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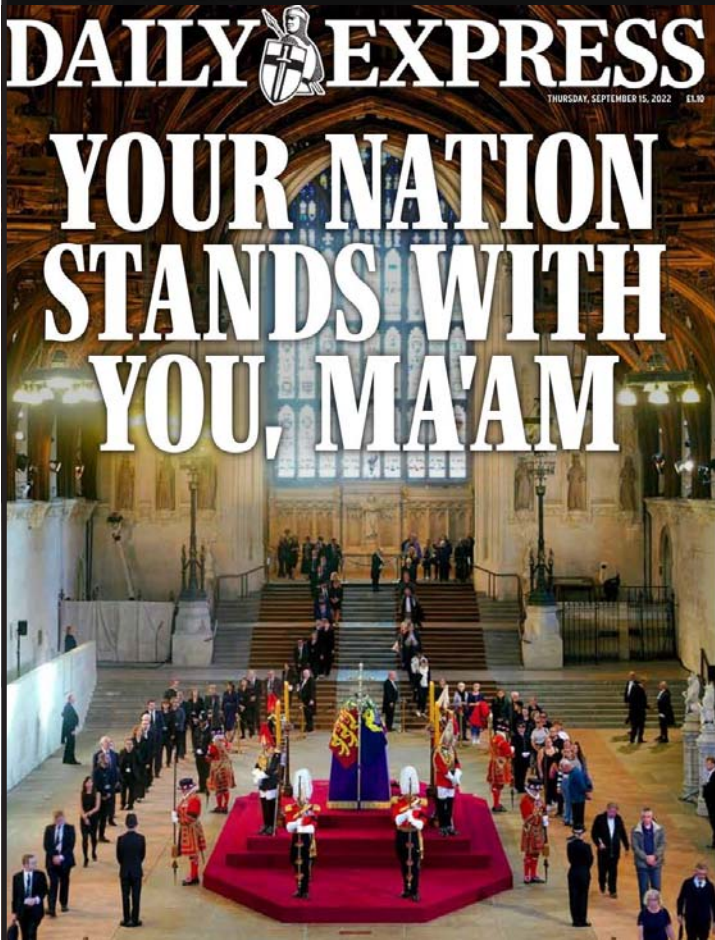
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Processing Factory Getting Ready to Add Value to Fish

Vince Thompson & Mike Olsson

This week the fish processing factory in Rupert's Valley obtained a licence for the processing and export of fish. This is a major step forward. It means the fish need not just be sold cut, packed and sold raw. Additional processes can be added to increase the value of the fish caught by cooking or smoking the cut pieces and packaging them either for the local market or for export.

The area where fish has been cut for sales has always been on the other side of the wall; it can be seen through the window on the left of the photograph above. To have a cutting area which meets international standards and allows processed fish to be available for export to South Africa and the UK it was necessary to start again from scratch.

The new cutting area was stripped down and new hygienic surfaces replaced what was there previously. This included the floor, walls, ceiling, standard of lighting, working surfaces and machinery.

The tables used for cutting the fish are all new as is the mincing machine and band saw located between the cutting tables. To sell fish to quality, niche markets detailed traceability is absolutely necessary. The intention is to give each fish entering the factory a unique barcode so that all fish can be electronically recorded as they pass through the different processing stages. Starting with high standards of hygiene and then adding management control measures which meet today's standards is the only way to gain access to buyers who are looking for premium quality fish.

Regular fish exports will not start immediately as there are further stages or milestones which need to be completed first. There is also a requirement for weekly flights and trouble-free handling of air cargo.

Inside the processing factory the enormous freezer room has received the treatment required for higher hygiene standards. It is now used to house a blast freezer within a fully insulated and specially designed 40 foot container as well as two 20 foot insulated containers which can be used to store frozen fish products. Other areas are available for storing frozen fish products and will be made ready when the fishing industry develops and can produce the volumes of fish which require more frozen fish product storage areas.

Last week, the new General Manager for STC, Stephane Weston, arrived from UK. Stephane is familiar to the Island and will continue his

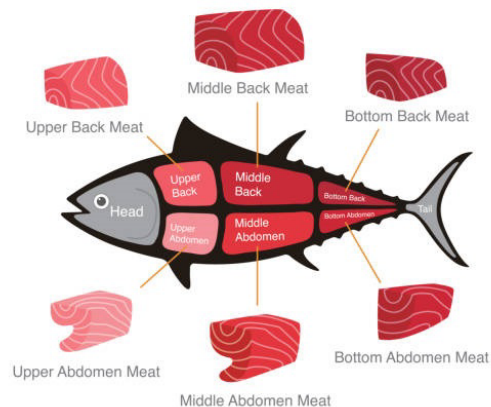


The new processing area where the parts of the fish which can be sold fish are cut from the head, tail and fins and bone



The two reefers on the left mounted on trailers will be used when frozen fish has to be transported by road. Taking fish to the airport for export is the first and most obvious use for them.

Tuna Cuts Diagram



work with value added products for the local market and for export to maximise the revenue made within the local fishing industry.

Plans for an Island-Wide Fibre-Optic Cable Network Being Developed Now

Last Friday SHG announced a UK business has been chosen as the preferred bidder for St Helena's telecom services as the contract with Sure comes to a close and the super-fast Equiano cable enters the final stages of being fully connected and operational.

Maestro Technologies, based in Central London, has been chosen to take forward plans to install an entirely new telecom network across the Island. It will be a fibre-optic network. The aim is to provide superfast broadband speeds across the whole network if possible.

The day after the announcement a survey team from Maestro arrived at the airport; the day after that (Sunday) they were busy checking out Half Tree Hollow and other urban areas to get an understanding of what will be involved in the planned work.

Maestro Technologies describe themselves as a management company specialising in developing telecom and IT projects, with special focus on fibre deployments, mobile services and advanced corporate connectivity projects. We have a team with over 35 years of experience in Broadband technologies, investment management and project management, with vast knowledge of Europe, Middle East and Asia. Maestro are specialists in optical communications, FTTP (residential fibre to premises) and mobile convergence access solutions (removing difficulties in linking different communication technologies).

SHG received three bids when the invitation for tenders closed on 10th June. Exactly three months later Maestro Technologies was chosen through the evaluation process as the preferred bidder and people from Maestro are here to make the first detailed assessment before starting plans for the installation of the fibre-optic cable network.

Mark Brooks, Minister for Sustainable Development, told the *Independent* Maestro has installed many fibre-optic networks before including to 150,000 homes in the UK. They have also completed similar work on islands very similar to what is required for St Helena. Some of the islands have also had difficult terrain, much like St Helena's ridges and guts. All of this helped to chose Maestro as the preferred bidder.

Sure St Helena has installed a fibre 'spine' to the island's network. Maestro may consider using some of this cable which is already laid if it fits with their own plans and specifications. At the start, the assumption is that the Maestro network will be all new.

The minister emphasised that preferred bidder status is the just the start. Surveys will indicate how much work is involved and the equipment required. When this done some detailed estimates of cost can be pulled together. Out of all of that there will be choices to be made on slightly different ways to complete certain stages of the work. Each different way will have a different cost, different benefits and disbenefits. All ways need to be assessed against each other and final choices made.

Throughout the detailed planning and costing stages the decisions will be guided by basic principles. Mark Brooks pointed out the new fibre-optic network needs to be affordable and available. The monthly bills to customers need to be less than they are now. Connections need to be reliable and faster than they are now. Ensuring these aims are satisfactorily achieved is the main reason it has taken so long to select a preferred bidder though the tender process.

In addition to fibre-optic replacing copper wire to carry the data much faster, another main difference is the government will own the fibre-optic network, not the telecom services provider. The tender process for a telecom service provider will start after the contract to provide the new fibre Island network is signed together with the contract to connect all premises, residential and commercial, to the network. It may be that every building is physically connected by cable to the Island network. A possible alternative is to link sparsely populated areas to the network by radio signal. This alternative will not reduce the data speed compared with a full fibre connection.

With the government owning the Island network, the selected telecom service provider will only be directly responsible for the link from the network to telecom equipment within each house or business and the broadband, telephone, television and mobile services the telecom services provider offers to each residential or business property. The government will be responsible for maintaining the Island network but intend to contract out the maintenance work to a telecom company. It may prove the most efficient, practical and cheapest way is to give the maintenance of the Island network to the telecom services provider. As the work progresses through the various stages it will become clearer whether this arrangement for maintaining the network is the best option.

Sure's licence to provide telecom services has been extended by 12 months from its original termination date of 31st December 2022. There is much to be done before the big switchover to fibre-optic connections on 1st January 2024.

Also getting ever closer to conclusion is the preparatory work required before OneWeb can start building their Space Park at Horse Point. Space Park is OneWeb's name for a ground station linking satellite signals with Trans-Atlantic cables. OneWeb's Space Park and other similar high capacity data users are needed for the revenue they will contribute to the overall telecom organisational and operational structures being developed based on the opportunities which are opening up due to the Equiano cable connection.





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Editorial

There is a fairly lengthy piece this week about this island's biggest investor, Paul O'Sullivan. It describes how he moved from working in the tourism sector to security, at airports particularly, and as a result of that move got deeply involved in the fight against deep-seated corruption in South Africa. An intricate web of corruption which starts from the highest positions in government and businesses – especially government owned businesses.

The fairly lengthy piece gives only the start of O'Sullivan's involvement in fighting corruption from 1996 to 2002; an involvement which has lasted 20 years, so far. I'm moving on here to 2016 by which time O'Sullivan had ruffled more than few feathers and claimed a few corrupt scalps. He had just been dragged off a plane at OR Tambo by bent cops on the orders of corrupt senior policemen and locked up. To say he was 'taken into custody' would not give you the right idea about what was happening. Eventually the bent cops finished the strip-searches and downloading the contents of his mobile phone and put him in a cell. This is Paul O'Sullivan's account of his time in that cell taken from his book published earlier this year called *Stop Me If You Can*.

"I was taken to a general cell block full of men who had been incarcerated in the habitual Friday-night mayhem. The cell they led me to was overcrowded. I didn't know where to stand. Sitting on the ground was out of the question. The little space there was available was filthy. Every inch was covered in human excrement and rat droppings.

Dead rats had been pushed into corners of the cells, while others lay where they had been killed. Those still alive ran around brazenly – even up the bars of the cells – chasing each other and copulating. After observing them for a while, I discovered that it took them less than three seconds. I imagined Sir David Attenborough commenting on this mating ritual,

As if the filth wasn't enough, raw sew-

age seeped out of the ground, running across the floor, mingling with the faeces and dead animals. The toilets didn't work, adding to the sewage ooze. There was no toilet paper – the men simply wiped themselves with their hands, rubbing whatever excrement they could salvage onto the walls alongside the toilet. The smell was indescribably nauseating. There was no escape from its putridness. I was still wearing my smart casual clothes. What had been the perfect outfit for a Business Class flight was now glaringly out of place in this hellish place. Furthermore, I had a fractured heel and other complications with my right foot, which needed surgery. I usually wore a moon boot and kept one in both London and Johannesburg. I had travelled without the moon boot so as not to draw attention to my vulnerability. One of my cellmates kindly offered me a grey blanket to lie down on. As I took it from him, I saw insects crawling around in it. I chose to suffer the hot and humid conditions standing up.

Leaning against the wall, unable to sleep or rest, I listened to the sounds of human abuse emanating from somewhere in the building. I had never been in such a hellish place. My human rights were deleted the minute I was shut inside that cell. Every man had been stripped of his dignity. We were being treated worse than some humans treat animals. No person, not even society's most hated, the murders and the rapists, should be held in such disgusting conditions.

There was no doubt in my mind that this treatment was a deliberate attempt to torture or punish me for me exposing corruption in the highest corners of the criminal justice system and government. Clearly it was revenge, but by who?

Finding the evidence would occupy the next few years of my life. I knew that the project to silence me was being driven by those I had exposed, men in the top leadership positions of the police. I was determined to make these crooked cops and prosecutors pay for what they were doing to me. But first, I had to get out of this hell-hole. I knew

turning the tide against them would be a long slog and would require all my stealth and persistence. Failure was not an option."

Paul O'Sullivan is one of many fighting institutionalised corruption in South Africa. He is an excellent self-publicist and he has unorthodox ways to wrong foot his opponents in the battle against corruption. There are many people doing what they can to fight the corrupt in South Africa and there are thousands working in the South African criminal justice system, in government generally and in big corporations who are honest and want to do their jobs with integrity. With so much corruption in high places it became impossible. O'Sullivan says institutionalised corruption has been disrupted and reversed. Jacob Zuma, the former President of South Africa was forced out of office. When that happened, the protection he afforded many of his corrupt cronies fell away. Control of the criminal justice system is being wrested from the corrupt. The South African Revenue Service (SARS) was also infiltrated by corrupt people in powerful positions; their grip on tax collection and embezzlement of government funds on a grand scale is now weakening.

One of O'Sullivan's unorthodox ways is to send an email to a corrupt official who he has been investigating and has gathered an ever increasing amount of information about their corruption. The emails O'Sullivan sends will tell his targets very clearly that his/her crimes are known, still being watched and it is just a matter of time before prison is home for them. It is a form of psychological warfare aimed at unsettling O'Sullivan's victims into making mistakes – which often seems to happen. O'Sullivan says it is also like throwing a stone into the grass to get the snakes to break cover. Once the victims are unsettled other corrupt associates are often revealed simply by what the unsettled victims do.

**Keep on the straight and narrow
Vince**

Information Released About Wideawake

Vince Thompson



Earlier this month the United States Air Force announced “the first aircraft landed on the freshly paved surface 31st August” at Ascension’s Wideawake Airfield. The re-build of the eastern half of the runway is now completed. Construction work now moves to the western side of the runway. Demolition of the western half will begin “in the coming weeks”.

The press release from the US Air Force Civil Engineer Centre (AFCEC) quoted the project manager, Major Harrison Sanchez, “Thanks to AFCEC’s collaborative work approach, teamwork, consistency, and day and night work shifts, paving was completed 14 days ahead of schedule.” The contract for reconstruction of the runway was awarded in January 2020. The News Release at the time stated the contractor was awarded a cost-plus, fixed fee “task order” for up to 28 months valued at \$170 million. This appears to indicate the construction work was originally envisaged to be completed in May this year.

Sanchez continued, “We learned a great deal from the eastern-side construction and hope to expedite the demolition work and the sub-base rebuild on the western side, allowing us to turn the completed airfield back to the host nation and the Space Force earlier than planned.”

The cost of the project has increased in stages from the \$170 million first mentioned to \$281 million in March this year and now \$309 million in the latest communication. The Wideawake project is jointly funded by the UK and US governments.

The pilot of the C-17 Globemaster III who brought the first plane to land on the newly paved eastern half of the runway said, “The C-17 is one of the few aircraft in the world able to fly the distance to Ascension and then land and take off on the available runway length”, he added, “The runway looked really nice and was smooth during the landing. The crew and I had to do two low passes to check out the airfield for the Federal Aviation Administration flight inspector who was onboard, so I got a great look at the airfield. It looks great overall and will be even better once the entire length is opened up again. Currently, we have to make a fuel stop after takeoff in order to fly back to the States or even to most of Europe, due to the decreased runway length.”

The latest announcement from the United States Air Force, issued earlier this month is headlined “Atlantic runway reopens”. It appears the public relations people have been im-



aginative with a project which is significantly delayed and where the increasing costs at the half-way point must mean the final cost is likely to be at least double the original estimate.

The runway length was extended by 500 feet (150 metres) to allow limited aircraft use during construction. Towards the end of the contract the road from the Pier Head to Wideawake will be resurfaced or renewed depending on the extent of damage caused by the intense use by heavy construction vehicles.

ROYAL AIR FORCE



“There Must Be Direct Flights From Europe”

O’Sullivan Checks on His St Helena Investments After Pandemic

During his first visit to St Helena since the pandemic Paul O’Sullivan told the *Independent* last weekend that direct flights from Europe were essential if tourism was to be a mainstay of St Helena’s economy. O’Sullivan was putting together plans for direct European flights before Covid-19 grounded most of the world’s aircraft and put work on the complex planning on hold.

Now, O’Sullivan is ready to start work again on this project, encouraging the main participants in the project to start focussing their time and energy once more on sorting out the detail to make the proposal work. The basic idea is the same. A refuelling stop can be arranged at one of Cape Verde’s seven airports; most likely Sal Airport as it is the biggest and best connected with 1.2 million passengers passing through it in 2019 before coronavirus took centre stage. Kotoka International at Accra, Ghana’s main airport is another option for a re-fuelling stop. Including Wideawake in the schedule is also important; discussions on that part of the plan need to be moved forward. The Wideawake runway repair finally got started in early 2020 with a completion date set for this year. In March this year the USAF Air Force Civil Engineer Centre announced the repair project was half complete. With direct flights to St Helena from Europe it is clear we are looking about two years ahead – probably more.

What Makes O’Sullivan Invest in St Helena Tourism

Paul O’Sullivan has a life history that indicates if anyone can get a direct flight from Europe off the ground, he can. In 1996 he was director of Tourism Johannesburg and managing director of the Randberg Waterfront (now known as Brightwater Commons); a tourism/leisure development surrounding a lake on the northern side of Jo’burg. At the same time he led a public relations organisation promoting Jo’burg’s big five tourist destinations. One of the destinations was Soweto. At the time Soweto was rundown and right off the tourist map. In Soweto there is the Hector Pieterse Square. O’Sullivan pointed out the square is named after a thirteen year old boy, one of the first to be murdered by the apartheid police during the 16th June 1976 Soweto Uprising. The decision was made to give Hector Pieterse Square a big face lift, making it a centrepiece for future tourism plans. Nearby there is Vilikazi Street; the only street in the world where two people awarded the Nobel Peace Prize once lived. The two people were Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. Funding was gained to give Hector Pieterse Square and Nelson Mandela’s old house in Vilikazi Street facelifts to form the basis of reasons to visit Soweto. A dedicated bus service served the big five Jo’burg tourist destinations and that included Soweto. How were people to know about the bus service, be encouraged to use it and visit Soweto?

O’Sullivan said they doubled the number of buses, did the usual publicity but gave the publicity an extra ingredient. It was realised that most, or all, whites and Indians who lived in nearby Jo’burg neighbourhoods had never stepped foot in Soweto. Signs were made for display at all the bus stops for

the dedicated tourist bus service. The signs read ‘Whites Only’. South Africa was only a few years out of apartheid and the sign certainly got noticed and tongues started wagging. The message meant ‘Whites, you’ve never been to Soweto, it’s time you went. The way this message was put across had the right effect. The sign was definitely noticed and a new tourism market for Soweto was created from people who literally lived just a bit further down the road. In addition to being a pilot and leading security operations O’Sullivan also worked in various parts of the South African Police Service.

O’Sullivan’s Bag Snatched at OR Tambo Airport

In 1996 O’Sullivan, as part of his Director of Tourism Johannesburg job, attended the Internationale Tourismus Börse in Berlin; the world’s biggest travel trade show. Not being one to see money wasted he brought back unused travel brochures in his suitcase; about 20 kilos of them. At OR Tambo he had arranged to be collected by his security manager at Randburg Waterfront. Seeing the car approaching O’Sullivan stepped forward to wave it down. When turning back to get his suitcase he saw a bag-snatcher making off with it. After throwing his shoulder bag to his security manager he chased after the thief. It was not difficult to catch up with him; the thief was hauling a suitcase full of full colour glossy printed material. O’Sullivan said he brought down the thief with a rugby tackle he remains proud of. Apart from having firsthand experience why OR Tambo should be avoided, this episode also got O’Sullivan more involved in the security business.



Never, ever take your eye off your anything you possess when entering here

By Clamping Down on Airport Crime O’Sullivan Delves Deeper into Institutionalised Corruption

After seeing at firsthand the shocking levels of police incompetence and corruption at OR Tambo – which ranged from organised bag-snatching to theft of cargo worth millions of pounds - O’Sullivan started a journey which took him to the heart of corruption in South Africa. At first O’Sullivan strongly advocated for increased security at airports, (and shopping centres) from his positions within the tourism service organisations. O’Sullivan said, “I realised that South Africa was wasting its time and resources promoting the country as a tourist destination. If we could not prevent visitors from step-

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ping off the plane and becoming victims of crime before the ink had dried on their passport stamps, we should not be promoting the country as a destination.”

As usual, O’Sullivan jumped onto this example of widespread incompetence with both feet and with great vigour. As he became deeper involved with airport security he eventually transferred from the tourism business to airport security. He became Group Executive: Aviation Security for Airports Company South Africa Ltd (ACSA). ACSA operates nine airports in South Africa and is headquartered at OR Tambo. It was 2001 when O’Sullivan became more deeply involved with security at a personal safety level as well as with organised crime.

After an armed robbery in the cargo area at OR Tambo, O’Sullivan soon discovered the security managers in charge at the cargo area had not even bothered to check out the scene of the crime. O’Sullivan also decided they were not being honest with him when he questioned them about the incident. O’Sullivan went to the cargo area at OR Tambo to find out for himself. There were glaring shortcomings and suspicious circumstances. It did not take long to discover the boss of the security company employed at OR Tambo and the eight other airports was nothing if not corrupt. He was also well connected with corrupt heads of large companies and government leaders. This was the start of the 20 year battle against institutionalised corruption which touched every part of South African life – known in South Africa as State Capture, when criminals take over the police service, the criminal justice system and the government controlled businesses such as aviation, telecommunications, seaports and railways.

O’Sullivan intended to cancel the contract with the corrupt security company. The criminal head of the security firm did not take this lying down. The security firm went to court to try to overturn the cancellation. At the same time the Commissioner of Police, Jackie Selebi, started to pressurise the new chief executive of ACSA and O’Sullivan to get the cancellation reversed, with no success. The boss of the bent airport security firm got five years in prison for fraud. Commissioner of Police Selebi however ‘persuaded’ the new chief executive at ACSA to get rid of O’Sullivan. There is no proof available that the new chief executive, Monhla Hlahla, was, or is, corrupt but she has had an incredibly brilliant career, being appointed to some of the juiciest jobs available. She also gets regular write-ups in some parts of the South African media which amounts to incredibly fulsome praise.

When the corrupt boss of the airport security firm ended up in prison Police Commissioner Selebi decided the South African police would take over airport security. The South African news website Business Live reported, “In 2003, Monhla Hlahla fired Paul O’Sullivan citing a breakdown in relations. That turn of events led Paul O’Sullivan to the personal crusade against Jackie Selebi.” Four years later, On 10 September 2007, the National Prosecuting Authority issued a



Paul O’Sullivan taking questions at a book launch. O’Sullivan’s book giving details of deeply embedded corruption in South Africa, ‘Stop Me If You Can’ was published earlier this year

warrant of arrest for Selebi for corruption, fraud, racketeering, and defeating the ends of justice. Within months, President Thabo Mbeki placed him on an “extended leave of absence”, essentially a suspension. Selebi died in January 2015 without spending one day in prison. In 2004 Thabo Mbeki made an attack on commentators who argued that violent crime was out of control in South Africa, calling them white racists who want the country to fail. He alleged that crime was falling and some journalists were distorting reality by depicting black people as “barbaric savages” who liked to rape and kill. Annual statistics published in September 2004 showed that most categories of crime were down, but some had challenged the figures’ credibility and said that South Africa remained extremely dangerous, especially for women.

As President, Thabo Mbeki appeared to be repeatedly in denial. South Africa was shown to have the 2nd highest murder rate and a high rate of violent crime, including rape. Desmond Tutu criticised Mbeki for a number of faults and Mbeki’s lack of action on HIV/AIDS was criticised as being bizarre at best, severely negligent at worst. Meanwhile O’Sullivan continued to dig out incriminating information about corrupt South Africans in positions of power who were to bring South Africa to its knees.



Kidnapper – “Please come out, you’ve got to come”

Princess Anne – “Not bloody likely!”

The kidnapping in March 1974, as reconstructed in the 2006 film *To Kidnap a Princess*



At around 8pm on Wednesday 20th March 1974 a lone gunman tried to kidnap Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, from her car as she was being driven down the Mall towards Buckingham Palace.

A man named Ian Ball drove his car in front of the limousine carrying Princess Anne and her then husband Captain Mark Phillips also in the car was a lady-in-waiting, a Metropolitan Police inspector and the chauffeur. The chauffeur was forced to stop the royal car.

The police inspector got out of the royal car and Ian Ball got out of his. The police inspector thought he would be dealing with a bit of ‘road rage’ but was shot in the shoulder by Ball. Then Ball forced open the door of the royal car. The wounded police inspector got back into the royal car, placing himself between Princess Anne and her husband. He was shot a second time by Ball, this time in the chest. Then the chauffeur got out of the royal car and Ball shot him too. The chauffeur fell back into the royal car.

Ball then ordered Princess Anne out of the car. “Not bloody likely” was the famous response. Ball tugged on Princess Anne’s right arm to pull her out of the car while Captain Mark Phillips tugged on the left arm to keep her inside. There then followed what Princess Anne later described as a tedious conversation where Ball repeatedly ordered the royal couple to go with him and Captain Mark Phillips refused an equal number of times. The tug-of-war over Princess Anne caused the seam in her full length gown to split; that in turn caused the princess to lose her temper.

At this stage a police constable appeared he had heard the commotion and what he thought were ‘popping noises’. As the police constable walked to the car Ball shot him in the stomach. The police constable fell to the ground but was able to radio his police station to tell them he had been shot.

A passing driver stopped his car, blocking Ball’s car, and tried to distract Ball from his tug-of-war over the Princess. Ball pointed his gun at him so the driver withdrew and went to help the wounded police constable. A journalist named Brian

McConnell also appeared on the scene. He too was shot by Ball.

Then a third well-meaning passer-by appeared. His name was Ron Russell and he used to be a heavyweight boxer. Russell saw Ball shoot the police constable. He later told a newspaper reporter, “I thought, ‘That’s a liberty! He needs sorting.’”

The South China Morning Post and the Toronto Star both reported this incident and called Princess Anne’s ‘Not bloody likely’ response to the kidnapper as a typically British thing to say. Heavyweight Ron Russell’s reaction to what was happening was another. Russell walked up and punched Ball in the back of the head. Ball turned and fired at Russell but missed.

Princess Anne seized this opportunity to “somersault” out of the other side of the royal car. She reasoned that her getting out would force the attacker to move, and she was right. Ball tried to run around the car towards Anne, and she jumped back into the car, closing both doors. Russell punched Ball again, and he went down.

Ball got back to his feet and ran across St James’ Park chased by a detective constable who presumably had arrived in response to the wounded police constable’s radio call to his police station. The detective constable tossed his coat over Ball’s head and after tackling him he made the arrest. The ordeal was over.



Former heavyweight boxer Ronnie Russell poses with the George Medal he was awarded for saving Princess Anne from a kidnap attempt in 1974, ahead of it being auctioned in London.

All who were shot by Ball that night recovered from their wounds.

The police inspector (the Princess’s bodyguard in the royal car) was awarded the George Cross by Queen Elizabeth. The George Cross is Britain’s highest civilian award for courage.

The police constable shot in the stomach and boxer Ron Russell received the George Medal while the detective constable and the chauffeur were awarded the Queen’s Gallantry Medal. The passing driver who stopped to assist received the Queen’s Commendation for brave conduct.

Ian Ball was sentenced to be detained in a secure psychiatric hospital where he remains today.

Thank You!

Manager Rosalie Brown and Head of Care Myrtle Clingham of the Princess Royal Community Care Complex would like to thank everyone who supported them to raise monies for new televisions for the clients at the CCC, you will remember a dinner dance was held at the God Fathers Rock Club in August and two raffles were done.

A big shout out to Johnny Clingham in the UK who set up a 'Go Fund Me Page' and to Melvyn Benjamin of the God Fathers Rock Club who played a big part organising the dinner dance and for use of his premises and KJ for all your support and DJ'ing on the night; as well as all those people on Island who generously gave monetary gifts and donated prizes to the raffles.

Anne & Campbell Buckley, Francis & Beatrice Peters, Anna & Steve Bowers, Gloria Thomas, Patricia Johnson, Denise nee Harris, Peter & Angela Francis, Ronald & Bridget Coleman, Edith Dollery, Peter & Glenda Corker, Tammy Williams, Sally Hickling, Connie Johnson and the team at SHG Corporate Support Services, Staff at SHG Transport Section, David & Shirleen Benjamin, Queen Mary Stores, Rose & Crown, Keith Joshua, Dorothy Peters, Patsy & Ray Williams, Joyce Williams, Joanne Bowers, Christine Scipio, Kelly Hopkins, Patsy Henry, Lillian Williams, Audrey Johns, Cecily Batemen, Alison Wade, Sara Bowers, Michelle Clingham, Chris Truebody and the staff of Sunny Ville, Arum Ville & Honey Ville, Age Ways and Melvyn Benjamin & KJ who also donated. For any of you I forgot to mention, we are so grateful to you all and is so pleasing to see how the community came together to make this fund raiser a success!

The total monies raised were £3,105.06, Johnny Clingham - 'Go Fund Me Page' £1,312.06 in the UK and the remaining £1,793 was raised on Island.

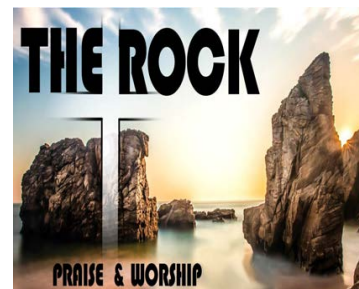
Thank you everyone!

Thank You

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We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



The Rock Christian Fellowship

Invite you to an

Outdoor Praise & Worship Afternoon

When: 24 September 2022

Time: 1pm

Where: Longwood Green

We will also have our A Rocha Seeds of Hope tins to hand out, as well as selling quality second hand clothing.

Come and join us as we praise and worship our Lord together!

Hope to see you there!

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

you may remember my letter to you regarding the yacht club a couple of months ago. At the time I was organising the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the yacht club and looking for new committee members to take over from Sandie and I as treasurer and commodore respectively.

As the yacht club constitution states we gave a number of weeks notice and advertised the meeting as an open event. This was our fourth AGM in as many years and we had a record attendance of 7 people, not as many as we'd hoped. Fortunately this produced a new committee; the constitution requires 5 serving committee members: commodore, vice commodore, treasurer, secretary and bosun. The current committee is made up of Saints, expats and visiting yachties, who have all been regulars and volunteers at the club previously. Without their voluntary support in these roles we would have had to hand the keys back and relinquish

the lease on the building. The club would have been suspended indefinitely. I would here like to thank the people who valued our time spent developing the yacht club enough to want to give of their time and allow it to continue. The yacht club aims to provide something that is unique and not provided by any other organisation on the island, in doing so it should be seen as an asset to tourism and any related businesses on St. Helena. There are many examples of yachts staying longer than anticipated because of their experience at the yacht club. I know because it is they who have told me so, and provided most of the positive feedback over the years.

I would also like to share some opinions with readers regarding how the yacht club is viewed by some. It is regrettable when local business owners see the yacht club as just more competition, although I understand that they are having hard times, I felt that Derek Thomas' letter last week was unfair when he tried to shame one of the club's new committee for serving food. He could at least have sought the information that this is to no personal profit to the individual, but purely to attract people and funds to the registered charity, St. Helena yacht club. Also, to say that serving Tacos on Wednesday evening between 5pm and 9pm is likely to eat into any local businesses profits is highly questionable. It is a

shame more people can't find the time to give something back to the island or at least say something positive about those trying to!

Furthermore, I would like to defend my friends again by saying that their business venture involving their sailing vessel was an opportunity that they identified following the departure of Morgan and Cheryl Morice on Nomadica last October. As such, they are the only sailing vessel offering trips on St. Helena, therefore not directly competing with any similar local business. Surely diversity of experience is healthy for tourism and therefore healthy for local businesses? Little wonder that the yacht club struggles to attract local customer support and membership when the people volunteering are being vilified in such ways.

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The tacos by the way are extremely delicious, healthy and good value, so please judge for yourself one Wednesday evening.

**Kind regards,
Stephen and Sandie Coates**



Happy 100th Birthday to Mrs John

Photography courtesy of Delia Du Preez

NO RE-TESTING REQUIRED AFTER TESTING POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

The Health Services Directorate would like to remind the public that once a person has tested positive for COVID-19, they **DO NOT** require further COVID-19 testing in order to return to work or to continue their normal daily routines.

Once a person has tested positive they are advised to spend five days isolating and avoiding close contact with others. The five days after the person tests positive is sufficient time for most people to become less infectious (whether they are experiencing symptoms or not).

Once a person has contracted COVID-19 their immune system (the body's natural defence against illness) will have built up resistance against that particular strand of coronavirus. This means that for a period of approximately three to six months following infection, the body can resist the virus even if the person is exposed to it again.

During the initial community spread of COVID-19 on-Island, the Health Services will not re-test any persons who have already tested positive for COVID-19. If a person continues to feel unwell after five days they are advised to call the COVID-19 Helpline on tel: 25888.

Persons who test positive using COVID-19 testing kits at home are asked to call the COVID-19 Helpline to report their positive test result.

Children under the age of five years do not require testing for COVID-19.

#StHelena #COVID-19

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12 September 2022



Would you like to be a part of the team at St Helena Airport?
St Helena Airport has a part time vacancy for a:

Passenger Services Agent

Working hours will be according to flight operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Applicants should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
 - Possess a high standard of English, Maths & ICT
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertaking the required training, including training in Johannesburg, as well as the necessary background and medical checks
 - Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
 - Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact
Miss Tegan Knott, Agencies
Administrator, on telephone
number: 22523 or via email address:
agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

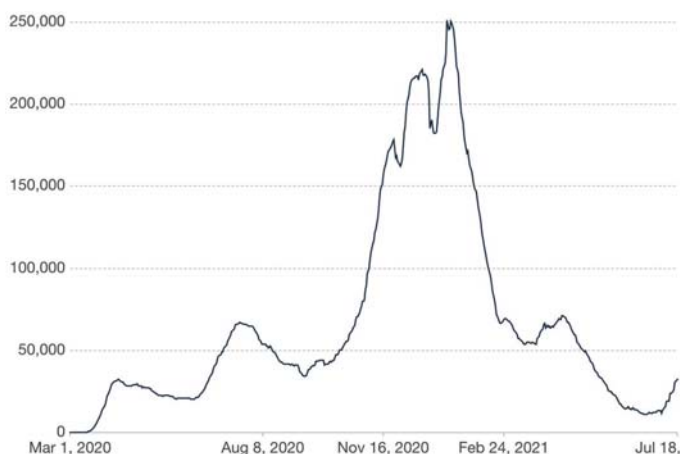
Application forms & Job Profiles may
be collected from Solomons
Reception Desk, in the Main Office
Building, Jamestown or alternatively
an electronic copy can be
requested via email address:
agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh
and should be completed and
returned to Anya Thomas, Human
Resources Development Officer,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
by 21 September 2022.

Number of Covid Infections Now Rising Fast

The total number of people who have been infected by the coronavirus jumped a bit last week and we all expect a big leap in the figures announced today. Prince Andrew School is closed from today but hope to resume normal service on Tuesday next week. The Bank of St Helena announced they would be closing from midday today and also hoped to be back to the usual opening hours on Tuesday 20th September. Then, remarkably, an amended notice was issued. The Bank will be closed from midday tomorrow for one day only. Normal hours will resume from Saturday 17th September.

Last Friday the total number of recorded cases of Covid since week commencing 8th August was 57. Between last Friday and Sunday a further 67 cases were recorded. Until we hear the official figure for the number of infections today it is anybody's guess what that figure might be. We know it jumped from 577 to 124 over last weekend so it reasonable to assume it has topped 200 by now.

Derek Burke, the Director of Health and Chief Medical Officer Peter Moss expect the numbers of infections to continue to rise for a few weeks before starting to level off and then fall to just a handful a week. Peter Moss thinks, and hopes, we should be clear of Covid over Christmas and New Year with any second spike in infections not happening until around this time next year. Another programme of booster jabs is planned for April – June next year.



A typical Covid infection graph showing a steep rise when the infection takes hold and then falling away after a few weeks in a small population



JOB VACANCY THORPE'S JAMESTOWN SHOPS



Storeman/Driver

PART TIME / FULL TIME

- The role involves unpacking containers, picking orders, checking stock and making deliveries.
- Free home to duty transport
- Attractive salary, leave and sick leave package
- Salary to increase considerably with proficiency in the job role and further increases with time spent in the company.

Contact: Henry Thorpe or Carol Yon Tel: 22781, email: admin@thorpes.sh or come and see us in our office above Thorpe's grocery shop



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING NEW DATE!

Date: Tuesday, 20 September 2022

Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm

Where: Jamestown, Community Centre

Join us for our AGM to hear about our achievements for 2021-2022 year and our plans for the future.

Those wishing to join the Trust Council are kindly requested to inform the Office Manager by 4pm on 15 September 2022. 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.

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

Or contact Office Manager, Amanda Constantine
amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

"St Helena's heritage for all, forever"



SEPTEMBER OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

Monday to Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

Wharf Kiosk

Thursdays	09:00 - 14:30
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St Helena Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Monday	26 September	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday	27 September	09:30 - 14:00

Bank of St Helena will no longer operate Remote Banking at ANRD, Scotland.



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Bank of St Helena Ltd



FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" the following vehicles.

PEUGEOT 207 HATCHBACK

Formerly registered as 1845

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident

FORD FOCUS

Formerly registered as 5100

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident

These vehicles are being offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Thursday 22 September 2022 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 26 September 2022.

14 September 2022

When do ladybirds become an 'Invader'?

The Harlequin ladybird (*Harmonia axyridis*) is native to central and eastern Asia, however they are spreading across the world. This ladybird is one of the larger species with a voracious appetite, have multiple broods (eggs) and is able to out-compete our native species for aphid-prey and will eat other ladybirds' eggs and larva giving them a competitive edge.

Initial known locations were Heart-shaped waterfall, Briars and Jamestown. We now know they have spread to other locations that includes Longwood (on a Guava tree) and St Paul's. **Help us map their spread.** This species was a recent arrival to St Helena and the extent of their threat was unknown. They feed mainly on aphids, but also other soft body insects including other ladybirds. We have already begun to note the **negative effects** on endemics **reversing conservation efforts**; they covered the Boxwood (*Melissia begoniifolia*) at the Millennium Forest as well as migrating to some Gumwood trees, when present there are no Gumwood leafhoppers (*Sanctahelenia decellei*) or other ladybirds on these trees.

The colour may vary from pale yellow-orange to bright red-orange (dependent on the temperature), and the number of black spots vary, but they all have the M-shaped mark on their thorax. They can be told apart from the 'good' Lunate ladybird (*Cheilomenes lunata*) with its larger spots and larvae white banding.

✗ Invasive



M-shaped marking



✓ Native "local"



Harlequin ladybird - adult	Harlequin ladybird - larvae	Lunate ladybird - adult	Lunate ladybird - larvae
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How can you help?

If you see any of these species: 1. Note your location and date 2. Capture if possible 3. Contact us.

With your help we can stop the spread!



VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Information Security Manager

Commencing at £18,888 per annum

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of an Information Security Manager.

The Information Security Manager (ISM) will be responsible to the IT Manager for establishing and maintaining the Bank's vision and strategies to ensure information assets and technology are adequately protected. The ISM will be responsible for the ongoing implementation and development of the International standards for Security Management, be responsible for the Bank's cyber security risk management and compliance, ensure information regulatory compliance, and manage all information security assurances required by the Bank.

This position will require the successful candidate to have the ability to lead and deliver change; to be self-motivated, have a keen eye for detail, maintain confidentiality and have good understanding of information security management standards and cyber security risk management. They should have the ability to work independently as well as part of the wider Bank Team.

Skills and experience that candidates should have for this role should include:

- Information Security certifications (desirable), or must be willing to work towards;
- Project Management qualification or experience;
- A good knowledge of international information security standards (i.e. ISO 27000 series, GDPR, PCI DSS);
- Understanding of, and practical experience in applying Data Protection principals and other related legislations, standards and codes of practice.

Interested persons can contact Kim Francis, IT Manager on itmanager@sainthelenabank.com or (+290) 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 Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 23 September 2022.

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SHG VACANCIES

MARINE & FISHERIES CONSERVATION OFFICER

(Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio)

The Marine and Fisheries team are seeking to recruit an organised and highly effective communicator with a passion for conserving St Helena's marine environment and fisheries management. The post will lead on all elements of the operation of the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section and deliver the marine and fisheries conservation programme, this will include setting the strategic direction but also ensuring it remains adaptable to the changing marine environment needs and uses.

You will also be responsible for both recurrent and project based work areas, including team management, strategic and financial planning, report writing, communications and outreach activities, and building links between relevant stakeholders that are important to, and associated with, the work of the Section.

For **further information** about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Darren Duncan, Portfolio Director on telephone number 22470 or email: darren.duncan@sainthelena.gov.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 Camilla Thomas, Trainee Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 27 September 2022**.

SOCIAL CARE OFFICER (Children's Services) (within the Health & Social Care Portfolio)

*Do you want to make a difference in your community? Could you become an effective **Social Care Officer**?*

In this role you will be responsible for the provision of social work including child protection, family assessment, registration of child minders and crèche's, assessment and support for disabled people and vulnerable people who are at risk.

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Paul Brown on telephone number 23312 or email: paul.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from Central Human Resources & Organisational Development 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 Tuesday, 27 September 2022**.

MAINTANANCE WORKER

(FIXED TERM contract until October 2024 within the *Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development Portfolio*)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career?

Do you have maintenance skills to perform preservative maintenance to the Fuel Infrastructure Project as built fuel facilities to prevent deterioration? If so, The Maintenance Team has an opportunity for you to join their team

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Richard Gardner, Fuel Infrastructure Project Manager on telephone number 22270 or email: richard.gardner@sainthelena.gov.sh

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PLUMBER

(Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio)

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

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Leroy Plato, Foreman (Plumber) on telephone number 22054 or email: Leroy.Plato@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from Central Human Resources & Organisation Development 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 Thursday, 29 September 2022**.

To be considered for these roles, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.

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

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance.

SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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

Press release:

Official arrangements for mourning Her Late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and for the Proclamation of the new Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III

All times are local (St Helena).

The Proclamation

The accession of the new Sovereign, His Majesty King Charles III, will be proclaimed at a meeting of the Privy Council at St James's Palace in London on 10 September.

At 1030 hours on Sunday 11 September, in a ceremony on the steps of the Courthouse in Jamestown, His Excellency Governor Phillips will proclaim the new Sovereign of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

The public are invited to attend the Governor's proclamation on Sunday 11 September in Jamestown.*

Public notice of the Governor's proclamation will subsequently be provided on Ascension and Tristan da Cunha by the Administrators.

After the Proclamation

The Governor and Chief Minister will depart for the UK on Sunday 11 September to represent the territory in several official mourning arrangements.

Her Late Majesty's coffin will lie in state in Westminster Hall in the Palace of Westminster.

The State Funeral will be held in Westminster Abbey and will be attended by Royal, Realm, Overseas Territory, Commonwealth, and foreign representatives.

The day of the State Funeral will be a public holiday on St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. The date of the funeral will be confirmed shortly.

Flag protocol and guidance

All flags in the territory should now be flying at half-mast.

On Saturday at 0930 hours, the morning of the Principal Proclamation of the Sovereign by the Privy Council in London, flags will be raised to full-mast. They will remain at full-mast until 1200 hours on Sunday, the day after the Principal Proclamation.

Flags will then return to half-mast until 0700 hours the day after the State Funeral.

Ukrainian flags should be removed from flagpoles until the end of the mourning period. Under no circumstances should they be flown at half-mast.

Condolences

A condolence book is available, during working hours, for members of the public outside the Council Chamber in the Castle in Jamestown.

An online condolence book is available at www.royal.uk.

God save The King.

**The public are kindly asked to ensure that all vehicles are removed from the front of the Courthouse in Jamestown by 0800 hours on Sunday 11 September.*

Press release:

Proclamation of His Majesty King Charles III in St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

In a ceremony in Jamestown, St Helena on 11 September, His Majesty King Charles III was proclaimed in St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha in a proclamation issued by His Excellency Governor Phillips.

Public notice of the proclamation was subsequently given on Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

The text of the Governor's proclamation, which will be gazetted on St Helena shortly, reads:

"Whereas it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George; We,

Nigel James Phillips and the citizens of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Philip Arthur George is now, by the Death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful and Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

Given under my hand at Jamestown, St Helena, this 11th day of September 2022.

GOD SAVE THE KING

Nigel James Phillips CBE
Governor"

12 September 2022

Queen Elizabeth II:

Lying in State and Monday's State Funeral Grips a Nation

Your Majesty,

LETTER OF CONDOLENCE

On behalf of the communities of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, I would like to express our profound sorrow at the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. In the period following the sad news, members of the community have described The Queen's passing in the same terms they would a personal bereavement. It is as though we have collectively lost a beloved family member, a soul who touched us all.

Our communities are proud members of the British family with a long tradition of loyalty to the Crown. In return, The Queen's unwavering commitment to duty was an inspiration, especially during times of hardship. Many of us by example took strength from her steadfast resilience and compassion during the darkest days of the COVID-19 pandemic. In 1962, after a volcanic eruption led to the temporary evacuation of the island, Her Majesty graciously welcomed Tristanian refugees to Buckingham Palace; that kindness will never be forgotten. We are immensely thankful for Her Majesty's 70 years of service as our sovereign.

So many have had the privilege and pleasure of meeting The Queen. Her smile was infectious. That inner joy is evident in the photographs of an encounter The Queen had as the then Princess Elizabeth with Jonathan the tortoise in 1947 at Plantation House, the residence of the Governor on St Helena. The ability to instil happiness in others is I am sure one of the reasons memories of The Queen generate such fondness.

Her Majesty was very clear that her faith sustained her. I do hope that is a source of solace for Your Majesty and the Royal Family during this difficult time. Let me extend our deepest condolences at this incalculable loss.

NIGEL PHILLIPS CBE



Dear Mr Speaker,

On behalf of the St Helena Legislative Council, I would like to express our profound sorrow at the news of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. We express our heartfelt condolences to you, Mr Speaker, and to the Parliament of the United Kingdom, for the great loss of our beloved monarch.

As proud members of the British family, we feel a strong connection to The Queen. Her loss will be keenly felt throughout St Helena and by members of our Legislative Council. The St Helena community remember with enormous fondness when HM The Queen visited St Helena as a Princess, alongside her father King George VI, in 1947.

We send our deepest condolences to you and to all Members of the House of Commons at this time.

Yours sincerely,

Hon. Cyril Gunnell

Speaker of the St Helena Legislative Council

Queen Elizabeth II:

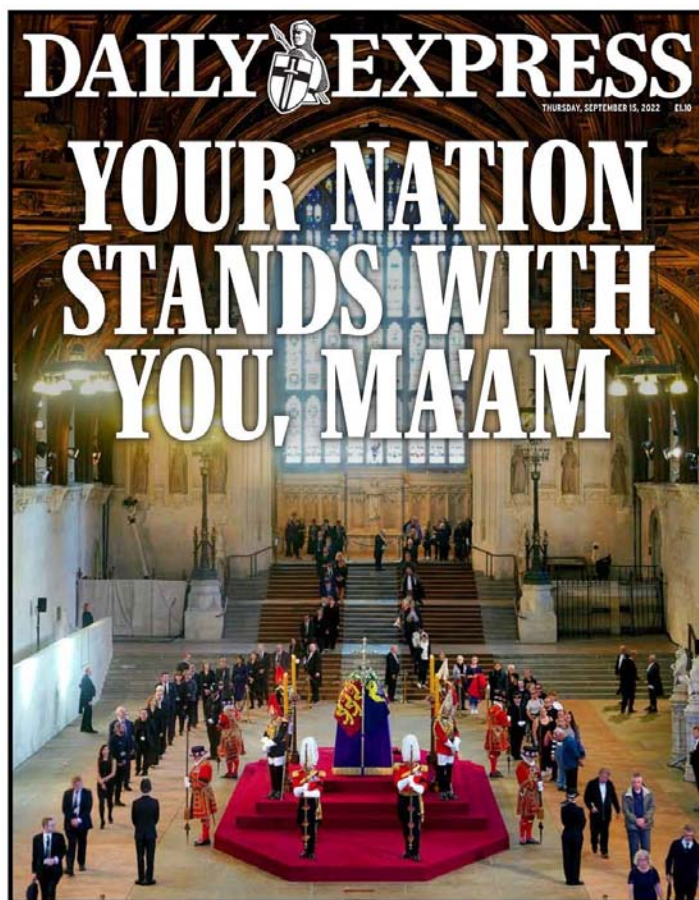
Lying in State and Monday's State Funeral Grips a Nation

Last Thursday the news of the Queen's death came just before the *Independent* was about to finish setting out the final pages and start the last printing session. More pages were added to give room for this unwelcome news.

Much has happened over the last seven days; from the cortège processing solemnly from Balmoral Castle to Holyrood House and then St Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh. Afterwards it was the journey by plane to London and the more recent ceremonies. More than 2,000 people are expected to attend the state funeral. Apart from Commonwealth Countries, attendance is restricted to Heads of State accompanied by one other person.

The seating plan for any religious gathering where many of the world's leaders are due to attend can be a diplomatic minefield. A simple alphabetical plan based on the name of the countries can cause explosions. At one time Iran and Iraq were either at war or not speaking to each other. For Monday's State Funeral representatives from Syria, Venezuela and Afghanistan have not been invited and North Korea and Nicaragua have been invited to send only ambassadors, not heads of state. No-one from Russia, Belarus and Myanmar has been invited either. It is possible there will be more countries represented at Westminster Abbey for the State Funeral than at a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly. Our governor and the chief minister will attend the funeral but neither would ever be an official delegate at a UN General Assembly.

In St Helena a Service of Commemoration will be held at St



James's Church in Jamestown at 1500 hours on Sunday 18 September. Also on Sunday a National Moment of Reflection will be marked by a one minute silence commencing at 1900 hours. This will be preceded by the tolling of church bells.

Monday 19th September, the day of the State Funeral, will be public holiday in St Helena and elsewhere. There is a Book of Condolence available at Tourism Office in Jamestown during the usual opening hours. The book will close at 1600 hours on Tuesday 20 September.



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Queen Elizabeth II:

Lying in State and Monday's State Funeral Grips a Nation

The Queen's coffin at Westminster Hall before the Hall was opened for people to pay their last respects. Westminster Hall is over 900 years old. King Charles I was brought to trial in Westminster Hall on 20 January 1649 at the end of the civil war. He was charged with tyranny and treason. The King was found guilty and sentenced to death. In 1606 Guy Fawkes and his co-conspirators faced similar charges and similar fates also in Westminster Hall.

All UK national newspapers have special supplements on the ceremonial events since the Queen's death. One newspaper devoted 30 pages to it. Yesterday the queue waiting to enter Westminster Hall was over 4 miles long and the waiting time was at least 9 hours. It is estimated 350,000 people will be able to enter Westminster Hall to pay their last respects, leaving many thousands queuing outside when the Lying in State ends at 6:30am on Monday morning. The State Funeral will be at nearby Westminster Abbey at 11am on Monday.

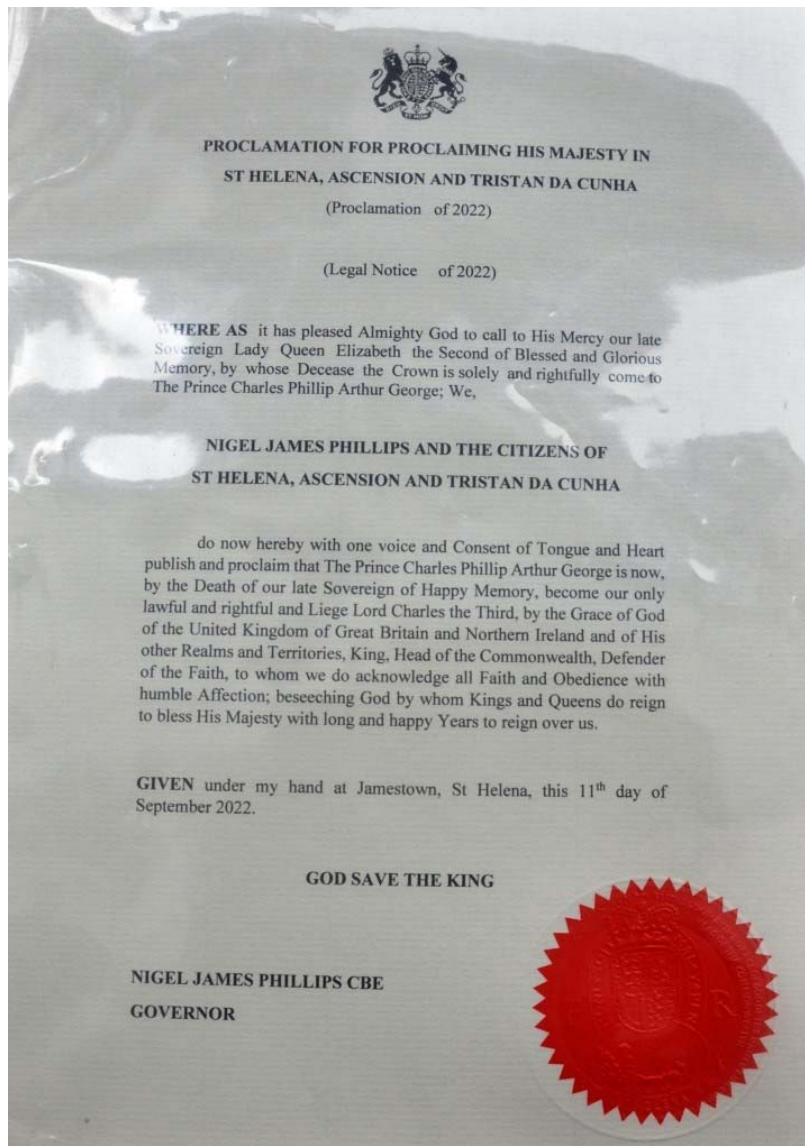


King Charles III attending the Queen's coffin in St Giles Cathedral, Edinburgh



Charles, Prince of Wales (Tywysog Cymru) Proclaimed King Charles III in St Helena

On Sunday at 11am Governor Phillips made the Proclamation proclaiming King Charles III to be Sovereign of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha with the consent of all who are resident on the three islands.



The Proclamation which Governor Phillips proclaimed on Sunday

Proclamation for Proclaiming His Majesty in St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha

WHEREAS it has pleased Almighty God to call to His Mercy our late Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth the Second of Blessed and Glorious Memory, by whose Decease the Crown is solely and rightfully come to The Prince Charles Phillip Arthur George; We,

**NIGEL JAMES PHILLIPS AND THE CITIZENS OF
ST HELENA, ASCENSION AND TRISTAN DA CUNHA**

do now hereby with one voice and Consent of Tongue and Heart publish and proclaim that The Prince Charles Phillip Arthur George is now, by the death of our late Sovereign of Happy Memory, become our only lawful and rightful and Liege Lord Charles the Third, by the Grace of God of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and of His other Realms and Territories, King, Head of the Commonwealth, Defender of the Faith, to whom we do acknowledge all Faith and Obedience with humble Affection; beseeching God by whom Kings and Queens do reign to bless His Majesty with long and happy Years to reign over us.

GIVEN under my hand at Jamestown, St Helena, this 11th day of September 2022

GOD SAVE THE KING

**NIGEL JAMES PHILLIPS CBE
GOVERNOR**



REGISTERING LAND OR PROPERTIES WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Real Estate Agents and private property landlords/owners are invited to register their vacant commercial/residential property or land with St Helena Government's Sustainable Development team.

This will allow the Sustainable Development team to put you in contact with businesses looking to rent or buy commercial space.

The Sustainable Development team receives a significant number of requests for commercial property space which they have regularly turned away due to limited property options. If you have the mandate to rent, lease, or sell any commercial, residential property or land, please contact Investment Co-ordinator, Melissa Fowler, via email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh or alternatively call: 22470 ext 209. Melissa will be happy to take you through the process for registering.

SHG
13 September 2022

St Helena
Government

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

All football matches in the English Premier League was postpone due to the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II. Two matches this weekend is also postpone due to the Queen's upcoming funeral. Chelsea v Liverpool and Manchester United v Leeds are the two matches affected due to lack of Police availability.

Brighton v Crystal Palace was already called off due to Rail Strikes.

Although the Queen was probably not a big Football Fan she was present at a number of FA Cup Finals and was on hand to past the World Cup to England Captain Bobby Moore in 1966.

The Queen didn't attend another international match at Wembley until the Euro 1996 Final between Germany and the Czech Republic.



The Queen handing the FA Cup to Southampton Captain Peter Rodrigues in 1976



Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth handing the Jules Rimet Trophy to England Captain Bobby Moore in 1966

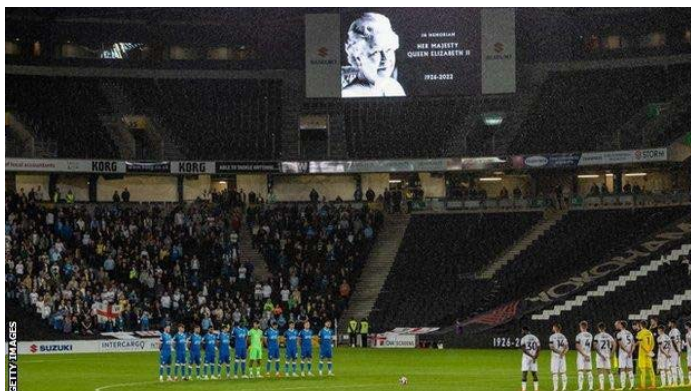
Her first Football match was in 1944, when England beat Scotland 6-2 in a friendly, in aid of war charities. In more than half-a-century of coming to Wembley, Her Majesty presented the FA Cup no less than eleven times, including the famous Sir Stanley Matthews final in 1953.

The Queen's last FA cup final was in 1976 when Manchester United was beaten by second Division side Southampton.

On Tuesday night tributes to the Queen were respectfully observed across 30 EFL games and at Liverpool and Tottenham's Champions League matches.



96 doves was release by Mansfield Town as a tribute to the Queen



Images of the Queen were on display at most Football grounds in the UK.



The Queen is presented with the Queens Baton at the open-

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

ing ceremony of the 2002 Commonwealth Games in Manchester by David Beckham and fundraiser Kirsty Howard



In October 2021, the Queen started a global relay of the Commonwealth Games baton ahead of the event in Birmingham this summer. She passed it to Paralympic gold medallist Kadeena Cox who carried it on the first leg of its journey.



The Queen attended her last Commonwealth Games in 2014.

The Queen was no doubt a remarkable Lady, who for 70 years dedicates her life to the people.

She was a leader; an excellent role model to us all.
Rest in Peace your Majesty.

Premier League Football Fixtures:

FRIDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

- 19:00 Aston Villa v Southampton
- 19:00 Nottingham Forest v Fulham

SATURDAY 17TH SEPTEMBER

- 11:30 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Manchester City

- 14:00 Newcastle United v AFC Bournemouth
- 16:30 Tottenham Hotspur v Leicester City

SUNDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

- 11:00 Brentford v Arsenal
- 13:15 Everton v West Ham United



The Queen opened two Olympic Games; 1976 in Montreal and 2012 in London.

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

The public is advised that Elected Members will hold a round of constituency meetings on the following days at 7.30 pm:

Wednesday 21st September

Tuesday 27th September

Wednesday 28th September

Wednesday 28th September

Monday 3rd October

Tuesday 4th October

Wednesday 5th October

Monday 10th October

Wednesday 12th October

Kingshurst Community Centre

St Michael's Church, Ruperts

St Mary's Church, the Briars

Levelwood (Venue TBC)

Sandy Bay Community Centre

Blue Hill Community Centre

Jamestown Community Centre

Harford Community Centre

Half Tree Hollow Community Centre

These meetings are an opportunity for you to meet with your District Representative and raise any issues you might have. Councillors will also take this opportunity to seek your views on the review of the Expert Election Mission report.

Councillors look forward to meeting with you and hearing your views.

REGISTERING LAND OR PROPERTIES WITH THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Real Estate Agents and private property landlords/owners are invited to register their vacant commercial/residential property or land with St Helena Government's Sustainable Development team.

This will allow the Sustainable Development team to put you in contact with businesses looking to rent or buy commercial space.

The Sustainable Development team receives a significant number of requests for commercial property space which they have regularly turned away due to limited property options. If you have the mandate to rent, lease, or sell any commercial, residential property or land, please contact Investment Co-ordinator, Melissa Fowler, via email: melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh or alternatively call: 22470 ext 209. Melissa will be happy to take you through the process for registering.

SHG
13 September 2022



The Victoria shop

has on sale the following at new lower prices

Chicken Thighs	£3.95kg
Chicken Leg quarters	£3.95kg
Smoked sliced Shoulder Bacon 1kg	£6.90ea
Southern Style drumsticks 1.5kg	£8.90ea
Chicken Breast Fillet Rocklands 1kg	£5.50kg
Pork Chops VP	£6.90kg
Smoked Pork Neck	£8.50kg
Frozen mixed Vegetables 1kg	£2.90
Sunstar 2L cooking Oil	£6.99ea
Princes Corned Beef 340g	£2.68ea
Euro shopper Baked Beans 410g	69p

Shop at the Victoria for the best prices in town!

Golf Report for Sunday 11th September 2022

Contributed by: SHGC

Sunday 11th September 2022 the club hosted the September monthly medal competition. Turn out was low. Possibly to honor the passing of her majesty Queen Elizabeth II. May her soul rest in peace and rise in glory. At tee off clouds were overcast but visibility was good. As the players got halfway through the second nine the temperature dropped, fog moved in and visibility reduced accompanied with light showers. It is at such times that some motorists driving by must think that golfers are crazy people to be playing in such conditions. We are not crazy. We are just special. Finishing top on the leaderboard with net 61 to win first prize was Jason Hopkins. He beat his nearest competitors by a whopping 11 strokes. Ashton Benjamin and Gerald George tied in second place with net 72. On a count back of the last three holes Mr Gerald George emerged second to win second prize. Prizes for first and second place were sponsored by Mr Keith Joshua aka KJ. We wish to thank KJ for his sponsorship of the event and a happy birthday as he turns a new leaf this week.

The Bank of St Helena sponsored the longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for ladies and gents. The winner for both longest drive and nearest to pin for the ladies was our ladies captain Mrs Helena Stevens. Mr Jason Hopkins won both longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for gents. Once again, we extend our gratitude to the Bank of St Helena for their continued support.



The Galway Cup sponsored by HE Governor Nigel Phillips that was scheduled for 17th and 18th September is hereby postponed as requested by the Governor's office in honour of the mourning of the passing of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II.

For those who would like to play, a medal competition will be hosted on 18th September 2022 tee off 12:00 noon. Registration will close on Saturday 17th September at 15:00. **Happy swinging.....!**



Orders for Seed Potatoes

Thorpes are taking orders for 25kg bags

to arrive V58 (ETA: 09/11/2022)

Contact Melanie Williams in Thorpe's Wholesale store on 22393 or wholesale@thorpes.sh



Variety:	Sifra
Tubers per Bag:	400
Generation:	3
Price per bag:	£32.50

DUE TO UNFORSEEN CIRCUMSTANCES - NEW DATE AND VENUE

THURSDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER
THE MULE YARD (OPEN AIR SCREENING)

A STORY OF BONES

A documentary film by Joseph Curran & Dominic Aubrey de Vere

DOORS 6.30PM - FREE ADMISSION - 12A ADVISED
TICKET RESERVATIONS: DOMINIC@PTFILM.CO.UK