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Well Deserved BEM to Barbara B. George

When Will St Helena Open its Borders?

Vince Thompson

In recent weeks the independent has been asking what is it that needs to happen before our decision-makers start to think about opening up St Helena once more to the outside world. In a recent communication to the *Independent* from the St Helena Government it was said "Notice will be given to the public and particularly to persons seeking to travel to St Helena should any changes arise." It is clear from this response and others which have been received this week that there is no appetite to return to the weekly Airlink flights while the present situation with the pandemic prevails. There are, however, some deep concerns among residents here. What changes to the present conditions which will cause the current island lockdown to be relaxed is of great interest to everyone. Letting us know what these changes are after they have happened is not satisfactory and giving notice "particularly to persons seeking to travel to St Helena" is a bit of a smack in the face for us that live here.

South Africa's international travel restrictions

Airlink's Chief Executive, Rodger Foster, told the *Independent* at the end of last week that despite South Africa re-opening its borders to international air traffic, the UK is still categorised as a high risk country and flights from the UK are still banned. This effectively puts a block on any air travel between South Africa and St Helena. There are two problems with the continued ban on air travel between the UK and South Africa. First, the passenger demand for air travel between South Africa and St Helena comes mainly from the UK and other European countries which are similarly listed as high risk by the South African Government. St Helena's tourism and business market is therefore denied access to these countries. The result of this would be that planes between South Africa and St Helena would carry few passengers; certainly not enough to cover the cost of providing the service.

Secondly, the legal position for St Helena, as a UK territory, is not clear. SHG are trying to clarify several detailed legal and procedural points, one of which is whether St Helena is considered high risk because the UK is high risk and St Helena is a UK territory. One of the many points SHG is attempting to get clarified is where St Helena stands with the South African restrictions because this Island is not on any of the country list classifications for high, medium or low risk. We all know that St Helena does not present a coronavirus risk; the risk is obviously in the other direction. The South African Government are, at the moment, unaware of this. SHG are making representations to the South African Government through the British High commission in Pretoria. Right now, SHG are conducting a survey to try to assess the demand for air travel between St Helena, South Africa and other southern African countries.

St Helena's quarantine requirements

As is generally recognised the 14 day quarantine requirement at Bradley's Camp is a disincentive to all types of travel. The quarantine period for incoming visitors to St Helena is seen by everyone as the first priority in the Island's defences against the spread of the pandemic and should remain for as long as it is needed.



Rodger Foster - Airlink SA

A further limitation to the number of people arriving whether by scheduled flight, yacht, ship or charter flight is the number of people who can be accommodated at Bradley's Camp.

About forty people can be accommodated at Bradley's for the quarantine period and that is only possible if people double up in the rooms available. Over time a few changes have been made;

- Arrivals from Ascension Island which is currently COVID-19 free and considered low-risk
- Arrivals with medical conditions whereby Bradley's would not be appropriate accommodation
- Arriving families with children aged 10 years or younger found, following a risk assessment by Children & Adults Social Care, Bradley's not to be appropriate accom modation.

The possibility that returning Saints could be allowed to quarantine at home is a suggestion that has been widely discussed but no official line on this was included in the responses received this week to questions asked by the *Independent*.

The limited accommodation available at Bradley's has also reduced the number of passengers on the charter flights in recent months. If suitable private accommodation gained accreditation for acting as quarantine centres when required this would increase the number of quarantine rooms available and allow more passengers, particularly returning and overseas Saints, to book seats on the charter flight. It would also mean SHG is getting something back for the business support grants currently being paid out.

There is clear opposition to both Saints being allowed to quarantine at home and private sector accommodation being used to increase the 14 day quarantine capacity. In both cases people see the risk increasing of the coronavirus entering St Helena. The last word goes to a response received from SHG; "The situation with COVID-19 continues to evolve across the globe. As a result, SHG will continue to review its policies in relation to COVID-19 and will, when necessary, revise such policies."

Questions responded to but not answered

Last week we reported that Lord Jones of Cheltenham had submitted three written questions to the UK Government arising from the reports that St Helena and Ascension were being considered as locations to accommodate legal and illegal asylum seekers.

By yesterday to of the three questions had received a formal response and are shown here. As is often the case, the main point of the question is avoided.

Question

Lord Jones of Cheltenham Liberal Democrat

To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have had with local authorities on Ascension and St Helena over the islands' suitability as asylum processing centres.



Answer Baroness S

Baroness Sugg Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)



tion to those who need it, while preventing abuse of the system and the criminality associated with it. As part of that work the Government has looked at what other countries do to inform a plan for the UK.



News from Tristan da Cunha's Administrator states that they were informed early yesterday morning that the vessel MFV 'Geo-Searcher' hit a rock off Gough Island.

The report said that water is coming into the engine room and the ship is listing quite badly. The crew were being evacuated and the two islanders are reported to be safe. Saint FM will keep you informed of further events.

You might be aware that the Ovenstone fishing company acquired the 'Geo-Searcher' three years ago to replace the MFV Edinburgh as Tristan's main fishing vessel. The vessel previously served for scientific research and was converted to a factory freezer vessel with cargo and passenger capacity.

Question

Lord Jones of Cheltenham Liberal Democrat

To ask Her Majesty's Government what assessment they have made of (1) Steepholme, (2) Flatholme, (3) Canvey Island, (4) the Isle of Dogs, and, (5) Sark, as potential locations for asylum processing centres.

Answer

Baroness Williams of Trafford The Minister of State, Home Department

Illegal migration has been a complex issue for successive governments. For years people have risked their lives to enter our country illegally, like those crossing the Channel in dangerous small boats.



The Home Office will introduce a new system that is firm and fair, prosecuting criminals while protecting vulnerable individuals.

Officials have been looking at a whole host of measures other countries deploy to inform a plan for the UK and bring innovation into our system. As part of this they are consulting with stakeholders and ensuring those plans adhere to our Policy Assurance Framework, but no final proposals have been made and it would not be appropriate to comment on speculation.





Fishermen's Petition Rejected

At Tuesday's Exco meeting the petition presented to Governor Rushbrook in Council on 24th August was discussed. The Commercial Fishermen's Association stated 1,191 signatures were on the petition, including 50 "solicited" from minors and 228 from overseas. The petition asked that the current fisheries procurement process undertaken by SHG be terminated. The petition also asked that certain practices be stopped. These included the exclusion of local fishers, lack of openness and transparency, non-science based decision making and 'invite only' commercial participation. These requests were not considered by Exco because no evidence was given to support the claims made.

The Exco report points out the Economic Development Committee considered the petition at their September meeting and debated two options. The first option was to agree with the petition requests and stop the investment proposal led by PQ Trading to set up a fisheries co-operative. Under this option the Exco report states SHG would continue to operate the Cold Store or an alternative bidder could be asked to take it over. A further alternative would be to close the Cold Store. The second option was not to agree to the petition requests and continue with the PQ Trading investment proposal.

The Economic Development Committee recommended SHG should continue with the investment proposal from PQ Trading and a representative from the Commercial Fishermen's Association together with a representative of the fishermen's group that supports the PQ Trading proposal should join the project board which is developing the alternative business model for St Helena fisheries, fish processing and sales.

Exco recognised there are "many on-Island" who did not support the petition and also could not find any justification to stop working with PQ Trading to develop the investment proposal. The report also refers again to the yearly subsidies for fisheries which averaged £277,000 and is unsustainable. It was emphasised at the Exco meeting that SHG did continue to support the local fishing industry but current working practices were not financially viable and needed to change. It was

Thank You

Bishop James Johnson and his family here and overseas would like to thank the many messages of condolence that were received on the death of his dear wife Evelyn Joyce Johnson who passed away peacefully age 86 years in the United Kingdom on 2 September, 2020.

Special thanks are extended to Bishop Dale Bowers for arranging and those who attended the Memorial Service that was held at St Paul's Cathedral on the day of her funeral.



also pointed out that SHG plans a capital investment of £500,000 for the fish factory upgrade and that the upgraded factory would remain in the ownership of SHG for the benefit of everybody in the fishing industry, not just the members of the co-operative. During the Exco meeting it was suggested an audit be undertaken on the procurement and investment process so far. The Governor will examine if and how such an audit can be done. A written response will sent to petition organisers. *Have a nice weekend, Vince*



Calling all Saints on St Helena and around the world

Radio discussion on Covid-19 and phone-in from the public

"Re-opening St Helena"

Tell us what you think

Wednesday 21st October 2020 at 10am

Hosted by Tammy Williams and Mike Olsson

With special guest, new Chief Medical Officer, Dr Roland Fasol

More details to follow

Stay involved, stay updated, and stay tuned to Saint FM



QUEENS BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2020

His Excellency, Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook is pleased to announce that Mrs Barbara Brown George of Willowbough, Gordon's Post has been awarded a British Empire Medal (BEM) for the 2020 Queen's Birthday Honours.

Barbara was nominated for her services to the cultural heritage of St Helena in recognition of her devotion to educating the people of St Helena on the rich and diverse history of the Island.

Barbara has spent many years of her life teaching formal education and later conducting research into St Helena's rich history. She initially taught Science and Maths in Secondary Schools through the Voluntary Service Organisation (VSO) 1964-65 and later became involved in the upgrading of the Education system and the setting up of Prince Andrew School in 1988.

During her career, Barbara took on other roles which included working in a voluntary capacity for the St Helena Heritage Society from 1982 and later becoming the first Director of the St Helena National Trust in 2002. Alongside of these roles and on a personal level, Barbara invested countless hours actively researching and preparing books on local history in a readable format for both children and adults. Her books and booklets cover a wide range of topics, which include, iconic landmarks such as Jacob's Ladder, the Chinese Indentured Labourers on St Helena, Whaling, and the Boer prisoners.

Barbara also did a regular weekly radio programme on local history along with contributing articles for the local Herald newspaper. Her research supported the excavation of a section of Liberated African graveyard in Rupert's Valley in preparation for the Air Access (Haul) Road from Rupert's. Her input was acknowledged in the Report by the team of archaeologists which undertook the work through the department of Archaeology and Anthropology, University of Bristol, stating that: "Both during the excavation and subsequently, Barbara George has tirelessly answered questions about St Helenian history, following up lines of enquiry which could not be answered by UK-based sources."

Barbara is still continuing her research today and she is currently working on a booklet about Dinizulu and the 1907-10 Poll Tax Zulu Chiefs. Her books are available at the St Helena Museum and the Arts and Crafts at the Canister.

Governor Rushbrook commented:

"I congratulate and thank Barbara for painstakingly taking the time to research and unearth a wealth of rich local history and for making it available for both Islanders and visitors to read. Her work will be used for generations to come. Her dedication to educating people on the subject is outstanding. She is well deserving of this Honour."

Barbara added:

"I was very surprised to be told of this Award, and am indeed honoured to receive such recognition for my work in making local history readily available. "I would like to thank the people who have helped me along the way, starting with Mr Trevor Hearl, history lecturer of the much valued Cheltenham Link for Education who stimulated my interest in Island history."

"I spent many hours in the local Archives. It is an invaluable source of information over the centuries and I would like to mention the late Mr Cecil Maggott and his assistant Mrs Maureen Stevens, and in more recent times, Karen Henry and Tracy Buckley have also helped." **Governor's Office,**

St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha





WALK ALL OVER CANCER

The Health Promotion team of the Health Directorate will be hosting *Walk All Over Cancer'* – a casual walk from the General Hospital to the Mule Yard – on Thursday, 22 October 2020.

Walk All Over Cancer is a one mile walk being held as part of Cancer Awareness Month. The walk will commence from 12.15pm at the General Hospital and, if you're interested in taking part, please dress in a colour to support a specific type of Cancer, or wear fancy dress.

The Health Promotion team commented: "We're hoping to see as many people as possible at the walk to raise awareness of Cancer and to motivate yourself, a family member, friend or work colleague to start incorporating walking into their daily routine. This could be through walking with a colleague at lunch time, a family walk in the evening or getting off the bus one stop earlier on the way home. We are encouraging people to put one foot forward to better health and what better way to start than with Walk All Over Cancer."

"Immediate Plans" for the Reburial of the Exhumed Remains of the Liberated Africans

Vince Thompson

In a three stage project proposal presented to Executive Council on Tuesday the reburial of the remains of Liberated Africans exhumed twelve years ago to make way for the haul road was recognised as a top priority and would be the first of the three stages set out in the long awaited report from the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC).

Described as phase one of the project the reburial of the human remains stored in the Pipe Building next to HM Prison is planned to be completed in the "immediate term". The remains will be placed in coffins before reburial together with artefacts excavated at the same time. The location for the reburial is identified as adjacent to the Lower Burial Grounds in Rupert's Valley, immediately to the east of the burial ground.

The original site ear-marked for reburial was to the south of St Michael's Church, however this area will not become available for "a few years" and was eventually discounted as a possible resting place for the Liberated African remains. There are 325 complete and distinct human remains which will each be placed in coffins. In addition, disarticulated remains were also exhumed in 2008 to make way for the haul road. These remains will also be placed in coffins and buried in the same place at the same time.

While the aspiration is for immediate burial there are details which still need to be resolved before a date for the reburials can be set. Funding for each of the three stages of the project is not guaranteed. In the information paper for Exco members on this subject the Liberated African Advisory Committee is seen as the organisation primarily responsible for raising funds to make the reburials possible. A rough estimate of the cost of reburial is put at £95,325. The Exco information paper suggests the final cost of the reburials could possibly be about £60,000 more than the 'high level' estimate of £95,325.

Exco was informed they were not being asked to endorse the costings provided in the Report nor is it being asked to allocate or approve funding to implement the recommendations. SHG would collaborate with the LAAC and "other entities" to develop a fund-raising strategy to raise the money required to implement the LAAC recommendations. It will not be known how long it will take to raise the required cash to make the reburials possible until after this strategy has been completed and the success of the fund-raising effort cannot be gauged until after the fund-raising campaign is underway. The extent of SHG's 'collaboration' and who the 'other entities' may be is not mentioned in any of the reports on the LAAC project proposals. The extended delay to the reburial of the Liberated African remains has meant a commitment made some years ago of £90,000 to fund the reburial and commemoration of the Liberated Africans is an opportunity now lost. More recently £20,000 was provided by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office to fund the development of the LAAC plan; it is suggested a further attempt to obtain funding from a UK Government source is included in the funding strategy to help



fund at least part of the three stages of the LAAC project proposals. However this may not be possible until a more precise indication of how much the LAAC proposals will cost has been completed.

With so many unknowns remaining to be known before real progress can be made, the aspiration to complete the reburials in the "immediate term" appears to have a less than realistic foundation.

The second and third stages of the LAAC proposals include using the No.1 Building in Rupert's, called a depot or hospital, as the information and interpretation centre for the entire Rupert's Liberated African commemoration and using the area south of St Mark's Church as the site for a memorial when it becomes available in "a few year's time"

A detailed survey of the No.1 Building is required before it is known how accurate the high level estimate of £91,000 might be. The memorial envisaged south of St Mark's Church is estimated to cost £147,000. This estimate also needs to be firmed up with more detailed information. When the area of land envisaged for the memorial is likely to become available is also not certain. The official report on this discussion at Tuesday's Exco meeting recognises there is still a considerable amount of preparation required before any tangible results can be seen in Rupert's Valley. The official report noted, "while ExCo can give support of the recommendations, due processes (property/land disposal allocation and planning) would still need to be followed. This included the designation of the Number One Building as the Interpretation Centre for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Memorial, designation of plot numbers to the Upper and Lower Burial Grounds, and designation of the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley as a National Conservation Area, which would all be subject to the necessary land and planning processes."

While the "due processes" noted in the official report need not take any significant amount of time and should incur insignificant costs, the main challenge is the achievement of a successful fundraising effort for proposals which are estimated in the LAAC proposals to cost a total of £333,325 but on the

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basis of allowing a 60% contingency due to the 'high level' of the estimates, could cost £200, 000 more.

The three stages of the LAAC proposals are outlined in their report as:-

Phase 1

The immediate term will focus on the reburial of the 325 remains that were excavated in 2008. To carry out the reburial, important elements such as coffins and documenting of the artefacts found with the remains will also need completion. £95,325

Phase 2

Will focus on the education, interpretation and awareness raising of St Helena being pinnacle to the slave trade and the thereafter abolition of slavery with its wealth of cultural resource. £91,000

Phase 3

Will then concentrate its efforts on memorialisation and accumulate the story of the Rupert's Valley as a Liberated African Establishment, the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade and the Abolishment thereafter. Landscaping will continue throughout the project to ensure these sites are given the appropriate respect due to community cemeteries. £147,000.

The LAAC proposals also include the following recommendations:-

1. SHG to designate the No. 1 Building in Rupert's Valley as the Interpretation Centre for the Trans-Atlantic Slave Memorial – St Helena.

2. For SHG to formally recognise the Upper and Lower Burial Grounds as such, by designating plot numbers to each site.

3. For SHG to designate the Liberated African Establishment in Rupert's Valley as a National Conversation Area.

4. For SHG, Education Directorate to incorporate St Helena's slave history, in the first instance the Liberated African Establishment in the National Curriculum.

5. For St Helena Tourism to develop the Trans-Atlantic Slave Route and Liberated African Establishment product for market.

CUBE Ultra appointed to advise SHG on new telecoms provider

Vince Thompson

In December 2021 the licence now held by Sure South Atlantic for the phone, email, internet and television services comes to and end. Preparations are well underway for inviting electronic communication network and services providers to present proposals for the type of services to be offered for what can and should be a new era in digital communication for St Helena when the connection to the Equiano cable is operational.

SHG have recently appointed a Telecommunications Technical Consultant whose job is to advise SHG on the technical details and give operational advice during the period when proposals from telecom companies interested in taking over the public electronic communication network and services from January 2022 and invited and assessed. The process includes giving advice on the terms to be set out in the Invitation to Tender and helping to assess the tenders received as the procurement process progresses. The Technical Consultant will play an important part as the process advances to the Best and Final Offer stage. Once a preferred telecoms provider has been selected the Technical Consultant will play a vital role in the negotiation process and defining the terms of the licence.

The Telecommunications Technical Consultant selected to take on this work is Cube Ultra; a UK company based in Ipswich, Suffolk. Previous clients of Cube Ultra include New York based AOL, South Africa's MTN and O2 from the UK. Bearing in mind a good quality regulatory regime is vital in the fast moving world of telecommunications, Cube Ultra have been appointed by the UK Regulators, Commission of Communication Regulation and the Office of Communication as consultants. Cube Ultra has also been appointed by local authorities from Aberdeen to West Sussex. Finance institutions have commissioned their services as have telecom companies such as Ericsson and Nokia/Siemens. In a wide range of telecom based services offered, Cube Ultra specialise in procurement and tender management and have advised companies and institutions which are responding to Invitations to Tender as well as issuing Invitations to Tender. The experience gained from both sides of the fence should be useful.

The first stage in the process is for Cube Ultra to assist in the preparation of the Request for Proposal which telecom companies interested in tendering for the next public electronic communication network and services licence, or licences, will need to respond to in order to get their tendering applications underway.



Tom Allen – St Helena's Main Man at Cube Ultra

Your Opinion Counts

Traffic Regulations of Enlightenment & Engagement

Dear Readers,

In case my Appeal in last week's Independent to DECEASE traffic volume in Jamestown was seen as a mere gripe, permit me to follow-up with several practical suggestions. On closer examination it will be seen many are more than cost efficient. In fact several will decrease costs both for persons and collectively for the Island as a whole, however the fundamental issue is pivotal: are my personal habits and advantages paramount to the overall Common Good and the Resolve? Once loopholes for personal advantages are sought the whole operation becomes counter-productive. The Will to achieve this is paramount and is the benchmark of my real concern and prosperity for all things St Helenian.

For those of you who read these Suggestions and may wish to appreciate, I suggest you Google: **Paraty (town) Brazil**', and come to realize what can be achieved if we really want to do so; please take note of the population in comparison to St Helena's. The future of Jamestown lies within our own hands but must be founded on our resolve.

1. Only current *bona fide* residents of both Napoléon & Main/Market streets may park their cars in these streets as a Right – no more than 1 vehicles per household;

2. Not withstanding the very liberal generous Traffic Regulations concerning vehicle measurements and weight – based on honesty it would seem, downtown St Jamestown as a historic area, necessitates special regulations. Business vehicles assigned for business-use **AND** personal-use only of residents of Jamestown may be parked in residential areas after Business Hours...trucks, (buses?), etc. not allowed; this would include Barracks Square;

3. All merchant deliveries and col-

lections for businesses in these designated areas to fulfil these tasks before Opening Hours to the general public – say 4 a.m. until 8.30 a.m. – in Paraty, Brazil only allowed on Wednesdays !;

4. Obviously this will impact on the hours of Customs and merchant drivers and freight-handling employees but manageable even within contractual number of hours of work;

5. Non-resident Jamestown employees full-time, part-time or casual in Jamestown are required to use public buses from designated parking area atop Half-tree Hollow, Haul Road and Alarm Forest areas; see no. 8;

6. Taxi rank to remain as is and parking for the physically challenged;

7. Remove, current demarked designated parking bays from Ladder Hill Corner i.e. Rose & Crown, on both sides to the corner of St James' Church and from either side from the Masonic Lodge in Napoléon Street, mid-street parking bays from the front of the Post Office downwards to St James i.e., basically this whole area becomes a pedestrian precinct for the day at least. This removal includes the 3 parking bays in front of BOSH, coffee shop and Standard bar (also the Canister) - and extend by widening the pavement to cover this particular area to allow tables and chairs for outside eating & drinking...developing Italian-French-style Café Boulevard;

8. Transport from and to designated parking area (no. 5) will be every 15 minutes (insistent reliable shuttle) at peak hours / start of work and closing time — other times less frequent. (This was previous promoted as 'Park & Ride' but never implemented) again 'Resolve' !

9. Vehicles of residents in Jamestown streets currently off the Island for longer than 4 weeks are to be removed and parked in designated secure carpark as per no. 8 i.e. not left parked in the street for months on end;

As the SHG is the biggest em-10. ployer on the Island in fulfilment of it's duties to the public it must not only perceived to exercise declared fiscal transparent responsibility and management but do so in the deed. This would include it's management of its vehicle fleet. It would seem necessary that the various SHG Directorates and departments, affiliate public sections as Police, Sea & Fire etc., but also CON-NECT, SURE, ESH, conceivably NGOs, Airport, National Trust re-visit, in a spirit of concern and public responsibility, the use of corporate vehicles...in many cases reduce the number of vehicles they operate and install a stringent poolsharing usage of vehicles for the transparent essential fulfilment of duties of employees. A mere casual observation for example of SHG registered vehicles on our roads at any given time is of concern as to the actual number and that far too many being one-person occupancy which one by good-will must assume are de facto on official duty. No corporate business even with unlimited financial resources with responsibility to it's clients, and share-holders even it's stakeholders, could afford to do so.

In conclusion, it goes almost without mentioning, that apathy or rejection to engage in a constructive manner with these or any other proposals, suggestions or other issue, reveals the sad conclusion of lack of concern or interest for the future of our Island, her inhabitants and its uniqueness and, just who you are, what you stand for or not. *Father David*



May she rest in peace



OVERSIZE VEHICLES THE RULES ON ST HELENA

The Infrastructure & Transport Directorate would like to remind the public that any person considering purchasing or importing large vehicles must adhere to the dimensions and weights set out in the Road Traffic Regulations CAP101, Part VI, Item 33 and Road Traffic Regulations, CAP101, Part VI, Item 42. These can be viewed on the SHG website here: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/ Road-Traffic-Ordinance-1985-Updated-060720.pdf.

The public is reminded that the onus is on the buyer of the vehicle to ensure that any conditions are satisfied before a vehicle is purchased.

Road Traffic Regulations, CAP101, Part VI 33. Maximum Dimensions

The dimensions of a motor vehicle must not exceed those set out below:

Overall width8 feet 6 inches (2.6 metres)Overall length25 feet (7.6 metres)Wheelbase13 feet 7 inches (4.1 metres)Height, exclusive of hood or covering-
11 feet 6 inches (3.5 metres)

In these Regulations, 'overall length' means the length exclusive of any starting handle and of any hood when lowered, and 'overall width' means the width measured between vertical planes parallel to the longitudinal axis of the vehicle and passing through the extreme projecting points thereof, exclusive of any mirror conforming with the provisions of Regulation 26 of these Regulations.

Permission to use a motor vehicle of greater dimensions than those set out in the above table may be granted provided that an Applications for Exemption form is submitted to and accepted by the Licensing Officer, for approval by HE the Governor.

42. Maximum Weight of Motor Vehicle

No motor vehicle having a gross weight laden in excess of 14 tonnes shall be used on any road.

In this Regulation, 'gross weight laden' means the net weight of a motor vehicle together with the weight of goods or passengers carried by the vehicle.

These Regulations are important and necessary for protecting St Helena's road network from excessive damage.

For further information, please contact Roads Manager, Deon Robbertse, on tel: 23765 or Police Inspector, Julianne Stevens, on tel: 22626.

SHG 12 October 2020

EXERCISE BEING UNDERTAKEN TO ESTIMATE DEMAND FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE TRAVEL BETWEEN ST HELENA AND SOUTH AFRICA

St Helena Government (SHG) administration is undertaking an exercise to estimate the demand for possible future travel between St Helena and South Africa.

The scheduled SA Airlink service between St Helena and South Africa is currently suspended due to the restrictions in place in South Africa. South Africa moved to COVID-19 alert level 1 on 1 October 2020 but the restrictions and requirements to enter or travel through South Africa remain complex. SHG is endeavouring to determine how they impact St Helena and is waiting for more information from the South African authorities.

Understanding the demand for future travel will provide data for planning for the resumption of air services to South Africa. Currently, no flight arrangements are in place and this exercise does not imply arrangements will be possible in the near future.

Persons interested in travelling to/from South Africa including connecting with other African countries are asked to register their interest with Christina Plato at the Tourist Office on telephone: +290 22158 or via email: christina.plato@tourism.co.sh.

Please include the following details:

- Name
- Contact details (email, telephone number)
- Address where you are currently residing
- To where you wish to travel (St Helena, South Africa or other destination via Johannesburg)
- Reason for travel
- Names of the people that would travel with you
- What month you would be interested in travelling
- Any other relevant information.

SHG





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RECENT POWER OUTAGES

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to apologise to those customers who will have been without power for a time over the last month.

These unplanned power outages occurred as a result of the recent heavy rains and wind. Branches were blown onto the high voltage lines in Sandy Bay and Sunberry, causing the power to go off. On one occasion in September, a tall tree fell onto the high voltage lines causing the lines to come away from the pole and the power to go out. Because this incident happened at night and due to lack of visibility, it was not safe to attempt repairs until morning.



Whilst we do have a regular programme of trimming and felling trees that are within a 5 metre distance of our high voltage network cables; tall trees that are farther away can fall and come into contact with the high voltage network, causing power outages.

If you know of any trees that are posing a risk, please let us know so that we can do something about it.

In the case of any unplanned power outage, our priority is ensuring that power is restored as quickly as it is safe to do so.

Consumers are also reminded that during normal office hours, any faults for electricity and water supplies should be reported on 22255. Faults outside of these hours can be reported on 22602.

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New bug project for the Trust

Recently, it was announced that the St Helena National Trust (the Trust) was awarded two Darwin Plus funded projects. Here, the 'bug' team would like to introduce you to their project entitled, '**Conserving St Helena's endemic invertebrates through invasive invertebrate control**' or '**Invertebrate project**' for short.



This project was written to facilitate endemic invertebrate recovery through researching and implementing trial and control methods for supressing and potential for eradication invasive (organisms which compete or cause harm) invertebrates on St Helena.

Our main focus for this project is the Common wasp (Vespula vulgaris), the Springbok mantis (*Miomantis caffra*) and ant species (e.g. Big-headed ant, *Pheidole megacephala*) which are predating upon our endemic bugs, and out-competing them for food and shelter.



We are currently in the first phase of this three year project, conducting research into the focus species determining their behaviours, life cycles and habitat distribution. All of which will inform an appropriate control method.

Helping the team on this project, are both local (e.g. SHG) and international partners (e.g. Bug life, UK and NZ) as well as independent experts and consultants. This draws on a wealth of knowledge and experience from across the world.

There will be an upcoming information stall in the Jamestown Market for you, the public, so that the team can share the research gathered on potential controls. By attending and giving your feedback, you are helping us with decision making, and determining the next steps. More information about this coming soon!

You can also continue to be part of this project through our public engagement sessions or, Citizen Science programme, through which you can tell us the locations of where you have seen these selected bugs.

Please feel free to contact any of the project team members, Natasha Stevens, Liza Fowler, Daryl Joshua or Christy Jo Scipio O'Dean, on telephone 22224 or email

Christyjo.scipioodean@trust.org.sh. Alternatively just pop into the Trusts offices at Broadway House and keep updated by visiting our Facebook page https://www.facebook.com/Buglifes.





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Request for Expressions of Interest

Provision of Contract Services for responding to Out of Hours Call Outs on the Water Distribution Networks and Sewerage Infrastructure

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified Contractors willing to provide the services listed below on an annual contract basis.

Water and Sewerage Call-Out Services Required

To provide an emergency on call service to Connect Saint Helena Ltd from 15:30 to 08:30 Monday to Friday and on a 24 hour basis on Saturdays, Sundays, Public Holidays and other ad-hoc periods.

The Water Distribution Network includes all water pipelines and installations up to the domestic meter, with the Sewerage Infrastructure to include all private property sewerage piping, as well as all public sewers and manholes.

The Contractor will physically respond to all emergency calls within one hour of their receipt and repairs undertaken without undue delay.

Expressions of Interest

Interested Contractors are invited to express their interest and to provide information indicating that they are qualified and technically equipped to provide the above services. Contractors should demonstrate their capability to execute the works to specifications that will be issued by Connect Saint Helena Ltd.

The Expression of Interest should include a capability statement which should state the following information:

- 1. Details of previous proven experience on similar works this should include a list of plumbing work and sewage related work successfully completed on or off island.
- 2. Company profile and qualifications/profiles of key personnel that will undertake the service.

Submission Requirements

The submitted Expressions of Interest should include company name, name of responsible person, address, telephone number and email address. Hand delivered expressions of interest should be delivered to the Procurement Coordinator at Carnarvon Court, Jamestown, or emailed to: nigel.benjamin@connect.co.sh

The closure date for Expressions of Interest is Monday, 26th October 2020 at noon.

Interested contractors may obtain further information from Paul Duncan, Water Operations Manager, Connect Saint Helena Ltd, Seales Corner, on telephone 22255 or email: <u>paul.duncan@connect.co.sh</u>

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST Roof Safety Ladder Sea Rescue Building

The St Helena Police Directorate invites Expressions of Interest to provide the construction of a Roof access Safety Ladder for the Sea Rescue Building in Rupert's.

The installation works will be carried out under the direction of the client or the client's nominated representative. The contractor will be responsible for Designing, Manufacturing and installing a ladder system to allow safe and easy access to operational equipment positioned on the roof spaces. The ladder to be designed in accordance with BS 4211:2005 and in compliance with relevant St Helena building Regulations.

For further information, please contact the Sea Rescue Manager, Mr Simon Wade, on telephone number: 25052 or email: simonwade@helanta.co.sh

Completed Expressions of Interest should be sent to the Sea Rescue Manager by Friday 30th Oct.

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



SIDE PATH ROAD CLOSURE WEDNESDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2020

The Highways Authority has given approval for Side Path Road to be closed between 9am and 3pm on Wednesday, 21 October 2020. This closure is to allow the Roads Section to carry out surface repairs.

During this closure, only emergency services will be granted access and the diversion route for traffic travelling to and from Jamestown will be via Constitution Hill. Appropriate signage will be in place.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

SHG

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STERLING CHEQUES FOR NEXT FLIGHT

Bank of St Helena Ltd is accepting Sterling Cheques to be sent on the next charter flight from St Helena. Please be advised the Cheques will be sent for clearance before funds are released.

Closing date to submit cheques is 12:30pm on Saturday, 24 October.

For further information please contact us on <u>customerservices@sainthelenabank.com</u> or 22390.

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Enterprise St Helena is pleased to announce a bespoke agricultural scheme to assist all farmers, whether they are utilising crown or private land.

This bespoke scheme provides funding up to a maximum of £2,000.00 per applicant which may be utilised for:

- Enhanced water security, e.g. water tanks, water troughs and drip irrigation;
- Improved produce protection, e.g. rabbit / dog proof fencing and posts;
- Increased mechanization, e.g. rotivators and tractor attachments;
- Equipment to support clearance of weeds and invasive species, e.g. spraying equipment.

This funding is being offered on a non-contributory basis, however terms & conditions will apply.

For further information please contact Delia Du Preez, Business Development Co-ordinator on 22920 or on email delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh.

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VACANCY HEALTH DIRECTORATE: TRAINEE DENTAL NURSE

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Trainee Dental Nurse in the Dental Section who will work as part of the dental team to provide support and assistance in clinical and non-clinical aspects of patient care.

The role of a Dental Nurse includes:

- preparing and maintaining the dental equipment, instruments and materials within the Dental Surgery;
- carrying out infection control and decontamination procedures;
- recording dental charting carried out by the Clinician;
- preparing, mixing and handling dental materials;
- providing chairside support to dentists, therapists and hygienists throughout a range of dental procedures;
- providing support and reassurance to patients;
- providing administrative support in making appointments, taking payment and dealing with paperwork

No previous experience is required as full training will be given on the job, including online learning and study abroad to achieve the National Diploma in Dental Nursing.

The successful applicant will have a minimum of 2 GCSE English and Maths (or a Science subject) at Grade C or above (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment – Level 2 in English and Maths as part of the recruitment process).

The salary for the post is at the training grade- B8 commencing at £7,899 per annum.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Simon Smith, Lead Dentist on telephone no 22500 or email simon.smith@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm Wednesday, 21 October 2020.

All appointees 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.

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Appointment of Justices of the Peace

Under the Magistrates' Court Ordinance, the Governor may appoint any person who appears to be suitable to perform the duties of the office, but section 90(4) of the Constitution requires the Governor to act in accordance with the advice of the Judicial Service Commission. It is hoped that the Commission will be able to meet in the near future to make recommendations to the Governor.

Expressions of interest are therefore invited from persons who wish to be considered for appointment. Public officers are now entitled to serve as judicial officers on the basis that is consistent with the independence of the judiciary and with the efficiency of the public service.

The main function of Justices of the Peace is to participate in the sittings of the Magistrates' Court. There is a regular sitting each Thursday morning, for which a rota is published well in advance, and occasional special sittings to deal with urgent business. Justices also have a number of out-of-court functions in relation to issuing summonses and warrants, and countersigning various formal documents. The position is by tradition an honorary one, but a monthly retainer is paid, plus an allowance for each court sitting.

Further information can be obtained by speaking to any of the current Justices, or from the Clerk of the Peace:

Yvonne Williams Castle Courtyard Jamestown Tel: 22340

Email: yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace, in writing, to arrive by 4pm on Friday 23rd October 2020. A form is available from the Clerk, and its use is encouraged, but letters will be accepted.

Yvonne Williams Clerk of the Peace 5th October 2020.



VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for two Staff Nurses to join their dedicated, hardworking nursing team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumerary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work which are linked to pay enhancements.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request. Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an Up to date Nurse Registration.



Salary for the post commences at £11,034 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586 and then Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Senior Staff Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Anita Adams, Acting Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email: anita.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

With the international break we didn't had the pleasure of watching our teams perform in the English Premier League. For us the Manchester United and Liverpool fans this weekend couldn't come fast enough, as we are hoping our teams can put the heavy defeats from Spurs and Villa respectively, behind us.

We also got the start of the Champions' League Group games to look forward too.

We have a cracking game to kick start the weekend as the champions Liverpool travel across Stanley Park to face their much improved Merseyside rivals Everton. Everton currently tops the EPL table. This mouth-watering match will kick off at 11.30 GMT.



Everton and Liverpool go head to head on Saturday At 2pm Chelsea host Southampton; 4.30pm struggling Manchester City will play an Arsenal team who has made a fairly good start to the season.

The evening game will see Newcastle host the other struggling side from Manchester. Fans of Manchester United will be hoping to see massive improvements in their teams' performance against a decent Newcastle team.



Manchester United has being awful so far this season On Sunday the two bottom sides Sheffield United and Fulham face each other at 11am.

Crystal Palace will play Brighton at 1pm, Spurs play West Ham at 3.30pm and Leicester host in form Aston Villa at 6.15pm. On Monday West Bromwich Albion will play fellow strugglers Burnley at 4.30pm and Leeds United will play Wolves at 7pm.

On Tuesday teams from groups E to H will start their Champions League Campaigns. Premier League side Chelsea will play Europa League Champions Sevilla at Stanford Bridge at 7pm and Manchester United will travel to Paris to play Paris Saint Germain also at 7pm. Former PSG player Edison Cavani could make his Manchester United debut in this match.

On Wednesday Manchester City will play Porto at home in group C and Liverpool will travel to Amsterdam to play Ajax in Group D.



Great to have Champions League matches on our TV next week.



Armchair Supporters View

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SHFA Match report by Mike E Williams

The first game on Saturday saw Rovers and Bellboys played out a one all draw. This means that if Rovers win their final game against the Axis, it will see them retain the League title.

Goal for Rovers – Ronan Legg (p) Goal for Bellboys – Mnqobi (p) MOM – Ronan Legg of Rovers

The second game saw Harts secure 4th spot with a 4-1 win over the Axis. This would be the first time in 15 years that Harts failed to make the top two.

Goals for Harts – Sean-Lee Thomas 2, Rico Williams and Christopher Owen

Goal for Axis – Colby Richards YPOM – Joey Thomas of Harts MOM – Tyrel Ellick of Harts

The first game on Sunday saw Wirebirds score 29 goals against Crystal Rangers.

Goals for the Wirebirds – Shane Stroud 11, Tyler Benjamin 8, Cody Harris 3, Dennis Leo 2, Dane Leo 2, Alex Osborne, Alistair Buckley and Sanjay Clingham. MOM – Shane Stroud of Wirebirds

The last game of the weekend saw Lakers win a very organise Saints team by two goals to nil. Goals for the Lakers – Tyler Brady and Cody Thomas YPOM – Rieedwaan Richards of Saints MOM – Louis Barnikle of Lakers



SHFA Final Football Fixtures 2020

Date	Time	Fixture	Referee
		Postpone matches	
Sat 17th Oct	1pm	Saints v Bellboys	Lakers
	3pm	Rovers v Axis	Harts
Sat 24 th Oct	1pm	Bellboys v Crystal Rangers	Axis
	3pm	Saints v Wirebirds	Lakers
		District	
Sun 1 st Nov	1pm	Jamestown v HTH	Longwood
	3pm	St Paul's v Longwood	Jamestown
Sunday 8 th Nov	1pm	HTH v Longwood	St Paul's
	3pm	Jamestown v St Paul's	HTH
Sun 15th Nov	1pm	Longwood v Jamestown	St Paul's
	3pm	St Paul's v HTH	Longwood
		Knock Out Quarter Finals	
Sat 21st Nov	1pm	Wirebirds v Axis	Saints
	3pm	Bellboys v Crystal Rangers	Rovers
Sun 22 nd Nov	1pm	Harts v Rovers	Bellboys
	3pm	Saints v Lakers	Crystal Rangers
Sun 29 th Nov	1pm	Semi Final 1	
	3pm	Semi Final 2	
Sat 5th or Sun 6th	2pm	Knock Out Final	
	4pm	Presentation	

SHFA 2020 League Table



Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
Rovers	13	9	2	2	108	9	99	29
Wirebirds	13	9	1	3	94	19	75	28
Bellboys	12	7	4	1	70	11	59	25
Harts	14	8	0	6	55	21	34	24
Lakers	14	7	2	5	64	31	33	22*
Axis	13	5	1	7	35	33	2	16
Saints	12	1	0	11	18	74	-56	3
C Rangers	13	1	0	12	8	254	-246	3

= one point deducted for not providing a referee.

Hotshots Top 10

Name	Team	Goals
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	48
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	40
Ronan Legg	Rovers	20
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	20
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	19
Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	19
Matthias Young	Bellboys	15
Tyler Brady	Lakers	13
Cody Thomas	Lakers	12
Sean Cansick	Harts	10



Frankenstein Costumes for Boys & Men Witches, & Vampire Costumes for Girls, Witches Hat £2.25 Devil & Monster Masks £4.95, Scary Masks £2.95 Skull Mask £2.75 Assorted Wigs, Head Boppers £1.95, Fishnet Tights Hanging skeleton £2.50, Face paints £1.90 Witches gloves with nails, Spider gloves £2.95 Glow sticks £2.15 for 15pces, £5.80 for 100pces glow Necklace £1.00 Glow Bracelets .25p Halloween Banners £1.70 Bal-



Witches Nose loons £1.70, Hair colour Spray

Skull & Pumpkin Torches £2.50, Skull & Pumpkin light up

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

What's happening at New Horizons?

Next week we will have the half term holiday programme going at the New Horizons centre.

On Monday all the youngsters who normally train with us on Monday afternoons are invited to attend the New Horizons Centre for an all-day training session from 9am-3pm. As well as Football training and matches the youngsters will have the opportunity to enjoy our indoor activities as well.

Tuesday to Thursday the centre will open for members 6 year and up from 9am to 3pm.

On Tuesday the 27th New Horizons will have their AGM from 6.30pm at the New Horizons Centre. All are welcome to attend.

We are currently preparing for this year's Bank of St Helena Youth games. This is the 16th year that New Horizons have organised the Youth Games for all the youngsters on St Helena aged 11-18. We would like to thank the Bank of St Helena who has being our lead sponsor for the past 16 years and too all this year's sponsors who are covering the cost of the medals for the various sporting events.

This year's Youth games will start on the 6th November and end on the 15th December. We would like to invite the St Helena public to attend the Bank of St Helena Youth games events and support our young sport persons.

Unfortunately we are unable to do our Halloween Haunted House this year as it clashes with another major fund raising event. Instead we are going to have a Halloween Disco and decorate the centre on Friday 30th October for our members. We are in the process of collecting in donations for our Christmas Bazaar which will be held on Friday 4th December, all items will be sold for £1 or less. Also we have now opened our food bank so that we can send out Food Parcels prior to Christmas. Last year we were able to help over 90 families with Food Parcels which had an average value of £45. Help us to help others.

CL	EARANCE SALE ON CAR PAP	RTS STILL LEFT OVER FROM SHOP O		2	Engine head gasket	Mitsubishi L200 K74 Pickup	£20 each
					Engine drive belts	Toyota Hilux 2.5D LN165 (with AC)	£10 each
Contact Tony Peters 63715/23974 email:petersanthony868@gmail.com				3	Engine drive belts	Toyota Hilux 2.5D LN165 (without AC)	£10 each
					Engine drive belts	Toyota Hilux 2.4D LN105	£10 each
QT	DESCRIPTION	VEHICLE	PRICE		Engine Air filter	Vauxhall Frontera 2.0L petrol	£5
				1	Ignition lead set	Fiesta 1.4 ??	£15
1 (Clutch cable	Escort MK6	£5		4 pc engine belt sets	Nissan Navara 2.5TD YD25ddti	£25 set
2 F	Front shocks	Peugeot 206 1.9D	£35 each	2	3 pc engine belt sets	Mitsubish Pajero 2.8 TD	£20 set
1 s	set 4 window wind deflectors	Escort MK6	£30 set	2	1 9	Mitsubishi Pajero 2.5 SWB V24	£20 set
1 2	2nd hand Turbo	Fiesta 1.5 TDCI 2013	£40	3	4pc engine belt sets	Mitsubishi K94 Challenger/Shogun 2.5d	£20 set
1 5	set front brake pads	Tovota Hilux ??	£15	2		Nissan Navara D22 2.5 D	£10 set
	set front brake pads	Nissan/Datsun 1400	£10	1	complete exhaust system	Old Escort MK1 ??	£80
	sets engine heater plugs	Citreon/Peugeot	£20 set	1	0	Citreon/Fiesta/Fusion 1.4 diesel	£20
	Gearbox mounting (big) MR133078		£20	2	Timing belts	Ford Sierra 1.6, 1.8 (1980s)	£15 each
	Rocker cover gaskets	Nissan Navara D22 Pickup	£2 each	1	, 8	Mitsubishi L200 K74 Pickup 2.5	£5
	Fiming belt	Mitsubishi L200 K74 Pickup	£15	6	9	Ford Escorts ??	£15 each
	Fiming belt	Mitsubishi K94 Challenger/Shogun	£15	1	5	Mitsubishi Pajero 2.5 SWB V24	£15
	Pair front coil springs	Fiesta MK5 ??	£15 each	1	J ,	Ford Focus 1.8 TDCI	£20
	RH front shock	Suzuki Grand Vitara 2.0 diesel	£40	3	Timing belt (162 teeth)	Various Vauxhall/Opel	£15 each
	Fiming belts	Escort/Fiesta 1.8 diesel	£40 £25 each	1	0 (Landrover 2.5 90/110 defender	£15
	0	Ford Sierra 1.6, 1.8 (1980s)	£25 each	2	5	Mitsubishi 2.5 (L200 / Pajero ??)	£10 each
	Fiming belt	Escort/Fiesta/Orion 1300, 1600	£10 £30	1	Ignition coil (square 4 pin type)	Ford Focus MK1 ??	£25
	Head gasket set		£30 £40	5	Sets rear brake shoes	old Ford Courier/Fiesta ??	£20 set
	Head gasket set	Escort/Fiesta Zetec 1800 petrol		2	Exhaust manifold gaskets	Fiesta 1.25/1.4/1.6 99-05	£3.00 eac
	Engine heater pipe	Freelander 1.8 petrol	£20	3	Sets front brake pads	Nissan Navara D40 Pickup 2.5	£15 set
	RH electric window regulator	Discovery 2	£25	3	Pairs Front brake discs	Toyota RAV4 2.0 L petrol	£30 pair
	Head gasket	Mazda/Opel/Vauxhall 1.7D, 1.7TD	£15	3	Pairs Rear brake discs	Toyota RAV4 2.0 L petrol	£30 pair
	Engine mounts (big)	Fiesta 1.4 MK6	£10 each	1	Pair Front brake discs	Toyota RAV4 2.0 L diesel	£30 pair
	Set rear brake pads (small)	Opel/Vauxhall Mk 1V 03 onwards	£15	1	pair Rear brake discs	Toyota RAV4 2.0 L diesel	£30 pair
	Sets cyl head bolts	Ford Zetec 1600, 1800 engines	£5 set	2	Inline fuel filters (big)	Focus/Fiesta 1.6 diesel 2006 on ??	£20 each
	.H door mirror	Ford Transit MK6 ??	£25	3	Air filters	Peugeot 306 1.9D	£5 each
	Set rear brake shoes	Landrover 110	£25	2	Sets 4 rear brake shoes	Suzuki Vitara 97-99	£20 set
	Fuel pump	Landrover 300 TDI	£20	1	Front wheel hub	Peugeot 206 ??	£20
	Γiming belt kits	Landrover 200 TDI	£50 each	1	set 4 front brake pads	Vauxhall Vectra/Cavalier ??	£15
3 E	Engine service kits DA6011	Freelander 1.8 petrol	£20 each	1	set 4 rear brake pads	Mitsubishi Pajero 2.5 SWB V24 ?	£15
2 E	Engine service kits DA6013	Freelander 1 2.0L diesel	£20 each	3	set 4 front brake pads MLB115	Discovery 1	£20 set
1 E	Engine service kit DA6015	Freelander 1 TD4 (from VIN 2A209831 on)	£20	1	set 4 front brake pads MLB114	Landrover 90 defender	£20 set
1 8	Engine service kit DA6014	Freelander 1 TD4 (up to VIN 2A209830)	£20	1	set 4 rear brake pads MLB43	Landrover 90 defender/Discovery ?	£20 set
1	liming belt kit	Escort MK6 1.8 diesel	£35	1	set 4 front brake pads	Renault Kangoo	£15 set
4 F	Piston rings 80,500 x 1.2 x 2mm	Vauxhall/Opel	£30 set	2	sets 4 front brake pads	Nissan Navara D22 2.5 D	£15 set
2 8	Bottom end gasket kits	Ford Zetec 1600, 1800 engines	£5 each	3	Air filters	Nissan Navara D22 2.5 D	£5 each
1 6	Bottom end gasket kit	Ford OHC CVH 1100 - 1600 engines	£5	4	Air filters (square flat)	Mitsubishi L200 Pickup 2.5	£5 each
2 5	Sets rear brake shoes	Suzuki Vitara 1.6 petrol	£20 set	3	Air filters (round)	Mitsubishi L200 Pickup 2.5	£5 each
1 5	Set 4 Ford 15" wheel trims	Various FORD	£15 set		Tie rod ends (LH & RH)	Escort MK6	£5 each
	set 4 engine heater plugs	Ford Focus MK2 ?	£25 set		Tie rods	Escort MK6	£8 each
	Windscreen wipers size 26 "	Various	£8 each	1	LH tail lamp	Ford Ranger 2.5D Pickup	£40
	Front shocks	Escort MK5 ??	£30 each	2	Front coil springs	Ford Fiesta ?	£15 each
	Engine water bottles	Focus MK2	£15 each	1	Steering idler arm	Old Mitsubishi L200 K34 (ex Kunya)	£20
	Clutch kit	Some old Ford ??	£25 each	1		Big angle grinder type	£25
	misc shock absorbers (front)	Some old Ford ??	£25 each	1	Electric car polisher	2 handle round type	£25
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Another African country cashes in on cannabis for medicinal purposes

On Monday this week Rwanda joined a lengthening list of countries across the world that have legalised the cultivation of cannabis for medicinal purposes. Rwanda joins Malawi, South Africa, Zambia and Zimbabwe who have also legalised cannabis cultivation for the same purpose. Another list of countries includes Lesotho and Ghana. The legal framework, conditions and restrictions are different in every country. In Rwanda it is now legal to grow cannabis but for export only and for medicinal purposes only. Use of cannabis for any purpose remains illegal in Rwanda.

Cannabis is believed to be the world's most valuable cash crop. Data held by the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation estimate cannabis cultivation to be valued at £36 million per square kilometre (about 250 acres). It is this kind of money that persuaded the Rwandan Government to take the decision made on Monday. It is hoped big economic opportunities can be achieved from this initiative.

Cannabis has several medical applications. It is used to make nasal or oral sprays to treat spasticity, a condition in which muscles stiffen or tighten, preventing normal fluid movement. The muscles remain contracted and resist being stretched, thus affecting movement, speech and walking. It is also used in drugs to treat nausea and vomiting caused by chemotherapy. It has been shown that cannabis, or extracts from the cannabis plant has been effective as a treatment for nausea where other drugs have been ineffective. Cannabis can also be used to treat loss of appetite and weight loss and as an effective pain relieving agent for people suffering from cancer, arthritis, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's. On a cautionary note, some of the medical benefits claimed for cannabidiol (CBD) and delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) are yet to be fully proven. For instance, the Alzheimer's Association (US) points out that most Alzheimer's research on the benefits of cannabis have been on animals or animal cells; the required large scale clinical testing on humans has not yet been completed. The UK Alzheimer's Society make similar statements but point out that some studies support the view that CBD can help manage some of the symptoms of dementia such as agitation and aggression. However, as a treatment for nausea and weight loss, CBD or similar active agents have been approved by the statutory bodies of some countries. The US Food and Drug Administration have also approved a cannabis derived product for the treatment of two rare and severe forms of epilepsy. Also, the demand for therapies to manage chronic pain among the elderly is increasing and is confidently expected to boost future demand. Business analysts have pitched the legal cannabis global market value at about £56 billion by 2027 as a growing number of governments legalise the use of cannabis for particular purposes.

For Rwandan exporters of cannabis the regulatory and clinical details used to support the veracity of claims for the medicinal value of cannabis come second to the prevailing and lucrative market price and the glowing prospects for the future. After making the decision on Monday this week a report on Thursday says the Rwandan Government is discussing the export of Rwandan cannabis with four pharmaceutical companies on Europe and the United States. It is pointed out the export trade will boost state revenues hit by the effects of the pandemic. The chief executive of the Rwanda Development Board said cannabis cultivation could make much higher earnings per acre than traditional products such as coffee and tea. Opportunities for employment are also seen as very attractive.

The Rwandan Government admit there will need to be a robust regulatory regime in place to prevent criminal organisations using a front organisation to obtain the cannabis for illegal trafficking and security measures need to be adequate to prevent some of the export product being diverted to other markets or for other uses.

Countries where cannabis can be used legally for varying medicinal purposes:-

Argentina – Australia – Barbados – Bermuda – Brazil – Canada – Chile – Columbia – Croatia – Cyprus – Czech Republic – Denmark – Ecuador – Finland – Georgia – Germany – Ghana - Greece – Ireland – Israel – Italy – Jamaica – Lebanon – Lesotho - Lithuania – Luxembourg – Malawi – Malta – Netherlands – New Zealand – North Macedonia – Norway – Peru – Poland – Portugal – St Vincent & the Grenadines – San Marino – South Africa – Sri Lanka – Switzerland - Thailand – United Kingdom – United States – Uruguay – Vanuatu – Zambia – Zimbabwe.

In the UK – A recent law moved cannabis from schedule 1 under the Misuse of Drugs Regulations 2001 - meaning it had no therapeutic value - to schedule 2.

That category is for drugs which are controlled but have a recognised medical use and can be prescribed in certain circumstances.

In the United States – Use of cannabis is legalised in 33 states, 4 territories and the District of Columbia – but illegal at federal level.



Golf Report for Sunday 11th October 2020

Contributed by: SHGC

With the SHGC 2020 Open Championship teeing off on Sunday 18th October at 08:00 members asked for this stroke play competition without handicaps as a tester of what is to come in the open. 21 players took part in this event which had a normal tee off at 12:00 from the first tee box. Returning an impressive 5 over par and taking first prize was Mr Scott Crowie with 73 followed in second place by Mr Larry Legg with 74. Mr Keith Joshua our Entertainments Manager was very generous and kind by adding two surprise prizes for the best two scores for the members over 70 years old. In that category Mr Peter Bagley with 75 took first prize followed by Mr Pat Henry with 91. The two ball pool winners were Mr Leon Crowie on the 14th and Mr Nicholas Stevens on the 16th. Congratulations to the winners.



Day 1 of the Open Championship will be on 18th October 2020. Morning group will tee off at 08:00. See below the rest of the tee off times and groups. Members are reminded to put their names and the number of guests they will have on the list for the curry meal that will be available on 31st October 2020.

Happy swinging!



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON – 2020/21 RESULTS

<u>RESOLTS</u>					
DATE: 5 th . October:					
Y	oungstars - 410	Bt	Young Alcoholics - 397		
Lady's H Sc	Rebecca Young	46		Tessa Benjamin	46
Gent's H Sc	Matthias Young	52		Wayne Crowie	59
Gent's H Sp	Kieran Young	9		Wayne Crowie	12
DATE: 7 th . Oct	ober:				
Extractors - 535			Bt	Never Readys - 470	
Lady's H Sc	Kimmie Thomas	53			
Gent's H Sc	Deon Thomas	73		Pedro Young	63
				Fabian Peters	63
Gent's H Sp	Deon Thomas	16		Pedro Young	17
Up-coming fixtures:					
Monday – 19 th . October: Stugglers v Extractors (KO)					
Monday – 26 th . October: Parttimers v Extractors					
Wednesday – 28 th . October: Young Alcoholics v Never Readys					

SHGC OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP 2020 DAY 1 SUNDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2020

Morning Group

GROUP 1 08: Henzil Beard Johnny Carter Norman Thomas

GROUP 3 8:20 Leon Crowie Peter Johnson Helena Stevens Lyn Leo

GROUP 5 8:40 Phillip Francis Danny Duncan Lawson Henry Anne George

Afternoon Group

GROUP 1 12:00 Jeffrey Stevens Bramwell Lumukwana George Thomas

GROUP 3 12:20 Arthur Young Nicky Stevens Peter Bagley Keith Joshua

GROUP 5 12:40 Donald Bowers Leroy Caswell Douglas Augustus Paddo Johnson GROUP 2 08:10 Deon Robbertse Danny Thomas Neil Joshua Ronald De Reuck

GROUP 4 08:30 Tony Winfield Tony Green Ian Johnson Jeremy Clingham

GROUP 6 8:50 Anita Robbertse Scott Crowie Gerald George Anthony Thomas

GROUP 2 12:10 Christine Scipio Arthur Francis Dax Richards

GROUP 4 12:30 Larry Legg Mike Luke Ray Yon Martin Buckley

GROUP 6 12:50 Martin Joshua Pat Henry Raymond Henry Martin Cranfield

FUEL PRICE CHANGE WITH EFFECT FROM THURSDAY 15 OCTOBER 2020

Following notification from the St Helena Government of an adjustment to fuel prices from the Bulk Fuel Installation; Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc wishes to advise the public that with effect from Thursday 15 October 2020, the retail price for Petrol and Diesel at the Longwood, Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown Fuel Stations will be as follows:

Diesel will be decreased from £1.35 per litre to £1.31 per litre and Petrol will decreased from £1.32 per litre to £1.29 per litre.



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Vince Thompson

Legislative Council meet today to receive some routine and fairly ordinary reports. As is often the case, the most interesting bit is the written questions submitted by some of the more inquisitive and active councillors. There are three motions for debate; the first one asks councillors to move forward to the next stage for setting up a consultative poll on a change in the system of governance. In practical terms this involves setting up a Progress Committee which will lead on the remaining arrangements required to be resolved in preparation for a consultative poll.

The Progress Committee will concern itself with organisational changes within the government administration which are required to make the business of government run more smoothly and hopefully a bit quicker. Certain changes to the constitution are necessary to give legal compliance to the proposed move to either a ministerial system or a revised committee system and the financial resources to make the changes happen need to be approved. Liaison with the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office is also necessary in order to get the agreement of the UK Government to the change process.

The Progress Committee will include some of the Elected Members, the Speaker, a representative from the Attorney General's Chambers and another from the Governor's Office. Also to be included are 'independents' whose appointment will be based firstly on the fact that they are not employed by St Helena Government.

In addition to all of those representatives of various interest groups there will also be a representative (or two) from what is described as 'St Helena Government'. This bit is more than a little strange. The Elected Members and the Speaker will represent the Legislative arm of government while the representative(s) from the Attorney General's Chamber ensures the Judicial arm of government is included. That leaves the Executive and Administrative side of the government organisation. It can only be assumed what is described as the 'St Helena Government' in this instance is the inclusion of a government officer or two to represent the government administration.

Using the term 'St Helena Government' to describe government officers and the government administration takes us back to Professor Sarkin's report where he pointed out that many people were unsure who or what the St Helena Government actually is. Even Elected Members were, and maybe still are, convinced it is not them. Not knowing who the government actually is puts accountability for making decisions at the bottom of the list of priorities and is certain to make any attempt at effective government a failure. It is both surprising and very concerning that official government documents still perceive the St Helena Government as the unelected and unaccountable government officers.

Another disappointing but unavoidable bit of the process is

that the Head of the Government Administration, the Chief Secretary, is the person putting forward the motion today which calls upon Legislative Council to push ahead with the consultative poll on a change in the way we are governed. In any accountable system of government it would be the Chief Minister or an elected representative with some other similar title who would put forward this motion. That very fact that there is not an elected member who holds a position which allows him or her to put forward this motion speaks volumes and shows how desperately we need a different system of government; one which makes the elected representatives accountable.

Government Committees

Some reports from the September meetings of the government committees have been published recently. Once again our Elected Representatives are discussing subjects which have been knocking around for a very long time; and they are still getting nowhere.

Remember the Rock Fall Memorial Fountain? It took almost a lifetime to get a replacement memorial fountain made and another lifetime will probably pass before a location is found where the fountain can be placed. After a long period when nothing much happened, it was proposed the fountain should go in front of the Canister. It was the Land Development Control Authority who said no, it can't go there; it is a busy area and the fountain would obstruct the movement of people to the extent it is likely to become a safety hazard. The Authority also pointed out that cars are continually parked just in front of where the fountain is proposed to be so it will not be seen by most people most of the time.

Our Elected Members decided they were not going to take this setback lying down. It is a great opportunity to continue talking about it rather than making a decision so they propose going around again with the development application for the fountain in front of the Canister but this time on a temporary basis so the extent of the obstruction it causes can be tested – and discussed again, endlessly.

The Dark Skies legislation came up for discussion yet again. This time the councillors wanted to "clarify issues around technical design parameters of Dark Skies compliant lighting". To get the clarification an audio/visual Skype link was set up with the lighting engineer in Moffatt, Scotland who has been advising St Helena on Dark Skies compliant lighting for several years. Jim Paterson is a leading expert, certainly in Europe and probably in the world. He is as patient as he is knowledgeable and no doubt responded to the questions asked with his usual well-mannered affability. Councillors should stay away from technical parameters; a lifetime of study is needed to understand all that. All you need to know is what you get when you switch the light on. After all, no-one wants to know the technical detail about how televisions work before they switch it on.

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The sad and mildly embarrassing thing is that the design requirement for dark skies compliant lighting was one of the first discussions when the proposal for control of artificial light at night legislation first surfaced. The very fact that our so-called decision-makers are still trying to get their heads around these first, basic issues illustrates very adequately that our system of government is not working for us. If anything it is working against us and urgently needs changing.

The Education (and Employment) Committee had their usual action packed meeting in September. The meeting was more of a social occasion than anything else. The councillors

said 'hello' to two new members of the education staff and had a chat with a scholarship student about a few things. One of the things they talked about was what the student did in his spare time.

The PAS Behaviour Policy came around again. Now that the Education (and Employment) Committee have talked about it again it is being passed to the Parent Teacher Association's AGM for comment. Once the comments are received the Education (and Employment) Committee will talk about it again.

Statement to the Adjournment Debate – Formal LegCo – 16th October 2020 THE CONSTITUENT Councillor Cyril Leo

Mr Speaker

Covid-19 is a deadly virus; let us not underestimate what the silent killer is potentially capable of inflicting on the people of St Helena. Socially and economically the Pandemic is having unprecedented and overwhelming detrimental impacts on populations throughout the world. Populations, large and small, are being forced to live with the deadly coronavirus. Communities directly impacted by the presence and destruction of Covid-19 have now adopted the conceding term "new normal".

So far St Helena's geographical isolation has proved to be her population's greatest protection against the deadly Covid-19 Pandemic. Throughout the Pandemic, "normal" for the community of St Helena continues to be life within a Covid-19-free society.

If there is to be a "new normal" for the people of St Helena, it will include Covid-19. Let us not underestimate what the deadly virus will do to our community in the new normal.

The public have been told by one of those tasked with protecting the local population that they would love to be able to say that St Helena will maintain its Covid-free status but we must accept the reality that Covid-19 will very likely gain access to St Helena.

Mr Speaker, exercising the highest vigilance to keep the deadly virus at bay must be the principle objective of those with ultimate responsibility for the protection of the local population. St Helena is not equipped to cope with the deadly destructive forces that Covid-19 will bring to bear, without mercy, on the local population and in particular on our elderly and our vulnerable residents. The large elderly and vulnerable demographic makeup of the local population of St Helena is at the greatest risk to the deadly Covid-19 virus. Let us therefore plead with those who are ultimately responsible for the safety and welfare of the people of St Helena, please do not take illjudged risks with Covid-19, especially for short-term economic gains, and thereby subject the community to the dire consequences of recklessness. By comparison to any short-term economic gains, Covid-19 will leave unimaginable social and economic aftershocks in its tracks.

In reference to Covid-19, one member of the Executive Council recently said (and I quote) "the biggest risk to the island is the economic impact." (Unquote)

The biggest risk to the island population is Covid-19. If Executive Council is ultimately responsible for protecting life and public safety in St Helena then your primary objective must be to keep the local population free of Covid -19.

Local residents have voiced grave concerns that SHG will promote overriding economic reasons for the community to support "opening up the island". Constituents believe that local authorities will gradually apply calculating pressure on the community to take its chances with the lethal Covid-19.

Many constituents have made it quite clear to me that they would rather continue to make sacrifices and endure the lesser adversity than support moves to "open up the island" in the short term, for short-term economic gain, and thereafter forced their elderly loved ones, in particular, to struggle with Covid-19.

Complacency and lowering the determination to remain Covid-19-free will be condemning many of the local population, in particularly our elderly and vulnerable residents, to a life of extreme distress or, in the worst case scenario, death. The social ramifications for the community will be incomprehensible by comparison to all the challenges the community has had to contend with in the past.

One senior medical officer recently told elected members that as the number of people arriving in St Helena and self-isolating throughout the community increases, the potential number of local residents at risk to Covid-19 will increase.

Persons currently residing in communities with Covid-19 and contemplating travelling to St Helena, may want to seriously consider sacrificing their short term travel plans and, under the current conditions, help keep the residents of St Helena free of the aggressive virus.

Armed with numerous contagious abilities Covid-19 is a highly infectious killer. St Helena is not equipped to cope with a community outbreak of Covid-19.

Position your sprinklers so water lands on the lawn or garden, not on paved areas.

Also, avoid watering on windy days.



The proprietors of MOONSHINES would like to thank all those who supported them on 16.09.20 for their CANCER AWARE-NESS event, especially those who gave generously to the raffle and who sent their kind donations, also those who sold raffle tickets, your kindness is much appreciated, the amount raised was £859.00 which has been paid into the Cancer Awareness account.

The result of the raffle are as follows:

Place	Prize	Name	Ticket No.		
1st	Picnic Bench	Lucas Benjamin - Ruperts	376		
2nd	Food Hamper (large)	Diana Benjamin - Ladder Hill	598		
3rd	Food Hamper (frozen)	Gladys O'Bey - HTH	696		
4th	Vegetable Hamper	Sophy Thorpe - Jamestown	361		
5th	Greenwagon Herb Hamper	Liza Fowler - Burnt Rock	189		
6th	Lamp (Innotech)	Gilly Stroud - Blue Hill	557		
7th	Picnic Bench	Ralph Peters - Woodlands	619		
8th	Bottlw wine (dunstone)	Sheena Williams - Briars	74		
9th	Food Hamper (small)	Jennifer Andrews - HTH	626		
10th	Desk lamp	Sonshyne Coleman - HTH	224		
11th	Gift Set (Style & Grace)	Sherry Vanguard - Sandy Bay	495		
12th	Snack dish	Anna Yon - HTH	295		
13th	2 x Picture Set	Malcolm Isaac - Sandy Bay	400		
14th	Gift Set (Ladies Lynx)	Tina Sim - Cleughs Plain	45		
15th	Coconut Wine (bottle)	Gary Stevens - HTH	593		
16th	Gift Set (Nivea)	Leroy Peters - Blue Hill	438		
17th	Kitchen Tool Set	Gay Marr - HTH	136		
18th	Picture (arabic canvas)	Davina Lawrence - Cow Path	372		
19th	Dessert Hamper	Charmaine Thomas - Longwood	388		
20th	6 pack soft drinks	Gilly Francis - Blue Hill	191		
21st	Wine (Sallys Shiraz)	George Peters - Barren Ground	573		
22nd	4 pack Monster drinks	Adam Sizeland - HTH	162		
23rd	Wine (Sallys S. Blanc)	Molly Fowler - Sandy Bay	439		
24th	6 pack soft drinks	Bonita Peters - HTH	590		
Many Thanks, Ronald & Diana Williams Moonshines					
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Moonshine	25				