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## **Shipping Update**

The MV Helena will be further delayed. The MSC Branka with the missing UK containers from the last shipment is on her way from Durban and is expected in Cape Town on Saturday night or Sunday. The departure of the MV Helena will leave after the containers have been loaded. It is likely that this means that the MV Helena will leave about Monday or Tuesday next week.

# Quarantine Regulations Relaxed – was it a compromise?

Vince Thompson

On Monday it was announced the Incident Executive Group (IEG) agreed that the Portfolio Director of Health and Social Care will in future be able to authorise reduced quarantine for essential frontline health workers on a critical needs basis. This means the quarantine period is reduced from ten days to five subject to a series of daily Covid-19 tests all proving negative. The reason given in the announcement was to “allow them to provide critical health services” and because “Operating the Health Service in a safe and efficient manner is of utmost importance, especially in the midst of a global pandemic.” Most of us would agree that operating the health service in this way is of the utmost importance at anytime and in any situation. As is often the case, the reasons for decisions made by SHG were less than clear.

On the Friday before (3<sup>rd</sup> September) another SHG announcement informed us that a family arriving on the UK flight on 24<sup>th</sup> August (ten days before the announcement) had tested positive for Covid-19 and, obviously, remain in quarantine. From discussions after the IEG meeting it was clear not all IEG members were entirely happy with the decision however one member responded by email to an enquiry from the *Independent* stating “I feel that given all the circumstances and taking everything into account the best decisions have been reached”. Which is fair enough, but it does not explain why the decision was reached.

In the fog of half-explanations some in the community have speculated that the quarantine relaxation may well have gone to Phase One where all fully vaccinated arrivals from non-red list countries would quarantine for five days, if the family with Covid-19 had not arrived on 24<sup>th</sup> August. Others wonder what special immune systems healthcare professional have which allows them to quarantine for half the time that everyone else has to. In this familiar haze of confusing information further clarification was sought.

In an attempt to get more meaningful information the *Independent* explained that many Saints “have a deeply held fear that if Covid-19 ever gets into the community it will spread rapidly with dire consequences.” Also, it is necessary to



***This unhappy lady is on the receiving end of the UK decision to compel overseas arrivals to quarantine in hotels at their own expense. Her message reads, “Government controlled hotel quarantine plan is in contravention of my human rights when I have a home to go to for self-isolation and have tested negative for Covid”.***

explain in sufficient detail the “balance of risks” between relaxation of quarantine restrictions for medical staff and the consequences of running a healthcare service with insufficient professional staff.

“For instance,” the *Independent* explained, “does the shortage of doctors, nurses and other health professionals mean people with chronic conditions or those with a new and serious condition suffer adverse, and maybe permanent consequences through having to wait longer than normally applies for medical attention? Do the risks of these adverse consequences outweigh the risk of medical staff quarantining for a shorter period? Also of interest is the benefit expected from having healthcare staff return to work, or start work, after arriving from overseas five days earlier than would otherwise be the case.” There was also a ‘PS’ - “Are there any plans formed for starting booster immunisations to counteract the eventual weakening of the original immunisation?”

## Thank you

Wife Joy, daughter Chelsea with the rest of the family would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the sad loss of their loved one, Maxwell Fuller, who passed away on the 17th July 2021.

Special thanks to ambulance driver Larry Augustus, Dr Waled and Cherilee Thomas for their excellent help.

Melvyn Henry and Perer Moyce for the funeral services, Waylon and Nicholas Plato for their prayers, Nicole Plato for the lovely video presentation, Kurt Thomas, Linda Young and Molly Stopforth for making the wreaths and to all who generously gave flowers. Solomons for printing of the service sheets and Mr Roy Williams and his Team.

Thanks is also extended to Ian & Belinda, Paul, Brian, Sandra T, Christine, Martina, Susan & Family, Debbie Leo, Mrs Nicky Adams and her team; also many family members and friends for your help.

Lastly, thanks to all who attended the funeral, also for phone calls, cards, and messages.

***May Jehova bless you All.***

***Maxwell is gone from our lives but will live on in our hearts forever.***





# Quarantine Regulations Relaxed – was it a compromise?

Vince Thompson

The reply received yesterday is reprinted here:

## **Thank you for your enquiry to Portfolio Director of Health & Social Care**

As you may be aware we must be realistic about COVID-19. The virus is ever changing and experts have advised that COVID is here to stay. It has already reached the Island albeit contained in quarantine. Our robust COVID-19 testing regime and mandatory quarantine measures have ensured that there has been no community spread.

You will have seen from a recent press release that the IEG has agreed that critical frontline healthcare workers would be allowed to enter St Helena and have a reduced quarantine period to allow them to provide critical health services.

These staff would undergo a reduced quarantine period of five days after having had a negative PCR test 72 hours before travelling to the Island, as well as receiving a negative result from a PCR test on arrival and undertaking daily lateral flow tests. Staff members will only be released after five days following negative results on Days 1 to 4 and a negative PCR test result on Day 5.

In the case where a staff member might be required to exit quarantine in an emergency situation they would adhere to COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures on the use of PPE.

This decision has been taken as we do not have the full expected number of clinical staff on-Island at present. This is due to holiday seasons and a number of clinicians having withdrawn from the recruitment process at the last minute. Many clinicians are not keen to move abroad at this time as they are worried about getting stranded. The infrequency of our flights and mandatory 10-day quarantine period are added considerations for them when deciding whether to come to the Island to work.

A number of clinical staff arrived on Tuesday's flight and we are continuing to work on further recruitment to critical posts.

In the interim, we are encouraging members of the public to think about whether they need to use the Health Service at this time or whether self-management in the case of mild illnesses can be treated with over the counter medications.

We continue to see all urgent and emergency cases and that will not change. Most clinics also continue to run. If a patient needs to have expert medical treatment that we cannot provide on-Island, our plans remain the same, we will either send them for an overseas medical referral or in case of an emergency, activate a medevac to South Africa.

We do also have a duty of care to our staff and to ensure they have proper breaks and rest periods. When we can't do this of course there is a potential risk to patient safety if they are too tired to practice. We have a lot of patients that come to our services that do not need to be there for mild illnesses or do not need to be seen as an emergency. By seeing patients that need to be treated and others using over the counter medicines or not coming unless they really need to be seen will help our staff enormously to see the patients that need to be seen as soon as possible.

The benefit to the Health Service of having a reduced quarantine period for critical health workers is to allow our current staff the breaks needed for their practice and not having to be on call 24/7. Our focus is on patient safety - to ensure we provide a good standard of care for our patients we need to look after our invaluable staff.

The Island has achieved a high percentage of vaccine coverage with 98% having had a single vaccine and 97% double vaccinated. This gives the Island a high degree of coverage and is a testament to the people of the Island working together to help to protect each other. Regarding your question on booster immunisations, Public Health England is working on a booster programme and we will hear shortly the recommendations for the Island. **ENDS**

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## Editorial

Yesterday was the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the birth of Otis Redding. Is that the reason the High Knoll Fort lights were lit up in a pleasing shade of blue? Yesterday was also Care Bears Share Your Care Day; could that have been the reason? It was Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders International Awareness Day as well. What on earth is that, I hear you say? It means don't drink alcohol when you are pregnant – awareness day. It seems SHG staff are forever rustling about like a bag full of ferrets doing all sorts of things that remain mysterious to the rest of us.

Searching Google at the moment to find out what we should be aware of, or celebrating, commemorating, mourning, pro-

testing or protesting will always bring up the 11<sup>th</sup> September attack on the World Trade Centre in New York, the Pentagon in Virginia and the unsuccessful attempt to crash a plane into a prominent building in Washington DC. This happens even when you specify UK commemorative days.

In London alone there have been at least 210 terrorist attacks since 1970. The assailants include the Irish Republican Army, the Angry Brigade, Anarchists, Muslim extremists, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the First of May Group and many more. There have been street bombings, hostage taking, sieges, letter bombs, assassinations and several failed

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# Editorial

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attempts at causing death, injury and destruction using all these methods. The 7<sup>th</sup> July 2005 sticks in the minds of many people today. A series of four co-ordinated suicide attacks in central London in which three bombs exploded on Underground trains and a double-decker bus was also destroyed. The bombs were detonated by four British Islamist suicide bombers. The explosions killed 52 people and resulted in over 700 injuries. Saint FM's Addie Thomas was there, as I was; I've threatened to interview her on the radio about that day.

I think people today react to terrorist threats in the same way people always have. The initial confusion and shock is replaced by a steely determination to carry on as usual. On 8<sup>th</sup> July 2005 most of the hundreds of thousands of people to work travelled in London as usual by train, car, bus and tube. After a few days all was back to normal. Nothing compares to the London Blitz in WW2. The practical attitude was admirable in many ways. One example is that in one 6-month period, 750,000 tons of bombsite rubble from London was transported by railway on 1,700 freight trains to make runways on Bomber Command airfields in East Anglia. Bombsite rubble from Birmingham was used to make runways on US Air Force bases in Kent and Essex in southeast England. Many sites of bombed buildings, when cleared of rubble, were cultivated to grow vegetables to ease wartime food shortages and were known as victory gardens. As they say, 'waste not – want not'.

I have this vision of SHG's Head of News being the possessor of all information and the font of all wisdom. If a media enquiry is sent to the person in government who clearly should be able to provide the answer the reply is often that the questions asked have been sent to Kerisha for her to supply the answers. Too often the reply is published as a press release which means the opposition are then on to a bit of news you wanted only for yourself. Even questions sent to the Heads of Department get the same reply. At first you can be forgiven for thinking that the head honcho should know more about the subject than Kerisha but handing media enquires to Kerisha is 'protocol' which is 'the official procedure or system of rules governing affairs of state or diplomatic occasions'. Serious stuff then? Head honcho was a term often used; I hope it still is. Sometimes you can use a word without knowing exactly what it means. Honcho means the person in charge or in authority but honcho is from a Japanese word meaning squad leader. Would you believe it? Kerisha, for instance, is SHG's head honcho for News.

## ***Kerisha – under the spotlight, in the hot seat***

We have something on the Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI) at Rupert's this week and it has popped up again in another piece of news that was published late in the week. Every-



one's least favourite £multi-million project is now responsible for St Helena's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) dipping southwards by 3.4%. OK, let's sort that one out. GDP is a key indicator of economic activity. It is a measure of the value of all goods and services produced within a certain period, usually in each financial year. The halt to construction work on the BFI is one of two main causes for economic activity dipping in the financial year 2019-20. The other main reason is a fall in tax revenue for fuel, alcohol and tobacco. The two together are calculated to cause a drop in economic activity amounting to £900,000. As usual there are other ways of measuring GDP but it's getting late, let's stick with this one. If stopping work and expenditure on a project which is due for wholesale revision causes a dip in economic activity, let's have more of it. The fall in tax revenue for fuel, alcohol and tobacco is not because we all want to be monks and nuns all of a sudden, it's mainly because an oil tanker arrived later than expected and the tax revenue expected from its cargo slipped into this financial year instead of being included in last year as expected. The GDP calculation based on the Island's population comes out at £8,540 'earned' by every man, woman and child who lives here. That's £10 more than it was in 2014-15 so we are not exactly 'going backwards' as we all think we are – unless you want to adjust the figures to take inflation into account; if you do it is fair to say we are having trouble not going backwards.

The Statistics Bulletin with this information includes a chart which splits the economic activity into different sectors. Government and Public Administration take a 16-17% share of the total economic activity. This share is slightly more than the next three sectors combined. The next three sectors include Finance, Insurance, Communication, Wholesale and Retail Trade, Repair of Motor Vehicles, Electricity, Water, Sanitation and Quarrying. Construction comes way down the list. Last are Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing which is only a speck on the chart – less than half of one per cent. With SHG as the power house for economic activity it is clear economic activity has nothing to do with making money – silly me, I thought that is what economic activity was all about.



# Tuna Stocks Recovering but not in St Helena Waters

Vince Thompson

Four commercially fished tuna species are reported to be on the road to recovery. This was announced last Saturday at the World Conservation Congress held in Marseille, located on the Mediterranean coast of France. The only possible good news for St Helena from this is that yellowfin has improved from being classified as 'near threatened' to being of 'least concern'. However yellowfin populate all warm waters of the world's oceans and the improvement specific to the South Atlantic is not included in the announcement.

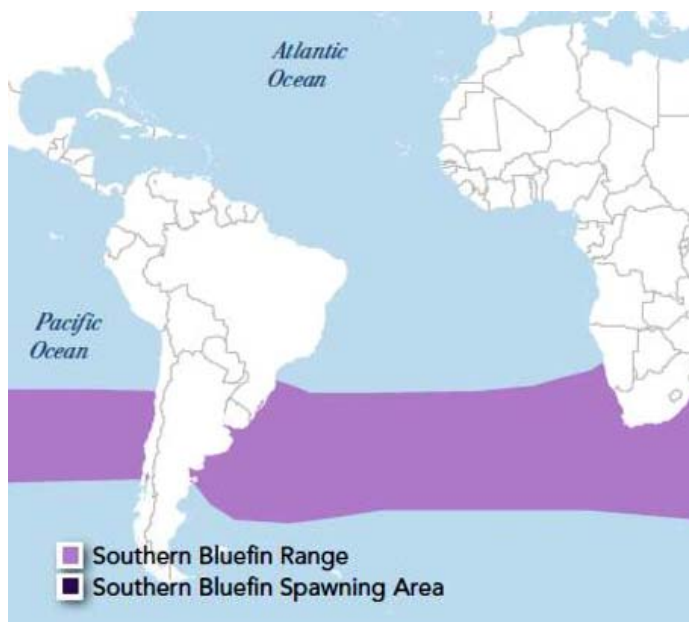
The greatest concern is bigeye which continues to be classified as 'vulnerable', just three steps away from being extinct. So far, The International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) has had mixed results in getting all member countries to reduce bigeye tuna landings, allowing the population of bigeye to recover.



ICCAT published its latest figures in July this year showing a total catch for St Helena of 4 tonnes in 2019. The biggest catch since 2011 was 77 tonnes in 2016. The figures for South Africa show a total catch of 432 tonnes in 2019, the highest total since 2013 when a similar size catch was landed. South Africa's bigeye tuna landings have increased each year over the most recent three years reported. Bigeye tuna landings over the entire ICCAT area peaked in 1994 when almost 135,000 tonnes were brought ashore. In 2000 the landings reduced to 103,434 tonnes and the total landings kept on a downward trend until 2014 when an upward trend reappeared.

The lowest total landing of bigeye in the ICCAT area was 67,000 in 2013. In 2019 the total increased to 75,646 tonnes. The winners in the recovery of tuna species are the Atlantic bluefin in the North Atlantic, the Pacific bluefin and the Southern bluefin of the South Atlantic.

Skipjack remains categorised as a tuna species of 'least concern'. Albacore have improved from 'near threatened' to 'least concern'. While albacore exist in most parts of the North and South Atlantic, they do not spend much time in St Helena waters.



Southern bluefin populate an area of the South Atlantic where St Helena fishing boats never go. The spawning grounds for southern bluefin are off the north-west coast of Australia.

## Commemorative Buoy Arrives at Final Home

The Equiano – St Helena Landing buoy is now in the caring custody of the museum. Along with the buoy is a length of cable cut from the Equiano connection cable after it was landed.



The buoy and the cable are available to see at the museum but are not yet in their permanent display setting. Adam

Strickland, the museum curator is considering including the new additions to the museum collection is a display showing the history of St Helena's communications with the outside world. The details still need to be sorted out.

### Part of History



The Eastern Telegraph Notice at Munden's; is this piece of history still there? The Notice was displayed to ships entering James Bay, it reads:-

**NOTICE  
TELEGRAPH CABLE  
ANCHORAGE PROHIBITED  
EAST OF A LINE DRAWN  
NORTH FROM THIS POINT**

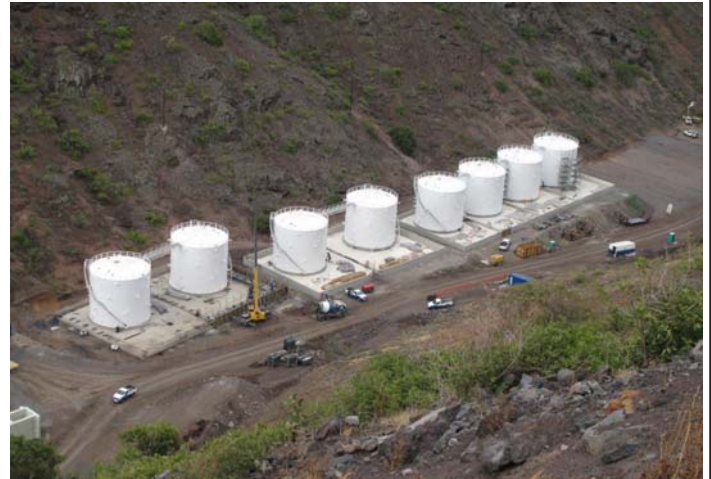
# The BFI – One Year On

Vince Thompson

Exactly one year ago Audit St Helena, SHG's external and independent auditor, published a report of its investigation into the Bulk Fuel Installation Project (BFI). At the front of the report are three key facts. One of them told us 63 months had passed since the original completion date for the project came and went. Those 63 months is now 75, or 6 years and 3 months ago. Another key fact was that up to May 2020 £78.3 million had been spent on the BFI at Rupert's, that's £46.9 million more than the estimated cost at completion in the contract for the project. One year on, the overspend is sure to be more, and contract completion is as far away as ever. The next and last of the three key facts is that if the project is ever completed the total storage capacity for the BFI will be 2.5 times more than the fuel storage installation it is, or was, supposed to replace. With electric road vehicles becoming increasingly a reality and fossil fuel-powered vehicles destined to fade away at the end of this decade, we have to wonder why SHG still have such an expensive, inappropriate and out of date project hanging around their necks. There is also a small Airport Fuel Facility for storing aviation fuel.

Technology advances almost daily towards the goal of making electric powered ships and planes a reality. When we reach the end of this decade the reality of electric powered ships and planes will be approaching at a similar speed to the reality that electric cars are approaching us now. Will the Chief Minister, by the end of this decade, have made a decision on how to resolve this longstanding, complicated and very expensive problem?

This unhappy situation has been with us for a very long time. A quick recap on what it is all about will probably help. The BFI at Upper Rupert's Valley was a big part of the St Helena Airport Project. It is, or was, intended to be the storage facility for petrol, diesel and aviation fuel. The major part of the BFI was for petrol and diesel for road vehicles and the power station. With electric cars and another long-awaited project, this time with PASH Global to extend renewable energy generation, the need for the biggest part of the BFI reduces considerably. The airport was completed in May 2016 and commercial scheduled flights started in October 2017. The BFI was intended to be operational before the airport opened.



Another contract which did not proceed as intended was announced in September 2014 when SHG signed the Fuel Management Contract with GreyStar Europe (Penspen) to operate the BFI for a period of ten years after the commencement of airport operations.

The need for additional fuel storage capacity was signalled in 2006 in a consultant's report in anticipation of additional fuel demand arising from an increased number of tourists and the economic activity generated from that increase. The size of increase anticipated in the 2006 report is unknown but the calculations changed when the Renewable Energy Strategy gained momentum in 2017. SHG is still dealing with the impact of the Renewable Energy Strategy on the earlier plans made for the BFI, which DFID officially committed to funding in 2010. Payments to Basil Read for work on the BFI started in 2011. The project suffered several significant and expensive design changes and disruptions. On 15<sup>th</sup> June 2018, Basil Read was declared bankrupt causing further cost and delay to the project. In addition, attempts at cost-cutting were poorly managed, leading to further expense.

We now have an old fuel farm that is too old and not fit for purpose and the new BFI which is still riddled with problems such as non-compliant components missing documentation which Basil Read removed from the site back to South Africa and the entire build quality for the site is questionable at best making the entire site not fit for purpose. Projections for future requirements of petrol and diesel must be reduced due to the more significant part now planned for renewable energy and climate change mitigation requirements. Is SHG trying to find a way to justify the continued existence of the BFI or are they willing to adapt and change?

One reason the BFI was designed to be as big as it is, is to reduce the number of visits made by the oil tanker and thereby reduce the transport costs which make up a significant part of the price at the petrol pump. Is SHG hoping to justify the continued existence of the BFI through the need for even fewer visits required by the oil tankers as petrol and diesel consumption reduces? Surely it is time to plan for a different fuel supply system more suited to the reduced volumes of petrol and diesel which will be wanted in just a few years.



**There are few tinkainers like this one stored at Horse Point tip**



# The BFI – One Year On

Vince Thompson

Tanktainers can bring the reduced volumes of fuel required and they can be brought here on the MV Helena. It has been estimated that using the MV Helena to bring tanktainers instead of oil tankers pumping fuel to the BFI will in itself make savings. It is also estimated that 250 extra containers would be carried on the MV Helena, boosting freight revenue for AW Shipping and opening up the opportunity for less expensive freight charges for other imports and personal freight forwarding.

The Audit St Helena Investigation published a year ago stated, "uncertainty persist regarding the use of portable 'tank containers' which began in 2015 as a contingency arrangement for importing Jet A-1 (aviation fuel) while the contractor diverted resources from the BFI to focus on completing the airport. In addition, expected future energy needs that underpin the BFI design assumptions have changed." And, "Basil

Read's departure after its contract was terminated and independent reviews have generated proposals for significant changes, such as dismantling the Jet A-1 storage tanks at the BFI, the new fuel gantry at Bay Side and the pipelines linking the two."

The official government response the *Independent* received on this complex question which is full of twists and turns is that a lot of work is going into an assessment of the best method of fuel delivery for St Helena, including social and environmental as well as economic impacts. The response also indicates there will be more opportunity next week to give the kind of explanation required for the many considerations being given to this thorny issue. Next week, hopefully, the *Independent* will be able to give you a general indication of the way ahead for this part of the Rupert's Valley development.

## From the St Helena Golf Club

Submitted by SHGC

Despite the wind, fog and rain, twenty two players bravely participated in the Greensome competition on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021. Conditions on the ground were challenging as the ground was moist. What is Greensome, one may ask? Players form a team of two, both players within each team will hit a tee shot, the best tee shot is then selected and alternative shot is played until the completion of the hole. Three eighths of the combined full handicap was applied to the teams. Six teams returned to the 19<sup>th</sup> with a score in the sixties. Arthur Francis and Larry Legg were the winners with a net score of 66 followed closely behind by Douglas Augustus and Patrick Johnson with a net score of 67. Arthur Francis and Larry Legg claimed the two ball pool on 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations to the winners.

A Texas Scramble is scheduled for Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 12noon, gunshot start; followed by the Half Yearly General Meeting with light refreshments at approximately 4:30pm. This competition will be stroke play and three eighths of the combined full handicap will apply. Registration closes on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 3pm.

**Happy Swinging**

## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST GREENS KEEPER

To provide the service of preparing and maintaining the golf course greens, fairways, plant and equipment.

Main duties includes:

Set golf course to include cutting of cups, setting tee boxes, repairing greens, raking bunkers, prune trees, mow greens and fairways and ensure that all machinery and equipment is regularly maintained.

A minimum of eighteen hours per week will be required.

Contact the Course Manager, Nick Stevens on 23271/62938 or Nickkaiser1967@yahoo.co.uk by 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021

ST. HELENA



## FOR SALE BY TENDER

The Bulk Fuel Installation (BFI) has for "sale by tender" a Nissan 2.7 Hardbody Double Cab Pickup formerly registered as 2302 complete with a Variety of Spare Parts.

The vehicle and parts are being offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

For further information, persons can contact Kevin George, Bulk Fuel Installation Manager on telephone 22332 or email: bfi@helanta.co.sh

Viewing has been set for Tuesday 14 September 2021 from 9:00 – 15:00hrs.

Tenders of not less than £1,000.00 should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, clearly stating the registration of the vehicle on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 20 September 2021.

**9 September 2021**



# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

It's time for people to start pushing for the Governance that they want and deserve and not the one they are being driven towards.

**The Draft Ministerial Code document** – not a catchy title, I know. However, it is the key document which will either give the Island the **open, transparent and ACCOUNTABLE Government** everyone wants or simply be away for the Government to hide behind the new Ministers.

I'm not sure how many people will have taken time to read this 18-page document, probably a lot less than voted in the March Consultative Poll.

In my opinion as it's currently written it will provide 4 sacrificial Ministers led by a Chief sacrificial Minister, when the Government makes a mistake or the people kick up a fuss about an issue, they will be pointed towards the Minister who oversees that Directorate. If the problem is big enough then the Minister can be 'Sacrificed', thus protecting the

people who are actually responsible for the mistake.

As the document is written the Ministers are accountable, but have no real power to influence many of the type of issues which upset so many of us. The Ministers will also be partly managed by the Chief Secretary and the Director of their Portfolio in several key elements of their position and not the Chief Minister. As it's written even the Chief Minister will be overseen by the Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary (as the head of the Portfolio the Chief Minister is responsible for) on certain issues.

I have decided to run for Council however, I wouldn't be interested in being a Minister if this very one-sided Code is adopted. I believe that all it will do is create another group of 'Yes Councillors' who have to tow the 'Company line' who can also be 'Sacrificed' to appease the public demand for accountability. Exactly what the Island doesn't need is another weak council.

I have no problem explaining my decisions or being held accountable for my decisions even when they are controversial, but I won't be held accountable for things I couldn't influence or be 'Sacrificed' for other people's mistakes. I believe that Ministers should be able to openly criticize the Government, albeit in a professional way – this is a key part of the Democratic process. For exam-

ple, most people know I don't agree with the way in which our electricity is distributed or the price of it. I also think that SHG does more to damage the private sector than it does to embrace it as an ally to improve the economy. My criticism of these points isn't going to change just because I'm a Minister.

Ministers should be 'managed' by the Chief Minister and Legislative Council, not the Chief Secretary and Portfolio Director's. The Ministers have to have a good working relationship with Chief Secretary and Portfolio Director's, but in order for these relationships to develop it has to be on an equal footing.

To anyone thinking of running for Council I strongly suggest that you read through the Draft Ministerial Code, it will strongly affect both the Ministers and the Legislative Councillors.

I would be happy to supply a copy of the document with my notes on it to anyone, just email me: [karlthorwer@gmail.com](mailto:karlthorwer@gmail.com)

If you want change the quality of Governance then one thing we all need to do is start talking about it, whether people agree with me or not.

And if you want change then you have to vote for the people who can bring it.....

**Karl Thorwer**

## Having This Old Hat is Like Winning the Lottery

An anonymous owner of a Napoleon style bicorne hat is now very pleased with his purchase because the hat really did belong to Napoleon. Other similar hats belonging to the famous emperor have sold for about £1 million at auction. The present owner bought his bicorne from a small German auction house but it was sold as just any old Napoleon style bicorne hat; it was not known at the time that it was a genuine bicorne belonging to Napoleon. The owner is now putting the hat up for auction again but this time the asking price is much more.



**The bicorne hat that belonged to Napoleon Bonaparte is now displayed at Bonhams auction house in Hong Kong**

The owner looked closely at the bicorne after getting it home from the German auction house and discovered small signs such as inscriptions that suggested it may have belonged to Napoleon. The hat was then checked out more closely using an electron microscope and five hairs were discovered hidden on the inside. Two of the five hairs contained Napoleon's DNA.

Bonhams, a well known international auction house now have this bicorne on display in Hong Kong. It will later be sent to Bonhams auction house in Paris for display before being sent to the London headquarters for auction. A director at Bonhams said most of Napoleon's hats had been handed down by noble families connected to the emperor, or soldiers who picked them up on the battleground. The story behind this hat is very different.



# Your Opinion Counts

## **Dear St Helena Golf Club,**

Our family has been very lucky enough to have grown up in our family home at Longwood for 20 years and counting. What's more special is that our house came with a large lawn and garden, that has, with our most modest 'hat' on, become the envy to a few over the years.

While, we are happy that our garden has influenced some notice throughout our childhood, sadly, we cannot say that we have been lucky or indeed comfortable in using it to its full potential. Whether it is to sit or eat outside, playing, or even walking to the garage – the constant fear of being hit by a rogue golf ball is at the top of our list and, it is a pity to feel this way in your own home! Our family has come to terms with the fact that we might be 'knocked out by a ball and this is now sadly, as we say, the norm.

However, with a new generation in our household, we have now; become ever more cautious with the outside. For the past few months, we have noticed an increase in the number of golf balls, hit-

## **Open Letter to the St Helena Golf Club**

ting our home and or landing on our front lawn, or recently, smashing windows, both our house, and our vehicles.

More horrifyingly, on two recent occasions, both, my sister and her daughter have nearly been hit by these balls – One, playing outside with her daughter as she loves the outside and two, fastening her daughter into the child seat in the car. Both times could have been a terrible accident through no fault of their own.

While we understand, Golfers cannot control the 'flight' of the ball, or indeed, we, move our home or garden – Is there any way we all could come up with a solution to thus avoided a potential and deadly accident or less so, more smashed windows? We speak for ourselves and to those who have also voice their concerns.

Remember the 'before days', Golfers would not 'golf' on windy and rainy days? Or they would take a minute out of their golfing time to respectfully, allow pedestrians to safely cross or walk along the road before teeing off? Or even allowing vehicles to pass? Could we go back to this?

We have been reminded countless times that the St Helena Golf Club has insurance cover, just in case we or any per-

son are accidentally hit or our windows are smashed again. Although, that is all good to know; a window, car screen, or mirror can be replaced - a person's life, however? Is golfing nets positioned alongside the main road a future-proof solution?

While it is not our intention to 'be personal' to any golfer or the club itself, we have decided to raise our voices now before it's too late. We do appreciate that Golfing is a popular sport on the island; however, we hope that our suggestions and concerns above, can be addressed and the club can be mindful of the near residual homes and pedestrians of Longwood.

To end, we would like to personally thank all golfers, over the years, who has dared to come and apologize if their ball lands on our property, with that in mind, we would also like to say that our golf ball collection has started to overflow – owing to the many years of unclaimed golf balls found on our lawn – Do you think we can sell it back to you?

**Yours sincerely,**

**Kenickie Andrews and Jessina Abouelghar**  
**(On behalf of the concerned Longwood Residents)**

## **GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT FOR 2019/20 ESTIMATED AT £39.0 MILLION**

The Statistics Office has today released estimates of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and Gross National Income (GNI) for the 2019/20 financial year, together with revisions for some earlier years. GDP is a measure of the total value of all the goods and services produced on St Helena, and for 2019/20 it is estimated to have been £39.0 million, or £8,540 per person. GNI, a measure of the total income of all economic units resident on St Helena, is estimated to have been £37.6 million, or £8,250 per person.

When price inflation is taken into account, total GDP is estimated to have fallen by 3.4% compared to the previous year, but when population changes are also taken into account, GDP per capita fell by only 0.7%. There were two major contributors to the fall in GDP, the end of construction activity of the Bulk Fuel facility in Ruperts, and a drop of around £0.9m in tax revenue from imports of fuel, alcohol and tobacco recorded in the St Helena Government Financial Statements for 2019/20. Apart from Government and Public Administration, which accounted for 43.5% of GDP at basic prices in 2019/20, the largest sector in terms of total contribution to GDP is Finance, Insurance, Information and Communication (16.5%) and Wholesale and Retail Trade, including Repair of Vehicles and Motor Cycles (13.3%). Production activities, including Quarrying, Manufacturing, Electricity, Water, and Sanitation, contributed around 8.1% of GDP in basic prices in 2019/20, with Construction, Real Estate Activities (including rental properties), and Transportation and Storage (including the Airport) all around 4%.

The full Statistical Bulletin can be found on the St Helena Government website here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/statistics/statistics-reports-and-publications>. Detailed data can be accessed in Excel format from the 'GDP' file at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/statistics/>

**SHG,8 September 2021**





# SAINTS TUNA CORPORATION

Compiled for the St Helena Independent

**D**ear Reader,

The time has come to provide another update on progress of works at the fish factory in Ruperts and we are delighted that you are joining us on this journey and what a journey it has been, we are grateful for all of the support we have received both on and off island and would like to extend our appreciation to all of our families, friends, supporters and work crew, we could not have done it without you.

As with all projects of this size we have encountered some challenges along the way but we remain positive and are on track for the commencement of our refurbishment works which we expect to be completed within the next eight to ten weeks.

We continue to support local fishermen as we have always said we would with flake ice and processing of fresh fish for the market at a reasonable cost to the

fishermen, we consider this as a working partnership between STC and local fishermen and highlights the fact that these essential services can be provided at a low cost without any government subsidy at all.

We started providing limited fish processing operations in June this year but were keen to keep you abreast of future plans and we will continue this through the platform of the St Helena Independent newspaper. So along with the refurbishment process about to kick-start including providing fish processing to local fishermen we've become pretty good at 'juggling balls'.

Last time we told the Independent that most of the preparatory and clean -up work had been completed due to the hard work and support of the factory staff. The latest arrival of the MV Helena carried the bulk of the equipment and materials needed for the refurbishment,



Incredible Crew





**Paddy & Cyril: The "Ice-men"**



**Shannon: Youthful Promise**

this included specialist flooring, the kind you'll find in an aeroplane hanger and a fork lift for the factory floor, the next ship will be bringing a new generator and associated machinery, we've also just unpacked a brand new mincer and smoker. STC has also engaged with local contractors and the time to proceed with the refurbishment program is upon us.

Every new project should include innovation and sustainability, these are key principles at Saints Tuna Corporation, our plan includes a brand new modular processing, freezing and logistical concept which will eventually provide a low cost, streamlined fish processing and freezing facility that will provide sufficient, reasonably priced fresh fish and fish products for the local market, as well as high quality frozen fish for export.

At STC, like you, we also care about the environment and one of our best pieces of news that we'd like to share with you is that we will also be installing Photovoltaic panels on the roof providing the energy efficiencies that the world on a global scale is promoting, the panels are expected on the next voyage of the MV Helena and planning permission has been granted this is due to the fact that the Architect had already incorporated Photovoltaic panels into the original plan.

People always ask us, so what's the next steps? We like to think long-term and we'd like you to know what we're thinking and what's next on our list.

St Helena is keen to reduce imports and focus on local production, the island's tuna is a product we can all be proud of and hands down, makes the best fish cakes in the world.

We're proud to announce that we will shortly start processing and marketing our own brand of tuna and wahoo mince which will include plain and a tasty, spiced mince for fish cakes. And just to 'whet your appetite' (pun intended) we also intend to make and take to market a brand new STC range of fish sausages and fish patties for burgers.

At the same time, we will also start selling dressed, cleaned and fresh ground fish directly to the public, which will be on display at our factory.

The mince products will be on the market sooner rather than later and we will inform fish retailers and you nearer the time.

Well, that's it for now folks, we're thrilled with our progress and just wanted to share with you how far we've come. We will be back with further news as we reach new milestones throughout our journey.

For further information about Saints Tuna Corporation contact the directors:

Johan: [jb@saintstunacorp.com](mailto:jb@saintstunacorp.com)  
Dorian: [Duffy@saintstunacorp.com](mailto:Duffy@saintstunacorp.com)

Or call: 22333

# TITAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHTS

## NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2021

St Helena Government (SHG) recently announced the schedule of the Titan Airways Charter flights up until March 2022. This included additional flights during the peak season through November and December 2021 as well as double shuttle flights to Ascension Island.

It has since become necessary to cancel the second Ascension Island shuttle flight that was scheduled to operate on 1 December. This is due to insufficient numbers for this particular flight. The demand for Ascension Island passengers can now be accommodated by the remaining scheduled flights.

Date	Flight No	Departure Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
29NOV21	ZT0141	0015 Local	London, Stansted Main terminal STN	Accra, Kotoka ACC	0715 Local
29NOV21	ZT0141	0800 Local	Accra, Kotoka ACC	St Helena HLE	1210 Local
30NOV21	ZT0142	1000 Local	St Helena HLE	Ascension Island ASI	1210 Local
30NOV21	ZT0143	1410 Local	Ascension Island ASI	St Helena HLE	1620 Local
01DEC21	ZT0144	0900 Local	St Helena HLE	Accra, Kotoka ACC	1300 Local
01DEC21	ZT0144	1345 Local	Accra ACC	London, Stansted Main terminal STN	2055 Local

This schedule indicates the revised times for flight operations during the period 29 November to 1 December:

SHG apologises in advance for any inconvenience that may be caused by changes to the departing flight from St Helena to London, Stansted which will now depart 24 hours earlier on 1 December, due to the cancellation of the second Ascension Island shuttle flight.

### Reminder of full timetable:

Details of the anticipated days of operations\* are listed below and the flight timings will be similar to those flown previously:

### TITAN FLIGHT SCHEDULE 2021/2022

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

Dates where a 'double shuttle' to Ascension will operate

### Bookings

Bookings are on a 'first come, first served' basis. A number of seats are reserved on each flight for emergency travel i.e. medevac patients.

Persons wishing to book travel may do so via the Shipping & Travel Department of Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc. Bookings should be submitted to the Solomons Travel team via email: [flight.reservations@solomons.co.sh](mailto:flight.reservations@solomons.co.sh) or telephone: (+290) 22523 or visit in person at the Shipping & Travel Department, Malabar, Jamestown, between 8am and 3pm, Mondays to Fridays.

For those based on Ascension Island, or wishing to travel to or from Ascension Island, please contact the Finance Office via email:

[flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac)

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

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

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

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**#TitanAirways #CharterFlights**

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**SHG, 3 September 2021**



## **IEG DISCUSS COMMENCEMENT OF PHASED QUARANTINE APPROACH**

The Incident Executive Group (IEG) met on 1 September 2021 to discuss progress towards achieving the trigger points that are required in order to initiate Phase 1 of the modifications to St Helena's entry and quarantine arrangements.

At this time, not all of the criteria for local trigger points have been met, therefore IEG have decided not to move to Phase 1 in October. IEG will meet again at a later date to consider the progress against triggers and decide whether a move to Phase 1 can be agreed for travellers arriving to the Island from November.

The phased quarantine approach is a risk-based approach which takes into account the effectiveness of vaccinations in reducing the likelihood and severity of COVID-19 infection. Phase 1 would enable a fully vaccinated person to quarantine for seven days if they had spent the last 10 days within a red list country or five days if from a non-red list country. A non-vaccinated person would quarantine for the full 10 days if they had spent the last 10 days within a red list country or seven days if from a non-red list country.

The IEG discussed whether critical frontline healthcare workers would be allowed to enter St Helena and have a reduced quarantine period to allow them to provide critical health services. Critical frontline healthcare workers are individuals providing, or directly facilitating, frontline health services and whose presence on St Helena is required to keep critical health services running.

These staff would undergo a reduced quarantine period of five days after having had a negative PCR test 72 hours before travelling to the Island, as well as receiving a negative result from a PCR test on arrival and undertaking daily lateral flow tests. Staff members will only be released after five days following negative results on Days 1 to 4 and a negative PCR test result on Day 5.

In the case where a staff member might be required to exit quarantine in an emergency situation they would adhere to COVID-19 Standard Operating Procedures on the use of PPE.

Operating the Health Service in a safe and efficient manner is of utmost importance, especially in the midst of a global pandemic. Therefore, to facilitate the continuation of critical frontline services, the IEG agreed that the Portfolio Director of Health & Social Care would be able to authorise reduced quarantine for essential frontline health workers on a critical needs basis. It was noted that this practice was fairly typical in other countries, even ones with no or low COVID-19 prevalence. This exemption applies only to health workers and not their families.

**#StHelena #Quarantine #IEG**

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## **POSITIVE CASES OF COVID-19 IN QUARANTINE -NO COMMUNITY SPREAD**

Following the arrival of the flight from the UK on Tuesday, 24 August, and as part of St Helena's robust COVID-19 testing regime for passengers completing their 10-day quarantine period, a family in quarantine together have tested positive for COVID-19. **As a result and per Standard Operating Procedures in the Health Service Directorate these passengers will not be released from quarantine at this time.**

The quarantine period for the family has been extended by a further seven days and a revised testing regime has been put in place. They will only be permitted to leave quarantine at the end of these seven days if they all test negative from a PCR COVID-19 test.

The family, whose symptoms are mild and asymptomatic, will therefore remain in home quarantine and the Health Service Directorate will continue to monitor them over the next seven days.

All other passengers that arrived on the same flight have tested negative and will therefore be released from quarantine at 7pm today, Friday 3 September 2021. No other contacts have been identified.

This is a scenario that St Helena Government (SHG) has planned and prepared for. Robust measures for effectively managing arrivals to St Helena have been in place throughout the COVID-19 pandemic. These protocols have been developed in liaison with experts from Public Health England and are designed to ensure that any person arriving to the Island is kept separate from the general public until the Senior Medical Officer can be assured that they do not pose a risk of introducing COVID-19 into the community.

The identification of the positive cases demonstrates the effectiveness of the Island's current quarantine and testing regime.

**The positive cases are contained in quarantine and there is no community spread of COVID-19 on St Helena at this time.** Due to there being no community spread of COVID-19 on St Helena the existing Travel Corridor between St Helena and Ascension Island will continue to operate for the upcoming shuttle flights.

**SHG, 3 September 2021**




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

## Safety & Compliance Officer

**Job Outline**  
Responsibility for planning, implementing and overseeing safety and compliance, through BOU Managers, in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices as applicable to the Company in respect of environmental management and workplace health & safety, as applicable to all aspects of the Company's diverse portfolio of business interests.

**Interested Persons Should:**

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- 3-5 years experience in a Health & Safety/Compliance role
- 3 years experience in a management role

Salary will start at £16,141.68 per annum, (£1,345.14 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Mandy Peters, Chief Executive Officer on telephone number: 22380 or via email address: CEO@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 21 September 2021

### EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

#### PHASE 1 CONSTRUCTION AT BOTTOM WOODS CDA

St Helena Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to undertake Phase 1 Construction at Bottom Woods Comprehensive Development Area (CDA).

The works will include construction of Roads, Pavements and provision of Services.


For further information, please contact the Civil Engineer, Christopher Peters, on telephone 22270 or via email: [christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The closing date for Expressions of Interest to be submitted is 12noon on Friday, 24 September 2021, and should be addressed to Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.

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**8 September 2021**




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## TIP OF THE WEEK

If you are washing dishes by hand, don't leave the tap running for rinsing. Use a separate bowl of clean water for rinsing.







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## VACANCY

### Senior Human Resources Assistant (Central Support Service)

*Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career?  
Do you have good Communication, Administration and Attention to detail skill?. Do you have the ability to handle, resolve and escalate enquiries and pass on information promptly? Do you respond well to change and thrive working to tight deadlines?  
If so, Corporate Human Resources has an opportunity for you to join their team*

#### Applicants should have the following:

- 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
- A Level 3 CIPD or equivalent qualification, or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience, or willingness to study
- Proven and effective administrative skills.
- Confident in using ICT systems including Management Information Systems and MS Office

#### We offer the following:

**Salary:** £8,613 per annum  
**Leave:** 25 days per annum  
**Pension:** 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme  
**Paid Sickness Absence**  
**Flexible working hours scheme**

**For further information** about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:  
Tina Sim, Senior HR Officer on telephone number 22470 or email: [tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**To access the Job Profile and Application forms** click [here](#) or alternatively, both are available from: Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Emma Piek, Human Resources Assistant, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 15th 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

### IT & Data Coordinator

(Permanent Post within Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio)

*This is a new role where you will be responsible for information/data management across the Portfolio in order to sustain and support its progress, management and delivery through changes in technology. You will ensure the effective use of the Schools Information Management System and be responsible for developing resources and delivering training to all staff across the Portfolio. We are looking for a Whizz in IT who has skills in analyzing information and for planning, preparing and delivering differentiated lessons in Information Technology to cater for the abilities of all students and adult learners as required.*

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

- Degree in relevant subject area.
- At least 5 years' recent experience in teaching or delivering training.
- At Least 5 years' recent experience in managing information systems.
- Excellent skills in Management of Information Systems
- Excellent IT skills and knowledge of Microsoft Office Applications.

#### We offer the following:

**Salary:** £14,138 per annum  
**Leave:** 30 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:  
Miss Kerry Lawrence, Assistant Director Schools on telephone number 22607 or email: [kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Job Profile and Application forms** can be accessed [here](#) or alternatively from: Corporate Human Resources: Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 21st 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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Benefits are subject to change and may only apply to certain roles.



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT  
~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~

## VACANCY NOTICE

### Primary School Teacher (Yrs. 5 & 6)

(January 2022 start, sooner if available)

#### About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. We have approximately 70 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 40, Secondary 30) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level.

#### What you'll do

We have a vacancy for a primary school teacher with effect from the start of the January 2022 term. Due to the size of the school, teachers are required to teach combined year groups. Travel to Ascension would ideally be January 2022.

#### What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' experience, you'll hold qualified teacher status, ideally to UK or IB standards. You'll have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

#### What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of between £20,115 and £21,645 – dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts accompanied status contracts and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied or Single status electricity and water allowances)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £6,700 per annum (or if Single status £3,350)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

#### The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)





## What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. Ascension Island has no right of abode, so all people living on the island are employees or dependents of one of the organisations here. Children accompanying parents up to the age of 18 are dependents, following which they are either required to take up their own employment on the island, or move away.

To thrive here on this unique, challenging and beautiful island, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community.

**Closing date: Friday 1 October 2021**

**First stage interviews: 11 October 2021, by Skype**

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: [www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/](http://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/)

If you have any queries about the role, email [recruitment@ascension.gov.ac](mailto:recruitment@ascension.gov.ac)



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## VACANCY

### Sea Rescue Crew (Helmsman) (Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio)

*Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea. Are you a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual looking for an opportunity to utilise your skills and experience or considering a career change? If so, The St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team*

**Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or demonstrable experience:**

- Functional Skills Level 2 Maths or above or equivalent (If applicants do not have these qualifications they will be required to successfully pass a Functional Skills assessment in Maths as part of the selection process).
- GCSE English Grade D or above (as above)
- Valid and clean Driving license in Class A
- Basic IT skills

**We offer the following:**

**Salary:** £7394 per annum as per the Sea Rescue Cadre Level B  
**Leave:** 25 days per annum  
**Pension:** 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme  
**Paid Sickness Absence**  
**Training opportunities**

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

**Simon Wade (Sea Rescue Manager), Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell (Sea Rescue Deputy Managers)** on telephone number 25215 or email: [simonwade@helanta.co.sh](mailto:simonwade@helanta.co.sh), [leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh), [mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh](mailto:mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh)

To access the **Job Profile** and **Application forms** click [here](#) or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm GMT on Friday, 24th September 2021**. Please note as part of the short-listing for this recruitment you will be expected to pass a swim endurance test. 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

### 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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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## POST GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UK - CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2021-2022

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha**

**28 July 2021**







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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2021**

1st	Donny's Funraiser – For Cancer Charity	Donny will advise event/time at later date
2nd	Coffee Morning @ Jamestown Comm Centre	Tickets £2 per person – Call any Member
15th	Old Time Dancing @ J/Town Comm Centre	More details to follow
15th	Muffi Day – Island-wide Colour – Blue	Schools, Office Workers, Shops Etc, etc.
16th	Private Function	
17th	Lunch For Cancer Patients & Spouses	Admittance by Invitation Only
22nd	Donny's Fundraiser for Cancer Charity	Donny will advise event/time at later date
24th	PINK WALK	Details to be advised later
28th	Healing Service – 7pm @ St John's Church	Upper Jamestown
28th	Misc Stall in front of Canister 10.30am to 1pm	Donations –Cakes, Cup Cakes etc welcome

*As in previous years, anyone wishing to organise a fundraising event or make a donation can register their interest by contacting any of the Cancer Charity Members for permission. This should be done as soon as possible.*

## **Scouts Funday 2021**

### **Guess the:**

'Weight of the Pumpkin' won by Elaine Bennett 11.5 lbs – guess spot on. 'Number of Sweets in a Jar' 144, won by Colby Richards who guessed 143. 'Value of Coins in the Jar' £11.46, won by Georgia Young who guessed £11.00

### **Multi-Raffle:**

	Won By	Ticket No.
Fresh Fruit Hamper	Catherine George	69
Car Stereo (Sony)	Peter Young	530
Irrigation Kit & Drip-feed	Sylvia Henry	358
Scout Cake	Anya Richards	98
Picture Frame	Johnny Carter	247
G-Unique Voucher	Pat Crowie	51
Water Speakers	Pricilla Maggott	15
Bottle of Sweets	Charlotte Williams	514
Picture (Canvas)	Fishcakes	168



### **Booze Hamper Raffle:**

	Won By	Ticket number
No.1	Phillip Francis	16
No.2	Pat Crowie	9
No.3	Lilly Dook	126
No.4	Greggy	407
No.5	Alena Scott	29
No.6	Peter Young	74

**The 1<sup>st</sup> Jamestown Scouts would like to express their sincere thanks and gratitude to all that braved the weather (although the sun was out in town) and turned up to support us on the Scouts Annual fun day. A massive thank you to all the parents and our 'generous supporters' for their donations. Scouting is a Voluntary Organisation so your Support is always greatly appreciated!!**

*Prizes can be collected from Terry Richards's residence if not already done so.*

**Don't forget to look out for our Christmas Multi-Raffle which will be in the shops shortly!! Don't miss out on some fabulous prizes – Microwave Oven, Mobile Phone, Sandwich toaster, Kids Christmas toy bundle and more..... Tickets are only £1.00**

## **MAINTENANCE OF POST BOX WALKS AND FOOTPATHS**

St Helena Government's, Visitor Information Services (VIS) invite Expressions of Interest to undertake the maintenance of the Island's 21 Post Box Walks and Footpaths.

It is proposed for the one-year contract to commence on Friday, 1 October 2021.

Successful applicants will be given relevant training and information in order to be able to identify the endemic and invasive plant species as well as the different habitats found along the walks and footpaths across the Island.

Interested persons who may require further information or a full scope of work should contact VIS Manager, Matthew Joshua, via email: [matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh) or call the VIS Office on 22158.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Matthew Joshua by Wednesday, 15 September 2021.

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**2 September 2021**



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## **Expression of Interest**

The Saint Helena Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified contractors to undertake Refurbishment Works of Government Landlord Housing Apartment No.8 RE Yard, Ladder Hill.

The works will include Plumbing, Electrical, Internal Stud Works, External & Internal Painting and Installation of new Sanitary ware etc.

For further information, please contact the Project Manager, Mark Plato on telephone 22270 or via email: [mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:mark.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh).

The closing date for Expressions of Interest to be submitted is 12noon on Friday, 17<sup>th</sup> September 2021 and should be addressed to Tiffany Lawrence (Procurement Officer), at Essex House, Jamestown.

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**7 September 2021**



**St Helena Government**

## **Appointment of Justices of the Peace**

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

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

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

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

Yvonne Williams  
Judicial Services  
Jamestown  
Tel: 22340

Email: [yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to the Clerk of the Peace, in writing, to arrive by 4pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021. A form is available from the Clerk, and its use is encouraged, but letters will be accepted.

**Yvonne Williams**  
**Clerk of the Peace**  
**8<sup>th</sup> September 2021**





## St. Paul's Brownies enjoy Day Camp

On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> August the St Paul's Brownies, along with their invited friends, met at the Guinea Grass Community Centre to have a fun filled day whilst practising skills and taking on new challenges.

After arrival at 10am and a snack, the girls enjoyed some lively games together.

The day then proceeded with preparation for making pizzas for Lunch.

Whilst the pizzas baked, story characters were created from dough as part of an interest badge. This activity was thoroughly enjoyed, and the eating of the pizzas was a tasty treat!!



Later, in groups, the girls laid a trail for the others to follow and to find the lost Rainbow. Each group laid a different trail and tried to make it more difficult than the last. This was great fun, and the best part about it was that it was a girl-led challenge which called for team-work and decision-making. Such skills are so necessary to have in everything we do, so that what we do can be successfully achieved and the girls can feel good about... and this is exactly what happened!



Taking on the challenge of erecting shelters from wooden sticks tied with flax and covered with sheets was another exciting activity. Look how busy they are trying to work everything out to make it right... the right width, the right height and finally the right spot to enjoy the view from their crafty work! Well done girls.



**Getting it right...**

**Enjoying the results**



**The fun continued with outdoor games.**

**The day ended with cake, hot chocolate and marshmallows.**



Feedback at the end of the day showed that the favourite activities were laying trails, building shelters and making pizzas.

The learning throughout the day challenged teamwork, perseverance and *doing their best*, which made it such a good note to end on, as the girls had been so enthusiastic and keen to get everything done and enjoy themselves in the process. Well done everyone, and because this is one of many more outdoor events that you so enjoyed, we're sure that many others will follow. Start planning the next event, and bring along more friends to enjoy it.... maybe they will want to stay and see what else takes place at your weekly meetings. We can assure you that it is always worth a try, so come along and see for yourself!

**Contributed by St Paul's Brownie Leaders**

**Our shelves up in St Paul's, are still looking quite healthy...you can send the people up to us!!**



**Philip John's Shop**



Due to World Cup Qualifiers there was no Premier League football last weekend. We now look forward to round four of the Premier League Season which will herald the second coming of the GOAT Cristiano Ronaldo to Old Trafford as Manchester United host Newcastle at 2pm on Saturday.

Tuesday and Wednesday will also see the Champions League commence.

Match week four will kick at 12.30pm on Saturday when Crystal Palace face Tottenham Hotspur at Selhurst Park; other 2pm games will see pointless Arsenal play Norwich City in the basement battle, Brentford host Brighton, Leicester face Manchester City, Southampton play at home against West Ham and Watford will host Wolves.

The late match on Saturday will see Chelsea play Aston Villa at 4.30pm

There is only one match on Sunday when Leeds play Liverpool in the Seaview derby at 3.30pm.

The final match on week four will see Everton host Burnley at 7pm.



**CR7 could make his return to Premier league action on Saturday versus Newcastle United**



**Chelsea will start the defence of their Champion League title on Tuesday**

## Champions League Fixtures

### TUESDAY 14TH SEPTEMBER

#### GROUP E

7pm: Barcelona v Bayern Munich

7pm: Dynamo Kyiv v Benfica

#### GROUP F

16.45 pm: Young Boys v Manchester United

7pm: Villarreal v Atalanta

#### GROUP G

16.45pm: Sevilla v FC Red Bull Salzburg

7pm: Lille v VfL Wolfsburg

#### GROUP H

7pm: Chelsea v Zenit St Petersburg

7pm: Malmö FF v Juventus

### WEDNESDAY 15TH SEPTEMBER

#### GROUP A

7pm: Club Bruges v Paris Saint Germain

7pm: Manchester City v RB Leipzig

#### GROUP B

7pm: Atlético Madrid v FC Porto

7pm: Liverpool v AC Milan

#### GROUP C

16.45 Besiktas v Borussia Dortmund

7pm: Sporting Lisbon v Ajax

#### GROUP D

16.45pm: Sheriff Tiraspol v Shakhtar Donetsk

7pm: Inter Milan v Real Madrid

## St Helena Football Results week 10

Despite miserable weather week 10 of the St Helena Football League went ahead as schedule.

Unfortunately I didn't manage to see the first or last match of the weekend.

In the first match the Wirebirds went second in the table after beating the Axis by 8 goals to 2. Wirebirds were 7 nil up after an hour of football with goals from Shane Stroud 3; Alex Langham 2 and Tyler Benjamin 2. Axis to their credit didn't give up and from the reports that I receive the introduction of Joe as a substitute inspired them to play better and scored two goals; one from Ryan Backhouse and a good goal from Young Player of the Match Josh Herne.

Conrad Clingham scored a further goal for Wirebirds 5 minutes from full time.

Tyler Benjamin was awarded Young Player of the Match.

The second match saw the Ballez play their best game of the season against the Lakers. For 30 minutes the game was even with the Ballez creating a number of chances.

Finally the Lakers got on the score line in the 33rd minute with a goal from Man of the match Jace Williams; 5 minutes later Louis Banikel chipped the keeper from the left side of the penalty area to give the Lakers a 2 nil half time lead.

The second half the Ballez still perform well and create shooting opportunities but fail to hit the target. In the 52nd minute Nico Benjamin scored with a header from a corner.

Cody Thomas scored two goals; one in the 76th minute and one in the 86th minute to give the Lakers a 5-0 win.

Aiden Yon-Stevens was named Young Player of the Match.

The first match on Sunday was a tight one between the Harts and the Bellboys.

The Harts dominated the first half and deservedly took the



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

lead when Joey Thomas scored from the penalty spot after Tyler Brady was upended in the box.

With seconds of the first half to go the Harts failed to clear a corner and Kyle Shoesmith fired the ball in of the keeper.

If the Harts were the better team in the first half it was the Bellboys who were superior in the second half as they create a number of chances to score the winner. The best chance for the Bellboys to secured all 3 points fell to Matthias Young as he stepped up for the penalty after Mike E had brought him down in the box. Matthias fired his penalty to the goal keeper's right only for the Hart Keeper and Young Player of the Match Christo Crowie to pull off a terrific save.

The match ended 1 each.

Greg Phillips was named Man of the Match.

The final match saw the Saints once again playing with 9 players against the Rovers. Due to injuries; illness and players not showing up the Saints couldn't field a full team. This is the second time this season the Saints play the league champions with fewer players.

Rovers were 9 nil up at half time and went on to score 11 more goals in the second half.

Goal scorers for the Rovers: Rico Benjamin 5; Brett Isaac 3, Ronan Legg 7, Clayton Benjamin 1, 1 own goal, Julian Henry 2 and Dane Wade 1.

Ronan Legg was awarded Man of the Match.



**Terrible weather at Francis Plain as Harts drew with Bellboys**

## Fixtures

Saturday 11th Sept

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

Sunday 12th Sept

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



SHFA League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Rovers	10	8	2	0	90	8	82	26
2	Wirebirds	9	7	0	2	68	12	56	21
3	Harts	10	6	3	1	68	15	53	21
4	Bellboys	9	5	2	2	33	12	21	17
5	Lakers	10	5	0	5	33	33	0	15
6	Axis	9	2	1	6	15	37	-22	7
7	Saints	9	1	0	8	5	100	-95	3
8	Ballaz	10	0	0	10	3	98	-95	0

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

# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## St Helena v HMS Protector

Our St Helena team was really disappointed not to be able to play an 11aside match against HMS Protector due to the pitch at Francis Plain being waterlogged. Instead the players settle for a series of 5 aside matches against the Navy team.

HMS Protectors had some quality players and would have given our team a very tough match.

The speed a skill of our players was a proven factor in the 5 aside matches with St Helena winning 3; losing 1 and drawing 1 of the five 20 minute matches that was played.

Results:

Match 1: St Helena 3 v HMS Protector 3

G/S St Helena: Aiden Yon-Stevens 1; Matthias Young 1 & Brett Isaac 1

Match 2: St Helena 10 v HMS Protector 4

G/S St Helena: Shane Stroud 2; Tyler Benjamin 3, Ronan Legg 1 & Rico Benjamin 3

Match 3: St Helena 2 v HMS Protector 3

G/S St Helena: Ronan Legg & Shane Stroud

Match 4: St Helena 12 v HMS Protector 2

G/S St Helena: Rico Benjamin 2; Tyler Benjamin 4, Aiden Yon-Stevens 2, Brett Isaac 2, Dane Wade 1 & Tyrel Ellick 1

Match 5: St Helena 9 v HMS Protector 1

G/S St Helena: Rico Benjamin 2; Tyler Benjamin 3, Shane Stroud 2, Ronan Legg 1 & Matthias Young 1



St Helena and HMS Protector 5 aside teams

## Junior Football Results

Another miserable day at Francis Plain on Saturday didn't deter the spirits of our young footballers as they enjoyed their latest round of Futsal.

In match one the Yellow Devils beat the dominators by 8 goals to 2.

G/S Yellow devils: Aden Thomas-Stevens 5; Zac Francis 2 and Joshua Crowie 1

G/S Dominators: 1own goal and Lukas Robertese 1

POM: Aden Thomas Stevens & Elijah Young

The second match saw the Ranglers beat the Young Rebels by 8 goals to 2.

G/S Ranglers: Laine George 4; Dirk Peters 3 & 1 own goals

G/S Young Rebels: 1 own goal & Danyl Muranganwa 1

POM: Laine George & James Lawrence

In the upper age boys match the Fugees beat Rebels 6 goals to 3

G/S Fugees: Blake Peters 5 & Dodi Williams 1

G/S Rebels: Taylon Phillips 1 & Kenin Bargo 2

POM: Blake Peters & Kenin Bargo

Junior Fixtures

Saturday 11 September

9.15 Yellow Devils v Ranglers

Referee: Owen Richards

10am Predators v Dominators

Referee: Nick Stevens

9.15 Jungle Rangers v Rebels

Referee: Gareth Johnson



7-11 League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Yellow Devils	4	4	0	0	37	9	28	12
2	Predators	4	2	1	1	24	20	4	7
3	Dominators	4	2	0	2	14	17	-3	6
4	Ranglers	4	1	1	2	18	16	2	4
5	Young Rebels	4	0	0	4	7	38	-31	0

11-16 League Table									
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points
1	Fugees	4	3	1	0	16	8	8	7
2	Jungle Rangers	3	1	0	2	8	11	-3	3
3	Rebels	3	0	1	2	12	16	-4	1

Top Scorers 7-11			
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	21
2	Lebron George	Predators	9
3	Laine George	Ranglers	7
4	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	6
5	Hugo Richards	Predators	5
6	Danyl Muranganwa	Young Rebels	5
7	Kadin-Scott Clingham	Dominators	5
8	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	5
9	Levi Williams	Predators	4
10	Tyler Anthony	Predators	4
11	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	4
12	Ephrem Stroud	Yellow Devils	2
13	Cruz Williams	Predators	2
14	Dillon George	Young Rebels	2
15	Joshua Crowie	Yellow Devils	2
16	Jude Jacobs	Dominators	2
17	Lukas Robbertse	Dominators	2
18	Callum O'Dean	Ranglers	1
19	Joel Peters	Ranglers	1
20	Louis Thomas	Dominators	1

Top Scorers 11+			
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Blake Peters	Fugees	10
2	Kenin Bargo	Rebels	6
3	Dodi Williams	Fugees	4
4	Blaze Baldwin	Jungle Rangers	3
5	Taylon Phillips	Rebels	3
6	Lars Williams	Jungle Rangers	2
7	Harry Winfield	Jungle Rangers	1
8	Jaydee Caswell	Jungle Rangers	1
9	Jet Lee Yon	Rebels	1
10	Riley Yon	Jungle Rangers	1
11	Travis Yon	Fugees	1



# THE ROLE OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A General Election will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021. The closing date for candidate nominations is 12 noon on Wednesday, 29 September 2021. 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 Executive Council (ExCo).

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](mailto:Kerisha.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh) or on tel: 22368.

## Who will form the Executive Council (ExCo)?

The Chief Minister, the four Ministers and the Attorney General form ExCo.

The Governor presides at meetings of ExCo.

The Governor in his own discretion, or following a request from the Chief Minister, can invite Officers of the St Helena Public Service to meetings of ExCo.

## What happens at meetings of ExCo?

Meetings of ExCo are the highest decision making body of the St Helena Government. At meetings the most significant policies, primary legislation to be presented at Legislative Council and secondary legislation to be enacted are considered and approved. Also at meetings national strategy is decided, the government's legislative programme is agreed and often final decisions are made on many of the Island's most difficult issues.

## What role does the Governor have at meetings of ExCo?

Pursuant to the Constitution the Governor presides at meetings of ExCo. At meetings the Governor will as happens now ask ExCo Members to lead on many matters on the ExCo agenda. It is likely that the Chief Minister will lead most discussions or nominate a Minister to do so.

The Governor will follow the advice of ExCo on most matters. However, on matters which in the Constitution are special responsibilities of the Governor, he normally only has to consult ExCo and can choose not to follow their advice. There are also certain matters that legally the Governor does not have to consult with ExCo.

## Will any Government officials sit on ExCo?

Previously the Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary were ex-officio non-voting members of ExCo. Under the new system they will no longer be members. Many of their previous roles in ExCo meetings will now be taken over by the Chief Minister and relevant other Ministers.

The Attorney General remains an ex-officio and non-voting member.

The Governor on his own, or following a request from the Chief Minister, can invite officers of the St Helena Public Service to attend meetings where their presence is considered desirable for specific business. It is likely that the Chief Secretary and Financial Secretary will be regularly requested to attend. Other Officers will also be requested to attend when needed.

## Under the new Ministerial System will ExCo decisions be based on the principle of 'collective responsibility'?

Yes they will. Under the Constitution ExCo is collectively responsible to the Legislative Council for both advice given to the Governor and actions taken by Ministers in the execution of their duty.

## How often will ExCo meet?

ExCo will meet as often as is required. ExCo can be summonsed either at the discretion of the Governor, or following a request to the Governor from the Chief Minister. At present, ExCo meets every fortnight but does so more frequently when important business needs to be undertaken.

## Must all Members attend meetings of ExCo?

For business to be transacted at a meeting of ExCo there must be at least three Ministers in attendance, one of which must be the Chief Minister. However, it is expected that given the importance of meetings of ExCo all Members will be in attendance unless there are exceptional circumstances.

The Constitution allows ExCo to make provisions for the remote attendance of Members by electronic means.

## Will ExCo Members chair Council Committees?

No, under the new system there will no longer be Council Committees. As discussed last week Ministers will instead be responsible for the general direction and policy control of departments in their allocated portfolios.

In our next issue we will look at the role of Legislative Council and Legislators. Please send in any questions you may have by 12noon on Monday, 13 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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## **APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION**

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

- 1. Application 2021/72:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Garage**, Near Salts Shop, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH0037. Applicant: Brian Coleman
- 2. Application 2021/73:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Area**, Farm Buildings on Parcel TH020201. Applicant: Gary Stevens
- 3. Application 2021/74:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Patio, Lounge and Bedroom Extensions and Construction of a 1.5m Wall**, No. 99 Cottage, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH0030. Applicant: Violet Stevens
- 4. Application 2021/75:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Erection of a Sign**, St Helena Airport, Prosperous Bay Plain on Parcel PB0039. Applicant: St Helena Airport Limited
- 5. Application 2021/76:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Carport incorporating a Container**, Alarm Forest on Parcel AF0442. Applicant: Scott Stander
- 6. Application 2021/77:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a New Car Park, adjacent the road from the Band Room towards Maldivia, Jamestown** on Parcel JT170076. Applicant: Capital Programme Section, St Helena Government
- 7. Application 2021/78:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Development of Phase 1A of the Bunkers Hill Comprehensive Development Area, incorporating access roads, installation of services and layout of 18 plots for housing**, Bunkers Hill, Alarm Forest on Parcels AF0173 and RV0046. Applicant: Nigel George
- 8. Application 2021/79:** FULL Planning Application (Retrospective) for **Construction of a Workshop, Office, Carpentry Shop and Store Room**, Ruperts on Parcels RV0099 and RV0100. Applicant: Adrian Duncan

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

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

**Public Representation Closing Date:**

**4pm – 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

**Shane Williams  
Planning Officer**



# Visit From and Visit To the HMS PROTECTOR

## Saint FM takes tour Onboard Mic-kail Harris



As reported last month in the *Independent* HMS Protector returned to the service of the Royal Navy after a £14 million major refit. The ship, the Royal Navy's only ice breaker, left Plymouth on 10<sup>th</sup> August for the South Atlantic. HMS protector is a survey / research ship supporting scientists from around the world who are studying the impact of climate change.

On her way to the Falklands and the British Antarctic Territory, HMS Protector is scheduled to complete survey work around Ascension and St Helena. Arriving at St Helena on Monday, morning tours were organised for Tuesday and Wednesday. The ship leaves today and is probably heading for Ascension as she arrived at St Helena direct from Gibraltar.

Some people in St Helena needed reassurance that the crew had been in quarantine for the full 10 days when sailing from Gibraltar to St Helena and they had all tested negative before being allowed ashore. A small group from the ship's company arrived at the Standard Bar. Before entering the leading person in the group asked, in a manner which could not have been more polite, if it was alright to enter. There was a clear indication they had been into other place in Jamestown where eyes must have bulged and jaws dropped to the ground as if the crew each had COVID-19 stamped on their foreheads. In a gallant attempt to maintain the hospitable reputation of the Standard Bar, your *Independent* reporter welcomed them and stepped back from the bar to make way for them. Having only called in for cigarettes your reporter left immediately.

**Vince**



On Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September, *Saint FM* – among other members of the public – took part in a tour onboard the Royal Navy's Ice Patrol Ship *HMS Protector*.

At 9:15am, St Helena's own *Enchanted Isle* arrived at the steps to ferry us to the ship, however before we were able to board the ferry, we were given a quick safety briefing by a member of the *Protector's* crew, one of which is a heads-up about the chopiness of the sea.

Once we travelled to the vessel and were onboard, we were directed to the open-area at the stern of the ship and were split up into small groups. Our tour guide brought us further stern and showed us one of *Protector's* defences; a mounted Gatling gun.

Located on the stern, the mounted Gatling gun was one out of a few weapons the ship possess, although on this occasion the gun was unloaded for safety reasons. However, members of the public were allowed a turn using the gun - including *Saint FM's* weekly Wednesday Gospel show host Dustin.

Shortly after, we were led to the helipad at the stern of the vessel for the public to take some pictures and then at the lower decks where the ship's fire fighter suits and safety equipment were stored. Our tour guide said that - when onboard - crew members are given regular fire drills that included different scenarios.

One of the features of the *Protector* was the Survey Motor Boat known as *James Caird IV*, located on portside. Named after the boat in which Ernest Shackleton and his men sailed in their heroic story of survival, this small deployable boat is purpose built to survey very close to shore. The boat is capable of reaching 15kts but decreases its speed between 3-4 kts when it's conducting surveys.

The group were then shown the bow, where the anchor mechanisms were. Our tour guide told the group how the anchor is deployed and said that while the ship is sailing, no one is allowed to be near the mechanism in case someone accidentally deploys the anchor.

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## Visit From and Visit To the HMS PROTECTOR

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Our final tour location was the bridge. Once there, we were shown the ship's controls and were also taught about the ship's *Dynamic Positioning*, a system that uses GPS positioning and a taut wire to remain in a selected point with centimetric accuracy—the Royal Navy's only vessel to have such a feature. The tour group were also told about the living conditions of the ship when deployed to Antarctica. According to the Ship's Captain, because of the freezing temperatures the ship's cabins and bridge gets filled up with cool air; however it becomes less effective in warmer climates. Once the tour had concluded, we all met at the stern of the ship and were given leaflets of the *HMS Protector* before making our way back inshore at 11am.

The *HMS Protector* is expected to remain in St Helena's shorelines until Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September. Whilst in St Helena's waters, she will be conducting hydrographic surveys and surveillance of the Island's seamounts as well as a crew change. With the *UN COP26* and the tackle against climate change, her work will also be supporting scientists from around the world study the impact of global warming during her deployment in the Antarctic. Her next visit to the island this year will be in October. **Additional pictures of the tour can be found on Saint FM's Facebook page.**

All Pictures: Addie Thomas






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# **All you Need to Know about Nominating a Candidate for the General Election 2021**



**Anyone can stand for election if they are 21 years of age or over and are on the Register of Electors, published in the St Helena Government Extraordinary Gazette number 94, dated 27 August 2021.**



**The last day and time for submitting Nominations is noon on Wednesday, 29 September 2021.**

All Nominations should be delivered within this time to the Returning Officer, Carol George, at the Castle, Jamestown.

More information on making a Nomination can be found overleaf. Alternatively, further details on nominating candidates and the General Election can be obtained from Returning Officer, Carol George, on telephone number 22470 or via email: [carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**If more than 12 valid nominations are received, a Poll will be held on Wednesday, 13 October 2021**

Nomination Forms are available from the Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and can be downloaded from the SHG website:

<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>

Forms are also available from Registration Officer, Carol George, via email:

[carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh)

and Assistant Registration Officers:

Gillian Francis via email:

[gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Connie Johnson, via email:

[connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh) or

Anita Legg via email:

[anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh)

alternatively via telephone number 22590.

## **Polling Stations will be:**

- 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.

**See Overleaf on how to make a Nomination**





## Nominating a Candidate



**This paper provides you with information on how to nominate a candidate for the Legislative Council in the General Election. Remember that the last opportunity to submit nominations is at noon on Wednesday, 29 September 2021**

### Who to nominate

The General Election is carried out in accordance with the law. Anyone can stand for election in this year's General Election providing:

- (1) They are on the Register of Electors effective from 27 August 2021 and
- (2) They are over the age of 21 years.

This year's election is one of historical importance as it will be the first election for a ministerial government. It is important that persons nominated for election to the Legislative Council are aware of the way the new Ministerial system of Government will work. Further information on this can be found online here: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/general-election-2021/>

### How to Make a Nomination

The Nomination must be made on the correct Nomination Form. Forms can be obtained from the Castle Reception, the Customer Services Centre, the Public Library and can be downloaded from the SHG website. Forms can also be obtained from the Registration Officer, Carol George or Assistant Registration Officers, Gillian Francis and Connie Johnson and Anita Legg at the Castle.

### Sponsors

Each nominee must have two sponsors who must be on the Register of Electors dated 27 August 2021. Each of the Sponsors' signatures must be witnessed either by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer, or a Justice of the Peace (JP). The names of JPs and Assistant Returning Officers can be found in the section below:

**A JP, the Returning Officer or Assistant Returning Officer must witness the signatures of the Sponsors.**

Chief Magistrate Mr Duncan Cooke  
Miss Jennifer J Corker MBE, Mrs Joan Patricia Flagg MBE,  
Ms Marie-Anne Dennis, Mr Colin P Yon, Mr Sidney A Youde,  
Miss Jody Grant-Lawrence, Mrs Greta P Musk MBE,  
Mr Desmond H Wade, Mrs Barbara A George, Mrs Deborah Fantom, Miss Janet Lawrence, Mr Nicholas George,  
Mr Vincent J March, Mr E. Jack Horner .

**Assistant Returning Officers:** Gillian Francis, Connie Johnson, Anita Legg.

### Supporters

Each nominee must also have five Supporters who must be on the Register of Electors, effective from 27 August 2021.

The signatures of the Supporters can be witnessed by anyone who has their name on the Register of Electors other than the candidate themselves.

### Where can the Sponsors and Supporters come from?

Sponsors and Supporters must be on the Register of Electors effective from 27 August 2021. Potential candidates can ask people to be their Sponsors or Supporters. The Supporter cannot be the same person as a Sponsor.

### Checking the Nomination Form

The Nomination form must contain all of the information listed in the Nomination Check Box (below).

If you are unsure, contact Returning Officer, Carol George, on telephone 22470 or Assistant Returning Officers, Gillian Francis on tel: 22314, Connie Johnson or Anita Legg on tel: 22590.

### Nomination Form Check Box

Candidates should ensure that they have included all of the following when submitting their Nomination:

Full name and signature of the Candidate

Full names and signatures of two Sponsors

Names and signatures of the Sponsors witnessed by the Returning Officer, an Assistant Returning Officer or a JP

Full names and signatures of five Supporters, all of which must be witnessed

Names and signatures of the Supporters witnessed by anyone on the Register of Electors effective from 27 August 2021.

**SHG**

**8 September 2021**