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Business Support Numbers Published by SHG

This week SHG published details of who received what in business support from government. Aimed at helping local businesses through the difficult trading conditions caused by the coronavirus pandemic, a wide range of businesses benefitted. The figures are on the SHG website and appear as a 'paid-for' publication in this edition of the *Independent*. More than £338,000 was handed out by SHG to island businesses up to the end of September who applied for one or more of the six funds set up to keep local businesses afloat. Most of the money was awarded as 'Hardship Support'. £289,450 or 85% of the total funds was awarded as Hardship Support and went to businesses in the tourism sector that were affected when the flow of tourists dried up with the suspension of the weekly flights. Added to that, tourism sector businesses received a total of almost £20,500 from Enterprise St Helena to help with utility, internet and insurance costs as the tourist numbers trickled down to nothing. This brought the tourism share of the funds available to 90% of the total.

Crèches received a little more than £7,000 at the time when flu hit the schools, causing them to close and in turn adversely affecting the crèche trade. Very small businesses and those with a single owner/worker were entitled to claim a one-off payment of £325 if the business was affected by someone needing to self-isolate for 14 days. More than £17,000 was paid out to self-isolationists. ESH also paid out more than £5,000 to small businesses needing personal protective clothing, hand sanitisers and (strangely) seeds, saplings, plants or 'treatments'.

See page 8 for the details published by SHG

PASSING OF FORMER GOVERNOR'S WIFE

St Helena Government has received news of the sad passing of the wife of former Governor Francis Eustace Baker CBE OBE. Mrs Connie Baker had accompanied her husband on St Helena during his term as Governor of the Island between 1984 and 1988.

Mrs Baker passed away peacefully on Wednesday, 30 September 2020, aged 87 years. She is survived by her husband and their four children.

During her time on St Helena, Mrs Baker was very active in the community.

SHG extends sincere condolences to Mrs Baker's family at this sad time.

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5 October 2020



Thank You

Sincere thanks to my family members and friends who so kindly acknowledged my 80th Birthday on 21st September. The great number of gifts and lovely cards – both local and overseas – was truly overwhelming. The fellowship time spent with me on the day and more recently has been touchingly impressive.

Special thanks goes out to my beloved daughters Monica and Jill, who so lavishly arranged such a delicious supper party at "The Blue Lantern" on the night.

My heartfelt thanks to every one of you.

God bless you for your love and kindness to me.

Patsy Flagg

FROM THE SHINE SHOW.....

On Monday 5th October, Sir Bob Geldof turned 69 – many of you might know Sir Bob as the frontman of Irish rock band 'The Boomtown Rats', but only a few recognised his voice in a song competition on 'The Shine Show' that morning. Neil Foster, recently of virtual London marathon fame, was the winner, being the first caller with the correct answer and possibly because there is a special connection between Neil and Sir Bob – they have met in real life (pictured).

In Neil's own words, he describes the encounter.....

"I was fortunate to meet Bob in late 2002 in York UK, my dad's birthplace, after a concert I went to see with my sister at the time. Didn't think of it then, but Bob's influence would change the way I looked at life.... I would realize his leadership platform wasn't granted by title (Boomtown Rats had a healthy following, but they were no Beatles), but by character, and a strong sense of compulsion to serve the greater good and wider community. He projected the sense he needed to build and inspire a good team to work from a position of strength, and the results followed (they say Queen delivered their best ever performance at Live Aid!).

Bob wouldn't know the impression he would leave on a 26-year-old kid with a lot to learn about life..... My family and I love the



Live Aid concert, and my 6-year-old son might be the youngest person today to know that Phil Collins travelled from Wembley in London, UK to Philadelphia in the USA by way of Concorde, allowing him to play both shows!

Who on St Helena loves the Live Aid concert, and would like to see it again or even for the first time??? Get in touch with Neil or The Shine Show and let us know....could be a reason for a great

'Party-in-the-Park'!!!!

Neil Foster's Virtual Marathon

by Jonathan Clingham

Neil Foster joined over 45,000 other competitors from around the World to compete in the virtual London Marathon on Sunday 04th October. Neil's challenge took place on St Helena which is possibly the remotest participant joining the virtual marathon.

St Helena is also one of the most challenging places in the world to compete in any marathon due to the Islands very hilly terrain and size. Neil, a Canadian-born passionate runner describes living on St Helena in the middle of the South Atlantic, as one of the most isolated remote places on earth.

To meet his 26.2-mile goal - the distance of the marathon, Neil ran (mostly) across the Island, touching almost three of its four sides.

Neil started his run from the popular Post Box Walk starting point at the South West of the Island before heading along Frenches Gut, passing Cason's Forest towards the Sandy Bay Ridges, up to the summit of Diana's Peak (820m above sea level) continuing on towards Hutt's Gate, then onto Longwood Road and Avenue passing the famous Napoleon's Bonaparte's house before arriving at St Helena Airport.

Neil included a run around the St Helena Airport runway with members of SHAPE before completing the final leg of the marathon on the recently built Airport 'haul road' and then on to the finish line in Rupert's Valley.

Neil was also able to upload live data tracking for most of his run and the stats showed that Neil took a total of 08 hours 36 minutes to cover 44.85 km (27.86 miles)

St Helena's is Active Participation in Enterprise or SHAPE as they are more commonly known on St Helena, were the main supporting body for Neil's run on the day. SHAPE is St Helena's first and only social enterprise charity, which was established in 2008. SHAPE plays a crucial role in supporting the Island's disabled and vulnerable adults who could face social exclusion.

SHAPE provides supportive training opportunities through environmentally friendly projects.

Neil's epic run raised just under £2000.00 some of which was in support for the Aerobility charity based in Surrey UK, which

has similar social objectives to SHAPE on St Helena.

The Aerobility organisation is a disabled flying charity that tackles the isolation that disability can sometimes lead to, Aerobility's specially adapted aircraft flies from airfields all around the UK supporting over 600 individuals every year.

The community on St Helena showed great support for Neil on his run, as St Helena is not only a special place for community spirit but also a great place for any challenge.

On Wednesday, team SHAPE, Neil and his storyteller Craig Williams met at the Saint FM studio to discuss their challenge in a live interview, which gauged lots of listener interest as the discussion clearly demonstrated a true St Helena community and how together in such a small place, you can make a big difference.

The interview is available on the Saint FM website <http://www.saint.fm/podcast/post-virtual-london-marathon-interview-with-neil-foster-shape-and-support-team/>



Runway Finish



Speech by Mr Basil George



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Editorial

News which can be of interest to at least some of our readers is to be found in many and sometimes unlikely places. We keep searching because variety is the spice of life. Despite that, we do rely on dear old SHG for a regular supply of 'bread and butter' news items because often it is the bread and butter stuff that affects us most. As with everything we can have a feast or a famine of news from SHG; and lately it has been more like famine.

Since last Friday we have had press releases from SHG about Longwood public toilets being refurbished, tree surgery work near the Rickmers building, restricted access to Jamestown and Rupert's wharfs next week when the MV Helena is back and belated announcements about a new contractor to manage aviation fuel supplies in Rupert's and at the airport together with something about the recently concluded 2nd Virtual Island Summit. Nothing among that lot makes people want to buy the *Independent* to read all about it.

But that's not all. Recent SHG press releases also told us about International Translation Day, International Day for Older Persons and World Teachers Day. There seems to be a local mania at the moment for these international days, why, I just don't know. Then, yesterday afternoon a press release was issued telling us the Blue Belt Tuna Advice Report has been released. Officially called the *Review St Helena tuna fishery status and management advice*, this report has been awaited for some considerable time. Written by people involved with the Marine Management Organisation (MMO) and the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) - both big and authoritative UK Government organisations - it was signed off in April this year and finally released in June after further comments were received. SHG held it back from general publication for almost six months, much to the frustration of those involved with St Helena tuna fishery management.

As expected the tuna species of most concern is bigeye which is considered to be overfished and continues to be overfished. The UK Overseas Territories have agreed to reduce the bigeye catch limit to no more than 10,000 tonnes with most of St Helena's share being caught on Cardno Seamount where its mostly inhabited by adult bigeye. The report advised that tagging of bigeye should start soon. Looking at this as a complete outsider, I have to wonder why the tagging has not already started, some time back. It seems tagging has concentrated on Yellow Fin which is not overfished. However it is bigeye which needs the most fishery management attention if this tuna species it to be protected as well as exploited. Skipjack and albacore are also not overfished; it's just bigeye and the advice in the report, on the basis of little available management information, is to gradually expand fishing activity for bigeye.

The report tells us that inshore yellowfin never normally reach

a metre in length. The bigger yellowfin are on Bonaparte and Cardno seamounts with Cardno seeming to have the biggest, but not more than 1.2 metres in length. The bigger yellowfin migrate outside the Economic Exclusion Zone. I expect there will be more on this next week.

Another piece of information fired over the Castle wall yesterday afternoon was the latest price inflation figures. The statistics are updated to include price changes between July and September; they show prices have rise overall by 1% compared with this time last year. Compared with April to June this year they have fallen slightly. Alcohol and tobacco continue their relentless price increase due to ever increasing duties - which, of course, is only for our own good - (and the benefit of government funds). Most other price categories have stayed the same or fallen. Food and clothing have reduced the most, because of a weak South African Rand.

It's now 9 days since South African lifted restrictions on international travel. During that time nothing official has been said by those in authority about what circumstances need to prevail before the reintroduction of weekly flights can be considered. Recent enquiries by the *Independent* remain to be answered. Airlink are certainly keen to get their planes in the skies to bring in the much needed revenue the airline has been starved of for several months. On Monday Airlink started a Jo'burg - Harare, Zimbabwe daily return service. Next Monday a twice weekly flight between Jo'burg and Maputo, Mozambique begins. Other air services, covering main centres across southern Africa, have either started or are lined up to start soon. Undoubtedly, Airlink will be very happy to include St Helena on its ever growing list of destinations as soon as the word is given. Will SHG announce the re-introduction of weekly flights to South Africa after they have made all the plans under a veil of secrecy or will they open up and start an adult conversation with the rest of us about when it might be best to start operating the air service once more? This is an important question which affects all of us.

Another question where all has gone quiet is the contract with PASH Global for new and significant investment in our energy infrastructure. It seems only eight of the twelve wind turbines on Deadwood Plain are working now. Has maintenance been slowed down as the long wait continues for the three new wind turbines from PASH Global? A few months back there was a big occasion created where Barry Hubbard signed the contract with PASH Global in one of those virtual events we are becoming used to. There has been no sign of PASH Global putting their signature to this contract - yet. Why?

Much of it seems to be questions but no answers.

Have a good weekend - Vince



Mantis St Helena Hotel Temporary Closure

Mantis Management

Release date: 08 October 2020

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After careful consideration, the Directors of St Helena Hotel Development Limited have decided for the Mantis Hotel to remain closed until further notice. The Directors have agreed with Mantis Group to re-open the Hotel once international tourists are confident to travel to and holiday in St Helena.

The Mantis Hotel was built for international tourists and whilst the international travel landscape remains in a state of uncertainty and quarantine restrictions for visitors to the Island are in place, an exact date for reopening is still to be determined. However, the Directors have agreed with Mantis Group that it would be prudent to forecast a re-opening in time for St Helena's peak tourist season of 2021/22.

"Welcoming, safeguarding and taking care of Saints, tourists and our staff is at the very heart of what we do and who we are. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have partnered with top experts to implement new standards of safety and enhanced operational protocols and procedures, which are among the most stringent in the hospitality industry and will be implemented when our Guests are once again welcomed to Mantis St Helena. We would also like to thank our customers for their continued support of the Mantis St Helena Hotel." Andre van Niekerk, General Manager of Mantis St Helena Hotel.

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BUSINESS SUPPORT CONTINUED UNTIL END-DECEMBER, AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT PUBLISHED

Executive Council has agreed to extend the Business Support Initiative to 31 December 2020 for Tourism accommodation providers, Tour Operators (including both land and marine based) and other tourism related businesses. A reduced support package of 50% of the current level will be provided to qualifying businesses from 1 October. The aim of this support is to keep people in the hospitality sector on-Island in employment.

Each eligible business can make one application. Where several businesses are under the same ownership, or operating out of one building, the funding is limited to one grant.

Hardship Support

Hardship Support is available to owners of companies and sole proprietorships for whom more than half of their annual income is earned in the following sectors:

- Tourist accommodation providers (Note: Tourism Accommodation means premises that are rented out on a short-term basis (i.e. 30 days or less) and is currently unoccupied)
- Tourism activity providers, including both land- and marine-based
- Other tourism related businesses

The revised support is £250.00 for the first director and £162.50 for each employee and additional director.

Essential Cost Assistance Grants

Eligible businesses can also apply for an Essential Cost Assistance Grant of up to a maximum of £250.00 towards essential costs for business premises, i.e. rent, utilities, internet costs or business insurance.

Full details of both the Hardship Support Package and the Essential Cost Assistance Grants can be found on the SHG website at the following link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>

Due to the evolving situation, SHG will continue to evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 response measures. SHG will reassess the need for continuing support beyond December.

Financial Support Published

Financial support provided by St Helena Government (SHG) and Enterprise St Helena this year to reduce the burden on local businesses affected by the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic included:

- A one-time payment of £325 to any business with an employee who is forced to self-isolate after having returned from overseas on a flight on 14 March 2020 or thereafter
- A monthly hardship support payment towards a portion of staff costs for businesses in the tourism and hospitality sectors
- Extended Sick leave Support
- Enforced Business Closure Support
- Adjustment Scheme from ESH
- Sector Support Scheme from ESH

On 1 July 2020, Executive Council approved a second phase of hardship support for local businesses in the hospitality sector who continued to be impacted by COVID-19, with the aim of keeping the sectors most highly impacted by the disruption in scheduled commercial flights in business. Support packages were provided for:

- Hardship Support - available to owners of companies and sole proprietorships for whom more than half of their annual income is earned in tourist accommodation, tourism activities, dine in restaurant establishments and other tourism related businesses
- Essential Cost Assistance Grants – where affected businesses could apply for an Essential Cost Assistance Grant of up to a maximum of £500 towards essential costs for business premises, i.e. rent, utilities, internet costs or business insurance.

A list of all businesses who have received financial support up until 28 September 2020 under the different schemes has today been published on the Public information, Policies and Reports page of the SHG website: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>. An infographic of the total amount of support provided under each package is also attached to this release.

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SHG, 8 October 2020



COVID-19 Small Business Support



ESH Sector Support Scheme (April - June)

Contribution towards essential costs for tourism, hospitality and retail sector businesses for utilities, internet costs for business premises, or business insurance.

£12,489.10



ESH Adjustment Scheme (April - June)

To support the supplies or services i.e. answering machines, paper towel dispensers, food packaging, personal protective equipment, hand sanitisers, seeds / saplings and plants or treatments.

£5,095.38



SHG Enforced Self-Isolation Support (April - June)

To support individuals businesses or sole proprietors with a one-time payment of £325 for employees required to self-isolate for a period of 14 days.

£17,152.10



SHG Business Closure Support (April - June)

To support the crèches that were forced to close due to the influenza outbreak and subsequent school closures.

£7,150.00



ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support (July - September)

Contribution towards essential costs for tourism and hospitality sector businesses for utilities, internet costs for business premises, or business insurance.

£7,954.05



SHG Hardship Support (March - September)

To support privately-owned tourism related businesses i.e. accommodation providers, tour operators, eateries, other related tourism businesses (e.g. taxis, souvenir shops, producers who supplied the accommodation places on a regular basis) and bars and clubs who were affected by low visitor numbers.

£289,450.00



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COVID-19 SMALL BUSINESS SUPPORT AS AT END OF SEPTEMBER 2020

Name of Business	Total	Support Received	Name of Business	Total	Support Received
Aaron's Adventure Tours	£5,775.00	Hardship Support	Little Saint Shop / Needle & Thread	£211.91	ESH Sector Support Scheme
Abiwans	£3,500.00	Hardship Support	Maldivia Lodge	£6,100.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support
A&D Minimart	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	Mar-K's Taxi	£3,500.00	Hardship Support
Ambledale Cleaning Services	£650.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	Mike's Taxi	£3,000.00	Hardship Support
Amphibians	£5,954.49	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Scheme; Hardship Support	MTB's	£692.31	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme
Anne's Place	£9,050.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Scheme; Hardship Support	NGCPH	£720.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Annie's Laundrette	£7,725.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support	Nicholas Bargo	£650.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Arts & Crafts	£134.72	ESH Sector Support Scheme	Orange Tree Oriental Restaurant	£6,775.00	ESH Sector support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support
Atlantic Outpost	£227.53	ESH Sector Support Scheme	Patrick Hire Drive	£3,165.66	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support
Bank of St Helena Ltd	£1,950.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	PEAKS Enterprises	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Bargo's Enterprise Limited	£23,245.00	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support	Phil's Taxi & Tours	£3,000.00	Hardship Support
Benjamins Building Contractors	£975.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	Prince's Lodge Accommodation	£975.00	Hardship Support
Blue Lantern Ltd	£13,600.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	Printech St Helena	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Brooke Hill Pty Ltd	£500.00	ESH Adjustment Scheme	PV Catering Ltd	£3,000.00	Hardship Support
Capricorn Studios	£4,950.00	Hardship Support	Reggie's Takeaway	£3,300.00	Hardship Support
CF Thomas & Sons	£578.14	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme	RK Yon & Sons	£2,275.00	Hardship Support
Chad's Shop / CTS Trading	£766.88	ESH Essential Cost Assistance support; Enforced Self-Isolation Support	Roddy's Chicken Farm	£3,000.00	Hardship Support
Clifford's HTH	£3,500.00	Hardship Support	Roots	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
CNSKB	£500.00	ESH Adjustment Scheme	Rose & Crown	£1,950.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Consulate Investments	£20,900.00	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	Sandra's Creche	£975.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Business Closure Support
Corker's Tours	£3,500.00	Hardship Support	Sanrays	£11,620.71	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support
Crowie's Taxis	£5,450.00	Hardship Support	Serena's Gift Shop	£1,415.70	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Cutting Edge	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	SHAPE	£290.00	ESH Adjustment Scheme
Dewlands & Macoy's Self Catering	£5,775.00	Hardship Support	Sherry's Hairdressers	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Dillon & Son	£2,500.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support	Standard Bar	£4,925.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support
Dive St Helena	£3,851.44	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support	St Helena Distillery	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Donny's Bar & Nightclub	£3,450.00	Hardship Support	St Helena Growers Co-op Society	£906.30	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESG Adjustment Scheme
Enchanted Isle	£4,500.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	St Helena Heritage Society Ltd	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Farm Lodge	£7,947.10	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd	£15,925.00	Hardship Support
GK Crafts	£5,537.10	Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support	Stevens Family Butchers	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Green Wagon	£5,566.88	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; Hardship Support	St Sensations Ltd	£6,900.00	Hardship Support
G-Unique Designs	£197.29	ESH Sector Support Scheme	Sub-Tropic Adventures Ltd	£6,419.44	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support
Happy Tots Ltd	£2,275.00	Business Closure Support	Sunflower Creche	£650.00	Business Closure Support
Harkate Guest House Ltd	£312.13	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support	Survey Tech	£325.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Harris's Guest House	£5,286.92	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	Taxi 4 U / Reynolds Auto Cab	£3,940.86	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support
Helen's Family Kitchen	£2,000.00	Hardship Support	Tiddlers & Toddlers Creche	£1,950.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Business Closure Support
History on Wheels	£3,500.00	Hardship Support	Town House B&B	£500.00	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support
Horizons Ltd	£650.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support	V2 Paradise	£16,375.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support
Island Images	£17,346.88	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Enforced Self-Isolation Support; Hardship Support	W.A. Thorpe & Sons	£1,300.00	Enforced Self-Isolation Support
Jaye's Guesthouse	£4,475.00	Hardship Support	White Horse Inn	£6,400.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support
Joshies	£5,425.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support	Wicked Wahoo	£5,450.00	ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support; Hardship Support
Joshua Brothers Covered Production	£695.90	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Adjustment Scheme	Williams Estate	£4,950.00	Hardship Support
Kiddie Junction Creche	£650.00	Business Closure Support	Yon's Wellington House Trading	£1,000.00	ESH Sector Support Scheme; ESH Essential Cost Assistance Support
Kids R Us Creche	£1,625.00	Business Closure Support	Total £338,281.89		
Leslie's Taxi	£3,825.60	ESH Sector Support Scheme; Hardship Support			

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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Is there not something unseemly about the haste with which people -including some of your notable contributors- are lining up to ridicule the British Government's consideration of setting up a Processing Centre for UK Asylum seekers on St Helena? Does this proposal deserve to be so comprehensively rubbished without any proper consideration of what the benefits for this island could be? So what if Her Majesty's Government are prepared to spend £220million on St Helena to create such a facility. Who else is there who could or would invest that kind of money here? Certainly not the tourism /hospitality industry. The Covid19 Pandemic has surely set St Helena's Tourism aspirations back by at least 10 years, and it could well be 30 years before enough hospitality infrastructure has been developed to the point where an air service to the UK could be sustained on a weekly or twice-weekly basis, which is what would realistically be required to make tourism a viable sector of the economy.

Let us therefore momentarily set aside the knee-jerk first reaction of negativity and shock to consider what the potential benefits of an Asylum Centre might be. Firstly the objection that the project would be unreasonably expensive should be no concern of ours; if the UK Tory Government thinks it a reasonable way to spend their taxpayers' money, well that is democracy, and Saints should not lose sleep about it. All spending from taxation ends up being to the cost of one section and to the benefit of some other constituency. If in this instance the beneficiary is St Helena, well we should embrace that fact without guilt or argument, ourselves having been over 400 years in the queue. Second, we should damp down the hysteria and ignorance about what Asylum seekers are and what it would mean to have this facility on the island. They are not criminals or prisoners but for the most part genuinely vulnerable individuals who are at risk of persecution in their

own countries. Currently more than 90% of UK asylum claims are eventually resolved in the claimants' favour.

In the UK, the vast majority of asylum seekers-tens of thousands- live in the community under little or no supervision whilst their applications are processed and their claims evaluated. The small percentage who are housed in secure residential accommodation are there because of doubt as to their true status as persecuted refugees. Many come from hopelessly corrupt countries like Nigeria where fraud is a way of life but discrimination and violence based on religious intolerance, political opposition or individual sexuality is in fact not widespread despite the occasional atrocities of Boko Haram.

The figure quoted for operating a 1000-person Asylum Centre is £200million per year, almost all of which would be plugged in straight to the St Helena economy. The staff requirement would create not less than 300 jobs to manage the secured population, and probably more to cover catering, maintenance, healthcare and education. Asylum seekers in the UK are forbidden to work whilst waiting for their cases to be determined although many do work in the informal economy. On St Helena, with the risk of absconding neutralised by the ease of controlled access to the island it may not be necessary to keep all the detainees under lockdown conditions, and opportunities to work locally in labour-starved activities such as farming and fishing could improve home-grown productivity. Genuine asylum seekers tend to be people who have come to prominence in their communities and hence attracted the attention of an oppressive regime. For the most part, such people are politically conscious and include intellectuals, academics, teachers, doctors, journalists, lawyers, and individuals in many forms of professional life. The principal task of the Asylum Assessment Centre is to weed out mere economic migrants who are in no real physical danger for their beliefs or status but suffering the effects of civil war displacement, poverty and no healthcare.

The greatest benefit to St Helena would be the need for a regular UK air service. The British Government could not countenance creating such an offshore processing centre without also having a viable direct air link between the UK and

the island. This might be in the form of more charter flights or a scheduled air service underwritten by a guarantee from HMG. There are enough Boeing 757 aircraft still operating to provide a solution for another 5 years. During that period the UK could also invest the £75million needed for a 500metre runway extension which would open St Helena Airport to the current generation of fuel-efficient long-range aircraft such as the Boeing 787 which would connect to the UK without any need for stopping.

The initial reaction to this story tells me that taking this proposal seriously will not be a popular view. Nevertheless if Saints are realistic about the island's future and sustaining our way of life by improving it, surely the asylum centre proposal deserves a mature discussion at the very least? It does not merit being ridiculed like previous ignorant schemes to round up all the world's Islamic terrorists and dump them here in a vast and inappropriate prison fortress. Now that *would* ruin the island.

**Yours sincerely,
JAMESTOWN READER**

Dear Editor,

On Sunday, 4 October, because of Covid-19, the London marathon which could be done virtually, took place on St Helena. Neil Foster linking with the UK Charity *Aerobility* for disabled people decided to give it a go. He also involved SHAPE the island charity for the disabled. He chose a tough route from the lookout at South West Point, along Sandy Bay Ridges, through the Peaks, Longwood, the Airport, Prosperous Bay Signal Station, along the Haul Road to Ruperts. Disabled people from SHAPE took part for short distances at certain points, with staff, parents and supporters in attendance.

It was a special event for the disabled to be involved. It meant so much to them. Thanks are extended to Neil, his family and everyone who participated to make the day a success and such a wonderful occasion. It shows the community spirit and support that underpins the setting up of SHAPE: to care for vulnerable people in our community.

All four sectors: government, civil society, private enterprise and the people themselves contributed to laying the foundations for SHAPE on which to build.

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That commitment still exists today. These foundations where SHAPE is a registered charity as well as being registered as a non-profit business, gives flexibility for any of the four sectors of our community to continue to make a contribution to the running (pun not intended) and development of SHAPE. As with the marathon this can be done if you have your feet on the ground as shown with Neil doing a marathon, or "the sky's the limit" connecting with a UK charity *Aerobility* for the disabled where their members are taught to fly aeroplanes

Many thanks to Neil and everyone who took part to make the marathon a success on Sunday and to the continuous support of the island community to the work carried out by SHAPE. It could not continue delivering the service it does without such support.

Basil George
SHAPE member

Dear Editor,

To the Unconcerned, The Concerned, The Effected & Unaffected!

Possibly being labelled paranoid or having a 'tick', as I currently don't have a vehicle to drive, but the recent proposals, possible decisions and implementation to increase parking anywhere in Jamestown Valley is retro-policy thinking and totally in contradiction to world-trends in other urban centres.

What needs to be tackled is the decrease of traffic & parking in the Valley NOT increase.

Having and driving a vehicle is both a privilege and by the same account a responsibility that is neither a Divine Right nor enshrined in the UNO Human Rights Manifesto.

What has become fairly apparent is the inability of local Government at any level to really and thereby become Unpopular, put in place regulations determining

which vehicles have access to Jamestown.

As yet we are fortunate we do not have a pollution issue to deal with but it is only a matter of time that a narrow Valley over-congested with vehicles shows signs of such.

And already traffic gridlock is not that unknown.

Fundamentally increasing parking and not dealing with the real issue of traffic influx seems underpinned by policy of 'popularism' and a Quick-fix solution...a sort of 'pandering' to the vehicle-owners whose possession grow in size at every import. Is *Vehicular Status* becoming our religion Right?

With several other encroaching issues of our Island we need to start thinking and acting 'Outside of the box' i.e., the Valley _ singular or plural.

One would also think that people who actual live in Jamestown have also inherent rights and responsibility beyond just the daily descending labour force and trippers. While the touristic attractive lower Main Street is totally ignored and is not showcased merely by several attractive Dickensian street lamps.

In sincere and genuine concern,
Father David

Dear Editor,

I have read with interest the request for tenders to upgrade the Longwood toilets. It is so long ago that the diplomatic incident that eventually led to their construction may be of interest.

In the past many young men worked on Ascension Island and if there was a long delay before a scheduled ship, such as the Capetown Castle, was due to call a United States range boat would be used to bring the workers home at the end of their contract. United States naval vessels are alcohol free so when the American crew got ashore at Jamestown they made a beeline for the Consulate Hotel to get beer.

After assuaging their thirst some decided to search for culture and go to see Longwood House and other Napoleonic sites. By the time they reached Longwood the beer needed to be released. Men like to stand against something when performing so they lined up against the cannons which were then in place at the front gates of Longwood House.

Unfortunately Gilbert Martineau the French Consul was just coming out of the house at the time and was not pleased with the view. He sent a message to the Quai D'Orsay in Paris saying, in effect, that the French Territory had been desecrated. A message went from Paris to Foggy Bottom in Washington and when the range boat got back to Ascension a plane was waiting to take the sailors back to the USA to explain why they had desecrated French Territory. A very expensive penny.

The cannon have since been moved to the Briars although I am not aware of any connection between their move and the diplomatic incident.

Regards, Name and address withheld

Expression of Interest

The Saint Helena Government are seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to undertake Phase 2 works of the Cable Landing Project.

The works will include Foundation, Building and Service Installations.

For further information, please contact the Civil Engineer, Mr Christopher Peters on telephone 22270 or email christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh.



The closing date by which Expressions of Interest are to be submitted is 12noon on Thursday, 15 October 2020 and should be addressed to Miss Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.



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• Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office invites nominations for 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List

• Completed forms to be submitted by Monday, 2 November 2020

BIRTHDAY HONOURS 2021

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office invites nominations for the 2021 Queen's Birthday Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2021 Birthday Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that Honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. This can include making a difference to their community or field of work, innovation and entrepreneurship, improving life for people less able to help themselves and displaying moral courage. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services.

It should also be noted that age is not a factor in awarding Honours, and younger members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution or have given exceptional service should not be overlooked. **It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.**

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit:
www.gov.uk/honours.

Nomination forms are available from Corporate Services at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Executive Secretary, Honours Committee', by Monday, 2 November 2020.

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ST HELENA WEEKLY POLICE REPORT

21 SEPTEMBER 2020 - 4 OCTOBER 2020

From SHG - Redacted

During the week of Monday, 21, to Sunday, 27 September 2020, Police dealt with a total of 46 reports, resulting in eight arrests.

A person was arrested for breaching a Sexual Offences Prevention Order, and pending further investigations, has been bailed to return to Police at a later date.

A person was arrested for breaching court bail. As a result they were put before the first available court and have since been remanded pending a further court appearance.

Six persons were arrested for sexual offences. All persons have been bailed, pending further investigations, and will return to Police at a later date.

A report of harassment was made, however further information was required to determine the nature of the harassment. Following this, it was established that no offences had been committed but there was requirement for advice to be given.

A report of verbal abuse was made and was dealt with by way of community resolution.

A report of assault by battery was made. Police are making inquiries to gather further information into the matter.

A road traffic collision was reported. This was a minor incident whereby the details were exchanged between both parties to resolve between them, resulting in no further Police action.

During the week of Monday, 28 September, to Sunday, 4 October 2020, Police dealt with a total of 35 reports. There were no arrests during this period.

A search warrant was executed whereby a small amount of cannabis was seized. This resulted in a person being interviewed and given a Police caution.

There were four reports of road traffic collisions, three of which resulted in no further Police action and one is currently being investigated.

A report of dangerous cycling was made and is being investigated.

A report of harassment was made and dealt with.

The Sea Rescue team returned a boat to the moorings after they found it adrift. The owner later reported that the boat was damaged. It appears that this was a malicious act, which is now under investigation. Although the owner had done everything they could to secure their boat, all boat owners are advised to have their vessels securely tied with a primary and secondary line and to different fixings on the vessel (making it 100% resilient) and check the vessel as often as possible. Boats are the lifeline to many fishermen and damage or destruction could be detrimental to their livelihoods. Furthermore, should anyone have any information concerning damages to boats or any suspicious activity taking place around the moorings please contact St Helena Police.

Should you have a report, please call Police Headquarters on tel: 22626. Controllers will take your report details and make an assessment, which will then be followed up by a Police Officer. Details are pertinent, therefore please be patient and understanding when you are asked for information.

Until next week - Stay Safe!

POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION DAMAGE CAUSED TO JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

St Helena Police are appealing to the public for information relating to an incident where damage was caused to the side wall and a pillar of the Jamestown Community Centre (see below photos). The damage is suspected to have been caused by a vehicle collision between Sunday, 27, and Monday, 28 September 2020.



Information can be provided to Police Headquarters on tel: 22626 or alternatively emailed to Police Constable, Gonny Pitlo, via: gerarda.pitlo@sainthelena.gov.sh, quoting incident report number: 6788.

The Jamestown Community Centre is vital not only to Jamestown residents but is used by people from all over the Island. This damage affects how the Community Centre is able to offer services to the public. The cost to repair the property will come out of community funds and could incur considerable expense.

Any information provided to Police will be treated in the strictest of confidence.

SHG

6 October 2020

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

3rd September 2020

Austin Hopkins (37) of Longwood, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst over the prescribed limit and dangerous driving. Mr Hopkins was sentenced to 2 months imprisonment, to run consecutively with the term of imprisonment he is currently serving. Mr Hopkins was also disqualified from driving for a period of 34 months.

Roger Moyce (47) of Longwood, pleaded guilty to importation of cannabis. Mr Thomas was fined £100.00. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

10th September 2020

Sean Lee Oshea Scott Thomas (18) of Ropery Field, Longwood, pleaded guilty to common assault. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Thomas was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 80 hours. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00. Mr Thomas was also ordered to forfeit the sum of £100 for which he had been bound over to keep the peace and be of good behaviour for a period of 12 months.

14th September 2020

Kyle Yon (22) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to inciting a child under the age of 16 years to engage in sexual activity. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Yon was placed on a Probation Order for a period of 18 months as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Mr Yon was made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and Notification Requirements. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

17th September 2020

Daryl Joshua (21) of St Paul's, pleaded guilty to inciting a child under the age of 16 years to engage in sexual activity. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Joshua was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 180 hours. Mr Joshua was made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and Notification Requirements. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Simeon Marc Stroud (24) of 18 Botanical Gardens, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to theft by extraction of electricity and cultivation of cannabis. Sentence had been adjourned for an updated Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Stroud had also breached a Probation Order placed on him previously for three offences of Burglary. Mr Stroud's Probation Order was revoked and he was re-sentenced to a total of 9 months imprisonment.

Ross Carl Hudson (32) of 10 Ladder Hill Complex, pleaded guilty to an offence of possession of cannabis. He was found guilty after trial of offences of supply of Cannabis and a further simple possession of cannabis. Sentence had been adjourned for an updated Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Hudson was given a Conditional Discharge for a period of 12 months on each offence.

24th September 2020

Colin Rex Henry (48) of HM Prison, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to common assault. Mr Henry was sentenced to 2

months imprisonment, to run consecutively with the term of imprisonment he is currently serving.

Andrew Charles Clingham (45) of Woody Ridge, Levelwood, pleaded guilty to breaching a requirement to remain in isolation. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Clingham was fined £2000.00. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00. In default of payment Mr Clingham will serve 2 months imprisonment.

1st October 2020

Anelka Jerome Leo (20) of Trap Cott, pleaded guilty to theft and affray. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Leo was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 120 hours.

Sanjay Ross Craig Williams (24) of Glen Cottage, Deadwood, pleaded guilty to misleading the police. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Williams was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 80 hours. Mr Williams was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Andrea Christine Midwinter (20) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to misleading the police. Miss Midwinter was given an Absolute Discharge.

Mike Gerard Caswell (25) of Bleak House, Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to misleading the police, driving a motor vehicle whilst being disqualified and careless driving. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Caswell was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 200 hours as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Mr Caswell was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Brian Arthur Henry (53) of New Ground, pleaded guilty to cultivation of cannabis. Mr Henry was fined £200.00 and ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

2nd October 2020

Tyler Emilio Joshua Stevens (20) of HM Prison, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to inciting a child under the age of 16 years to engage in sexual activity. Sentence had been adjourned for an updated Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Stevens was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment, to run consecutively with the term of imprisonment he is currently serving. Mr Stevens was also made the subject of a Sexual Offences Prevention Order and Notification Requirements.



Farmers Masterclass No.4

Farm Business

Monday 19th October 9.30am-12.30pm
at the Harpers Agriculture Centre, PAS

ANRD are continuing the series of free Masterclasses for farmers. It will cover topics including: farming as a business, gross margins, profit margins and cost of production.

Places are open to all, but must be booked in advance by telephone:

Farmers Support Office at Scotland: 24724

or email to edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

Places are limited. Please book by 4pm 16th October.



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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY Administration Support/Receptionist (Fixed term contract until 31 December 2020)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is **urgently** seeking to recruit an Administration Support/Receptionist at Brick House. This role is key in supporting the directorate in providing effective and efficient reception and administrative services.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:

- **Maths and English at Functional Skills Level 1;**
- **Experience working in an administrative and customer focused environment** would be an advantage.

Applicants should have good communication and customer care skills with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds and have proficient IT skills.

We would like for the successful applicant to be available for an immediate start.

Salary for the post is at Grade Level A, £5,975 per annum.

For **further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Caesar Nayoto, Office Manager on telephone number 22713 or email: caesar.nayoto@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, available from Corporate Human Resources or 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 e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Thursday, 15 October 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. 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 OPENING HOURS - OCTOBER 2020

Main Branch

Monday to Friday	08:45 – 15:00
Saturday	08:30 – 12:30

Wharf Kiosk

Thursday and Friday		09:00 – 14:30
Saturday	17 October	08:45 – 12:30
Saturday	24 October	08:45 – 12:30
Saturday	31 October	08:45 – 12:30

Remote Banking

ANRD, Scotland	Wednesday	21 October	09:30 – 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Friday	23 October	10:00 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday	27 October	09:30 – 14:00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY Temporary Support Worker

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate urgently requires a **Temporary Support Worker** for their **Children's Residential Home**.

Salary for the post is at Grade Level B, £6,722 per annum.

For **further information** about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Shanade Bedwell,

Acting Children's Residential Home Supervisor on telephone number 23312 or

email: shanade.bedwell@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, available from Corporate Human Resources or 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 e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 13 October 2020**.

We would very much like for the successful applicant to be available for an immediate start.

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

Buying Clerk

Within the Procurement Department

Job Outline

To ensure that a reliable and efficient service is provided for the sourcing and supply of overseas purchases.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be computer literate namely in Microsoft Outlook, Excel & Word
 - Have excellent communication skills
- Be analytical and have an aptitude for figures
- Have the ability to prioritise and work to deadlines
 - Be well organised with a keen eye for detail
 - Be highly motivated with a can-do attitude

Salary for the post will be £8,038.20 per annum (\$669.85 per month)

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Julie Lawrence,
Procurement Manager
on telephone number: 22104
or via email address:
procurementmanager@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 Miss Daryl Legg, Human
Resources Officer,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 13 October 2020



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

Clerk/ Cashier

Within the Insurance Agency

Job Outline

To assist in the day to day operations of the department by preparing policy
documentation, updating Access Dimensions files and providing an efficient service to
customers.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
 - Be computer literate
- Possess excellent Customer Service skills
 - Have experience in Cash Handling

Salary will start at £8,045.28 per annum, (\$670.44 per month)

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Tracey Thomas,
Insurance Manager
on telephone number: 22860
or via email address:
TraceyT@solomons.co.sh

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By 13 October 2020

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the Exploratory Drilling (Boreholes) project, at the Ring Road, Francis Plain.

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Shelley Thomas

Executive Assistant

Programme Management Unit

The Castle

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22470 or

Email: shelley.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh



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A site visit to view the drilling rig that will be used for these works will take place on **Tuesday 6 October 2020, at 11am, at the Red Hill Treatment Plant.**

A site visit of the proposed locations for exploratory drilling will take place on **Wednesday 7 October, at 10:30am, meeting at Francis Plain car park.**

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the 6 & 7 October will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

If you require any further details, please contact EDIP Chartered Engineer, Mr Richard Wotton, on telephone number 25805 or email richard.wotton@sainthelena.gov.sh

A hard copy of completed tenders should be placed in the tender box located in the Main Castle Foyer, Jamestown by 12noon on Wednesday 14 October 2020.

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

SHG

29 September 2020

VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

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

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

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

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



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

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

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

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

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

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Health Directorate, 06 October 2020

VACANCY HEALTH DIRECTORATE: TRAINEE DENTAL NURSE

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

The role of a Dental Nurse includes:

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Health Directorate
06 October 2020



Appointment of Justices of the Peace

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

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

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

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

Yvonne Williams
Castle Courtyard
Jamestown
Tel: 22340

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

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

Yvonne Williams
Clerk of the Peace
5th October 2020.



PUBLIC NOTICE

LENDING SECTION - LIMITED SERVICE

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that the Lending Section will be offering limited services on **Tuesday, 13 October** and **Wednesday 14 October**.

Customers requiring Lending assistance can visit the Customer Service Terminal at Station 5 in the Main Bank Hall on these days.

Bank of St Helena apologises for any inconvenience this may cause and thank customers for their support and cooperation.



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Turn off your oven
or burners when
food is almost ready
and let existing heat
finish the cooking for
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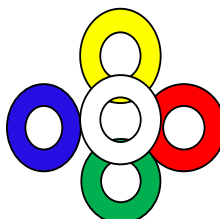
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Youth Games 2020



Date	Event	Venue	Time
Friday 6 th Nov	Opening Ceremony Basketball	New Horizons	5pm
Tuesday 10 th Nov	Shooting	Jamestown Rifle Club	
Friday 13 th Nov	Volleyball	New Horizons	5pm
Monday 16 th Nov	Shooting	HTH Rifle Club	5pm
Friday 20 th Nov	Football	New Horizons	5pm
Tuesday 24 th Nov	Table Tennis Pool	New Horizons	5pm
Wednesday 25 th Nov	Badminton	Date TBC	
Friday 27 th Nov	Swimming		
Tuesday 2 nd Dec	Pool	New Horizons	5pm
Friday 4 th Dec	Pool Finals	New Horizons	5pm
Tuesday 15 th Dec	Athletics	Francis Plain	9am



A choir for Christmas



Monday
practices start on
12th October

Join us for Christmas songs and carols

You don't have to read music or be a great singer. Sing the tune or sing in harmony... it's for fun, charity and community. All welcome. 5.45 - 7.00pm. Training Room at the top of Ladder hill.



MERRY CHRISTMAS

Further details: 23988.
creativesainthelena@gmail.com



Sing for Fun



Creative Saint Helena NOTICE OF AGM

Date: Thursday 29th October 2020

Venue: Museum of St Helena

Time: 18.30 p.m.

All welcome.



Contacts:
Chair: Julia Benjamin 24259
Secretary: Marian Yon 22391
Director: Teeny Lucy 23988
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Golf Report for Sunday 4th October 2020 Contributed by SHGC

The gods of golf were in a good mood last Sunday the 4th. They granted the golfers good weather unlike the previous Sunday when the event had to be cancelled due to fog. The turnout increased to 25 players who teed off simultaneously at 12:00. Six players scored net 68 and below. A very impressive performance. Winner of the monthly medal stroke play competition with a whooping net 6 under par 62 was Mr Jeremy Clingham who played off 18 handicap which dropped down to 16 after he had collected his prize. Mr Paddo Johnson and Leeroy Caswell tied for second with net 67. On a count back Mr Leeroy Caswell emerged second to collect the second prize. In the two-ball pool category Mr Paddo Johnson birdied the 5th and Mr Martin Joshua the 16th to share the balls. The prizes were presented by the club captain Mr Bramwell Bushuru. Congratulations to the winners.

Members resolved that with effect from the next competition we should go back to normal tee off from the first tee box starting at 12:00 noon. As a build up to the Open Championship members also agreed that the next competition should be Strokeplay competition without handicaps. Registration closes at 15:00 on Saturday 10th October 2020.

Junior members training will take place on Thursday 15th October at 16:30 to 17:30.

On Friday 16th October 2020 from 7pm the club will be hosting a curry night (lamb, chicken, beef and vegetarian) for 7 pound only. You are invited to come and support this event



there will be music provided by our Entertainments manager DJ KJ. Register your interest by leaving a message on 24421 or 25771.



Happy swinging

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

It was a bizarre end to match week four of this seasons EPL when England's two most successful clubs suffered humiliating defeats. Manchester United lost 6-1 at home to Spurs and Liverpool more surprisingly was trash 7-2 by Aston Villa. The Manchester United result you we could have seen coming as they had a bad start to the season and looked out of sorts as a team. Once Martial was sent off for responding with a little slap to Lamela's attempted elbow to his throat, we as fans knew we were going to be on the end of a hiding. Despite the sending off Spurs looked the better team prior to the incident and fully deserved their victory and gloating rights. I was disappointed in the inconsistency shown by referee Anthony Taylor, when dealing with the Martial and Lamela incident. Taylor supposedly is the best referee in England; in my opinion both players should have being red carded. As for Lamela he is a disgrace to football. Credit to Spurs manager Mourinho who substituted the Argentinian player at half time.

It will be interesting to see how Spurs progress after this result. As for Manchester United we as fans are worried with the players' attitude. We are not sure if manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer can now get the best of off these players. It is going to be a long tough season for us especially as the problem areas was not address prior to the transfer window closing.



Son and Co tear Manchester United to pieces

The match between Aston Villa and Liverpool was amazing no one; not even the most passionate of Aston Villa fans could have predicted that their team could have beaten the Champions Liverpool by 7 goals to 2.

Ollie Watkins, Villa's record signing had yet to score a Premier League goal but by halftime he had scored a hat trick and was close to adding a fourth in the second half.

Jack Grealish and new signing from Chelsea Ross Barkley ran the show from midfield and Liverpool had no answer. Grealish had a hand in 5 of the goals; scoring two and assisting in three more.

This has being a fantastic start to the season for Villa with 9 points from 3 matches. Villa narrowly avoids relegation last season.

As for Liverpool I suspect that this is just a minor blip and they have the manager and personal to galvanise their team for the upcoming matches and are still favourites to pick up this year's title.



Grealish and Barkley starred for Villa against Liverpool

There were other strange results last weekend. Manchester City dropped more points as Leeds held them to a 1 all draw and Leicester who had only just beaten City 5-2 lost to West Ham 3-0.

Leeds more than deserve their point against City have 7 shot on target to City's 2; and more surprisingly the Yorkshire club dominated the procession.

Despite having 70% of the procession Leicester incredibly fails to register a shot on target. West Ham was more clinical scoring 3 of their 6 shots on target and ended Leicester winning start to the season.

After 4 games it is Everton; the blue half of Merseyside who tops the table and is playing some dazzling football. Despite a goalkeeping howler from Jordan Pickford the 'Toffees' went on to beat Brighton 4-2 with James' Rodriguez scoring two of the goals. Striker in form, Dominic Calvert-Lewin scored his ninth goal of the season becoming the first Everton player to score in each of their first four games.



Calvert-Lewin tops the goal scoring charts for Everton

In other matches Chelsea scored 4 to beat Crystal Palace; Burnley remain pointless as they loss 3-1 away at Newcastle. Southampton picked up their second win of the season beating West Brom 2-0 at St Mary's.

Arsenal scored two quick second half goals to beat Sheffield United 2-1. The Blades remain without a point after 4 matches. Wolves now have 6 points from 4 games as they beat the bottom side Fulham 1-0.



Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

St Helena Football Association League Results

The first match of the weekend saw Harts staged a brilliant comeback defeating the Wirebirds 3 v 2.

Wirebirds started the match on fire and were 2 nil up in no time scoring through an own goal and Shane Stroud.

The game changed when due to an injury, Harts Captain Mike E Williams went back to his normal central defence position where he put in a dominate performance and picked up the man of the match award.

Sean Lee Thomas scored with a brilliant header from a corner taken by young player of the match Joey Thomas.

Harts started to get the better of the game and Greg Phillips scored the equaliser minutes before halftime.

Both teams create some chances in the second half but it was Harts who came up with the winner when substitute Sean Cansick scored from close range with virtually his first touch of the match.

This defeat dented the Wirebirds hopes of picking up the League title as their title rivals Rovers and Bellboys both picked up wins.

The second match was a bit of an upset as Crystal Rangers who has being on the end of some big defeats this season including a 10 nil loss to the Saints in the first round went on to pick up a 5 v 3 win against the Saints.

Despite creating numerous chances the first half the Saints fail to score; The Rangers on the other hand took their chances through Christian Phillips as he put them 4 nil up in the first half.

Saints pulled a goal back in the second half through Mick Luke only for man of the match Christian Phillips to score his 5th.

Saints manage to pull two goals back through Rico Coleman and Josh Fowler. Rangers however held on for a deserve win.

The first game on Sunday saw the Rovers go 3 points clear at the top with an 8 - 3 win over the Lakers.

Ronan Legg scored a brilliant free kick to put the Rovers 1 nil up only for Tyler Brady fire in the equaliser. Man of the match Rico Benjamin scored an individual goal to put the Rovers 2-1 up. Trystan Thomas scored with a power shot and Rico scored his second to give the Rovers a 4-1 half time lead.

Lakers pulled a goal back when Tyler Brady scored from the penalty spot, Rico completed his hat trick, Aiden Yon-Stevens made it 6-2, Clayton Benjamin and Brett Isaac completed the scoring for the Rovers. Jorden Johnson scored a consolation for the Lakers.

Both Mike E and I didn't see the final match between Bellboys and Axis as we were watching our team get stuff by Spurs.

From what I heard from spectators the Bellboys totally dominated the match with man of the match Mngqobi scoring a hat trick. Matthias Young and Andrew Yon scored two spectacular goals to give the Bellboys a 5 nil win.

This win for the Bellboys sets up a potential title decider with the Rovers on Saturday

Fixtures

Sat 10th October

1pm Bellboys v Rovers

Referee: Wirebirds

3pm Harts v Axis

Referee: Lakers

Sun 11th October

1pm Crystal Rangers v Wirebirds

Referee: Rovers

3pm: Lakers v Saints

Referee: Harts

SHFA 2020 League Table



Week Thirteen

Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
Rovers	12	9	1	2	107	8	99	28
Wirebirds	12	8	1	3	65	19	46	25
Bellboys	11	7	3	1	69	10	59	24
Harts	13	7	0	6	51	20	31	21
Lakers	13	6	2	5	62	31	31	19*
Axis	12	5	1	6	34	29	5	16
Saints	11	1	0	10	18	72	-54	3
C Rangers	12	1	0	11	8	225	-217	3

* = one point deducted for not providing a referee.

Hotshots Top 10

Name	Team	Goals
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	48
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	29
Ronan Legg	Rovers	19
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	19
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	18
Matthias Young	Bellboys	15
Tyler Brady	Lakers	12
Cody Thomas	Lakers	11
Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	11
Selwyn Stroud	Lakers	10

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

SKITTLES SEASON – 2020/21

RESULTS

DATE: 28 th . September:					
Strugglers - 452			Bt	Super Shots - 431	
Lady's H Sc	Sally Hickling	65		Delma Leo	60
Gent's H Sc	David Thomas	64		Karl Thrower	46
Lady's H Sp.	Sally Hickling	15		Delma Leo	15
Gent's H Sp	David Thomas	15			
DATE: 30 th . September:					
Parttimers - 523			Bt	Guys & Dolls - 461	
Lady's H Sc	Stacey Williams	62		Olive Williams	52
Gent's H Sc	Nigel Thomas	64		Neil Joshua	67
Gent's H Sp	Colin Thomas	18		Neil Joshua	15
Up-coming fixtures:					
Monday – 12 th . October: STRUGGLERS V GUYS & DOLLS					
Wednesday – 14 th . October: SUPER SHOTS V YOUNGSTARS					

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

Junior Football Results

NGCPH



Saturday saw the conclusion of the Futsal League matches. This weekend will see the start of the 9 aside for the junior players and 11 aside for the senior players.

Results:

Yellow Devils 21 v Blue Arrows 0

G/S Yellow Devils: Harry Winfield 8; Aden Thomas-Stevens 6, 2 own goals; Ryan Stevens 3 Nolan George 1 Nate George 1
POM: Harry Winfield & Lucas Robbertson

Ranglers 8 v Superstrikers 0

G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 3; Ziggy Yon 1, Zian Thomas 1, Laine George 1, Aiden O'Dean 1 & Kurt Lawrence
POM: Dirk Peters & Leo Crowie

Rastabouts 6 v Fugees 3

G/S Rastabouts: Stefan O'Dean 1; Macoy Williams 2, Taylon Phillips 2 & Jerome Peters 1

G/S Fugees: Dodi Williams 1 & Blake Peters 2

POM: Blake Peters & Jerome Peters

Galacticos 7 v Gladiators 2

G/S Galacticos: Jolan Henry 2; Musa 2, Callum Young 2 & 1 own goal

G/S Gladiators: Kenon Bargo 1 & Taye Peters 1

POM: Callum Young & Scott O'Bey

Fixtures for Sun 11th Oct

9 aside

9.15am Predators v Blue Arrows

Ref: Nick Stevens

10am

Yellow Devils V Ranglers

Ref: Owen Richards

11 aside

9.15am Rastabouts v Galacticos

Ref: Gareth Johnson

7-11 League Table

Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Yellow Devils	8	8	0	0	134	9	125	24
2	Predators	8	6	0	2	97	17	80	18
3	Ranglers	8	4	0	4	34	60	-26	12
4	Blue Arrows	8	2	0	6	21	67	-46	6
5	Superstrikers	8	0	0	7	3	136	-133	0

11-16 League Table

Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Rastabouts	8	7	1	0	49	18	31	22
2	Galacticos	8	4	2	2	35	26	9	14
3	Fugees	8	3	1	4	39	34	5	10
4	Gladiators	8	2	1	5	27	40	-13	7
5	Allstars	8	1	1	6	28	60	-32	4



Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Taylon Phillips	Rastabouts	24
2	Blake Peters	Fugees	17
3	Blaze Baldwin	Allstars	15
4	Lars Williams	Fugees	13
5	Musa	Galacticos	13
6	Macoy Williams	Rastabouts	10
7	Kenon Bargo	Gladiators	9
8	Toure Osborne	Allstars	7
9	Dodi Williams	Fugees	7
10	Taye Peters	Gladiators	7
11	Tyrone Cansick	Galacticos	7
12	Jaydee Caswell	Gladiators	6
13	Jolan Henry	Galacticos	6
14	Callum Young	Galacticos	4
15	Stefan O'Dean	Rastabouts	3
16	Eureeze Peters	Allstars	2
17	Jacob Williams	Gladiators	2
18	Jerome Peters	Rastabouts	2
19	Kieran Williams	Rastabouts	2
20	Shaquille Benjamin	Rastabouts	2
21	Tyreese Osborne	Allstars	2
22	Annika Lawrence	Galacticos	1
23	Aiden Plato	Galacticos	1
24	Dominic Richards	Fugees	1
25	Jet Lee Yon	Allstars	1
26	Renae Coleman	Gladiators	1

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Harry Winfield	Yellow Devils	51
2	Riley Yon	Predators	48
3	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	40
4	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	17
5	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	15
6	Hugo Richards	Predators	14
7	Lebron George	Predators	14
8	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	13
9	Tyler Anthony	Predators	10
10	Levi Williams	Predators	6
11	Ziggy Yon	Ranglers	5
12	Dillon George	Blue Arrows	4
13	Darshan Patel	Blue Arrows	3
14	Edward	Predators	3
15	Laine George	Ranglers	3
16	Liam Timm	Blue Arrows	3
17	Finley McMonegal	Blue Arrows	2
18	Joel Peters	Superstrikers	2
19	Kirk Grant-Lawrence	Ranglers	2
20	Zian Thomas	Ranglers	2
21	Daniel Murangaawe	Blue Arrows	1
22	Aiden O'Dean	Ranglers	1
23	Efron Stroud	Yellow Devils	1
24	Elijah Young	Blue Arrows	1
25	Jamel Peters	Blue Arrows	1
26	Joshua Crowie	Superstrikers	1
27	Kylan Williams	Ranglers	1
28	Kyle Williams	Ranglers	1
29	Louis Thomas	Blue Arrows	1
30	Lucas Robbertson	Blue Arrows	1
31	Nate George	Yellow Devils	1
32	Nolan George	Yellow Devils	1
33	Robertson Shawnga	Blue Arrows	1

More Vegetables in the Sea

A small amount of peppers (roughly 15Kgs) and carrots (40Kgs/4 bags) which arrived on Voyage 32 of the MV Helena was destroyed due to the fact that there was incorrect paperwork from the supplier in South Africa. There are biosecurity protocols in place and the dumping of fruit and vegetables are only carried out if these procedures are not met. Some of the protocols include:

- Fruit and vegetables are infected with pests
- Paperwork is incorrect
- No import licence
- Fruit and vegetables are in bad condition and are not suitable for human consumption.



APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2020/77:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Prefabricated Steel Building for Drainage Depot, including minor Earthworks for access and construction of the base slab and also a vehicle turning area**, Red Hill Water Treatment Works Site, St Pauls on Parcel FP0468. Applicant: Connect St Helena Ltd
2. **Application 2020/78:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of a 40ft Antenna Tower**, New Ground on Parcel NG0254. Applicant: David Jeff Clarke
3. **Application 2020/79:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Extensions to Existing House to form Two Bedrooms and a Bathroom and Construction of a Double Carport**, Bluemans Field on Parcel TH020146. Applicant: Christopher Wade
4. **Application 2020/80:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Loft Extension**, near Harlyn, Half Tree Hollow on Parcels HTH1307 and HTH0917. Applicant: Craig Scipio
5. **Application 2020/81:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Three Bedroom, Split Level Dwelling**, near Ropery Field, Longwood on Parcel LWN0460. Applicant: Sherilee Thomas and Stephen O'Connor
6. **Application 2020/82:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of an Oil Storage Unit for storing of various Lubricants**, Donkey Plain, New Ground on Parcel NG0366. Applicant: St Helena Government
7. **Application 2020/83:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Extensions to Existing House to form Patio/Lounge and a Garage**, Barren Ground, Blue Hill on Parcel BG0146. Applicant: Sharon George

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

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 23rd October 2020

**Shane Williams
Planning Officer**

Other News from the Week

Vince Thompson

Virtual tour for people who cannot get here

Virtual is a word that's used a lot these days. It's quicker than saying 'almost, but not quite' but that is what we have had with virtual conferences and meetings with ever increasing frequency as the coronavirus pandemic refuses to burn out and die. Now, we have something completely different. It's not any old virtual tour; for one thing it's a tour of St Helena, but more than that, it's a fundraiser for this island's historic sites and heritage.

The British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust (BNBT) was officially launched one month ago and will be presenting a virtual tour of some of the lesser known heritage sites on 29th October at 5pm GMT. It is a chance; BNBT tells us, to learn about their history and help preserve them for the future. BNBT plan to announce further events between now Napoleon's bicentenary in May 2021 at about one every month.

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While volunteer effort from people in St Helena is essential to the success of this venture, the net has been cast far and wide in search of donors and people willing to raise funds on behalf of BNBT. Twitter, facebook, linkedin and YouTube are being used to attract supporters internationally.

After registering as a heritage charity in September 2019 BNBT hoped to make the official launch in May this year. Complications and delays rooted in the pandemic caused a four month delay but now various strands of activity are coming together with gathering speed. As the name indicates, The BNBT charity will focus on Napoleon's exile in St Helena but the aim is to tell the story of Napoleon on St Helena from as many angles as possible; and without taking sides. The Trust's director, James Bramble, asks, "How do we include slavery in that – giving it due prominence and nuance. How do we fill the blanks to give voice to those individuals for whom there are no personal testimonies?" James adds, "There remain many questions for us to unravel."

The BNBT could stretch their events to include the visit of Lord Wellington, known as Arthur Wellesley when he visited St Helena in 1805. As it happens, the future Lord Wellington was on his way back to Britain to prepare to get locked in battle with Napoleon's troops in the Peninsular War. There are also several other military commanders who, like Napoleon, came to St Helena to die. The graves in St Paul's churchyard are testimony to the retired military leaders who were looking forward to spending their remaining years back in Brit-

ain but suffered ill-health on the voyage back from India and breathed their last on St Helena.

Bramble points out that fundraising for built heritage is many time more difficult than for natural heritage. The UK Department of Culture, Media and Sport has committed £1.5 billion to support the heritage sector but the BNBT cannot apply for one penny of that money. "There is no support for new heritage charities without established income streams." Says Bramble and adds that the Heritage National Lottery Fund does not embrace the Overseas Territories and neither does the vast majority of other heritage funds. It is a case of starting from scratch and building up funds directly from self-made efforts.

The virtual tour of St Helena on 29th October is produced in conjunction with Oxford University and Texas A&M University College of Architecture. The tour is presented by Brent Fortenberry who visited St Helena at the beginning of this year working on a design contract for Napoleonic Heritage Sites. More information is available at www.napoleon200.org.

Global Series Launch Featuring the former RMS

Another virtual event this month features the former RMS, now known as the 'St Helena'. She is newly refurbished and equipped as the systems control centre for the Extreme E racing series. On Tuesday 27th October, at 2pm GMT, Extreme E will showcase its new electric off-road racing series for the inaugural 2021 season. The virtual launch will be streamed live on the Extreme E website.

The launch will feature the St. Helena, the floating centre-piece of Extreme E that is tasked with carrying all the championship's cargo, will also be home to a science laboratory to conduct research on the epic voyage. A dedicated filmmaker will be embedded on-board to bring the scientific and environmental stories between races to life. The Dear Old Lady was celebrated far and wide as the RMS St Helena, the last of the ocean-going Royal Mail Ships and one of a dying breed of mixed passenger and cargo vessels. It seems certain our old and trusted friend will continue to be celebrated and respected in her new role.



The former RMS in dry dock at the Cammell-Laird shipyard in Birkenhead being transformed to a modern communications centre, racing car paddock and workshop, 64 cabins and science laboratory.

Other News from the Week

Vince Thompson

St Helena bound asylum seekers story reveals poisonous Whitehall relationships

Last week we reported a story in the UK media under the headline, 'High Profile UK Advisor'.

Wheels out Well-worn Suggestion for Dealing with the Unwanted' where a special advisor to the UK Government and former Australian Prime Minister Tony Abbott had teamed up with Home Secretary Priti Patel to include Ascension and St Helena as two possible locations to ship people washed up on British shores as asylum seekers. Senior civil servants informed the UK press this idea may have been in a list of options presented but was not being considered. There may have been some substance to this story as Tony Abbott did ship out asylum seekers to remote Pacific Ocean islands when he was Aussie Prime Minister.

This week the story took a darker turn. Apart from our two islands, Papua New Guinea was another island under consideration as was ships, disused oil rigs or a Scottish island and creating artificial waves to stop migrant boats coming ashore from the English Channel. Papua New Guinea is almost on Australia's doorstep, which brings the Tony Abbott link to the surface once more.

All these supposed and publicly suggested options are described this week as coming from a string of leaked documents. It is also noted the UK Prime Minister's Office has done nothing to stop these leaks and, because of this, is suspected of being the source of the leaks. Fingers have been pointed at the Prime Minister's chief advisor, Dominic Cummings. Others accuse civil servants who are not happy with the Brexit split from the rest of Europe.

Dominic Cummings is described as a person all Boris Johnson's ministers fear because of the influence he has and the 'shake-up' that is promised in ministerial jobs and re-organisations. The leaks it is said are directed at making life very uncomfortable for Home Secretary Priti Patel. "She is being used as a punch-bag" according to one source quoted in *The Times*. Others see a "rotten core of civil servants who begrudge the split from Europe" and are suspected of leaking documents because the shake-up will bring a premature end to their careers. The *MailOnline* reports another source saying "people are having a bit of a free-for-all. There is a lot of briefing from the Cabinet Office." Some whisperer in the Cabinet Office told a political website reporter "This nonsense is coming from brain-dead morons in the Home Office."

While the back-stabbing continues other contradictory media communication states that suggestions for dealing with migrants are at an early stage and "everything is on the table" while another communication informs that some suggestions "are understood to have been "blue sky" ideas knocked around in brainstorming sessions but quickly dismissed as impractical."

The detail about who said what, when and why is not impor-

tant. What is worrying, especially to us in the Overseas Territories is the vast amount of evidence indicating the current UK Prime Minister's ministerial team and organisation is fighting each other tooth and nail and in dangerous disarray.

Questions in the House

Lord Jones of Cheltenham is not associated with the present UK Government; in fact he is highly critical of them. He recently tabled some written question about imaginative destinations for UK asylum seekers; no doubt with his tongue in his cheek.

They should be answered by next Friday, if that can be organised by the back-stabbers.

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

To ask Her Majesty's Government what discussions they have held with the governments of (1) Moldova, (2) Morocco, and (3) Papua New Guinea, about their suitability as UK asylum processing centres; whether each of these governments has indicated their willingness to agree to the establishment of a UK asylum processing centre; and what estimate they have made of the cost per asylum seeker of establishing and maintaining such a centre in each location.

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

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A Busy Miss St Helena 2020 Programme

By Darrin Henry

As we countdown to the Miss St Helena 2020 pageant in two weeks' time the twelve contestants have all been busy on a series of activities, organised to help build confidence and team spirit, whilst also helping shape ideas in preparation for the show.

The twelve different sponsors of our brand new 'Attention Seeker' round are also very busy putting the final touches to their creative outfits that will be worn by the ladies, on stage. It promises to be a spectacular and fun new feature for the Miss St Helena show.

Our activities programme so far has included Presentation & Stage Walking training sessions, Interview workshops, a Photo Shoot, Rifle Shooting, a Food Decoration workshop and a Conservation-themed Post Box Walk on Diana's Peak National Park, last Sunday. A very memorable sight at the top of each Peak, was the contestants each taking turns to demonstrate their catwalk strut for the camera.

Social media feedback sometimes mentions how "brave" the participants are, or that it takes "courage" to enter. This is absolutely true, and for us organisers we are very aware of how nervous the contestants are, and can't help but feel proud to see how determined they are to overcome their anxieties to deliver a great show on 24 October.

Some great events are coming up on the programme, including a two-day business tour next week, which this year will also include visits to a selection of small businesses. One of the most exciting new events on the programme is a visit to



Photo Shoot



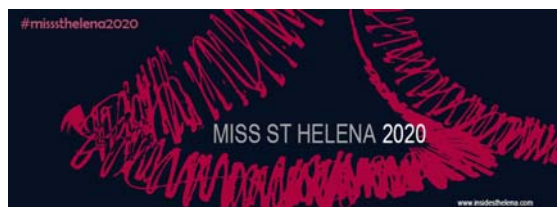
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the CCC, where we will perform a live preview of the show for the residents, complete with outfit changes and questions from the compere! It's going to be special.

If you bump into any of our contestants over the next two weeks, please wish them well and offer your support – your encouragement will be hugely appreciated to help settle their nerves.



Dianas Peak



Food Decoration workshop



Walk training