Development Organisation



VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill their vacant post of Administration Assistant (Community Care Centre). The post holder will be required to provide effective and efficient administrative support to the Community Care Centre.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Responsible for the day-to-day general administrative duties of the section, that includes receiving, recording and circulating unclassified and confidential incoming mail, and dispatching outgoing mail;
- Meeting and greeting office visitors and directing them as necessary;
- Responsible for the safekeeping of, and ensuring that all files both electronic and paper-based, are up-to-date and maintained and easily accessible to staff;
- Provide administrative and secretarial support for staff meetings, multi-agency and ad hoc meetings, as required.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process).
- Proficient in IT skills in Word and Excel.

Applicants should have good communication, organisational and customer care skills, with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have a minimum of 1 years' experience working in an administrative and customer focused environment.

Salary for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Rosalie Brown, Manager at the Community Care Centre on telephone number 23090 or e-mail: rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate or on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

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

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

Corporate Human Resources
30 June 2020



VACANCY FOR AUXILIARY WORKER (PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL)

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill the post of Auxiliary Worker at Pilling Primary School. The post holder will be responsible for the supervision of pupils before and after school, during mid-morning and lunch periods and to accompany and supervise nursery pupils being transported home at mid-day.

In addition to the supervision of pupils, some of the key tasks and responsibilities include:

- Deputising in the absence of the School Secretary including reception duties as required at the discretion of the Head Teacher
- Photocopying and collating documents
- Assisting the School Secretary with duties such as inventory and Library duties
- Assisting staff within the school with tasks such as taking down displays, cleaning and preparing pupils painting equipment, sharpening pencils, cutting paper, preparing wallboards for display work, tidying shelves and cupboards and any other similar auxiliary duties that the Head Teacher of the school may require from time to time
- Accompanying teachers on organised out of school activities

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Functional skills (Level 1) in English (applicants without a Level 1 qualification in English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process).
- Basic IT skills
- Relative experience in undertaking basic administrative duties.

Applicants should have good communication, organisational and customer care skills, with the ability to show patience and understanding. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have relevant experience in a teaching environment.

Salary for this post is Grade A commencing at £5,975 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Elaine Benjamin, Head Teacher at Pilling Primary School on telephone number 22540 or e-mail: elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh.

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

After 30 years of waiting; numerous managers and over a Billion Pounds spent on transfers, Liverpool was finally confirm as Champions of the Premier League last Thursday evening when Manchester City loss to Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

The first time ever in the history of the Premier League we saw a one horse race in the charge for the title. I think most fans knew by the end of 2019 that Liverpool would be crowned Champions, it was just the matter of when.

Football fans who was following the English League in 1990 would never have envisage that Liverpool would take 30 years to win their 19th title after dominated domestic and European football for many years in the 1970s' and 1980s'.

List of League Titles for Liverpool:

1900–01, 1905–06, 1921–22, 1922–23, 1946–47, 1963–64, 1965–66, 1972–73, 1975–76, 1976–77, 1978–79, 1979–80, 1981–82, 1982–83, 1983–84, 1985–86, 1987–88, 1989–90, 2019–20



Ignoring social distancing Liverpool fans at Anfield celebrating their title win.

With 6 matches to go in this season which was hampered by the lockdown due to Covid -19; teams such as Chelsea; Manchester City and Manchester United are starting to rebuild in order to close the gap and challenge a Liverpool side that will no doubt start as favourites to win next season Premier League.

SHFA Results and Fixtures

Match reports by Mike E Williams

Saturday 27th June

Bellboys stutter

A cold and very wet Francis Plain was the centre stage of what many fans and players were calling “Super Saturday”, with the four teams on display having more than 40 league and knock-out triumphs between them in their history. The many that brave the journey gathered under the pavilions to escape the harsh winter rain. Bellboys won the coin toss and decided to kick towards the Red Hill goal, with the strong wind at their backs, Bellboys looked to get onto the front foot right from the start. Harts on the other hand were looking to bounce back from a below par performance last week, but with their opponents already looking to be in fine form this season, the boys in yellow came into this game as the favourites.

The referee got the contest on the way with both teams settling on the ball quite soon in the game. Bellboys were looking the more likely to score first with some good passing and a couple of half chances going their way. As the game went on Harts started to impose themselves more in the midfield, they started winning the first ball and getting forward more often. Sean Cansick was having another good game on the right wing for the Harts; he delivered a cross into the Bellboys box that young player of the match Joey Thomas got to first with a header, beating Michael Bedwell to the ball who collided into the back of Joey, leaving the referee with no choice but to award the penalty. Harts number 10 Sean-Lee Thomas stepped up to take the spot kick, which he converted to the keeper's right.

The closest Bellboys came to an equalizer in the first half was from a free-kick from the left foot of Sidonio Benjamin,

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Jurgen Klopp has to take the majority of the credit for turning Liverpool into League Champions and arguably the best team in England for the past two seasons.

When Klopp walk into Anfield in 2015 apparently he stated that he wanted to turn doubters into believers. Something he certainly did especially with the players that were currently at the club.

Even though their styles are different he is possibly the best man manager since Sir Alex Ferguson.

Klopp made some crucial signings in Van Dyke; Mane; Alisson and Salah and uplifted the form of Jordan Henderson and Roberto Firmino; all were key components in Liverpool's quest to win the title.

Two key players were the full backs Alexander Arnold and Robinson as they created so many chances for the Liverpool forwards.



Moran; Dalglish and Evans in 1990

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

which was arrow for the top corner that Harts goalie Christopher Owen was on hand to flick his effort over the bar. The second half saw Bellboys pile on the pressure, with wave after wave of attacks. Owen would go on to make a handful of significant saves to keep Harts one goal lead intact. Ryan Benjamin's powerful header was also cleared off the line by man of the match Mikee Williams of the Harts. The boys in blue who has lost half of their first team players this year are made up of 7 teenagers, 2 of which are playing in the senior league for the first time, held on for a massive 3 points.

Harts 1 v 0 Bellboys

Champs to strong

The second game was another highly anticipated match, with defending champions Rovers taking on fellow title contenders Wirebirds. The Birds would have been looking to erase last week's six-one drubbing and keep up with the lead leaders. They were boasted in defence with the return of Mario Green, which allowed Alistair Buckley to move into the heart of the midfield. Rovers did the opposite and moved a midfielder back into the centre-back position with Jacob Duncan making the swap in the absence of Ross O'Dean. Both teams were fast out of the blocks with half chances coming at both ends of the field. The midfield battle was good to watch with hard but clean tackles, (at times) all across the pitch, the continue rainfall had made footing sometimes impossible, but the players did well to still play at times some really entertaining football.

A lapse in concentration at the back from the Wirebirds saw Rico Benjamin run on to his own header, past a flat footed defence and rifled the ball past the outstretch keeper to put Rovers one-nil ahead mid-way through the first half. Clayton Benjamin was having another demanding performance in the centre of midfield, which would see him also pick up the man of the match. The Wirebirds would have been happy going into the break just a goal down but conceded minutes before the half time whistle, when Ronan Legg fired one in under the goalie.

The second half saw Rovers as the more likely to score the next goal and had numerous chances to put the game to bed. Wirebirds striker Shane Stroud was having another quiet game up front, with the Birds forward not really troubling Keith Yon in goal. Aiden Yon-Stevens, on his debut season was also having a good game on the right wing, linking well with his team mates, a performance which would see him awarded the young player of the match.

Rovers eventually saw the game out and are the only team left with a 100% record.

Rovers 2 v 0 Wirebirds



Sundays' matches were cancelled due to the pitch being waterlogged.

Fixtures:

Sat 4th July

1pm Saints v Wirebirds

Referee: Axis

3pm Bellboys v Crystal Rangers

Referee: Harts

Sun 5th July

1pm Rovers v Harts

Referee: Saints

3pm Axis v Lakers

Referee: Wirebirds

Hotshots Top 6

Name	Team	Goals
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	6
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	5
Matthias Young	Bellboys	5
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	5
Ronan Legg	Rovers	4
Sean Cansick	Harts	3

SHFA 2020 League Table

Week Three

Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GD	Points
Rovers	3	3	0	0	14	9
Bellboys	3	2	0	1	15	6
Harts	3	2	0	1	11	6
Axis	2	1	0	1	2	3
Lakers	2	1	0	1	-1	3
Wirebirds	3	1	0	2	-5	3
C Rangers	2	0	0	2	-17	0
Saints	2	0	0	2	-19	0

Junior Football

We are hoping to start the Beginners and Junior Leagues in July. We will have a meeting for all players and parents of players today Friday 3rd July at New Horizons Leisure Park at 5.30pm.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and plan the up and coming season.

We need a minimum of 3 teams in each league for the season to commence

Any members of the public who wish to assist with the Junior League as a referee or coach can contact Nick Stevens on telephone 22034 or Mobile 61545

Junior football is for both Boys and Girls

Any members of the public who wish to help train both the youngsters and/or the St Helena International team can contact Nick Stevens 22034 or 61545

Golf Report for Sunday 28th June 2020

Moments before tee off there was a real scare about the weather. There was a light rain accompanied by patches of fog. The forecast wasn't encouraging either. A number of players called in to withdraw their participation. That left 14 brave souls to battle it out for the monthly medal. A few minutes after 12:00 with the rain having reduced to a drizzle the horn sounded to mark the shotgun tee off. Those who braved the initial weather conditions were handsomely rewarded. They didn't get wet. Other than patches of fog that passed fairly quickly, it didn't rain. The beauty of a shotgun start is that it significantly reduces the overall amount of time golfers are subjected to the elements of weather. At 16:15 all the players were done, and the scores were in. Top on the leaderboard, winner of the first prize and June Monthly medal playing off 13 handicap with a two stroke lead was the Captain Mr. Bramwell Lumukwana who returned nett 66 which is 2 under par for the course. Second prize winner and overall runner-up was Mr. Larry Legg with nett 68 playing off 8 handicap who beat Mr. Neil Joshua on a countback. In the two-ball pool category the winners were Mr. John Colclough on the 5th, Mr. Keith Joshua aka KJ on the 7th and Mr. Bramwell Lumukwana eagle two on the 15th. The prizes were presented by the ladies Capt Mrs. Helena Stevens. Congratulations to all the winners.

On Sunday 5th July 2020 the club will host a Four Ball Better Ball pick your partner competition. Tee off is 12:00 and it will be a shotgun start. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. For more details and photos of our events like our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh

We wish you all a weekend of fun ...!

Contributed by: SHGC



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GOLF CLUB



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday 7th July at the Jamestown Community Centre at 6.30 pm.

All Members are invited to make a special effort to attend this important meeting. Agenda items include consultation on St Helena's draft Water Resource Strategy; Treasurer's Report, President's Report and Election of Officers.

THE CHAMBER IS THE CENTRAL VOICE OF THE PRIVATE SECTOR AND HAS ACHIEVED MUCH IN THESE CHALLENGING TIMES.

MAKE SURE THAT THE VIEWS OF YOUR BUSINESS ARE HEARD AND TAKEN FORWARD THROUGH ACTIVE INVOLVEMENT IN THE CHAMBER.

ROAD CLOSURE

NAPOLEON STREET

The Highways Authority has given approval for Napoleon Street, Jamestown, to be closed on Sunday, 5 July 2020, between 7.30am and 12 noon.

This closure is to allow the Forestry Section to carry out tree pruning works near the Canister building and Thorpe's Emporium.

During this closure, only Emergency Services will be granted access. Appropriate signage will be in place.

SHG
30 June 2020



**St Helena
Government**

The New Normal

Please excuse me dear friends for having been 'absent' for a while now. I trust you are all faring well?

A lot has happened, hasn't it? It seems like only yesterday that I got back in time to Blighty from my travels. Yet, over three months has elapsed, where has time gone? A friend was telling me that it took his friends two months to get home from Malaysia. I was extremely fortunate in my situation.

Liverpool has been very kind to me. I am glad that I have experienced the City in lockdown. It is a far cry from two nights ago when hundreds of people celebrated the LFC win on the docks. I walked on the periphery of the celebrations. I took some memorable photos. Unfortunately, those who condemn LFC fans will no doubt have also seen the thousands protesting and the beaches packed with sun seekers. I would prefer not to condemn but simply observe that we all could do better with our irrational behaviour. Any football club having just won the premiership would have celebrated. Fact. LFC has a most passionate following and the celebration unfortunately bears testament to this. I do however think Liverpool could do better with its litter daily, when I go out for my runs, I sometimes have to clear the path on the Museum steps of litter.

Since giving up drinking on 23rd March, I have managed to abstain and am thoroughly enjoying the life of sobriety. It's only when one takes the step to change and maintains this commitment that one realises foolery of the life left behind. So whilst I observed the LFC celebrations, I also observed the vomiting, the urinating in street corners, the sleeping on benches, the anti-social behaviour and I felt happier that I wasn't party to this.

There are four reasons which helped me to give up drinking:
I saw the effect it had on others dear to me
I realised the limited life I was living with my binge sessions
I started to research the damage to a person's body and brain especially from a certain age and beyond a certain age from substance abuse
I knew it was holding me back from emotional healing

I did not have the social pressure to continue. I did not have friends who weren't supportive. I wanted more from life than the blurry days of alcohol. Moderation was not possible for me, it is for some. I could perhaps take the risk but I've grown to love the taste of tea and no longer need the taste of alcohol. It's all psychological, not physical. It's dealing with the triggers as opposed to the action.

It has been a blessing to communicate with people during this period although I have kept myself very busy. This time alone has been a gift. I have never spent this amount of time on my own and whilst some days, I found things very tough, I embraced the feelings of adversity and went through it, rather than around it. What I've realised is that I no longer need all the external trimmings that I thought I needed. I've read a lot. I have learnt so much. I spent the last 40 years living a lie. Living a life which was so far from authentic. The freedom from convention has allowed me to reassess everything. Praise God.



I ceased to use Social Media. I still have an instagram account but only to reference posts for my writing, not to post anything anymore or review any profiles. When we look at the world today, it seems foolhardy to ignore warnings around social media addiction. I think the internet is a wonderful tool for learning, I just don't agree with the third party marketing and advertising. There is a reason why people like Jaron Lanier advocate against social media tricks to get people addicted. I still communicate with my family and friends abroad and I am not using platforms, so it works. I don't need them. When we watch the lives of others so incessantly it can detract from the efforts for our own lives. I want to still enjoy intimate, social contact.

It was very sad to hear that Dfid is being merged with FCO. I have been reading a lot about crisis pre and post WW2 and I hope that Britain continues to support the overseas territories. Whilst WW2 may have been won, Britain turned its back (as did the US) on countries which had been part of its empire, "wiping its feet on the way out". I am very uncomfortable with the gap between poverty and the rich. Boris Johnson may tell Brits that there will not be long periods of austerity, 'someone' always draws the short straw. I pray that St Helena will not suffer because Governments have continued to mismanage situations. We look at our history and very often, we are selective about it. Having finished Churchill's biography, I have very mixed feelings about his internal vs. external battles. One thing is for sure, his ego (like many other leaders) could also be very damaging.

I respect the roles that Government play but when did we lose so much trust in our Governments? We do have to work together to achieve results. We cannot continue to tarnish people based on the past, but I think populations need to start believing that Governments *truly* want to achieve a better humanitarian balance. It seems to be the financial institutions and the very wealthy who's wealth floats about in the 'clouds' that are immune to these tough times. That in my eyes is not fair. I never understand why one group of people has to have so much money. I could never sleep in my bed at night with so much surplus whilst others languish with so little.

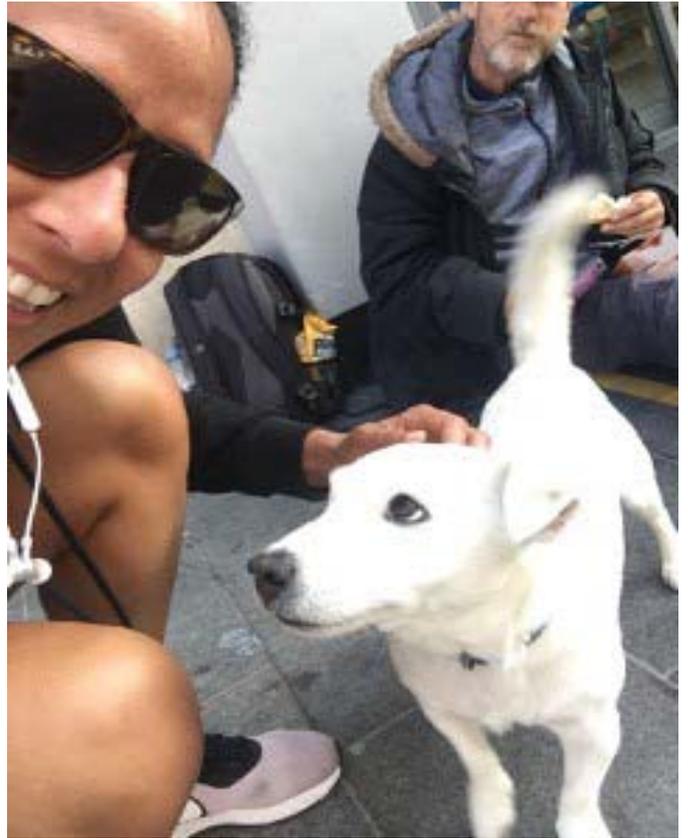
Here's a book that I recommend called "Manifesto for a Moral

The New Normal

Revolution” by Jacqueline Novogratz. Its a wonderful collaboration of stories and thoughts around micro-financing in third world countries. It got me thinking about how St Helenians can ensure we are tapping into every market possible around sustainability. So much has already been done. I see the island as a beacon in a world where consumption and destruction of natural resources has become so understated. It was one of the more uncomfortable topics of discussion for me in Canada.

Trump and his administration, I hope, will be a thing of the past come November. The damage that he and his like-minded followers have caused to the US cannot go on for a second term. In speaking to my cousin in Portland OR, she mentioned that they have returned to physical ballots because of the corruption around electronic balloting. The increased activity of right-wing groups disturbed me and not enough condemnation of them came from the government. Everything that Trump represents contradicts the good old Declaration of Independence. How can LGBT employees have to fight for their rights to peaceful and compassionate employment in the 21st century? It simply reminds me (like Dr King advocated) that the world can never rest on its laurels when it comes to the fight for equality and freedom.

We should not fear each other. We should not fear change. **We should always try to be part of it with peaceful, constructive negotiations.**



The one thing I am trying to do more of these days is to listen and understand why, before I jump two feet in. Have a lovely weekend my fellow Islanders - **Addie**

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EXPLORE EMOJIS AT DAY CAMP



Sunny smiles greeted our young Day Campers as they excitedly arrived at Northscot Guide Hall, the venue for an adventurous day of planned fun team-building and thought-provoking activities to be experienced and remembered. Laden with back-packs of camp comforts, the girls walked open-mouthed into a colourfully decorated hall hung with butter-yellow circular emojis expressing happy and welcoming thoughts, amid tuneful woo-hoos and yays from their welcoming Leaders and Helpers.

Leaders had previously organised the Hall into four activity stations: **Baking(Interest Badge); Tent-construction(Skills Builders); Craft(Unit Meeting Activities)** and **Mindfulness(IB)**, and girls immediately fitted out the 'open camp' area with sleeping bags and blankets, placing back-packs at the head to mark each one's space, and settled down for a short girlie 'free' time.



Preparing 'open camp' during girlie time

Getting the Day started minutes later, a friendly circle brought Leaders and Helpers together with girls and their invited friends for an opening round of songs, which related to familiar guiding words - **look, learn, laugh, love** - setting the appropriate tone for the day. A glance at the programme indicated where the two groups should then begin their challenging activities.

First off were the Brownies who headed for the Baking area where our Helper Dormouse had quietly but friskily organised a table-spread of ingredients, baking tools and equipment ready to be used by eager Brownie Bakers. Their challenge was to **'bake a story'** and appropriately the guiding 'down-the-ages' Brownie story was chosen. The wise brown owl was a chosen character, being the main focus of the story; a toadstool, which has always played a part in Brownie meetings as the central seat of the 'Fairy Ring', was a selected prop. Amazingly, chief Baker Dormouse expertly involved the girls, and soon each was having a turn to measure, sift, spoon, stir, whisk and spread cake mixture into chocolate cake wonders!! Eventually, after shaping and trimming, the excited (finger-licking... mmmm...) bakers were icing and decorating the toadstool with chocolate icing and bright red spots, and wise owl with rice krispies and smarties for a multi-coloured, feathery, chocolaty delight. What fun!

Sparrow noticed just how skilful the girls were in their handling and management of the whole baking process. Yes, they had had practice at home, especially during school closure when they were sent 'Be a Brownie at Home' (BaBaH) badge activities, and actually took up the challenges of bak-



ing their own story, making their favourite cakes and showing evidence of decorating and expressive mouth-watering descriptions of their bakes. They were awesome! Now, however, the girls were quite at home with Dormouse, showing how naturally skilful they were, but... where was their Brownie Leader during all of this skill-building and production going on? – she was right there in the middle of everything - flitting about the 'bake-house' with camera in hand catching the moments and emojis, and using keen observation skills to assess the abilities of our six story-making bakers. She was deliciously and mouth-wateringly impressed! So was everyone else when they went to have a peek... were the mouth-watering responses. Thank-you Dormouse and Brownies, for such lovely treats.

Meanwhile back at base camp, Rainbows, Leader Hedgehog and Helper Cherryblossom were enthusiastically and keenly-constructively erecting a tent! Well, how did our smallest and youngest members perform under Sparrow's watchful eye from her perch on the kitchen window-sill? Wonderfully well - Sparrow had exclaimed in no uncertain terms, whilst proudly puffing her feathers. The tent builders had shown how amazingly capable they were of turning a bundle of sheets and bamboo canes into a cosy shelter, supported by chairs and keen 'square-lashing'.

So, what other skills did Rainbows learn from this activity? –well, they showed teamwork for a start- working in pairs and then as a group for the big sheet lifts and stretches, pole steadying and 'square-lashing' bamboo sticks to chair legs and cupboard doors to keep the tent firm and steady. They were definitely involved and enjoying every minute of it, knowing that the best part would come later; that was to enjoy the comfort of the shelter for playing 'crawl tag' in and having lunch under. Sparrow had simply looked at them and chirped - absolutely tent-tastic!! and in response to this, Hedgehog fluffed her soft spiny prickles, puffed herself out and snuffled with pride; Cherryblossom flapped her pink petals sending a lovely aroma floating overhead. Butterfly Rainbows flashed colourful, glowing smiles which spread beautiful rays over the tent! How awesome was that!!

Later, with all of the above and Snack Break over, it was time to challenge everyone with mindful, crafty activities of **'colour my mood'** with Rainbows and **'match our mood'** with Brownies. These activities ran parallel with tent construction by Brownies and cookie emoji-decorating by Rainbows – a reversal of roles keenly taken on. So involved and engaged were they! ... but why?... because unknowingly, yet calmly hopefully, they wished their efforts to be shared at teatime: cakes, cookies, and comfy tents to relax in; they were clever



EXPLORE EMOJIS AT DAY CAMP



erly and secretly putting it altogether, and they were oh so right!

Minutes later, Busy-bee base camp was all abuzz with Cherryblossom recalling and suggesting useful gadgets and 'make-shift' aids from her camping days, while Sparrow fluttered observing glances here and there suggesting this, that and the other, whilst keeping a beady eye on everything and emoji-capturing with camera in hand. Brownies encountered the same challenges as Rainbows had, and, using clever brain-aided blinking and playful partnership, developed their skills in using equipment and aids at hand to erect their shelter. Gathering stones to wrap and tie-in tent material to bungee-join 'roofing' sheets' together, they discovered the necessity of working in partnership with patience and agreeable, wise ways of getting things done. Sparrow kept catching such entertaining, interesting and expressive emojis as the shelter became an upright structure - bound and square-lashed - and fit for Busy-Bee campers - well certainly for indoor experience at this stage!! Well done girls, you did us pleasingly proud in your tent-erecting tactical efforts.



With a well-supported shelter overhead, Brownie Girls settled to share the Tent Theatre challenge which they had had a sneak-peep of in the comfort of their tent before Sparrow flew down. Sparrow suggested they take the lead and put their activity into practice. The aim of this was to develop skills and understanding of how scenery and props can enhance a story, use different craft and design skills and work as a team. C Great job, girls.

Meanwhile, Rainbows' cookie decorating was going along fine, using colourful squeezes of emojis.

Sparrow felt sure that the girls' own facial expressions, made as they squeezed the piping bags, were reflected in the decorating... was this emoji-mirroring!! How cool, cute and confident was that! J Hedgehog bristled; Cherryblossom blushed; Dormouse bubbled; they were so proud of the girls.

Lunchtime came and went and made way for MINDFULNESS activities, as the sun shone her winter rays down and warmed us. Rainbows disappeared outside in the sunlight with their leaders on an Animal Accessories Hunt - this they did in the style of Hide and Seek. When Sparrow took a peep to see what they were up to.... she saw Cherryblossom gently 'batting' with Sticky Bear (SB) against the window pane! SB was obviously not adhering to her intended actions... why? because the sun was blissfully keeping his licked pads dry, and he was enjoying sliding off the glass!! Sparrow supposed that Cherryblossom was being 'panefully' patient and poised!! Oops...

By now the afternoon was wearing on quite quickly - as it

does when everyone's having fun. However, the end of a near perfect day was some while away, and at this point, Hedgehog set up for an activity relating to the Mindfulness Interest badge. It was time for the girls' concentrated listening to take control, and in their own space on folded sleeping bags, follow instructions from the Yoga lady and try ten different poses.

Again, they involved themselves wholeheartedly, quietly concentrating and carefully performing their poses with resilience and ease. Eventually, there was quiet calmness and everyone relaxed as the session came to an end.

But, there was no time to sit around as tents needed to be dismantled and bags packed before they all gathered for a heart-warming hot chocolate drink and marshmallows; scrumptious owl and toadstool cake; delicious, decorated cookies all made by our girls who gave so much effort to do the best they could. An added tea treat was the perfect pizza which Hedgehog seemed to produce out of a hat - just like that!! Or had she cut her banana-leaf hat into slices?



Finally, with time-to-go-home and satisfied looks on their still lively faces, everyone joined hands, formed a friendship ring and sang goodbye songs before saying a big thankyou to our Helpers from the community - Dormouse and Cherryblossom - both of whom had done a marvellous job of helping and participating in what turned out to be an extremely happy and successful Day Camp. Thankyou very much Helpers, and to our girls and their friends who fully participated and played their part so well in all activities - a very big WELL DONE to you all. Hedgehog and Sparrow look forward to lots more happy events where themes and activities chosen by you and transformed into exciting and enjoyable Day Camps, will bring a smile to our faces and happy memories in everyone's hearts.

On a closing note, we were pleased to welcome two friends of Rainbow and Brownie members of our Units, Tanika and Yasmin, who came along and shared the day with us. Thank you for your eager participation in all activities girls, and we hope you will visit us again at our Hall, and maybe stay to enjoy a normal meeting time with us and see if you like and enjoy what our girls do week by week.

This invitation is extended to any girls between the ages of 5 to 7 years and 7 to 10 years to join us at anytime, with parents' permission of course, as they will need to contact us for details (tele 22780). We would love to have you join our fun and friendly Units.

Contributed by Longwood Units for your reading pleasure.



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FLIGHTS TO AND FROM ST HELENA ISLAND

On 1 June 2020 South Africa relaxed their lockdown restrictions to level 3 which allows for restricted domestic flights (within South Africa). Scheduled international flights are not expected to be permitted to resume until the country moves to at least level 1. It is not currently known when South Africa will move to level 1 but this is not expected within the next three months. Globally many other states still have travel bans and restrictions in place.

Based on those registering interest with the St Helena Tourist Office, St Helena Government (SHG) has identified the need for a second repatriation charter flight to the UK or Europe. Planning for this flight is in progress with a target to operate within the next eight weeks.

Availability of both inbound and outbound seats on this flight will be assigned on a priority basis as per the previous repatriation flights. The passenger capacity of this flight is not yet known and will be dependent on the aircraft and route chosen. The number of passengers arriving to St Helena will also be limited by the capacity at Bradley's Camp for the mandatory 14-day quarantine.

FAQS

Below are common questions received and answers provided on future travel arrangements to and from St Helena:

Travel requests

Who can travel on the repatriation flight?

Travel requests will be prioritised against essential travel criteria (for example, persons needing to return to their country of normal residence or persons needing to travel on medical grounds).

I am normally resident on St Helena, can I travel off-Island for leave/temporary break?

It is likely that those wishing to depart St Helena on a temporary basis for non-essential purposes will not be given high priority for seat allocation.

Those considering travelling must take into consideration that quarantine measures remain mandatory in some countries. In addition, it is not known when another flight will be operated to and from St Helena to enable return to the Island. Finally, in order to comply with the current legislation, upon return all persons arriving to St Helena will be subject to 14 days quarantine at Bradley's Camp.

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Who is the point of contact for registering interest to travel to and from St Helena Island?

All persons interested in returning to or leaving St Helena should register their name with the Tourist Office by contacting christina.plato@tourism.co.sh or calling +(290) 22158.

You will be asked to provide your full name, address, date of birth, nationality, passport details, contact details, the country you wish to travel to, and reason for travel.

If you are travelling as part of a group, please provide these details for each person in the group. You should also identify which member of the group will serve as the point of contact.

Once registered on the list, persons will be kept updated via the contact details provided.

It is important that the Tourist Office is advised of any change in status or requirements.

The Tourist Office is not able to engage with airlines, insurance companies or booking agents on behalf of persons wishing to travel.

What is the cost of a ticket on the repatriation charter flight?

Until the details of the flight are finalised the cost of a ticket cannot be determined. Once information on ticket cost is available it will be released to those who have registered with the Tourist Office.

Is there a cost for quarantine on St Helena for incoming passengers? If so, what is the cost?

Persons may be required to contribute towards the cost of their stay in quarantine. Fees and charges will be published by SHG as they become available.

How many people have expressed an interest to travel?

Work continues to collate a list of travel requests. Requests received are for both travel inbound and outbound with a number of different origins and destinations, all of which may not be catered for with one flight route.

Who makes the decision on who is prioritised to have a seat on the repatriation flight?

The criteria used for prioritisation will be agreed by a working group including at least one Elected Member.

Once the prioritisation exercise is complete, all persons who have registered with the Tourist Office will be contacted to advise them of the outcome.

If I am offered a seat on the repatriation charter flight what can I expect?

A flight information pack will be issued prior to the travel date to those offered seats. This will detail the payment process, what to expect at the outbound and inbound airport, what to expect on the aircraft and quarantine arrangements.

What are the options if I am not offered a seat on the repatriation charter flight?

Following the prioritisation exercise, persons who are not offered a seat on the flight will have the option of remaining on the list in order to be kept updated should further travel options become available.

I am not normally resident on St Helena and the repatriation flight is still some weeks away. What should I do?

If you have not already done so, please contact the St Helena Immigration Office who will, if necessary, facilitate an extension to your St Helena entry visa. The Immigration Office can be contacted on tel:

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If you have concerns about your ongoing stay on St Helena, you should also contact your embassy in London and insurance provider as appropriate.

Travel options

Am I able to travel to and from St Helena via Ascension Island from the UK or Falkland Islands?

The only option of travel to and from Ascension Island from the UK or the Falkland Islands is via the Ministry of Defence (MoD) flights. Special permissions are required for civilians to travel on these flights and such requests must be supported by SHG and the FCO.

Travel between Ascension and St Helena is possible on the MV Helena which visits Ascension four times per year.

Travel to Ascension by yacht or other private vessel is also possible. The Ascension Island Government (AIG) should be contacted for entry and quarantine requirements.

Is it possible to travel by sea to and from South Africa?

The MV Helena travels from South Africa to St Helena and returns approximately every six weeks and from St Helena to Ascension Island and returns approximately four times per year. The MV Helena is primarily a cargo vessel with only one passenger cabin available consisting of four berths and is available for passengers to book either as a whole or sharing. Passage to and from South Africa is currently possible but restrictions apply.

For further information on the MV Helena schedule and booking requirements please see: <http://sthelenashipping.com/>

Will there be repatriation charter flights from and to South Africa?

Based on those who have registered interest with the Tourist Office, the need for a repatriation charter flight to the UK or Europe has been identified. There is not currently a requirement to operate a repatriation flight originating in South Africa. Persons needing to travel between South Africa and St Helena can take advantage of the limited passenger berths aboard the MV Helena.

Is CAN France organising a charter flight to repatriate their employees? Is it possible to obtain a seat on this flight?

As per a recent Public Announcement, CAN France is not planning to organise their own charter flight to repatriate employees.

Longer-term plans

Are further repatriation charter flights being planned?

Planning for the next repatriation charter flight is in progress with a target to operate within the next eight weeks. Beyond this, there are no plans to organise further repatriation charter flights at this time.

When will the Airlink normal scheduled service between South Africa, St Helena and Ascension resume?

South African authorities are not permitting scheduled international flights to resume until the country moves to at least lockdown level 1. It is not currently known when South Africa will move to level 1 but this is not expected within the next three months. Therefore Airlink are only permitted to operate limited

domestic (within South Africa) flights at present.

Airlink will not be permitted to operate scheduled international flights to and from St Helena Island until South Africa moves to level 1.

For general enquiries and more information, please contact Airlink Customer Care via customercare@flyairlink.com or call +27 11 451 7300.

I have booked flights with Airlink and my travel date is fast approaching. Should I cancel my plans?

Airlink will not be permitted to operate scheduled international flights to and from St Helena Island until South Africa moves to level 1. It is not currently known when South Africa will move to level 1 but this is not expected within the next three months.

As the date of your flight approaches, should there be a need to cancel this flight, Airlink will contact you via the information you provided in your booking. Alternatively, information is available via: www.flyairlink.com

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What should I expect on the Airlink flight? Will I have to wear a mask?

The current guidance from Airlink is available at: <https://www.flyairlink.com/covid-19-travel-updates#healthandsafetyproto>. Please note that the situation is evolving and changes can be expected. Passengers should therefore familiarise themselves with the procedures nearer to the date of their planned travel.

I am planning on travelling to St Helena towards the end of 2020. Will the quarantine arrangements still be in place?

This is being kept under constant review and updates will follow. Measures will only be relaxed following risk-based assessments.

At present any foreign national is allowed to enter St Helena, subject to the established immigration rules, quarantine regulations and testing requirements. The current 14-day quarantine arrangements at Bradley's Camp remain the same for air arrivals for the time being.

Going forward, will there be regular direct flights between the UK and St Helena?

A charter flight was operated between the UK and St Helena Island in April 2020 as part of the Island's Covid-19 preparedness response. The primary purpose of this flight was to bring essential freight and personnel to St Helena. The next flight is primarily for repatriation purposes.

There are many factors to consider with operating a direct flight between the UK and St Helena; these include regulatory, technical, economic and political.

St Helena Airport remains open to new private commercial operations should they meet all the required technical and regulatory approvals.

Other Queries

Will there be an opportunity for personal freight to be carried on the repatriation charter flight?

We cannot answer this question until the flight details are confirmed. If there is a possibility of private freight to be carried this will be communicated in future updates.

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Mamma Mia.....

Creative Saint Helena was very happy with the two performances of Mamma Mia that took place at Rosie's on Saturday. All seats were full at both performances and the audiences were appreciative and enthusiastic.

The cast were pleased with the way that the performances ran and I am hugely grateful for their total commitment, hard work and talents.

They would like to thank Rosie and all of the cast, Creative Saint Helena committee and backstage volunteers who helped me to make the show possible. We are also grateful for every penny of donations from the audience which will help support the charity so we can put on next year's show.



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My great great grandmother, Louisa Roakes was born on the island in 1871 to Edward Roakes, a watchmaker and jeweller and Elizabeth Everton. Louisa married a soldier from the Royal Scots in 1887 and moved to England. I would really love to know if any of her family remained on the island and if anyone would like to get in touch.

Kind regards
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