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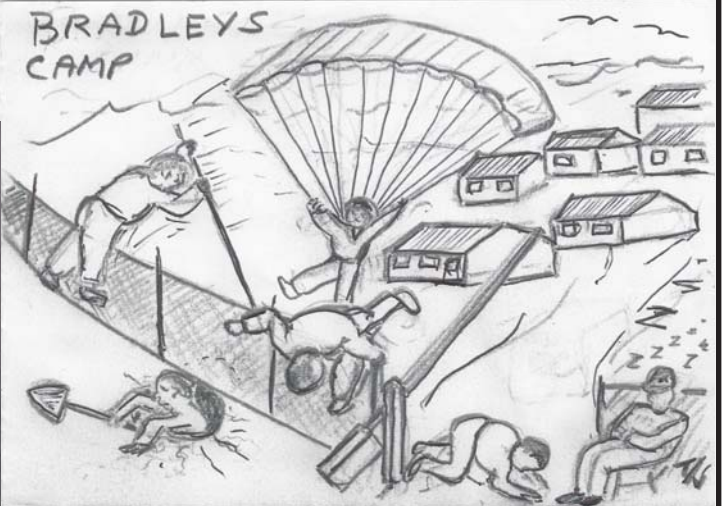
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Fence Around it"*

"People are in Fear"

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We hear on a daily basis about new government strategies and policies. Most of these paper products never come into fruition and have very little bearing on island life or future decision making, they are simply paper products created to give the appearance that something will be done in the distant future.

We need a more hands-on approach with real projects and real positive development. It would be refreshing if we move towards local goals and realistic targets. It is far too easy to complain about everything around us, lack of democracy, no freedom of information, more self-determination, and everything else. I fully agree that we need political development and more say about how our money are spent, but the only way to reach those goals is to actually do something tangible to prove that there is positive thinking and initiative within our society.

There is one project which ticks every box (in more than one way) and every policy in place – Introduce a free school lunch in St Helena. Some of you might laugh, saying that this is too trivial to discuss. Believe me, it is not.

When I say that it is ticking every box I refer to make St Helena healthier, wealthier, better educated, and more environmentally friendly.

It has been quiet about free school lunch for a few years but since I came to the Island 25 years ago it has been discussed on many occasions. More recently, with nutritionists and other professionals, the Island's problem with diabetes, mal-nutrition and obesity through bad food habits have highlighted the need for positive change in how we eat.

I have heard no end of testimony's about the contents of many children's lunchboxes, there is crisps, chocolates, sweets and soft drinks in abundance, other children have nothing. This is clearly not right and will hamper the children's physical and mental development, you cannot expect a child to perform in school without the right nourishment in their stomachs.



Some parents or carers who provide proper lunch boxes for their children might be offended by what I am saying but there are far too many children and youngsters who do not get the nutrition they need. Unfortunately, this often has to do with the parents' incomes, education or attitude.

It would be well invested money for the school to provide free health, tasty food for all children. I would not like to see a system as in UK where 'underprivileged' children get free food and the once better off have to pay for it. It is not right to stamp 'underprivileged' in the forehead on any child, adult for that matter.

Eating school lunch together with your peers is a part of a child's social development and should be a part of the curriculum.

If we are looking at the costs for the tax-payer to provide this essential service, it is actually quite reasonable. According to the Education Directorate we had 370 children in primary schooling and 270 students in secondary, a total of 584 children and students. As we know, they are divided into four schools.

In UK the cost of a school meal for a primary student is £2.35 and for a secondary student it is £2.40. We know that food is expensive in St Helena so I am a bit frivolous with the cost and set it to £3.50 per child disregarding of age. This is very generous. We have about 200 school days per year, which would make the total cost per child £700 per year.

The cost of the entire project would be just under £440,000 per year according to this generous estimate, in reality the total cost would hardly exceed £400,000 per year.

It sounds like a lot of money but in today's St Helena it is not, especially if you consider the benefits.

Obviously, the central school kitchen would be obligated to source local produce when possible which would support local farming, fishing and food processing. Very little in the current lunch boxes is actually produced on the Island.



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There are benefits for the environment and waste management as the provided lunches are served on re-usable trays not in tin foil, or packages provided by crisp, chocolate and soft drink manufacturers.

The positive economic impact for lower paid parents and carers would be substantial and they are sure that the child in their care has a proper cooked meal every school day.

I have no doubt in my mind that children will perform better in school and grow up healthier if free school lunch was provided, I am also sure that many will agree.

Let me go back to what previously been the main obstacle for introducing school meals, which is the cost. ST Helena is wasting millions every year on unnecessary activities and poorly managed projects, a mere £400.000 per year is not much. Have a quick look on page 23 where it says that one single Police Sergeant from overseas cost as much as £75-80,000 to the tax payer every year, in that perspective £400,000 per year to help secure the wellbeing of 584 children is very little.



This article is written as a start of a constructive discussion and contains the personal views of the author. It does not claim to impartial or comprehensive in its contents. Also, apologies for using an overseas Police Officer as an example above. It was not meant in any way to incriminate the Police Service it was just that we had an example of disproportionality in funding allocations available in the same issue of the newspaper. Mike

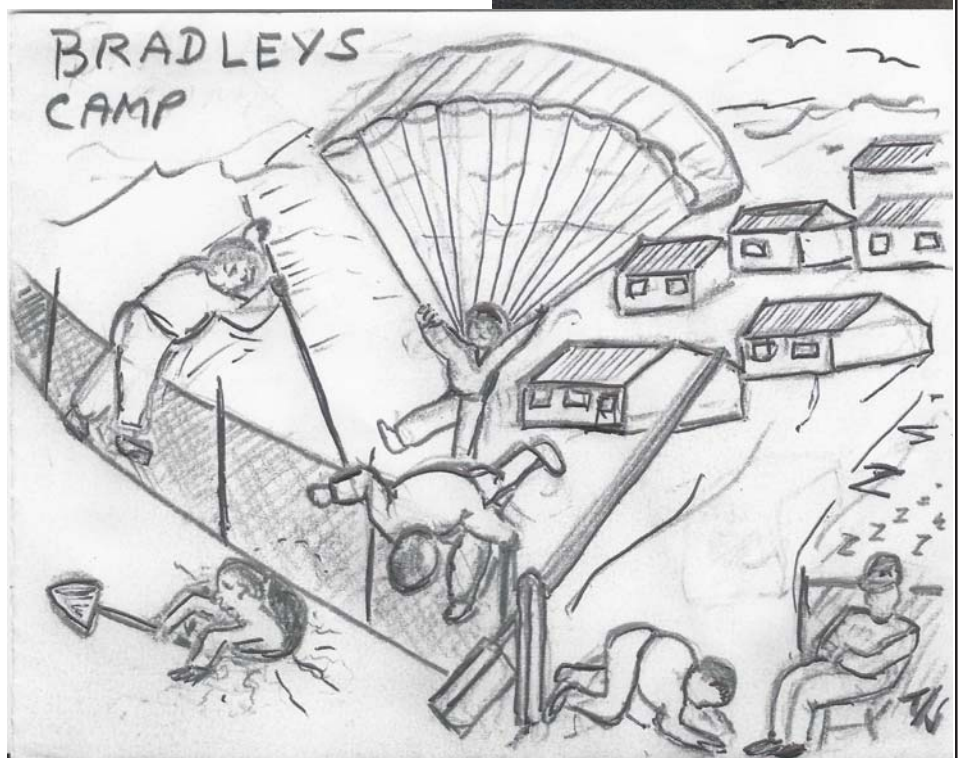
Security Falters at Bradley's Quarantine Camp

In response to several questions addressed by concerned members of the community yesterday, the SHG Press Office has confirmed that a quarantined male left Bradley's Camp on Sunday night and went to his home. This action was not authorised and the Police were alerted. The Police found him at his home in the early hours of Monday. According to eye-witnesses the person was seen in Jamestown Sunday night. It has also been said that the person's girlfriend was also apprehended. The Police have complied with infection control procedures. It was said that the risk is low, but all precautions are being followed including testing and isolation. A review of the circumstances surrounding this breach will be undertaken and we will provide an update as and when information becomes available.

The incident created fear and deep concern over the risk of the spread of Corona virus on St Helena. People are generally condemning the act of the person in question but also question the security arrangements at Bradley's Camp and particularly the guard at the time.

The public is eagerly awaiting the outcome of the assumed Court proceedings after the quarantine period has ended.

The brilliant cartoon has been submitted by a reader





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Editorial

For St Helena there is a lot going on in every direction these days, despite the world being put on hold because of the pandemic. Our own connection to the rest of the world through the Equiano cable remains a top talking point – for some. The policy which sets out how it is proposed to manage this new development is up for discussion and there are a wide range of comments on these proposals which are reported in this edition. More details on the Economic Development Investment Programme were released recently; further attempts to develop agriculture is included but so far there is nothing visible concerning additional funding for digital communications equipment for the hospital or the school, and training, to ensure the best possible benefit from the super-fast cable can be gained. The school, the hospital and the airport are linked to an on-island fibre cable; upgraded computer equipment and training must surely be needed to make the best of the improvements which are soon to come. The main advantage which anyone with internet and email will immediately get as soon as all the connections are made is a data transmission speed which is 10 times faster than we have now. That is a good start.

The Equiano cable is being laid by Google; Facebook is laying another cable which starts in the UK and will offer connections to Portugal before encircling the whole of Africa with a spur going off to the Middle East and then entering the Mediterranean offering connections to France before terminating in Spain. It is an awe inspiring project where 23 countries are listed for connections to the cable. However the map of the cable route shows more than 30 branching units indicating the list of countries linking to Facebook's 2Africa cable will lengthen. One addition to the list could potentially be Ascension, if the funding for the cable connection can be found. If Ascension is connected to the 2Africa cable a link from Ascension to St Helena could follow as a link between the Equiano and 2Africa cables would offer important additional advantages to the global cable communication network generally. The possibilities are endless. Unfortunately the reality is often more limited.

Here on dry land we have a Chief of Police who, it is said, will be leaving us next month and a clear indication that the first group of PASH Global contractors due to arrive next month, will not. Delays caused by the coronavirus pandemic are blamed. Also we have the famous breakout from Bradleys Camp quarantine. Did the escapee just cock a leg over the fence or walk past a security guard whose mind was elsewhere at the time. There is intense debate on this issue. Once more the possibilities arising from this breakout are endless but not in a nice way. In fact they do not bear thinking about.

And of course there is word that the Land Development Con-

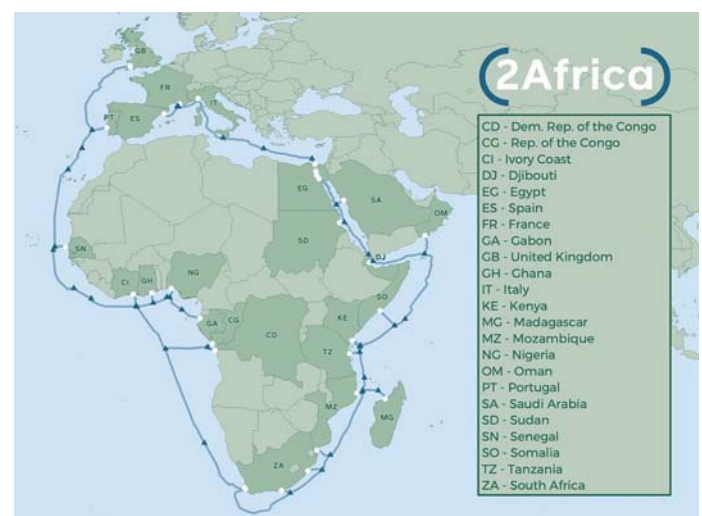
trol Authority (LDCA) will be watching closely how Executive Council handles the development application for container handling areas in Rupert's. It is suspected or expected by the LDCA that Exco will bypass at least one key issue and in so doing the view of the LDCA is that due process has not been followed. If this happens it appears the LDCA will seek a judicial review of SHG's processing of this development application. A judicial review is already in the pipeline in connection with a development application decision made by Exco on the Dungeon Cemetery extension. The fact is, SHG have a long history of not always following the legal process they themselves put in place for development applications.

The pace also is warming up for reshaping the government administration to first, make it a more effective and efficient administrative machine. At the same time the reshaping will make it a better fit with the political restructuring which will come out, one way or another, from the decision on how we improve our system governance.

Returning to Facebook's 2Africa cable project. One point of view is that "Africa has now been pretty much taken over by non-African outsiders with the intent of ruling the continent just like The East India Company took over India a few centuries ago. If you are deep pocketed, you can buy a monopoly for any country in Africa you want from Google on the Equiano cable for a paltry sum of \$50 million. This is a slap in the face of incompetent regulators asleep at the wheel and unable to figure out how to deal with the situation."

I do like hearing all the different points of view, don't you?

**Have a peaceful weekend
Vince**



The cable route for Facebook's 2Africa cable showing the many branching units as triangles along the route. The cable is 23,000 miles long – nearly long enough to wrap around the Earth

A Boeing 757 arrives in Saint Helena

Titan Airways flew the Boeing 757 as part of a repatriation mission. The flight is bringing citizens back to the UK from Saint Helena. On the way back, the aircraft made a stop in Accra, Ghana, before heading back to London Stansted (STN). On the way down, the aircraft left Stansted and made a stop in Las Palmas (LPA) before reaching Ascension Island (ASI). The next day, the plane flew to Saint Helena from ASI.

The aircraft's arrival was a big deal for the airport. This was the largest commercial jet to land in Saint Helena. The plane came in and landed on runway 20 from the north. The flight required a lot of planning ahead of time. Before arrival, the airport worked with Titan Airways to conduct a risk assessment, flight planning, security planning, and more.

The arrival was successful. Pilots were able to get the aircraft and its passengers on the ground safely. After arrival, the plane spent a night on the ground before heading out to London via Accra the next day. Before departing, the crew performed some training flights, including this takeoff. The goal of these tests, per the airport, was to let the aircraft's crew become familiar with the airport's flying conditions before putting passengers onboard. The plane finally departed around 10:00 AM local time on July 31st.

On the inbound flight there were 51 passengers heading to Saint Helena. Alongside those passengers came some medi-



cal supplies, but there was no other specific cargo for relief purposes. Heading back to London were 94 passengers.

Compared to a traditional Boeing 757, this was a light load. The lower weight of the aircraft, stemming from the low load, likely helped the aircraft land safely in Saint Helena. Coupled with the 10km+ visibility and light wind meant that pilots had excellent arrival conditions.

 **Simple Flying**

DRAFT WATER RESOURCE STRATEGY CONSULTATION MEETING ADDED FOR LEVELWOOD

The public is reminded that the draft Water Resource Strategy is currently out for public consultation until Wednesday, 12 August 2020.

Another Public Consultation Meeting has been added to the schedule and this will be held at Silver Hill Bar, on Tuesday, 11 August, at 7pm.

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

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



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

A copy of the draft Strategy is available the Public Consultation page of the SHG website, <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/> and in hard copy at the Public Library, Jamestown. Feedback can be provided electronically via: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DraftWaterConsultation> or submitted to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, on tel: 22470 or via email: Nicole.Shamier@Sainthelena.gov.sh by 12 August.

SHG, 6 August 2020

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

On 30 July 2020, I attended a meeting at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre, hosted by the St Helena Fisherman's Association (SHFA).

Firstly, what I saw at the meeting was a group of Saints, with years of experience in the fishing industry, who are willing to take His Excellency up on his inaugural speech where he said *"I commit myself to listen to the expectations and concerns of Islanders...and to encourage their endeavours and potential."*

These people are articulate and passionate about the fishing industry and to suggest that they are not capable enough of running the industry is an insult to both our education system and the years of experience gained from themselves and the Saints who have fished our waters for decades. Was the Governor just 'oiling the machine' when

he said *"...to work constructively in partnership with...businesses and communities. A partnership that focuses wholeheartedly on stimulating opportunities, viable investments and personal initiative to deliver social and economic improvements."* or *"I see it is equally important we maintain the character of the heritage, natural environment and culture of our islands."*...I will leave you to decide.

The second thing I noticed at the meeting was the attendance of only two of our elected members.

I believe this was a chance for our Councillors to hear the views of not only the SHFA but also from people that are not directly involved in the fishing industry. Although we have different jobs and backgrounds the actions being forced upon us will affect the lives of all Saints.

To the nine Councillors who did not attend...you were conspicuous in your absence! Could you not be bothered to attend? Is it that you cannot formulate your own thoughts? Or, is that you are simply not allowed to? The latter is colonialism at its best...Something this Island knows quite well!

Back to fishing; one of the facts I have noticed from all previous SHG communications is that in 2010, Greenpeace International added Bigeye Tuna to its 'seafood red list'. The seafood red list is a list of fish that are commonly sold in supermarkets around the world, and which have a very high risk of being sourced from unsustainable fisheries. So, why are we allowing an outsider to come in and potentially overfish (we'll have no way to monitor) and our Saints, who have made their livelihood on the water, are left to catch what little pet food will remain.

We Saints have long been passive people and the one fact above is just the tip of the iceberg that is SHG subjecting us to what they want and NOT what we need! It is our time now to speak up and make our thoughts heard.

We've all heard 'I can't breathe' in the media lately and although in a different context is this our George Floyd moment? SHG has its knee buried so deep in our backs that we are being suffocated by colonialism!

Denny Leo

#Colonialism #WeCantBreathe

Death rate in England is the highest in Europe

The figures published yesterday on the number of Covid-29 cases and deaths put the USA at the top of the list with 5 million recorded infections followed by Brazil with nearly 3 million and then India with just over 2 million. Mexico has more Covid deaths than India but has recorded less than one quarter of India's total number of infections. But that's another story. The larger, more populated countries are obviously going to lead the Covid casualty table and anyway, every country uses a different way to do the numbers. Accurate totals will not be available for a long time.

The UK Government's Office of National Statistics counts all deaths as each month passes and then compares the death totals for 2020 with the average totals over the previous five years. This method should give a better indication of the impact of the pandemic in England, Scotland and Wales. The mortality rates in the UK countries are also compared with other European countries. It makes grim reading. England has the highest increase in the mortality rate for 2020 with Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland all making it into the European Top Ten. The column on the right shows the percent increase in 2020 deaths compared with the average for the previous five years. The table shows the latest figures available.



Week 22 order	Country	rcASMR (%),
1	England	7.55
2	Spain	6.65
3	Scotland	5.11
4	Belgium	3.89
5	Wales	2.78
6	Sweden	2.26
7	Netherlands	2.21
8	Northern Ireland	2.03
9	France	0.16
10	Iceland	-0.38



Bad Business Techno Decisions Cost Mega Millions

Advances in telecommunication technology are moving so fast there are only a small minority of people who can keep up with it. Keeping up with it includes knowing the new and improved capabilities, how to use the improvements to best practical advantage and achieve the improvements at least cost. Another important factor in the mix is the ability not only to make decisions but to make well informed decisions of quality. A major defect in the majority of decision making processes in businesses large and small is that technology experts more often than not have the status of advisors; the decisions are made by Chief Executives, Directors and Senior Managers who have little or no understanding of basic technological principles. Failure to have a decision-making process which recognises this ignorance often costs mega millions in £ and \$.

A recent report from a major and widely respected business consultancy puts the problem clearly and simply, "technology does not get sufficient attention on the executive agenda. This is a serious flaw given the importance of technology in driving successful digital transformations." And, "IT leaders often have a hard time communicating about technology in a way that engages non-technologists." The report goes on to state this disconnect between experts and decision-makers leads to ineffective solutions for a problem and can have "serious and sometimes fatal ramifications for technology transformations."

The big bosses, the report recommends, need to raise their hands to ask 'silly questions' if they want to understand the advice techno-experts are giving them. If silly questions are not asked, a very expensive and very bad decision is just around the corner. The Big Boss behind the large desk should start by saying "Explain to me as if I were an eight-year old," the report says this could save the company millions of dollars.

Major errors in technology improvement projects cited in the report include staff without the right capabilities being appointed to these projects. In the example given in the report this led to serious project setbacks and cost overruns as time and money was spent upskilling the staff. The project described was 18 months behind schedule which, in itself, resulted in additional costs.

Another example in the report described a large financial institution which decided to replace a large piece of central techno-infrastructure because it was getting old. Not long after the project started the decision-makers realised the 'old' system could have been easily adapted to include new technology instead being completely replaced. Once more the amount of money wasted was enough to feed the starving millions in several nations.

In addition to information blockages leading to bad decisions the prevailing work culture can also lead to disaster. It is often called the silo culture where people with different areas



of expertise work in isolation from other specialist teams when in practice they should be working closely together. The report describes well-meaning technologists focusing only on the tech output; outputs are easily measurable. What was ignored was the practical application of the adjusted or improved technology; can the customer understand it and use it efficiently and easily? If the answer is no, the work on the technical improvements was a waste of time.

As is so often the case, technologists and business leaders should get together and agree what it is they jointly want to achieve in terms of outcomes rather than outputs. Cross functional teams will better understand the different business and technological results and effects and will be able to make informed compromises to achieve the best result at least cost – value for money.

The report gives an extreme example of the silo culture in operation. A US bank made a multi-million dollar investment in a massive piece of techno-infrastructure. It was conceived, designed and developed by the techno-wizards without any engagement from the business side. The new techno-infrastructure was delivered almost on time and everybody was happy – but not for long. More than a year after project completion the US bank was still trying to make progress in using the multi-million dollar equipment for the purpose it was intended. The new kit may be technological wonderful but using it for the practical purpose intended met with failure. This led to the US bank introducing a series of expensive modifications to make the new kit fit the business needs required of it. The report uses other examples but the main message remains the same. It's good to communicate properly and meaningfully first and take action afterwards.



30 Year Old Telecommunications Ordinance Gets Overhaul

The St Helena law governing how telephone, television and internet operations should be installed, developed and managed dates back to 1989. In that year only 35,000 people in the world used an email service, called Lotus Notes. Microsoft did not launch its own email service until 1996, eventually calling it Outlook and becoming the dominant global force which knocked a big hole in snail mail and killed off Lotus Notes. The internet did not become what it is today until 1990 when Tim Berners-Lee invented the World Wide Web; the most common means of accessing data online.

With email and internet unknown in St Helena in 1989 it is surprising the now ancient Telecommunications Ordinance remains relevant today. A good reason it does is the skilful legal definitions used in the Ordinance. The telegraph system and telegrams were finally killed off in the UK in September 1982, however 'telegraphy' has a wider meaning and this was used in The Ordinance to include every type of communication that existed in 1989 and any type of communication system which might be developed in the future.

A new Communications Ordinance is on its way and will replace the 1989 legislation. The new legislation will coincide with the coming of the high speed Equiano submarine cable connection to the cable landing station in Rupert's and digital relay from communication satellite networks to the cable by earth station operators located in St Helena. New legislation which comes into line with modern communication systems cannot be avoided any longer. Legislation is required for a number of reasons; powers to combat cyber attacks need to be included. These powers will be vested with the Governor in addition to the other responsibilities related to national security. On the other hand clauses in the old Telecommunications Ordinance of 1989 such as, "A Utility is not obliged to accept for transmission, nor must it knowingly transmit, any telegram which reasonably appears to contain anything of a blasphemous, indecent, obscene, offensive or defamatory nature" can be forgotten. On Tuesday, the SHG Chief Economist outlined the main features of the new legislation at a public meeting held in the museum.

The Communications Ordinance

The first of several important changes is the introduction of a Communications Regulator. The Regulator will be responsible for the effective regulation of communications in St Helena. Described in the draft Communication Networks and Services Policy as "operationally independent" the Regulator's salary and budget will be funded by SHG and the person appointed will report to the Attorney General. The Communications Regulator will supervise and enforce, if necessary, compliance with conditions in the licences awarded to the various communications operators. The Regulator is also responsible for allocating communication frequencies as well as monitoring and enforcing the allocations. Decisions made by the Regulator can be appealed through the Magistrate's Court. The Regulator is also responsible for issuing licences

to operators on non-public communication networks.

Government Ownership and Involvement

The St Helena Government will own the connection from the Equiano cable to the landing point in Rupert's Bay as well as the Cable Landing Station which is the shore-side terminal for the submarine cable. The Cable Landing Station will be operated by Sure or its successor. The submarine cable is due to be operational about one year before the current operating licence issued to Sure is due to be renewed. Any licenced operator wanting to set up a communications network in St Helena will have access to the Cable Landing Station and the Equiano cable. The Government is responsible for agreeing with Google the data capacity which can be drawn off the main Equiano cable and used on St Helena by Island residents, local businesses and the earth station operators. Any other cable landed at St Helena by a communication network operator will need to have a Cable Landing Licence awarded to them by the St Helena Government. The licence awarded for communication services in St Helena will be controlled by the Government. The Governor can take over any network at times of war, emergency or to protect the resilience of the network.

Public Electronic Communication Networks and Services

This licence covers the service currently provided by Sure St Helena. The Government may decide to give exclusive rights to a licence holder for the usual communication services we receive or for a particular part of the services received. The public communication licence will include:-

Universal Service Obligation – this means that every resident and business, wherever located, will have access to the Island's communication network and at a price that does not prohibit access.

Customer Safeguards – The Communications Regulator will be responsible for investigating customer complaints which cannot be resolved with the public communications operator (currently Sure) and will approve the Customer Code of Practice drafted by Sure or its successor.

The Public Communications licence also covers privacy issues for all communications and confidentiality for the private information of all users; the only exception being lawful interception.

Quality of Service

The draft policy states that a 'culture of compliance' among operators with the licence conditions and regulations is important to protect customer's rights. The Regulator is also responsible for ensuring public communication services are 'of an appropriate quality'. The policy explains that SMART principles will be used to set quality 'measures' which worryingly avoids using the word 'standards'. The principles will be

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Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Realistic, and Timely but “SHG (not the independent Regulator) will look to keep regulatory initiatives proportionate so as not to unduly increase consumer prices.” Licensees will be required to comply with any Direction issued by the Regulator regarding any quality of service indicators and measurement.” A penalty or compensation is paid if an operator fails to comply with quality standards within a reasonable period. It is not stated whether the penalty or compensation is paid to customers or the Government.

Price Controls The Communications Ordinance will allow for price controls to be negotiated if the public communications licence is awarded to a monopoly operator but does not specify whether the negotiations are between the operator and the Regulator or the Government.

At Tuesday’s public meeting the Sure Chief Executive stated the main obligations, safeguards and controls in the Public Communication Networks and Services licence already exist in the licence now held by Sure. However it is currently not the Regulator who has responsibility for monitoring and enforcement. Sure’s current licence expires on 31st December 2022.

Draft Communication Network and Services Policy Raises Questions

This policy uses the words ‘exclusive’ or ‘exclusivity’ 23 times. These words can be replaced with the words ‘monopoly’ or ‘monopolistic’ and they make a perfect fit. The first mention of the word appears in the section straight after the introduction, “SHG may consider the inclusion of exclusive rights within the licence if it is in the public interest.” As one Institute of Chartered Accountants publication put it, “public interest is an abstract notion”. The first two introductory lines in this publication state, “To justify a proposal on the grounds that it is in the public interest is a significant challenge and the concept of the public interest should be used sparingly.” Monopolies are not known for acting in the public interest; self-preservation is the word which comes more readily to mind. A monopolistic position granted to a public communications licence holder will be a political decision made by Executive Council. Some readers may be immediately thinking we are already on shaky ground. At the public meeting on Tuesday about the new communications policy someone asked if SHG will be liable to pay compensation if a fault develops in the Cable Landing Station. There was no answer forthcoming; apart from a quiet laugh from another person which clearly indicated ‘of course not’.

In the section referring to the Quality of Service the policy states, “In addressing matters of quality SHG will look to keep regulatory initiatives proportionate so as not to unduly increase consumer prices.” On the one hand this could be entirely reasonable, but it also brings to mind a scenario where one monopoly (the government) is predisposed to handling the communications operation monopoly it has created with a velvet glove. While a policy does not and cannot go into great



Museum attendance for communications policy

A public consultation survey form can be completed online at the SHG website, the link is https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Draft_Communication_Policy_Consultation. However it is not possible to respond to the questions without first reading the draft policy.



VSAT communication, working well in Zimbabwe

detail there is no mention of internet outages. They cannot be ignored; they do happen and have happened too often just recently. Sometimes a power outage is to be blamed; sometimes it is a fault in the telecom network. To the customer the result is the same, no communications for an unknown period. If the cause is a power outage businesses and vital public services such as the hospital have generators which automatically kick in and everything is back to normal after a short pause. With the aspirations for telemedicine when the Equiano connection is linked up even a short pause could have unintended consequences. If the communication network is the cause of the outage will be longer.

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In the same way businesses find electricity generators a good investment, some will probably find their own direct connection, using VSAT for instance, to be an advantage as communication capability improves with the Equiano effect. A VSAT is a small satellite dish which has the ability to take data direct from satellites. The VSAT can be linked to other terminals. Perhaps a group of businesses could join forces to reduce costs and be assured of business as usual.

At the public meeting Susannah Nightingale was mentioned as the author of the draft communications policy. A person in the audience remarked that the draft policy looked very similar to the one in the Falklands islands. As Susannah Nightingale was a Regulator in the Falklands this is very likely. Sure have an exclusivity agreement for public communications in the Falklands. While VSATs are not banned and Sure (Falkland Islands) can sell VSATs. It was openly admitted by the Falklands Attorney General last December that the licence fee for an independent VSAT operator was set at the sky-high rate of £5,400 per year to effectively discourage people from applying for a independent VSAT licence and to encourage them to obtain it from the exclusive licensee – which is Sure Falklands. In contrast, other communications licence fees range from £20 to £150. Is this going to happen in St Helena? Is it in the 'public interest' for all local debit card sales to stop because the government and the communications monopoly are squeezing out the competition?

The Sustainable Economic Development Plan includes a section called Working From Home. This idea is explained as:-

Internationally, many rural areas who have suffered from outward migration in the past are seeing a revival thanks to the 'working from home' industries. As flexible working is becoming more popular, and technology is improving it's not unusual to work on projects with colleagues across the world. Contingent on provision of improved and more economical internet packages, those living in St Helena will have the opportunity to work online to sell their services abroad. This could be services such as IT, photography, editing, translation, transcription, tutoring, research, call centre work, marketing and sales. With affordable high speed internet, the island can become an attractive 'lifestyle' destination.

The attraction of St Helena as a 'lifestyle destination' will be dramatically reduced for people whose businesses are completely reliant on improved, cheap and reliable internet. If our government adopt the unwelcome restrictive practices used in the Falklands, in addition to adopting their ex-Regulator, it will set our already broken economic development even further back.

Susannah Nightingale left the Falklands in December last year, the same month the Falklands Legislative Assembly raised the issue about the extortionate £5,400 fee charged for a VSAT.

Susannah Nightingale, St Helena's Telecommunications Policy Advisor – education and work biography

Ms Nightingale was SHG's Telecommunications Policy Advisor for three months from January to March this year. Her further education started in 1999 at the University of Nottingham where she studied history and obtained a degree with honours. Two of the following five years were spent at the British Cardiovascular Society employed in admin support. In 2007 she studied at Birkbeck College, London University and obtained a Master of Science degree in Public Policy and Management where her studies focussed on the regulation of the medical profession in the UK. After that Susannah spent almost 11 years at the British Medical Association, starting as an Executive Officer and progressing through Senior Policy Executive to Senior Policy Advisor. She left the British Medical Association in August 2017 and was appointed as the Communications Regulator in the Falklands starting in September 2017. In December 2019 she left the Falklands and started a three month contract for the St Helena Government in January 2020 working remotely from London. Ms Nightingale offers "Regulatory policy development and implementation" as a key skill but does not claim specialist knowledge in the complexities of information and communications technology and regulation.

Some experts who have spent their working lives dealing with the fast changing complexities of information and communication technology have observed the draft communications policy for St Helena fails to explore any new concepts and business models proven throughout the developed and developing world. It has also been noted that by combining with part of the work undertaken by water and electricity distribution companies a fibre cable network could be rolled out with new water pipelines and buried electricity cables as they are laid to significantly reduce costs. This synergetic approach is not mentioned in the draft. It is also pointed out the connection to the Equiano Cable is recognised as a national asset and part of the Critical National Infrastructure while the on-shore network is not given the same status. This is seen as inconsistent and illogical. Other business models that are proven to improve Internet access and reduce cost are co-operatives and other non-profit models that follow the strategic goal to generate economic benefit by maximizing the use of the network rather than ensuring the monopolist can instantly derive economic benefit from the network itself.

On another occasion it was pointed out that the draft communications policy keeps justifying the monopoly and needlessly limits potential penalties against the monopoly supplier. Also, apart from proposing more specific regulations the policy is based on the concept that an independent regulator on the island could contain abuse of monopoly power, an attempt that is unlikely to succeed given the dependency on the monopolist and especially the recent experience from the Falklands where the government couldn't find an adequately educated and experienced expert.

The expert observations continue with examples of further regulatory underperformance in the Falklands. The appointed regulator did violate one of its core duties, to update other spectrum users about possibility of interference, when it awarded 4G frequencies to Sure. This caused considerable interference only discovered by the local TV broadcaster, KTV, when the new 4G network went live. This led the Falkland Islands Principal Complaints Commissioner to find Falkland Islands Government guilty of maladministration and that financial compensation needed to be given by Falkland Islands Government.

Unfortunately expert opinion doubts that someone with sufficient competence can be found to take the job of a St Helena Communications Regulator. A previous suggestion that there should be an Information and Communications Technology equivalent of Air Safety Support International, (which acts as the regulator for air safety in the British Overseas Territories Airports), appeared to be preferable to any other approach so far adopted or proposed.



WATER SUBSIDY

ANRD would like to remind agricultural producers that you can still register for water subsidy for your production units. Anyone interested can collect a Registration Form from the Receptionist at Scotland Office, or contact Andrea Timm, the Agricultural Development Officer on telephone 24724 or email andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information.

FEES AND CHARGES

Revisions have been made to agricultural fees and charges for border inspection on St Helena for imports of dogs, cats, farm animals and ornamental fish, exports of dogs and cats and related vaccinations, and a new fee for pesticide spraying for ware potato production. A copy of the revised Fees and Charges List is available from the Receptionist at Scotland Office or Andrea Timm as above.

WATER AT CASONS CAR PARK

ANRD have received a number of reports that persons are collecting excessive quantities of water using hosepipes and large containers from the untreated supply at Casons Car Park. ANRD is currently paying for this water and we would like to advise the public that should this practice continue, ENRP will have no alternative but to disconnect the supply. The public are reminded to act responsibly when collecting water from this source.

LICENSES FOR AGRICULTURAL LAND AND BUILDINGS

Licenses for their agricultural assets for the period 2020-2021 will be available for signing from 3 August through to the 31 August 2020. Please note, that if licenses are not signed by the above date, then it could be assumed that Tenants no longer wish to renew their tenancy and the asset could be advertised or reallocated to another tenant. All Tenants must visit the ANRD Office at Scotland to sign their license. For further information, please contact the Farmers Support staff on telephone 24724 or email martina-leo@sainthelena.gov.sh or frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh



Vacancies for a Plumber/Heating Engineer and an Electrician in the Falkland Islands

Electrician

Goodwin Ltd has a vacancy for an experienced Electrician to work within its construction team. Applicants must hold relevant electrical qualifications, for example City and Guilds 2365 Course Level 2&3 Diploma in Electrical Installation or equivalent qualifications as well as Electrical Inspection and Testing (2391) and IET 18th Edition Electrical Regulations. Applicants should have a minimum of 3yrs post qualification experience in inspection and testing on electrical systems and installations in a residential and commercial environment.

Plumber/Heating Engineer

Goodwin Ltd has a vacancy for an experienced Plumbing and Heating Engineer to work within its construction team.

Applicants must hold relevant plumbing and heating qualifications to NVQ Level 2 or equivalent and have a minimum of 3yrs post qualification experience on 1st & 2nd fix domestic plumbing. Ideally applicants should hold OFTEC Boiler Servicing and Commissioning certification in relation to fuel tanks and jet burners. Gas Safe would also be a desirable qualification.

Applicants for both positions should be self-motivated with the ability to make decisions and resolve problems and have experience on residential and commercial properties.

For both positions a full driving license is essential.

Applicants must be able to work at heights and in confined spaces.

Must be physically fit and able to communicate clearly and effectively in English.

A working knowledge of PPE and Health and Safety practices are also required.

Salary will be dependent on the applicant's skills and previous experience.

For further information, a job description and an application form please contact Marcus Morrison, Project Manager on 22340 or Email: projectmanager@goodwin.co.fk

Closing date for applications is **Monday 24th August 2020.**

PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY Care Assistants (Learning Disabilities)

A great Care Assistant is **kind, patient and respectful**... This could be you!

If you are looking for a career where no two days are the same and know you are able to make a positive difference to people's lives, then we want to hear from you — **come and join our team at Ebony View!**

The following are essential...

- **Functional Skills Literacy & Numeracy** Level 1
- **First Aid** (or willingness to undertake)
- **NVQ Level 2 in Health & Social Care** (or willingness to undertake)
- Ability to **deal with difficult situations**
- Ability to **produce accurate and clear written communication**
- **Excellent communication skills** to deliver care and services to people with a wide range of physical and psychological needs, whilst encouraging independence wherever appropriate
- Can remain **calm under pressure**

Previous experience of working in a care environment **is desirable**.

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.

Salary for this post is in Grade B commencing at **£6,890 per annum**.

For **further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact **Nicole Hercules**, Manager (Ebony View and Piccolo Hill) on telephone number 25119 or e-mail: nicole.hercules@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate or on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by **no later than Tuesday, 11 August 2020**.

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





BANK OF ST HELENA LTD - CUSTOMER SERVICES TERMINAL

CUSTOMER SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE MAIN BANK HALL

Just look for the sign...

Opening 10 August

Enquiries

How much is Online Banking? Where can I use the Local Debit Card? What is the interest on Housing Loans?

Any queries or questions, we're here to help. The Customer Services Terminal should be your first stop when looking for answers at the Bank.

Pick-up, Drop-off and Scanning Point

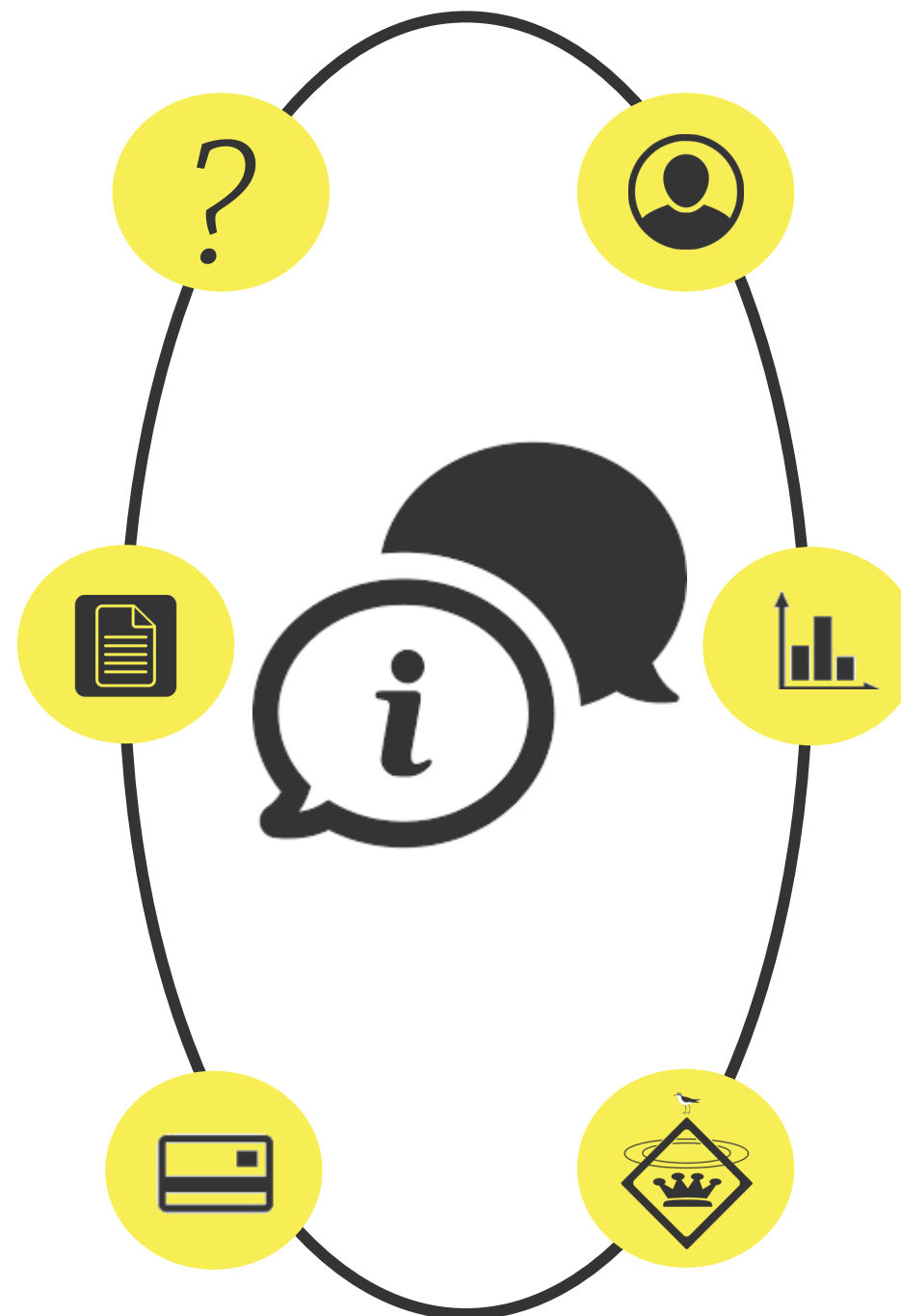
Application Forms, Local Debit Cards and more

Customers can now do all their pick-ups and drop-offs at the Terminal.

Drop off forms including: account opening, packages and package amendment requests (e.g. replacing your debit card), cheque books, standing orders, changing account information, per pro, remittance and direct debit.

We understand some of these applications require 'Supporting Documentation', that is why we will also scan your documents at the Terminal to ensure your application is submitted with all documentation attached.

If you're expecting anything from the Bank, for example your Local Debit Card or Online Banking packs, they will be available to collect from the Terminal. You may collect the various forms as well.



We're here to help

Operations

In addition to dropping off applications and scanning documents, the Terminal will be available for checking account balances, printing statements and activating new accounts.

Lending

For our current and prospective clients, you can drop your application forms, ask any questions you may have regarding the forms and processes, check your loan balance and scan your insurance documents at the Terminal.

Can I still visit the Sections?

The Terminal will be the first point of contact for all customer enquiries and information, so if in doubt, make this your first stop. If you require additional support, you may be referred to the various sections.

If you have a scheduled appointment, you may go straight to reception.

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SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC



JOB VACANCY Bakery Manager

We are looking for someone who is:

- Capable in managing the operations professionally and handling all issues confidently
- Skilled in identifying expansion opportunities by analysing market trends and implementing growth strategies effectively
- Skilled in inspiring the team to achieve the desired results through cooperation and teamwork
- Able to prepare and review sales reports to track profit or loss and suggest measures to improve financial performance
- Knowledgeable with various computer applications used for inventory records, billing and data processing related to the bakery operations
- Able to work unsocial hours

As the Bakery Manager, you will lead the dedicated Bakery team to deliver a quality bakery service to meet local market needs.

Salary for the post will start at £15,358.08 per annum (£1,279.84 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Dean Okali, General Manager (Production), on telephone number: 22380, or via email address: gm-productions@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 Nicola Essex, Human Resources & Marketing Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **11 August 2020**



Professional Development Opportunities via Distance Learning

Are you in the Private Sector and would like to study towards a formal qualification via Distance Learning?

Enterprise St Helena would like to hear from you!

Funding is currently available to support Distance Learning courses that are focused on enhancing the business owners and/ or employees of businesses. ESH will grant fund at 75% of total cost of course up to a maximum of £7,500.00.

This grant is subject to eligibility criteria. Policy, terms and conditions apply.

For further information please contact: The Business Team on telephone 22920 or email Delia on delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or Mandy on mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Nicola Constantine, Manager (Greenlands) on telephone number: 22137 or via email address: Nicola Constantine greenlandsmanager@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: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and submitted to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 19 August 2020.

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

Sales Assistant

Within Greenland's

Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day running of the shop and to ensure a high standard of customer service

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Possess experience in cash handling
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team

Salary for the post will start at £7,116.00 per annum, (£593.00 per month)



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

Supervisor

Within the Jamestown Fuel Station

Job Outline

To be responsible for the day to day operations of the Jamestown Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a consistent and timely basis

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven supervisory experience with the ability to lead a team
 - Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Have experience in cash management and security
 - Have knowledge of stock management
- Possess Health & Safety awareness including handling substances hazardous to health

Salary will start at £8,937.12 per annum, (£744.76 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Paul Gasteen, Fuel Stations Manager on telephone number: 22523 or via email address: fuelstations.manager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomon's Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 11 August 2020

Job Vacancy

Senior Network Technician, Ascension Island

Sure Ascension Island is part of the wider Sure Group delivering telecommunications to islands in the South Atlantic, Indian Ocean and Channel Islands. This is an exciting opportunity to work on a sub tropical island, leading a small dedicated networks team in the provision of telecommunication service. Responsibilities include leading and managing a small team and the day to day operations and maintenance of the core networks infrastructure, including but not limited to: telephone exchange (inclusive of mediation platforms and the interface to the billing system), transmission systems, Broadband distribution network/MSANs, 2G/4G mobile network, IMC, network management systems, and all associated power systems.

Qualifications and experience for this role: National Diploma in Telecommunications, 5 years experience in a telecommunications technical role, technical knowledge and experience required in Earth Station technology, radio systems, data transmission, network systems and national and international telephony and IT proficient, in particular to MS Word, Excel and PowerPoint.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure provides, including but not limited to: competitive salary (depending on qualifications and experience), Incentive Bonus Scheme, Pension, Staff Benefits and opportunities for continued professional development.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Interested person can contact the HR department: Karen Buckley on E: karen.buckley@sure.com T:+290 66802 or Chief Technical Officer, Mark Heron on E: mark.heron@sure.com

Applications and CV should be submitted to Human Resources by **4pm on Wednesday 19 August 2020**.



PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY Senior Accounts Executive

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress in your Finance career? Do you have good leadership skills and a problem-solving attitude? If so, Corporate Finance has an opportunity for you to join their team

The post-holder must have the following qualifications and experience

- **GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above** (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process)
- **ACCA Intermediate Certificate in Financial and Management Accounting or equivalent**
- **At least 3 years experience in a similar accounting role**
- **At least 2 years experience in supervising staff**

Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum as per the Finance and Accountancy Cadre Level B .

For **further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or email: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from **Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies** and should be

submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 18 August 2020**

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY Support Worker (Cape Villa)

Are you **compassionate, caring, patient and understanding**? We are seeking a **Support Worker** with a good sense of responsibility and commitment to providing assistance and direction to individuals at Cape Villa that encourages them to live relatively independent.

If you are interested in working with us and feel that you have the right values to **make a difference**, then **contact us today**; we'd like to hear from you!

The following are essential...

- **NVQ Level 2 in Health & Social Care** or equivalent (or willingness to undertake)
- **Functional Skills Literacy & Numeracy** Entry Level 1
- **Willing to engage in relevant training** to enhance skills and knowledge in caring for individuals who are no longer able to live at home
- **Good interpersonal skills** with the ability to effectively communicate with tenants/clients and their relatives, members of the public, colleagues, etc.
- **Ability to empathise** with tenants, combined with a genuine desire to improve the quality of life for tenants

Previous experience in working with older persons would be an asset but if not, willingness to learn **is desirable**.

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.

Salary for this post is in Grade B, commencing at **£6,890 per annum**.

For **further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact **Gillian Brooks**, Sheltered Accommodation & Home Care Manager on telephone number 22713 or e-mail: gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate or on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by **no later than Tuesday, 18 August 2020**.

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LENDING SECTION OPENING HOURS

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that the Lending Section will be open from 10 to 13 August as follows:

Monday, 10 August: 13:30 - 16:00

Tuesday, 11 August: 13:30 - 16:00

Wednesday, 12 August: 13:30 - 16:00

Thursday, 13 August: 13:30 - 16:00

Friday, 14 August: normal opening hours resume.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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THE ANCHOR CLOTHING SHOP

Situated at Kunjie Field, 1st building on your right. Car park is available.

Please note that the Anchor shop at Kunjie Field is open for business. The Anchor shop in Jamestown town is still closed.

There are no SET opening hours at this time. If you would like to visit the shop, please give us a call on the contact number below.

On sale are children's asst clothing & shoes, ladies underwear, leggings in asst sizes & a good selection of clothing. We also stock men's football boots, trainers, sandals and a selection of clothing.

Come and have a browse where there is something for everyone!

Contact: Jean Fowler Tel: 24044

Happy Shopping!!!



Connect SAINT HELENA LTD TIP OF THE WEEK

Know where your
master shut-off
valve is located.

Were a pipe to burst,
this could save
gallons of water and
prevent damage.

JOB VACANCY THORPE'S EMPORIUM



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
- Starting salary at £3.50 per hour (£539.00 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

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last weekend we saw the last piece of domestic silverware awarded as Arsenal came from behind to defeat Chelsea 2-1 in the FA Cup Final. This win extends Arsenal record in lifting 14 FA Cups.

Chelsea took the lead with a brilliant goal from Pulisic. In scoring Pulisic became the first American to score in an FA Cup Final.

Chelsea tactics looked to be working at the start of the games as like against Manchester United in the semi-final they applied a high press. Arsenal counters this tactic by playing the ball longer from the back to their fast front players.

Arsenal found a match winner in their Gabonese striker Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang. Aubameyang equalised from the penalty spot then scored a brilliant goal in the second half which



Arsenal FA Cup Winners 2020

incidentally was the only shot on target in that half from both teams.

This win for Arsenal means they will now play European Football as they have qualified for the Europa League at the expense of Wolves.

In the richest match in world football Fulham beat Brentford 2-1 after extra time to join Leeds and West Brom as the teams promoted to the Premier League.

Fulham who was relegated last season after spending over £100m on players will be delighted to be back in the top flight.



Fulham's manager Scott Parker celebrating with his players after their Play Off win

St Helena Football Association Results and Fixtures

Last Sunday saw the first of the postponed matches being played at Francis Plain. The first match was a very competitive game between in form Axis and Saints. The Axis took the lead in the first 30 seconds through Jamie Ellick; they extended their lead a few minutes from half-time when Ryan Backhouse scored. **Axis - Saints 4-1**

Mark Brooks pulled a goal back for the Saints in the second half and had a good chance to equalise minutes later. Axis scored two late goals one which was an unfortunate own goal and Ethan Johnson wrapped up the points for the Axis when he scored from the penalty spot.

Rhys Francis picked up the man of the match award after another good all round performance.

The second match saw Crystal Rangers with a full strength squad pay the Lakers. This match resulted in a **14 nil win for the Lakers**.

Liam Yon scored 2; 1 own goal, Man of the match Selwyn Stroud scored 3, Cody Thomas 2, Tyler Brady 3, Louis Banikel 1, Kyle Yon 1 and Jordan Yon 1

Saturday 8th August

1pm	Crystal Rangers v Rovers	Referee: Axis
3pm	Lakers v Bellboys	Referee: Harts



Axis

12 Hour Music Extravaganza!

Date: Friday 28th August – Saturday 29th August 2020

Place: Bottom of the Seaside

Time: 6pm Friday - 6am Saturday

Entrance: £3 adults £1 children over 3 years

Various Bands/Singers Dancing Hot Food Bar

Save the Date!

28th August – 29th August 2020

In Aid of
The St Helena Football Association
St Helena Team (Guernsey)

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Junior Football Results week 3

Last Saturday we were lucky to have beautiful weather for the Junior Football. it was pleasing to see the great turn out of players and spectators.

The results are:

7-11 years:

Predators 27 v Superstrikers 0

G/S Predators: Riley Yon 11; Lebron George 7, Levi 1, Hugo Richards 4, Tyler Anthony 4

POM: Riley Yon & Nathan Thomas

Ranglers 5 v Blue Arrows 3

G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 2; Kurt Lawrence 1, Ziggy Yon 1 & Zian Thomas 1

G/S Blue Arrows: Liam Timm 1; Dillon George 1 & Robertson Shawnga 1

POM: Dirk Peters & Darshan Patel

11-16:

Galacticos 6 v Allstars 3

G/S Galacticos: Own goal; Musa 3, Tyrone Cansick 1 & Annika Lawrence 1

G/S Allstars: Toure Osborne 1 & Blaze Baldwin 2

POM: Musa & Blaze Baldwin

Fugees 6 v Gladiators 4

G/S Fugees: Dodi 2; Blake Peters 2 & Lars Williams 2

G/S Gladiators: Jaydee Caswell 2 & Taye Peters 2

POM: Jaydee Caswell & Blake Peters

Top Scorers 11+			
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Lars Williams	Fugees	8
2	Taylon Phillips	Rastabouts	7
3	Blake Peters	Fugees	5
4	Jaydee Caswell	Gladiators	5
5	McCoy Williams	Rastabouts	5
6	Toure Osborne	Allstars	5
7	Dodi Peters	Fugees	3
8	Musa	Galacticos	3
9	Taye Peters	Gladiators	3
10	Blaze Baldwin	Allstars	2
11	Kenan Bargo	Gladiators	2
12	Kieran Williams	Rastabouts	2
13	Annika Lawrence	Galacticos	1
14	Jacob Williams	Gladiators	1
15	Rena Coleman	Gladiators	1
16	Shaquille Benjamin	Rastabouts	1
17	Stefan O'Dean	Rastabouts	1
18	Tyreese Osborne	Allstars	1
19	Tyrone Canswick	Galacticos	1

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Riley Yon	Predators	22
2	Harry Winfield	Yellow Devils	16
3	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	14
4	Hugo Richards	Predators	8
5	Lebron George	Predators	8
6	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	8
7	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	7
8	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	6
9	Tyler Anthony	Predators	6
10	Edward	Predators	3
11	Ziggy Yon	Ranglers	2
12	Dillon George	Blue Arrows	1
13	Kurt Lawrence	Ranglers	1
14	Liam Tom	Blue Arrows	1
15	Robertson Shawnga	Blue Arrows	1
16	Zian Thomas	Ranglers	1

Junior Fixtures: Sunday 9th Aug

Pitch 1

9.15am Super Strikers v Blue Arrows

Referee: Nick Stevens

10am

Yellow Devils v Predators

Referee: Gareth Johnson

Pitch 2

9.15am Galacticos v Fugees

Referee: Owen Richards

10am

Rastabouts v Allstars

Referee: Aiden Yon-Stevens

7-11 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Predators	3	3	0	0	48	2	46	9	
2	Yellow Devils	2	2	0	0	47	3	44	6	
3	Ranglers	3	1	0	2	10	28	-18	3	
4	Blue Arrows	2	0	0	2	3	17	-14	0	
5	Superstrikers	2	0	0	2	0	58	-58	0	

11-16 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Rastabouts	2	2	0	0	16	1	15	6	
2	Fugees	2	2	0	0	16	7	9	6	
3	Galacticos	2	1	0	1	7	11	-4	3	
4	Gladiators	3	1	0	2	12	17	-5	3	
5	Allstars	3	0	0	3	9	24	-15	0	



AUDIT ST HELENA
External Auditors

VACANCIES FOR TWO ASSISTANT AUDITORS ON 12 MONTH FIXED TERM CONTRACTS Salary range £8,067 to £9,904 per annum

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit two assistant auditors to join their audit team.

These assistant auditors 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.

These are career entry positions and Prince Andrew School apprentices are welcomed to apply for these posts.

The job profile and application forms are available by calling 22111 or e-mailing cassidy.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh

Applications should be submitted by hand or by e-mail to the Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on Friday, 14th of August 2020.



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Golf Report for Sunday 2nd August 2020

Last Sunday's weather was great. Although some golfers felt that it was too hot. An impressive turn out of 29 players turned up to take part in the 18-hole stableford competition. It was a shotgun start at 12:05. The irony of golf is that you can't predict who will win. Some golfers have great rounds on some days and not so great rounds on other days. The same happens even at a professional level. A PGA golfer can win a major event and fail to make the cut the following week. Such is golf. When all the scores were in, top on the leaderboard with 5 points lead playing off 20 handicap was Mr Leeroy Caswell with 41 points. Three golfers tied for second place with 36 points each. Larry Legg, John Colclough and Scott Crowie. On a countback Mr Scott Crowie took second prize. The two ball pool winners were Mr Hensil Beard on the 5th and Mr Scott Crowie on the 16th.



ST. HELENA
GOLF CLUB

The Par 3 (game of irons) Strokeplay is back on Sunday 9th August 2020. Shotgun start at 12:00pm. Registration ongoing. For more pictures and information follow us on Facebook @shgc.org.sh

Happy swinging.!

Contributed by: SHGC

How About a Job in the Sun?

St Helena Government is seeking overseas Police Sergeants for uniformed operations on the Island.

The advert is offering "to be a part of uniformed operations, supervising a team conducting investigations and managing incidents, plus community policing events.

A sub-tropical island of spectacular and beautiful landscapes in the South Atlantic with a warm and friendly population of 4,500, St Helena is a self-governing overseas territory of the UK. A new international airport now offers a weekly scheduled flight from Johannesburg.

The St Helena Police Service comprises of a Chief of Police, three Chief Inspectors (Community and Operations, Operations Support and Development and Crime) an Inspector, six Sergeants and 16 Constables.

SHG is offering a local salary of £42k pa, taxable in St Helena and a tax free International Supplement will also apply. It is a 2 year contract.

In the deal is also an extensive benefits package with 30 days leave pa, fare paid travel, freight, a pension contribution, and relocation allowance."



It seems awfully expensive for a Police Sergeant, A quick calculation would suggest that the total cost for SHG, for an unaccompanied Police Sergeant is in the region of £75-£80k.

Unfortunately, the time for applications closed on 27th August.

Serena's Gift Shop

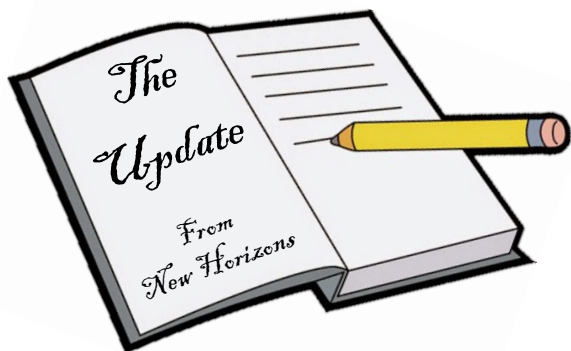
Phone : 22792

New Stocks...

Mens Steel toe Boots £29.50



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Hi there readers. Who would believe this is the 4th edition of **The Update**? Time is surely moving, before we know it we'll be decking the halls with boughs of holly.....

Anyway, let's get back to the task in hand.....Friday evening was a bit quieter than normal. However we still had a good turnout. The youth took part in activities that were provided throughout the night. Two officers from the Police Dept stopped by to issue some pamphlets on Underage Drinking which members could take with them to read.

Saturday was an early start for staff; 7:15am. Bootcamp kicked off the morning followed by Junior Futsal on Francis Plain at 9:15am. There were approximately 60 plus youngsters all booted up for their games. There were footballers as young as 5 years old taking part in the beginners' league which is organised by the New Horizons Chair Happyman. The 7-11 year olds and the 11-16 year olds leagues played side by side, this is run by the New Horizons staff and older members of the club. Few parents came to watch the 11-16 games, but the 7-11 year old games proved more popular with those spectating. Screams, laughter and cheers were echoed within the Francis Plain bowl. Even the weather was more cheerful than that of the previous week. I should add here that we currently have a couple of girls playing football but it would be great to see more. Football is not just for boys remember!

Sunday – A DAY OFF after 13 days on the gallop!!!

Monday: back to the grindstone. The normal stuff occurred during the day with admin, book keeping, cleaning etc. Not forgetting Box-Fit. These Box-Fit sessions are a nice little way of relieving any stress from the morning at work and enabling people to return to work feeling re-energised for the rest of the day.

That afternoon the New Horizons bus picked up keen footballers from Pilling and St Paul's Schools. Whilst those from Harford School were picked up by 'Lynnie' (organised by Happyman). As normal, as soon as the kids saw the ball bags, they were in there, looking for their ball to kick about whilst Nick set up. When the whistle went, everyone were instructed to throw the balls to the side and then the warmup begun. The age and ability range here was obvious, but Nick (with teaching in his veins) knew how to retain focused. After warm up they had to carry out different skills.....this part of the session was aided by Rieedwaan, Owen, Tina

and later on, Christo. Skills included dribbling with one foot, then the other, side footing, standing headers and then running in headers. Following the skills part of the session was the well-earned game time which was done on two pitches and two games being played at once. I should also say that 26 primary footballers turned up. Following this was the men's football training.

The rest of this week is sort of as normal. Wednesday we had our Beginners Box-Fit session. The ladies who come for these sessions are doing really well. They have taken on board the different strikes and are coming on nicely. It's also a good way to get/keep fit. New Horizons also had a visitor stop by; number one Liverpool fan; Lucas Benjamin. Lucas does visit us from time to time as he enjoys Pool. After Lucas had finished pool, Nick took him to the Leisure Park to show him how to shoot hoops at Basketball where Lucas demonstrated a really good effort.

Although its schools holidays from today, Thursday, New Horizons will open for the Youth from Monday 10th August. During the holidays the Centre will open from Mondays to Thursdays from 9am-3pm. On the Mondays we are extending our age of entry to Primary as well as Secondary aged. Entrance fee for New Horizons is 50p. We try to encourage those attending to bring with them a packed lunch. New Horizons also has a Tuck Shop selling refreshments. If you would like more information about the Monday's opening, please get in touch with Nick.

I will leave this here for now. Don't forget Junior Football is on Sunday this week starting shortly after 9am. New Horizons will be there operating a small Tuck Shop.

Until the next time, have a good weekend and thanks for reading this week's edition of **The Update**.



Port to Port Airport to Ruperts Sponsored Walk



In Aid of
The St Helena International Football Team
(Guernsey 2021)

Date: BANK HOLIDAY Monday 31st August 2021
Start Time: 9:30am (registration 8:45am)

Collect a minimum sponsorship of £10 to enter
or you can enter on the day for £15

Fish and Chips will be on sale at Ruperts

Sponsor Forms are available from New Horizons

Persons taking part can park at Ruperts and will be transported to the airport in readiness for the start.

Ascension Island Runway Project to Start



Images by: DRMP

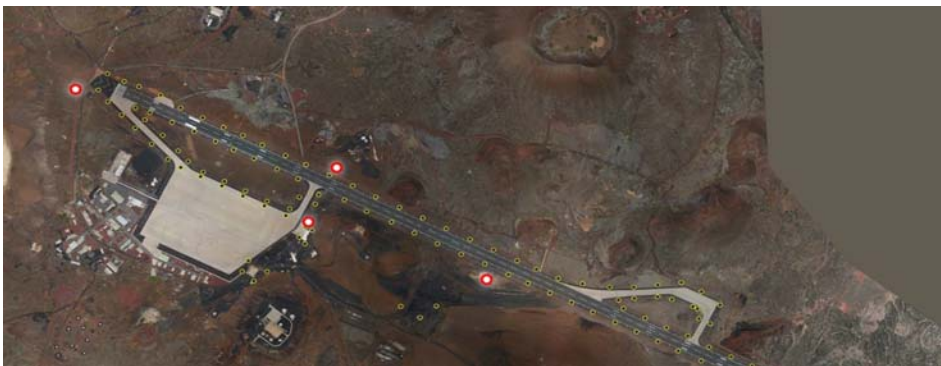
According to sources on Ascension Island, the repairs of the Ascension Island Airfield runway are to start in earnest next month. With the world struck with the Corona virus the project will face several logistical problems, including getting workforce recruited in St Helena to Ascension.

The US company Fluor Corporation announced on 21st January 2020 that the US Air Force awarded the company, through its Fluor AMEC II, LLC entity, the task order contract to repair the Ascension Island Airfield runway.

The cost-plus, fixed-fee task order is for up to 28 months and is valued at approximately \$170 million. This means that the Ascension Island Airfield might not be fully operational until 2023, however it will be available for smaller aircraft. Ascension could be a major link for St Helena to the outside world.

The US Air Force in a Media Advisory of the 21st January said:

“The project to replace the runway at Ascension Auxiliary Airfield has, at long last, been awarded. The herculean effort was brought to pass by a partnership of the UK Ministry of Defence and the US Department of Defense, assisted by the Ascension Island Government (AIG). The Air Force Contract Augmentation Program (AFCAP). AFCEC will provide overall project management for the duration of the contract.”



While many details are still to be delivered in contract documents, the Island can expect to see the first slew of contractors and government representatives in mid-February for a pre-construction existing conditions survey. Part of their task will be to establish the framework for delivering hundreds of thousands of tons of material and equipment to the Island where coastal interactions can be tricky. The period of performance (the timeframe the contractor is not to exceed in completing the task) is 10 Jan 2020 – 10 May 2022.

USAF, MOD and AIG representatives on island intend to establish a planning group to scope and fully understand the likely local impacts of the project as it is delivered. Regular communications will be provided to the local community as the project progresses.

The project, despite the enormous logistical challenges will bring with it a host of benefits to the island, the prime one of course the return of the UK MOD's South Atlantic Airbridge and all the positive impacts that will bring to the employing organizations and those who live and work here. The project is known as a “full-depth reconstruction” as not only the existing pavement will be removed and replaced but several feet of aggregate material below. Airfield lighting will also be



replaced and water drainage will be improved. This will be the first major construction on the full length of the runway since the overlay project in 1993 and the first full-depth reconstruction project since the runway's construction in 1942 to take on WWII aircraft. The runway shoulder width will be doubled to reduce the risk of foreign object debris generation during aircraft movements. The total length of the runway will be extended by 500 feet to enable limited aircraft use (the island's only means of large-volume passenger transport) during construction and a continuation of civilian access to Ascension. In addition, roads between the pierhead in the port settlement of Georgetown and all around Ascension Auxiliary Airfield will be reconstructed and renewed due to the large construction vehicles that will use them.

Sir Philip Barton to head new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

It was announced this week that Sir Philip Barton will be the top civil servant in the merged DFID and FCO department. Named the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, the new department is estimated to take about two years before it is properly 'run-in'. Starting the job on 1st September Sir Philip will take over from Sir Simon McDonald who, as head of the Foreign and Commonwealth administration visited St Helena in January. The current DFID minister Anne Marie Trevelyan has only been in the job since February and has overseen the burial of DFID. The present Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab will continue as political head of the new FCDO.



Sir Philip Barton will be leaving his current post as High Commissioner to India to take up his new role. He has held other posts in the Far East as well as in the United States and security and intelligence roles.

Winning results of the Arts and Craft raffle which was drawn at the end of July

Breakfast Hamper, Hanna Hickling
 St Helena T Shirt, Delia Allen
 St Helena Polo Shirt, Yvette De Reuck
 RMS Print, Capt Bob Wyatt
 Napoleon St Helena Book by M Martineau, Tomas Soto
 Lemon Drizzle Cake, Rita Williams
 Bottle of Wine, Melvin Obey.
 St Helena Coffee & Coffee Mug, David John.
 St Helena Apron, Jane Roberts
 Eco Saint Bottle Lamp, Cecily Stroud
 St Helena Tea Towel, Steve Coats
 Set of six GK Crafts Coasters, Sybil Howell
 G Unique Gift Voucher, Carmen Hooper
 St Helena Oven Glove, Jordyn Scipio- Richards
 Local Fish Design Tot Bag, Denny Herne.
 Local Bead Necklace, Ivonga Chilwenhere.

Many thank to A&C crafters for donating the prizes which enable the A&C association to raise £244.



WORLD BREASTFEEDING WEEK

World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated each year from 1 to 7 August to encourage breastfeeding and improve the health of babies around the world. The Health Directorate held a Breastfeeding Day at Anne's Place on Wednesday, 5 August 2020. Midwives, Rosemary Mittens and Erika Bowers, hosted the event for new mothers and mothers-to-be to discuss breastfeeding and share their views and personal experiences. Midwife, Rosemary Mittens, gave an introductory speech, followed by various prize activities. Both Midwives shared their knowledge and advice and voiced the importance of breastfeeding to the nine enthusiastic mothers (eight mothers and one mother-to-be).

Rosemary explained:

"Breastfeeding is very important as there are so many benefits for both the baby and the mother such as preventing breast, uterine and ovarian cancers and osteoporosis in the mothers and preventing obesity, diabetes, infections and allergies in the babies. Because of all the benefits it is very important on the Island, especially with the increased cases of diabetes and obesity. There are no Island breastfeeding statistics at this present time but, I quote 'Breastfeeding is increasing and has improved on St Helena'."



PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN DAYS 2020

The Island's three Primary Schools – St Paul's, Pilling and Harford - held their annual Open Days during the last week of July.

This year's Open Days were a little different with parents being able to be more involved and participate in the activities taking place in their children's classroom, engaging with teachers and viewing their children's work over the academic year. St Paul's Primary School's Open Day on Wednesday, 29 July,



saw a great turnout of parents attending the event throughout the day.

Head Teacher, Pat Williams, commented:

"St Pauls Primary's Open Day was all about allowing the parents and friends to come and see the school in action, join classes, to see the teaching and learning of children's work. This gave parents some guidance and support on what goes on in school and also for helping their child at home. The event saw a great attendance throughout the day, some classes having 100% attendance from parents. We received positive feedback from the public and met our objectives. Overall, it was a really successful day despite not having normal end of year entertainment."

Pilling Primary School hosted their Open Day on Thursday, 30 July.

Head Teacher, Mrs Elaine Benjamin, said:

"This year, each class chose their own theme for Open Day, ranging from fairy tales to football. Each class along with their teachers dressed in costumes appropriate to the theme and enjoyed a range of English, Maths, Humanities, Music and Creative activities. The day was hugely successful in that there was a more fun and relaxed classroom ethos that parents also shared in and enjoyed as they walked around the school."

Harford Primary School ended the week with their Open Day on Friday, 31 July, with an exciting turnout from parents.

Head Teacher, Mrs Carlean Crowie, commented:

"The day saw many parents and other visitors, milling in and out of the school, viewing displays and engaging with pupils and staff. Conversation, in a relaxed manner, centred on teaching and learning and pupil's efforts and achievements generally over the year. A lovely day which demonstrated a positive home/school partnership and signalled the close of academic year 2019 – 20."

'BOOZE IT, YOU LOSE IT' DRINK-DRIVE CAMPAIGN - WEEK THREE

Message from the St Helena Police Service

During the third week of our 'Booze It, You Lose It' drink-drive

awareness campaign, St Helena Police have been very busy.

One person was arrested and charged with driving whilst over the prescribed limit and will appear before the magistrate's court in due course.

There was one report of a road traffic collision whereby the driver was not suspected of being over the prescribed limit at the time of the collision.

27 vehicles across the Island were stopped for various reasons ranging from the vehicle lights not working to the way in which they were being driven, however very few had discrepancies such as expired driving and vehicle licences and vehicle defects.

It is pleasing to see how welcoming the community have been to the Campaign so far. People are very engaging when being stopped, fully appreciating the preventative measures we as a Police Service are taking in keeping the community safe.

St Helena Police would furthermore like to advise the public that it is important to ensure that your driving and road licences are up-to-date as well as your insurance. Although this is a drink-drive awareness campaign, offences such as these will also be dealt with should it come to our attention.

Anyone not a resident on St Helena are advised that once you arrive on-Island you can only drive on your international driving licence for a three-month period, after which you must purchase a St Helena driving licence from the Customer Service Centre in Jamestown.

Until next week, help us to keep you safe - don't drink and drive! **SHG, 4 August 2020**



TEACHER TRAINEES ACHIEVE CERTIFICATE OF HIGHER EDUCATION IN EDUCATION STUDIES (PRIMARY)

Teacher Trainees, Candice Thomas and Laufia McDaniel, have recently passed the Certificate of Higher Education (CerHE) in Education Studies (Primary) through the Open University. This Open University CerHE develops understanding of Policy and Practice in Primary Education, providing a foundation for further study.

The year-long course is also worth 120 credits towards a Degree programme. It required the Teacher Trainees to carry out a broad range of readings relating to educational theories and then to apply these to different coursework assessments.



Let "Our FUTURE SHINE" through

Rosie's Little Miss & Mister Competition

Support your child
in building their confidence!

Saturday 22nd Aug @ 2pm

Following categories
Toddler, 5-7 yrs and 8-12 yrs

Evening Wear Theme

Followed by a Disco Until 8pm

At 4pm a BBQ Buffet Meal for Children & Parents
will be on Sale £8 for Children & £15 for Adults
Please Register your Child and book Meals by Friday
14th August

Call 25507 or email rosemarybargo3@gmail.com
LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE



sweet-nest

will be opening on

Friday August 7	Unit 5 Jamestown Market
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Come and visit us for your
sweet treats!

11am - 8pm

Popcorn & Candy Floss Available



**Reserve the following dates
for our popular Christmas
events:**

**Christmas Bonanza/Family Nite
in School Playground -
Friday 11 December**

**Festival of Lights –
Monday 21st December**

Our Class Mottos:

