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Pushing the boundaries for funding

The World Monument Fund decision not to include St Helena's Liberated African Burial Grounds in their 2020 funding programme has not stopped the fund-raisers forging ahead with other funding opportunities. Annina van Neel-Hayes made connections with several funding sources during her visit to the United States in October this year. Annina's US visit was in collaboration with Peggy King-Jorde, the champion of the New York African Burial Ground which was established in 2003. Peggy is now well established and well connected where historic monuments are concerned. Dominic de Vere and Joseph Curran of PT Film also made the trip to the United States to record the event and help promote St Helena's unique historic site in Rupert's Valley. The visit opened up several new connections and opportunities.



Annina's son, Noah van Neel-Hayes, helping out at a Good Pitch Doc Society event in the United States trends on social media

Possibilities now exist for funding from new and well resourced foundations including the Obama Foundation and the Ford Foundation as well as the United Nations. In addition to that Annina van Neel-Hayes might have access to fellowships from one or two organisations. This will provide some money to support what Annina describes as "a lifetime's work" on the Liberated Africa Burial Grounds and the various connected activities.

Opening up these new sources of funding is doubly important because the funding organisations support preservation and conservation of cultural heritage and historic buildings and monuments. Just about all the funding available to St Helena so far is for conservation of the green environment; aimed at everything from Wirebirds to White Weed. Nurturing links with access to significant cultural and built heritage funds is an important new development.

Liberated African DNA tests published

The first DNA tests on the skeletal remains of the Liberated Africans removed from Rupert's Valley to make way for the Haul Road have been published. The work was led by researchers from the University of Copenhagen who took test samples from 63 people. DNA samples of sufficient quality

were found in 20 of the remains. The DNA samples were compared with data from thousands of modern day Africans from various populations to identify the locations where the Liberated African were captured and doomed to enslavement and death.

The results of the research indicate many of the enslaved population came from what today is northern Angola and central Gabon. The survivors who were landed on St Helena's shores were from many cultural backgrounds and with different languages. It will be interesting to know somehow how all the different cultures got on with each other; crowded together in the restricted space available in Rupert's Valley and first, in Lemon Valley. Was it a melting pot or a pressure cooker?

Further information on who the people were who came here to die is eagerly awaited from more recent DNA research now underway at Howard University in Washington DC. Gretchen Johnson from Howard University was in St Helena to take samples from all the 325 skeletal remains of the Liberated Africans removed from the route of the Haul Road and now stored in the Pipe Building.

Front Page Picture

Photo: National Geographic n Annina (left) and Gretchen (right) with Imade Ojo (centre) at the Saint FM studio

Three months later – another storm damages Tristan

Last weekend (2nd November) another severe storm hit Tristan da Cunha with similar force as the 18th July storm. Buildings which were damaged in July where repairs were nearing completion were hit again. Once more the rain caused some internal damage after the wind ripped off roof sheets. Communications are out of action apart from the satellite phone link. The Administration and Police buildings were damaged again but the Post Office and Tourism Centre escaped damage. The hurricane force squalls followed the rain and damaged buildings on slightly raised land on the western side of the Settlement.

One home was suffered roof damage but neighbours got together and the repair was completed by the end of Sunday (3rd November). Monday was designated as All Hands Day when everyone got together to start clearing up and repairing damaged buildings. The workers were blessed with excellent weather and Sean Burns was able to report on Tuesday that the Administration, Police and Communication buildings are watertight once more.

This time around there are people available to help who were brought in after the July storm. There is also a better supply of building materials which were carried by the MV Edinburgh after the July storm.



The recently laid roof of the Administation Building was (almost) completely ripped away by the storm overnight on 2nd/3rd November.

One funded project secured against Brexit damage

The funding from the European Union for the St Helena connection to the South Africa – South America fibre-optic cable is one of the biggest ever funding allocations for a single project for St Helena. At more than £18 million it's a big slice of money and the chaotic political situation in the UK over Brexit might put the project at risk.

If Britain decides to leave with no agreement made with the European Union on the many aspects of the 'divorce' which need to be sorted out, the funding for all EU projects might be withdrawn. No EU funding means no fibre-optic cable. This potentially catastrophic risk to one of the most significant developments for St Helena for many decades has now been averted.

The UK Government (the one that has now gone to the electorate for a general election in December) recently completed an agreement with SHG that if EU funding was withdrawn as a consequence of a no-deal Brexit then the UK government would provide the money originally put up by the European Union. It is understood the agreement does not include at this stage funding for any cost overruns which may occur as the fibre-optic cable project progresses to conclusion. If a government of a different political persuasion is elected in December it is usual for agreements of this sort made by the previous government to be honoured when the new government takes over.

MOVING FORWARD



On Thursday 31st October 2019 Simon 'Bubbles' Green and Christian Castell became the new owners of Printech Saint Helena. "Our main aim is to provide the Island with a fast, efficient and affordable printing service. We have already acquired the most up-to-date digital printer from Konica Minolta which enables us to print full colour digital images. We also offer graphic design, textured business cards, photography services, photo reproduction, passport photos and personalised stationary to order. We've had a great response to the GOZZIP magazine which we publish on a monthly basis. Orders are now processed quickly with a first world attitude to service and quality."

Fisheries subsidy must go

The St Helena Fisheries Corporation has been regularly in the news over the past many months. Last week SHG issued a press release announcing the Fisheries Task Group will be consulting with people 'in the trade' about an 'alternative business model' for fish processing, providing services to local fishermen and closing down the St Helena Fisheries Corporation and the big empty building they work in.

The alternative business model looks to be a new and hopefully serious attempt by councillors to start again with establishing a fishing and fish processing industry which is firmly based on commercial principles. A smaller, 'lean and mean' operation could be the result of the Fisheries Task Group deliberations, concentrating on fish supplies for the local market and premium grade fresh fish only for export by plane on a weekly basis. Freezing fish loses money and exporting frozen fish loses even more money. Keeping fish in the chiller for a few days may be the extent of refrigeration where fish processing is concerned. We shall see.

The other main aspect for the Fisheries Task Group is to find alternative ways for local fishermen to obtain subsidised fuel and to obtain supplies of ice. Within this aspect are the several ways subsidies are built in to the fisheries operation. Some of the subsidies are hidden and may not be easily quantifiable. A simplification of the subsidies would be a welcome addition to the list of work entrusted to the Fisheries Task Group. What happens when the Fisheries Task Group have finished their task? It appears likely the 'alternative business model', once agreed by Exco etc, will be used, together with fully prepared building designs for a new, slimmed down fish processing factory which will be included in a bid to get DFID agreement for funding from the Economic Development Investment Programme.

Exactly how all this may work out is by no means certain. There are still possible investors interested in putting money into fisheries in St Helena. It is clear one of the interested parties has been attempting to reach an agreement with SHG for some time and is willing to put a seven figure sum into the fishing industry. Sticking points exist however, centring mainly on how and where the money for investment is raised and how the potential investor will achieve the target set by the investment consortium for the volume of fish caught. Despite the important and inevitable unknowns, it is clear SHG are now getting serious about putting the local fishing and fish processing industry into reasonable shape. There is no indication yet about how long all this will take.

Without the exported frozen fish, the volume of fish required from local fishermen will reduce. The extent of the reduced catch required is not known however, all fishermen will need to put their efforts into maximising the catch aimed at the South African premium grade market in order to maximise the profits from their business.

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CAN YOU RECOGNISE THE UNIFORM? NAME THE MILITARY UNIT...

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Editorial

There are a few bits and pieces we could not squeeze into this week's Independent. This happens just about every week. Two of the stories are about the airport. One of them comes from an Australian travel website. Someone describes their journey with Airlink from Jo'burg to St Helena. The writer travelled on the same plane as Governor Rushbrook when he first arrived. The only irritation for the writer during the whole journey was "waiting for an eternity" for the bus from the OR Tambo departure gate to take passengers to the plane. Despite being a bit nervous about a wind shear landing. "there is only the briefest tremor as we sink beside serrated cliffs; the wheels touchdown in what is the perfect landing, causing passengers to applaud once more." The verdict was, "Few flights inspire wonder in this way, with its technical stop in the dune-swamped airport at Walvis Bay and the anticipation of landing in one of the world's most remote – and beautiful – destinations." The trip was given a rating of 4 out of 5.

The other airport story is headlined, "From Heathrow to St Helena, Thousands Join International Control Room Week", how exciting is that? The delegates came from emergency service control rooms as well as airports. The report in Critical Communication Review reported, "Further afield, participants included the control room team for the emergency services in the tropical island of St Helena, a British overseas territory in the South Atlantic Ocean and one of the most remote places in the world. Campaign organiser APD sent two International Control Week celebration boxes 5,500 miles (?) to the St Helena control room team so they could enter into the spirit of the week. *David Lynch, Chief of Police for St Helena, said: "This week has provided a great opportunity for us to recognise the vital contribution our control room staff make to the safety and security of St Helena. They have all enjoyed the week immensely and it has really raised the profile of their role."* All I can say is the organisers made a wonderful gesture sending celebration boxes to St Helena to commemorate International Control Room Week – but, if they sent the boxes 5,500 miles they would have overshoot the runway by almost 900 miles!

When looking through what the UK political parties promised their electorate before the 2017 general election I came across a few promises, aspirations and hopes which, with the benefit of hindsight make for wonderful comedy, even farce. On Brexit the Conservatives told the voting public, "We need to deliver a smooth and orderly departure from the European Union and forge a deep and special partnership with our friends and allies across Europe." Laugh? I could have died laughing. The Labour Party declared, "We will scrap the Conservatives' Brexit White Paper and replace it with fresh negotiating priorities that have a strong emphasis on retaining the benefits of the Single Market and the Customs Union." I did not notice them even try to do that, did you? And the Liberal Democrats knew which side of the fence they were on from

the start. They thundered, "The effects of Brexit are already being felt. The value of the pound has plummeted. Inflation has risen. Growth in the economy has slowed and the government is already borrowing billions more to fill the gap in lost tax revenue. Young people, who voted overwhelmingly to remain, are being told their voices do not matter. Urgent problems, such as the future of the NHS, are being neglected because of the sheer scale of the challenge posed by Brexit." There is more but I think you get the picture.

And finally, I can't remember when it was, perhaps I couldn't get to sleep, but I got to thinking about the Labour Market Strategy as well as the ongoing discussions about how we can improve the way we are governed. At the same time I remembered a particular thing from one of those Awaydays employers are fond of organising for staff who will not be missed if they have a day off. At one session the speaker spoke about working in a team as a team and what kinds of people should be members of the team. There are the thinkers and the do-ers; strategic thinkers and those with an eye for the detail. There has to be the one who sees a job to do and gets on with it without supervision or persuasion. Then there's the one who identifies the most important job off a list of jobs and gets on with that, the rest can wait. Someone with an eye for detail might make a good supervisor; another could be a good planner. And there has to be the one who is ready to remind everyone what the common aim of the whole team is; what it is that has to be achieved. Between you and me, I'm not totally convinced everyone on that Awayday returned to work and immediately started to work in perfect harmony with everyone else. But it did occur to me that there are people with special skills and experience who wash up on these shores from beyond the wide horizon who can be assets to 'Team St Helena' and make valuable contributions. It also occurred to me that very nearly all our councillors seem to act the same way – in public at least. More variety needed in that team, an Awayday speaker might say.

**Enjoy the weekend,
Vince**

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Breathless and Desperate: Overseas Saint Sandra can get to St Helena, but can she leave?

Barry and Sandra Gill own the Hutt's Gate Store. After buying the property they spent much time, effort and money rescuing one of the Island's favourite landmarks from ruin and turning the rooms into modern living accommodation while outside the historic appearance was carefully preserved. Now, Barry and Sandra Gill live at Hutt's Gate Store during the southern summer months, returning to the UK for the northern summer.

One important reason for following the sun is Sandra's severe asthma. Asthma is a longstanding medical condition for Sandra and it gradually gets worse as the years pass. More recently her condition has significantly worsened; her condition is now described as COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease), a chronic inflammatory lung disease that causes obstructed airflow from the lungs. Symptoms include breathing difficulty, coughing, and wheezing.

Sandra cannot walk for more than a few minutes without needing to stop and get her breath back. This situation obviously restricts what Sandra can do in many ways. One of the many ways is travelling by plane. Air travel is always possible for severe asthma sufferers or other kinds of breathing difficulty but it is necessary to carry onboard the plane a machine which produces extra oxygen so people with breathing difficulties can cope with the reduced level of oxygen in the passenger cabin.

The air we normally breathe contains about 21% oxygen, but oxygen levels reduce the higher off the ground you go; whether it is up a mountain or aboard a plane. Planes are pressurised to keep the oxygen level at normal or near-normal levels. When a plane climbs above 8,000 feet the oxygen level in the pressurised cabin reduces to 15% and the oxygen level in the blood also reduces as a result of this. For most of us this is not a problem but people with a lung condition may already have low oxygen levels in the blood and not be able to maintain blood oxygen levels at a safe level. If the oxygen level falls too low there are harmful consequences. The answer is to have a machine which supplies additional oxygen which can be breathed in to maintain oxygen in the blood at a safe level.

The machines are called portable oxygen concentrators (POCs); and have rechargeable batteries. It is normal for airlines to make arrangements for passengers who need to use this kind of personal healthcare equipment subject to a portable machine being used and carried on-board with batteries fully charged. The way an oxygen concentrator works is surprisingly simple. It uses the surrounding air to create oxygen-rich air by pulling surrounding air in to the oxygen machine, compressing it, purifying it and removing nitrogen and other impurities. The purified, oxygen-rich air is then breathed in by the user.

Before booking a flight Sandra Gill, like others with a similar respiratory infection, has to take a Fit to Fly test; also called the Hypoxic Challenge Test. The test results are required by the airlines when booking a flight and travel insurance compa-

nies. The test involves breathing air containing 15% oxygen through a face mask or mouthpiece for up to 20 minutes, under medical supervision, and measuring how the body responds. Blood tests are taken at the beginning and the end of the test. When the test is finished the patient will be advised whether a portable oxygen concentrator is required when travelling by plane. For some patients, depending on their condition, the test results are valid for a defined period. In Sandra Gill's case the Fit to Fly test result is valid for four weeks.



A patient undergoing a Fit to Fly test

For most asthma sufferers visiting St Helena, four weeks is long enough to make the trip both ways but Sandra is an overseas Saint and wants to stay for more like four months, not four weeks. This means another Fit to Fly test is needed before making the return journey to the UK. This is where the problem starts; Fit to Fly tests are not yet available in St Helena. As things stand, Sandra and Barry Gill can visit St Helena for no more than three weeks. The Fit to Fly test is valid for four weeks from the date of issue. If it is issued just a day or two before flying out from the UK most of the first week will have passed by the time Barry and Sandra arrive in St Helena. There is the unavoidable overnight stay in Jo'burg to be counted in as the clock counts down. Just three weeks in St Helena is unthinkable for Sandra and Barry Gill. They are getting increasingly frustrated and even desperate at being 'imprisoned' in the UK and unable to visit their Hutt's Gate home.

The Senior Medical Officer, Dr Carlos Soto, told the *Independent*, "At the moment we are not doing Hypoxic challenge test but I am working with my colleagues to see which way we can do those tests so will be able to assist those Saints willing to come to the island", meanwhile, Sandra and Barry wonder if they will get to St Helena ever again. The *Independent* asked the Senior Medical Officer if the lack of equipment to perform Fit to Fly tests meant that Island residents with severe respiratory conditions are unable to be treated in South Africa because they are unable to fly. At the time of going to print a reply was still awaited.

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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I read with interest Councillor Cyril Leo's letter headed, 'The Constitution' in last week's Independent (1st. Nov.) I agree with much of what he wrote and especially the need for Councillors to take ownership running government. They do need to be much more in the driving seat and be seen to be more accountable.

Whether this is by a ministerial system or developing and restructuring the current system is debatable but a change is definitely needed for them to become more proactive and more in control.

Also, a number of points the Anonymous letter writer wrote are very commendable particularly the bit about considering more saints for positions given to T.C's. provided they have the necessary qualifications and or experience. It was also a very interesting and revealing article by Waylon Thomas on the predicament of Fisheries and fishermen. I often wonder if the relevant authorities take note of such letters — good opportunities lost if they do not.

This aside, my main reason for writing is:

Having just returned from a visit to the UK, I cannot imagine whatever possessed DFID/SGH to consider Johannesburg airport as a suitable hub venue to UK or Europe. Our experience and I know many others, is that it is certainly not a preferred route. I have travelled through many international airport venues in the past and Johannesburg rates as my worst. Furthermore, whichever way one looks at the time taken to get to UK or Europe the total journey takes almost three days there and a further three days to return which includes a wasted day and expense in a Johannesburg hotel. Most potential travellers/tourists and business people will find this unacceptable.

I have no fault with the aircraft which are reasonably comfortable. However, Airlink would seem to be the very poor relation at Jo/burg airport. They are

required to park their aircraft the furthest distance from the terminal baggage collection and immigration points. On arrival from St. Helena we had a bus ride to the terminal and then a 40 minute walk to baggage collection before queuing to face Immigration Control. Luckily I was classified as 'Passenger Assisted' and was fast tracked through immigration in a wheel chair, but even so we did not reach our airport hotel until nearly midnight. For others it would also have been a late night. A day is then wasted before catching an onward flight to UK or Europe.

Following baggage collection, inbound and out bound, we were pestered by numerous independent and airport authorised individuals persisting in wanting to act as baggage porters. They were quite aggressive in their approach and when declining their assistance. Incidentally, the lack of security presence in these areas was very apparent and there was no control over these unwanted individuals.

After booking in for our return flight to St. Helena there is yet another long walk to the departure gate lounge area. Although there were only enough passengers to half fill the aircraft, there was not sufficient seating to accommodate everyone and some had to use an adjacent gate lounge area to be seated or they had to stand. Bearing in mind check-in is supposed to be 2½ hours before departure this means, if one is on time, there is about 1½ hours waiting at the departure gate before boarding commences.

I have heard it said by some in authority there is no alternative to Johannesburg. I, along with many others, would categorically say, 'Yes there is!!' and until this is agreed and pursued we will not see any significant increase in tourist numbers or our economy on St. Helena. In the absence of a direct flight from UK/Europe, it has long been held that Cape Town would be a more suitable hub. By using Cape Town, which is a much better airport, there would also be the option to include an attractive 3 day package in Cape Town with excursions to the beautiful scenic wine growing area's, the Garden Route, Robin Island and perhaps a Mini Safari or a number of other attractions. Cruise ship companies successfully promote this type of option to their holidays for overseas passengers joining their ships at Cape Town and it proves

a viable and no doubt profitable option.

Finally, DFID, SHG and Councillors may indeed have some good ideas but so do some other people on island. They should be listened to and their thoughts/ideas considered as possible ways forward because at the moment we appear stagnant. Being stagnant in today's world results in actually going backwards. As Lord Ashcroft commented, 'It takes far too long for things to happen on St. Helena'.

**Yours sincerely,
Rev. Jack Horner J.P.**

THE WOMEN'S CORONA SOCIETY SPONSORED BUSY HANDS

Busy hands hosted by Mrs Patsy Flagg at Harlyn on Wednesday 16th October 2019, was very successful. Altogether there were 14 participants each doing different activities using their hands for 2 hours. A variety of activities were laptop work, knitting, sorting photographs, card and letter writing, copy recipes, making waste paper basket from newspapers etc.

At the end of the session we all gathered in the dining room for the prize presentation by our President Mrs Flagg who then thank everyone for their efforts support and presented each participant with a gift.

The overall amount made from sponsors was £502.60.

Most money collected was won by Carolyn Richards 1st prize with £70, Joyce Williams 2nd prize with £50, Rosemary Mittens with £43.10.

This was followed by tea and a variety of refreshments also provided by Mrs Flagg,

On behalf of us all we extend a big thank you to Mrs Flagg for her hospitality and for organising this function at her home to support our corona funds.

Doreen Bagley (secretary)

Correction

The article "**Porteous House**" (St Helena Independent VOLUME XIV ISSUE 47, 25th OCTOBER 2019) by Barbara George was sourced from the Saint Helena Island Info website at <http://sainthelenaisland.info/lostbuildings.htm>

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Vince,

I would like to thank Paul Laban for raising some important issues in the Indy last week. Although the resilience forum publishes information each week it would appear some points are not getting through so Paul has created a great opportunity to answer these points.

1. The borehole used during the airport construction which is often referred to as 'Borehole 5' was never shut down. It is a valuable source of water for us and last month contributed 10.5 million litres of water, that is 31% of all the water supplied came from Borehole 5.

2. It is a common misconception that crops can receive saline water. The reality of the situation is that humans are more tolerant to salt than crops so we can't send saline water to farmers.

3. Water is taken from the run at Chubbs Spring and pumped up to Scotts Mill. Last month 4.3 million litres which would have otherwise flowed to the ocean and equates to 13% of the supplied volume was recovered from the run. If we take into account water

Right to Reply

consumed in Jamestown as well then we have 31% of the entire Island's water supply originates in Jamestown. We need to leave what is called an environmental flow in all water courses otherwise the wildlife can be killed, this is why New Bridge Pond fills. However the vast majority of water in the run is either processed at Chubbs Spring and supplied to Jamestown customers or is pumped to Scotts Mill Reservoir.

4. We don't own the water in New Bridge Pond and do not prevent anyone from taking water from there.

5. The question of piping this water to residents of Jamestown has been raised a number of times. We provided the costs to Elected Members who were enquiring on behalf of residents. The costs for any new connection needs to be paid by whoever needs the new connection and although we provided cost estimates we considered them unaffordable because of the amount of work which needs to be done. That does not mean to say that we need to do the work, residents could engage with a private contractor to provide their supplies, the mains would need to be to our specification and we would then adopt them and maintain them. However it is unlikely that the costs provided by a private contractor would be materially different.

6. The long overdue maintenance of reservoirs and catchments is an essen-

tial component of water security. Boreholes are either used for production purposes or for monitoring of the water table. All previous studies fed into some hydrogeological assessment in 2016 which informs the likely sources of underground water. We are bidding for some sophisticated equipment which can establish the quantity of water below ground in any particular location (a bit like an X-Ray machine), this is being undertaken as part of Darwin Plus works and will further increase the science behind any further exploration.

7. In regard to wage structures, the company benchmarks salaries to other employers. Senior members of staff have their salaries set by the company's Remuneration Committee which consists entirely of Non-Executive Directors. An important element of any pay system is that nobody can determine their own pay.

Thanks again to Paul for raising these issues and to the public for showing continued restraint in their use of water. As we enter the Summer months continued restraint is an essential component in ensuring our water stocks remain until we receive sufficient rainfall to replenish our reservoirs.

Regards

Barry Hubbard

**Chief Executive Officer –
Connect Saint Helena Ltd.**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

The island has never been in such a bad state of affairs as far as water is concerned as we are at this present time and on reflection, I feel we all should give praise where it is due.

For the first time in history many homes on St. Helena are receiving their domestic water from a bore hole in Dry Gut to assist with the small supply of water coming from a few springs. I believe it is because "Connect" The Company

responsible for our domestic and irrigation water, has exhausted all other avenues for water so, Basil Reads bore holes, (The construction company that built the Airport just recently,) has come in very handy supplying water for our domestic use almost island wide during this very severe drought.

I have heard many media announcements recently refer to bore whole 4/5 but no information is given to the amount of water pumped from the bore hole over a 24 hour period or whatever. When Basil Read had the contract to build the airport, the actual construction and earth removal was no problem to the contractor but the amount of water required for such a vast project presented a big problem. Connect St. Helena Ltd could supply water only during the time of plenty at a price, and construction work would cease until wa-

ter reserves were healthy again. This situation was a worry for the contractor and it called for many serious discussions including the investigation of installing a costly desalination plant. It was St. Helenian Alan Hudson, a qualified engineer working at the time for Basil Read who offered his water diviner knowledge to search for water in the surrounding area of Prosperous Bay for the contractor to tap into that would save some money on the project. He was aware not approach any of the current water catchment areas or pull from any underground streams that were currently supplying the island's needs. He had to identify deep underground water that would be surplus to the domestic water usage on island. Alan spent a few weeks searching for water and pin pointed

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many places on the map where water could be found. He could even identify the depth and the amount present. He took his diviner stick to re-check making sure he did not overlook anything and presented his plan to the CEO of Basil Read. This called for a series of meetings with all engineers of the company including SHG before proceeding to the next stage of the project. Basil Read was happy with the result of Alan's discovery and then the company decided to import a drilling rig and drillers. Within a few weeks the MP Glory 4 ar-

rived and work commenced drilling in Ruperts Valley for water, as water was needed for the Wharf project as well as the airport site.

Alan had marked the exact spots for the driller, and there was a time I recall when the driller moved about four metres from the marked position. The drillers gave up after they reached 63 metres and found no water and reported to Alan that his location was incorrect. Alan found that the drillers did not drill in the exact spot where he had marked and placed them on target and watched the drilling progress. After reaching a depth of 63 metres, water spouted about 4 metres into the air indicating that water had been found and in abundance. Several holes were drilled in Dry Gut during the short period of time the rig was on island and it paid dividends. The Airport Project got under way with water in abundance throughout the four year period of the airport project. Thanks to Alan. He also

designed the main wharf landing steps that has been used by many people stepping ashore from a boat. That is a fine piece of marine engineering that still remains intact and used to this very day.

I cannot recall anyone in authority giving praise to Alan Hudson for his sterling work for this island. I am speaking from experience. I archived video all of the Airport Project including the drilling for water and at this moment in time when we are receiving our life giving water from one of the bore holes discovered by a Saint to assist the dwindling domestic water flows island wide, we should be asking ourselves where is it coming from. Well done Alan, you are to be congratulated and you deserve a medal for what you have done. Your expertise may be required again in the future if this hot weather continues.

Sincerely
Tony Leo

Low Priority for Funding the Overseas Territories

It will be no surprise if not one word will be uttered by any politician anywhere about the British Overseas Territories in the run-up to the December UK general election. The total population of all British Overseas Territories is about 265,000; enough to justify four MPs in the House of Commons based on an average of roughly 65,000 people in each of the UK constituencies. Instead we have no representation and no influence; and as far as the Overseas Territories are concerned, the UK politicians have no comment at election time.

Most of the (heated) debate will continue to be about Brexit. There will also be the Scots taking the opportunity to argue for a second referendum on independence, the Welsh arguing for more self-governance and the Northern Irish split between keeping the Union with Britain and uniting with the Republic of Ireland. It is all a big mess with potentially disastrous consequences. As sure as night follows day, the Overseas Territories will be caught up in it all but will only be able to watch from the sidelines.

The big UK election issue for Overseas Territories is, who will fill the European Union (EU) funding gap if and when Brexit happens; deal or no deal? The Conservatives, the outgoing UK Government took a long time to say anything meaningful when regularly asked this question. Their latest position was that they would guarantee EU funding levels for the next two or three years. After that, it's uncharted territory. No statement from the UK Labour Party can be found on the Overseas Territories in connection with funding levels from the UK Government or the impact of Brexit on the territories. The focus of attention within the Labour Party appears to be twisting the arms of Caribbean Overseas Territories to adopt international finance agreements before the Caribbean financial centres say it is in their interests to do so.

Then there is the Liberal Democrats. A very long shot in terms

of being the political party to form the next UK government but their position is clear and is the most favourable in terms securing the current funding levels for the future. If the Liberal Democrats had anything to do with it Brexit would be called off within minutes of a Liberal Democrat prime minister having the first meeting with Her Majesty. From our point of view, EU funding would then continue as normal and you would not have to worry about renewing your passport either.

The other UK political parties are either nationalist (Scots, Welsh and Northern Irish) or single issue (Brexit Party, UKIP) and the Green Party, which has a passing mention of the British Overseas Territories in connection with pollution in the oceans. The nationalist parties are more concerned with becoming overseas territories, (of a sort) themselves and single issue parties usually suffer a quick death. The Greens have even less chance than the Liberal Democrats under the UK system of voting in government elections.

Where does all this leave us in the overseas territories? We will continue to rely for political support on individual sympathetic politicians with a personal interest in the overseas territories together with organisations such as the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum, The St Helena All Party Parliamentary Group, the RSPB and, now and then, House of Commons Committees. Will the funding gap caused by the UK leaving the EU ever be filled? We will have to wait and see.

For Sale

Silver Cross Pram with fitted car seat and basket.
£120.00 ONO

Graco Travel Cot with baby changing facilities. £45.00 ONO
Wooden cot with mattress. £90.00 ONO

I can be contacted on T. 25375 after working hours.

NOMINATIONS FOR BYE-ELECTION 2019

The deadline for submission of nominations for the 2019 Bye-Election to fill the vacant seat on Legislative Council is at noon on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

Remember, anyone can stand for election if they are 21 years of age or over and are on the Register of Electors published in an Extraordinary St Helena Government Gazette on 18 October 2019.

Nomination forms can be obtained from the Castle Reception, Customer Services Centre and the Public Library in Jamestown or from Returning Officer, Carol George, or Assistant Returning Officers, Gillian Francis or Anita Legg, at the Castle. Forms can also be downloaded from the SHG website.

Candidates should ensure that they have included all of the following when submitting their Nomination:

- Full name and signature of the Candidate
- Full names and signatures of two Sponsors witnessed by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Justice of the Peace
- Full names and signatures of five Supporters witnessed by anyone on the Register of Electors dated 18 October 2019

As there is only one vacant seat on Legislative Council, Sponsors and Supporters can only sponsor or support one candidate.

Completed Nomination Forms should be submitted to the Returning Officer, Carol George, at the Castle by no later than the above deadline. Any nomination forms submitted after noon on 13 November 2019 cannot be accepted.

If more than one valid Nomination is received St Helena will go to the Polls.

Polling Day has been set for Wednesday, 27 November 2019.

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MINIMUM WAGE PUBLIC CONSULTATION REMINDER

The public is reminded that St Helena Government (SHG) is currently consulting on an increase to the Minimum Wage from 1 April 2020. Those wishing to respond to this consultation have up until 4pm on Monday, 18 November 2019, to do so.

Minimum Wage

The Minimum Wage per hour is currently £3.13 (for persons over 18) and £2.18 (for persons aged 16 or 17).

The Employment Rights Committee is consulting on **three options** for this period of consultation on an increase to the Minimum Wage from 1 April 2020:

1. An increase of 9p (2.9%) to £3.22 for persons over 18

This is a 0% real increase in the Minimum Wage as the increase is in line with inflation. The Minimum Wage for persons aged 16 or 17 would also increase by 9p to £2.27.

2. An increase of 5p (1.6%) to £3.18 for persons over 18.

This is a -1.3% real change in the Minimum Wage, after inflation is taken into account. The Minimum Wage for persons aged 16 or 17 would also increase by 5p to £2.23.

3. No increase

This is a -2.9% real change in the Minimum Wage as there is no increase to keep in line with inflation.

Consultation

SHG would like to hear your opinions on the options provided, and how the changes might affect you or your business.

If you would like to respond to this consultation by the Employment Rights Committee, please contact the Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, by email: nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh or calling: 22470 by the above deadline. Anyone wishing to discuss the matter in person can also do so by booking an appointment with Nicole before the consultation closes.

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2019

Remembrance Sunday falls on 10 November 2019. On that day The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena Dale Bowers will conduct a Divine Service at the Cenotaph. His Excellency the Governor will attend. All persons wishing to take part in the Divine Service are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph by no later than 10.40am.

It is on this day that we not only remember with gratitude those persons who fought and lost their lives in the violence of War but we also honour and pay tribute to those who served and survived these Wars. A special place will be reserved at the Cenotaph for serving and ex-servicemen and women and also those who served on the old RMS St Helena during the 1982 Falklands War. It is hoped that many will attend the Service.

There will be a First Aid Station on the deck at Donny's and those participating in the parade including spectators are welcome to make use of these facilities if required. You are also reminded to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water before and during the Service.

Please contact Connie Johnson on telephone number 22470 at the Castle if further information is required.

Mrs Gillian Francis
Deputy Chief Secretary
The Castle, Jamestown
4 November 2019



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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

ROAD AND PARKING SPACES CLOSURE

The public is advised that the Highways Authority has given approval for the road and area surrounding the Cenotaph to Donny's Place, and five parking spaces in front of the Court House, to be closed on the morning of Sunday, 10 November 2019, in order for the Remembrance Sunday Service to take place.

The road and area surrounding the Cenotaph as well as the parking spaces in front of the Court House will be closed from 3am on Sunday, 10 November, until the service has been concluded.

Appropriate signs will be in place and the public is thanked in advance for their cooperation.

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DRIVING TESTS UPDATE

The following is a public announcement from the Police Directorate:

The public is advised that, further to a previous announcement, Driving Tests will be available for the public on Monday, 2 December, and Thursday, 12 December 2019.

Anyone wishing to book a Driving Test on these dates should do so by calling: 23695 or emailing: police.vehicleinspector@helanta.co.sh **by no later than Friday, 15 November 2019.**

The public is thanked in advance for their cooperation and understanding.

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Farmers Masterclass No.2

Pest & Disease Control in Tunnel Production

Tuesday 19th November 2019

09.30am —12.30pm

at

Harpers Agriculture Centre

Prince Andrew School

ANRD are running the second Masterclass for farmers which will focus on Pest & Disease Control in Polytunnels. It will also cover topics regarding crop hygiene, scouting techniques, identification and controlling methods.

Lunch will be provided

Places are open to all and must be booked in advance by Telephone Number 24724 to the Farmers Support Office at Scotland or email edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

Please book by 4pm on Friday 15th November 2019

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, SCOTLAND, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, STHL 1ZZ

November 2019

Invitation to Tender

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

Refurbishment of White Gate House, St Paul's

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Tiffany Lawrence

Procurement Officer

Essex House

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 14 November 2019, at 10am, meeting at White Gate, St Paul's. If you are unable to attend the site visit during this time, please contact the Procurement Officer to arrange another date & time.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 28 November 2019.

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



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www.sainthelenabank.com

Business Account Packages Upgraded

Please be advised that with effect from 01 December 2019 Bank of St Helena **Business Account Packages** will be restructured as follows.

Package	Details	Monthly Fee
Basic	Local Debit Card	Free
	One Free Monthly Statement	
Standard	Local Debit Card	£5.00
	One free Cheque Book per month	
	Online Banking view/download statements/ 20 Account Transfers or International Payments/1 Journal	
	£300.00 Interest-Free Overdraft	
Premium	Local Debit Card	£30.00
	Online Banking Services (View/download Statements/unlimited Account Transfers/unlimited journals/unlimited International Payments/BACs/Direct Debit)	
	£500.00 Interest-Free Overdraft	

For further information on these changes, or to apply for a business Account Package please contact Bank Customer Services on telephone 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

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Payroll and Direct Debit Processing Fees

Please be advised that with effect from 01 December 2019 manual processing fees for Payrolls and Direct Debit payments will increase from £0.50 to £1.00, per transaction.

For further information on these changes, please contact Bank Customer Services on telephone 22390 or email customerservices@sainthelenabank.com

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VACANCY FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ Teaching Assistants to work within either the Primary, Secondary or Inclusion sectors on a fixed-term basis. The successful candidate will be employed to support the learning and development needs of particular pupil/s with Special Educational Needs.

Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning of a child/children in the school/classroom environment.


Salary payable ranges from TA1, £7,226 per annum to TA.2, £7,562 per annum, depending upon qualifications.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone number 22607 or e-mail kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A full job description and application forms, which are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Tuesday, 19 November 2019.



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.

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education & Employment
7 November 2019





TIP OF THE WEEK

**Recycle your
washing up
water to water
your garden.**



For Sale



**1.8L Ford Petrol Ranger, 2005
model
£4500.00**

**Contact Henry Thorpe:
henry@thorpes.sh or 22781**



AUDIT ST HELENA invites applications for the following job vacancies

ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £8,067 to £9,904 per annum

Commencing January 2020

The Assistant Auditor will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades in English and Mathematics, and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills, and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

ANALYST INTERN

Salary range £10,550 to £13,241 per annum

9-month fixed term internship – July 2020 to March 2021

The analyst intern will undertake performance audits under supervision and assist with financial audits across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE in English and Mathematics with further studies in a quantitative discipline (economics/ business management/ accounting/ finance or similar) to diploma level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

SENIOR AUDITOR

Salary range £14,845 to £19,020 per annum

12-month fixed-term contract commencing January 2020

The Senior Auditor's primary role is to undertake the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across SHG and other public entities in accordance with auditing standards.

Candidates will be a part-qualified accountant or holding the Level 4 Diploma in Accounting and Business or Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) qualification. Applicants should also have a minimum of three years' experience in audit or finance, and at least one year in a supervisory capacity, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting frameworks.

We are looking for a team player with good communication and people management skills who is able plan, prioritise and project manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of Caseware is desirable.

AUDITOR INTERN

Salary range £10,550 to £13,241 per annum

9-month fixed term internship – July 2020 to March 2021

The auditor intern will undertake financial audits under supervision and assist with performance across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE in English and Mathematics with further studies in accounting or finance to diploma level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

Job Profiles and Application Forms are available by calling 22111 or emailing belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Applications should be submitted by hand or by email to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on Thursday, 21 November 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and police 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.



SHORT FIXED-TERM CONTRACTS WITH ENRP AND I&T

- **Are you unemployed?**
- **Looking for a short fixed-term contract opportunity?**
- **Want to give something back to the Island?**

The Roads Section and Forestry Section are seeking Expressions of Interest from up to 20 persons to carry out road verge cleaning and forestry worker tasks on a three-day basis for an 11 week contract. Salary will be at £65.67 per week.

If you would like to assist us with our fieldwork priorities to maintain our forest estate and to improve our Island road network then this is the role for you.

How can you express an interest?

Please come to our Open House at the Scotland Office or Essex House on Wednesday, 13 November 2019, from 9am to 1pm to talk to members of the team and to find out more on how to register your interest.

Informal interviews will be held on Thursday, 14 November 2019, at the Scotland Office and Essex House from 9am to 1pm.

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.

This will be the first round of recruitment for these roles and we look forward to having you join our team. For more information please contact Miss Karen Thomas, HR Manager, at Essex House.

**Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate
Infrastructure & Transport Directorate
SHG
4 November 2019**

VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (CHILDREN & ADULT SERVICES)

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

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Responsible for the day-to-day general administrative duties of the section.
- Provide a first point of contact by receiving and addressing public and business enquiries from members of the public and visiting professionals either by telephone or in person.
- Responsible for managing and maintaining the Sections manual and electronic filing system including archived material ensuring that paper files are stored in relevant locations and readily accessible.
- Provide administrative and secretarial support for staff meetings, multi-agency and ad hoc meetings.

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 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 Ms Adele McMahon, Team Manager (Children's Services) on telephone number 23312 or e-mail: Adele.McMahon@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate, should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Monday, 18 November 2019.

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.

Children & Adult Social Care Directorate

4 November 2019



Temporary Vacancy – Business Support Administrator (Customer)

Connect Saint Helena is seeking the services of a temporary Business Support Administrator to commence work as soon as possible for a period of approximately 3 months in the first instance.

Duties of the post includes being the primary receptionist representing the company as the first point of contact, disseminating outage announcements to customers and the media, dealing with customer queries, issuing local purchase orders and fuel requisitions; processing and monitoring applications for new or additional service connections and providing administrative and clerical support as required.

Ideally the candidate will have experience in a customer focussed environment, background in administration, have excellent communication skills, and be competent in the use of Microsoft Word and Excel. GCSE English and Maths at grade C or above is also a requirement for the role.

For further information on this temporary post, please contact Carol Thompson on 22255 at the Connect Saint Helena Ltd office at Seales Corner, Jamestown.

Application forms & full job descriptions are available - email Carol.Thompson@connect.co.sh

Closing date for applications is Friday 15 November 2019 at 12:00 noon



Vacancy - Water Treatment Team Leader

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably experienced person to fill the position of Water Treatment Team Leader in their Water Division.

The successful candidate will work as part of a team responsible for the day to day management and maintenance of the Island's water treatment plants, processes and systems. Other tasks include being responsible for the collection of water samples for laboratory testing, this is critical duty and must be carried out with diligence and accuracy through following the correct procedures.

Interested persons should have a minimum of 2 years supervisory skills, excellent communication skills, be computer literate, have a sound knowledge of Health and Safety in the workplace, have a 'can do' approach to problem solving and possess a valid drivers' licence. Experience with water treatment plant operating systems is desirable.

Salary for the post will depend on skills and experience. This is a permanent position within the Company. For further information, a full job description and further details on the Company's benefits package please contact Carol Thompson on 22255 or email Carol at carol.thompson@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson at the above email address or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, 13 November 2019.





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St Helena Community College Training Opportunity

Are you interested in learning French Language?

Would you like to brush up on your French Skills?

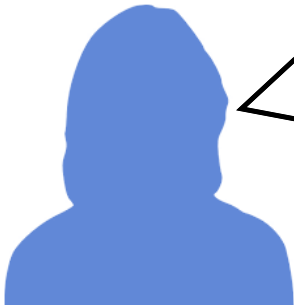
If so, register with St Helena Community College!

FREE Taster Session:

Join the St Helena Community College for a French Language Taster session on Monday, 11 November 2019 commencing at 17.00hrs.

This Taster Session is **FREE** and is open to interested members of the Community.

Join this session to find out more about this French Language Training Opportunity.



One of the most widely spoken languages in the world: French is not only a widespread and powerful language of business, it is also a beautiful Language to learn.

This course is geared towards conversational French vocabulary that will help you deal with everyday situations such as meeting and greeting people. In this course you will learn to speak French words, French phrases and French dialogue.

French Language Training:

Sign up with the St Helena Community College for French Language training on Monday, 18 November 2019 commencing at 17.00hrs.

Registrations for this course will be accepted until Wednesday, 13 November 2019 .

For further information and/or to register for the above course please contact:

Carley Peters, Administration Officer or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Training Co-ordinator
on telephone 22607 or email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh



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Expressions of Interest for Training Opportunities.

**Are you interested in developing your knowledge or obtaining a new skill?
Would you be interested in participating in any of the following opportunities?**

If so, register your interest NOW!

Asbestos Training:

In this course candidates will be made aware of the properties of asbestos. More specifically, where Asbestos has been used in buildings and when it may present a risk. Candidates would be shown how to protect themselves from the risk of exposure to airborne asbestos fibres. You will also be shown how to comply with the health and safety rules of asbestos legislation.

Scaffolding Training:

The aim of the training is to provide candidates with the working knowledge and skills in the methods of the basic safe erection and dismantling of basic scaffolds. The Course will also make persons aware of the health and safety risks.

Blasters/Shot firers relicensing & Blasters Assistant training:

This course is for persons working within the quarrying industry. It covers an introduction to Explosives and Initiation Systems; Blast Layouts, Initiation & Timing. Candidates will be made aware of Transport & Storage of Explosives, the importance of Ventilation. Information on Dust & Gases and Special Blasting Procedures are also taught.

Safety, health & Environment for Construction Training:

The course provides the core knowledge your workers need to stay safe and embeds the good understanding and techniques needed to keep others safe too. The course will cover the importance of risk assessments and method statements and the development process, site requirements for the welfare of construction workers on site and hazards and controls associated with construction sites and activities including working at height and confined spaces.

18th Edition Electrical Training:

This course is for practicing electricians, engineers and designers who are working to the BS 7671 2008 (Amendment 3 2015) and need to update their knowledge to the latest requirements from the Institution of Engineering and Technology Wiring Regulations.

Alternatively if there is a course that you would like to enrol on or a new skill that you'd like to obtain that currently isn't being offered then please contact us and we will see whether we can accommodate this in the future.

For further information about the above opportunities and/or to register your interest please contact:

Carley Peters, Administration Officer or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Training Co-ordinator
on telephone 22607 or email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh

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**St. Helena Cricket
Association**

PRESS RELEASE

St Helena Cricket Season 2019/20

The Annual General meeting of the St Helena Cricket Association took place on Thursday 31 October. On the agenda was the confirmation of last year's minutes, review of audited accounts for year-end December 2018, election of committee members and preparations for the 2019/20 season.

Those in attendance agreed the minutes and accounts for 2018 and thanked association secretary Barbara George and association treasurer Dax Richards for their efforts. Copies of these documents are available to all members/players by contacting one of the committee members.

Election of committee members

The election of committee members saw three long-standing members step down from their positions. Terrence Richards (President), Dax Richards (Treasurer) and Barbara George (Secretary) have between them served the committee for over two decades, and the entire association thanks them for their hard work and dedication to the sport on St Helena during each of their tenures. AGM attendees elected Damien O'Bey as the Association's new President, Damian Burns as Treasurer and Cliff Richards as Secretary. Derek Richards was re-elected as Vice-President. The rest of the committee is made up of team captains from the following registered teams:

Levelwood Allstarz:	Gareth Johnson
Royal Challengers:	Cliff Richards
Sandy Bay Pirates:	Rhys Francis
Western Mustangs:	Travoy Stevens
Western Woodpeckers:	Anthony George
Jamestown Heat:	Damien O'Bey

2020 league, district and knock out tournaments

The 2020 league tournament will start Saturday 30 November. The deadline for registration of teams and players has been extended to Friday 15 November. Entrance fees for remain the same as last year at £220 per team. Those interested in playing can contact one of the above captains or alternatively are encouraged to register a new team by contacting any of the committee members.

District captains are reminded that when selecting players they can only choose players in the first instance registered as a resident of the respective district at the beginning of the season.

Training

Training continues to take place in the hall at Prince Andrew School every Thursday at 4.30pm. All are welcome to join.

**SHCA
Nov 2019**

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/98:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Car Port**, Longwood Hangings on Parcel 0285 Longwood South, adjacent to the property of Mr Neil Henry. Applicant: Delia Henry.
2. **Application 2019/99:** FULL Planning Application for **Demolition of Existing House and Construction of New Three Bedroom Dwelling**, Nr the Ever Green Tree, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel 0112 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to the property of Mr Nathan Fowler. Applicant: Shaun Keith Jonas.
3. **Application 2019/100:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling**, Head O' Wain on Parcel 010061 Thompsons Hill, adjacent to the property of Mrs Marjorie Harding. Applicant: Neil Patrick Bennett.
4. **Application 2019/101:** HYBRID Application: PART FULL and PART OUTLINE Planning Application, **with Environmental Impact Assessment for Comprehensive Development Area for around 160 plus Residential Units, Retail Uses, Community Facilities and Open Space and Access Road to the Development Area, Internal Road Layout and all Utilities to Service the Area**, Bunkers Hill on Parcels 0173 Alarm Forest and 0046 Rupert's Valley. Applicant: Nigel George.
5. **Application 2019/102:** FULL Planning Application for **Formation of Access Road**, Alarm Forest Parcel 0427 Alarm Forest, adjacent to the property of Anthony & Wendy Henry. Applicant: Infrastructure & Transport Directorate, St Helena Government.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number you wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days for applications 2019/98, 2019/99, 2019/100 and 2019/102 and within 28 days for application 2019/101 to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date for applications 2019/98 - 2019/100 and 2019/102: 4pm – 22 November 2019

Public Representation Closing Date for application 2019/101: 4 pm – 5 December 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



A REFRESHING AND RELAXING COFFEE MORNING WAS HELD AT THE BLUE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE LAST SATURDAY HOSTED TO RAISE FUNDS FOR THE DISTRICT'S ST HELENA AND THE CROSS CHURCH. A WONDERFUL ARRAY OF SWEET AND SAVOURY FINGER FOODS DECORATED THE TABLES MUCH TO THE DELIGHT OF THE 50+ INVITED GUESTS. A RAFFLE AND STALL SUPPLEMENTED FUNDS RAISED, WHICH THE ORGANISERS (LED BY MRS ETHEL STEVENS) WERE VERY PLEASED WITH.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

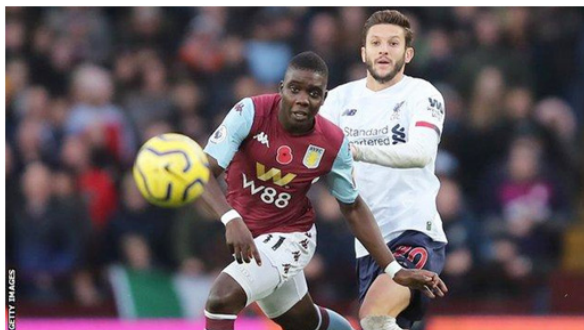
It was the case of late comebacks for the top two teams in the English Premier League last Saturday.

Liverpool went behind to Villa in the 21st minute and the Birmingham team held the lead for 66 minutes before Robertson equalised with just 3 minutes of normal time to go. The winner from Mane came in the last minute of injury time.

It look like Liverpool's ten month unbeaten run was going to come to an end; but it's seems like Klopp have been handed the gift of securing late goals and winning even when they are playing below par. Man United's managerial legend Sir Alex Ferguson instilled the never give up attitude in his teams and this contributed to many league titles. Surely if Klopp team continues in this form and picking up points against the odds, Liverpool will pick up that elusive first Premier League title.

Aston Villa on the other hand has shown enough skill and grit to remain in the Premier League this season.

If Liverpool gains a win or even a draw at Anfield against Man City this coming Sunday surely they will have one hand on the trophy even at this early stage.



Man of the match - Marvelous Nakamba

Like Liverpool, Man City went behind to an early goal against Southampton. The Saints who shipped 9 goals in their previous match put up a battling performance and came within minutes of taking a point from the Etihad Stadium after Aguero equalised Ward- Prowes opener. Kyle Walker scored the winner for the Champions with just 4 minutes of the game remaining.

Despite dominating possession, City found it difficult to create chances for most of the game - and not just because of the commitment of Southampton's players and their inclination to throw themselves into the path of every shot or cross from the home side.

When City did manage to clear a shot at goal, they were wasteful. Southampton's players had shown their character and tenacity in defence, City did the same in front of goal to finally force their way through.



Match winner and man of the match Kyle Walker

After recent positive results, we Manchester United fans was looking forward to our team's trip to the South Coast to face Bournemouth with new founded optimism. Despite a really

good start to the game our team went backwards in terms of a good football display.

After the initial good start the players went into their shell and the mistakes started to happen. Josh King's goal which came late in the first half was down to a number of defensive errors. Bournemouth had further chances to score. Substitute Mason Greenwood came closest for United as he hit the post moments after coming on as a substitute.

The worrying situation we find ourselves in as Man U fans is that although we are capable of taking points of the top teams we are equally capable of losing to the lesser teams. Ole need to make the most of the next two transfer windows to turn our fortunes around.



Give Ole time to save us....at least up until season 2020/2021

Arsenal woes continue as they drop points at home against Wolves. Boos' rang out at the Emirates Stadium after Arsenal surrender a lead given to them by Aubameyang only for Jimenez to equalised for Wolves.

After a slow start Wolves has now collected 10 points from a possible 18. They are currently the Premier Leagues' comeback kings.

Chelsea's good form continues as they defeated Watford 2-1. Chelsea was leading Watford 2 nil and but for Watford keeper Ben Foster the lead should have been greater. However a disputed VAR decision handed Watford a penalty with 10 minutes to go and with seconds to go Goal keeper Foster almost got the equaliser when his diving header was brilliant saved by Chelsea keeper Kepa Arrizabalaga.



Tammy Abrahams 10 goals so far this season

In other matches on Saturday Brighton defeated Norwich 2-0. Sheffield United beat Burnley 3-0 with another impressive performance.

Newcastle went 3-0 up away at West Ham and despite 2 late goals from the 'Hammers' they held on to take a deserved win.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

On Sunday yet another great attacking performance from Leicester City saw they remain in 3rd place just 2 points behind Man City.

Leicester has certainly got the players to force themselves into the Champions League spots. They are now capable of beating any of the top teams.

Everton's 1-1 draw with Spurs was marred by the horrific injury to Andre Gomes. Gomes was tackled from behind by Son Heung Min as a result dislocated his ankle. Initially Son was shown a yellow card but after seeing the injury the Referee changes it to red. This Red card has now being rescinded. Both sets of players including Son were distraught by this injury.

Dele Alli had given Tottenham the lead only for substitute Tosun to equalised 7 minutes into injury time. Earlier, VAR turn down a penalty claim for Everton when the ball clearly struck Dele Allie raised arm.

Again this weekend the inconsistency of VAR has come into question. This is technology used by Humans so off course there will be mistakes; what I don't get is why not let the referee make those human errors. VAR is taking the joy out of the game.



Son Heung Min in tears after his challenge on Gomes

There are some interesting matches this weekend in the EPL, none bigger than the top of the table clash at Anfield on Sunday at 4.30pm when Liverpool host Manchester City.

Match week 12 starts on Friday night with Norwich host Watford in the clash of the bottom two.

Saturday matches will see Chelsea host Crystal Palace at 12.30. 3pm matches will see Burnley play at home against West Ham; Newcastle play Bournemouth; Southampton host Everton and Sheffield United will travel down to North London to face Tottenham Hotspur.

The late match at 5.30pm will see inform Leicester City face a struggling Arsenal side at the King Power stadium.

On Sunday Manchester United will play their first home game in a while as they host Brighton at 2pm. Also at 2pm Wolves will face Aston Villa at home.



Clash of the weekend....title decider?????

In the Champions League this week; Liverpool beat Genk 2-1; Chelsea came from 4-1 down to draw 4-4 with Ajax, Spurs beat Red Star Belgrade 4-0 and Man City drew 1-1 with Atalanta.



Junior Football Results and Fixtures:

Jungle Rangers 5 v Yellow Devils 4

G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 3 & Blaze Baldwin 2

G/S Yellow Devils: Zac Francis 1; Kenin Bargo 1 & Aden Thomas-Stevens 2

POM: Blaze Baldwin & Aden Thomas-Stevens

Titans 6 v Skyscrapers 3

G/S Titans: Jolan Henry 3; Colby Richards 2 & Ethan Johnson 1

G/S Skyscrapers: Kieran Williams 1; Jerome Peters 1 & McCoy Williams 1

POM: Aidan Plato

Fixtures: Saturday 9th November Futsal Cup Semi Finals

9.15: Yellow Devils v Young Rebels

9.15am: Galacticos v Rangers



SHFA

Knock Out Cup Semi Finals

Saturday 9th November

1.30: Wirebirds v Harts

3.30: Lakers v Bellboys

Welsh Football Coach Merv Williams will arrive next Saturday and will under-take a 12 day coaching programme starting from Monday 18th November until Friday 29th November. Weekday sessions will be 4.45-6.45 and weekend sessions are 11am-1.30pm.

Under 15's sessions will take place on Saturday 23rd and Sunday 24th 9am-11am.

What's happening at New Horizons

The 2019 Youth Games will officially start next Friday at 5.30pm with the Volleyball Tournament sponsored by Queen Mary Stores.

The Badminton will however take place prior to the opening. Badminton sponsored by Wendy Benjamin will take place at Francis Plain on Tuesday 12th November starting at 5.30pm. The Youth Games is opened to youngsters between the ages of 11 and 18 years.

We are currently collecting donations for our annual Christmas Bazaar which will be held at New Horizons Leisure Park on Saturday 7th December 10am-2pm; everything will be on sale for a £1 or less. Big thanks for all those who have donated so far.

Tickets sales for our Christmas Multi Raffle will be going on sale as from tomorrow. Big thanks to all those people who have donated the wonderful Raffle prizes.

The 50/50 Raffle will also go on Sale from tomorrow. Both Raffle draws will be done on the 19th December.

The New Horizons members Christmas party will take place on Thursday 19th December 5.30pm- 10pm.



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<u>DATE</u>	<u>SPORT</u>	<u>VENUE</u>	<u>SPONSOR</u>
Tues 12 th November `19	Badminton	PAS	Wendy Benjamin
Friday 15 th November `19	Volleyball	New Horizons	Queen Mary Stores
Friday 15 th November `19	Pool	New Horizons	Rosie's
Friday 22 nd November `19	Football	New Horizons	SHFA
Friday 22 nd November `19	Pool	New Horizons	Rosie's
Wedn 27 th November `19	Table Tennis	New Horizons	Blue Lantern
Mond 2 nd December `19	Shooting	HTHRC	NSASH
Thurs 5 th December `19	Shooting	JTRC	NSASH
Friday 6 th December `19	Basketball	New Horizons	Rose & Crown
Friday 6 th December `19	Pool	New Horizons	Rosie's
Wedn 11 th December `19	Pool	New Horizons	Rosie's
Friday 13 th December `19	Pool	New Horizons	Rosie's



Golf Report for Saturday 2nd of November 2019 - Final day of open championship

Saturday the 2nd of October the final round of the Open Championship was completed. With partly cloudy and light wind, 37 players enrolled to play. The final scores of the players, were as follows:

Player name:	Scores Achieve d round 1	Scores Achieve d round 2	Scores Achieve d round 3	Scores round 4			Total after last two rounds	Total after four rounds	Final Ranking	
				First 9	Second 9	Total				
Scott Crowie	82	70	80	35	33	74	154	306	1	Q u a l i f i e r s
Martin Buckley	80	79	80	37	38	75	155	314	2	
Leon Crowie	82	76	81	35	41	76	157	315	3	
Nick Stevens	82	79	82	35	40	75	157	318	4	
Dan Richards	84	81	79	40	46	86	165	330	5	
Paddo Johnson	87	81	83	42	40	82	165	333	6	
Lawson Henry	81	85	86	42	43	85	171	337	7	
Arthur Young	86	84	82	41	44	85	167	337	7	
Norman Thomas	87	81	93	43	43	86	179	347	9	
Bamwell Lumukivana	84	91	86	42	47	89	175	350	10	
Ronald de Reuck	89	87	94	48	44	92	186	362	11	F l i g h t
Larry Legg	87	79	85	NIR	NIR				12	
Brian Joshua	95	83	83	40	44	84	167	345	1	
Arthur Francis	90	87	83	46	44	90	173	350	2	
Pat Henry	87	92	84	48	45	93	177	356	3	
Tony Green	94	91	84	45	45	90	174	359	4	
Deon Robertse	90	90	90	45	46	91	181	361	5	
Neil Joshua	94	83	97	53	50	103	200	377	6	
Martin Cranfield	99	86	94	49	51	100	194	379	7	
Keith Joshua	90	88	120	60	80	160	280	458	8	
George Thomas	89	91	120	NIR	NIR				9	
Philip Francis	95	99	88	48	46	94	182	376	1	F l i g h t
Donald Bowers	92	103	97	46	43	89	186	381	2	
Gerald George	98	92	92	45	57	102	194	384	3	
Peter Johnson	98	93	95	47	51	98	193	384	3	
Lyn Leo	103	87	105	48	49	97	202	392	5	
Ray Yon	98	98	96	51	53	104	200	396	6	
Danny Duncan	96	104	100	55	65	120	220	420	7	
Martin Joshua	96	94	101	NIR	NIR				8	
Hensil Beard	107	97	99	46	49	95	194	398	1	F l i g h t
Tony Winfield	97	106	103	48	48	96	199	402	2	
Leeroy Caswell	102	100	100	57	48	105	205	407	3	
Danny Thomas	107	105	103	52	49	101	204	416	4	
Johnny Carter	113	99	110	50	50	100	210	422	5	
Lourens Malan	108	118	109	61	54	115	224	450	6	
Jeff Ellick	123	114	112	56	56	112	224	461	7	
Gerry Shannon	123	118	116	63	68	131	247	488	8	
Douglas Augustus	109	94	103	NIR	NIR				9	
Anita Robertse	115	104	111	51	47	98	209	428	1	Ladies
Anne George	113	109	106	52	52	104	210	432	2	

The Open Championship was won by Scott Crowie. Eight shots back from Scott and in second place was Martin Buckley. Well done to Scott Crowie who won the Open Championship for the eleventh time.

The A-flight was won by Brian Joshua with Arthur Francis in second place.

B-Flight was won by Philip Francis with Donald Bowers in second place.

C-Flight was won by Hensil Beard with Tony Winfield in second place.

The ladies flight was won by Anita Robertse with Anne George in second place.

Well done to all that participated, especially the winners of each of the flights, ladies competition and the qualifiers.

Three players managed to return a score of two and have won the internal two ball competition, they were Martin Cranfield, Scott Crowie and Martin Buckley. Well done guys.

A big thanks must also go out to Governor Rushbrook for making time and presenting the prizes to all the winners.

Afterwards the members and guests were treated to a curry and rice meal, deliciously made by KJ and Allison. Thanks for your continuous support KJ.

The night was concluded with some music and dancing with music provided by the "Par 3" band and disco by KJ.

This coming weekend there will be no competition. Normal competition resumes on the 17th of October.

Contributed by: Games manager.

Football Knock-Out Competition

Saturday saw the start of the KO competition for the local footballers with Bellboys booking their spot in the semi-final with a Three nil win over Axis.

G/S-Andrew Yon, Matthias Young, Jamie Phillips

MOM – Shane Benjamin of Bellboys

The first game on Sunday saw FC Lakers put four past the Saints, although Saints didn't register a goal they played some good football and should have easily scored, they where reduce to ten man when Anika Leo was sent off for two bookable affence.

G/S- Jorden Johnson 3, Cody Thomas

MOM – Jorden Johnson of FC Lakers

The final game of the weekend saw last year's KO winners Rovers defeated One nil by arch rivals Harts. The first half started with Harts seeing more of the ball with Ryan George and Clayton Benjamin controlling the game well, but as the game went on Rovers where the better team and where winning the midfield battle with Rovers captain Rico Benjamin involved in every attack. Forty five minters flew bye with neither team finding a way to break the deadlock, it wasn't until half way through the second half when a flick by Joey Thomas found its way to the feet of inform striker and Man of the match Shane Stroud, with his weaker foot slammed the ball past the on rushing goalie to give Harts the lead. With twenty minters remaining in the game Rovers were all out attack, some good play down the right wing saw Brett Isaac square the ball to Jacob Duncan but he's shot was deflected onto the crossbar. Harts were sitting deep in their own half defending well but also a threat on the counter with the pace of Sean Lee chasing down every ball. The final whistle came with loud cheers from players and fans with Harts moving onto the semi-final. Sense 2012 Rovers has been in every KO final winning five out of the seven they have played in, that's some achievement from the boys in Black and Yellow.

Fixtures for Saturday the 9th of November

KO Semifinals

1.30 -Harts vs Wirebirds

3.30 -Bellboys vs FC Lakers

Meeting -Yellow Fins

Swimming Club

Monday 25 November 2019

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7pm

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Consumption remains a big issue with rates rising above the 1000 cubic metre mark for the majority of days during the past week.

If daily consumption rates of above 1000 cubic metres continue and the stored water volume subsequently continues to decrease, further Island-wide water restrictions will be imposed.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) are continuing to pump water from boreholes into Red Hill via Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate and this is currently representing over 50% of the stored water stocks. If for any reason pumping was unable to continue, and consumption levels remain above the needed target, the Island would very quickly run out of stored water. This is further hampered by St Helena's current weather with more sunny days forecast and the possibility of only light isolated showers – insufficient to replenish water stocks.

With warm weather patterns and no significant rainfall forecast, it is therefore very important that we keep our water consumption to essential use only.

The public is reminded that we are currently under an Island-wide hosepipe ban. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform CSH immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts – save water now to be safe later

**St Helena Resilience Forum
6 November 2019**



ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

31st October 2019

Richard Alan Young (40) of Jamestown, was convicted of Driving Whilst Over the Prescribed Limit. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order for 160 hours of unpaid work together with costs of £15.00. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 2 years and 51 weeks.

Ryan James Young (24) of Blue Hill, was convicted of Driving Whilst over the Prescribed Limit and Dangerous Driving. He was dealt with by way of a Custodial Sentence of 6 months in respect of the excess alcohol and 2 months custody in respect of the dangerous driving. These sentences are to run concurrently. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 3 years.

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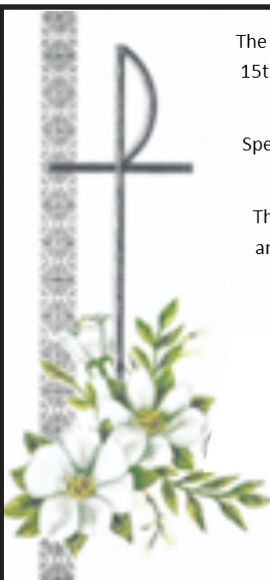


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The Family of the late Vilma Eileen Benjamin of Bottom Woods who passed away on 15th October 2019, would like to thank family and friends who assisted, supported and helped in any way after her passing.

Special thanks to Deacon Bobby and also Mr Michael Moyce for the funeral service and to Mrs Pat Musk, the organist.

Thanks are also extended to Mr Roy Williams and team; those who gave flowers and Colin & Davina for the lovely wreaths; to all who attended the funeral, gave cards of sympathy and the many phone calls expressing condolences.

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