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Presents
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Project for
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Tristan Sends Delegate to Glasgow Climate Conference



Stephanie Martin, (extreme right) Tristan da Cunha's Environment and Conservation Policy Officer, at the COP26 Climate Conference in Glasgow. She is photographed with other British Overseas Territory representatives from British Virgin Islands, Anguilla Bermuda, Turks and Caicos and Cayman Islands.

Stephanie and the other five territory representatives are supporting the UK Overseas Territory Association (UKOTA) delegation at the two week conference. While in Glasgow the representatives will have access to the conference area which is reserved for government ministers and officials from 197 nations. Called the 'Blue Zone' the reserved area hosted the World Leader's Summit and is where the negotiations on climate change initiatives takes place.

On Tuesday, 2nd November, the territory representatives attended the Commonwealth Reception at the World Leaders' Summit; an event jointly hosted by the Prince of Wales and the UK Prime Minister. Tomorrow, Saturday, will be a busy day. UKOTA is hosting an event on Nature and Land Use Day, the subject will be how the UKOTs are taking action to counter and mitigate the effects of global warming and how they are safeguarding precious marine environments. Also on Saturday Bermuda's Deputy Premier is hosting a panel discussion in the UK Pavilion entitled 'Our Vision for Healthy Oceans'. A video presentation with the same name will be used at this event. The video will be available from Saturday on YouTube, the link is <https://youtu.be/X8keWKNrTb0>. The Territory representatives have also been involved with investor discussions on Attracting Clean Energy Investment in Small Island States, which was opened by the Rt. Hon. Patricia Scotland QC, Commonwealth Secretary-General. The delegation move on to London for more meetings scheduled from Monday 8th November.



Also tomorrow, Saturday, the COP26 Nature and Land Use Day will also feature the short film about St Helena's Cloud Forest produced by the International National Trusts Organisation (INTO) and filmed by Darrin and Sharon Henry.

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What The Saints Did
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We are excited to share a short film produced by International National Trusts Organisation @intoheritage about the #StHelena Cloud Forest Project! It will be premiered at the #COP26Glasgow climate conference Sat 6 Nov. Footage captured by #WTSDN buff.ly/3bu54YC



The schedule provided by INTO assumed the Cloud Forest filming would be completed in one day. The very wet weather and the time needed to upload the film to the UK meant the work took a week to complete.

RRS Sir David Attenborough Flies the Tristan Flag

Report from Tristan Government UK Representative Chris Carnegie

When the UK's new Royal Research Ship Sir David Attenborough visited London for a VIP event, the flag of Tristan da Cunha was prominently displayed on board. The vessel was on show ahead of its first voyage to the Antarctic, and among the guests on 28th October 2021 was the USA's Chargé d'Affaires in London, Philip T. Reeker. His photographs, shared on social media, reveal how Tristan's distinctive colours adorned the special occasion.



The smaller flag on the left is the British Antarctic Territory flag. The Tristan flag hangs behind the two people standing to the left in the photo. The man wearing a shirt and tie might be Tristan representative Chris Carnegie – the masks make it difficult to identify

Low turnout for Space Park Consultation

The first of two public consultation meetings on the OneWeb Space Park development application was held last night (Thursday) at the Harford Community Centre. Six people attended, including the Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Christine Scipio. With Christine was Jeffrey Ellick the Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs. Ex-Councillor Pamela Ward-Pearce was also there with her husband Andrew Pearce.

Questions were asked about the adequacy of the power supply by a representative from Connect – despite the Development and Building Control Division at SHG already having detailed discussions with Connect on that very subject. Another questioner asked how the proposed development fitted with the environmental policies in the Land Development Control Plan. A question followed suggesting photovoltaic panels might be the answer to the power supply issue.

It was reported that both ministers expressed misgivings about

the project. This is an interesting situation, particularly as Christine Scipio, Minister for Planning, appears to be setting herself in public against government staff for which she has a responsibility. If Christine Scipio continues to oppose the OneWeb Space Park she may like to prepare her speech explaining where the money will come from to pay for the annual costs of the Equiano Cable. If OneWeb is not contributing by paying to operate a ground station at Horse Point, the simple answer is that internet and phone users will have to foot the bill.

The Chief Planning Officer was at the meeting to present the development application and answer questions. Ismail Mohamed told the *Independent* after the meeting that he will write up a report and consider the questions raised in the context of material planning considerations as defined in the Land Development Control Ordinance. The Ordinance defines material considerations as relating to the use and development of land in the public interest; including such environmental, social and economic considerations as appear relevant in the circumstances. Economic considerations do not apply in UK planning law but they do in St Helena and economic considerations are extremely relevant in this case.

BRADLEYS OXYGEN PLANT UPDATE



The Oxygen Plant for Bradleys Hospital arrived on-Island in May 2021.

To date the Plant has been successfully situated onsite as part of the local civil works project being undertaken by Henry's Building Construction. The civil works are to be completed in advance of the underground oxygen pipework installation to each Intensive Care Unit and Hospital bed.

Due to the high global demand for oxygen-related supplies, there is an unprecedented material shortage and professionals in this area are extremely sought after. St Helena Government is working closely with Oxygen Plant Manufacturer Novair to ensure an early-2022 operational date.

Once the Oxygen Plant is operational it will enable the capability to provide piped oxygen at the Bradleys facility. In the meantime bottled oxygen continues to be available at Bradleys Hospital if needed by patients.

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Remebrance Sunday 2021

Remembrance Sunday falls on 14 November 2021.

On that day The Right Reverend Lord Bishop of St Helena Dale Bowers will conduct a Divine Service at the Cenotaph. His Excellency the Governor will attend.

All persons wishing to take part in the Divine Service are asked to assemble at the Cenotaph by no later than 10.40am.

It is on this day that we not only remember with gratitude those persons who fought and lost their lives in the violence of War but we also honour and pay tribute to those who served and survived these Wars.

A special place will be reserved at the Cenotaph for serving and ex-servicemen and women and also St Helenians who served on the old RMS St Helena during the 1982 Falklands War, and it is hoped that many will attend the Service.

There will be a First Aid Station on the deck of Donny's and those participating in the parade including spectators are welcome to make use of these facilities if required. You are also reminded to stay hydrated and drink plenty of water before and during the Service.

Please contact Crystal Maggott on telephone number 22470 at the Castle if further information is required.

Mrs Gillian Francis
Deputy Chief Secretary
The Castle, Jamestown
1 November 2021



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Editorial

I pulled a lot of information together from the Glasgow Climate Conference into a list showing some of what has happened so far. There is a constant stream of announcements about all sorts of new funding, new things to fund and things to be done in a different way. I don't mind admitting it; I'm confused about what is happening, why it's happening and when. That's if it happens at all. If there is space it will get printed in this edition and it may be of some assistance to readers who are interested enough and confused enough to read it.

A recent bit of information is that if all the agreements, deals and initiatives so far finalised are all completed as planned then the massive effort (of words at least) to keep global warming to within 1.5 degrees C will still be missed. There is still another week of Glasgow to go so prospects might improve but as things stand, if all commitments made are realised we can look forward to average temperatures increasing by 1.8 degrees C. That's better than the 2.7 degrees C that was calculated before the flood, or hurricane, of announcements that came down upon us this week like a massive piece of Antarctic ice breaking off. The down side is past experience tells us that only a few countries honour the commitments they made to the full. Most countries make some sort of effort but just shrug their shoulders when targets are missed; and then there are those that hardly bother at all. Keeping global warming down to a 1.8 degree C increase seems to be an impossibility.

As luck would have it, I came across a short but well informed article describing what is expected to happen if the 1.5 degree temperature increase turns out to be, in reality, a 3 degree C increase. As it happens, nearly two thirds of the scientists involved with the recent and biggest report on climate change threats and effects expect the increase to be 3 degrees C or more. There is no good news here. A 3 degree increase may be twice as much as a 1.5 degree increase but the effects of a 3 degree increase are expected to be four times as bad. The global annual average chance of a heat wave between 1981 and 2010 was about 5%. With a 1.5 degree C increase, 5% rises to a 30% chance; a 3 degree increase in temperature increases to the chances of a heat wave to 80% - which means we will be lucky to get a heat wave-free year. The same pattern of probability happens with floods and droughts. Droughts, by the way, are likely to increase at a faster rate across much of Africa. That's too close for comfort.

To keep up with this unhappy news we should also remember the danger, and importance, of 'tipping points'. This is an example of a "tipping point". Just think of the climate as a chair. It takes a strong push to tip over a chair stood on four legs, but when it's leaning on only two legs the required push becomes smaller. Indeed, if the inclination becomes large enough, it will tip over by itself. As climate change stands, it

is like a chair balancing on two legs. In terms of climate, a tipping point can lead to the Arctic becoming ice-free even in winter, the Amazon rainforest dying or the Tibetan Plateau becoming ice-free. This tipping point has already happened. The Sahara desert was green and fertile; that was 6,000 years ago. The river beds and sediment are still visible in places. It took just a few centuries for the Sahara to turn to desert as the rivers dried up and the dry soil blew away or turned to sand. Prosperous Bay Plain tells a similar story, except that happened more quickly as a direct result of the ravages of man rather than as a result of climate change, due to the ravages of man.

Last year we had the Judicial Relocation Project when Court Officials moved into what used to be the police station. The alterations and renovations for this project were paid for from the Economic Development Investment Programme. I'm sure there were good reasons for categorising this project as an investment in economic development – but I have a better idea.

The Namibian national cricket team have received a lot of publicity, support and good will recently after qualifying as one of the Super 12 in the T20 World Cup. Scotland achieved the same feat. Well done to them but their achievement is not the point. Cast your mind back three years to the World T20 Africa 'C' qualifiers. One headline in the international sport media read "Namibia and St Helena take charge on a record making day in Africa C qualifiers." The report opened with, "On an action-packed day 2 of the ongoing ICC World T20 Africa "C" qualifiers at BCA Oval grounds in Gaborone, Botswana, Namibia and St Helena remained unbeaten in the competition after notching up 3 wins in as many group matches played so far by both of them in the 7-nation tournament." There were many similar reports in the international media together with articles about the unknown St Helena cricket team who are punching well above their weight; excellent publicity for St Helena, all of it free. It can be argued convincingly that our cricket and football teams always give a good account of themselves and win the hearts and minds of the other sportsmen and women, organisers, promoters and media people they meet. They are a good and valuable advert for St Helena and should be supported with funding from the Economic Development Investment Programme so they can continue showing the world that St Helena is the place to visit or invest in because Saints can punch above their weight when required to do so.

**Have a good weekend
Vince**



Urs Steiner – an endangered species

Vince Thompson

Recently released from quarantine, Urs Steiner is now meeting people and checking out what has changed on the Island since his last visit. Urs (pronounced as 'verse' but without the 'v') runs a tourism and travel business in Lucerne, Switzerland. Herr Steiner must be one of just a handful of tour operators that have visited St Helena over the last 18 months or so. The population of tour operators has reduced so much we must now consider them endangered species.

There are several branches to his travel operations, all of them aimed at the specialist travel market. Journeys by ship; it could be a freighter or a sailing ship, or by train to Outer Mongolia; or an expedition which involved riding a camel across a vast expanse of desert. Also on offer, separately and with a very professionally presented website is *Insel Welten* or Island World. There is just one island in this particular world and that is St Helena.

INSELwelten.ch

Never one to miss an opportunity to gain publicity for St Helena, Urs is running a blog about his visit to St Helena; he will be here until the end of this month. His first blog describes his arrival at St Helena airport. "Immigration was done quickly and unbureaucratically with the advice that the £20 could then be paid to Immigration in Jamestown after the quarantine. The authorities don't really have to be afraid that they might run off the island unseen." The queue for the COVID-19 test and the queue for the transport to the place of quarantine are mentioned, and then, "Ähh Steiner" (my first name Urs is not really suitable for foreign countries ...) was called. I can come with you. Outside there was a minibus with a driver, dressed as if the Ebola epidemic was raging on

the island and we still had the plague at the same time. Five of us were taken to one of the buses that would take us to each of the quarantine homes in Jamestown. One last, almost half-hour drive before freedom of movement would be massively restricted for the next ten days. I hope the landlady has not forgotten to put my pre-ordered purchases in the fridge and freezer."

Urs looked fit, healthy and well fed when we met at the Consulate, appreciatively digesting one of Roy's club sandwiches. Urs had already been to the Orange Tree Restaurant and was planning other restaurant visits to update his knowledge of Island facilities. His first visit to St Helena was 20 years ago and he has nurtured a strong attachment to the Island ever since. As we left I introduced Urs to Neil and Deborah Fantom. Within seconds arrangements were being made for Urs to visit Wrangham's to try the excellent cuisine on offer there.



Urs Steiner, after enjoying a light lunch at the Consulate

FROM THE POLICE

During the week of Monday, 25, to Sunday, 31 October 2021, St Helena Police dealt with a total of 40 reports, resulting in three arrests.

One person was arrested for grievous bodily harm and has been bailed to return to Police pending further investigations. Two persons were arrested for driving whilst over the prescribed limit, one of which was charged to appear before the Magistrates' Court.

Other reports made related to theft, complaint against staff, road traffic offences, concern for safety, breach of the peace, and a person missing from home.

During the week Police proactively carried out a number of community engagements as well as serving summons. Until next time, have a good week and stay safe.

St Helena Police are appealing to the public for information relating to a house burglary in the Alarm Forest area (opposite Gordons Post) which is suspected to have occurred on Tuesday, 5 October 2021.

If anyone has any information, or witnessed any suspicious activity in this area during this time please do not hesitate to contact Police.

Any information can be provided in the strictest of confidence to Police Constable, Sebastian Williams, on tel: 22626 or email: sebastian.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh or to any Officer on duty at the time.

St Helena Government (SHG) has temporarily suspended works and temporarily closed the site at the Port Control, Customs and Biosecurity Main Container Yard at Ruperts following a review which resulted in a referral to the St Helena Police Service.

SHG is unable to comment any further whilst Police enquiries are ongoing.

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The New Ministers and Their Responsibilities

Vince Thompson

Julie Thomas - Chief Minister and Minister for Education, Skills and Employment

As Chief Minister, Julie Thomas has chosen to take on additional responsibilities for the directorate which is probably the least political and contentious of all five directorates. As Chief Minister she will work most closely with the Chief Secretary who is the Head of the Public Service, however, unlike the Chief Minister the Chief Secretary does not have the additional responsibility of heading any of the five directorates. Julie will lead on proposals to Legislative Council for new policies and legislation relating to primary and secondary education, lifelong learning including the St Helena Community College and Career Access St Helena (CASH) together with the St Helena Research Institute, teacher training, the public library. Also the Inclusion Service, which provides support for children and young people with special educational needs or disability. It is expected that Julie Thomas will answer questions raised in Legislative Council on any matter concerning education, skills and employment as well as by one of the two scrutiny committees.



Major issues on education are not often raised in the public domain. In August 2020 there was a performance audit published by Audit St Helena – the independent external government auditor – their headline conclusion was, “There is significant room for improvement in St Helena’s schools’ performance, says Chief Auditor.” More recently there has been further concern about a small number of schoolchildren bringing cannabis, alcohol and cigarettes with them to school. There is also suspicion that non-prescription drugs are misused. Both these issues are longstanding and recurring, being the subject of discussion at the old Education Committee on several occasions. It will be interesting to see if there will now be improvement in at least one of them.

Mark Brooks – Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development

Mark Brooks will work with Nicholas Yon on Treasury issues. These issues include accounting services, procurement, company registry, post and customer service and benefits. While government accounts are listed among his treasury responsibilities the annual government budget, its review, revised estimates and forecasts are not mentioned. It may be the Chief Minister has retained responsibility for the budget or its possible the Financial Secretary has retained overall control and will continue to present the budget to Legislative Council. This is a point which requires clarification.

The infrastructure responsibilities include project management, property and housing, land registry, rockfall, roads and building maintenance. There is much in that bundle of responsibilities which may not go as planned and Mark will be the one who will need to explain the reasons why.

Sustainable development covers issues involving the work of the government economist, export trade and investment, developments in the digital sphere, marketing, air access and the visitor information service. These responsibilities too, have

the potential to become hot potatoes. Export trade and investment will require Mark to exhibit drive and initiative of heroic proportions. Air access and digital developments, which presumably includes Sure and OneWeb are both top priorities at present. No minister has specifically listed responsibility for state owned entities; it would fit well will Mark and Nicholas Yon, or Dax Richards.

Mark Brooks’ final communication in the *Independent* before the general election was in support of cryptocurrency. This is a new and revolutionary way to handle money transactions, without using money. It operates completely outside the traditional banking system and is unregulated. As the minister with treasury responsibilities, Mark is likely to have long and detailed discussions with Nicholas Yon if he pursues this proposal. Many are very doubtful about using cryptocurrency and especially wary of St Helena getting involved with it. One *Independent* correspondent wrote, “crypto currencies are nothing less than an outright attack at governments’ currency monopoly which at some point of time will be defended. Only this week China declared crypto transactions illegal” and continued, “Apart from crypto currencies undermining government authority they are also known to be criminals’ and terrorists’ preferred payment method which is why more restrictions or even bans are expected in the long term. Even if not banned on St Helena any such intervention by foreign government will immediately send the crypto prices tumbling (as happened last week when the Chinese stepped in) and put bitcoin miners out of business instantly just because the price falls below their individual mining cost (which will always be cheaper somewhere in the world than on the island).” We don’t need to fully understand all of that to get the clear idea the whole thing is ‘speculative’ or more likely, exceedingly dodgy.



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Martin Henry – Minister for Health and Social Care

Most will agree that of all the government services it is health services which are most often the subject of discussion in the street or anywhere else you care to mention. Of all the five ministry positions it seems Martin holds the hottest potato of them all. Health services for which Martin is answerable include medical, dental, community health, mental health, environmental health and laboratory services. On the Social Care side the services include children's, adult's, residential, sheltered accommodation, probation, disability and community and the safe haven. There is a need for significant investment in improved facilities for several of these services; Martin will have his work cut out winning some of the limited money available to gain some improvements - from whoever it is that's responsible for the overall government budget.

Jeffery Ellick – Minister Safety Security and Home Affairs

Jeffrey presides over police operations and investigations, the control and contact centre, HM prison services, fire and rescue, sea rescue, emergency planning, HM customs, immigration, port control/harbour and the maritime authority. All of these services are important and it is important they run smoothly. They normally do, on the whole; everything considered.

Christine Scipio – Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning

Christine has a wide variety of responsibilities ranging from marine conservation to planning and building control. Also included in her portfolio are environmental risk management, environmental protection, terrestrial conservation, agriculture, forestry, fisheries, bio-security and water and energy policy. It's a big bagful of government services, not all of them fit together in a natural or logical way. Planning and building control might have fitted better with Sustainable Development but Christine did work in the Development Control Office before being elected to Legislative Council. Is it possible we will now get the various vital and important plans underway? No-one has to look far before finding authoritative and well considered professional advice which includes something such as, "The land use-planning function must be viewed as an integral part of the national development process that cannot be viewed in isolation from the other critical elements of that process, namely social and economic planning." A well resourced land and development control function is as vital to economic development as a Bank which can offer all the services expected for businesses of today to flourish. At the moment we have neither. Marine conservation and Blue Belt development are very 'public' responsibilities and fisheries has a long and difficult history which is of special interest to Christine's Chief Minister.



Expressions of Interest for Human Resources Consultant

The St Helena National Trust warmly welcomes expressions of interest for a Human Resources Consultant to help update our HR policies and procedures to ensure they reflect current best practice and respond to the needs of our growing organisation in a supportive, proactive way.

We are looking for an HR Consultant who:

- Has practical experience in Human Resources
- Has updated workplace policies in similar sized organisations
- Understands St Helena's employment laws
- Knows the latest developments in people management

Interested persons should send a CV outlining their experience to Amanda Constantine, Office Manager, by Friday 12 November 2021 at

amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

For more information please contact Mike Jervois, Director, on 22197 or email mike.jervois@trust.org.sh



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2021

Date: Tuesday 9 November 2021

Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Where: Education Learning Centre, Jamestown

Join us for our AGM to celebrate our achievements of the 2020-21 year, learn about our work, and hear our exciting future plans with the launch of our new 5-year strategy.

Those wishing to join the Trust Council are kindly requested to inform the Office Manager in advance of the AGM. Society members must, by notice in writing to the Office Manager, nominate the person who may vote or stand for election on its behalf at the AGM.

Our financial and annual reports are available online:

<http://www.trust.org.sh/impact/>

Or contact Office Manager, Amanda Constantine
amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or 22190
Broadway House, Jamestown

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RAYMOND YON
15.03.48 – 3.9.21

The family of the late Raymond Yon, would like to extend thanks to everyone, both here and overseas for their messages of comfort received after his passing.

Special thanks, to the medical team at the General Hospital who cared for him and ensured that Ray, was as comfortable as possible, during his last days.

Thanks also extended to everyone who assisted in any way, with the funeral arrangements and Service. Ray was a sociable person and always said that he lived his life to the full.

*'Sadly missed along life's way
Quietly remembered everyday
No longer in our life to share
But in our hearts, you're always there'*

May he rest in Peace and Rise in Glory

THANK YOU

The family of the late Percy Nathaniel Yon would like to thank everyone for their love and support following the passing of their loved one.

We would like to take this opportunity to say 'Thank you' to the Medical Staff for their care, Fr. Ernest Fritz and Bishop Dale Bowers for their visits to Percy during his short stay in Hospital. To Deacon Clarence Roberts for conducting the funeral service and burial; Mrs Joy George for playing the organ and Mr Gavin Ellick for playing the guitar at the graveside. Mrs Cheryl Anthony for reading the lesson, Mr Tony Green for reading the Eulogy, Mr Roy Williams and his team. Also, to those who contributed flowers, and to Mr & Mrs Colin Lawrence, Miss Fiona Duncan for making the wreaths and Mrs Barbara Osborne for making of posies. Our appreciation goes to all who sent cards, your telephone calls and words of comfort, and to all who attended the funeral service.

Finally huge thanks to the team at Printech for the printing of the service sheets, and to Mrs Sonia Lawrence for providing refreshments to the family after the service.

Percy was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend who was taken away from us so suddenly. We miss him so much.

Until we meet again, May he rest in peace.

*Those we Love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near.
Loved, still missed and very dear.*



HE GOVERNOR DECLARES PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO CELEBRATE THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE

In an Extraordinary Gazette issued yesterday, HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook has declared that Friday, 3 June 2022, shall be observed as an additional Public Holiday to celebrate Her Majesty The Queen's Platinum Jubilee.

In 2022, Her Majesty The Queen will become the first British Monarch to celebrate a Platinum Jubilee (70 years of service) having acceded to the throne on 6 February 1952 when Her Majesty was 25 years old.

The Gazette can be found on the St Helena Government website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/news/government-gazettes/>.

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PRESS RELEASE

27,000 Hour Service for Power Station Generators

Arriving on the last voyage of the MV Helena were two engineers from Barloworld, who, along with Connect personnel will be performing a complete overhaul of two of the larger generators at the Power Station. Once these generators have run for 27,000 hours (equivalent to just over 3 years), it is a requirement that they undergo a complete service which means dismantling the engines down to the engine block to assess all components and replace parts such as cylinder liners, pistons and bearings.



Engine cylinder head manifold stripped and cylinder head units taken out



Engine block taken out

Due to travel restrictions in 2020, caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Barloworld engineers were unable to travel to St Helena, so only small remedial maintenance was conducted on one of these generators who had reached the 27,000 hours running time. The pandemic also impacted upon supply chains, so obtaining genuine spares in the right quantities continue to be a logistical challenge.

In an effort to ensure a continuous production of electricity, with minimal disruption to all consumers, generators will be overhauled one at a time.



Damage on one cylinder head unit

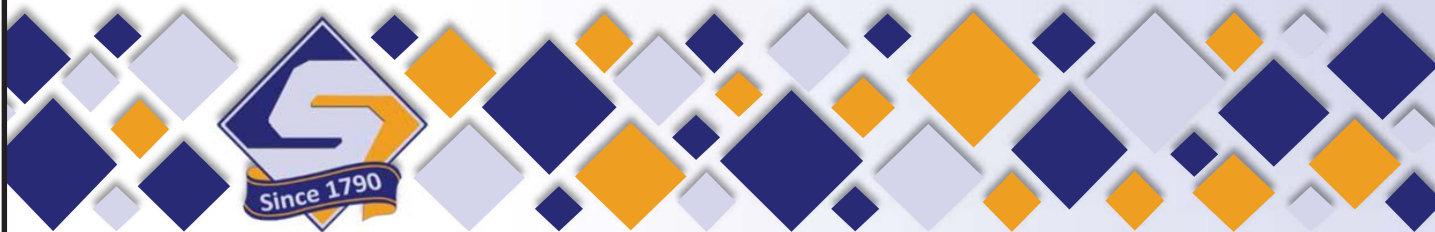


Cracked cylinder liner

The engineers will be on Island until 22 December 2021 and during their stay will provide as much familiarisation and on the job training in this aspect of their work.

03 November 2021





Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

has a Vacancy for a

Financial Services & Systems Manager

This is a high profile, leadership position as a member of the Company's Corporate Management Team.

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- Financial technical skills and abilities and able to train and develop accounting technicians and the wider finance team
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For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Mandy Peters, Chief Executive Officer, on telephone number 22380, or via email: CEO@solomons.co.sh

Application forms can be collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, an electronic copy can be requested via email address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to Mandy Peters, Chief Executive Officer, or via email address CEO@solomons.co.sh by **Tuesday, 09 November 2021**

VACANCIES AT BANK OF ST HELENA



Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit suitable persons to fill the vacant positions of Senior Lending Clerk and Bank Teller. Both of these positions are highly customer service focused. The successful candidates must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should also have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others and as part of the wider Bank Team. As the Bank continues to evolve so do job roles, hence a positive attitude to accepting new assignments are an important feature when working within the Bank.

Senior Lending Clerk Commencing at £11,184 pa

The main duties of this post includes:

- To ensure all loan applications received are accurately completed, all supporting documentation is included and that loans are processed in line with the Bank's policies and procedures;
- To ensure key principles of professional credit management are maintained and the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Liaising with clients throughout the loan approval process providing a high standard of customer service;
- Analysing loan applications in line with Bank's Policies and Procedures, to ensure they meet the Lending criteria;
- Liaising with clients to ensure they are compliant with the terms and conditions of their Facility Agreements.

Interested persons can contact Isabel Winfield, Lending Services Manager on 22390 for more information.

Bank Teller Commencing at £7,896 pa

The main duties of this post include:

- Providing excellent customer service to all customers;
- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services, checking of work and support the Customer Services function;
- Provide support to other Sections within the Bank as required.

Interested persons can contact Auriel Williams, Teller Supervisor or Diana Benjamin, Operations Manager on 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources and Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 19 November 2021.

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(1 Permanent position and 1 Fixed-term position (1 year))
(Central Support Services)

Do you have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with the ability to work independently? Are you fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services? The Transport section are seeking to employ mechanics to join their team to perform repairs and maintenance of their government vehicles and heavy plant equipment.

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

- Certification in modern mechanical techniques
- Valid drivers licence in A and C
- 3 years practical experience in modern mechanical techniques
- Some experience in welding

We offer the following:

Salary: £9,043 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence

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

Mr Theodore Fowler, Garage Manager on telephone number 23065 or email: garage.manager@helanta.co.sh

To access the [Job Profile](#) and [Application forms](#) online visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies or alternatively, both are available from:

Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Karen Thomas Senior Human Resources Assistant, the Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Monday 15 November 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

ASSISTANT COOK— GENERAL HOSPITAL

(Health and Social Care Portfolio)

The Health Services has an opportunity for an Assistant Cook to join their team to assist with the preparation of nutritious and appetising meals for Hospital inpatients, and for keeping the Hospital Kitchen and serving area clean. If you have an understanding of food handling and safe storage, we would like to hear from you.

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

- Functional Skills Level 1 in Literacy and Numeracy
- A Minimum of 2 years experience in preparing and serving food

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,722 per annum
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme

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

Mrs Sophia Abrahams, Community Nursing Officer on telephone number 22500 or email: sophia.abrahams@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Corporate Human Resources. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Karen Thomas Senior Human Resources Assistant, the Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **Tuesday 9 November 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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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST CHARITY COMMISSIONER

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being sought for the position of Commissioner of the Charity Commission of St Helena.

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

Some of the functions include encouraging and facilitating better management of charitable organisations, and ensuring compliance with legal obligations, investigating mismanagement and misconduct of operations where required.

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

The appointment term is for a period of three years.

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

The EOI form to register an interest in serving as a Commissioner can be downloaded from the St Helena Government (SHG) website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/> (scroll down to the Expressions of Interest/Forms section) or alternatively, the form can be obtained from the Information & Research Support Officer via the contact details above.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information & Research Support Officer by Friday, 12 November 2021.

SHG

19 October 2021



Property Auction



At 12:00pm December 11, 2021, at Pub Paradise, Longwood

1. Bar and restaurant with residential accommodation and car park formerly known as Pub Paradise, Longwood. Suitable for commercial or residential development subject to planning permission. Reserve Price £191,250.00
2. Large Residential property in the sort after area of Cleughs Plain with ocean views. 3 bedrooms including master with en-suite, large main bathroom, kitchen, dining room, lounge, garage within large garden. Reserve Price £109,225.00
3. Watertight Residential property at Gordon's Post, Alarm Forrest offers privacy with outstanding views. The property is unfinished 2 bedrooms, large open plan kitchen/ diner with toilet and separate bathroom. Reserve Price £83,810.00
4. Partially constructed large residential property in Deadwood with large grounds. The property provides the opportunity to develop a large 3- or 4-bedroom property. Reserve Price £33,575.00

Open days to view the properties start November 2021 along with the sales pack for each property. All successful purchasers at the auction will need to pay a non-refundable 10% deposit on the day for each property purchased with the balance to be paid within 20 working days (no exceptions). Deposit payments can be made by cash, local debit card or bank transfer.

For further details email Derek Pedley at: derek@dps.co.sh

Job Vacancy

IP-Networks Technician, Ascension Island

Sure Ascension, SA Ltd has an exciting opportunity for the position of IP-Networks Technician. The role involves installing and maintaining data and IT systems including the ISP, Local Network, Company and Customer IT equipment, Hardware and Software.

Qualifications and experience:

- 5 years experience in Telecommunications technical role, or IT.
- Be qualified in a relevant field to National Diploma level or IT related subject is desirable.
- Technical knowledge and experience required in transmission systems, radio/satellite systems, UPS systems and Standby Power Plant.
- MS Office proficient, good communication skills, analytical and organisation skills are paramount.
- Must be able to adapt to working in a small team in a relatively remote location.

Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience.

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

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure offers.

For more information contact Mario Anthony on T: +247 66466, E: Mario.Anthony@sure.com. Application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Obinna Okali on T: +247 66802, E: obinna.okali@sure.com.

Applications should be submitted to Obinna Okali on the above email by **4pm 08 November 2021**.



**St Helena
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VACANCY

2 x General Operatives

(Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio)

Working as part of the Roads Team, the General Operative will assist the Chargehand with general maintenance of machinery, assembly of site huts and assisting building, cleaning and general maintenance of all roads island-wide.

If you are physically fit, a good communicator and an effective team player, the Roads & Building Maintenance Section has an opportunity for you to join their team

We offer the following:

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

- Literacy and Numeracy qualification Level 1 or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- 2 years' experience in road works

Salary: B1 £6,722 per annum

Leave: 25 days per annum

Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Paid Sickness Absence

Flexible working hours scheme

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

Darin Francis, Construction & Maintenance Supervisor on telephone number 23640 or email: roads.supervisor2@helanta.co.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 17 November 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.



OneWeb

OneWeb provides broadband connectivity for the hardest to reach places on earth from a constellation of satellites in Low Earth Orbit.

Now we're excited to extend our footprint into the South Atlantic.

Photo by QuadSAT

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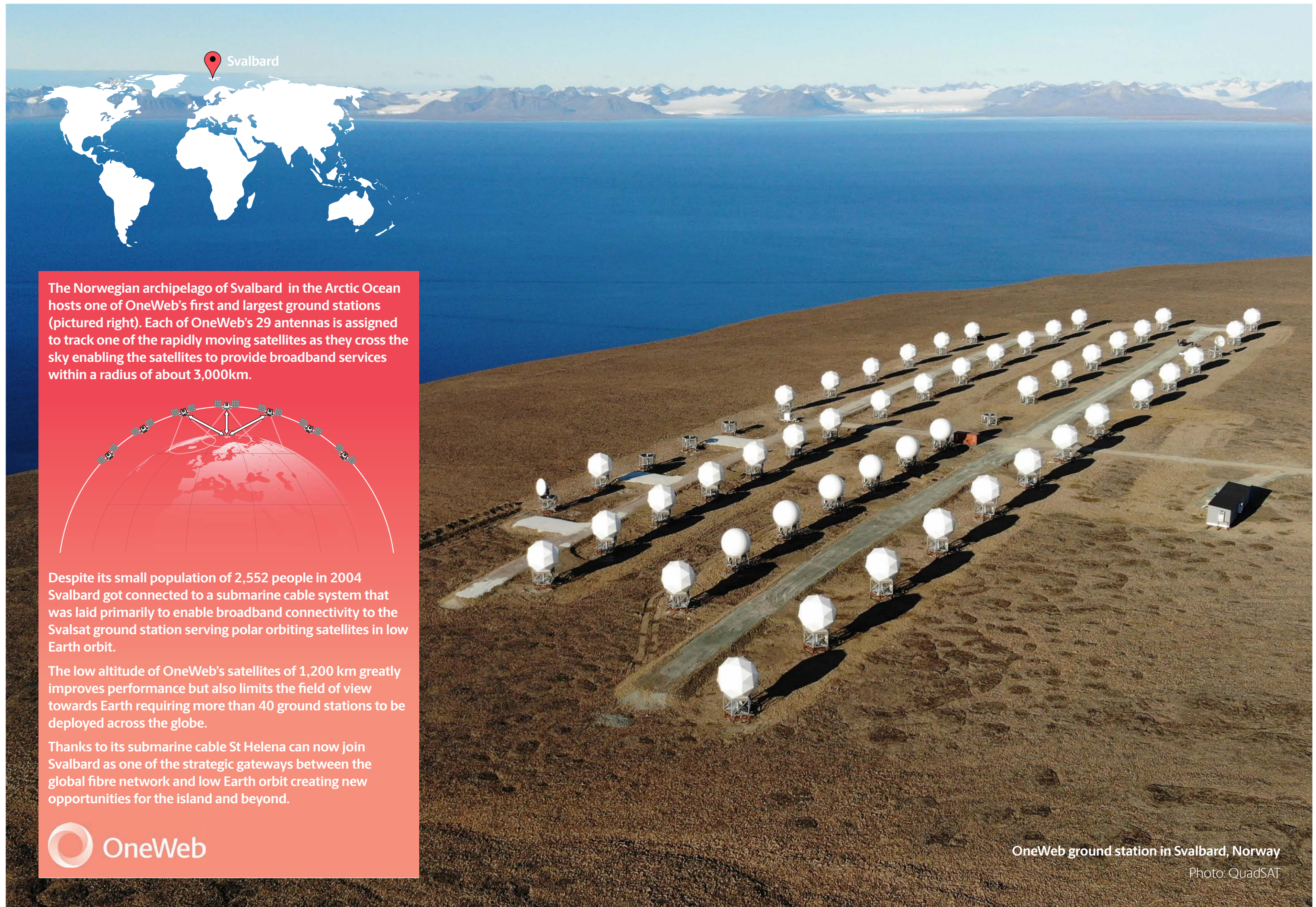
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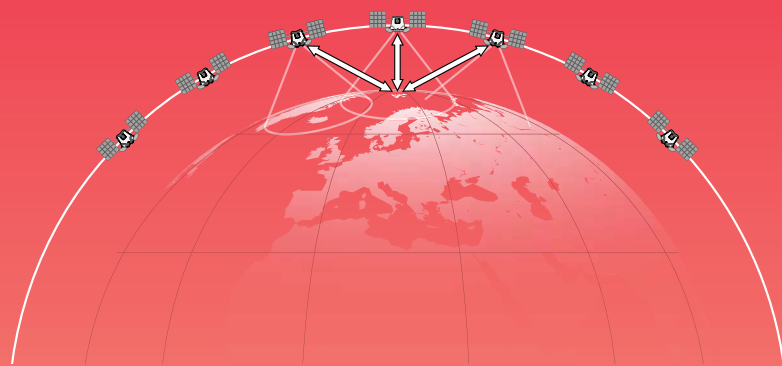
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Svalbard

The Norwegian archipelago of Svalbard in the Arctic Ocean hosts one of OneWeb's first and largest ground stations (pictured right). Each of OneWeb's 29 antennas is assigned to track one of the rapidly moving satellites as they cross the sky enabling the satellites to provide broadband services within a radius of about 3,000km.



Despite its small population of 2,552 people in 2004 Svalbard got connected to a submarine cable system that was laid primarily to enable broadband connectivity to the Svalsat ground station serving polar orbiting satellites in low Earth orbit.

The low altitude of OneWeb's satellites of 1,200 km greatly improves performance but also limits the field of view towards Earth requiring more than 40 ground stations to be deployed across the globe.

Thanks to its submarine cable St Helena can now join Svalbard as one of the strategic gateways between the global fibre network and low Earth orbit creating new opportunities for the island and beyond.



OneWeb ground station in Svalbard, Norway

Photo: QuadSAT



Hello Saints!

Soon St. Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha will finally be connected to the world.

We know that so much of the world remains unconnected. And even where connectivity does exist, often it's too sporadic or inefficient to be reliable.

OneWeb is helping to solve this problem with our global communications network - a constellation of 650 Low Earth Orbit (LEO) satellites to deliver high-speed, low latency internet services.

At strategic points around the world, we are building Ground Stations (or Satellite Network Portals) which require high-speed fibre connectivity to link our satellites to the internet extending broadband service beyond the reach of terrestrial networks.

St. Helena has been chosen as one of a few strategic places on the world map to host this facility and we are excited to have submitted planning permission to the Government of St. Helena. Pending government approval, St. Helena will welcome a OneWeb Ground Station in 2022.

While OneWeb will be a committed digital partner to all Islanders, we believe in business partnerships too.

The ground station will become a major bandwidth consumer taking up excess capacity of St. Helena's recently landed submarine cable. It will also be one of the largest electricity consumers on the island, providing steady revenue streams to the local utility company which will accelerate the payback of the renewables project and St. Helena's transition to 100% renewable energy.

The reliable access to connectivity provided by our station will benefit the South Atlantic region by:

- **Closing the digital divide:** OneWeb will extend better connectivity to parts of Africa and St. Helena's sister islands, allowing some of the world's remotest communities to join the information age.
- **Maritime safety:** Access to high resolution weather reports and Marine Safety Information Bulletins will contribute to safer oceans along some of the world's busiest shipping lanes.
- **Aviation safety:** Broadband satellite internet enables real-time weather information for pilots and enables live black boxes – making air travel outside of controlled air space safer.
- **Situational awareness:** High bandwidth onboard coast guard and navy vessels supports the fight against piracy and illegal fishing.
- **Environmental protection:** Natural habitats of the oceans, coasts and wildlife will benefit through better monitoring and enforcement of environmental requirements.

We will make every effort to ensure that the ground station becomes a safe haven for local wildlife too. With the security fence excluding cats, rats, and rabbits as well as off-road drivers, significant ecological restoration, and conservation of endemic invertebrates and the 'Wirebird' could be achieved at Horse Point Plain, eventually rendering our ground station into a reservation for St. Helena's national bird.

This isn't a story just about OneWeb. It's about powering your sustainable economy and enabling residents of underserved communities, including Tristan da Cunha, to finally be connected to the world with high-quality internet.

For further information please contact: communications@oneweb.net

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

CHAIRPERSON OF PUBLIC ACCOUNTS COMMITTEE

The Governor's Office invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the position of Chairperson of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC).

St Helena has now moved to a new Ministerial Government. Whilst Council Committees no longer exist, the PAC continues as an important body tasked by the Constitution of St Helena, Ascension & Tristan da Cunha to examine and report to Legislative Council on the Government's audited annual statement of accounts, management letters and reports. The PAC acts independently and is not subject to the direction or control of the Governor, the Executive Council or any other person or authority.

The remuneration for this position is £2,250 per annum, paid quarterly in arrears. A mileage allowance of 65p per mile will be paid for use of personal vehicles in connection with attending meetings or carrying out any work on behalf of the PAC. In addition, a monthly payment of £13.31, (equivalent to the current cost of a 'lite' broadband package) provided by Sure South Atlantic Ltd, will be paid as a contribution towards internet costs incurred in connection with the role.

If you are interested in becoming the first Chairperson of the PAC under the new Ministerial Government please contact Information & Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at the Castle on tel: 22470 or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh for the relevant EOI form, which is also available on the St Helena Government website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

It is important that the role is filled promptly, therefore completed EOIs should be submitted to the Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, via email: Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk by no later than Friday, 12 November 2021.

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

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
2 November 2021



NOVEMBER OPENING HOURS



Main Branch

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

Wharf Kiosk

Thursday and Friday		09:00 - 14:30
Saturday	20 November	08:45 - 12:30
Saturday	27 November	08:45 - 12:30

Remote Banking

ANRD, Scotland	Monday	22 November	09:30 - 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Tuesday	23 November	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday	24 November	09:30 - 14:00



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Richard Gardner,
Building Services Manager
 on telephone number: 22739
 or via email address:
 bsm@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 Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 16 November 2021

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

Carpenter

Within the Building Works Department

Job Outline

Construct, repair, restore and install structural woodwork and related materials which requires the use of standard carpentry tools and carpentry bench machinery.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be competent in Maths & English
- Ideally have NVQ Level 2 or equivalent in Carpentry
- Have at least 3 years' experience working within the Carpentry field
- Have a Safety Awareness Certificate, or have undertaken Health & Safety on the worksite training and have the ability to carry out risk assessments
- Be knowledgeable of tools, equipment and materials common to the carpentry trade
- Have the ability to operate power & hand tools
- Have skills in construction, repair, restoration & installation of wood or related materials, including cabinet-making techniques
- Be able to make assessments of job requirements, estimate material requirements and provide method statements
- Be able to follow technical drawing plans
- Have a clean & valid Driver's License in classes A & C

Salary for the position is **£9,539.88** per annum (£794.99 per month)



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

Foreman

Within the Building Works Department

Job Outline

To supervise and work alongside staff in the delivery of building services in accordance with plans, policies and Health & Safety requirements, and to coordinate operations and oversee workers at construction sites.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have a minimum of 3 years' experience as a qualified tradesperson
- Have proven experience as a Construction Foreman and the ability to organise and lead a team
- Be knowledgeable of and able to perform hands on construction and carpentry works
- Be computer literate and knowledgeable in the use of Microsoft Office Applications
- Have the ability to understand drawings, and plans and ensure job specifications are met accordingly
- Have in-depth knowledge of construction procedures, equipment and HSE guidelines
- Be able to motivate and mentor staff members
- Be able to produce estimates, costing and quotation for jobs
- Be aware of quality standards ensuring completed works meet requirements
- Be in possession of a clean and valid Drivers' License in classes A & C

Salary for the position is **£11,701.39** per annum (£975.12 per month)

100 YEARS OF GIRL GUIDING ON ST HELENA 1921-2021

Culture Night



Girlguiding's annual Culture Night this year celebrated 100 Years Girlguiding St Helena and was organised by Half-Tree-Hollow unit and held at Prince Andrew School in the presence of parents, our President and Guiding Family.

The room was adorned with photo collages of guiding over the last 100 years showing royal visits, church parades, St Helena day celebrations, marching, camping, other parades, meetings, events and general fun things to do with Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and Rangers. There was also a board where previous members of Guiding could leave a message to say how Guiding had affected their lives.

Each unit was given, in advance, a decade to represent and could arrange activities or entertainment relevant to that era. Units showed a great deal of skill and ingenuity in their choice and interpretation of their remit. Unfortunately, due to a virus there were several absentees on the night, but the show went on.

Jamestown Brownies started the evening with a skit of how they imagined life on the island in the 1920's and 1930's using lots of local dialect and props. Following which the whole unit performed the Charleston.

Next up were the Trefoil Guild and Guide Council representing the 1940's and 1950's who started with an uncanny Winston Churchill lookalike delivering a rousing speech followed by The Lambeth Walk then a medley of popular wartime songs.

The 1960's was the next decade and it was the turn of the hosts Half-Tree-Hollow and they did not disappoint they danced the Twist which was followed by a surprise guest appearance of Elvis.

Changes on island in the 1970's included shipping and the RMS, decimalisation and our own currency were some of the themes drawn on by Longwood for their songs accompanied by big hair, vibrant costumes and platform shoes.



The real troopers were St Pauls Brownies, who were the final act showcasing the 21st Century. They were sadly depleted due to over half their number succumbing to a virus but in true showbiz traditions they carried on, with some assistance, dropping their activity but singing their song about what Guiding means to them.

The finale was the singing of Rainbow, Brownie and then Guides Taps.

The evening was declared not just a huge success but also a lot of fun by audience and performers alike.

Forthcoming events – Honouring our Founder Mrs Winnifred Walcott, Celebrating all previous Leaders and Helpers, a Parade and a Fun Run.



All Hallows Eve or Halloween

Vince Thompson

The eve of All Saints Day or an evening associated with old, ugly and evil witches; take your pick. Halloween is a tangle of Pagan and Christian traditions, a thanksgiving day or an opportunity for kids to beg for sweets, and an ever increasing opportunity for some businesses to make some money.

For Christians, All Saints Day (or All Hallows Day) celebrates all the saints who have died and are now in heaven. This celebration goes back to the 4th Century. All Hallows Eve was spent fasting and in prayer in preparation for All Hallows Day on the following day, 1st November. On the Pagan side, it was a three day ancient Celtic festival called *Samhain* and marks the end of the harvest season and the beginning of winter or the “darker-half” of the year. Witches also celebrate 31st October to mark the change of the seasons and give thanks to the Sun God for the harvest. It is celebrated with candles, music, bonfires and food. It is also a time to celebrate life and remember those who’ve died.

The hollowed out pumpkin with a face cut into the skin and a light inside originates in Irish folklore. The story goes, there was a mean and crafty Irishman who earned for himself the name ‘Stingy Jack’. This Jack is the one who gave us jack-o’-lantern. Stingy Jack has a drink with the Devil but mean old Jack was too stingy to pay for his drink. He tricked the Devil so he avoided having to pay. The following year Stingy Jack tricked the Devil again, in a different way but for the same reason. Stingy Jack eventually died, of course, but God did not want this devious character in heaven and the

Devil was still upset about the tricks Stingy Jack played on him. The Devil would not let him into Hell, instead he gave Stingy Jack a burning coal to light his way as he wandered as a spirit in the darkness. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and has been roaming the Earth with ever since. The Irish began to refer to this ghostly figure as “Jack of the Lantern,” and then, simply “Jack O’ Lantern.”

Trick or treating also originates in ancient Celtic Pagan traditions. The change from summer to winter (northern hemisphere) was thought of as a time when spirits, fairies and the souls of the dead came among the world of the living. They were calmed with offerings of food and drink by those who still had breath in their bodies. From this belief it is thought a tradition gained popularity where people impersonated the spirits, or the souls of the dead, and received offerings on their behalf. Another suggestion is the impersonators represented the old spirits of the winter, who demanded reward in exchange for good fortune.

Now, in the 21st century, Halloween or All Hallows Eve, whether Christian or Pagan – it doesn’t matter – means an opportunity for businesses to make money. With total spending on 31st October set to break through £500 million in the UK this year it is still a long way behind the £7.3 billion estimated to be spent on the United States. Halloween is now following closely behind the other religious festivals of Christmas and Easter as the 3rd biggest spending bonanza for shops and on-line retailers.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Use microwaves and
toaster ovens to cook
or warm leftovers.
You’ll use less
energy than cooking
with a conventional
oven.



A modern witch, this one’s from Romania, are weary of the image witches have as ugly, evil old hags.



5th November 1605 – The Most Famous Act of Terrorism in History

Vince Thompson

The bonfires and fireworks displays of today are rooted in a tradition that started on January 21 1606, when an Act of Parliament was passed to appoint November 5 each year as a day of thanksgiving

The most famous act of terrorism in history was a low tech affair. It involved 36 barrels of gunpowder stacked in a vault under the Houses of Parliament. The vault was rented by one of the 12 conspirators in this terrorism plan. The plan was to blow up the Houses of Parliament when King James 1st attended for the opening ceremony. The plan was delayed due to the opening ceremony being delayed on a number of occasions. There was an epidemic spreading across England in 1605. For the seventh time since 1350 the Black Death was claiming lives left right and centre; far more lives than 36 barrels of gunpowder could manage. Delay meant a few more people knew about the plot. A relative of one of the conspirators sent an unsigned letter to King James warning him not to attend the opening of parliament. Suspicions were raised, the cellars of the Houses of Parliament search and the gunpowder found.

Guy Fawkes, who had the responsibility of managing the explosives and lighting the fatal fuse, was found in the early hours of November 5 1605. He was captured, questioned and eventually tortured to extract a confession. The other plotters were summarily rounded up, killed or arrested and later hung, drawn and quartered. The year after the failed plot, Londoners were encouraged to light bonfires to commemorate King James' survival. This tradition continues each year with Guy Fawkes – Britain's most famous terrorist – annually punished through effigies ("Guys") that are burnt on the top of bonfires.

Religion at the heart of it, again

Under Protestant Queen Elizabeth I, many Catholics had suffered religious persecution. King James was also Protestant but his mother – Mary Queen of Scots – had been Catho-

lic, leaving many hopeful that he would be a more religiously tolerant monarch.

Upon his coronation in 1603 King James failed to reverse the anti-Catholic laws. Instead he began to order Catholic priests to leave the country and increased oppression further by introducing legislation which refused Catholics the right to receive rent or make wills.

In response, Robert Catesby, an English Catholic and the leader of the gunpowder plot, started to plan King James' assassination. He thought that killing the King would incite a popular revolt whereby the throne would be returned to a Catholic – James' daughter Princess Elizabeth.

Catesby began to assemble a group of like-minded individuals who had the will and expertise to carry out his ideas. Guy Fawkes was recruited in April 1604 by Catesby's cousin, Thomas Wintour, in Flanders. He was enlisted for his specific skill set – he was an explosives expert who had been fighting for the Spanish army. The rest, as they say, is history.



From left; Thomas Bates, Robert Wintour, Christopher Wright, John Wright, Thomas Percy, Guy (Guido) Fawkes, Robert Catesby and Thomas Wintour



The Armada Portrait of Elisabeth I



Lewes, Sussex is famous for its 5th November commemorations involving the whole town



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Youth Games 2021

Date	Event	Venue	Time
Tuesday 9th November	Athletics	Francis Plain	4:15pm
Thursday 11th November	Athletics	Francis Plain	4:15pm
Friday 12th November Opening Ceremony	Basketball Pool	New Horizons	5pm
Monday 15th November	Table Tennis Pool	New Horizons	5pm
Friday 19th November	Volleyball Pool	New Horizons	5pm
Monday 22nd November	Badminton	PAS Hall	5pm
Tuesday 23rd November	Athletics	Francis Plain	4:15pm
Thursday 25th November	Athletics	Francis Plain	4:15pm
Friday 26th November	Swimming	Jamestown Pool	5pm
Friday 3rd December	Football	New Horizons	5pm
Thursday 16th December Closing Ceremony	Presentation	New Horizons	5pm



What's happening at New Horizons

After an absent of 2 years, we, New Horizons was extremely pleased with the turn out by the public for the New Horizons Halloween event which took place last Friday.

From the takings on the door to the Haunted House we estimate that 350+ people paid to enter the Haunted House.

Over 240 people boarded the Ghost Train.

I would like to thank the members; Parents and Staff of New Horizons who worked tirelessly leading up to the event and who put on such a great show in the Haunted House and on the Ghost Train route.... The screams; tears and frighten expressions was a testament on how well you all performed.

Big thanks to the public who once again turn out in great numbers to support a New Horizons event.

We took in £269 from entrance fees for the haunted house; £90 from tuck shop, £120 donation Ghost train and £10 so far from donations from the stalls.

The New Horizons AGM will take place on Monday 8th November at the New Horizons centre from 6.30pm. Items on the agenda will include the presentation of the audit accounts and election of the new Committee.

Next Friday we will see the start on the 17th Bank of St Helena Youth Games with the opening at New Horizons starting at 5.30pm followed by the Basketball competition.

The Bank of St Helena Youth Games is opened to anyone aged between 11 and 18 years of age.

Prior to the official opening Athletics events will take place on Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th November from 4.30pm at Francis Plain.



Bank of St Helena Youth Games Athletics Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Gender	Age	Event
Tuesday 9 th Nov	4.30	Girls	Open	800m
	4.40	Boys	Open	800m
	4.50	Girls	11-14	Javelin
	4.50	Girls	15-18	Javelin
	4.50	Boys	11-14	Shot Putt
	4.50	Boys	15-18	Shot Putt
	5.20pm	Girls	11-14	Shot Putt
		Girls	15-18	Shot Putt
Thursday 11 th Nov	4.30pm	Boys	11-14	Javelin
		Boys	15-18	Javelin
	4.30pm	Girls	11-14	200m
		Girls	15-18	200m
		Boys	11-14	200m
		Boys	15-18	200m
	4.50pm	Girls	11-14	Discus
		Girls	15-18	Discus
Tuesday 23 rd Nov		Boys	11-14	Long Jump
		Boys	15-18	Long Jump
		Boys	11-14	Discus
		Boys	15-18	Discus
	4.30pm	Girls	11-14	400m
		Girls	15-18	400m
		Boys	11-14	400m
		Boys	15-18	400m
Thurs 25 th Nov	4.30pm	Boys		Triple Jump
	5.15pm	Girls	Open	4x100m Relay
	5.20pm	Boys	Open	4x100m Relay



Just unpacked at Romans in time for your Xmas shopping at affordable prices are the following goods:-

A variety of children's books, clothing and toys..
Ladies leggings and shoes,
Gents shirts and t-shirts,
Ladies and Gents Gift sets, and
Xmas Cards and Tags

Also, there will be lots of Island Souvenirs arriving later this month along with sweets & chocolates and much more

So shop at Romans whilst stocks last and enjoy the festive season as well as 2022.

A week in football is a very long time. After losing to Liverpool 5-0 Manchester United Manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was odds on favourite to be the next Premier League manager to get the sack. However a much better performance from his team against Spurs on Saturday saw them beat the North London team 3-0 and it was the Spurs Manager Nuno Espirito Santos who received his marching orders after just 17 games in charge.

Nuno was replaced by Italian Antonio Conte who has signed on until 2023.



Conte previously managed Chelsea in the Premier League winning the League and FA cup in two seasons before getting the sack in 2018.

Newcastle United who is still without a manager lost 3-0 to the League leaders Chelsea.

All Chelsea's goals came in the second half with defender Reece James scoring two.



Reece James has now scored 3 premier league goals in two matches

Liverpool went 2 nil up against Brighton but a brilliant second half performance from the South Coast team saw them score two to earn a point.

This was the least that Brighton deserved as they more than match Liverpool.

The shock of the weekend came at the Etihad Stadium when Crystal Palace beat the Champions Manchester City 2-0. Zaha put Crystal Palace 1 nil up after just 6 minutes scoring his 50th league goal for Palace. Any chance of City getting back into the match was hampered after Laporte was sent off just before half time. Palace's best player this season has being Connor Gallagher who is on loan from Chelsea; it was he who scored the second goal in the 88th minute to give his team a shock win.



Allison blinded by the autumn sun as Enock Mwepu scored from Brighton



Manchester City's Laporte was sent off for this challenge on Zaha.

After a terrible start to the season, Arsenal has now shown some really good form. They put in a battling performance to beat Leicester City 2-0.

Leicester had chances but found Arsenal Goalkeeper Aaron Ramsdale in brilliant form. One save by Ramsdale was possibly the best save we have seen in the Premier League for a long time.



Brilliant save by Ramsdale receives praise from Peter Schmeichel

In other matches; Burnley won their first league game of the season beating Brentford 3v1. Southampton scored early and held on to beat Watford 1-0.

Leeds beat struggling Norwich City 2-1 at Carrow Road.

West Ham continues their great start to this season as they trashed Aston Villa 4-1 at Villa Park.

On Monday night Wolves beat Everton 2-1. Everton is currently struggling in the league after a fairly good start to the season.

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points	Form
1	Chelsea	10	8	1	1	26	3	23	25	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
2	Liverpool	10	6	4	0	29	8	21	22	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
3	Manchester City	10	6	2	2	20	6	14	20	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
4	West Ham United	10	6	2	2	20	11	9	20	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
5	Manchester United	10	5	2	3	19	15	4	17	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
6	Arsenal	10	5	2	3	12	13	-1	17	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
7	Wolverhampton Wanderers	10	5	1	4	11	10	1	16	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
8	Brighton & Hove Albion	10	4	4	2	11	11	0	16	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
9	Tottenham Hotspur	10	5	0	5	9	16	-7	15	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
10	Everton	10	4	2	4	16	16	0	14	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1

free kick hitting the post. Rico Benjamin found himself through on goal with only the keeper to beat however Keith pulled of another good save.

HTH put a lot of pressure on the Jamestown Keeper Christo Crowie with a series of long range free kicks; they had one good chance when a shot from Cody Thomas was brilliantly saved by Crowie.

Both teams remain unbeaten with HTH topping the table with 7 points having played a game more than Jamestown and Longwood.

Fixtures Sunday 7th Nov District

1.30 Rest 1 v. St Paul's
Organisers: Longwood
3.30 Jamestown v. Longwood
Organisers: HTH

Junior Football Results and Fixtures

In the 9 aside league the Predators beat the Ranglers 2-0 in a hard fought match.

G/S Predators: Tyler Anthony 1 & Lebron George 1
POM: Lebron George; Bethany Bennett, Laine George & Jace Moulding

In the second 9 aside match Dominators played some really good football as they beat the Young Rebels by 7 goals to 1
G/S Dominators: Louis Thomas 2; Robsen 1 Lukas Robertesse 1; Kadin Scott-Clingham 2 and Jude Jacobs 1
G/S Young Rebels: Bentley Scott Thomas-Williams 1
POM: Lukas Robertesse & Dillon George

In the 11 aside match the Fugees scored late to beat the Rebels 3-2
G/S Fugees: Dodi Williams 2 & Blake Peters 1
G/S Rebels: Eurrezze Peters 1 & Toure Osborne 1
POM: Shaquille Benjamin & Dodi Williams

Fixtures Saturday 6th November

9.15 am: Ranglers v Dominators
Referee: Nick Stevens
10am: Yellow Devils v Young Rebels
Referee: Owen Richards

9.15am: Fugees v Jungle Rangers
Referee: Gareth Johnson



Fixtures:

FRIDAY 5TH NOVEMBER
8pm Southampton v Aston Villa

SATURDAY 6TH NOVEMBER
12:30pm Manchester United v Manchester City
3pm: Brentford v Norwich City
3pm: Chelsea v Burnley
3pm: Crystal Palace v Wolverhampton Wanderers
5.30pm Brighton & Hove Albion v Newcastle United

SUNDAY 7TH NOVEMBER
2pm: Arsenal v Watford
2pm: Everton v Tottenham Hotspur
2pm: Leeds United v Leicester City
4.30pm: West Ham United v Liverpool

SHFA District Football Results Week 3

Longwood continue their great start to the District Tournament as the beat the Rest Team 10 v1.

The rest proved to be stubborn opposition from the start and it wasn't until the 53rd minute that Longwood scored their opening goal when Alistar Buckley scored with a header from a corner.

Longwood went on to score 9 more; Joey Thomas scored 4; Matthais Young scored 3; Weston Clingham scored 1 and Alistar Buckley 1. Alistar was awarded the man of the match award for his all-round performance.

Longwood have now scored 20 goals in 2 matches conceding just 2.

The second match between HTH and Jamestown was a very competitive one despite ending 0-0.

HTH defended well for most of the game with chances very limited for both teams.

HTH Goalkeeper pulled of a brilliant save in the first half from a curling shot from Dane Wade which was heading into the top corner. Minutes later Keith picked up a bad injury to his nose but opted to carry on; he went on to pick up the man of the match award after a couple of good saves in the second half. Jamestown did most of the attacking with Shane Stroud

From the St Helena Golf Club

Contributed by: SHGC

Golf Report for 30th October 2021

In beautiful and dry weather conditions the final round of the SHGC Open 2021 got underway on Saturday 30th October 2021. The fairways were well maintained thanks to our new greenskeeper and Course Manager, and the greens were super-fast. First to tee off from 09:00 am was C flight followed by B flight. Added into the mix was our two lady golfers. As the sun got overhead at 12:00 the A flight was ready to tee off followed by the qualifiers. Scores from the first nine holes of the morning groups had started trickling in. It was show time. By 5:30pm all the scores were in. Below is a summary of the results. SHGC Open Championship 2021:

Gents (Qualifiers)

Winner; Scott Crowie

Runner-up: Leon Crowie

Ladies

Winner; Christine Scipio

Runner-up: Helena Stevens

A Flight

Winner; Keith Joshua

Runner-up: Jeremy Clingham

B Flight

Winner; Paddo Johnson

Runner-up: Martin Buckley

C Flight

Winner; Tony Winfield

Runner-up: Lyn Leo



The two-ball pool was shared between Mr Lyn Leo and Mr Nick Stevens. Congratulations to the ultimate gents Winner Mr Scott Crowie who got to lift the trophy for the 13th time, the ladies Winner Christine Scipio and the winners of the flights. Well-done! The prizes were presented by our chief guest and honorary member of the club Mrs Daphne Francis who was assisted by Hon Christine Scipio. The committee of management wishes to thank Mrs Daphne Francis for agreeing to come and hand over the prizes to the winners, the players for taking part in the event and all family and friends who joined us for the final presentation. We look forward to having you all again in the near future.

There was no club organized competition on Sunday 31st due to lack of quorum. To usher us into the new month of November on Sunday 7th will be 18-hole stableford Turkey and Ham competition. Tee off at 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 6th at 3pm. For more information and photos of our events check out our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh

Happy swinging...

ST. HELENA



*To my very special partner & daughter:
I love & miss you both
Best wishes from Tony*

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Unit 1, The Market

Please note that we will be
closed from
8th to 18th November 2021.

Queen's Baton Relay 2021

Today will make one month to go before the Queen's Baton will become live in St Helena.

The St Helena Commonwealth Games Association more commonly known as the National Sports Association of St Helena has been working with the Queen's Baton Team for over a year planning the two day event.

Day One Sunday 5th December will be the island tour whereby we are hoping to get as many people if not all to interact with the Baton either by holding it or having a photo taken with it.

The Queen's Baton will be presented to the Governor by the President of the St Helena CGA at 8am on Sunday 5th December at Ruperts Jetty where the Island tour will begin. The Baton will then be presented around the island from Ruperts to the Briars; Alarm Forest, Deadwood, Longwood Green; Levelwood, Green Hill, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill, White Gate, Cape Villa, Ebony View, Half Tree Hollow Supermarket, Community Care Complex, Ladder Hill, Hospital, relay through Jamestown and will finish in the Mule Yard at approximately 6.30pm.

The Queen's baton will remain in the Mule Yard until 9.30pm for more photo opportunities.

Day two Monday 6th December will be focus on our Youth and photo opportunities.

The day will start with photos with Jonathan at Plantation House; School Assemblies at Prince Andrew School, St Pauls, Pilling and Harford. The Baton will then be taken to the Airport for photographs.

After lunch on Monday the Baton will be relayed up Jacobs Ladder by Prince Andrew School students. It will then be transported back to Jamestown by the 1929 Carabanc. The Baton will then be relayed under water from the Seaside to the Papanui and back.

The day will end with an official function at Plantation House hosted by His Excellency the Governor.



The Queen's Baton Relay began on 7 October 2021 at Buckingham Palace, where Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II placed her message to the Commonwealth into the Baton. The Baton takes on an incredible 294-day journey through all nations and territories of the Commonwealth, arriving back in England in July 2022.

The Baton is currently on the Africa leg of its journey and would have been previously in Botswana prior to becoming live in St Helena. From St Helena the Baton will be live in South Africa from the 8th December.

We The St Helena CGA is extremely pleased to be able to organise this event for the people of St Helena and our objective is to get every single person to interact with the Baton which would be a first by a Commonwealth Nation, failing this we are hoping that every school child can touch the Baton; another first.

Nick Stevens

President

St Helena Commonwealth Games Association



APPOINTMENT OF INTERIM CHIEF MEDICAL OFFICER

The Health Services Directorate would like to advise that locum Orthopaedic Surgeon, Dr Michael Wyatt, has been appointed Interim Chief Medical Officer with effect from 1 November 2021. Dr Wyatt will continue his practice in orthopaedic surgery as well as taking on additional management responsibilities, including having overall responsibility for the Medical Team within the Health Services Directorate.

Dr Kamar Tanyan has stepped down from the role of Senior Medical Officer with effect from 1 November 2021. Thanks are extended to Dr Tanyan for all her hard work and support during the period she served as Senior Medical Officer. In particular, recognition is given to the key role Dr Tanyan has played in the Health Services Directorate's response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

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1 November 2021



From Swindon Dance, UK



The fund raising event in Swindon over weekend raised a total of a total of £1,627.86 to send home for the Cancer Awareness and Support Charity in St Helena.

Well Done



From the Mule Yard



"It was a fantastic family weekend with lots for everyone to do! We welcomed hundreds of people of all ages and everyone seemed to have a great time"



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST CHAIR OF THE PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE

The Governor's Office invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the position of **Chair of the Prison Visiting Committee**.

The Prison Visiting Committee is a formal body established under the Prisons Ordinance 1960 which monitors the welfare of inmates in HMP Jamestown providing independent advice to the Governor and the Superintendent of Prisons. The Committee consists of a Chair and between two and six other members, all appointed by the Governor, and is responsible for:

- Hearing complaints from prisoners
- Regularly inspecting prisoners' food
- Looking into any issues within the Prison that may affect prisoners' health
- Dealing with any inquiries requested by the Governor
- Bringing any relevant matters to the attention of the Superintendent of Prisons
- Immediately informing the Governor of any abuse that comes to its attention.



The Prison Visiting Committee will also consider applications from prisoners for release on licence, early release and may also provide advice to the Governor regarding the revocation of such licences.

The Committee currently meets every six weeks at HMP Jamestown. In addition, its members regularly visit the Prison and make an annual report to the Governor concerning the state of the Prison, including any recommendations it considers appropriate. The appointment term for Chair is for a period of two years.

The remuneration is £1,200 per annum, paid in quarterly arrears. A mileage allowance of 65p per mile will be paid for use of personal vehicles in connection with attending meetings or carrying out any work on behalf of the Prison Visiting Committee.

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

Completed EOIs should be submitted to the Manager of the Governor's Office, Kerry Lane, via email: Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk by **Friday, 19 November 2021**.

Shortlisted persons will be invited to an interview with the Governor and the successful applicant will be appointed subject to the production of a satisfactory Police Vetting Certificate.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
4 November 2021

British soldier auctions off rare Conspicuous Gallantry Cross medal awarded for killing Taliban forces



Colour Sergeant Alwyn Stevens who is selling his medals including the incredibly rare Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC), pictured as inset

The incredibly rare Conspicuous Gallantry Cross (CGC) won by a soldier who advanced at a Taliban force firing his machine gun from the hip and killing two of them is to be sold.

Colour Sergeant Alwyn Stevens from St Helena in the South Atlantic was a sniper in the Royal Irish Regiment.

In 2008 he was leading an Operational Mentor Liaison Team of six in Helmand Province.

When a local informed him that a Taliban force was planning an ambush he pushed forward to secure a compound which he might be able to defend.

Before he arrived there a force of eight Taliban opened fire, but the then-Corporal Stevens charged the enemy firing from the hip.

He killed two of the insurgents and wounded a third as the others ran into a field of corn to hide.

But the action was far from over. The enemy kept up their fire and launched rocket propelled grenades.

Stevens rallied his men and organised them to try and win the firefight; then more Taliban fighters turned up.

He then decided to call in an airstrike on the Taliban's position even though he was just 120m (392 feet) away from them. He and his team put down controlled fire to prevent the Taliban escaping before the bombs were delivered.

Following this, Stevens led an assault on another enemy position, attacking from the front with grenades and personal weapons. The attack accounted for most of the enemy with the rest fleeing.

For three more hours the battle raged until Stevens and his men were out of ammunition.

He held his position for his men to withdraw and only when they were relatively safe did he join them.

The medal is to go under the hammer at a sale organised by Dorchester-headquartered Duke's auctioneers at the Tank Museum in Dorset.

The CGC is just one below a Victoria Cross and very few are awarded, meaning their value is high. The estimate for Stevens' medal group is £120,000-140,000.

Adam Chapman from Duke's said: "What followed was re-

markable – he advanced on eight approaching Taliban firing from the hip, when he unexpectedly encountered them in a compound and they engaged him with small arms fire. "There followed a great deal more fighting that lasted for three hours, including calling in danger close airstrikes to accurately neutralise the enemy combatants.

"Only when their ammunition supplies were nearly exhausted, did Colour Sergeant Stevens organise a withdrawal, which he stayed behind to cover. "There will be many collectors and institutions who would love to have this medal group.

"The CGC was only introduced in 1993 and it is rarer than the VC in terms of the number awarded."

Colour Sergeant Stevens, a father of four now living in Inverness in Scotland is selling his medals to help secure his family's financial stability.

Speaking of the action, he said matter-of-factly: "I came across them, shot them and called airstrikes on their positions.

"The training kicks in, you rehearse your drills in the UK, and you rehearse and rehearse.

"That is what keeps you alive, and then the adrenaline kicks in.

"You don't have much time to think, it is more of a reaction, but if I hadn't done what I did, I probably wouldn't be here today."

Part of his citation read: "Stevens displayed extraordinary courage, selflessness and leadership. He personally engaged and killed several Taliban Fighters and set conditions for the defeat of a strong enemy force. His actions ensured the enemy never again appeared in such strength in the ATTAL area during Operation HERRICK 8."

Corporal Stevens was awarded the CGC, announced in the London Gazette, on 6th March 2009. It was presented by the Queen at Buckingham Palace. Remarkably three soldiers from the Royal Irish Regiment were awarded the CGC for that tour.

His full list of medals is: Operational Service Medals for Sierra Leone and Afghanistan, as well as the Operational Telic Medal (Iraq), the General Service Medal with Northern Ireland clasp, the Accumulated Service medal 2001, the Queens Diamond Jubilee Medal, the Long Service and Good Conduct Medal.

Corporal Stevens retired from the army in October this year.

Nik Wyness from The Tank Museum said: "This is just one of many fascinating items that will feature in the Duke's medals and militaria auction taking place at The Tank Museum.

"The quiet heroism of our soldiers never fails to inspire and this medal group will certainly attract a great deal of interest."

The sale is to be held on Saturday November 6.

From: Dorset Echoe

There will be a 6-hand Euchre tournament in the White Horse Tavern tonight, Friday 5th November, at 8pm. Entrance fee is £15 per team. Call 22843 or 23416 to enter your team



Creative Saint Helena NOTICE OF AGM

Date: Wednesday 17th November 2021

Venue: Unit 12, Ladder Hill Business Park

Time: 18.00 p.m.

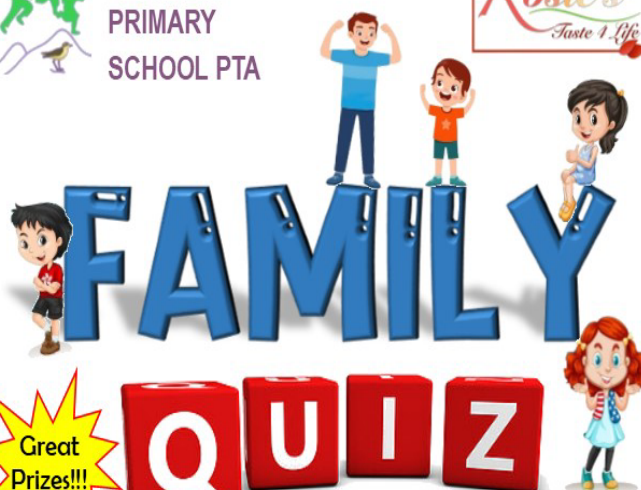
All welcome.



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HARFORD
PRIMARY
SCHOOL PTA



Saturday, 20th November 2021

5pm (for a prompt 5:30pm start) @ Rosie's, Ladder Hill

Teams of 6

(2 team members must be of school age)

Entrance fee—£1 per person

To enter a team please call Liz: 23538/ Charmaine: 51320/ Tessa: 61515



PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL
Together As One

Step into Christmas..

Advent Service - St James' Church
Wednesday - 1st December 2021 at 12:15

Carolling in front of Canister - Tuesday 7th
December 2021 - At: 12 Noon

A collection will be taken in aid of PTA funds

Bonanza - School Playground
Saturday 11th December 2021 at 18:00 Stalls
and sideshows/Hot Foods/Teas and Mince
Pies/Tuck Shop/Car Boots.
Musical Concert will start at 19.30pm.
Entrnce Fee - £1 for adults and 50p for
children.

Festival of Lights - 18th December 2021
Pending approval from HWA.



PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL
Together As One

LEST WE FORGET

**An evening of sing a
long war time chorus.**

**Hosted by Pilling
Primary School.**

Thursday 11th November 2021

Time: 7pm - 8pm

**Where: In our school yard
(Weather Permitting)**

A collection will be taken