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The Clock Tower Clock – Time Has Run Out



The teeth on the escape wheel and the pallet fork are now so worn they do not do the important job they should do. The Beating heart of the clock needs urgent attention to get it beating again. This means sending the clock to the UK to be dismantled and new parts fitted.

The cost of this work and the freight costs are not known yet. The Clock and the tower were obtained through public funding and we are now appealing for funds again to keep the clock going. Please give what you can to help us get the clock repaired.

More about this in next week's Independent and also on Saint FM

The clock in the Clock Tower by the Market has not been telling the time for several weeks now. It is now known why and what needs to be done to fix it.

The bits in the clock mechanism that keeps the pendulum swinging and the hands on the clock going round at the right speed to tell the correct time are worn out and need replacement.

Described as the beating heart of a clock the escape wheel and the pallet fork above it work together. As the escape wheel turns its teeth raise the teeth on the pallet fork which in turn keeps the pendulum swinging. The pendulum movement keeps the hands on the clock face moving at the right speed to show the right time.



NIZA YON ACHIEVES LAW LLB (HONS) DEGREE

Niza Yon of Half Tree Hollow has recently achieved a Law LLB (Hons) Degree following three years of study at the University of Brighton. Niza explained:

"I was taught a variety of different aspects to give me a good range of knowledge in law. In each year of study, I did six modules which taught a different specialist aspect of the law. In my first year I did public law, law of torts, legal structures and ethics, law in practice, criminal justice and theory and business planning. This was followed in my second year with criminal law, contract law, EU law, intellectual property law, law in action: MOOT and law of organisations. In my final year I studied equity and trusts, land law, family law and commercial law. I also carried out a legal research project and volunteered at the Brighton University Legal Clinic."

Congratulations are extended to Niza!

SHG

28 July 2021

St Helena Nature Conservation Group



Dedicated to protecting and promoting St Helena's unique natural environment

will hold its **Annual General Meeting**
Tuesday 10th August 2021 at 5.00pm
at the Museum, Jamestown

Including a number of presentations on conservation on St Helena

Light refreshments will be provided

All interested persons are invited to attend

Emperor Tuna Makes its Mark in Local History

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Emperor Tuna, locally canned tuna from the 'cool, clear seas of St Helena, South Atlantic' made a name for itself as a quality product during the time it was produced in Rupert's Valley. Regrettably the business folded when overseas customers could not work with lack of continuity of supply of raw fish and the high price. The canning factory had to buy tuna from the St Helena Fisheries Corporation.

The reverse side of a can of Emperor tuna. Branded as British for customers of Tesco where it was sold and proclaimed as a product of St Helena, a British territory.

A local historian has recently retrieved a pile of information from the files about Emperor Tuna and the history of canned tuna produced in St Helena. The intention is to produce a booklet describing the attempts to establish tuna canning as an industry in St Helena. Apart from having examples of clean and unused Emperor tuna labels, the labels have also been carefully preserved from Ovenstones canned tuna which was produced before the Emperor brand. The history of canning fish in St Helena, for the export market, goes back to the early 20th century. Gathering all the information available into one compilation will be an invaluable addition to our history of St Helena fish, fisheries and fish exports.

Karl Marx said "History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce." While Thomas Jefferson added, "I like the dreams of the future better than the history of the past." Both these famous people, historical figures in themselves offered their

opinions without any knowledge of fishing and fisheries in St Helena.

The front of a can of Emperor tuna which is also the right way up. The photo of a can of Emperor tuna used last week had the label fixed to the can upside down, meaning the bottom of the can is at the top. This upside down version was first seen in an edition of the *St Helena Herald* accompanying an article written by Stuart Moors in about 2005.



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Editorial

This is one of those weeks when there are many bits of news which may, or may not, be of interest to you. I'll start with a bit of good news. The Government Statistics Office has produced an update on price inflation. Prices have gone up, overall, by less than a penny in the pound compared to 12 months ago. This is of course welcome and maybe unexpected when considering the fears people have in the UK and elsewhere about prices going up due to shortages caused by the pandemic.

The biggest price increases are to be found in the usual suspects – alcohol and tobacco – where prices jumped 5.6% over the 12 months. The next biggest category for price increases is Miscellaneous Goods and Services at 1.2%. I'm not sure what that includes but the Statistics Office calculates we spend about 13p in every £1 on goods and services included in that category. We spend, on average, about 6p in every £1 on booze and cigs while 34p in every £1 goes on food. Price increases in most other categories increased by less and 1p in the £1, however the cost of communications did not increase at all and transport costs reduced very slightly;

the cost of clothing reduced by almost 5p in the £1.

The Retail Price Index used by the Statistics Office covers 203 representative items to measure price changes in nine different categories of household spending; since a year ago, 57 items increased in price, 45 items decreased in price, and the price of 101 items remained unchanged. Compared to 12 months ago petrol fell from £1.35 to £1.28 per litre, and diesel from £1.37 to £1.35 a litre.

Also this week we have a welcome explanation from SHG's Incident Emergency Group giving their thoughts on how and when we relax Covid restrictions. As always and as with all governments there remain many unknowns and few final decisions can be made. I did note they say Phase 1 relaxation of restriction may happen in October but that is by no means certain. Also, Phase 2 might start in November and Phase 3 in December. The relaxations in restrictions for people arriving from countries which are not red listed will have the quar-

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antine period reduced to 5 days in the first instance if they are fully vaccinated. In phase 2 it will be reduced to 2 days and then finally 1 day. People not fully vaccinated arriving from countries not red listed will quarantine for 7 days throughout.

Tourism remains the word on many people's lips and a favoured view is the pandemic will seriously affect tourism for the next two or three years. However, now is a good time to try to make progress with some aspirations aimed at making St Helena an easier place to get to. Putting aside direct flights to the UK for a moment, there was discussion about moving to two flights per week on a more or less permanent basis rather than just having two flights a week for part of the busiest time of year. The big advantage is that two flights a week opens up the choice for visitors to stay for 3, 4, 7 or more nights. With aviation being in a poor state at the moment maybe now is the best time to negotiate a good deal. Certainly the market should be looked at closely. Another improvement would be to package the South Africa to St Helena ticket with the long haul flight to make bookings easier and more assured. Everything helps and whatever might help should be tried. Lastly, and probably most important is the Fifth Freedom Rights. When Airlink first started their weekly schedule it included a stop at Namibia, not just for refuelling but for getting on and off and connecting with other flights. The absence of Fifth Freedom Rights meant visitors from other countries who would have found connecting into the St Helena flight at Windhoek or Walvis Bay couldn't do it. It was claimed strenuous efforts would be made to agree Fifth Freedom Rights with the parties concerned but nothing has yet happened. Has the situation changed for the better since Air Namibia ceased operating? Will negotiations on Fifth Freedom Rights be easier given the current stricken state of airlines and airports because of the pandemic? Does SHG have a worked out policy on these matters?

I read a couple of reports this week which got me wondering whether, or rather hoping that The Castle is in a good state of repair and that it is sound structurally. The reports I read were not about The Castle but SHG and governments in general are not red hot on achieving a good standard of maintenance on the properties public money provides for them. The Palace of Westminster has been hidden behind scaffolding in various places for a few years now. Big Ben (the clock) and the Elizabeth Tower have been hidden behind scaffolding since 2017 and will remain so until next year.

It's not just Big Ben and the tower, just about every part of both Houses of Parliament are undergoing major renovation from the roof to the foundations. The cost of the work was first estimated to be £4 billion which shocked many MPs who asked if there was another way. Someone mentioned Guy Fawkes. The cost now, or at least in January this year had risen to £12



Big Ben looks sparkling new again but work on the Elizabeth Tower continues through to next year

billion. Another £330 million is being spent on Manchester Town Hall for the same reason. All of it from public funds, of course.

I'll change the subject now to tell you about further disarray inside the House of Lords. He is called Lord Agnew of Oulton, Theodore to his friends. In a recent debate in the House of Lords on the UK Government's cut in their overseas aid budget Lord Agnew displayed his colossal ignorance by saying "We need to be much more stringent in our assessment of how the money is spent. We saw from the St Helena Airport incident, for instance, that money can be wasted. I am sure that with less money available there will be much more scrutiny." Too right Theodore, how about we cut your repair bill back to the original £4 billion (that's more than 14 St Helena Airport projects) maybe then you will apply much more scrutiny in your own back yard before criticising ours. A person such as this is normally called a pompous ass.



Lord Theodore Agnew of Oulton, a Cabinet Minister, we must do better

Peace on Earth, Goodwill to all, **Vince**

It's Official – Ministerial Government in Place before End of Year

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It was expected; some hoped it would happen, others are doubtful about it. Now it's official. At the next general election to be held later this year we will be voting for a Chief Minister and his team of four Ministers.

The announcement was made yesterday and distributed on the UK Government Legislation Publishing website. Both Houses of Parliament are now in summer recess so the announcement could not be 'tabled' in the usual way.

Publication of Statutory Instrument No. 895 was made last Wednesday 21st July and laid before Parliament yesterday, 28th July. Called the St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution (Amendment) Order 2021 the first page states the Order was made at the Court at Windsor Castle on 21st day of July 2021 in the presence of The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

The Order goes on to state "Her Majesty, in exercise of the powers conferred upon Her by section 112 of the Saint Helena Act 1833, the British Settlements Acts 1887 and 1945 and of all other powers enabling Her to do so, is pleased, by and with the advice of Her Privy Council, to order, and it is ordered, as follows:-

What follows is 10 pages of alterations, additions and deletions to the present St Helena Constitution which make it possible to introduce a ministerial form of government. These alterations were drafted by the Attorney General in St Helena and accepted by Legislative Council on 4th June. The more important alterations to the constitution were outlined in the *Independent* on 16th July. The Constitution Amendment Order was made, as anticipated, on 21st July but there has been a seven day wait for this to be confirmed and the last formalities to be completed.

Ministerial Government a Step Closer Next Week

The Main Amendments to the Constitution

Vince Thompson

Next Wednesday, 21st July, the UK Government is expected to officially approve the changes required to the St Helena Constitution before the present committee system of government can change to a system led by the Chief Minister supported by his Ministers. The draft amendments to the constitution have already been signed off by Dominic Raab, the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office Minister and the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee. This being so, it is hoped the final approval required from the Privy Council will be a formality.

The changes to the constitution are needed because the role of the Chief Minister and Ministers needs to be recognised in the constitution and references to Executive Council need to be taken out because it will no longer exist in its present form.

any measure to cover situations where the Chief Minister loses the confidence of Legislative Council members. It is unlikely to happen often since the majority of members of any elected legislature usually spend their entire political lives putting themselves forward as the ideal choice for a ministerial position.

If the Chief Minister is absent from the Island or unable to perform the functions of a Chief Minister for any reason, The Chief Minister recommends to the Governor one of the four Ministers to be Acting Chief Minister. The Governor is required to act upon the recommendation unless it is 'impractical' to obtain a recommendation from the Chief Minister due to 'infirmary of body or mind or absence'. In the absence of a clear recommendation from the Chief Minister the Governor will seek the advice of the Ministers sitting as Executive Council. If that is not possible for some reason the Governor will appoint an Acting Chief Minister on his or her own discretion.

The Constitution Amendment Order also specifies the Order will come into force on the day appointed by the Governor, acting in his or her discretion, by proclamation published in the Gazette. Governor Rushbrook told the *Independent* the final step, to bring the Order into force by publishing a proclamation in the Government Gazette will be done as soon as the procedural requirements have been completed.

In a press release issued yesterday Governor Rushbrook commented:

"This is an historic moment for St Helena and a great opportunity for a next elected government. Today marks the culmination of over 18 months of detailed examination and debate across the community on how we want to govern ourselves in the future.

"Back in 2019, Professor Sarkin identified the public wanted clearer individual responsibility for making political decisions, greater political accountability for delivering services and reforms, and a governance system that progressed its business more swiftly. The change to a Ministerial system provides the opportunity for the next elected government to achieve all three."

The press release also explained:-

Attention will now turn to formal Legislative Council on Friday, 30 July, to consider a Bill amending the current Ordinance that fixes the remuneration and allowances for Legislative Council in anticipation of the new Ministerial system. Legislative Council will also consider updated rules and procedures for Council to meet the change to the new Ministerial system. A draft new Ministerial Code for use by Ministers in Executive Council is also nearing completion and will be considered by the next Legislative Council after the general election. Training for newly elected Councillors immediately after the general election will be put in place to give them the best start possible working under a Ministerial system.

Today's Legislative Council

As of midday yesterday, the Order Paper and information papers to councillors on items for discussion at today's Legislative Council were still not available on the SHG website. It is known that the view of some councillors is that the proposed pay levels should be higher. It remains to be seen if these councillors voice their thoughts when Legislative Council sits. Thinking along the lines that pay levels should be higher is one thing but putting such thoughts into words exhibits a lack of political astuteness which cannot be contemplated from a Chief Minister or one of his Ministers.

Watching MPs in the UK debate and decide their own pay rates is a gruesome sight but such a spectacle has not been witnessed for ten years. In 2010 The Independent Parliamentary Standards Authority (IPSA) was established to decide what MPs should be paid and to monitor the expenses and allowances they also set them. IPSA was formed in the wake of the parliamentary expenses scandal of 2009 which exposed the depth and breadth of the abuse over allowances claimed by MPs and Lords. The salary paid to an MP according to the UK Parliament website is now about £82,000. Allowances cover the cost of keeping a staffed office. This cost can be as high as £150,000; MPs will have an office at the Palace of Westminster and another in their own constituency. Staff travel can be another £20,000 or so. In the St Helena Budget Book the line described as 'Supporting Ex-

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Executive and Legislative Councils' has £412,000 against it for the current year. That's about enough to keep 3 UK MPs, who are extremely careful with public money, out of the total of 650 MPs sitting in the House of Commons. The SHG estimate for support to Executive and Legislative Councils for next year and the year after will be £489,000.

The Road to a New Way to Govern

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It is barely 14 months ago that the Governance Commission was formed to start the formal process to change the system of government used in St Helena. Now, we are over the finish line with all the processes and formalities completed. The change from the committee system to a ministerial form of government will come in a matter of weeks rather than months. The road to ministerial governance started in earnest in May last year; just two months after coronavirus started to rampage around the world. The St Helena Government were already deep into truck loads of additional, urgent and important work. Along with every other government in the world they were deciding out how to deal with this new and strange threat. Adding another massive piece of work in the form of a change to the way we are governed was incredibly ambitious. We have to recognise that SHG succeeded on both enormous counts; this Island remains Covid-free and change of governance issue is now concluded. One revealing point is that the decisions on how to protect the Island from the coronavirus was effectively handled by side-stepping the committee system. The Incident Emergency Group met frequently to make all the big decisions; sometimes changing a decision made only a few days before in reaction to fast changing circumstances. It is clear the committee system would not have been able to cope with the situation.

From the beginning the aim was to get a decision on the change of governance before the general election which is now almost upon us. It was always seen as an extremely tight schedule but some felt a change to the system had the support and encouragement of the UK Government and this would help make it possible to achieve this ambitious aim. In fact, the biggest threat to keeping to the schedule was the necessity to get decisions through the present committee system.

The Governance Commission finished their work more or less on time and then undertook a public consultation exercise on their findings. A report was written based on the public reaction and the whole thing was handed over to the councillors. The councillors in turn formed a Progress Committee to review what the Governance Commission had discussed and concluded. When this part of the process had run its course there were aspects of the whole issue which needed to go to Exco and Legco. There was also the consultative poll which



The Privy Council of the First Queen Elizabeth

may view as inconclusive but, mathematically, was in favour of a change to ministerial government by what the horse racing fraternity would call 'a short head'.

All through the different stages in this process SHG and local media issued regular information and publicity explaining what the ministerial system is and how the decision on whether to change to that system is to be made. Despite the amount of information material available many people were saying the new system had not been explained to them. The change will be a big one and a general understanding of how the ministerial system works is vital if maximum benefit is to be gained through changing the system of governance. An independent review body, like the Governance commission consisting of non-councillors, was set up to recommend the pay levels for councillors in a ministerial system. This work has been completed although councillors are still talking about it. The Attorney General's Chambers had been keeping an eye on the required changes to the constitution since discussions started at the Governance Commission. The draft changes were listed, drafted, revised and added to as time went on. The final draft of the proposed changes was submitted to the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Minister after Legco voted in favour of the changes in June this year.

It was expected the UK Government would discuss the constitutional changes on the 21st July. They did, and they made their decision the same day. The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Minister had previously agreed the changes, as had the Foreign Affairs Committee, a scrutiny committee the like of which our councillors are destined to become familiar with. With the blessing of both the minister and the committee the final stamp of approval from the Privy Council could reasonably be expected. On Wednesday this week confirmation that Privy Council approval had been given was made public. Apart from a Proclamation in the St Helena

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Government Gazette that's it. Now the real work starts.

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Ministerial Government – the big challenge we now face

The big thing about the ministerial form of government is that it is the biggest change compared to whatever else has existed in St Helena at anytime in the entire 362 years since John Dutton and his crew set foot on the James Bay shoreline in the name of the East India Company in May 1659.

Some may think this is an exaggeration but others who know how the ministerial system works and what is needed for it to work well, will probably say it is about right. So often people will say they are not interested in politics or mutter something that accuses politics of being the root of all evil. Maybe that one is an exaggeration but you know what I mean. The truth is, people who say they are not interested in politics often talk politics without knowing it. Every time anyone moans about what the government has or has not done they are talking politics. Complain about the state of the roads – that's politics. Comment favourably or unfavourably about you, a member of your family or someone you know was treated by the healthcare system, that politics too. The list goes on.

One of the main things about the ministerial system is that for it to work at its best everyone who has something worth saying should say it and say it to the right people; not just complain about it to someone in the street. We now know who the right people will be, the minister in charge of roads or healthcare is the obvious target for the complaints or comments mentioned earlier. The other target will be the councillors on the Scrutiny Committees who will interview, interrogate, enquire and question the Chief Minister and his Ministers on their proposals, actions and track record. Participation in how the priorities and actions of government turn out will never have been easier. And it is essential participation through complaints, comments, feedback and new ideas actually happens and happens effectively.

If participation in local affairs is limited to the usual few voices that are willing to be heard, the advantages of moving to the ministerial system of government will be missed. The five people in charge, the Chief Minister and his four Ministers, will have more scope to do only what they think is best and that could be disastrous. Even the councillors who are appointed to the Scrutiny Committees will need to do more than councillors often appear to do now. They will certainly need to ask more questions in public meetings, go into extra detail on a wide variety of numerous issues, form opinions on many matters so they can ask worthwhile questions and make useful suggestions when ministers appear before a Scrutiny Committee. The effectiveness of members of the Scrutiny Com-

mittees depends not only on them using their own initiative and developing a more enquiring mind, it depends on people like you and me. We will need to give them ideas, suggestions and questions which they can fire at ministers at the right time and in the right place.

Contacting ministers and Scrutiny Committee members is one form of lobbying but it is not the only one. Often a group is formed to raise the profile of a particular issue which is thought to be important. Before social media existed this meant a small band of people forming a structured group and persuading others to join them. The group would set out clearly whatever is wrong which the issue they aim to change and propose ways in which improvements can be made. The group would give publicity to their cause through local media, arrange for debates at Legislative Council and questions to be asked by Scrutiny Committees. With social media now widely available it is often used to raise the profile of issues. The Me Too movement is one of the most well known as well as one of more effective. We need to see more like this in local social media. Moaning and groaning to people in the street is in no way a substitute for structured, planned and targeted pressure.

The other main necessity is having people with the right skills, knowledge and experience elected to Legislative Council. All of them will need adequate communication skills, some will need to know how to read a set of accounts, others will need to have experience in setting budgets and keeping to them. Personality will also come into it. Councillors will not do an effective job if they do not have a clear idea on what they want and why they want it. Equally important is when they want it and how they will make it happen. For ministers and other councillors to be looking to government officers to provide all of this will be as equally disastrous as you and me leaving the ministerial team of five to run the island as they think fit. The shift to the ministerial system is a big one; it will take time for all the teething problems to be smoothed out. It will also be a culture change. The first step for all of us is to realise and understand there are big changes coming and we can take great advantage of these changes if we know how the system works. One of the biggest things in the culture change is realising that for all of us to 'pull together' to move forward is just not enough. People have different views; they all need to be heard. And the ministers need to include along with their many necessary skills the ability to incorporate the best suggestions into their policies and legislation so government is inclusive and not seen as remote or some kind of exclusive club for the chosen few.



Identification of children or young persons involved in court proceedings

Section 93 of the Welfare of Children Ordinance 2008 provides as follows:

(1) Subject to subsection (3), no report of any proceedings in any court either in St Helena or Ascension may be published in St Helena in any manner whatsoever, which—

(a) reveals the name, address or school; or

(b) includes any particulars calculated to lead to the identification, of any child or young person concerned in those proceedings, either as being the person against or in respect of whom the proceedings are taken or as being a witness in them.

(2) Subject to subsection (3), no picture may be published in any newspaper or periodical or included in a relevant programme as being or including a picture of any child or young person so concerned in any such proceedings.

(3) Subject to subsection (4), a court may in any case by order dispense with the requirements of subsection (1) or (2) to the extent specified in the order.

(4) A court must not exercise the power conferred by subsection (3) unless it is satisfied that it is in the interests of justice to do so.

(5) If a report or picture is published or included in a relevant programme in contravention of this section, each of the following persons—

(a) in the case of a publication of a written report as part of, or of a picture in, a newspaper or periodical - any proprietor, editor or publisher of the newspaper or periodical;

(b) in the case of a publication of a written report otherwise than as part of a newspaper or periodical - the person who published it;

(c) in the case of the inclusion of a report or picture in a relevant programme - any

corporate body which is engaged in providing the service in which the programme is included and any person having functions in relation to the programme corresponding to those of an editor of a newspaper, commits an offence.

Penalty: A fine of £5,000, or imprisonment for 12 months, or both.

Identification of complainants in sexual offences in court proceedings

Section 1 Sexual Offences (Amendment) Act 1992 provides as follows:

(1) Where an allegation has been made that an offence to which this Act applies has been committed against a person, no matter relating to that person shall during that person's lifetime be included in any publication if it is likely to lead members of the public to identify that person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed.

(2) Where a person is accused of an offence to which this Act applies, no matter likely to lead members of the public to identify a person as the person against whom the offence is alleged to have been committed ("the complainant") shall during the complainant's lifetime be included in any publication.

(3)

(3A) The matters relating to a person in relation to which the restrictions imposed by subsection (1) or (2) apply (if their inclusion in any publication is likely to have the result mentioned in that subsection) include in particular—

(a) the person's name,

(b) the person's address,

(c) the identity of any school or other educational establishment attended by the person,

(d) the identity of any place of work, and

(e) any still or moving picture of the person.

(4) Nothing in this section prohibits the inclusion in a publication of matter consisting only of a report of criminal proceedings other than proceedings at, or intended to lead to, or on an appeal arising out of, a trial at which the accused is charged with the offence.

Penalty: A fine of £5000

Cedric Henry Imprisoned for 40 Months

Judge Charles Ekins sentenced Cedric Henry to 40 months imprisonment on Thursday of last week after considering two sexual offences for which Henry pleaded guilty. Judge Ekins also made a Sexual Offences Prevention Order. In his sentence report Judge Ekins noted that Cedric Henry is 72 years old, has never been previously convicted of any offence and has medical problems. The judge also noted and accepted Cedric Henry was remorseful and that he pleaded guilty at an early stage. "Nevertheless" Judge Ekins said, "it seems to me to be plain that you are still in denial as to the seriousness of your offending; and I also have to have regard to the fact that you are assessed by the Probation Officer as presenting a high risk of serious harm." The Judge added, "It is clear to me also that you sought to befriend this woman and

her friends before you committed these offences, conduct which was clearly grooming, paving the way for the offending which you engaged in. As I have said implicitly if not explicitly, the offence on Count 1 is so serious that only a sentence of immediate imprisonment is appropriate."

Cedric Henry was sentenced to 40 months for the first and most serious offence and to four months imprisonment for the second offence; both sentences to run concurrently.





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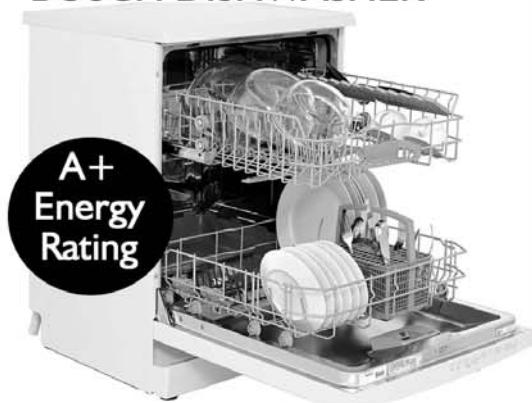


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IEG DISCUSS PATHWAY OUT OF QUARANTINE

The Incident Executive Group (IEG) met on 22 July and agreed a phased risk-based approach to modify entry and quarantine arrangements.

IEG will determine when Phase 1 and subsequent phases, will start. No date has been confirmed however work is taking place with the aim for the first phase to start in October.

The decision to move to Phase 1 will be based on a set of local and international trigger points. These will include double vaccination rates in the UK exceeding 60% of the adult population, the new Oxygen Plant operational on-Island, no community transmission on St Helena, the capability of the Health Service to operate normally, the evolving international situation, and the latest medical advice. St Helena Government (SHG) will be agile and closely monitor changes around the world and respond on-Island accordingly.

The decision to move to Phase 2 and 3 will be based on the triggers above plus a regard of the progress in the vaccination rates of the UK adult population. No date has been confirmed however work is taking place with the aim for the second phase to start in November and the third phase to start in December. All decisions will be subject to political approval.

The phased changes to quarantine times only applies to those who have been double vaccinated at least two weeks prior to arrival. Any passengers who are not double vaccinated and have been in a red list country in the 10 days prior to travel will be subject to the existing 10 days of quarantine.

For each phase the arriving passengers, country of origin and whether they have been fully vaccinated or not, will determine the length of the quarantine period they will be required to undertake on their arrival to St Helena.

Phase	Vaccination Status of arrival	Red List Country	Rest of World
1	Fully vaccinated	7 days	5 days
	Not vaccinated	10 days	7 days
2	Fully vaccinated	5 days	2 days
	Not vaccinated	10 days	7 days
3	Fully vaccinated	5 days	1 day
	Not vaccinated	10 days	7 days

The change in quarantine periods reflect data on vaccination effectiveness, testing effectiveness and risk, as well as a recognition that 97% of St Helena's adult population is now fully vaccinated which now offers a high level of protection from infection. The process for a red list will be developed; a red list allows St Helena to react quickly to information about variants and emerging high rates of infections for example.

For each phase the following testing protocols will remain in place for all inbound passengers:

- Negative PCR COVID-19 test no more than 72 hours prior to departure
- Testing within 24 hours of arrival
- Release at end of designated quarantine period as above subject to a negative COVID-19 test.

Why reduce the Quarantine periods?

The Island's quarantine arrangements are no longer consistent with the latest Public Health England advice, taking into consideration the following factors:

- The measures in place continue to be a practical response in suppressing COVID-19 community spread on-Island i.e. Airport arrival protocols, good experience in operating home quarantine, well-practiced testing regimes, regular and extensive contact between SHG and following Public Health England specialists

IEG DISCUSS PATHWAY OUT OF QUARANTINE

- The risk of a traveller entering St Helena with COVID-19, after a negative test in advance, is highly unlikely
- There remains a proven capability in the Health Care system to manage a case if there was an isolated positive test result in a quarantine location
- Healthcare colleagues consider these measures are proportionate given the very low levels of risk of serious illness now posed to the population.

Reducing quarantine periods will give the following benefits to St Helena:

- It will make it more feasible for family and friends to visit St Helena and vice versa
- More family and friends visiting the Island this year and additional flights during the festive period could provide a positive boost for the Island population. Some St Helena operators and employers will be able to stay in business
- The consequences of a further lost summer season are of significant concern, leading to increased debts, closures and job losses. Travellers need certainty about future entry requirements and quarantine arrangements. There is also international momentum to re-open borders with more realistic entry arrangements that reflect the benefits of travellers and residents being fully vaccinated.

COVID-19 will continue to exist within communities

Worldwide it is being recognised that COVID-19 will continue to exist around the world in some form for many years. Public Health England advises that when a host community reaches 80% of vaccination coverage of the eligible population, coupled with full immunisation of travellers and quarantine as appropriate, then widespread (herd) immunity takes effect. This scenario provides an increased assurance level that quarantine periods can be reduced or even lifted. This beneficial situation is now being seen in many countries across the world, therefore actions are being taken to implement in order for communities to resume a form of normality.

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ONE-OFF AIRLINK MEDICAL REPATRIATION FLIGHT

An Airlink medical repatriation flight is being planned to operate from Johannesburg to St Helena on Thursday, 5 August 2021, and return to Johannesburg the same day*. The purpose of the inbound flight is to repatriate those Saints who had previously travelled to South Africa via the 'Medevac' flights. Given the very tight timescale of planning for this flight, St Helena Government (SHG) would like to gauge any demand from 'commercial' passengers who, despite the short notice, may wish to book a seat on this flight – either to travel to St Helena or to return to Johannesburg.

As this will be an SHG Health Services Directorate repatriation flight, any person who may wish to enquire about this flight should contact the SHG Civil Aviation team on +(290) 22721 or email:

mark.souter@sainthelena.gov.sh or tessa.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh by midday on Tuesday, 3 August 2021.

Please only contact the SHG Civil Aviation team if you are interested in travelling on this one-off Airlink flight being planned for 5 August.

All other flight queries relating to existing or new bookings on the Titan Airways charter flights should be directed to the Solomons travel team via: flight.reservations@solomons.co.sh, telephone (+290) 22523 or visit in person at the Shipping & Travel Department, the Malabar, Jamestown, between the hours of 8am and 3pm, Mondays to Fridays.

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TITAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHTS

DISCOUNT ON NEW BOOKINGS FOR LATE AUGUST FLIGHT

St Helena Government (SHG) announced additional charter flights for August, September and December 2021 on 16 July.

SHG is now pleased to offer a 25% discount on the flight scheduled to operate on 21 and 22 August for all new bookings as well as for those passengers who have previously requested seats on the flights operating on 9 and 12 August and 6 and 8 September but who may now decide to travel on the 21 and 22 August flight. The offer is for the London to St Helena and return flight.

This discount means that a return ticket from London to St Helena is £1,425 or £713 one way for the 21 and 22 August flight.

Bookings for the flight on 21 August are open until 6 August. It is not anticipated that this flight will have any payload restrictions and therefore a full baggage allowance along with any requests for excess baggage can be accommodated.

The detailed schedule for this flight is below:

Date	Flight No	Departure Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
21AUG21	ZT0531	0115 Local	London StanstedSTN	AccraACC	0715 Local
21AUG21	ZT0531	0800 Local	AccraACC	St HelenaHLE	1210 Local
22AUG21	ZT0532	0900 Local	St HelenaHLE	AccraACC	1300 Local
22AUG21	ZT0532	1345 Local	AccraACC	London Stansted STN	2155 Local

Bookings

Bookings are on a 'first come, first served' basis. Some seats will be held back e.g. for urgent medical travellers.

To improve the passenger booking process for these flights, SHG has now partnered with the Shipping & Travel Department of Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc who will take on full responsibility for the customer booking process.

From today onwards, travel requests should be submitted to the Solomons Travel team via email: flight.reservations@solomons.co.sh, telephone: (+290) 22523 or visit in person at the Shipping & Travel Department, the Malabar, Jamestown, between the hours of 8am and 3pm, Mondays to Fridays. Solomons will also be proactively contacting those passengers who have already sent in their flight booking forms to confirm receipt and any deposit payment.

For those based on Ascension Island, or wishing to travel to or from Ascension Island, please continue to contact the Shipping and Travel Office via email: flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac.

Please note that SHG reserves the right to change dates of travel without notice even after payment has been received.

Customers wishing to book commercial or government airfreight for carriage on these flights are advised to use an appropriate freight forwarding agent to make the necessary arrangements.

Reminder of all the Titan flights currently timetabled*:

TITAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHTS

DISCOUNT ON NEW BOOKINGS FOR LATE AUGUST FLIGHT

Month	Date	Flight Sector		
		Stansted to St Helena (via Accra)	HLE-ASI-HLE	St Helena to Stansted (via Accra)
August-21	21	X	No Ascension flight	
	22			X
September	6	X		
	7		X	
	8		X	
	9			X
September	24	X	No Ascension flight	
	25			X
October	18	X		
	19		X	
	20			X
November	8	X		
	9		X	
	10			X
November / December	29	X		
	30		X	
	1		X	
	2			X
December	11	X		
	12		X	
	13			X
January-22	4	X		
	5		X	
	6			X
January	24	X		
	25		X	
	26			X
February	14	X		
	15		X	
	16			X
March	7	X		
	8		X	
	9			X
March	28	X		
	29		X	
	30			X

Dates where a 'double shuttle' to Ascension will operate

New / extra flights dates confirmed (x3)

*Days of operation subject to weather conditions at St Helena Airport.

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Q *Why do we need a sustainable fishery?*

A A sustainable fishery will allow future generations to experience the ocean and its life as we do now. This means:

- not taking too many fish, too many young fish, or fish that are filled with eggs during their spawning season
- respecting habitats
- ensuring people who depend on fishing can maintain their livelihoods

For St Helena this means some new rules have to be put in place for fisheries e.g. Total Allowable Catch limits, Minimum Landing Sizes, logbooks and no take.

Q *Why do we need **Total Allowable Catch** (TAC) limits?*

A A TAC uses best available scientific data to calculate what percentage of a fish stock can be 'harvested' or taken without damaging the population.

Q *Why do we need **Logbooks**?*

A Stock assessments (how much fish we have) need lots of data. Fishing effort and fish catches vary from year to year. The logbooks will provide the Marine Section with continued data to allow us to build a true picture of the Island's marine environment and its fisheries. This will inform any increase or decrease of the TACs.

Q *Why do we need **Minimum Landing Sizes** (MLS)?*

A The idea behind MLS are to protect immature fish by giving them time to grow and produce offspring of their own.

Q *Why are some species listed as **No Take**?*

A Over time some species have been fished heavily so their population size has been greatly reduced. Over fishing may not only destroy one type of fish but lead to the collapse of other life which are part of the same food chain.

The support of the local fishing industry has been and continues to be crucial in assisting with data collection. The Marine Section is grateful for the continued support from the local fishing community.

Contact us for more information:

Jason Sparks, Marine Enforcement Officer, Port Control Office, The Wharf, Jamestown 64642
or Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section, Essex House 22270,

Changes to minimum landing size of Rock Bullseye (Glasseye Snapper)

**From 1 August 2021 the minimum landing size of
Rock Bullseye will increase from 15cm to 20cm**

How to measure your Rock Bullseye



Q *Why is the minimum landing size for bullseye being increased?*

A SHG is responsible for ensuring St Helena manages its marine environment in a sustainable manner. Since 2016 St Helena has had a Category VI Marine Protected Area (MPA). In our everyday lives this is seen as science, licensing and supporting legislation or rules.

For a number of years, even before the official designation of the MPA, work has been in progress to understand how much of the different types of fish can be taken from the waters around St Helena each year. This also includes what size (length) those fish need to reach to allow them to spawn (release their eggs) to produce the next generation of fish.

The decision to increasing the size to 20cm follows data collection from:

1. Local knowledge from marine users, both commercial fishermen, rock fishermen and SCUBA divers
2. Over 15 years of yearly underwater dive surveys of repeat sites around St Helena
3. Length, weight, sex and maturity measurements of fish collected on a monthly basis from around St Helena
4. Ocean current modeling work looking at where fish eggs are likely to go when spawning around St Helena
5. Evidence gained from a literature review (knowledge about these fish in other places around the world)

Career Access St Helena team

From L to R: Cynthia, Nicola, Marcella



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CAREER ACCESS ST HELENA

What is Career Access St Helena?

Career Access St Helena – a one-stop shop for career services on the Island – will centralise all employment-related resources on St Helena and serve not only those who are unemployed, but residents at every stage of their career and every level of ability.

A new service that sits under the employment component of the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio, Career Access St Helena's vision is to enable individuals to achieve their purpose through personal empowerment via education and development, and connect that purpose with employment opportunities in alignment with stakeholder needs.

Career Access services will be available to anyone aged 11+ years. This includes all organisations and employers on the Island as well as parents, teachers, coaches, advisers or anyone looking to support others in their career journey.

Meet the Team

The Career Access St Helena team comprises Manager, Nicola Essex, Workforce Development Officer, Cynthia Bennett, and Career Access and Economic Policy Assistant, Marcella Mittens.

Team members will provide free and impartial careers advice, information and guidance. They also aim to provide confidence and certainty around employment opportunities by working more closely with employers on their future needs which will in turn inform academic or work-based training and development programmes for St Helena.

Nicola said:

"Career Access St Helena aims to enable individuals to discover their purpose through personal empowerment via education and development, and to help individuals connect that purpose with meaningful employment opportunities in order to make St Helena a great place to live, learn, and work."

"Our services are not 'live' yet but once up and running, we will continue to grow our services in order to become the centre for all employment-related resources on St Helena."



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"Having already met with some departments and other external agencies that will contribute to the success of Career Access St Helena, I am grateful for the strong support already given and look forward to developing equally strong links with other organisations in the private and for-purpose sector who all have a part to play in enabling St Helenians to thrive on St Helena."

What services can I expect from Career Access St Helena?

Career Access St Helena is currently in the preparation stage. Once officially launched, individuals will be able to use the service to:

- Explore careers via job profiles and postings
- Access career advice articles
- Undertake skills assessments
- Access available courses
- Undertake training to update their skills
- Receive personalised career guidance through:
 - Participation in training seminars or group sessions
 - Signposting to specialist resources and support
 - Individual appointments.

What has happened so far?

Before the service is officially launched, a lot of work is going on in the background leading up to the service becoming available.

A Career Access St Helena page is live on the St Helena Government (SHG) website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/cash/>. Posted on the page have been recruitment campaigns, voluntary opportunities available and current job vacancies on-Island.

The team has also provided support to the recent SHG Care Campaign and are gathering feedback on the current work experience and apprenticeship scheme, packaging unemployment services and revamping marketing materials. A location for the new service is also being identified.

Work has also begun on using the updated Shortage Occupation list to identify where skills gaps exist in our current workforce and work towards counteracting this shortage in the medium term. This will enable availability of a stable and qualified local workforce with increased employment opportunities from which employers will find it easier to recruit to these positions in the future. This will become an iterative process following new data obtained through future Shortage Occupation surveys and strengthening links with employers.

What happens next?

Career Access St Helena will be implemented over four stages:

- **Preparation** - Getting Career Access St Helena ready - building on what is already provided as well as setting up new services and products that will align with the needs of St Helena
- **Soft launch (Sep)** - Services go 'live' but allows testing of offering and processes
- **Official launch (Oct)** - Services are established and fully open to the public including an out-of-hours service
- **Development** - Continuous development of the service working with key stakeholders, business and organisations on the Island.

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Vacancy – Counterpart to Electricity Distribution Manager

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a Counterpart to the Electricity Distribution Manager. The Electricity Distribution Manager is a key role within the Company and has responsibility for the operation, maintenance and development of the Island's high voltage and low voltage networks.

Candidates should have demonstrable experience of working with high voltage and low voltage networks. Management experience is essential in this role and candidates should have the ability to motivate staff to perform both generally and in challenging environments. Careful attention to detail and a strong awareness of safe working systems are essential qualities in this role.

Qualifications & Experience

Candidates should have a qualification in electrical or electromechanical engineering at HND level or higher, and should have, or be willing to work towards an HV Switching Certificate.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Other benefits includes 15% of base salary pension contributions.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Annalisa Young on 22255 or email Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be sent to Annalisa at the above email address or handed into Seales Corner, Jamestown by 9.00am on Monday, 09 August 2021.



Sure delivers mobile, broadband, fixed line and television rebroadcasting services to the St Helena community and forms part of the South Atlantic Region with Sure Ascension and Falkland Islands.

Sure Academy schemes are part of our long term commitment to offer local people a channel into the workplace. It is a 1 year paid opportunity for enthusiastic and motivated individuals to join our business and gain practical training and a high quality experience that can lead to an exciting and challenging career.

If you are interested in the telecommunications industry, the Sure Academy is open to anyone from the age of 16 years (post compulsory schooling). We offer placements in roles ranging from engineering to marketing, finance and administration.

Ideal candidates should possess a minimum of grade C/5 and above, or equivalent, in Maths, English and Science. For further information, please contact Keirah Wade on telephone: 22800 or email: Keirah.Wade@sure.com

If you are interested in the Sure Academy Scheme, please forward your expression of interest and CV to the above email address by Monday, 16 August 2021. Candidates should outline in a covering letter what their area of interest is within our St Helena Business Unit and how this experience will benefit their future career aspiration.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory Police disclosure.



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CHAIR OF CHARITY COMMISSION



The Governor's Office invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the position of Chair of the Charity Commission of St Helena.

The functions of the Charity Commission are set out in the Charities Ordinance 2005 which can be found on the St Helena Government (SHG) website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/Charities-Ordinance-Updated-100720.pdf>.

Some of the functions include encouraging and facilitating better management of charitable organisations, and ensuring compliance with legal obligations, investigating mismanagement and misconduct of operations where required. The Chair will also be responsible for the preparation of an annual report on the activities of the Charity Commission of St Helena.

The vacancy also presents an opportunity to inject new energy and reform to the role with a view to reinvigorating the charity sector and further making it a part of the social fabric of the Island and a stage for future development.

Details of Appointment

The appointment term is for a period of three years.

Remuneration details can be obtained from Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at The Castle, on telephone: 22470 or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Submitting an EOI

Interested persons should also contact the Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, via the above contact details, for more information and to obtain the relevant EOI form. The EOI form can also be downloaded from the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

Completed EOIs should be returned to Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, via email: Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk by Tuesday, 31 August 2021.

Shortlisted persons will then be invited to a discussion with the Governor and the successful applicant will be appointed subject to the production of a satisfactory police vetting certificate.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, 28 July 2021



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ADMINISTRATION TEAM LEADER (Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or difference? Would you like to champion efficiencies to develop an efficient administration service to meet with changing needs of a modern Public Service? If so, this is a new position which forms part of the Administration Team whose role it is to support Portfolios to function properly.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- Level 3 qualification in a relevant subject—such as Business Administration, Maths, English or ICT or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Experience in using creative skills to make improvements in relation to systems and administrative processes
- Excellent interpersonal skills, able to communicate effectively and professionally at all levels across the Public Service
- Experience in managing and developing staff to deliver an efficient multi-skilled support service
- Excellent time management, planning and organisational skills to meet the demands of the service

We offer the following:

Salary: £11,034—£13,793 per annum depending on qualifications and experience
Leave: 30 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme
Training opportunities

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:

Belinda Piek, Administration Manager on telephone number 22494 or email: belinda.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and **Application forms** are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Clare O'Dean, Senior HR Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 10th August 2021**.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered.

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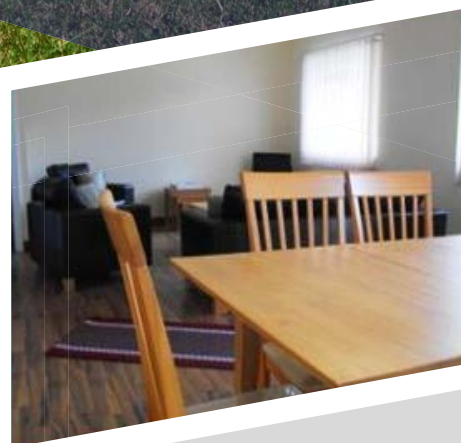
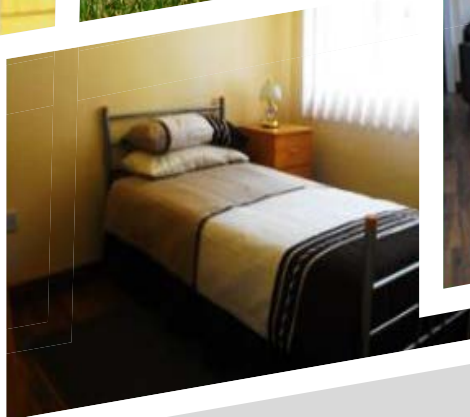
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SPRINGDALE PROPERTY TO LET

AVAILABLE MID-AUGUST

Situated in Guinea Grass, St Pauls
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The property consists of the following fully furnished rooms:

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Local Service Provider

CONTACT US

Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties)
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Email: GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh



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VACANCY PORTFOLIO ASSISTANT

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Are you able to provide a high quality personal administration service to a Portfolio Director and Committee Chairman/Minister that supports the smooth running of Portfolios and delivers a high quality, customer focused service? If so, this is a new post which forms part of the Central Administration Team whose role it is to support Portfolios to function effectively.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience.
- Able to work on own initiative, demonstrates attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and remain calm and polite under pressure
- Awareness of Council Committee Rules, the Constitution of St Helena and Legislative Council Code of Conduct
- Confident in using ICT systems relevant to role, including Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613—£10,765 per annum depending on qualifications and experience
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:

Carol George, Head of Corporate Support on telephone number 22470 or email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior HR Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 11th August 2021**.

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VACANCY

SECRETARY TO EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Do you have the ability to provide an effective and efficient administration and secretarial service for the Executive Council? If so, this could be an exciting opportunity for you.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject – such as English, ICT, Business Administration etc. or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
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POST GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UK - CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2021-2022

Applications for the Chevening Scholarship Awards for the 2022 intake will open this year from **Tuesday, 3 August**, and close on **Tuesday, 2 November**.

The programme is fully funded by the Foreign Commonwealth & Development Office and is aimed at those with leadership potential. It offers one year's study in the UK for a Master's degree in any subject. The next round of studies will commence in September/October 2022.

Eligible criteria that must be met before applying for a Chevening Scholarship includes:

- You must be a citizen of a Chevening eligible country, in this case - St Helena, Ascension or Tristan da Cunha
- You must have completed all components of an undergraduate degree to gain entry at postgraduate level
- You must have at least two years' work experience
- You must **not** have studied in the UK previously with funding from a UK government-funded scholarship
- You must return to your country after your study in the UK for a minimum period of two years.

As well as developing yourself academically and in your chosen field of study, you will also develop yourself professionally. You will gain first-hand knowledge and experience of UK institutions, British culture and values. You will also build and maintain valuable connections and network with fellow scholars and the Chevening community and build long lasting positive relationships, useful for when you return to the Island.

Further information on the Chevening Scholarships can be found by visiting www.chevening.org which includes how to find eligible courses, the online application system and the application timetable.

You may also contact Chevening Officer, Kerry Lane, at the Governor's Office on +290 22308 or via email: Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk who will be able to assist with your queries.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
28 July 2021



Fund Raising on The Falklands

Tony Peters will test his 'will power' and 'endurance' by taking on challenge of walking approx 35 miles from Mount Pleasant to Stanley, Falkland Islands in effort to raise funds for a very worthy cause 'St. Helena Cancer Support & Awareness Charity'. The charity aims to assist patients, survivors and families affected by cancer as well as contributing funds to purchase medical equipment to aid diagnosis and recovery. The event is hoped to take place on morning of **Saturday, 27th November 2021**, starting from 120 Facility, MPA at **6.00 am** and finishing at the big monument at Stanley waterfront, not far from the Malvinas Hotel. Tony estimates it would take him around **9 hours** to complete the walk (approx 15 mins per mile). He wants to see how close he can be to this time. He hope to phone Saint FM at start of walk and then about every 1 ½ hrs with updates on how walk is progressing. This date is '**weather permitting**'...can't walk if strong winds...if not, will try next day !

We All Fit Ltd, of Leyton London (cousin Danielle Yon & Mihai) has kindly offered to support him with provision of energy snacks, which is appreciated very much. Would be very grateful if people wish to sponsor him for his effort, by donating a little sum of your choice, towards this very worthy cause, the 'Big C' which is affecting so many peoples lives. Thank You!. All sponsor money will be recorded on sponsor forms for accurate recording.

Tony hopes to have sponsor forms on Ascension & Falklands, as well as on St. Helena when he is hoping to be home on leave Sept/Oct (**if can get seat on Titan flight**). Few other 'Saints' on Falklands may be joining Tony on walk. Few people in UK {Cathy Bowers, Karen & Peter Ayrton, Angela Lawrence & Stacey Lawrence planning to support this charity by doing a walk over there in UK some time in summer (Sept ??) – Further details to be confirmed nearer the time ref both walks.





**St Helena
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VACANCIES (Part & Full Time)

Customs Officers

HM Revenue & Customs - Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change? Do you have customer service skills and a problem-solving attitude? If so, HM Revenue & Customs has an opportunity for you to join their team

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent (If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in English and Maths as part of the selection process)
- GCSE ICT at Grade C or above or equivalent demonstrable attainment or experience (as above)
- Valid driving licence (or willingness to learn to drive within 12 month of taking up the post)

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613 per annum Grade C
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence

Further information about the duties of the post interested persons should contact: Sarah Botting, on telephone number 22287 or email: sarah.botting@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and **Application forms** are available from: Anya Richards and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to HR & Admin Officer Anya Richards at Coleman House, Police HQ, Jamestown (or email anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 3rd August 2021**. **To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.**

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.
 Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CHAIRPERSON OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Governor's Office invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the position of Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) which will become vacant from 14 August 2021.

The PAC is constituted under the St Helena, Ascension and Tristan Da Cunha Constitution. In summary the duty of the Committee is to examine and report to the Legislative Council on the audited annual statement of accounts, and management letters and reports provided by the Chief Auditor which has been laid before the Council. The Committee operates under such procedures as may be prescribed by Ordinance or by Standing Orders of the Council. The PAC shall act independently and shall not be subject to the direction or control of the Governor, the Executive Council or any other person or authority.

The remuneration for this position is £2,250 per annum, paid quarterly in arrears. A mileage allowance of 60p per mile will be paid for use of personal vehicles in connection with attending meetings or carrying out any work on behalf of the PAC. In addition, a monthly payment of £13.31, (equivalent to the current cost of a 'lite' broadband package) provided by Sure South Atlantic Ltd, will be paid as a contribution towards internet costs incurred in connection with the role.

Persons interested in the role should contact Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at the Castle on tel: 22470 or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh for the relevant EOI form, which is also available on the SHG website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

Completed EOIs should be submitted to the Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, via email: Kerry.Lane@fcdof.gov.uk by no later than Tuesday, 31 August 2021.

Shortlisted persons will be invited to an interview with the Governor and the Acting Chief Auditor most likely in September. The successful applicant will be appointed subject to the production of a satisfactory police vetting certificate.

Due to the dissolution of the current Council in early August 2021, the PAC will not be conducting any meetings until the new Council is elected. An election will take place on a date to be determined and will be no later than 2 November 2021. Therefore, the Chairperson will not have to take up office until the new Council has been elected.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, 13 July 2021





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Inside St Helena Tourist Accommodation Providers' Meeting

Consulate Hotel Courtyard, Wed 4 Aug, 5.30pm

The brand new tourist accommodation online booking platform, designed as part of the Inside St Helena marketing service, is expecting to launch very soon. It is an online booking service for hotels, B&Bs and self-catering businesses and it will facilitate the marketing, booking and payment transactions for local businesses. Home quarantine bookings will also be an option provided with the new service.

Accommodation providers with profiles on the Inside St Helena app, are invited to a meeting to discuss important aspects of the booking system, including payment schedules, deposit and refund rates, reservation obligations, promotional content, etc.

Other accommodation providers in the tourism sector, who have not yet joined Inside St Helena, but are interested in learning more about the online booking service, should in the first instance contact Darrin or Sharon Henry.



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VACANCY

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUPPORT OFFICER

Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? Would you like to support the Sustainable Development Team deliver the goals of the Sustainable Economic Development Plan? If so, this could be an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- A Level 2 or above qualification in a relevant subject (eg English, ICT, Business Administration) or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Effective administrative skills with understanding of the need for confidentiality
- Experience of using information to develop solutions and solve problems
- Able to work on own initiative, demonstrates attention to detail and excellent interpersonal skills, with the ability to communicate effectively and professionally and remain calm and polite under pressure
- Confident in using ICT systems relevant to role, including MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613 - £10,765 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme
Training opportunities
Career Progression Scheme

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact:

Melissa Fowler, Investment Coordinator on telephone number 22470 or email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Thursday, 12 August 2021**.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered.

Please do not submit your CV.

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

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Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

Two weeks to go before the start of the 2021/2022 Premier league Season. Most teams are preparing for the season with training camps and playing friendlies. Players who were involve in the Euros' and Copa America is slowly returning to their squads although the players who were in the both finals are still on holiday.

The transfer window is open. Manchester United has confirmed the signing of Jadon Sancho for £73m and is also finalising the signing of Raphael Varane from Real Madrid for an initial fee of £34m.

These two signings is good business for our club. Ole Solskjaer has also sign an extension to his contract.

Ole signings for now and the future

Transfer	fee	Club signed from
Jadon Sancho	£73m	Borussia Dortmund
Tom Heaton	Free	Free agent
Donny van de Beek	£35m	Ajax
Amad Diallo	£19m	Atalanta
Alex Telles	£13.5m	Porto
Facundo Pellistri	£7.6m	Penarol
Edinson Cavani	Free	Free agent
Bruno Fernandes	£56m	Sporting Lisbon
Harry Maguire	£78m	Leicester
Aaron Wan-Bissaka	£50m	Crystal Palace
Daniel James	£16m	Swansea
Raphael Varne	£34m	Real Madrid * subject to medical/personal terms



World Cup Winner Varane could be a key signing for Manchester United

SHFA Football Reports week 5

The first game of the weekend saw the Lakers play the Saints in a match that was virtually attack versus defence. For most of the match the Lakers played some really attractive attacking football against a much organised Saints defence combine with an outstanding Goalkeeping performance from Rieedwaan 'RARA' Richards.

The Lakers took the lead 15 minutes into the match when Jorden Johnson scored with a header although it was reported that the cross from the right had curled out.

The Lakers was then awarded a disputed penalty which Captain Liam Yon stepped up to take it only to see the Saints keeper Richards pull off an outstanding save. With 10 minutes of the first half to go the Lakers scored two further goals

through Man of the Match Louis Banikel and Jace Williams. In the second half the Saints managed to put a few attacking moves together and Andy 'Rusty' Williams did scored a brilliant goal from 30 yards only for the referee to blow for a foul against the Saints.

The Saints concede one more goal in the second half.

The second match saw the Ballez come up against last season's Cup winners the Bellboys. For the first 10 minutes it was the Ballez who was all over the Bellboys with Young Player of the Match Aiden Yon-Stevens dictating play in the midfield.

Credit goes to the Ballez who kept the score to just 3 goals in the first half. Matthias Young scored the opener in the 11th minute against the run of play. Rhys Francis made it 2-0 in the 34 minute and a minute to go for halftime man of the match Kyle Shoesmith scored.

The Ballez battle hard in the second half and goal keeper Jerome Peters pulled of a few brilliant saves to keep the score down. Four goals were scored for the Bellboys in the second half. Shoesmith completed his hat trick; Matthias scored another and the Ballez scored an own goal.

The football fans who didn't manage to get to Francis Plain on Sunday missed out on two brilliant competitive matches. The first match saw the Wirebirds take a two nil half time lead against last season Champions the Rovers. The first goal for the Wirebirds was the result of a long ball over the top for striker Shane Stroud who finished with a thumping shot. With seconds to go in the half Rovers keeper Keith Yon pulled of a fine reflex save however his defenders was slow to back him up and Weston Clingham fired the rebound into the back of the net.

The Rovers went into the break disappointed as although they had the lion share of the pocession they fail to trouble the keeper.

With over an hour gone in the game the Rovers still was not troubling the Wirebirds goal. Then it all change.

67th minute Ronan Legg curled the ball into the net direct from a corner. 83rd minute another set piece; a cross from the bye line by Man of the Match Brett Isaac saw Julian Henry scored with a brilliant header which went across the keeper, hit the post and in.

93rd minute the Wirebirds keeper failed to hold a 40 yard free kick from Brett Isaac and Rico Benjamin fired in to give the Rover all three points.

Cue the celebrations by Rovers players and fans. Disappointment for the 'Birds' who deserved at least a point from the match.

If Sunday's first match was exciting, the last match was even more so.

League leaders Harts went into their match against Axis fairly comfortable with the hopes of picking up all three points.

From the first whistle the Harts knew they were in for a game as the energy in the midfield from Man of the Match Joachim Naulaetas and Rhys Hobbs was causing the Harts problems. The Harts was finding the Axis defence of Dion Maggott, Adam Henry, Ashton Benjamin and Jai Jai Buckley hard to break

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

down. The breakthrough finally came in the 38th minute when Tyler Brady race through to give the Harts a one nil half time lead.

57 minutes into the match the Harts was awarded a penalty which Tyler Brady fired pass Axis keeper Carlin Yon.

Two minutes later it all change when the Axis scored three goals in seven minutes.

First goal saw Ryan Backhouse flick on a long free kick and Scott Crowie beat the offside trap to score.

Four minutes later the Axis was level; a shot from Josh Herne was going into the bottom corner but was poached by Ryan Backhouse who made sure the ball went in.

Three minutes later the Axis was ahead; a free kick cause chaos in the box and Jai Jai Buckley was on hand to fire the ball into the net.

Unfortunately for the Axis and the watching fans the lead only lasted 2 minutes when Young Player of the Match Joey Thomas scored direct from a corner to give the Harts a point.

In the last two seasons it is the Axis who has become a force to be reckoned with and is capable of causing an upset. Their next match is against the Champions the Rovers.

SHFA League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Harts	5	4	1	0	42	7	35	13
2	Rovers	5	4	1	0	35	3	32	13
3	Wirebirds	5	3	0	2	22	10	12	9
4	Lakers	5	3	0	2	22	11	11	9
5	Bellboys	5	2	1	2	16	10	6	7
6	Axis	5	1	1	3	9	22	-13	4
7	Saints	5	1	0	4	5	41	-36	3
8	Ballaz	5	0	0	5	3	50	-47	0



Weekend action from the Rovers v Wirebirds match

Fixtures

Saturday 31st July

13.30 Rovers Vs Axis Organisers: Lakers
15.30 Wirebirds Vs Ballez Organisers: Harts

Sunday 1st August

13.30 Saints Vs Bellboys Organisers: Ballez
15.30 Lakers Vs Harts Organisers: Rovers



Top Scorers SH	Name	Team	Goals Scored
Position	Sean Lee Thomas	Harts	19
1	Joey Thomas	Harts	10
2	Cody Thomas	Lakers	9
3	Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	9
5	Tyler Brady	Harts	8
4	Brett Isaac	Rovers	7
7	Ronan Legg	Rovers	7
6	Alex Langham	Wirebirds	6
10	Matthais Young	Bellboys	6
11	Rico Benjamin	Rovers	5
8	Andrew Yon	Bellboys	4
9	Jamie Thomas	Lakers	4
12	Sean Benjamin	Rovers	4
13	Clayton Benjamin	Rovers	3
14	Dane Wade	Rovers	3
15	Jordan Johnson	Lakers	3
17	Kyle Shoesmith	Bellboys	3
20	Ryan Backhouse	Axis	3
45	Scott Crowie	Axis	3
16	Mufaro	Saints	2
18	Julian Henry	Rovers	2
19	Trystan Thomas	Rovers	2
33	Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	2
21	Alex Osborne	Wirebirds	1
22	Ajay Bennett	Saints	1
23	Brandon Harris	Harts	1
24	Christen Yon	Rovers	1
25	Christian Phillips	Saints	1
26	Cody Harris	Wirebirds	1
27	Colby Richards	Axis	1
28	Dane Leo	Wirebirds	1
29	Ethan Harrs	Ballaz	1
30	Greg Phillips	Harts	1
31	Jace Williams	Lakers	1
32	Jai Jai Buckley	Axis	1
34	Joachim Naulaetas	Axis	1
35	Jordan Yon	Lakers	1
36	Kyle Yon (Bush)	Lakers	1
37	Louis Banikel	Lakers	1
38	Nick Stevens	Saints	1
39	Nico Benjamin	Lakers	1
40	Rhys Francis	Bellboys	1
41	Ross O'Dean	Harts	1
42	Ryan George	Harts	1
43	Sanjay Clingham	Wirebirds	1
44	Shane Clifford	Rovers	1
46	Simon Scipio	Harts	1
47	Weston Clingham	Wirebirds	1

Junior Football Results

The 2021 Junior Football sponsored by Colins Garage and Nigel George

The 2021 Junior Football season organised by New Horizons got off to a great start on Saturday with last season's Champions the Yellow Devils beating the much improved Ranglers by six goals to four.

G/S; Yellow Devils: 1 own goal; Ryan Stevens 3 & Aden Thomas-Stevens 2

G/S; Ranglers: Own goal 2; Laine George 1 & Dirk Peters 1
POM: Ryan Stevens & Callum O'Dean

The second match was also a competitive one as the Predators beat the Dominators by five goals to two.

G/S Predators: Levi Williams 1; Lebron George 1, Tyler Anthony 1 & Hugo Richards 2

G/S Dominators: Kayden Scott 1 & Jude
POM: Tyler Anthony & Lukas Robbertese

In the senior boys league the Fugees beat the Jungle Ranglers by four goals to one.

G/S Fugees: Own goal 1; Dodi Williams 1, Travis Yon 1 & Blake Peters 1

G/S Jungle Rangers: Blaze Baldwin 1
POM: Blake Peters & Blaze Baldwin

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PEAKS Enterprises would like to inform the public of their new Opening Hours for the Sawmill with effect **Monday 2nd August**.

NEW OPENING HOURS will be as follows, until further notice;

Monday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm
Wednesday	12:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Friday	8:30 am to 4:00 pm

Closed on Tuesday & Thursday

Coming soon will also be Saturday openings on the 1st & 4th Sat of each month;
the public will be advised of when this will start.

The following new procedures at the Sawmill will also come into effect from Monday 2nd August.

- 1) Customers wishing to purchase any items from the Sawmill, must first place an order for goods. This can be done either by visiting or calling the Sawmill on 24539 during the opening hours as listed above, or alternatively you can call the Shop 24555, or by email to shanna.john@helanta.co.sh
- 2) When placing your order, you will need to indicate when you would like to collect your goods.
- 3) Your order will be processed and invoiced; you will then be contacted with your invoice total and advised when you can make collection.
- 4) Before collection you will need to make full payment for your goods; this can either be done by Cash or Debit Card at Philip John's Shop, Transfer at the Bank of St. Helena or Online Banking.
- 5) Once you have made payment you will need to collect a receipt from the shop, confirming your payment, this must then be presented at the Sawmill before any goods will be issued.

No Goods will be issued without a valid proof of payment.

PEAKS Enterprises looks forward to your continued custom.

Ascension Island COVID-19 Response Level Reduced to Level 1 AMBER

Further tests confirm previously positive individual in quarantine now negative

On Thursday 15 July a positive COVID-19 test result was returned following a test on a suspected case in a person currently under compulsory isolation measures. As a consequence of the positive test result, the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level was escalated to Level 2 ORANGE. This escalation was in line with the Response Level Protocol.

As per the Georgetown Hospital protocols, subsequent tests were conducted on the individual whilst they remained under monitor from medical staff, as well one other individual who was initially observing bubbled compulsory isolation with the positive case prior to their positive test result. Results from tests done on Friday 23 July and Sunday 25 July were negative, and as such the individual is no longer deemed to be infectious or a risk to others.

The other individual was kept under observation during the last 10 days and has been subject to the same testing regime as the positive person during this time. They have not displayed any symptoms of COVID-19 nor returned any positive test results indicating infection during the last 10 days. As such they have also been released from compulsory isolation having completed a total of 15 days since their arrival to Ascension.

Due to these subsequent negative test results, the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER as of this afternoon.

As with the previous escalation of the Response Level in December 2020, AIG will review the Response Level Protocol in light of this escalation and will report any changes to the protocol that result from this. As ever, anyone who develops a new persistent dry cough, a fever or experiences unexpected shortness of breath should go home, self-isolate and telephone Georgetown Hospital on 66252 for further advice.

Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

Junior Fixtures:

Sat 31st July

9.15 Ranglers v Predators Owen Richards
10am Young Rebels v Yellow Devils Nick Stevens
9.15 Fugees v Rebels Gareth Johnson

7-11 League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Predators	1	1	0	0	5	2	3	3
2	Yellow Devils	1	1	0	0	6	4	2	3
3	Young Rebels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4	Ranglers	1	0	0	1	4	6	-2	0
5	Dominators	1	0	0	1	2	5	-3	0

11-16 League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Fugees	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
2	Rebels	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3	Jungle Rangers	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0

Top Scorers 7-11

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	3
2	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	2
3	Laine George	Ranglers	1
4	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	1
5	Levi Williams	Predators	1
6	Lebron George	Predators	1
7	Tyler Anthony	Predators	1
8	Hugo Richards	Predators	2
9	Kadin-Scott Clingham	Dominators	1
10	Jude Jacobs	Dominators	1

Top Scorers 11+

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Blaze Baldwin	Jungle Rangers	1
2	Dodi Williams	Fugees	1
3	Travis Yon	Fugees	1
4	Blake Peters	Fugees	1

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

POLICE HEADQUARTERS BACKUP GENERATOR

The Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio invites Expressions of Interest to install a backup generator at Police Headquarters, Coleman House. The contractor will be responsible for transporting the generator to Coleman House, the connection to the building's distribution system and subsequent testing.

The generator is a single phase P16.5-6S FG Wilson Generator with a CTI63A Automatic Transfer Switch.

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

Completed Expressions of Interest should be sent to the Sea Rescue Manager by Friday, 13 August 2021.

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

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22 July 2021



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St Helena Community College



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Please be advised that the St Helena Community College of the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio will be holding a meeting with regards to Computer Based Examinations for ACCA (The Association of Chartered Certified Accountants) students.

All current and prospective students are urged to attend the meeting on Wednesday, 04 August 2021 at the St Helena Community College Hall. The Meeting will brief all of the current situation with the increasing requirements for Computer Based and exams and will advise of the way forward.

For further information please contact Support Officer (Training Coordination), Mrs. Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, on telephone 22607 or email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

World Heritage Status – A Double-Edged Sword

Vince Thompson

For more years than anyone can remember St Helena has been on teetering on the brink of making a more than tentative application for World Heritage Status. The debate and discussion has ebbed and flowed, started and stopped and favoured this approach and then that one. Among it all there have been those who have cautioned, be careful what you wish for.

On Wednesday this week the World Heritage Committee (WHC) finally made its long-awaited announcement on Liverpool's World Heritage status. Liverpool's experience of working with the World Heritage Committee provides some useful information and guidance as discussion continues on St Helena's own application for World Heritage Status. The World Heritage Committee announced:-

The World Heritage Committee, holding its 44th session in Fuzhou and online, decided to delete the property "Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City" (UK) from the World Heritage List, due to the irreversible loss of attributes conveying the outstanding universal value of the property.

Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City was inscribed on the World Heritage List in 2004 and on the List of World Heritage in Danger in 2012 following concerns about the proposed development of Liverpool Waters. The project has since gone ahead along with other developments both inside the site and in its buffer zone. The Committee considers that these constructions are detrimental to the site's authenticity and integrity.

Liverpool's historic centre and docklands were inscribed for bearing witness to the development of one of the world's major trading centres in the 18th and 19th centuries. The site also illustrated pioneering developments in modern dock technology, transport systems and port management.

After the Elbe Valley in Dresden (Germany) and the Arabian Oryx Sanctuary (Oman), Liverpool is the third property to lose its World Heritage status.

Liverpool have a different point of view, ofcourse. On the same day as the WHC announced its decision Professor Michael Parkinson of Liverpool University launched a defence of Liverpool and the plans made for continuing the resurrection of the City from the dark and dismal days after the Second World War. The professor is definitely not happy. He kicked off his article with, "Over the past 40 years, I have chronicled the decline and renaissance of the city. I believe Unesco's evidence was questionable and its judgement about the city unbalanced. Liverpool has been treated unfairly in relation to other world heritage cities and its unique urban history of development has not been recognised. It has, in fact, been treated like a monument or a museum, not a living city."

Despite ample WHC funding Liverpool has been struck off the World Heritage List in low budget fashion; In the Liverpool section on the World Heritage website, only the page header has been altered, it has been perfunctorily crossed out ~~Liverpool – Maritime Mercantile City~~ while everything else remains the same.

It is argued that much of the problem between Liverpool and the World Heritage Committee lay in the remoteness of the World Heritage decision-makers. The World Heritage Committee met this week to decide Liverpool's heritage status in a Chinese coastal city just across the water from Taiwan. The committee session started last Friday and continues until 31st July. It is described as a 21 member committee but that means the number of countries with members on the committee. Each member country takes along a large band of representatives. In addition, a small army of representatives (maybe larger than the English army that won the Battle of Agincourt) are sent from a multitude of other UN member countries. The UK sent five representatives, Tanzania sent nineteen (19!). It is a demonstration of how to turn a committee meeting into a major industry. The most recent WHC accounts show a total income of \$12.77 million, total expenditure at \$9.08 million with \$10.4 million in reserves.

Despite their obvious organisational ability and ample financial resources, Liverpool complain the World Heritage Committee found it was not possible to agree to Liverpool City Council's many requests for the Committee to visit Liverpool so they could be shown first hand what the city had achieved and what is planned.

Professor Parkinson points out, "Unesco's primary objection, since 2012, has been the speculative redevelopment of this north shore . . . Unesco claimed it was not consistently consulted on changes to construction plans, that the moratorium it sought to impose on construction has not been observed, and that development had been allowed without a strategic vision for the area." The professor continued, "Liverpool took a very different view. It argues that a moratorium on new construction in an urban centre is unenforceable under UK planning law, not to mention unworkable in a living city. The city has a long history of filling in existing docks to allow new development. It has always built tall buildings. Crucially, because it has invested substantially in its heritage assets, the world heritage site is in better condition than when it was designated in 2004." He added, "Unesco has treated certain other cities differently. The organisation has not objected, for example, to the high-rise construction around the Tower of London. Some of the tallest new buildings in Europe have dramatically changed the historic setting of London's World Heritage Site, but Unesco has not threatened to delete London."

Another point made by Professor Parkinson is pertinent to St Helena where the debate on how much of St Helena should be included in a World Heritage application still continues. "Lastly, Liverpool has pointed out that Unesco's complaint concerns only one-sixth of the whole world heritage site: the north docks. The rest of the site, which covers much of the city centre, was not faulted by Unesco." From the descriptions given by Professor Parkinson, it can be interpreted that many development control decisions which normally and traditionally are made at local level according to particular situations prevailing in the community following democratic principles are surrendered to an enormous, bureaucratic and distant organisation which is accused of being entirely unapproachable and

World Heritage Status – A Double-Edged Sword

Vince Thompson



The rejuvenated Albert Dock, Liverpool – a popular venue with restaurants, museums, exhibitions, hotels, pubs and restaurants. The International Slavery Museum at Albert Dock held the Liberty Bound: Slavery and St Helena Exhibition in 2014.

inflexible.

There are several and often opposing views on St Helena gaining World Heritage Status. At one point in the lengthy discussions on St Helena's proposed World Heritage application, applying for World Heritage Status for the whole island was given serious consideration. Many thought this to be an impossible aspiration which would have had very little chance of success. It would also have opened the door for the remote power of the United Nations Education, Scientific and Cultural Organisation to make vital decisions on every aspect of St Helena's development on behalf of our own government.

Discussion changed direction to applying for World Heritage Status for St Helena's green environment. More recent professional advice indicates this too is unlikely to succeed. The opinion given is that there is one small area of high quality pristine flora, everywhere else has suffered environmental damage due to human intervention. Despite the best efforts of many the acres of worthless flax plantation vying for survival with white weed gives credence to that view.

A more recent opinion which appears to be gaining ground is a World Heritage application based on our built heritage is the most likely to succeed. The area from Ladder Hill Fort through Jamestown, Munden's and Rupert's coastal area to Bank's Battery is thought by some to be the most likely successful World Heritage application. This too is doubtful. Most of St Helena's built heritage which remains of good quality are those parts which have been left alone and not recently redeveloped. The chances of Rupert's Valley shoreline gaining World Heritage Status are diminishing almost by the week. Munden's on the other hand has been almost ignored and remains of significant East India Company historic importance. The description of Jamestown as 'one of the best examples of unspoiled Georgian architecture anywhere in the world', is still used often but over the years the alterations, demolitions and rebuilding in Jamestown and along the seafront has devalued the quality of its built heritage. The description of Jamestown in a report to Executive Council in March this year as a "unique complete living eighteenth century East India Company colonial port town" is less than accurate.

Should St Helena be successful in gaining World Heritage Status for at least some part of Jamestown and the adjacent

area it will at least mean that repeating the inelegant attempts that have already been made to conserve, preserve and re-use Jamestown's historic buildings could be avoided by the intervention of UNESCO's World Heritage Committee.



The Titanic Hotel Liverpool – now a popular four star hotel, the buildings used to store imported rum and tobacco. The hotel is part of the renovation of Liverpool's docklands.

Dear Editor,

It is good to see that Saint FM and the Independent are wishing to hear from prospective candidates for the next election. Given the significant changes afoot, it is vital the voting public get to hear what the candidates say to decide on their competency (or otherwise!) to be a councillor / minister / chief minister.

I hope that candidates will be asked the same, searching questions so that the public can compare their responses. I for one are certainly hoping for more than the usual "putting Saints first blah blah blah", "down with TCs blah blah blah", "holding SHG to account blah blah blah" rhetoric that we are usually treated to. These are tired and meaningless answers that tell the public nothing about what they actually, specifically intend to do when in office.

What we need to hear is what do they want (NOT hope!) to achieve in the first 24 months of office, what are their top 5 issues/challenges in the short and longer term on St Helena, how are they going to get the Island out of the economic and social mess that it's currently in, what are the hard decisions that they will need to take, are they interested in any of the ministerial posts (and if so, why), what qualifies them for such an important role, and so on.

And for candidates seeking re-election, what were the 'promises' that they made 4 years ago, how successful were they in achieving them, what did they fail to achieve, what percentage of meetings where their presence was required did they actually attend, etc.

The change to a ministerial constitution is monumental and will almost certainly be chaotic, inefficient and ineffective in the first 12 to 18 months, perhaps longer. So the media play a crucial role in questioning, probing and challenging candidates to really draw out the wheat from the chaff because the Island's future is at stake. I look forward to your work on this to see whether anyone is worthy of my vote.

Kind regards, James

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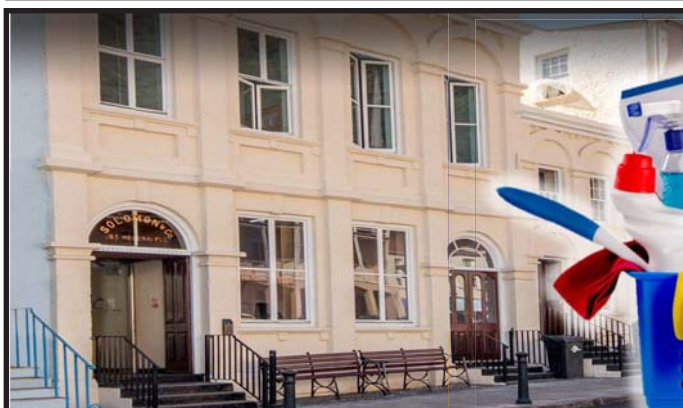
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