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JEFFREY ELLICK ELECTED AS MEMBER OF LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Jeffery Ellick has been duly elected to serve as a Member of the St Helena Legislative Council.

Returning Officer, Carol George, last night announced the results of the Polls for the Bye-election held yesterday. The total number of votes cast for each candidate was:

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Jeffrey Ellick	208
Gillian Brooks	188
Jeremy Johns	34
Lionel Williams	30
Elizabeth Knine	47

Elizabeth Knipe 17

The Count took place from 8.10pm to just after 9.15pm last night.

In total, 481 votes were cast. This represents approximately 22.4% of those eligible to vote.

There were four invalid ballot papers.

SHG

28 November 2019



Jeffrey Ellick sworn in as Councillor yesterday, Thursday

2020 GLOBAL SULPHUR LIMIT LEGISLATION

The 2020 Global Sulphur Limit legislation will come into effect on 1 January 2020.

From this date, for all ships operating outside designated Emission Control areas, the International Maritime Organisation (IMO) has set a limit for sulphur in fuel oil used on board ships of 0.50% m/m (mass by mass). This will significantly reduce the amount of sulphur oxide emanating from ships and should have major health and environmental benefits for the world, particularly for populations living close to ports and coasts (further details at: www.imo.org).

This change in legislation means that the MV Helena will no longer be able to burn the mix of clean oil (Marine Gas Oil) and heavy fuel oil (IFO 180) it currently uses. Instead from 1 January, AW Ship Management (AWSML) are forced to purchase and consume compliant fuel as required by the new law.





It is intended that a new low sulphur oil will become available in Cape Town but until this time AWSML will use Marine Gas Oil (MGO) which has a sulphur content below 0.5%. MGO is however more expensive to purchase than heavy fuel oil and has the potential to significantly increase annual fuel costs for the company.

The impact of this increased cost in fuel will mean that freight rates and transhipment costs are likely to increase. SHG together with AWSML, are exploring options to mitigate against any potential significant increases and will keep the public informed.

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Airlink introduces a Seasonal Special St Helena Island Excursion Fare

Airlink is pleased to offer a special excursion fare on its weekly Johannesburg to St Helena Island service as well as on its seasonal Cape Town to St Helena Island service for the travel period 14 January 2020 to 25 February 2020. The fare will be £542 return inclusive of *airport taxes, subject to W class seat availability. Terms and Conditions apply. The fare is only applicable to a 10-day minimum stay, the return journey must be completed by 25 February 2020.

* airport taxes subject to change.

This special fare means that travellers have the freedom to book the outbound flight from Cape Town to the island and return back to Johannesburg or depart from Johannesburg to the island and return back to Cape Town. Saint residents on the island will be able to travel from St Helena to Cape Town and back or alternatively, continue their journey from Johannesburg to St Helena. The sector Cape Town to Johannesburg or v.v. is not included in this fare offer.

For flight bookings contact your travel agent, Saint residents on the island are welcome to contact Solomons Travel Office (at the Malabar in Main Street, Jamestown)



The people who run government owned businesses

Last week the *Independent* reported on the recently adopted *Ownership Policy for Wholly Owned State Entities*. The document outlines the basic requirements for transparency, the role and responsibilities of both executive and non-executive board members as well as for the chairman. One member of the board for each state-owned entity is designated as the SHG Representative and has additional responsibilities in that role.

The board chairman has particular responsibilities relating to the work and performance of the chief executive officer and for evaluating the overall performance of the board on an annual basis. The specific duties of the chairman are set out in the formal board procedures.

The board of directors is responsible for the strategy, performance and conduct of the state owned business and ensure agreed targets are achieved and good practice prevails across all business functions.

Board members can be executive directors or non-executive directors. Executive directors are the 'do-ers' and will draft strategies and performance targets and monitor the business for performance to expectations and to good practice guidelines. The role of non-executive directors is to challenge and question decisions and results; is the strategy working, does it need improving? Are the desired results being achieved? If not, what needs to happen to meet the targets and the performance standards set?

The SHG representative on the board is a non-executive director and is currently the SHG Finance Business Manager, Brian Deadman. His role in addition to challenging and questioning proposals is to "advise and guide the Chair and Chief Executive on issues concerning SHG, preferably prior to them being brought up at board meetings". He also has "a specific role in probing the financial management of the entity" but does not get involved in the day-to-day working of the state owned business.

The section on Transparency in the policy refers to maintaining open and constructive dialogue with "major stakeholders" and acting transparently "with regard to risks and opportunities in the area of sustainable business"

Some state owned entities, or businesses operate without the need for subsidy; some make a small profit. However the overall subsidy to state owned businesses exceeds £1million. As such it can be argued that tax and duty payers can be included within the definition of "major stakeholder". Accepting this as a reasonable argument we publish below the membership of the boards of the state owned businesses.

NED – non-executive director, ED – executive director

Bank of St Helena Limited

Executive Members

- Josephine George
- Leeanne Henry

Non-Executive Members

•	Brian Deadman (SHG Rep)

- · Glenn Owen
- John Isaac
- Paul Hickling

The Bank currently does not have a substantive chair.

- Connect Saint Helena Limited Mike Durnford – Chair
- Carolyn Thomas Non Executive Director (NED)
- Nicole Shamier NED
- · Elizabeth Clingham NED
- Brian Deadman NED (SHG Rep)
- Barry Hubbard ED
- Clare Harris ED/Company Secretary
- St Helena Hotel Development Limited Directors

- Mr Brian Deadman Interim Chair (SHG Rep)
- Mr Dax Richards
- Mr Neil Foster
- Mr Mike Durnford,
- Miss Cherie Dillon,

Secretary

Miss Nicole Plato St Helena Fisheries Corporation Chair

Hon Ms Christine Scipio

- Members
- Dr Corinda Essex
- Mr Brian Deadman (SHG Rep)
- Mr Neil Foster

Alternate Director

Mr NyashaChikwat

St Helena Currency Fund

- Chief Secretary
- Financial Secretary
- Deputy Chief Secretary
- Deputy Financial Secretary

SHG has a major shareholding in:-

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc Jennifer J Corker – Chairman

Directors

- Mandy G Peters
- Desmond H Wade
- Patrick A Williams
- Eric G Constantine
- Brian C Deadman (SHG Rep)
- Terrence F Richards
- And a close connection with:-

Enterprise St Helena

Acting Chair

Mr Brian Deadman (until a substantive Chair is appointed)
Directors

Dr Corinda Essex

- Mr Gregory Cairns-wicks
- Miss Giselle Richards
- Mr Anthony Thomas
- Chief Executive for Economic Development
- Mr Ian Gough
- Miss Christine Thomas

Secretary

Miss Natasha Bargo

Other organisations established by ordinance but not SHG owned include:-

At Large

At Large

Co Opted

SNCG

Heritage Society

Governor in Council

Governor in Council

Arts & Crafts

Saint Helena National Trust President

Mrs Ethel Yon OBE

Vice President

Mr Leigh Morris

- Treasurer
- Mrs Robyn Franconi

Members

- Ms Gillian Brooks
- Mrs Samantha Cherrett
- Mr Adam Sizeland Mrs Olive Brown
- Hon Cyril Leo
- Mrs Wendy Benjamin
- Miss Helena Bennett
- · Vacant

Secretary

- Mrs Christina Plato
- Charities Commission
- Chairman
- Mrs Bronwen Yon
 Commissioners
- Commissione
 - Miss Nikita Crowie
 Mrs Epid Joshua
 - Mrs Enid Joshua

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One in five of those who are registered to vote were motivated to go to a polling station yesterday to cast their vote. By no means everyone who could vote as taken the trouble to get their name on the voting register so the disconnect between people and ballot paper is even wider than the voting figures suggest. Someone said to me today "why did they vote for Jeffrey Ellick to be a councillor? He used to speak up; you will not hear anything from him now." There is some truth in that. For the benefit of people who have forgotten or don't know, a new councillor swears an oath of confidentiality as the first action on becoming a councillor it is –

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

Efforts were made by the previous governor to knock a few cracks into the wall of silence but the barrier between the governed and those that govern has pretty much held firm.

There are two similar but contrasting discussion programmes on Saint FM. One is where councillors sit at the microphones once a month to discuss some main issues of the day the other is when senior government officers do the same thing. As is usually the case everywhere, the government officers have more information to hand and a good ability to communicate as much of what they know as they choose. A government officer has more knowledge of the detail as well as the general policy and direction on any particular issue. Hearing senior government officers explain what is happening leaves the listener with the clear impression that it is the officers who have an air of authority rather than the councillors. It is the government officers who are in charge; councillors follow.

This is not necessarily because councillors are weak-willed; the whole government set up from the constitution to the way things are on a day-to-day basis gives the initiative and the influence to the officers. Professor Jeremy Sarkin visited St Helena in September to see how things worked at the Castle. He went away to think about all he had seen and what was said to him and then write a report on what could be done to improve the way we are governed. His report may be ready before Christmas as he hoped or possibly early in the New Year. Many people will want to see, I think, some sweeping changes proposed; if not straightaway then step by step to an ultimate goal. The way I see it there needs to be more than changes in the constitution, procedures and conventions, there needs to be some changes in mental attitude and approach. Changing ourselves is always far more difficult than changing rules and regulations. One thing is certain, Profes-



In the constant battle between elected politicians and government officers for influence and power, it is never all sweetness and light when politicians get the upper hand. The UK general election campaign is a good example. Observing it from afar I regret to say I can only see promises which will never be fulfilled, aspiring leaders of a once great nation getting into ridiculous situations with sheep, cows, schoolchildren and jam tarts just for the sake of a photo opportunity. One political leader outbidding an opponent and making either extraordinary claims or accusations followed by even more unrealistic promises. And so it goes on – and on. It is a sorry spectacle and does not bode well for the future.

And finally – some advice from the most famous government officer of them all, Sir Humphrey Appleby in the TV series Yes Prime Minister

Bernard: But surely the citizens of a democracy have a right to know.

Sir Humphrey Appleby: No. They have a right to be ignorant. Knowledge only means complicity in guilt; ignorance has a certain dignity.

Have a relaxing weekend Vince

INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past Picture 10...



FOR THOSE WHO MIGHT REMEMBER WHEN THIS BUILDING WAS STANDING...ONCE YOU IDENTIFY IT, NAME THE NEIGHBOURING PROPERTY Tune in to the Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer./

ANSWER TO PICTURE 9....

Red Roof (Winner: Ivy Robinson-Wellington House)

Air Corsica still searching to connect island where Napoleon was born to the island where he died

In the 15th November edition of the *Independent* we reported Luc Berini, President of Air Corsica, visited the St Helena stand at the World Travel Market after speaking to Saint FM's Johnny Clingham. Discussion centred on setting up a travel link for the bicentenary of Napoleon's death between Corsica when Napoleon was born and St Helena where he died. Luc Berini hoped it would be possible to fly Air Corsica direct from Ajaccio, the capital of Corsica and where Napoleon was born, to St Helena during the bicentenary commemorations as he was sure many Corsicans would take advantage of the direct flights to honour the memory of Corsica's most famous son.

In the best traditions of good journalism, the Independent contacted Luc Berini on Monday 18th November to enquire how the investigation was progressing into the possibility of a direct flight from Corsica to St Helena. Berini replied the same day saying he was travelling abroad and would get back to me the following week with an update. Exactly seven days later the Air Corsica president emailed to say, "After having investigated certain operational matters, it appears that the ETOPS restrictions would really be challenging for us if we would consider flying to St Helena with an Airbus A320neo." ETOPS means Extended-range Twin-engine Operational Performance Standards, a rule which permits twin engine aircrafts to fly routes which, at some point, is more than 60 minutes flying time away from the nearest airport suitable for emergency landing. Berini went on to conclude, "Therefore, participating to the bi-centenary ceremonies by offering the Corsican clientele to join already existing inclusive tours and/or cruises to your island would be more realistic."

He then asked, "Would you have a list of the current scheduled air and sea packages which are planned to St Helena in 2021?" He explained, "This would enable us to contact the operators involved in such programs and offering them to open their sales to the Corsican clientele via our database and, if possible, organizing connections with Air Corsica."



The *Independent* immediately put Luc Berini in touch with Gwyneth Howell, chair of the Napoleon bicentenary group which is planning the commemorative events for May 2021 and gave contact details for Ponant Cruises and some of the many tour operators who have organised inclusive tours around the two cruise ships which will call at St Helena for the bicentenary. *Le Lyrial* starts from Walvis Bay and arrives in James Bay on 4th May and stays until 6th May. *Le Jacques Cartier* will be in James Bay on the same dates but starts the cruise from Cape Town. The cruise finishing points are also different which gives Air Corsica some options for linking into the cruise schedules.



Yesterday Luc Berini contacted the Independent to confirm that Air Corsica is contacting Ponant cruises to "explore how we could organise connections for Corsican clientele". The *Independent* hopes he will be able to strike a deal; we need every tourist we can get.

SOCIAL MEDIA FOR BUSINESS & ONLINE MARKETING

On Wednesday this week, nine people attended the very first training course, hosted by Darrin & Sharon Henry, as part of their *Inside St Helena* App service.

The one-day training course is called:

'How to use Social Media for Business & Online Marketing' Since launching *Inside St Helena*, earlier this year, Darrin and Sharon soon realised a problem. There was virtually no technical support available to help local businesses with digital marketing.

In particular, many organisations are unsure of how to make the best use of social media.

The training course was therefore designed to provide practical advice and guidance, specifically tailored for operating on St Helena.

Topics covered, included the basic concepts of social media, developing a manageable marketing strategy, and how to design good content.

Darrin and Sharon were extremely pleased with the positive response from those attending. The nine students were all quick to embrace the ideas, ask questions and to share their own experiences, which all helped to make this first class a





Inside St Helena are planning to run this course again, in January. They are also designing another course, called, 'Business Marketing for Beginners,' which will take place later in 2020.

https://www.insidesthelena.com/

More Wonders of the Deep Revealed

On Tuesday night Ian Davies from the UK Hydrographic Office (now making his 3rd visit to St Helena) presented the information gained from the survey work completed during the visits of the RRS James Clark Ross in May 2018 and the RRS Discovery in April 2019. The presentation was at the museum and the ten or so people who attended were treated to some amazing sights of what lies beneath the waves; some of it just a few metres below the surface.

The UK Government is required to complete the surveys to remain compliant with the International Convention for Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) which is enforced by the International Maritime Organisation (IMO). The IMO will be undertaking an audit in 2020 to assess the standard of compliance with SOLAS by the various national authorities. The UK Hydrographic Office have surveyed the seabed around a number of other Overseas Territories, mostly in the Caribbean, to bring the detail shown on old Admiralty Charts up to date and presented as Electronic Navigational Charts.

Iain Davies gave a brief history of the 200 year old and ultramodern UK Hydrographic Office together with a graphic display of the areas around St Helena which have been surveyed and how the new information has transformed the detail available on navigation charts. The best bits were saved until last.

The multi-beam survey swept the seabed from the hull of the Royal Research Ships over twenty days, covering an area of 200 square kilometres. Ten wrecks or obstructions were investigated including the Darkdale; shown clearly, it lies on the seabed with its back broken and in two separated sections; the stern lying a little way off from the bow with debris from the stricken vessel lying around it. Other detail included a prominently rocky area of seabed surrounded by level ground. The rocky area could be an ideal habitat for lobsters or maybe a fish nursery. Either way, it may well have implications affecting marine conservation or fisheries. Speery Ledge was give special attention with a wealth of new information either charted on electronic navigational charts or the stunning results from the multi-beam survey. Reefs and corals are now precisely located as well as 'mini-mountains' shooting straight up from the seabed. There is a wealth of information important to sectors of tourism, fishermen and fisheries, marine conservation and geologists. Now that Ian Baker can no longer decipher the puzzling geological evidence left by volcanic activity ten or more million years ago we need another capable and mentally nimble investigator in the same Ian Baker mould to continue the work.

Other work completed during the surveys; a new tidal station was established, where continued observations are to be taken over a number of years to gain basic data on the tides for the area. Eight hydrographic notes were submitted which can include new or suspected dangers, changes to navigational aids and amendments to details included in publications. Geodental stations are used to help accurately measure and understand the Earth's geometric shape, orientation in space and gravitational field. The data is used in studies of how these characteristics change over time. The SHG Marine Section and the GIS Section hold the survey data. The GIS at Essex House is the first point of contact for anyone who wants to know more about how this data can benefit their own work.



Coverage



RFA Darkdale



SS Papanui



More Wonders of the Deep Revealed

Press Release from the UK Hydrographic Office 25 November 2019

UK Government works with St Helena to support safe maritime trade and develop economic growth

On 25 November 2019, the UK Hydrographic Office officially handed over seabed mapping data to help St Helena fulfil their international maritime safety obligations and support the navigation of ships.

Ships depend on accurate seabed mapping data that illustrates the shape and movement of natural underwater features to travel safely. So, it's vital that islands like St Helena collect and distribute this data to mariners visiting their ports.

As part of the UK government's Overseas Territories Seabed Mapping Programme, the UKHO has supported this need by leading a series of seabed mapping surveys covering over 200km² of St Helena's waters. Following successful completion of this work, the survey data has now been handed over to the government through a series of workshops. These workshops, which are led by UKHO experts, have been designed to help authorities use these findings to fulfil their international maritime safety obligations under the Safety of Life at

Councillors in Committee – November 2019

Education Committee – 20th November

The only open agenda item was a presentation describing improvements related to teaching maths and training teachers to help schoolchildren as they transfer from primary to secondary education.

Environment and Natural Resources Committee – 21st November

The **Roads Policy** is being revised. The Road Manager outlined the guidelines and best practice for road construction. The **Marine Policy** was up next and concerned guidelines and best practice to be applied when humans swim around marine life. The will be further meetings on this. **Dark Skies Legislation** (properly known as Control of Artificial Light at Night) was discussed and will be discussed some more. As with the Marine Policy, the discussion will be a joint effort between the ENRC and the Economic Development Committee. Other discussions covered the spacing between graves, lifting the ban on cycling on some roads and allocating plots of land for government landlord housing.

Social & Community Development Committee

The SCDC held three meetings in November. On 4th November the social security review was discussed and will be discussed some more. On 7th November three pieces of legislation where passed on to Executive Council for further discussion; the Criminal Justice (Fixed Penalties Bill 2019, Police and Criminal Evidence (Amendment) Bill 2019 and Rehabilitation of Offenders Act (Application) Order 2019. All three pieces of legislation concern the de-criminalisation of certain minor offences; making them civil offences instead. On 13th



Speery Ledge

Sea (SOLAS) Convention.

As part of the programme, the UKHO will also produce nautical charts used by ships navigating in James and Rupert's Bays. Not only will these charts help to support safety, but also enable larger cargo ships to transit waters with greater confidence and help to reduce risk to the island's marine environment.

All work carried out through this programme is coordinated by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and supported by the UK's Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) as part of the UK's commitment to support Overseas Territories.

November the SCDC discussed equality and disability legislation and will discuss it some more. The Information Bill continues to be delayed and funding for technical assistance is thought to be needed in connection with freedom of information and general data protection regulation. Moving on, the SCDC endorsed the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and then gave their support to two procedural/technical documents connected with social care interventions and risk protection. Next, options for charging for care at the Community Care Centre were discussed and will be discussed some more. The committee noted that staffing levels in social care are now 'adequate' and that standards of maintenance and renovations at the CCC have improved.

Executive Council joined the talk fest by having three meetings in November. On Tuesday 12th November they dealt with procedural changes to the financial management of the Currency Fund; not too onerous a decision to make. On Thursday 21st Exco discussed the three legislation amendments from SCDC aimed at de-criminalising minor offences as well as the new, first ever policy on Ownership of State Owned Entities. Also, another legislative amendment concerned granting a licence to any an overseas insurance company who may wish to extend its operations to St Helena.

When meeting again on Tuesday 26th November Exco had four development applications to consider which had been passed on with recommendations by the Land Development Control Authority. Refurbishing the old Jamestown Police Station for Judicial Services, rockfall protection in Rupert's and James Valleys and the Comprehensive Development Area at Bottom Woods were all on the agenda together with a Port Security Office, complete with security fence at Rupert's for a temporary permission of two years. All agenda items passed without incident.

WHITE RIBBON CAMPAIGN CONCLUDES ON ST HELENA

Monday, 25 November was the United Nations (UN) White Ribbon Day 2019 - a day used to raise awareness about all kinds of abuse.

On St Helena, the UN Development Programme Safe Haven Project and the Children & Adults Social Care Directorate ran a week-long awareness raising campaign to recognise White Ribbon Day 2019.

Around the world, White Ribbon awareness focusses on men taking a stand against domestic violence. The White Ribbon Day Committee chose to change the focus from targeting males and decided that the aim and vision would be to use the voices of the male and female population of St Helena to encourage all on the Island to 'Speak Out and Stand Up' against all kinds of abuse, irrespective of gender and age.

The Campaign concluded yesterday with a peaceful march from Napoleon Street to the Castle Gardens for a closing ceremony.

During the ceremony, a number of speeches were given, including a reading of the poem 'Returning Faith'. A rose bush was also planted and a plaque laid in the Castle Gardens in honour of survivors and victims of domestic abuse.

In HE's speech, Acting Governor, Greg Gibson, said:

"The Campaign is different in focus this year, asking everyone on St Helena - male and female, young and old - for us together as a society to support victims and 'Speak Out and Stand Up' about all kinds of abuse. It is that message to 'Speak Out and Stand Up' I wish to reiterate. Only by doing this together can we achieve the society we all want."

Director of Children & Adults Social Care, Tracy Poole-Nandy, added:

"We are here today to raise awareness of domestic abuse and to reach out to the community to ensure that we stand against this abuse and to make sure we support survivors so they can continue their lives safely."

UN Project Manager (St Helena), Nicolene Adams, concluded: "We wish to sincerely thank the United Nations Development Programme for their constant financial support that enables us through the awareness raising campaigns to improve local



bons and T-Shirts. The White Ribbon Campaign Committee would like to thank everyone who have given donations to the WISH charity. A total of £117.00 has been received thus far and has been

The Committee would also like to humbly ask any participants who have received White Ribbon Campaign T-shirts to please place a donation directly into the WISH Charity bank

deposited into the WISH bank account.

account using the following details: Account name: WISH Charity (Women Issues in St Helena) Account number: 23792002

The White Ribbon Campaign Committee would like to thank everyone for their support during the White Ribbon Campaign 2019. SHG

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Closing Ceremony Participants

responses and expand service provision to the community of St Helena."

Throughout the week-long Campaign, White Ribbon activities were held at various locations around the Island for Government, Private Sector and Non-Government Organisations. The activities included signing of pledges, which were pinned to wooden 'family cut-outs' and the distribution of White Rib-

SEXUAL HEALTH AWARENESS 2019

The Health Directorate has chosen the working week Monday, 2 December, to Friday, 6 December 2019, to continue their health initiative on 'Sexual Health Awareness'.

This week is part of an ongoing effort to reach all age groups on St Helena to raise awareness and allow people the opportunity to access services and support for all sexual health matters, starting with the topic of *Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)* – '*Pass It On' Campaign.*

Anecdotal evidence suggests that people of various age groups are still not educated or perhaps not using the knowledge they have on the prevention of STIs. There is a steady number of certain STIs presenting in clinics, in particular Chlamydia and Genital Herpes.

The aim of the week is to focus on the most prevalent STIs on St Helena and raise awareness in general on the prevention, testing and treatments available. The Health Directorate would also like to explore other possible contributing factors for example access to support and treatment and possible stigma around attending clinics with STIs.

What is happening during the week?

- Commencing Monday, 2 December, students of Prince Andrew School will receive a presentation focusing on World AIDS Day which is recognised on 1 December each year. This assembly will also be used to remind students of what HIV, is with age appropriate, basic information on transmission, prevention and treatment
- All Government workplaces were invited to receive a presentation on basic STI information those who have taken up the offer will be given the presentation throughout this week along with the option to be screened for the STI Chlamydia and HIV at their workplace or at another appropriate time and venue
- Throughout the week both Radio Stations will broadcast talks by professionals on some of the most prevalent STIs
- The public is also invited to drop in at the Jamestown Community Centre on Wednesday, 4 December, between 2pm and 5pm if you would like information, counselling and guidance on STIs prevention, testing and treatment. Don't miss this opportunity!

Anyone requiring information and screening for STIs, and/or if workplaces or other organisations who would like to request a presentation on this or other sexual health topics in the future, can call: 22500 ext: 2095 and speak to a nurse.

#StHelena #HealthDirectorate #STI #SexualHealth https://www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt / https://twitter.com/StHelenaGovt



NO INCREASE IN STORED WATER ST HELENA WATER SITUATION REMAINS SERIOUS

St Helena's water situation remains serious and, despite recent spells of rainfall, surface flows have not increased and stored water levels remain very low.

Consumption rates also remain an issue with the required rate of under 1000 cubic metres of water occurring on just two of the past seven days. That said, on Sunday, 24 November 2019, the consumption rate was at 892 cubic metres, the lowest in the past month, and the public is commended for this.

Unfortunately, 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.

There have been some short spells of rain over the past week. Unfortunately, the many days of sunshine has meant that the ground is very dry. Therefore any spell of rainfall is being absorbed and not contributing to surface flow levels.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) is continually pumping from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate as well as from Fisher's Valley and Warren's Gut. Pump testing from Shark's Valley took place over a threeday period during the last week with a total of around 208 cubic metres of water being extracted.

With St Helena nearing the holiday period, and with warm weather patterns and no significant rainfall forecast, it is therefore very important that we all keep our water consumption to essential use only.

The public is reminded that we are currently under an Islandwide 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 27 November 2019



GOVERNOR RUSHBROOK HOSTS RECEPTIONS TO CELEBRATE SUCCESS ON ST HELENA

Over the last two weeks, His Excellency Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook held two receptions at Plantation House to celebrate recent successes achieved on St Helena.

The first reception took place on Thursday, 14 November, to celebrate the determination and endeavour displayed during this year by 69 people in the public sector who achieved vocational and skills qualifications.

Skills and other qualifications, recognised in the UK and internationally, were awarded in Health, Education, Fire & Rescue, Environment, Engineering, Customs, IT, Human Resources, Archiving, Tourism and Immigration.

On Tuesday, 19 November, a second reception was held for 15 SHG staff who achieved work related, professional Bachelor's Degree and Master's Degree qualifications. This included six nurses who all achieved degree-level nursing qualifications. Other graduates with degrees included staff from the legal profession, tourism, economic development, personnel management and policing.

Also invited to the reception were past Chevening Scholars who were able to share their experiences of their studies in the UK and how it had benefitted them on their return to St Helena. Zedella Young, who recently graduated with a Master's Degree from the University of Surrey in Strategic Tourism, Management and Marketing was presented with her certificate by the Governor. Zedella now works with St Helena Tourism, sharing her professional knowledge.

Governor Rushbrook commented: "This is exactly what St Helena needs. St Helenians working towards and achieving internationally recognised qualifications to improve the lives of everyone in our community." **SHG**

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"It's everyone's problem, so what are <u>YOU</u> doing about it?"

The St Helena Resilience Forum is running a monthly competition to see who is really doing all they can to preserve our precious resource.

During our current drought there have been many tips to save water but which are the best?

We want to hear from you about what water-saving initiatives you are doing and you could win a £20 cash prize each month, donated by a generous member of the community.



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MICRO, SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTERPRISE (MSME) BUSINESS GRANTS



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Festive Season Open 2019

Date	Wharf Kiosk	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending	
Tuesday, 24 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00				
Friday, 27 December	Closed	09:00 - 14:00				
Saturday, 28 December	Closed	09:00 - 12:00 Closed				
Monday, 30 December	Closed					
Tuesday, 31 December	Closed	d 09:00 - 13:00				
Wednesday, 01 January 2020	Closed					

International Remittance Services will close at 11:00 on Tuesday, 24 December; at 13:00 on Friday, 27 December and at 12:00 on Tuesday 31 December 2019. These closures will also affect International Remittances undertaken with Online Banking.

The **Bank's Airport Currency Exchange Kiosk** will open as usual on Saturday, 28 December 2019 from 10:00 to 14 :30.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Thursday, 02 January 2020.

Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.



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VACANCY

Marketing Manager

Commencing at £14,532 (Depending on Qualifications and Experience)

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a dynamic and enthusiastic person with excellent marketing skills to fill the management role of Marketing Manager.

The purpose of this post is for the development, implementation and management of a Customer Relationship Strategy, to complement the Bank's Strategic Direction.

The successful candidate must be proactive, flexible, be able to demonstrate courtesy and have good leadership skills. Have a creative flare, be insightful and innovative along with being decisive to deliver quick solutions to marketing concerns when necessary.

The Marketing Manager will form the foundation from which the Bank will be able to respond to market opportunities by renewing and reinvigorating products and services, attracting new customers and retaining existing customers and must have an excellent understanding of customer expectations and demands.

Skills and experience that candidates should have includes:

- Proven work experience in a marketing position at management level;
- Recognise qualification/s in Marketing; preferably at degree or equivalent.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills;
- Web-site design and web-site maintenance skills, ideally in WordPress
- Knowledge and skills in a wide range of marketing techniques and concepts.
- Good customer services and networking skills.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Leeanne Henry, Assistant Managing Director on ext 215 or Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager on ext 213 for more information.

An application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to <u>hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com</u>

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS IS FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER 2019

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Enterprise St Helena (ESH) invites Expressions of Interest from persons in the Private Sector to serve as Chair of its Board of Directors. ESH is the lead body for promoting and facilitating economic development on St Helena, in line with the Island's Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP). The Chair is appointed by the Governor and is a part-time role; in addition to quarterly Board Meetings, the Chair is expected to attend occasional stakeholder engagements and public events as a key representative of the Organisation.

The Main Responsibilities of the Chair are:

- Provide strategic leadership of the Board and ensure its overall effectiveness in implementing the Organisation's Strategy;
- In consultation with the Chief Executive for Economic Development, set the Board's agenda, ensuring that the Board meets regularly, and receives high quality, accurate and timely information;
- Ensure that policies and actions support ESH's objectives, and that the Board's affairs are conducted with probity;
- Ensure that new Board Directors are briefed on their terms of appointment, duties and responsibilities, and that the annual performance review of the Board and its Subcommittee is implemented and actioned;
- Support the Chief Executive for Economic Development in managing the affairs of the Organisation.

Specific Knowledge, Skills and Experience:

- Previous Chair experience, preferably of a Private Company/Organisation;
- Knowledge and understanding of Strategic Planning, Corporate Governance, Quality and Performance Management, and Investment;
- Skilled in supporting and encouraging open discussion, allowing the whole Board to contribute to decision making.

Expressions of Interest, along with a current Curriculum Vitae, should be submitted to the Board Secretary by Monday 9 December 2019 via email: <u>natasha.bargo@esh.co.sh</u> or at the Enterprise St Helena Office, Ladder Hill Business Park.

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



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

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ANRD would like to advise Livestock Producers that during this drought period they are facilitating the chaffing of flax through a Private Sector Operator, which can be used as supplementary feed for livestock.

Anyone interested in taking advantage of this opportunity are asked to contact Ken Henry, the Livestock Services Officer at ANRD on telephone 24724, if you require further information and to register your name.

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25 November 2019

Enterprise St Helena HOSTS A CHRISTMAS MARKET

Looking for a Christmas gift or some Christmas goodies to eat?

Join us Friday 13th December

Jamestown Market 10am – 2pm

The St Helena Independent Volume XIV, Issue 52, Friday 29th November 2019



French Public Relations Agency for St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is pleased to announce that the services of French Public Relations Agency TQC, Member of Groupe Expression, has been secured for a period of 1 year, to support St Helena with the promotion of tourism and investment related activities. French PR agency, TQC, Groupe Expression also have a close working relationship with ESH's current UK PR Agency the Brighter Group, allowing for partnership working between the agencies ensuring consistent messaging.

With the upcoming Napoleon Bicentenary in 2021 evident that St Helena requires adequate representation in France to ensure the French market are effectively targeted for this significant event. In addition, this significant connection between St Helena and France will allow for potential future investment interest.

The St Helena Team will be headed by Virginie Le Norgant, Co-founder and Managing Director, who is a specialist of Marketing and PR for destinations and tour operators and can utilise her network of contacts to create partnerships and develop business opportunities.

Virginie commented on working with St Helena "It is a real privilege for a marketing and communications agency to participate in the launch of a new destination on the French market. Collaborating with local partners to adapt and develop the leisure offer is also an exciting challenge. Together, we will work to attract French visitors and invite them to explore the island, its unspoiled nature and its unique culture and history related to France thanks to Napoleon. We have already received a lot of interest from our business contacts, media and influencers who are all very excited to know more about St. Helena. We look forward to sharing our first results with this promotional campaign in France"

Helena Bennett, Director of Tourism said; "Having a PR Agency in France representing St Helena is hugely important for the island. Groupe Expression have a close working relationship with the Brighter group which ensures we have consistent messaging throughout. Although the Bicentenary will be a major area we will be using Groupe Expression to promote, the interest in St Helena's dive offering is also proving significant in the French Market. We had the pleasure of meeting with Groupe Expression whilst in Paris for Top Resa, which allowed us to discuss areas that Groupe Expression can support us in developing. We look forward to working with Virginie and her team."

TQC, Member of Groupe Expression has 20 years experience and has expertise in press and public relations, strategic and operational marketing, digital communication, advertising, sales promotion and video production.



Virginie Le Norgant, Founder and Managing Director



St Helena Contacts Above: Laure Le Cornec and Below: Géraldine Charollais



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SANDY BAY MUSIC FESTIVAL





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> ALEX VANGUARD THE SSS BAND GOOD VIBEZ MULE YARD HOUSE BAND

Eat, drink, let the kids play, and have a good time this christmas season!

MORE DETAILS TO COME IN THE PAPER, RADIO, AND ON FACEBOOK



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a

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within the Bulk Fuel Installation

- As the BFI Manager you will:

 Be responsible for managing fuel stocks and ensuring accurate records are maintained
 Be responsible for managing 'ship to shore' fuel operations
- Be responsible for maintaining Health & Safety standards within the BFI operation, including undertaking Risk Assessments as necessary
 - Manage all staff within the BFI and the shift rotation

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working within bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling or similar environment, and related Health & Safety knowledge
 Demonstrate good managerial and technical skills
- Demonstrate strong interpersonal skills, be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to lead
 - a team
 - Be in possession of a valid driver's license

Salary will start at £16,969.92 per annum, (£1,414.16 per month)



HOMES FOR CATS NEEDED

We are urgently looking for anyone interested in providing permanent or foster homes for cats. These may be kittens or adult cats that are suitable to live as pets. Please contact the Veterinary & Livestock Section on 24724 or email the Veterinary Officer at <u>rebecca.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh</u>.

The public are also reminded that it is a legal requirement under the Dogs and Cats Ordinance 2011, to microchip and licence any cat that is fed or kept at a property before the age of 7 months. Abandonment of an owned cat is an offence of cruelty under the Protection of Animals Ordinance 1969 and could result in prosecution.

For further information on your local laws, please visit: <u>https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislation/laws-of-st-helena/.</u>

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For further information, including the Company's

attractive benefits package, please contact Jason Thomas, General M<mark>anager</mark> (Agencies)

on telephone number: 22523

or via email address:

GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected

from Solomons Reception Desk, in

the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy

can be requested via e-mail

address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh

and should be completed and

returned to Anya Thomas, Human

Resources Development Officer,

Solomons Office, Jamestown,

By 13 December 2019

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The return of the self-proclaim special one Jose Mourinho to the Premier League saw his new team Tottenham Hotspur picks up 3 points away at West Ham.

Two goals in the first half from Son and Moura and a goal from Kane early in the second half game Spurs a 3-0 lead. West Ham rallied late on and pulled two goals back.

Mourinho's first win as Spurs boss has put added pressure on West Ham boss Pelligrini as his side has suffered indifferent results in recent weeks.



Mourinho has not loss his opening game at any club since 2000

At the top of the table the red machine rumbles on as Liverpool picked up yet another win. Liverpool's opponents Crystal Palace put up a great fight and I think most neutrals will agree that they deserve at least a point from the game. Zaha deservedly equalised for the Eagles in the 82nd minute; cancelling out Mane opener only for Firmino to come up with the winner 3 minutes later.

Palace had a goal rule out by VAR and Zaha had another great chance to score in injury time.

Liverpool continues to show great resilience every time they are playing below par and seems to be able to come up with the win. Everything is in line for a first Premier League win.



Firmino's winner was his first goal in nine games Manchester City face an inform Chelsea team also on Saturday and had to come from behind to pick up all 3 points. Chelsea started better and took the lead through Kante. De Bruyne deflected free kick pulled the Champions level in the

29th minute. Riyhad Mahrez came up with the winner in the 37th minute.

Both teams had chances to score. Sterling had a goal rule out by VAR for offside late in the match.

City remains 8 points behind Liverpool with Chelsea a further point back.



Sterling ruled offside by VAR by the narrowest of margins In other matches on Saturday Lacazette scored a 96th minute equaliser for Arsenal as they drew 2-2 with Southampton. Southampton took the lead through Danny Ings and had other chances to increase their lead before Lacezzette equalised. Ward Prowse scored from a rebound after his penalty was saved to put the Saints back in front.

Despite the late equaliser for the Gunners they were booed off by their fans at the final whistle.

It would be a great surprised if Manager Unai Emery is still at Arsenal come the end of the season.

Two first half goals for Wolves saw them beat Bournemouth 2-1. Bournemouth who was playing at home had Simon Francis sent off in the 37th minute.

Leicester City remains in second place as they defeated Brighton 2-0 with both goals coming in the second half from Perez and Vardy.

The pressure is mounting on Everton's manager Marco Silva as his side loss 2-0 at home against Norwich. This was Norwich's first win in 10 matches.

Burnley picked up their first away of the season as they defeated the bottom club Watford 3-0.

On Sunday Manchester United came from 2-0 down to lead Sheffield United 3-2 only for the 'Blades' to equalise in the last minute of the match.

Both teams would have been disappointed with the draw. Sheffield United played well for most of the match and Manchester United once they had taken the lead should have continued to attack instead of trying to see the game out.



Chris Wilder's side is 6th in Premier League table. On Monday evening Aston Villa put in a good performance as they defeated Newcastle 2-0 at Villa Park.

First half goals from Hourihane and El Ghazi were enough for a comfortable win. Hourihane scored a brilliant free kick and also set up El Ghazi goal. Jack Grealish was brilliant for Villa but it was Hourihane who picked up the man of the match award.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Conor Hourihane; man of the match with a goal and an assist Premier League fixtures for round 14 and 15 are as follows. On Saturday the early match will see Newcastle host the champions Manchester City. 3pm games will Burnley will play at home to Crystal Palace; Chelsea will host West ham, the leaders Liverpool face Brighton at Anfield and Jose Mourindho Spurs will play Bournemouth.

The late match on Sunday will see Southampton play the bottom side Watford.

There will be 4 matches on Sunday. Norwich will play Arsenal and Wolves host Sheffield United at 2pm. Leicester City will play Everton and Manchester United will play Aston Villa at 4.30pm.

The will be midweek matches this coming week. On Tuesday Crystal Palace will play Bournemouth at home and Manchester City will face a difficult trip to Burnley.

On Wednesday Chelsea play Aston Villa at Stamford Bridge; Leicester host Watford, Manchetser United will see former manager Jose Mourinho bring his Spurs team to Old Trafford, Southampton play Norwich and Wolves host West Ham. All games kick off at 7.30pm except the Merseyside derby which kicks off at 8.15pm.



Merseyside derby Wednesday at 8.15pm

Update from SHFA

On Saturday we will see Football Coach Merv Williams depart St Helena for the cold weather of Ynys Mon after running an 11 day training programme with players and coaches here on the island.

It has been a great pleasure having Merv here with us, as we all have learnt so much. Hopefully we, the coaches and players will take all on board what was taught to us, which will help us progress at the next Football Tournament in Guern-



sey 2021.

Merv certainly fell in love with our island and we are hoping for him to return next year for a slightly longer period prior to selecting the team.

We the St Helena Football Association appreciate Merv giving up his time to journey over 5000 miles to help us improve our game.

What's happening at New Horizons?

We will get back in the swing of the Youth games next week with the Shooting; Table Tennis, Pool and Basketball. The football has finished with St Paul's once again picking up the Gold Medal; Jamestown silver and HTH bronze.

On Saturday we will have our Christmas Bazaar in the Leisure Park from 10am-2pm. Thanks to those people who have donated to us so far. Everything will be sold for a £1 or less. Mondays' Kids get Fit sessions will continue at Francis Plain for the next 2 weeks.



Jamestown Skittles Presentation

The skittles presentation of the Jamestown Community centre was held on Friday 22nd November 2019. The knockout was played on the evening and the winners of the league were the Extractors Captained by Adrian Duncan. The Runners up are the Part timers Captained by Terry Lawrence Refreshments followed the presentation and music for the evening was provided by Colin Peters. The Jamestown Community centre committee would like to thank all those who participated in the skittles this year and look forward to your support in the next round.

The committee wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year.







Winners - Extractors



Runners Up - Parttimers

Golf Report -Contributed

Twenty five players participated in the monthly Medal Stroke Play competition on Sunday 24th November 2019 sponsored by the St Helena Golf Club. The winner who won the medal trophy and a screwdriver set, was Larry Legg with a net score of 70, Bramwell Lumukwana claimed the second prize (utensil set) with a net score of 71. Larry Legg and Leon Crowie claimed the two ball pool – Larry putted a two on the 14th and Leon on 5th and 16th. Congratulations to you both.

The following competitions are scheduled for the month of December 2019

Sunday 1st Turkey and Ham 18 hole stableford Sponsored By: St Helena Golf Club Sunday 8th 18 hole Stroke Play 3/8 of full handicap Sponsored By: Jeff Ellick and Christine Scipio Sunday 15th Turkey and Ham 18 hole Modified Stableford Sponsored By: St Helena Golf Club Sunday 22nd Monthly Medal Sponsored By: Alastair Norrie Sunday 29th Free Day A Fish Fry sponsored by Jeremy Clingham and Partners is scheduled for Sunday 8^{th}Secret Santa and Bring and Share is programmed for Sunday 22^{nd}

You may register your name for any competition on the signup sheet at the Golf Club or leave a voicemail on telephone number 24421.

One golfer asked his friend, "Why did you get here so late for your tee time? "His friend replied, "Its Sunday. I had to toss a coin to decide between going to church or playing golf." "Yes," continued the friend, "but that stills doesn't tell me why you are so late." "Well," said the fellow, "It took over 25 tosses to get it right!"

Happy Swinging





Head teacher, staff and pupils invite you to our Advent Service

On: Wednesday 04th December 2019 At: St. James' Church Starting at:12:15pm

A collection will be taken in aid of Pilling Primary PTA and a donation will be made to St. James' Church.



Majors Nhlanhia and Priscilla Ziqubu and all at the Salvation Army warmly invite you to join them for Christmas carols at the following venues:

SUNDAY 1ST DECEMBER – BRING & SHARE LUNCH AT SANDY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 12:30PM, THEN CAROL SERVICE AT 4PM FOLLOWED BY BRING & SHARE TEA.

THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER - CAROLS AT ST MARK'S HALL AT 7.30PM.

SUNDAY 8TH DECEMBER –CAROLS SINGALONG WITH GUEST SINGERS AT THE HALF TREE HOLLOW COMMUNITY CENTRE AT 6.00PM. THERE WILL BE TEA AND REFRESHMENTS AFTER THIS EVENT.

TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER – CAROLS AT ST MICHAELS, RUPERTS AT 7.30PM.

SATURDAY 14TH DECEMBER – CAROLS ON THE BRIDGE AT 7PM. THIS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY BRING AND SHARE CHRISTMAS SOCIAL AT 8PM - IN THE JAMESTOWN HALL.

SUNDAY 15TH DECEMBER – CAROLS AT ROSEMARY PLAIN AT 4PM

SUNDAY 22NDDECEMBER –ECUMENICAL CAROLS AT THE COURT HOUSE STEPS GRAND PARADE AT 7.30PM

WEDNESDAY 25TH DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE AT HTH HALL AT 10AM WITH CHRISTMAS CAKE AND MINCE PIES.

SUNDAY 29TH DECEMBER – MORNING SERVICE AT HALF TREE HOLLOW HALLAT 11AM.

God bless you all as you join with us and share in this very special time of the year. We look forward to seeing you.

Monthly Saint FM discussion on key issues for SHG

After a radio discussion on Saint FM a few weeks ago with to maintain the St Helena connection to the main Portugal agenda can be discussed and explained in greater detail than companies also plan to visit. If this project succeeds as planned, is possible in press releases and official announcements.

The fibre-optic cable

The first of what are to be monthly radio discussions started on Wednesday with Susan O'Bey and Dax Richards. The first subject for discussion was recent developments with the fibre-optic cable project. Dax Richards led on this topic sayfrom this cable that St Helena will be connecting to the modern digital world. Funding for the St Helena link to the main cable has been provided from European Union funds but much The Financial Aid Mission remains to be achieved and agreed.

Africa Featuring Africa Tech

The St Helena telecom network needs to be upgraded otherwise the advantages of the super-fast, mega-volume data that fibre optic cables offer will be of no advantage. At the Cape Town Africa Com conference Dax Richards identified four telecom service providers, who do the same job as Sure South Atlantic, expressing an interest in bringing their telecom operations to St Helena. At the same time the licence under which Sure now operates is being reviewed; Sure's licence is up for renewal in 2022.

The discussions with Sure and other interested parties will be dominated by the considerable cost of upgrading the Island's telecom network and the restricted revenue available from a population of 4,500 people. Assisting whichever telecom company that is awarded the licence in 2022 with the high cost of setting up a modern, fast Island network while at the same which allows for cheaper as well as faster internet and email is the magic formula which needs to be achieved and agreed. Discussions on the magic formula which results in a new,

modern telecom network at reasonable prices to customers is linked with discussions which will go on in parallel with ground station operators. Ground stations bring down the data from satellites orbiting the Earth and transfers it to the fibre-optic cable. The satellite/cable connection is the most efficient and fastest way to send data around the world, at the moment. Ground Station operators will need a licence from SHG to build and operate their satellite/cable link and the licences will cost money. It is revenue from these licences which will be used to assist the island telecom network provider with the cost of setting up a network as good as the fibre-optic cable can provide AND keep costs to us as the customers within reasonable limits. Revenue from ground station licences is also needed

SHG Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey, Financial Secretary Dax South Africa Equiano Cable. This may all seem complicated, Richards and Chief Economist Nicole Shamier on the main which it is, and risky. However a healthy interest has been issues facing government and St Helena generally it was de- shown in setting up ground stations here with 10 companies cided to arrange regular, similar discussions so some of the expressing an interest in the project and some of them having more important debates, challenges and decisions on the SHG already visited St Helena to check some of the detail. More nothing succeeds like success. With one cable connected and ground stations in place, St Helena can present itself as the best location for a communications hub as further submarine cables are laid across the South Atlantic in the future; offering the prospect of more revenue from licences. With ground stations the main issue at the moment is finding locations to put them. The entire sky needs to be effectively coving he attended a Cape Town conference recently called Africa ered by the satellite dishes with none of them overlapping in Com where he had follow-up discussions with Google who are the range of sky each of them covers. With steep hills and laying the Equiano Cable from Portugal to South Africa. It is valleys being the usual terrain finding suitable satellite sites may not be as easy as first thought.

The team from DFID will be visiting St Helena again in the first half of December to discuss SHG's budget for next year and the size of the subsidy DFID provide to keep St Helena going. This time, for the first time, the four advisors from DFID will be accompanied by representatives from the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. From Tuesday 10th December to Sunday 15th December there will be some intense discussion on the rising cargo rates charged by AW Shipping for the unsubsidised service provided by the MV Helena. Rising cargo rates have led to reduced imports and that in turn to reduced HM Customs revenue for SHG. Dax Richards said that no upward curve in imports and Customs revenue is forecast in the short to medium term and at the same time inflation will be a big factor next year. The minimum income standard is reviewed every six months and against the background of inflation more tax revenue needs to be allocated to fund increases in BIP and IRB. The aging population is also increasing demands made on health and social care services. All of this, SHG argues, will need to be taken into account by DFID when setting aid levels for the twelve months from April next year.

For their part DFID/FCO will want to be convinced all subsidies paid out by SHG are well targeted and achieve the desired results. DFID will also be reviewing SHG's expenditure against time offering the telecom company an economic environment a background of criticism from various sectors of the UK public who are against DFID spending large sums on overseas aid, even if it is to the Overseas Territories. SHG will need to work hard and talk convincingly to obtain the aid they seek on our behalf. As the Brexit debate continues the pound continues to lose ground against the dollar and the euro making ship fuel more expensive to buy. At the same time the oil price is increasing anyway, it is now twice as expensive as it was three years ago when the Brexit neverendum referendum took place. All of this means increased cargo rates and increased prices on imported goods.

Economic Development Investment Programme

Dax Richards explained the first year of the three year phase one of the new DFID funded EDIP did not get underway until August this year. The first four months on the current financial

Monthly Saint FM discussion on key issues for SHG

year were spent establishing with DFID an approval process at Bottom Woods is also starting to move forward. Next year, and then putting the priority projects through the process for along with the Rupert's port facilities further water storage approval. The first projects off the starting blocks are the rockfall fencing in Rupert's and Upper Jamestown. Also for Rupert's is funding for the design stage of the port facilities planned to be of the six year £30million EDIP is set at £3million, £6million built later in the six year Economic Development Investment and £6million. There is a review at the halfway stage before Programme. EDIP started with some micro-projects such as the second half of the £30million is released by DFID. Other the public toilets at the Duke of Edinburgh playground, new EDIP projects which are in the queue for approval include agristreetlights in Jamestown, refurbishment of the old police of- culture, road surfacing, bridgeworks, a primary healthcare fafice and technical skills courses aimed at raising standards of cility, a mental health facility, government landlord housing and project management. The Comprehensive Development Area parking.

NOTICE TO ALL GOVERNMENT LANDLORD HOUSING TENANTS

GIS LAND REGISTRY SURVEY

The Property and Housing Division of the Infrastructure and Transport Directorate would like to advise all tenants living in Government Landlord Housing that with effect from today, Thursday 28 November 2019, the Geographical Information System (GIS) Surveyors will be conducting land registry surveys on all properties.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and we look forward to the cooperation of all tenants in allowing the GIS Team to complete their works within the allocated threemonth timeframe.

Should you have any further enquiries, please feel free to contact Housing Assistant, Sherilee Thomas, or GIS Manager, Devlin Yon, at Essex House on tel: 22270. SHG 28 November 2019 http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh

For Sale

Vauxhall Astra 1.4 Hatchback Reg number 4260 MOT until December 2019 Sold with a number of spare parts

For Sale

107 Paving Slabs Size 445mm x 445mm x 30mm (171/2" x 171/2" x 11/8")

Contact Numbers are 24124 after 5:30pm

projects are planned; subject to approval through the now established process. The spending level for the first three years

It is time for carol singing again, a time which people look forward to. So why not make it a date and join in with the Seventh Day Adventists at their Hall in Jamestown on Sundav 8th December at 6.30pm. You will be warmly welcomed. Admission is free and we look forward to seeing you there.



Family Night out at **Sandy Bay Community** Centre Saturday 30th November 2019 Starting @ 8.30pm -1.30am Music by The SSS band **Entrance fee: Adults £1.00** Children – 5-15yrs 50p **Bar & Refreshments** All Are Welcome





Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

.Friday open from 3.30pm till late mix Tunes by DJ Wayne Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00 Mix tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late Disco

Sunday open from 3.00pm till late music with DJ KJ, King George and Friends, Fish fry for everyone.

South Atlantic Sailing Adventures

is looking for a part time crew member for sailing trips ranging from 2 to 8 hours. The individual should have good communication skills, available on short notice and ideally not prone to sea sickness.

Sailing experience a bonus however not required but willing to learn.

If interested and for further details please contact

Morgan or Cheryl Morice on 22973 or 67626 / 51563 or morjomor@yahoo.com



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TILL/SHOP ASSISTANT

PART TIME / FULL TIME This role involves shelf stocking, using an epos till and dealing with customers.

- Free home to duty transport
- Attractive leave and sick leave package
- Salary to start at £3.30 per hour (£508.20 per month)
- Salary to increase considerably with proficiency in the job role and further increases with time spent in the company.
- Opportunity to progress to higher position at a higher pay rate

Contact: Henry Thorpe or Carol Yon Tel: 22781, email: admin@thorpes.sh or come and see us in our office above Thorpe's grocery shop

Blue Hill Community Centre



Dance Saturday, 30 November 8.30pm-1.30am

> Music by DJ Colin Peters Entry fee £1.50

> > Save the date

Social Evening Saturday, 21 December 8.30pm – 1.30am Music by DJ Charles Williams All are welcome!!!

