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Vince Thompson

Reached your monthly broadband allowance?

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Monday 30th August

On Sunday morning Dax Richards said, when interviewed for Saint FM, that “hopefully” internet charges for the likes of you and me will be cheaper “in the long run”. That doesn’t really sound hopeful at all. No matter who gets the new contract which starts on 1st January 2023 we cannot expect a massive improvement overnight. One bidder for the contract, Saintel, who planned to establish a wireless network across the Island, is now known to be out of the running. Very little is known about how Saints will benefit directly from the Equiano cable but an announcement on which bidder has been chosen to provide telecom services from January 2023 is thought by some to be expected soon. It is also expected by many that Sure South Atlantic will be handed the new contract.

If this is true real improvement to the Island's telecom network will involve digging up roads and fields to lay new fibre optic cable so the Island network is upgraded to the standard made possible by the Equiano cable link. Digging endless trenches for cable is expensive and not likely to happen. Even stringing fibre optic cable from existing poles seems to be long shot. Our hopes for faster internet links appear to fall between what the Equiano cable will give us anyway when it replaces the satellite link and one or two less expensive and minor improvements to the present Sure network infrastructure. It means staying with copper wire instead of upgrading to fibre optic and continuing to use broadband technology which is being thrown out elsewhere.

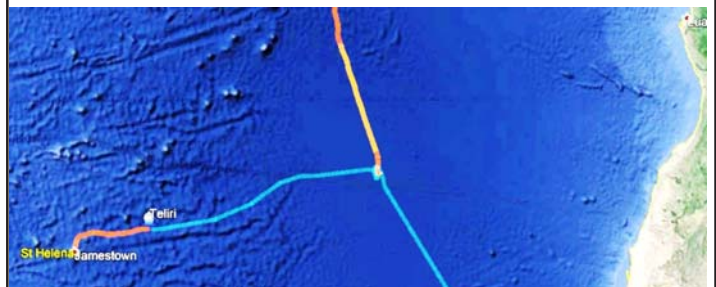
How St Helena Airport Overcame its Rocky Start

A leading magazine, *Airports of the World*, has devoted its front page and a multi page feature to St Helena Airport. The website has a pay wall so it's necessary to subscribe to the magazine in order to read the feature. Reports state the feature is complimentary, describing how airport staff overcame the wind shear hullabaloo and became adept at managing air movements with fog and wind the main weather risks.



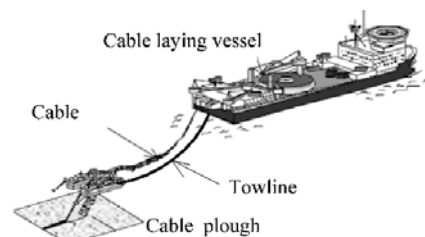
Upgrading the broadband technology now in use has the potential to make broadband speeds faster than they are now. Gold subscribers only get a quarter of the speed possible from the existing equipment so even if with upgrades it's not possible to say what improvement there may be because Sure has not, and may not in future, maximised the data speed potential. If upgraded kit is used to its maximum specification it is possible to achieve a speed which is 12 times faster than it is now. But, as always, it is not as simple as that. The longer the copper wire is from the exchange to your home the slower the speed becomes. If you are 2,000 metres from the exchange there is roughly a 5% drop in the speed of data transmission. Official information tells us SHG committed to delivering a minimum of 10 megabytes per second to 70% of homes when negotiating the European Union funding. On that basis, the commitment therefore is to ensure most homes receive at least a 5% increase in internet speed. That's not an overpowering transformation which launches St Helena into the digital age of the 21st century. Homes and businesses near the exchange see a noticeable difference but whether the rest of us do is debatable.

One Quarter of Cable Length Now Laid



Tracking the speed and direction of the *Teliri* cable laying ship has become routine since it left the offshore waters at Rupert's Bay on Monday. On Thursday evening 310 kilometres (193 miles) of cable had been laid. The *Teliri* had slowed down to 1 knot per hour from its usual 2 to 4 knots per hour. If the *Teliri* continues at its current slower speed the ship will have covered about 30% of the route to the connection point with the main Equiano cable.

The total route distance is 1154 kilometres (717 miles) and as you read this the ship should have laid about 350 kilometres (217 miles) of cable.



Sketch showing a subsea cable being laid and buried

Cables are buried near to shorelines to a depth of about one metre where possible. In the open ocean they lie on the ocean floor. The useful life of subsea cables is about 25 years.

Can We Be Sure About the Future?

There has been a wall of silence to any question asked of officialdom which might give some meaningful answers to questions which indicate exactly what we can expect. This refusal to communicate is a bad sign. How many exchanges exist on the Island is not generally known. So there is no indication of how many people will benefit by being near an exchange and therefore have the shorter length of copper wire to their homes. This is the key to maximum possible data speed. There are other ways to upgrade the present Sure infrastructure and achieve better speeds but under the present setup Sure are most likely to say the cost of such improvements are too expensive for an a population of 4,500 people to bear.

It will be very interesting to know, when the official announcement is made, whether the present setup has been altered

through negotiations on the new contract. The dumbest piece of legislation ever signed off gives Sure a payout to compensate them for the telecom infrastructure and other assets if they are not awarded the new contract. Many are convinced the size of the payout is large enough to make SHG think twice about awarding the new contract to another telecom company. Does the new contract include penalties for unplanned outages? Does it include any minimum technological specifications or minimum customer quality of service standards? Has agreement been reached on getting rid of that dumbest piece of legislation ever drafted? If so, at what cost to SHG? Are there any subsidies built into the contract, either overt or hidden? There are many questions which need answering and much we need to know about the money spent on our behalf by SHG. The new Chief Minister is going to be very busy.

Menacing Killers

Vince Thompson



Barmen and women in Jamestown have shared their concern with the *Independent* about the growing drinking habit among young people for an energy drink and double vodka or other strong mixer. The bar staff definitely do not like serving these drinks; one barman said he will not mix the drinks, he serves them separately and it's up to the customer after that.

Mixing energy drinks with alcohol is not the main problem; it just makes the problem worse. The Association of UK Dieticians could not describe the dangers more clearly, "The mounting body of evidence demonstrates that the consumption of energy drinks is detrimental to both the physical and mental wellbeing of young people, as well as encouraging other risky behaviours such as alcohol abuse".

Energy drinks contain a cocktail of caffeine, taurine, ginseng and sugar. Some versions are advertised as 'No Sugar' but that does not make the drink any healthier. Each can contains a massive dose of caffeine. Just two cans of an energy drink with higher amounts of caffeine can take you into the danger zone. Ginseng has many health attributes but should only be taken for short periods. Continual use can cause insomnia, nervousness, headaches, dizziness and stomach upsets. In women it can cause menstrual changes and allergic reactions. Taurine, like ginseng has health properties but some European countries have banned it; allegedly because of its association with the bad effects of energy drinks.

Young people are also vulnerable to blood pressure problems due to increased caffeine consumption; it is also the time in life when calcium is particularly needed to build up strength in the bones. Caffeine can restrict the amount of calcium

reaching the bones. Studies have also identified caffeine related adverse effects on the heart; making energy drinks especially dangerous for people with heart problems. And that's not all. Energy drinks used as a 'pick me up' and a substitute for food can lead to health problems from being underweight, diabetes from the sugar sweetened energy drinks, bowel problems, rotten teeth, hallucinations, seizures and hyper-activity leading to self-harm.

The Australian Poison Information Centre routinely collects data of this kind for analysis. They report a growing and ever more serious problem from energy drinks. Some cases have proved fatal or near fatal. One Australian described in detail on social media the nightmare when he was phoned at work and told to come quick, "Your son's in trouble". While driving to the scene the man's wife phoned him to say, through tears and hysteria, that their son was unconscious and had 'palpitations', his heart was beating at double quick time. The boy was taken to hospital where he remained unresponsive for well over an hour. Eventually he did wake up. He may not have done. The boy had no previous medical history and the 'near death experience' was put down to the energy drinks he had consumed that evening and over a period of time.



We don't want this in St Helena – do we?



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Editorial

Everyone who has taken a keen interest in the to-ing and fro-ing and the back and forths in connection with our fishing industry or lack of it will know the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) is today in its final day of their three-day inter-sessional meeting to further the management of over-fished bigeye tuna. Yes, I thought that might (not) grab your attention.

To cut a longish and very worthwhile story short, ICCAT is not considered by everybody to be the most organised and efficiently run organisation in the world and the International Pole & Line Foundation (IPNLF) bear this out when they state in their submission that making a well informed and fully focused decision on Total Allowable Catches (TAC) is impossible when the latest bigeye tuna stock assessments are delayed. Making a decision in these circumstances is a bit like playing 'pin the tail on the donkey'.



How many bigeye for St Helena this time around

The IPLNF point out with clarity that previous calculations of TACs have had an adverse effect on fisheries which limit themselves to pole and line and the final decisions on TACs were made by consensus rather than by setting ambitious targets. Reading between the lines just a little bit it looks very much like ICCAT tends to be a forum where the owners of floating fish factories meet to scratch each other's backs and leave the smaller fisheries to pick up the scraps. IPLNF support a system where the fishing fleets causing the most damage to fish stocks and the ecosystem take the biggest cuts in TACs. One of the main purposes of the meeting which ends today is for ICCAT to agree an improved allocation for TACs and to achieve improved compliance. I'm now releasing a big sigh and thinking 'that'll be the day'.

While tens of thousands of people in Afghanistan are still ur-



gently looking for a way out of the country, this man in the photo is going nowhere, no how, never. He looks after a cemetery where British troops killed in action in Afghanistan are buried. He insists he will continue to do it until the day he dies. From the way he explained his reasons it seems he might just be waiting for the Taliban to bring that day forward. To end with here is a short conversation between the Chief Financial Officer and the Chief Executive Officer

CFO asks CEO: "What happens if we invest in developing our people and then they leave us?"

CEO: "What happens if we don't, and they stay?"

Train people well enough so they can leave. Treat them well enough so they don't want to.

- Richard Branson

Vince

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The Scene Last Sunday at Rupert's Beach

The *Teliri* cable-laying ship had been off the St Helena coast since Wednesday waiting for the scruffy August weather to smarten up a bit. First it was thought the wait would continue to Monday, but on Saturday afternoon it was confirmed the job would start soon after first light on Sunday.

A little after 6am the *Teliri* cable laying ship was in position just outside the bay, not far from the end of Rupert's Wharf.



As the *Teliri* moved carefully to its position, three small boats were ready and waiting to take their turn to move into their positions. One boat was used to take the messenger line when the ship's crew lowered it from the *Teliri*. The other two boats were in support at the time. Later, as the first boat guided the cable to the beach the other two boats held it in position. The route from the *Teliri* to the shore took the cable clear of movements made by the MV Helena and any other ships as they manoeuvre to berth at Rupert's Wharf.

In the background, on the beach, two of Johnny Isaac's JCBs wait to do their part when the cable reaches the shore. Also in position are a group of contracted staff waiting to complete their part of the job.



The photo shows the *Teliri* on the extreme left. The line of buoys used to keep the cable a float shows the route of the cable to shore. Large, anchored upright buoys indicated the limits of the area to be kept free of cable because of MV Helena movements.

On the beach one of Johnny Isaac's JCBs holds a semi-circular frame in position. Within the frame are rollers which the cable runs along as it is turned 90 degrees to be pulled along the beach by the second of Johnny Isaac's two JCBs.



The St Helena end of the subsea cable after being pulled along the beach to the BBQ area. The length of cable pulled ashore is enough to pass it through to the Cable Landing Station and allow a lot of extra length should it ever be needed if further attention is required.



The commemorative buoy safely in the hands of Jerry Roberts. Flanked by Anders, Julian and Chris the group are a relieved, extremely happy and just a little bit overcome with emotion as the job they have been working on relentlessly for at least two years is finally completed without a single hitch or hesitation.

The commemorative buoy is inscribed, "Google, Equiano, St Helena Landing, 2021, ASN – Alcatel Submarine Networks"

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How a Moment in History Unfolded

Early on Sunday 29th August the cable-laying ship *Teliri* started to slowly lower St Helena's connection to the intercontinental Equiano cable to a the crew waiting in a boat below.

The Moment Shore Crew Took Hold of the Cable



One of the contractors' staff in a wet suit and hard hat secures the messenger line, a length of thick rope, which is secured to the cable. The first bright red buoy signals the St Helena end of the subsea cable

The Moment the Cable was Brought on Rupert's Beach



The contractor in the wet suit and hard hat is ready once more for the next significant stage in the cable landing. He is detaching the first bright red buoy. Immediately behind that buoy the messenger line ends and the cable starts. The second buoy is the special commemorative buoy which probably sits in Jerry Roberts' office right now; but it is likely to be on public display at the museum when Jerry has got over the

excitement and emotion of a long hard job completed without a hitch.

The Moment the St Helena End of the Subsea Cable is Prepared for Passing Through to the Cable Landing Station



The messenger line and the cable landed from the *Teliri* cable laying ship was drawn by one of Johnny Isaac's JCBs across Rupert's Beach to the BBQ area. Marine Contactors and Consultants (MCC) were responsible for bringing the cable from the ship to shore. One of the MCC staff is preparing the cable before it is passed through a prepared opening beneath Rupert's Lines to the beach manhole in the Cable Landing Station compound.

The Moment Work Starts Preparing the Land Line Cable for Connection to the Subsea Cable



Kevin Saunders and Vaughan Burrows are cable jointers with Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN). When the subsea cable is landed, their work starts. Their job is to splice the fibre optics within the core of the cable. Each fibre optic is the width of a human hair, or can be less. Splicing fibres like that needs patience and skill. By the end of Sunday their job for the day was done.

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The inside of a subsea cable - the cable has several layers. The outer layers are to protect the inner core. At the centre of the inner core are the optical fibres which do the work. The fine optical fibres, each one the width of a human hair can just be seen protruding from the white silicon tube at the centre of the cable.

Praise for High Quality Work and Organisation

Praise has come from all sides for the high standard of workmanship and organisation plus the use of good quality materials for the Cable Landing Station and associated works. The Alcatel contractors told the *Independent* that even the beach manhole was well constructed. Kevin Saunders said that sometimes there is water in the bottom of the manhole or the concrete base and sides are soft and damp. Kevin's colleague, Vaughan Burrows, also praised Adrian Duncan's AMD Engineering team. "We've had no problems with the building at all" Vaughan said, "the work done on St Helena is much better than what we usually get."

The Cable Landing Station was supplied by American Manufactured Structures and Services (AMSS) headquartered in Virginia. AMSS supply flat pack style modular or prefabricated buildings where the ready-made bits are bolted and screwed together on site. Two people from AMSS came to St Helena to oversee the assembly of the Cable Landing Station in March this year. Bob Pohlman, a Director of AMSS commented on LinkedIn a business orientated social media, "Looks like they landed the cable in the MCLS (modular cable landing station) we provided St Helena this past March!! Extremely remote site but one of the smoothest operations we have encountered, even through the pandemic."

The Long Road to Cable Connection

If the cable connection story so far tells us anything it is, *never give up*. If one attempt fails look for another opportunity and try again. The cable connection story starts in mid 2011,

maybe a bit earlier. Attempts started to be made at that time to make a connection to the proposed SAEx cable a possibility. This cable was to link South Africa to South America and would have been laid closer to St Helena than Google's Equiano cable. Despite SAEx being interested in having a connection from St Helena to the main intercontinental cable and a lot of effort being made to make the proposal a reality the project appears not to have moved forward since 2018. The SAEx cable company seems to be still in existence but, like PASH Global, not making any progress.

About this time Christian von der Ropp picked up on St Helena's expensive communications isolation and supported our cause through his organisation 'A Human Right – Everyone Connected'. He set up a group called 'connect St Helena! – close the digital divide' to raise awareness and to influence decision makers and financiers. Christian used his own considerable experience, skills, connections and influence to highlight the severe disadvantages St Helena suffers because of out dated communications infrastructure.

Google signed a contract with Alcatel to manufacture the cable for the Equiano route in late 2018. In June 2018 St Helena was confirmed as the beneficiary for a €1.5 million grant from the European Union. Dax Richards said the work on the grant to support SHG's Digital Strategy "had been four years in the making". The SAEx cable link had inspired the EU grant application. The Equiano project had opened up an opportunity for St Helena similar to that presented by the prospect of the SAEx cable and the successful conclusion to the grant application came at the right time. Christian von der Ropp was making plans at the first opportunity to bring a connection to St Helena into consideration with Google and finding ways to make this consideration a real possibility. On Christmas Eve 2019, SHG officially announced a contract had been signed with Google however negotiations had been all but signed and sealed since the previous July.

Events had moved along at some pace with the efforts of the Assistant Chief Secretary (Performance) at the time, Paul McGinnety, together with Dax Richards and other senior SHG officers who have now departed, such as Tom Holvey who was SHG Chief Economist for three years from September 2013. They laid the foundations for what has turned out to be the opportunity that eventually became a reality. In August 2019 the survey ship looking for the best route for the Equiano cable on the ocean floor was in St Helena's waters.

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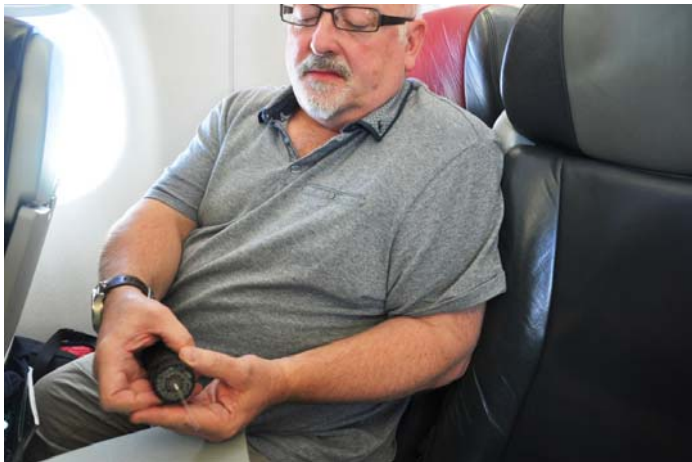
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From top left – Christian von der Ropp, Dax Richards, Paul McGinnety and Tom Holvey

A Very Special Mention for Tony Fisk



Holding the piece of optical fibre cable is the late Tony Fisk, a driving force and keen supporter for connecting St Helena together with Christian von der Ropp. Tony was Commercial Director for Pelagian, a company providing a range of services to the digital communications sector. He died in Johannesburg in 2019 while travelling to St Helena. This photo was taken on the Airlink flight to St Helena after Tony Fisk, Paul McGinnety, Christian von der Ropp and Dax Richards had travelled to Brussels to successfully present St Helena's case for a grant of €1.5 million which funded the St Helena connection to the Equiano cable.

Christian von der Ropp told the *Independent* on Wednesday, "Apart from SHG's current team credit is also due to Tom

Holvey and Paul McGinnety who through their commitment and fabulous work secured the funding for the cable. Extraordinary recognition for his restless efforts to connect St Helena should especially be paid to the late Tony Fisk - who had St Helena close to his heart and always dreamt of retiring on the island. Tragically his last journey ended in Johannesburg where he passed away on his way to St Helena. He won't be forgotten."

Christian added, "I spent the entire Sunday morning in front of the screen tracking the cable layer and waiting eagerly for the first photos to arrive. It was an extremely rewarding and moving moment to see almost a decade of joint efforts becoming reality and I can't wait to witness the impact the cable will make on the island in the not too distant future."

And Finally



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Thank you European Union for the very generous grant; St Helena will remember you with fondness.



Fibres from land and sea cables in splicing tray enter at opposite sides ready for splicing



UPDATED REGISTER OF ELECTORS PUBLISHED

The 2021 Register of Electors has been updated and published in an Extraordinary Gazette. This Register is effective from 27 August 2021 and is the Register that will be used in the General Election this year. Only those named on this Register will be able to vote, stand, sponsor or support someone to stand for election.

The 2021 Register of Electors will be available on the St Helena Government website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/news/government-gazettes/>.

Alternatively, hard copies of the Register will be available for viewing early next week from any of the Assistant Registration Officers or from the following locations:

- Post & Customer Services Centre, Jamestown
- Public Library, Jamestown
- ENRPPD Offices, Scotland
- The Office of the Registration Officer, the Castle, Jamestown
- Rural sub-Post Offices and retailers
- The Office of the Administrator on Ascension Island.

All information relating to the upcoming General Election is available online here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>

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27 August 2021



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SEPTEMBER OPENING HOURS



Main Branch

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| Monday to Friday | 08:45 - 15:00 |
| Saturday | 08:30 - 12:30 |

Wharf Kiosk

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| Thursday and Friday | | 09:00 - 14:30 |
| Saturday | 18 September | 08:45 - 12:30 |
| Saturday | 25 September | 08:45 - 12:30 |

Remote Banking

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| ANRD, Scotland | Tuesday | 21 September | 09:30 - 13:00 |
| HTH Supermarket | Thursday | 23 September | 09:30 - 13:00 |
| Longwood Enterprise Park | Friday | 24 September | 09:30 - 14:00 |



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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I really enjoyed Joe Hollins' recent articles sharing his experiences of going on holiday in this age of Covid-19. His notes detailing Madeira's use of technology to facilitate tourism in this new era were particularly interesting.

Historically we tend to look longingly outward at innovation and progress elsewhere, however, in this instance we must look inward as to why "St Helena falls badly behind."

The idea of QR coded tourism guides, practically identical to what Joe described on the levadas, was put forward to the appropriate government department(s) on St Helena, by a very capable local business, in 2018 I believe, possibly earlier. As I understand it, the proposal was rejected.

The *Inside St Helena* app, our own business venture, launched in July 2019, continues to see steady growth in end-users, despite the awful pandemic-related impacts of the last 18 months. We have demonstrated without doubt the viability of this technology on St Helena. The benefits it offers for island development are obvious.

Our app was conceived as an equal opportunities platform, for all island related entities. A digital space providing promotion without favour, designed with simple, fast and effective connecting options. And it works brilliantly.

A visiting tourism consultant, brought in by ESH, reached out to us with extremely complimentary feedback about the *Inside St Helena* app. He told us, he knew from experience, this quality of service in UK costs in a month what we charge in a year.

It's worth noting, we established this service long before most of us even heard of the Equiano cable.

After the first years' knowledge gained from operating the app, we recognised

the potential in other areas. We gave a presentation to the government demonstrating how app technology might offer a solution to longstanding problems of balancing local produce supply against imported goods. An app, we explained, could easily coordinate supply, sales and forward planning between local farmers, merchants and even the general public.

In fact, there are so many exciting and dynamic ideas of how to promote St Helena and stimulate the economic effort, all by utilising the skills and technology already at our disposal.

Destinations like Madeira are seizing the initiative, embracing innovation and clearly, already impressing its visitors. 'Madeira Safe' sounds great, but there's nothing stopping St Helena from operating at this level. I'm convinced of that. Instead, it's hard not to feel the island is actively spurning opportunities to help itself. Failing to make the most of local resources; not valuing its own people.

From a development perspective, I find Joe's experience of Madeira leaves me inspired but also frustrated. St Helena can and should be doing this already. The enforced, prolonged timeout for our tourism industry has to be seen as an opportunity to change the approach and make a game plan to close the gap with other destinations. We have the tools, but do we have the will?

Sincerely, Darrin Henry

Dear Editor,

Change Killick

Island fishermen when changing fishing grounds and taking their boat to another place say they are going to "*change killick*". Killick is an old nautical word for anchor. "*Changing Killick*" means that when changing to another place they will again have to anchor their boat securely so that it does not drift and take them off course.

We can learn from this cultural practice and apply it to changes taking place on the island. The overarching constitutional context and requirements for change, where to anchor change, are set out in the Preamble to the Island Constitution. These ensure that policies and plans for development stay on course and do not drift. Let's take one requirement from the Preamble that people should "*freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development*" and apply it to a basic need like housing.

The population census in 1931 showed that of a population of 3995, 1504 lived "in not more than two rooms." Most were families living in over-crowded private rented accommodation. Though a Social Service department was not introduced until 1967, the government started a programme of social housing, in Jamestown, expanding to other parts of the island. Even though there was great improvement in the provision for social housing, it could not keep up with demand.

Sun Outages September 2021



Due to Sun Outages there will be interruptions to the **International Telephone and Internet services** on the following dates and times:

| Date | Time (GMT) | Duration |
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| 13 – 15 Sept | 15:57 | 3 minutes |
| 14 – 16 Sept | 15:55 | 5 minutes |
| 15 – 17 Sept | 15:55 | 5 minutes |
| 16 – 18 Sept | 15:56 | 4 minutes |
| 17 – 19 Sept | 15:56 | 4 minutes |

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As a consequence and because of the number of skilled Island craftsmen, the government came up with a scheme to work directly with the people to build their own family homes. It was another approach to social housing, a model that evolved to suit the special circumstances of St Helena. Building plots were very affordable, related to local wages. These plots were leased initially for seven years, with the option to buy freehold, the lessee thus not having to put full payment up front. It was a very successful scheme. It fulfilled a basic

social need, it put money into the economy and drew on the resourcefulness and skills of local people. This scheme was anchored in and met the Preamble requirement of people pursuing "*their economic, social and cultural development*" with government working in partnership with the people. In addition the scheme strengthened family and community cohesion.

The basis of this scheme changed with using a global model to assess the commercial value of SHG land. Even with a percentage decrease it put the price of a plot of land to build a family home out of reach for most islanders.. More recently this type of social housing was further changed to "*first time buyers.*" Islanders do not buy houses, they build family homes.

These fundamental changes from the

original scheme for this type of social housing and SHG building very few houses mean there is a housing problem. These changes coupled with high rents for private housing have increased the number of Islanders, especially young people, leaving mostly to work offshore. Anchoring change to the context and requirements of the Preamble will ensure continuity and keep policies on course.

Basil George
30 August 2021



GENERAL ELECTION 2021 PROCLAMATION PUBLISHED

A Proclamation by Acting Governor Greg Gibson, appointing Wednesday, 13 October as the date for this year's General Election, has today been published in the Gazette.

The Acting Governor has today also issued the Writ of Election which confirms the last day and time for receiving Nominations to elect 12 Members to sit on Legislative Council.

The Proclamation and Writ of Election is available on the St Helena Government website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/news/government-gazettes/>.

The last day and time for nominations is **12 noon on Wednesday, 29 September 2021**, all nominations should be delivered within this time to the Returning Officer, Mrs Carol George, at the Castle, Jamestown. If more than twelve valid nominations are received, a Poll will be taken on **Wednesday, 13 October 2021**, at the following venues which will be used as Polling Stations:

- Blue Hill Community Centre
- Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
- Harford Community Centre
- Judges Lodge, Alarm Forest
- Kingshurst Community Centre
- Levelwood Clinic
- Jamestown Community Centre
- Sandy Bay Community Centre



The updated Register of Electors to be used in this year's General Election, effective from 27 August 2021, was published last week. .

Only those persons with their name on this updated Register of Electors will be eligible to participate in the General Election, with those who are 21 years of age and over being able to stand for election.

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HMS PROTECTOR TO VISIT ST HELENA

The HMS *Protector* – the Royal Navy's only Ice Patrol Ship - is visiting the Island from Monday, 6 September to Friday, 10 September 2021. This is the first of two visits to the Island this year to carry out crew changes that coincide with arriving charter flights. The next visit will be in October.

The ship is coming directly from Gibraltar where she departed on Friday, 20 August. By the time of arrival the vessel will have spent more than the standard 10 day quarantine period at sea. As per St Helena's mandatory COVID-19 quarantine and testing arrangements, all personnel on board the vessel will be tested on arrival. Crew will only be allowed ashore if all test results are negative. Once cleared, the crew will be able to move about the island freely.

Twenty one crew are arriving on the flight from the UK on 6 September and will quarantine at the Mantis Hotel in Jamestown until 9 September. The crew change will take place on this date whereby a number of personnel on board the HMS *Protector* will depart St Helena on board the Titan Airways charter flight. Those crew members in quarantine at Mantis will then join the ship. Once they have joined HMS *Protector* on 9 September, no crew will be allowed ashore before the ship's departure on 10 September.

All normal COVID-19 protocols will be adhered to during this period including being tested 72 hours before departure from the UK and also on arrival. The Health Directorate and Police are fully engaged in ensuring all COVID-19 protocols, including transportation, are met in a safe and low risk manner.

While in St Helena waters, the HMS *Protector* will be carrying out a hydrographic survey and surveillance of the seamounts. When she returns in October, the crew will carry out a training programme with the Sea Rescue team as well as participate in other community projects.



The HMS *Protector* will be allowing members of the public to board the ship for a tour between 9:30am and 11:00am on Tuesday, 7 September and Wednesday, 8 September.

Those persons interested in a tour should contact Linda Glanville on tel: 22555, or email: linda.glanville@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12 noon on Friday, 3 September to register your name and provide your contact details. There are limited places available, and should interest be high, a selection process will be undertaken where names will be drawn from the hat.

Persons selected will be contacted shortly afterwards and advised of departure times from the wharf. Please note passenger boats will leave the wharf promptly therefore persons are asked to be punctual.

The HMS *Protector* is planning to open the ship again to visitors during her second visit in October. Further details will be announced nearer the time.

Further information on the HMS *Protector* is available online here: <https://www.royalnavy.mod.uk/our-organisation/the-fighting-arms/surface-fleet/survey/antarctic-patrol-ship/hms-protector>

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Royal Navy Vessel - HMS Protector

HMS PROTECTOR the Royal Navy's Ice Breaker has recently deployed from the UK to conduct national tasking in the Antarctic. This enduring operation is called Op AUSTRAL. As she makes her way south HMS PROTECTOR will be operating in the South Atlantic from September to October 2021 in order to provide dedicated support to FCDO aims and objectives in the Overseas Territories.

The deployment will consist of 3 phases. The first phase will see HMS PROTECTOR transit for 17 days to St Helena, after a short visit to Gibraltar, to conduct engagement activities with the community and a Watch Rotation for the Ship's Company, via a Fishery patrol of the Ascension Island EEZ and Marine Protected Area. For the second phase HMS PROTECTOR will then return to Ascension Island for concentrated survey activity and be operating in the vicinity for approximately 18 days. On completion of survey work in Ascension Island, HMS PROTECTOR will return to St Helena to begin survey work there for 12 days prior to conducting a second Watch Rotation for her Ship's Company. At the same time there are plans to conduct engagement with the Island Administrations and communities at both locations, and allow the Ship's Company to explore and enjoy time ashore.

While HMS PROTECTOR is conducting survey operations around the territories of St Helena and Ascension Island, she will also be supporting the islands by watching for illegal, unregulated and unreported fishing. HMS PROTECTOR will be working with the Marine Management Organisation under the Blue Belt programme, a UK government initiative which aims to protect the ecosystem and marine environment around the islands. Whilst in the island's exclusive economic zone HMS PROTECTOR will be sharing intelligence with the Marine Management Organisation and monitoring the waters for any illegal fishing activity.

Following the second Watch Rotation in St Helena for the Ship's Company, HMS PROTECTOR will continue survey work there for a further 7 days (a total of 24 days on station) prior to departing en route to the Falkland Islands ahead of the 21-22 Ice Patrol Season in the Antarctic.

This South Atlantic Deployment offers substantial hydrographic output, services and wider FCDO demands for RN Forward Presence at the UK Overseas Territories of Ascension Island and St Helena. HMS PROTECTOR's Commanding Officer, Captain Michael Wood MBE Royal Navy and his Ship's Company are very much looking forward to visiting both islands and providing support to the local populations.

HMS Protector
1st September 2021

DARWIN PLUS PROJECT – DATA LOGGERS

The Darwin Plus (DPLUS0103 – Saint Helena Climate Change and Drought Warning Network) project is part of a larger Peaks Management Implementation Plan of which Connect Saint Helena Ltd is a partner.

One of the many goals this project aims to achieve is to increase the Island's water security. To assist in our assessments, small data loggers or 'divers' are installed along strategic points in a stream to help measure water flow. The divers make use of the depth of water which will then be used to calculate the flow. There are two types of divers, one which is submerged in water and the other which is suspended above and used to measure barometric pressure. These divers are vital towards gathering information to assist in providing baseline data which will contribute to future planning, especially when we consider the ongoing climatic changes.



In addition to these data loggers we also have some Automatic Weather Stations (AWS) around the island for the same Darwin Plus (DPLUS0103) project.

Recently, at a water catchment where a diver was installed, a diver was damaged and a vital part of it was removed. We ask the public that if they see any of these divers or a AWS on their travels, to respect that they are recording vital data essential for this project and should report any suspected acts of vandalism immediately.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd thanks you in advance, as we all take responsibility in ensuring the long-term availability of our water resource.

31 August 2021



Big-headed ant fact sheet

(*Pheidole megacephala*)



Minor size
3mm

Soldier size
5mm

Queen size
8mm



There are three different sizes of the Big-headed ant, the minor, soldier and queen ant.

They can be identified by:

- Vary in colour from yellowish to brownish or red
- The soldier has a big head
- The queen ants are the biggest



First recorded

This species of ant was first recorded on St. Helena in 1965, and is now found island-wide.

Diet

The big-headed ant is active during the day and night, they are generalist feeders which means it feeds on anything including dead insects, small invertebrates, including endemics, e.g. false gumwood leafhopper.

Nests

Nests can be found under rocks, logs and any debris that suits their needs. A colony can consist of several queens.

How they became invasive?

The big-headed ant is a common household pest. They can even be found in sugar bowls and kettles!

They are known to attack the endemic Wirebird eggs while hatching.

The big-headed ant also impacts our endemic invertebrates and endemic habitats, e.g. Millennium forest.

These ants invade bee hives to collect honey from the nest.

Did you know?

These ants can interfere and destroy irrigation systems!



Cafeteria testing

This consists of 14 dishes with different types of food in a circle to see their food preference.

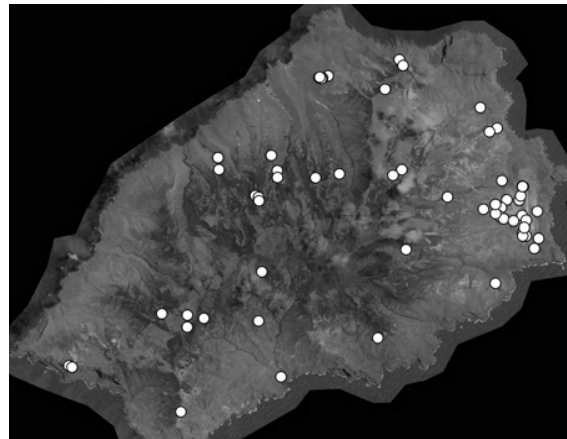
We found the big-headed ant is attracted to tin tuna, which we now use on all our sites.



Colony behavior

A queen can lay up to 290 eggs per month. Eggs hatch after 2-4 weeks, and are cared for and fed by the workers.

Map of big-headed ant found from 1965 onwards



The **Invasive invertebrate project** was designed to help endemic bugs recover from predatory species, like the big-headed ant. Part of the project is to find their **distribution on the island and seasonality**.



Want to help?

We are interested in finding out if this ant is in your area. If you've seen it (recently) contact us. First three sightings given will receive this lovely pen!





Has an exciting opportunity for a Permanent Full time Care Worker

Purpose of Role:

- To provide a service to high dependent clients encouraging participation in both small and large activities that increase or reinforce daily living skills, encourage personal growth, improve socialization and provide therapy through a variety of means e.g. arts and play.
- Transporting of high dependent clients to and from SHAPE via SHAPEs wheelchair car in a safe manner
- To provide a service to high dependent disabled & vulnerable adults in their personal care; supporting them with feeding, toileting, hygiene and mobility, whilst accessing SHAPE for enrichment activities.

Responsible to Social Care Officer
5 Days per week – 8:30am – 4:00pm.

For a full job description and requirements of the role please contact
Ms Mercia Rinquist (Social Care Officer) on **24690**
or email Careworker.SHAPE@helanta.co.sh

Please submit your application form to
Miss Danielle Anthony
(Finance & Administration Manager) via email
Finance_AdminManager.SHAPE@helanta.co.sh
no later than 4pm on Friday 17th September 2021

We look forward to hearing from you!



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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 Wednesday, 8th September 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.



DORMANT ACCOUNTS



Bank of St Helena Ltd is currently reviewing all Dormant Bank Accounts that have been inactive for two years or more as of 01 April 2021.

If any customers are aware of having an account that has been inactive for more than one year and have not received a letter from Bank of St Helena regarding the account, it is possible the information on your account has not been updated.

To update your information (i.e. name, address, email), please contact the Operations Section on telephone (+290) 22390, email operationssupervisor@sainthelenabank.com, visit our Head Office in Market Street or download our Customer Details Form: bit.ly/2R7MUFi.

Customers are reminded Dormant Accounts (i.e. inactive for two years) are subject to charges from the Bank.



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St Helena Community College Expression of Interest

The St Helena Community College of the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio are seeking expressions of interest from suitably skilled and qualified persons to deliver Emergency First Response training to the community.

The provider must be able to deliver the following:

- How to respond to life-threatening emergencies;
- Caring for injuries or illnesses that are not immediately life threatening;
- How to provide emergency response for adults and children.

Service Providers should be computer literate, excellent communicators and be patient, engaging, inspiring and knowledgeable in this field.

For further information, and to request or to discuss the service proposal requirements, interested persons should contact Mrs Cherilee Thomas-Johnson, Support Officer (Training Coordination) on telephone number 22607 or e-mail cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest, which should comply with the College Service Provider Training Proposal should be submitted, to Mrs Joyce Duncan, SHCC Manager on telephone number 22607 or e-mail joyce.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Friday, 17th September 2021.

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VACANCY

Research Data Manager/Best Project Officer

(Fixed term within Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio until 15th January 2023)

Do you have a passion for nature, a thirst for knowledge and a love of IT? Are you a highly motivated individual who has an interest to help develop the St Helena Biological Recording System? If so, The St Helena Research Institute has an opportunity for you to join their small team.

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

- At least two A Level qualifications one of which in IT or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- Have relevant experience in at least one of the fields relevant to the project: data management/analysis, IT (computer programming), botany, entomology, ecology
- Good IT skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office Applications and in particular the use of Excel and Access and be able to code
- Be competent in the use of GIS (ARC GIS or QGIS)

We offer the following:

Salary: £11,304 - £12,414 per annum
Leave: 30 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Training opportunities

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

Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Research Institute Coordinator on telephone number 22607 or email: rebecca.cairns-wicks@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 Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 14th September 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.

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VACANCY

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL OFFICE ASSISTANT

(Central Support Service)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking to do something new or different? Are you able to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If so, this could be the post 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
- An understanding of how to handle, resolve and escalate enquiries and pass on information promptly
- 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 Management Information Systems and MS Office

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722—£8,402 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:

Connie Johnson, Assistant Secretary (Councils/Clerk of Councils) on telephone number 22470 or email: connie.johnson@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 Friday, 10 September 2021**.

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Vacancy for Shift Operator – Power Station

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **Shift Operator**.

The post holder will form part of the Ops Team of the Power Station that controls and monitors the Power Station's outputs helping to ensure that it performs cost-effectively, safely and to agreed standards.

To remotely monitor the Transmitting Station when unattended.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications/Experience

- A good standard of numeracy and literacy.
- Comprehensive knowledge of current safe working practices and safety procedures.
- Experience in producing and maintaining accurate technical and administrative records.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with both internal and external customers.
- A good understanding of all aspects of Power Station Operation, including Diesel Generating Plant, Reverse Osmosis Plant and HV distribution network.
- Basic computer skills.
- Willingness to work shifts and flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Strong self motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of working in a Power Station or similar environment.
- Electrical or Mechanical Work Experience
- High Voltage authorisation.
- GCSE English and Mathematics or equivalent.
- Use of email, Microsoft Word and Excel at basic level.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

Please contact Jodi Joshua on +247 66800 (Extn 100) or email Jodi.Joshua@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Jodi Joshua
BBC Atlantic Relay Station, English Bay
Ascension Island (or email Jodi.Joshua@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on a job application form, and must be received by **Friday 10th September**

Vacancy for General Maintenance Assistant

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **General Maintenance Assistant**.

The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Maintenance of HV Diesel Engines for Electricity Generation, Water Production & Distribution and other mechanical maintenance related duties under the Power Station functions.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Good understanding of Safety procedures and Safe Working Practices, particularly in the Mechanical area.
- Competent in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery within the Mechanical area.
- Basic Knowledge of Vehicular maintenance.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role.
- Knowledge of working with hazardous substances used as part of function.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and be available for call-outs and faults outside of working hours.
- Possession of current driving licence up to B category.
- Basic Computer/Keyboard skills.

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of Power Stations' operations and maintenance work.
- Experience in Diesel Generators Engines overhaul and maintenance.
- Knowledge of Power Generation Systems, using large diesel engines and wind-turbines.
- Basic working knowledge and understanding of RO Plants Operation and Maintenance.
- Understanding of Water Testing and Sampling.
- Ability to work at heights with reference to maintenance of Wind Turbines.
- Operation of vehicles such as Cranes or Fork Lift Trucks.
- Competent in corrosion control
- Experience of civils works, such as brick/block building and concrete work
- Use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at Basic Level.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

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Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Friday 10th September 2021**.

Vacancy for Electrician

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **Electrician**.

The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Electrical Maintenance functions of the Power Station and other Electrical work related duties under BBC Atlantic Relay Station's portfolio.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Excellent timekeeping
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the Electrical area.
- Electrician qualified to City & Guilds level 3 or equivalent, in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Electrical skills & developed experience in an Electrician's role.
- Must be capable of achieving HV Authorised Person status under Encompass Safety rules.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role
- Proven experience in fault-finding, rectification and repair of faults.
- Basic knowledge of instrumentation
- Good interpretation of Electrical diagrams.
- Knowledge of High voltage Power Generation Systems, using large diesel generators and wind-turbines.
- Experience of electrical installation and maintenance.
- Basic Computer/Keyboard skills: (IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel at Basic Level)

Desirable qualifications and experience

- BS2391 Electrical Inspection and test certificate
- Authorised to climb Wind Turbines or have experience of climbing
- HV AP (AP15) authorisation
- BS7671 18th Edition wiring regulations trained
- Experience on Allen Diesel control and Excitation system

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.

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100 Years Girl Guiding St Helena

Celebrations for 100 years of Girl Guiding on St Helena continued this month with a Ball in the incomparable surroundings of the Generals Quarters, Longwood House on 6th August and planting of 100 trees at the Millennium Forest on 11th August.

The Ball was a Black Tie event and was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all with dancing continuing into the small hours to the tunes of the Joshua brothers.

The planting of 100 trees by Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers, Guide Leaders, Trefoil Guild and Guide Council was a fun time as the girls not only planted trees but made bug headdresses, took part in bird watching and a bug hunt to squeals of delight! This event was hosted by the National Trust who provided us with a designated area in the shape of a trefoil, which is the symbol of guiding. This area can be enjoyed by Girl Guides and others into the next century.

Future Events to celebrate 100 Years of Girl Guiding will be -

- a function to honour those previous leaders and members who have ensured the continuation of Guiding over the last 100 years
- Culture Night where the theme will be to look back over the past decades of Guiding in St Helena.



At the Ball



Tree Planting



Bug Hats

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Cook big batches of food and freeze the excess.

It is more efficient to use all of the oven space available and your freezer will be more efficient if it is full.

JAMESTOWN BROWNIES ON THE MOVE DURING SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

The end of the School Year holidays saw exciting times for the Jamestown Brownies. On Tuesday 10th August the Brownies had a Fun Day at Blue Hill Community Centre where they relished the change of environment. Despite unfavourable weather, we were able to accommodate activities indoors. Competitive ball games saw Brownies demonstrating varied sports skills allowing them to challenge their concentration and coordination. Physical exercise also provided them with fun and allowed girls to create strategies and tactics using their own initiative. Our 'Moving up to Guides' Brownie, Whitney Young came out as 'player of the day' for showing good sportsmanship with a positive attitude, giving her best effort and supporting and encouraging all players. Well done Whitney!

Delicious chicken pilau was served for lunch followed by the old tradition of jelly and custard; thanks to Mr Poppy for ensuring we were well fed. After lunch an in-house art competition took place. Girls were asked to draw a wire bird since wire birds graced their presence on the outside grounds and girls were amazed at discovering our endemic bird at Blue Hill. This was the only time the volume was switched off with heads down! St Helena's statistician, Mr Neil Fantom was asked to judge the competition, with Rachel Young coming out as the winner, well done to Rachel!

Blind Man's Bluff was next on the agenda creating roars of laughter especially when being blind folded meant that one could not always identify other Brownies. After lunch, with an improvement in the weather, Brownies and Leaders alike were able to venture outside and enjoy the playground equipment. Afternoon tea with fancy decorated cupcakes rounded off an eventful day. With all hands chipping in with the cleaning, we saw an end to an enjoyable day and we left Blue Hill at a quarter past four.

Wednesday 11th August, in conjunction with the St Helena Girlguiding Association celebrating 100 years of Girlguiding on St Helena, the Brownies planted endemic trees at the Millennium Forest. Various activities arranged by the National Trust team educated and kept the girls interested and busy. Bugs and bird watching highlighted the day. Homeward bound, the playground equipment on the Longwood Greens could not bear to be a by-pass so energetic Brownies took the opportunity of having a few minutes of fun before heading out and being dropped off.

Week two of the school holidays, Monday the 16th August, saw Brownies enjoying a 'Twilight Fun Night' at the Jamestown Community Centre. The evening took off with a Presentation of 'Brownie Leaving certificates and gifts' with some sad faces indicating that Brownies will be missed. Rachel was also presented with her winning prize for the in-house 'Wirebird' competition. Fun and novelty party games chosen by the Brownies themselves were girl led generating high volumes of laughter. Glow in-the-dark skittles was definitely the highlight of the evening. With some straight course throwing and good

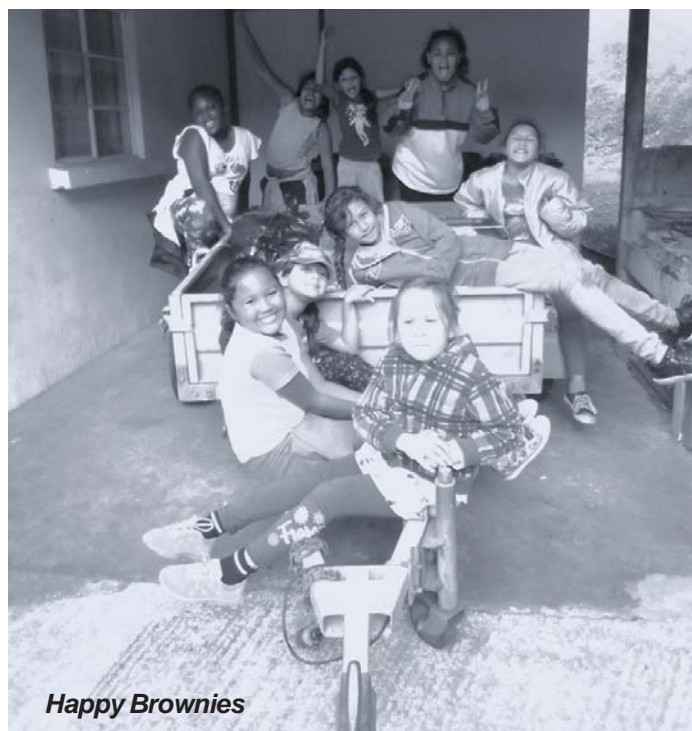
direction, the game, as it progressed, got rather competitive and the noise levels had to be minimised. Egg and spoon relay race allowed girls to challenge their balance whilst helping them to develop their hand and eye coordination as well as their ability to follow instructions as the course changed with speed and distance with the progress of the game. Hot chocolate with marshmallows and fancy cupcakes rounded off the evening and at 10pm we saw the last of the Brownies heading home exhausted and ready for bed.

Tuesday 24th August, saw the last of the Jamestown Brownies holiday outings. Brownies were invited to the Sunflower Crèche and much to our delight we accepted. Brownies enjoyed a day out at the warm and welcoming Sunflower Crèche. Brownies were treated to baking and decorating tasty treats, arts and crafts and games. They enjoyed meeting and making new friends of all ages and even had time to do an impromptu dance and singing performance. Lunch and snacks were generously shared, with Brownies leading a hand (our Brownies Motto) with tidying up after lunch and minding the smaller crèche attendees. Full of excitement and enthusiasm Brownies and Leaders alike had an amazing day at the Sunflower Crèche. We can't wait to return. A big 'Thank You' to Auntie Anna, Auntie B, Bunny and Nana Milly for the invitation and superb hospitality - we can't wait to visit again!

We thank parents for entrusting their daughters with us and we will continue to encourage Brownies to build confidence, have a voice, meet challenges, discover the world around them, develop and enjoy activities in harmony as a Brownie family.

We have space in our unit for more girls and are open to girls of all faith. If interested then parents can get in contact with Justine Joshua 25094/51304 or Debbie Knipe 24929/63804

**Contributed by Debbie Knipe and Justine Joshua
Jamestown Brownie Leaders.**



Happy Brownies

JAMESTOWN BROWNIE UNIT

From the St Helena Golf Club

Submitted by SHGC

Golf Report for 29th August 2021

The last competition of the month had another low turnout. The august monthly medal competition teed off at 12:00. Temperatures were low, the winds howling and the sky overcast. An occasional drizzle ensured that the greens remained soft. That made a big difference to the usual feel of the course. Four golfers returned scores in the 60s. Returning an impressive net 64 to top the leaderboard was 18 handicap Mr Belfred Peters followed in second place by a man who has remained in the winner's circle Mr Leon Crowie with net 66. Following the event Mr Belfred Peters handicap was quickly adjusted down to 15. Other players who had their handicaps adjusted were Mr Leon Crowie down to 5 and Mr Larry Legg down to 6. There were no two ball pool winners. The prize was presented by the Honorary Treasurer Christine Scipio.



Next Sunday 5th September 2021 the club will start the month with a Greensome competition. Tee off 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday 4th at 3pm. You can register by leaving a message on our voicemail 24421. For more on what the golfers get up to, check out our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh
Happy swinging...



Vacancies - NAAFI Falkland Islands

We have vacancies for Customer Services Assistants and Chefs to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC.

The successful persons will need to undergo medical, dental and security checks prior to start of employment.

Hours of work are 48 per week and travel costs for the successful individuals will be paid for by the Company.

For further information, terms & conditions, and an application form please contact Delemarie Hopkins on email dhopkins@naafi.co.uk or telephone number 00500 76460 during normal office hours.



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

What's happening at New Horizons?

It has certainly been a busy time at New Horizons over the past few weeks of school holidays with close to 40 members attending the sessions each day.

The busiest day was on Tuesday 1st August when 50 members attended and the quietest day was the 23rd August when 30 members were in attendance.

Most morning was spent doing sports training; football with me and a couple of Cricket training session with Andrew Lawrence who is here on holiday from the UK.

Andrew who was the founder of 'Get fit St Helena' also put our Boot Campers through their paces for a few sessions.

Most of our members also took part in painting stones with positive messages on; which we gave to people for free to put in their offices.

Our attention has now turned to the 2021 Youth Games and we are exploring the idea of doing the popular Haunted House for Halloween after an absence of two years.



Football Training



Cricket Training



Boot Campers



Stone painting



VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT 2021

The Virtual Island Summit (VIS) will take place from Monday, 6, to Sunday, 12 September 2021. The Summit is organised by Island Innovation - a green initiative organisation that operates remotely by staff spanning across the globe.

Island Innovation organises the VIS annually and invites participation of people from varying backgrounds within island communities around the world to share their ideas, examples of good practices and solutions. In previous summits there has been participation of over 10,000 people which has included political leaders, entrepreneurs, academics and Non-Government Organisation leaders (NGO).

Participation in the virtual event is free which maximises accessibility for persons interested in how island communities/organisations around the world adapt and maximise their potential in ordinary life, work or business, especially now in the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Anyone who may be interested in registering to participate in the Summit can do so via the link below. If you are unable to attend any of the live virtual events, then do continue to register as Island Innovation offers to forward links to replays of the events once completed:

<https://islandinnovation.co/virtual-island-summit-2021/>

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Last Friday the sensational news broke for all Manchester United fans that Ronaldo was returning to Manchester United after 11 years away from the club that launch his career.

On Thursday it seems a dead cert that Ronaldo would be going to Manchester City which would have been devastating for us the United fans. Apparently Sir Alex got involved along with Bruno Fernandes and Rio Ferdinand and by 3pm it was announced that Juventus had agreed his sale.

At 36 I think to pay £12.85 million plus add on is still a bargain for our club; he will certainly bring goals, he is incredibly fit and could easily play until he is 40; he will also help tremendously with the development of the youngsters such as Mason Greenwood and Marcus Rashford.

I am one happy fan and look forward to his return possibly at Old Trafford against Newcastle on Saturday 11th September. Ronaldo is the joint second most decorated European Cup/Champions League player ever with five wins - four at Real Madrid after one at Manchester United.

He has also won the Ballon d'Or - for the best player in the world - four more times since he first won it at United.

In the 11 years since leaving United, he has 'only' managed four league titles (two in Spain and two in Italy), and if his failure to win a Champions League with Juventus means his time there will be seen as a let-down, there has been no notable dip in the amount of trophies he has won at club level during his career.

In six years at Manchester United he averaged more than a trophy a season - seven major ones in six years (including three Premier League titles in a row) and three minor ones.

In nine years at Real Madrid, it was eight major competitions and eight minor ones.

And he won three major trophies and two smaller ones in three years at Juventus - although their nine-year reign as champions was ended last season by Inter Milan.



**Since leaving Old Trafford for Real Madrid in 2009
Ronaldo has scored 551 club goals**

The action on the pitch saw Manchester United struggle against Wolves and was very lucky to come away from the match with all 3 points. Mason Greenwood was the match

winner. Greenwood has now scored in each of United's 3 opening matches.

The win over Wolves was Manchester United's 28 away matches unbeaten, a new league record.

Tottenham Hotspurs are the new league leaders after 3 matches as they beat Watford 1-0. Son Heung Min came up with the winner as he scored direct from a free kick in the 42nd minute.

Spurs is the only team with a hundred percent record in the EPL with 3 wins from 3 matches; scoring 1 goal in each match.



Son's in swinging free kick beat Watford's keeper

The first match of the weekend saw Manchester City hit Arsenal for 5 and put them bottom of the table with no points from 3 matches and no goals scored.

City was already 2 nil up and threatening to score more before Xhaka was sent off for a bad tackle on Cancelo.

It was interesting to see Arsenal fans leaving the stadium in force before half time. Arsenal manager must be under pressure to win games soon especially as they were the biggest spenders in the transfer window.



The game between Liverpool and Chelsea should have been the game of the weekend but as a spectacle it ended just before half time with Reece James was rightly sent off for handling a goal bound shot. Up until the sending Chelsea was the better team and had gone in front with a goal from Kai Havertz.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

After Mo Salah had scored from the penalty spot Liverpool dominated the second half possession but fail to create enough clear chances to win the match.

Chelsea put up a brilliant defensive display to earn a point. Liverpool seems to lack a plan B and was restricted to taking long range shots at the goal which was dealt with comfortably by Chelsea keeper Mendy.



Chelsea players disputing James Red Card

In other matches Leeds drew 1-1 away at Burnley; Brentford remain unbeaten as they drew 1-1 against Aston Villa at Villa Park, Brighton lost for the first time this season 2-0 against Everton, Newcastle drew 2-2 against Southampton, Norwich lost 2-1 at home against Leicester City and West Ham drew 2-2 with Crystal Palace.

No Premier League matches this weekend.



St Helena Football Association League Fixtures:

Saturday 4th Sept

13.30 Wirebirds Vs Axis

Organisers: Saints

15.30 Lakers Vs Ballez

Organisers: Rovers



Sunday 5th Sept

13.30 Harts Vs Bellboys

Organisers: Wirebirds

15.30 Rovers Vs Saints

Organisers: Ballez

Tuesdays 7th September

4pm St Helena international Team v HMS Protector

Monday 6th

4.45pm training at Francis Plain for all selected players

Junior Football sponsored by Colins Garage & Nigel George

Fixtures:

Sat 4th Sept

9.15 Dominators v Yellow Devils

Referee: Nick Stevens

10am Ranglers v Young Rebels

Referee: Owen Richards

9.15 Fugees v Rebels

Referee: Gareth Johnson

Jamestown First Scout Group

The winners of the August scout jackpot draw were as follows:

1st Prize – £100 –

Shaquille Coleman – Tel: 23284 – Ticket No. 471

2nd prize – £50 –

Dane Wade – Tel: 22635 – Ticket No. 523

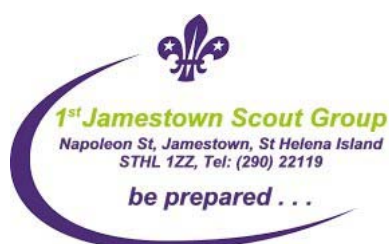
3rd prize – £25 –

Kai Benjamin – Tel: 31340 - Ticket No. 310

4th prize – £25 –

Andrew Keatley – Tel: 25582 – Ticket No. 324

The September draw will take place on 1 October.



A Gospel afternoon will be held on Sunday 5th September at Prince Andrew School starting at 5pm doors will open at 4.30pm. Mr Johnny Green and his band along with gospel singers will entertain you.

A collection will be taken and all proceeds will be donated to the Church Lads/Girls Brigade.

Come along and enjoy a relaxing afternoon with entertainment.

THE ROCK

Warmly Invites You To A:

PRaise AND WORSHIP SERVICE

SUNDAY 5th September @ 11 am

UNIT 3 LONGWOOD ENTERPRISE PARK

Transport available from Jamestown & HTH
Contact 23249 or 42552

PRaise & WORSHIP

MINISTERS AND PORTFOLIO DIRECTORATES

The Acting Governor has issued a Proclamation stating that the General Election will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021. The Writ of Election has also been issued stating that the closing date for nominations will be 12 noon on, Wednesday, 29 September 2021, and lists the venues that will be used as Polling Stations. This year's Election will be historic – the first under a ministerial system of Government.

Leading up to the General Election we continue to provide regular information articles on how a Ministerial Government will work.

This week's focus is on the role of Ministers and Portfolio Directorates.

If you have any questions you would like to have answered in any of these articles please send them to the SHG Press Office via: Kerisha.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh or on tel: 22368.

How many Ministers will there be?

There will be a Chief Minister and four other Ministers.

The Chief Minister and the four Ministers along with the Attorney General form the Executive Council.

How will Ministers be selected?

The Ministers are selected by the Chief Minister from the Elected Members of Legislative Council. The Chief Minister recommends to the Governor which Elected Members should be appointed and the Governor must follow the recommendation. The Elected Member must have accepted the nomination.

Who decides what departments and functions of Government Ministers will be responsible for?

The Chief Minister decides which portfolios each Minister shall have. The portfolios are made up of departments and functions of government. The Chief Minister recommends to the Governor which portfolios are to be allocated to which Ministers and the Governor formally allocates them. The Governor must follow the recommendations of the Chief Minister.

Can a Minister's portfolio change?

The Chief Minister decides what portfolios Ministers have. He can recommend to the Governor that new ones are assigned or reassigned after the initial assignment. The Governor must follow the recommendation. A Minister could therefore start his term with one portfolio and end with another one.

What is the main role of a Minister?

Ministers will exercise general direction and policy control over departments assigned to them subject to the policies of Government.

Ministers need to report to the Chief Minister on their assigned portfolios and it is expected they will be accountable to Legislative Council for their portfolios including taking financial responsibility.

The operational delivery of policies and public services will remain the responsibility of the Portfolio Director and his or her public officials.

Who will Ministers report to?

The four Ministers will be accountable to the Chief Minister who will have oversight of their performance.

Does anyone report to a Minister?

Not directly. However, Ministers will have political responsibility over officials. The Directors of Government Departments will also act as chief policy advisors to relevant Ministers.

Where will Ministers work from?

Ministers are expected to work from an office at the Public Service Directorate of their respective portfolio.

Can Ministers be dismissed?

The Chief Minister can recommend to the Governor the revocation of an appointment of a Minister. The Governor would then revoke the appointment.

MINISTERS AND PORTFOLIO DIRECTORATES

If a Minister is dismissed, will there need to be a re-selection of all the Ministers? How would this work?

If a Minister leaves their office the other Ministers do not have to be re-selected. If the Chief Minister leaves their office then all of the Ministers they appointed would need to step down and a new Chief Minister would make their selection of four Ministers. The current Ministers will continue in their roles up until the point a new Chief Minister is elected.

What relationship will Ministers have with Public Service Directors?

The Minister with the allocated department will exercise general direction and policy control over the department and will work closely with the Director and Senior Management team. The Director will, in turn, act as chief policy adviser to that Minister on matters within the directorate's responsibility.

Portfolio Directors and their Senior Management team should develop a productive working relationship with their Minister and advise him or her on policies, services and legislation being developed.

How will Ministers be held accountable for their decisions?

Ministers are accountable to the Chief Minister for their decisions.

Ultimately the Chief Minister is accountable to Legislative Council for decisions made by their Ministers but Ministers could also be held accountable for their decisions through:

1. Scrutiny Committees set up under the Constitution
2. Public Accounts Committee meetings and reports
3. Questions from Elected Members on Legislative Council including those on behalf of the constituents in their geographical district
4. Debates on motions in Legislative Council
5. The Ministerial Code of Conduct.



Thank you to those who submitted questions last week and which have been included in this issue. In our next issue we will look at the role of Executive Council. Please send in any questions you may have by 12noon on Monday, 6 September 2021, via the contact details above.

These Information Releases are also available online at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>

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2 September 2021

There is no need to panic about the new variant found in South Africa according to a virologist

A new variant of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 has been identified and it is a variant with a new twist. First identified in South Africa it is described as a cluster of similar viruses and is called C.1.2. As the virus is relatively new, not much is known about it yet. It has picked up a lot of mutations in a short period. Since May it has infected less than 5% of new coronavirus cases in South Africa and only 100 other cases have been identified outside South Africa. It is not yet listed by the World Health Organisation as a variant of interest or a variant of concern. At this point scientists cannot state with any certainty whether C.1.2 will overtake other variants or fizzle out and disappear.

The Delta Variant remains the most transmissible coronavirus and the one the world is watching



St Helena Trees the Most Threatened in the World

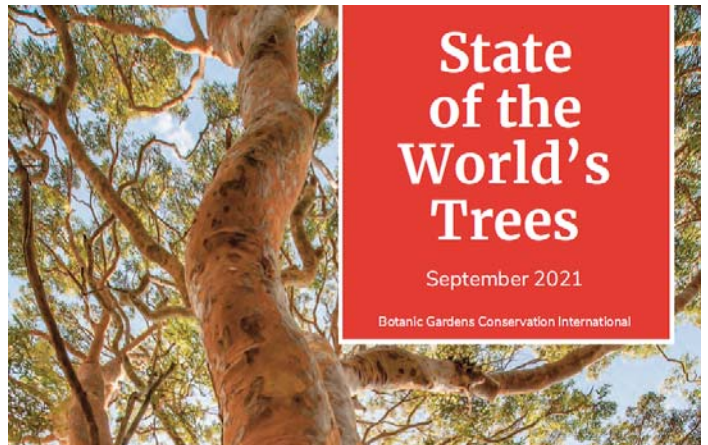
In St Helena we have 16 species of tree, 14 of them are endemic and 11 of the 16 are threatened with extinction. The 11 threatened species represent 69% of all tree species on St Helena and that is the highest percentage in the world. Even Brazil, which is in the news almost every day as the Amazon rainforest is mercilessly exploited, boasts over 4,000 endemic tree species and more than double that number for all types of tree species but 'only' 20% are classified as threatened.



The report, *State of the World's Trees* is published this month by Botanic Gardens Conservation International which is based at Kew and has many of the world's leading conservation organisations as partners. Madagascar is the second most threatened with 59% of its tree species threatened and Mauritius third with 57% threatened. Of the 15 countries with the most threatened species, all are island states apart from Chile. Called the Global Tree Assessment, intensive research was undertaken over the past five years to compile extinction risk information on 58,497 tree species worldwide. It was found

30% of tree species are threatened with extinction, and at least 142 tree species are recorded as extinct in the wild. The major extinction threats include forest clearance, other forms of habitat loss, exploitation for timber and the spread of invasive pests and diseases. Climate change is also having a clearly measurable impact.

The report does not state which of the major extinction risks apply to St Helena however invasive pests and diseases together with habitat loss due to invasive flora must be the first categories to be evaluated and researched.



Ascension Island Replacing Wind Turbines



Ascension Island Auxiliary Airfield will receive energy resilience infrastructure improvements through an Energy Resilience and Conservation Investment Program contract awarded last month by the 45th Space Launch Delta Civil Engineer and Contracting squadrons.

The \$11.3 million contract, awarded to Jade Creek Construction, LLC, is a collaborative effort between the Air Force Civil Engineer Center, SLD 45 and Ascension Island AAF to support mission assurance through energy assurance. The airfield is operated by the Department of the Air Force and used by the United Kingdom's Royal Air Force. The outpost supports a variety of critical missions for 14 individual military, governmental and international agencies.

The work includes the replacement of six non-functional wind turbine generators with a single 900 kW WTG, a Battery Energy Storage System and an upgraded Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition system. The generator uses a renew-

able resource that will supplement primary power plant production and provides an alternate energy source if fuel resources are disrupted.

The battery-based energy storage system, or BESS, will act as instantaneous backup for the existing diesel engine generators should one of them fail. The BESS will connect to the existing electrical generation and distribution system, along with the upgraded SCADA system, ensuring seamless and efficient monitoring and operation of the overall utility generation system.

"Ascension Island is currently 100% dependent on diesel generation for electrical power with all fuel shipped to the island," said Robbie Marcucci, ERCIP program manager. "The project will extend support for mission critical operations by maximizing fuel reserve capacity in the event of fuel supply shortages or interruptions."

The effort is expected to reduce annual fuel consumption by 15% to 20% of the installation's total electrical demand. Construction is expected to be complete in early 2023.

The ERCIP program is a critical element of the defense-wide military construction program for installations to improve energy resilience, energy security and energy conservation. It provides opportunities for installations to produce and utilize clean renewable energy among other conservation measures to reduce energy demand and carbon footprints. To date, AFCEC has collaborated with contracting groups to develop and award more than \$405.6 million in energy resilience and savings contracts since 2004. **(From AFIMSC Public Affairs)**

Shop Shelves Empty - MV Helena Late Again **Planned to Leave Cape Town on Saturday 11th September**

Andrew Weir Ship Management said yesterday that the transshipment containers on voyage 43 that omitted Cape Town on the MSC Athens first call, were discharged in Durban last week as the MSC Athens will now not call into Cape Town on her northbound sailing. The MSC Branka will be bringing these containers on its northbound sailing but will not get to Cape Town until the 9th September. Due to this we will look to delay the MV Helena until the 11th September to allow for this cargo to be loaded. There are no issues with voyage 44 transshipment containers as these are already in Cape Town and ready to be loaded onboard.

Due to this delay we are looking to bring in a revised schedule to accommodate the delay over the next few voyages. Please find the below new dates for the remainder of 2021.

AWSML agents in Cape Town will be in contact with ship-pers that have temperature sensitive cargo.



Voyage 46

| DESTINATION | ARRIVE | DEPART | TYPE |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Cape Town | START | 04/11/2021 | Departure |
| St Helena | 11/11/2021 | 16/11/2021 | Call |
| Cape Town | 24/11/2021 | END | |

Voyage 47

| DESTINATION | ARRIVE | DEPART | TYPE |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Cape Town | START | 30/11/2021 | Departure |
| St Helena | 07/12/2021 | 10/12/2021 | Call |
| Ascension | 13/12/2021 | 14/12/2021 | Call |
| St Helena | 17/12/2021 | 22/12/2021 | Call |
| Cape Town | 31/12/2021 | END | |

Voyage 44

| DESTINATION | ARRIVE | DEPART | TYPE |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Cape Town | START | 11/09/2021 | Departure |
| St Helena | 18/09/2021 | 21/09/2021 | Call |
| Ascension | 24/09/2021 | 24/09/2021 | Call |
| St Helena | 27/09/2021 | 29/09/2021 | Call |
| Cape Town | 07/10/2021 | END | |

Voyage 45

| DESTINATION | ARRIVE | DEPART | TYPE |
|-------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | |
| Cape Town | START | 11/10/2021 | Departure |
| St Helena | 18/10/2021 | 22/10/2021 | Call |
| Cape Town | 30/10/2021 | END | |



From Tristan: New X-Ray Set-up at the Hospital **Report from Dr Alex Wonner. Photo from Vera Glass**

The Camogli Healthcare Centre has recently endured a period without a functioning digital radiography (DR) panel, but a new DR panel from Vieworks was brought to Tristan by the SA Agulhas II during the short visit on the 13th August 2021.

The hospital is very thankful to finally have the new DR panel up and running. It is a very good quality imaging system and we hope it will last as long or even longer than the previous one. The X-ray images are definitely much sharper and the processing is instant, done directly on the panel. With the previous system, we had first to put the plate into a developer.

The old equipment did however give us good service for over ten years. The hospital will therefore try to fix the software of the previous machine and keep it as a spare, if it is possible and not too expensive. Being so remote, it is difficult to be without essential tools.

(From www.tristandc.com)



Nicky Swain and Leo Glass from the IT department setting up the new DR x-ray reader for Camogli Healthcare Centre.



SHAPE
St Helena's Active Participation in Events

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An Afternoon Tea

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Sat. 18 Sept | 2-6pm
VENUE: SANDY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE

Includes
Tea & Snacks

Curry & Rice
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£4
Per Person

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and amazing company

Reserve your ticket by calling
Maureen or SHAPE Office on 24690

Oilspill Cleaned Up



In an update to the oil spill which occurred on Monday 23rd August at the Jamestown Wharf where oil leaked from the Coal Yard into James' Bay, STH Government advised yesterday that 98% of the oil spill has been cleared, with only a slight amount of residue remaining in the ocean. SHG, in partnership with Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, is currently in the process of cleaning the remaining residue off containers in the Coal Yard.

The landing steps are now accessible. However, until a final assessment is made, swimming is not permitted at this time.

PLANTATION HOUSE HOSTS FUN TENNIS TOURNAMENT 2021

*Come and have another go - Backhand, Forehand
Can you serve like a Pro?*

*All new entrants are welcome.
Bring your winning shot - and make that racket hum*

Date and Time: Sunday 10th October from 9am
There will also be stalls, activities, food and drink available.

Entrance fee: £5 per playing person
£1 for supporters/non-players

Tournament proceeds donated to the Cancer Awareness and Support Charity

If you enjoy the game of tennis, and last years event, then please sign up to participate contact any of the following by 24th September to submit your entry:

Mia Henry: Tel 22699 or email mia@helanta.co.sh
Greg Gibson: Email greg.gibson@live.co.uk
Rosie Bargo: Tel 23663 or email rosemarybargo3@gmail.com
Gavin George: Tel 22335



If you wish to have a stall or activity on the day please contact Debbie Yon: Tel 24453 or email ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh

This will be an all-day fun-day, that is open to everyone - guaranteed to be highly entertaining!!!