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Sean Burns Seriously Ill

Tristan Administrator Sean Burns became seriously ill last Thursday, 9th March, and was admitted to Tristan's Camogli Healthcare Centre after suffering a stroke. An emergency call was radioed to ships in the area. Mr Burns required specialist medical attention and needed to be transferred to Cape Town. A German research vessel, *the RV Meteor* responded to the call. The ship arrived at Tristan on Tuesday this week, 14th March, took Sean Burns aboard and sailed for Cape Town. The 1,750-mile voyage normally takes 6 days. News of Sean's illness was posted on the Tristan website on Wednesday.

Sean Burns has been a familiar and much-liked figure in the South Atlantic Overseas Territories for a number of years. He has been Administrator of Ascension as well as Tristan da Cunha and also the Head of Governor's Office/Deputy Governor in St Helena. Sean was serving his third term as Tristan Administrator when taken ill. He had recently completed a term as the Ascension Island Administrator and was due to take retirement. However the newly appointed Tristan Administrator, Jason Ivory, had to return to the UK after only a few weeks in office. Sean agreed to delay his retirement and serve as Tristan Administrator for the third time while the UK Foreign Office found a replacement for Jason Ivory.



The St Helena Independent wish Sean a quick recovery and offer his wife, Marina, our best wishes during this anxious time. Our thoughts of concern also go to their son, Damian and their daughter Kelly, her husband Shane and grand-children Savanna and Seren.



Sean Burns signs in as Tristan Administrator for a record 3rd time on 1st December

Sean Burns first served as Tristan Administrator from 2010 to 2013, and again from 2016 to 2020. Sean then served as the Ascension Administrator until 6th November last year. Two days earlier Jason Ivory had left Tristan after terminating his appointment as Administrator there. Sean agreed to take over at Tristan and was sworn in for a record 3rd time on 1st December last year.

Another Shipping Delay



The new Meihuizen shipping service appears to have run into another slight delay. The Island is fully aware that this is the first arrival of the interim shipping solution – 'Maria da Paz'. It is not a great surprise that the inaugural arrival is delayed, but the big question asked is, if all this is necessary.

According to the latest update, the 'Maria da Paz' is now delayed until 28th March, and is due to stay here until 31st March. It seems that there is an awful lot of hassle for an interim service. The MV Helena is on her way to Greece to be sold, and Officers & Crew are most likely to be made redundant.

It cannot be understood if or why AW Ship Management were not offered to make a call every six weeks with the higher freight charges which now appear to be imposed. Can somebody explain?



Ascension Island - Our Future Access?

On St Helena we are eagerly awaiting for a more immediate air link to the UK. There is no doubt that this would be the preferred option for most British-related people to return to their 'home land'. Many are with anticipation, looking forward to a link via Ascension to open. It has been said that the refurbishment of Wideawake Airfield would be finalised next month – however, there is still lots of work to be completed. According to our sources, before Wideawake Airfield can be opened for the airbridge flights to resume, a lot of work is still outstanding. What has been reported in media, is that the resurfacing of the airstrip is near completion, but the high-speed turnaround, taxi-ways and apron are still in need of alignment with the runway. Also, the ILS (Instrumental Landing System) which was dismantled before the refurbishment, need to be re-installed, together with other safety features before any airbridge flights can resume.

There are also many other issues when it comes to re-establishing flights from Brize Norton to the Falkland Islands via Ascension. As Ascension is a remote outpost in the middle of the ocean, certain safety precautions have to be taken and catered for. One of these is that the accommodation at Travellers Hill, which is designed for approximately 500 people, is to a great extent in urgent need of repair. About 200 beds are currently used by the mainly-Turkish contingency working with the runway refurbishment. Mount Pleasant Airport on the Falklands is not known for being one of the most reliable in heavy weather conditions. Therefore accommodation for passengers travelling via Ascension on the airbridge and who might be there in case of delays or disruptions, would be lacking. Without emergency accommodation on Ascension, it is unlikely that the airbridge operations would resume. The refurbishment of Travellers Hill accommodation cannot start until the contractors have finalised their work and departed. Therefore it is unlikely that the flights will commence in the very near future.

It has also been said that there are opportunities for passen-

gers from St Helena to use the transit route with Airlink to Ascension, for further travel to the UK. This could be helped by the large number of Saints working with Mitie on Ascension and the Falklands. About 500 Saints are working for Mitie and if it is decided that it would be financially beneficial for the company to grant their employees to fly on the Airlink flight back to or via St Helena on their leave, it could alleviate extortionate prices on the STH-ASC leg. In addition to this dilemma, it has been said that the Obsidian Hotel is in a bad need of repair and refurbishment. Ascension Island Government (AIG) has declined to provide funding for its refurbishment, which is understandable due to the lack of property rights on the Island.

Unfortunately, it is the same problem again for Ascension where there is no right of abode or property rights. Therefore, it is not possible to find any private investor or other sustainable development for the Island. It is quite clear that no Bank, nor any investor will dedicate any funds for the development of Ascension without this criteria.

The lack of development on Ascension is a potential threat to development on St Helena, as a thriving Ascension could be a great help to our progress in the future.

20 years ago, UK Government declared that the right of abode and rights to own property would be awarded on Ascension. We can clearly remember when it was announced that the land registry for Ascension had been established in Essex House, Jamestown. Understandably, the UK Government retracted their original intention. This was to the great dismay of many people on Ascension but fully comprehensible.

Ascension might be our best connection to the outside world, but as it is mainly military-operated it creates difficulties for civilian access to St Helena. This is not likely to change soon.

Tragedy on Ascension Island

It has been reported from Ascension Island that a tragic death has occurred at English Bay. According to reliable sources close to the Independent, one person presumably of Turkish nationality, was swept into the sea and taken by the heavy Northern swells. There is no official report of this incident, but it has been independently confirmed by several sources.

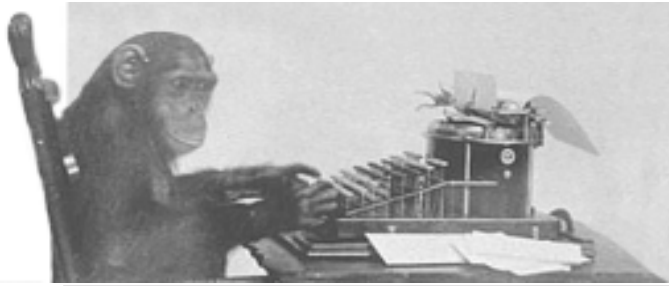
The seas around Ascension are well-known to be treacherous and has over the years claimed several lives.

English Bay is recognised as one of the safer beaches on



the Island, however, both sea and shark-related incidents have occurred in that area.

Our condolences are extended to the family and friends of the unfortunate victim of this latest tragedy.



Editorial

The last cruise ship left on 3rd March and the Chief Medical Officer left the day after. Peter Moss flew to Jo'burg to have a series of talks with various people who provide the healthcare services for our medical referrals and evacuations. The object of the discussions was to get some improvement to certain aspects of the service. No doubt time will tell. The reason for making contact was to respond to a question I emailed to Peter Moss just after he left for Jo'burg. My question was about the queue of medical cases waiting to come off the Costa Deliziosa. The Health Service knew of only one passenger requiring medical attention before the ship arrived. The rest, another four, were a surprise on the day. All the patients taken by ambulance were frail, elderly people with chronic health problems. Mr Moss observed that St Helena has a very small health facility we really don't have the capacity to have other organisations pass on their patients to us.

It is certainly true the cruise line is responsible for the passengers it accepts booking from. The cruise line is also responsible for the welfare of their passengers throughout the entire voyage. The only compensation is the charges raised by the Health Service for the administrative and medical attention given. As it took the entire time the cruise ship was anchored in James Bay to find beds for all the passenger/patients the admin charges alone should be considerable.

As of Wednesday this week, Africa's leading telecommunications and managed services provider, SEACOM, went live on the Equiano cable. SEACOM also uses the Equiano cable to provide secure private lines for data transmission. Data can be sent from South Africa to Europe with a maximum transmission delay of just 110 thousandth of a second. SEACOM are now using the fastest direct data transmission route between Africa and Europe. Lucky SEACOM – lucky SEACOM users. In St Helena we pay £17,000 a quarter for NOT using the Equiano cable.

What we have this week is a so-called update on the fibre-optic cable project. Despite the SHG announcement being called that it is not a strictly accurate description and can be confusing. The Equiano fibre-optic cable project is completed and signed off as good to go. Except it's not going, it's just lying there. The week's update refers to the long-awaited start to installing the fibre-optic and wireless network across the Island so we can all gain the best advantages from increased data speeds and capacity. The contract for the new network is with Maestro Technologies to design and build. The first of their staff should be arriving on Saturday. Unfortunately, they will have to wait for the cargo ship to arrive and be unloaded before they can start work. The latest guesstimate for the ship's arrival is 28th March.

For the next year it seems likely the cargo ship will be late arriving. The conveyance of freight destined for St Helena is more than a little complicated. Cargo from the UK and South Africa is transhipped at least once and calls at a number of ports before finally leaving Walvis Bay for St Helena. Transshipments cost money and port calls cost money. The effect on prices in the shops due to the cost of freight on the Meihuizen service is by no means transparent. The price of a medium size bottle of sunflower oil has jumped to £7 and a bag of Iceland frozen chicken breasts is around the same price. The price of sunflower oil peaked March last year. Since then the price trend has been consistently falling, apart from one short-lived and minor spike. The price now is around the same as it was in November 2020. Why then is sunflower oil costing so much? And how much of the price in the shops pays Meihuizen freight charges? The same questions can be asked of a hundred other essential food items.

Another bit of not so good news this week is the Argentine Minister of Defence announced a contract has been signed for the construction of a multipurpose landing ship, a polar ship, and a floating dock, as well as the modernisation of a corvette (convoy escort ship) for the Argentine Navy. The defence minister said the new ships will "allow us to provide a better and faster response to any emergency or natural catastrophe." I wonder if the Argentines look upon the Falklands as a natural catastrophe?

The UK government has been rather pleased this week with the grandly named Integrated Review Refresh 2026 – otherwise known as tinkering about again with the defence policy, or strategy, just as you wish. It was published to the accompaniment of a great fanfare. The Royal United Service Institute published an appraisal of the IRR2026. Part of it read, "Whoever wins the next general election, it is likely there would be another review in 2025 which would take the tally to six in ten years, including six different prime ministers and possibly a change of party in power, compared to six in the preceding 15 years and just five during the Cold War." Constant fiddling around with important issues, such as the defence of the realm, gives people the unsettling feeling that those in charge are not entirely sure what they are doing. It's an all too common feeling these days.

Vince





COMMONWEALTH DAY 2023—Monday 13th March

Theme: Forging a sustainable and peaceful common future

Commonwealth Day was observed last Monday, marking the beginning of a week-long series of events and activities happening around the globe – including faith and civic gatherings, debates, school assemblies, flag-raising ceremonies and cultural events. This is the first Commonwealth Day since the passing of Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and the first presided over by His Majesty King Charles III as King and Head of the Commonwealth.

Here on St Helena, assemblies were held at Prince Andrew School and the three Island Primary Schools. During the assembly at PAS, the Speaker of the House and St Helena Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branch President, Cyril Gunnell, delivered a welcome speech and spoke about 2023 being a historic year for the Commonwealth, noting the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III and celebrating 50 years of the Commonwealth Youth Programme.

Acting Governor, Greg Gibson read the message from Head of the Commonwealth, His Majesty King Charles III; Chief Minister, Julie Thomas, read a message from the Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, and PAS Student Council President, Stefan Thomas, read the Commonwealth Affirmation.

Invited Guest speakers, who were under the age of 30 spoke about their careers, along with some of the challenges they faced and how they overcame these. They included Marine Plastics Project Officer from the St Helena National Trust - Matthew Owen; Healthy Lifestyle Coach from the Health & Social Care Portfolio - Raquel Johnson; Teaching Assistant from the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio - Kayla-Jayne Peters-Brady; Research Assistant from the St Helena Research Institute - Zac Bargo and Police Constable from the Royal St Helena Police Service - Brittney Coleman.

The assembly concluded with closing remarks from Councillor Karl Thrower in a speech that was prepared by Councillor Andrew Turner, who unfortunately could not attend. Mr Gunnell then raised the Commonwealth Flag at the Francis Plain Pavilion. As part of the 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth', this initiative aims to inspire participants to join with others throughout the Commonwealth - a family of 56 nations representing around a third of the world's population.

Commonwealth Day assemblies were also held at the Island Primary Schools, which were attended by Elected Members.

This year's theme combines the active commitment of member states to support the promotion of peace, prosperity and sustainability, especially through climate action, so as to secure a better future for our young people and improve the lives of all Commonwealth citizens.



In London, Commonwealth Day 2023 was celebrated with a multi-cultural, multi-faith service held at Westminster Abbey which featured a procession of young flag bearers representing each of the 56 nations of the Commonwealth, as well as a wreath-laying ceremony at the Commonwealth Memorial Gates, and a flag-raising event for the Commonwealth Flag for Peace. The event included performances by musicians from New Zealand, Rwanda and Cyprus.

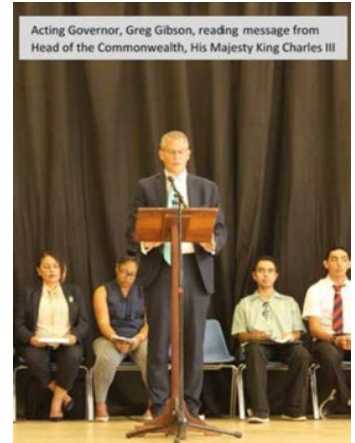
In his speech on Monday, King Charles III also said *"Commonwealth Day was an occasion of particular pride for my beloved Mother, The late Queen – a treasured opportunity to celebrate our Commonwealth family, to whose service she dedicated her long and remarkable life. In succeeding Her Majesty as Head of the Commonwealth, I draw great strength from her example, together with all that I have learnt from the extraordinary people I have met, throughout the Commonwealth, over so many years.*

Whether on climate change and biodiversity loss, youth opportunity and education, global health, or economic co-operation, the Commonwealth can play an indispensable role in the most pressing issues of our time. Ours is an association not just of shared values, but of common purpose and joint action.

In this we are blessed with the ingenuity and imagination of a third of the world's population, including one and a half billion people under the age of thirty. Our shared humanity contains an immensely precious diversity of thought, culture, tradition and experience. By listening to each other, we will find so many of the solutions that we seek.

The myriad connections between our nations have sustained and enriched us for more than seven decades. Our commitment to peace, progress and opportunity will sustain us for many more. Let ours be a Commonwealth that not only stands together, but strives together, in restless and practical pursuit of the global common good".

Commonwealth Day 2023 marks the tenth anniversary of the signing of the Commonwealth Charter which was signed by Her late Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 11 March 2013.



Skipping for the Future

Rikki Young of Half Tree Hollow took on the challenge of doing 100 skips on the hour for 24 hours straight in support of Cancer Support and Awareness Charity.

Dress in promotion shirts Rikki along with her supporters made their way to her first location Sandy Bay Beach to kick start her challenge at 2pm.

Rikki and her supporters also covered a view of the Peaks, Plantation House, Rosemary Plain, High Knoll Fort, South-west Point, Cason's, Rosie's which attracted a large crowd of supporters, General Hospital, the Canister, St James Church, Rupert's where 2 skips were each done on the beach and jetty respectively, Millennium Forest, Horse Point, Napoleon's House, Bellstone, Napoleon's Tomb, Heart Shaped Waterfall Platform at Button up corner, bottom of Jacobs Ladder, Castle Gardens, and Jamestown Swimming Pool before finishing at the landing steps in Jamestown.



Congratulations are extended to Rikki and her team and thank you to all who supported her on the night.

Leigh Richards



Rikki completed some of the skips solo but the majority of them was done with family, friends and supporters of all ages. Rikkis journey in videos and photos can be viewed on the Cancer Support and Awareness Charity Facebook page and this made possible on the evening courtesy of SURE South Atlantic Limited providing the feed and Zedella Young filming her skips and various photographers sharing pictures to the page.

Rikki target was £500 but well done to her it is believed she smashed this target and as soon as the final monies are counted we will relay via radio and paper.



Mother's Day Service

A Colorful Mum

19 March, 11 am

Join us on our Creation Festival Finale followed by a Bring & Share Lunch and Fellowship.

Where?
The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue, Longwood



FENCING PROJECT AT HORSE POINT LANDFILL SITE

Waste Management Services (WMS) would like to advise that work has begun to replace all of the boundary fence at Horse Point Landfill Site (HPLS).

Sections of the original fencing have already been removed, so please adhere to all signage and/or instructions from the WMS team to maintain site safety. Certain areas should not be accessed and normal day to day tasks at HPLS includes the operation of heavy plant and machinery. To mitigate risk of injury and/or damages to staff and users, access must therefore only be via the designated entrances.



This project was funded between efficiency savings made within the Environmental, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio budget and the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office through the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund - Overseas Territory Environmental Sustainability and Climate Change Programme. The work to re-fence the site is being undertaken by the WMS team for further efficiency.

If you'd like more information regarding HPLS operations, including the Public Recycling Facility and Materials Recycling Facility, please contact Landfill Manager, Patrick Crowie, by tel: 23655 or by email: landfill.manager@helanta.co.sh, or the Environmental Officer Risk Management, Terri Clingham, by tel: 24724 or by email: terri.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Waste Management Services; working in partnership with customers for a cleaner and greener St Helena.

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AMBLEDALE WORKSHOP LTD AWARDED CONTRACT TO REFURBISH WHARF LANDING STEPS

Following an open procurement exercise conducted in February 2023, Ambledale Workshop Ltd has been awarded the contract to refurbish the Main Wharf Landing Steps. These works will address the health and safety aspect of the steps. The total value of this contract is £18,911.83 (Eighteen thousand, nine hundred and eleven pounds and eighty three pence).

This project is being funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) Micro Projects.

Works will commence from tomorrow, Tuesday, 14 March 2023, and are programmed to be completed by 31 March 2023.

Restricted access will still be granted to the Lower Landing Steps, but members of the public should be vigilant when approaching and entering this area and adhere to the signage in place, as works will be ongoing.

The public will be kept informed of progress and are thanked for their understanding during this time.

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Thank You

St James Parish Church would like to thank everyone who contributed to yet another successful Shrove Tuesday Pancake day celebration.

Special thanks to Jane at Ann's Place for making the curries, Chef Stephen Yon for standing 4 hours at the cooker making more of the pancakes, Stevens Butchers for donating some of the meat for the curry and all the families who donated home made pancakes to start us off.

With the receipts of £191.20 from the Scouts hotdog stall we raised a grand total of £503.81.

Once again, many thanks to everyone who supported us.

Football Night Out at the Mule Yard

Saturday 11th March saw the second big fundraising event for the St Helena Football Association in the form of a family night out at the Mule Yard.

The evening kicked off around 6pm with live music provided by the Love Affair and the smell of BBQ on the open fire by chief chef Gavin Ellick aka Eddie Duff.

Around 8:30pm we started to see more and more spaces being filled in the Mule Yard as everybody waited in anticipation for the main highlight of the evening, the grand raffle which were originally scheduled to be drawn on New Year's Eve, this was done about 9:30pm but random people from the crowd.

Before the actually draw took place a special presentation was made to brothers Leo and Joshua Crowie who increased ticket sales tremendously in the closing hours of the draw....well done boys we proud of you'll.

The winners of the Grand Raffle were:

1st - 125cc Sym Scooter - Denny Leo of Half Way



2nd - Flat Screen TV - Calvin John of Longwood
3rd - Staycation at Mantis - Johnathon Clark of Jamestown
4th - A goat - Aliyah Crowie of Half Tree Hollow
5th - Replica Team Home Kit shirt - Anthony Thomas of Alarm Forest.

After the big draw, many stayed to listen and dance the night away to the sounds of Blue Magic despite a downpour of rain.

Food sales consisting of Curry and Rice and BBQ meals continued to be sold throughout the evening along with a smaller raffle with ticket sales and the winners drawn on the night.

The outcome of this raffle was:

1st - Cake with SHFA logo on - Ricco Chicco Williams
2nd - Bottle of wine - Kim Caesar
3rd - Chocolate cake - Rob Thornhill.

Monies collected from this night are still being finalised and once known will be relayed via the media platforms.

On behalf of the St Helena Football Association, they would like to thank all (way too many to mention) who helped in anyway to making this night a huge success, to everyone who sold and brought raffle tickets, donate money and prizes, Love Affair and Blue Magic for keeping everyone entertained, Paul and his staff for keeping the drinks flowing, and everybody who turned up on the evening, your support was greatly appreciated.

Watch this space for upcoming events organised by the Association.

Leigh Richards

2022 Was a Boom Year for Falklands Squid and Finfish Fleets

Fisheries authorities in the Falkland Islands have said that 2022 was a bumper year for the squid and hake fishing fleets licenced by the territory. Sixteen ships caught a remarkable 101,166 tonnes of loligo squid; a catch that was exceeded only in 1989 when 118,120 tonnes were landed, although that record catch was achieved by almost three times as many ships.

The haul of hake in 2022 was even more remarkable. Trawlers netted 62,830 tonnes of the finfish species, making it the highest annual catch of this species since the Falklands established its exclusive economic zone in the mid-1980s.

Figures for the third important catch, the migratory *Illex* squid, are not yet in, as the season is ongoing. But the jigging ships, which are owned by companies in the Far East, have been operating since early February. They caught some 15,000 tonnes within 10 days of the season commencing.

Details of the boom year for Falklands fishing were released by the Government's Fisheries Committee, which met on 6 March and received reports from the Director of Fisheries. The director also reported on routine inspections of fishing vessels that were carried out in 2022. Issues of concern that emerged from the inspections included accidents, safety equipment not meeting specifications, and out-of-date documentation. As is normal, all issues relating to fishing/safety equipment or documentation were resolved prior to vessels sailing for the fishing grounds.

The Director of Fisheries also reported that the Islands' new patrol vessel FPV *Lilibet* was due to leave Cape Town in early March, and on arrival in the Falklands will undergo two weeks of training with fisheries officials and observers before commencing patrols in the exclusive economic zone.



Lilibet – The Falklands new fisheries patrol vessel, due to start in service soon

Unregulated Squid Fishing is Expanding Explosively – Chinese Vessels Take 92% of All Squid Fishing Time

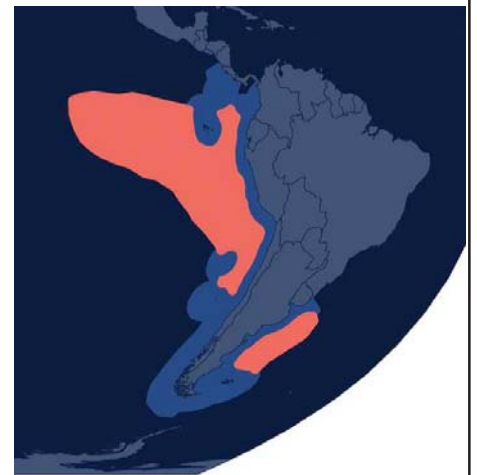
A new study published earlier this year has shone the spotlight on an area of industrial fishing which has escaped close scrutiny, until now. While the Falkland squid fisheries have offered up a bumper catch for the season, unregulated squid fishing has increased by 68% in just three years. Some of the unregulated squid fishing is in the south-west Atlantic.

The researchers explain that most research has focused on the legality of global industrial fishing, unregulated fishing has largely escaped scrutiny. "Here, we evaluate the unregulated nature of global squid fisheries using AIS data and night time imagery of the globalized fleet of light-luring squid vessels. We find that this fishery is extensive, fishing 149,000 to 251,000 vessel days annually, and that effort increased 68% over the study period 2017–2020. Most vessels are highly mobile and fish in multiple regions, largely (86%) in unregulated areas."

Unregulated areas are on the high seas, in international waters. While tuna is comparatively well protected in international waters by Regional Fisheries Man-

agement Organisations such as ICCAT, squid populations are almost entirely ignored. While scientists and policy makers express concerns over the declining abundance of squid stocks globally and regionally there is a world-wide increase in vessels fishing squid with new unregulated areas being constantly exploited.

To capture the most complete data vessels were tracked using the Automatic Identification System (AIS) and Visible Infrared Imaging (VIIRS) which picks up the lights on squid fishing vessels, used as lures to attract squid, from satellite imagery. Over the three-year study period the movements of 1,394 vessels were identified using AIS alone. The combined data was compared with regulated and unregulated fishing areas. It was found most light-luring squid fishing vessels spent 86% of their total fishing time in unregulated areas and areas with no relevant regulations for squid fishing. A total of 4.4 million hours of fishing time was logged. Chinese vessels dominated the squid fishing industry with 1,123 vessels identified and fishing for 4 million hours or 92% of all squid fishing hours recorded.



The south-west Atlantic is an unregulated area apart from the Economic Exclusion Zones (EEZs). South America has EEZs shown around the southern coasts but an unregulated area lies to the north of the Falklands close to the Argentine Coast. It is highly likely Chinese fishing vessels are hauling aboard massive quantities of squid, taking advantage of the lack of fishing limits and other restrictions.



UPDATE ON FIBRE OPTIC CABLE PROJECT

On 28 November 2022 it was announced that St Helena Government (SHG) signed a contract with Maestro St Helena Ltd (Maestro) (a company registered in St Helena) to design and build a fibre network across the Island.

Following this, a number of essential preliminary matters have been under discussion and finalisation ahead of substantive project works commencing. In the meantime the project team have been mobilising and are now preparing to establish their physical presence on the Island.

A number of project personnel are expected to begin arriving from Saturday 25 March, with project materials and equipment due to arrive on the upcoming calling of the MV Maria da Paz later this month. Once on Island, the Maestro project team will be based at Bradleys.

The arrival of materials, equipment and personnel signals the beginning of the local delivery stage of the project, which will ultimately see the construction of a future-proofed passive optical network to cover present and future fibre needs. In addition, it will see construction of a wireless system which can also be used to deliver fibre-like speeds to provide connectivity to more remote locations around the Island.

The contract with Maestro is for the design, build and transfer of a new local network for St Helena. This will be a network owned by SHG, ensuring the long-term interests of the Island can be best achieved and the taxpayer realises the best possible value from fibre optic connectivity.

Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development, Mark Brooks, said:

“This is a significant project that will have a substantial impact on the Island for generations to come, so I am very pleased to see on-Island mobilisation efforts start to take effect. There has been a significant amount of work going on in the background with SHG and Maestro officials, and we expect to see wider works beginning shortly.”

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OFFICE DESKS FOR SALE

Bank of St Helena have used Office Desks and 3-Drawer Desk Cabinets for sale. These items will be sold on an 'as-is basis' and are first-come, first-serve.

Interested persons are welcome to make an appointment or request a cost from Michelle Knipe before **Friday, 24 March** by telephone 22390 or email hrofficer@sainthelenabank.com.



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R2 Project – Side Path Road Completion Works – The Brow Drainage

Last month it was confirmed that the contractor would be undertaking works to complete the remaining elements of the Side Path Road construction contract. These works are now focused on drainage below the Brow, and are progressing in the vicinity of Seales Corner Road, Harris Flats, Parish Block and the Run.

Seales Corner Road is now re-opened, but there will need to be a further closure later this month to enable final completion of the works. An announcement will be made about this in due course.

The focus of the works have now moved to the Run. In order to construct the connection from Seales Corner Road to the Run, it is necessary to close the Run to all pedestrians between Harris Flats and Connect's offices for approximately two weeks.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused. Appropriate warning signage will be in place throughout the closure. Radio announcements will continue to be made to update the public on progress. This will include the re-opening of the Run and the timing of the planned work between Harris Flats and Parish Block.

For further information on the site works please contact the EDIP site supervisor, Mr Chris Williams, on 67424.

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The future of St. Helena's Marine Environment is in all of our hands, how we manage it sustainably is everyone's responsibility.

One of the Goals of St. Helena's Marine Management Plan is that:

St Helena's marine environment, its importance, and management methods are better understood by both the local and international community, with all provided the opportunity to input into securing its future.

With the objective of the goal to ensure that users of the marine environment and stakeholders are able to participate in management decisions and activities to protect and enhance the marine protected area (MPA).

ENRP has an action to:

"Establish an MPA working group/forum to enable stakeholders to actively engage in the management process."

- Who should be on this working group?
- What should the role of the group be?
- How should a group like this be setup?
- How often should this working group meet?
- What is the best style to host the activities for the group?
- How can we measure the success of such a group?
- What limitations should the group works within?
- How should we manage conflicts of interest?
- How can the public be kept in the loop about what's going on in the group?



ENRP's Marine Conservation and Fisheries Section, with support of the Blue Belt project partners, will be hosting a workshop to make an informed start - **Thursday 24th March at Donny's from 3pm to 5pm.**

IF YOU USE OR HAVE AN INTEREST IN THE MARINE ENVIRONMENT – YOU'RE A STAKEHOLDER!

We'd like to hear from you, so that we set up this group with the right people, doing the right job for the right reasons.

23RD MARCH 3PM-5PM
AT DONNY'S

If you would like to attend, and so that we can cater for expected participation, please call Elizabeth Clingham on 25966 or email elizabeth.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh and register your attendance by 2pm **Weds 22nd March.**



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PRESENTATIONS
EVENING

21ST MARCH 19:00PM AT DONNY'S

MARINE
AWARENESS
WEEK
2023

SPEAKER	TITLE	SYNOPSIS
Miss Kelly Jonas - Acting Head of Marine Compliance and Enforcement. SHG	The role of the Marine, Compliance and Enforcement Section	The Marine, Compliance and Enforcement Section work with fishers and other users of the sea to ensure they know what the rules and regulations are, they issue licenses and make sure people comply with the conditions of their licenses and deal with non compliance. How do they do this? Well you can join Kelly Jonas (Marine Compliance and Enforcement Officer) for a short presentation on the day to day operations of the section and ask some questions.
Miss Maria Eugénia Fernandes Freitas Marine Plastics Project Manager, St Helena National Trust	Why should we care about plastic population in the ocean?	Plastic litter is a global issue, considered one of the biggest problems nowadays threatening marine biodiversity and our lives. But how? What are the impacts of plastic pollution? What are microplastics? And nanoplastics? What do plastics have to do with our health? In this chat we will explore the impacts of plastic pollution, and microplastics, found in our ocean, high mountains like the Alps, and even in our blood.
Dr Emily Hardman Marine Management Organization	Illegal, Unregulated Fishing (IUU-ensuring compliance and enforcement in St. Helena's offshore environment)	St Helena's marine protected area is over 440,000 km2. With such a vast area of sea and no patrol boats, how do we know that illegal fishing isn't taking place around the offshore seamounts? Emily Hardman from the Marine Management Organisation will explain how the Blue Belt Programme is using satellites and other remote technology to monitor the seas and what we've found so far.
Miss Rikki Young	Our Marine Environment - Health, Wellbeing & Spirituality	The ocean can not only heal cuts with salt, but it has the ability to trigger a mindful state of calm and contentment. It can literally wash away the pain. Join local nature enthusiast Rikki Young and hear her health, wellbeing and spiritual journey with nature.
Mr Ivan Henry	Traditional Rock fishing - from a boy to a man.	Rocking fishing is an activity that has been enjoyed by "saints" for generations. A source of food and recreation Ivan Henry a 74 year old who has been rock fishing since he was a child. Hear about how he learned where and how to fish from his grandfather and how traditional activities has changed over his lifetime.
Dr Serena Wright (CEFAS) & Mr. Jo Naulaerts (Fisheries Science Ordinator SHG Marine Section)	Using science for fisheries management (St. Helena as a case study)	How we know what measures to put in place to protect fish populations. Learn more about how scientific processes such as biological sampling and tagging of fish aid us in understanding the ecology of local fish and how this information fits within our sustainable fisheries management.



MARINE AWARENESS WEEK 2023

REMINDER! DATES FOR YOUR DAIRY

Celebrate "Mother Ocean" this Sunday, 19th March, 2-6pm at the Ocean Festival, Donny's. Exhibitions will be displayed daily at Donny's starting at 9:30am until 7:00pm.
 Tuesday 21st - Speed Talks at Donny's starting at 7pm.
 Thursday 23rd - Movie Night at the Mule Yard showing "Mission Blue"
 Friday 24th - Kids Disco at Donny's and a fancy dress competition followed by adults disco

For further information check out last weeks newspaper and our Facebook page, Nature Conservation, St. Helena.



Invasive Invertebrate Community Pop-up Stalls

The Trust Darwin Plus Project 'Conserving St Helena's endemic invertebrates through invasive invertebrate control' will be hosting pop-up stalls around the Island to promote their project. Want to know more? Want to help? Or have an opinion? Stop by one off our pop-up stalls and let the team inform and listen to you.

Don't forget to collect ant species from your home and put them into a container and bring it either to the pop-up stall or to the Trust Office at Broadway House

This project is researching and trialing control methods for three invasive invertebrates which are the Big-headed Ant (*Pheidole megacephala*), Common Wasp (*Vespula vulgaris*) and Springbok Mantis (*Miomantis caffra*). These species have a negative impact on the island's native habitat and endemic species through predation.

Location	Date	Time
Half Tree Hollow Supermarket	21 March 23	10:00 -13:00
Longwood Supermarket	22 March 23	10:00 -13:00
Jamestown Canister	23 March 23	10:00 -13:00
Silver Hill Bar	24 March 23	15:00 -18:00



For more information contact Christy Jo Scipio 22224 or christyjo.scipioodean@trust.org.sh



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
Vacancy Notice

DIRECTOR OF CONSERVATION AND FISHERIES

Total package value up to £62,250
(accompanied status, including allowances and housing)

Additional benefits include annual home leave, vehicle and personal effects shipping to and from Ascension, free medical and dental care and free schooling for dependant children up to 16 years.

About the role

We are looking for an experienced conservation manager to lead the Ascension Island Government's Conservation and Fisheries Directorate and implement the island's Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan. Ascension Island is a biodiversity hotspot including at least 67 endemic species, 500,000 breeding seabirds, diverse and abundant marine ecosystems and one of the Atlantic's largest populations of nesting green turtles. You will be responsible for protecting this biodiversity by leading a team of committed conservationists based on the island and building partnerships with international organisations. This role is funded by the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme.

What you'll do

You will provide the strategic direction for the Conservation and Fisheries Directorate and manage a team of 24 staff to deliver the objectives of the Biodiversity Action Plan and protected area management plans. This includes working with the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme to manage one of the world's largest highly-protected Marine Protected Areas. Much of the work of the Directorate is externally-funded, so you will secure grants and partnerships to deliver priority work areas and coordinate the management and reporting of these projects. You will provide advice to Ascension Island Government colleagues on all aspects of biodiversity and environmental protection and ensure compliance with relevant legislation. Where necessary, you will work with colleagues to draft new legislation

What you'll bring

We are looking for someone with extensive experience in conservation management who is able to combine strategic planning with the ability to implement change on the ground. You will be a strong leader who can provide direction, guidance and support to a diverse team. You will have a proven track record in securing external funding and building relationships with external partners. You must be capable of identifying research needs and synthesising complex information to deliver evidence-based management of protected areas and species. Good communication is at the heart of this role so you must be able to convey information to a diverse range of audiences through a variety of channels. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £44,190 per year (taxable in Ascension), the role is accompanied status and attracts the following

- Rent free accommodation (value £600+ per month)
- A food allowance of £7,200 accompanied or £3,600 single status per year
- An electricity allowance worth £938 per year
- A water allowance worth £2,729 accompanied or £1,360 single status per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle

- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependent children from 4 to 16 years
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced criminal records check
- Satisfactory medical and dental clearance

What's it like to work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider UK Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in an incredibly small community with limited availability of perishable food, non-food items and internet connectivity.

Closing date: 9th April 2023

Interviews: week beginning 17th April 2023 (Remotely if off island)

Required start date: July 2023 or as soon as possible thereafter

For more information, a full job description and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

For more information about the Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate, or about living and working on Ascension Island, please visit the official website at

www.ascension.gov.ac/conservation or find us on Facebook:

www.facebook.com/AscensionIslandConservation

If you have any queries about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

KING'S CORONATION EVENTS COORDINATOR

Expressions of interest are invited from individuals / businesses / non-government organisations to organise and oversee the programme of events to commemorate the Coronation of King Charles III.

The celebration will take place on Sunday 07 May 2023 and will be focused on the Grand Parade in Jamestown.

The Events Coordinator will work under the direction of the Kings Coronation Working Group and be in charge of coordinating this once in a lifetime event, leading the organisation and delivery of these memorable celebrations for the Island.

A budget has been allocated for facilitating the celebrations, as well as for payment for services provided by the Events Coordinator.

The role and responsibilities of the Events Coordinator will include:

- Facilitating and delivering successful Coronation celebrations
- Meeting regularly with the Kings Coronation Working Group
- Developing a full programme of events that engage all sections of the community
- Working with interested parties to facilitate stall holdings, food and drink offerings, games and activities, etc.
- Organising and overseeing the programme of events on the day itself
- Ensuring comprehensive take down and clean up after the event



If a charitable organisation wishes to take on this role then a donation can be made to that organisation in lieu of payment to an individual.

Expressions of Interest for this role, giving full cost details (e.g. remuneration, transport and communication costs) should be submitted to Miss Crystal Maggott by 4pm on Tuesday, 21 March 2023 by email through crystal.maggott@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG

15 March 2023



Vacancy for Communications Engineer – Babcock, Ascension Island

Babcock has a vacancy for a full-time Communications Engineer to work on a Radio site on Ascension Island.

The primary function of the post is to work within a small team, to carry out maintenance and repairs on Transmitters, Receivers and Control equipment.

The post will be offered either on a single or accompanied contract, depending on personal circumstances, and includes bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination and obtaining the required level Security Clearance.

Job role:

- Maintain and repair Transmitters, Receivers and associated Communications and IT systems.
- Promote safe conduct at work, ensuring safe working practices are applied in accordance with company policies, training and instructions.
- Assist with any project work.
- Assist with any other duties to maintain a safe, clean and tidy workplace.

Required Qualifications and Experience:

- BTEC National Certification/Diploma in Communications/Electronics or equivalent.
- Practical experience in Transmitter and Receiver maintenance, fault finding and repairs.
- Good understanding of Communications and IT systems.
- Awareness of Health and Safety regulations, and safe working practices.

Skills and Attributes

- Self-motivation and enthusiastic, performance driven, conscientious and willingness to develop.
- Be willing to work independently or actively as a team member.
- Good communication skills, both verbally and in writing.
- Have a good user level of PC software applications.

You will also require:

- A full driving Licence.
- A willingness to travel within the UK and other overseas sites, if required for training or work experience.
- To be eligible for DV Level (UK) security clearance.
- To carry out call-out/standby duties, and willingness to work flexible hours if required.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the job description.

What we offer

- Annual leave allowance of 30 days plus 8 bank holidays
- Cost of living allowance
- Electricity and Water allowance
- Gratuity scheme
- Free flights to St. Helena or UK (pending availability of flights) for annual leave.
- Employee assistance programme supporting physical, mental and financial wellbeing
- Autonomy. Trusted and empowered to be at your best

For further information regarding the post and entitlements, and for an application form, please contact Jonathan Stroud on telephone 66254/46720 or email jonathan.stroud2@babcockinternational.com

Applications and CV's to be sent to:

Jonathan Stroud, Station Manager
Babcock, Ascension Island
Email: jonathan.stroud2@babcockinternational.com

Closing date for applications is Friday 31st March 2023.

Vacancy

Auto Shop & Transport Manager



Salary for the post will commence at £16,335 per annum (£1,361 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Auto Shop Department for an Auto Shop & Transport Manager.

As the Auto Shop & Transport Manager you will be responsible for the management of the Company's Auto Shop and Transport Operations, ensuring efficient service delivery and management of the Auto Shop in compliance with safety requirements.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent, and be competent in IT
- Have 3 years' experience in a Management role, with strong interpersonal, organisational and leadership skills, with the ability to lead and develop a team
- Ideally have a relevant industry qualification or a proven track record of working in a similar environment for a minimum of 5 years
- Be in possession of a diagnostics certification and/or have recognised industry software diagnostics competence
- Possess a valid drivers licence
- Possess commercial and financial awareness
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Possess in depth knowledge of Health & Safety and Compliance requirements and the ability to undertake Risk Assessments

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) via ☎ 22380 ✉ GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **20 March 2023**.

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- 🏠 Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Building Services Manager



Salary for the post will commence at £16,932 per annum (£1,411 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Building Works Department for a Building Services Manager.

As the Building Services Manager you will manage all aspects of construction projects and be responsible for the delivery of all the elements of the Building Services Department, ensuring efficient service delivery and management of the Building Works Department in compliance with safety requirements

Interested Persons Should:

- Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent, and be competent in IT
- Have 3 years experience in a Management role, with strong leadership skills, with the ability to lead and develop a team
- Demonstrate excellent technical knowledge and skills in the construction field and the ability to understand technical drawings and produce cost estimates
- Ideally have a relevant industry qualification or a proven track record of working in a similar environment for a minimum of 5 years
- Be self-motivated, innovative and have the ability to work under pressure
- Possess a valid drivers licence
- Possess commercial and financial awareness
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Possess in depth knowledge of Health & Safety and Compliance requirements and the ability to undertake Risk Assessments and compile method

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Vacancy

Building Works Foreman



Salary for the post will commence at £ 11,677 per annum (£973 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Building Works Department for a Foreman.

As the Building Works Foreman you will 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 Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent
- 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 Applications
- Have the ability to understand drawings, and plans and ensure job specifications are met accordingly
- Have 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 licence in classes A & C

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

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- ◆ Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Safety & Compliance Administrator

Within the Safety & Compliance Department



Salary for the post will be £10,927 per annum (£910 per month)

Job Outline:

To assist the Safety & Compliance Officer with planning, implementing and monitoring all elements of safety and compliance within the Company's business operating units in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices applicable to the Company.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess at least 3 years experience performing administrative duties
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have the ability to multi-task, organise workload and meet tight deadlines
- Possess excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy with attention to detail
- Be able to work independently and use own initiative to problem solve
- Be able to maintain total confidentiality within the Company
- Be experienced in data collation, analysis and able to create reports
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Health & Safety and Food Safety practises

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Marie-Anne Dennis, Safety & Compliance Officer via ☎ 22380 ✉ marie-anne.dennis@solomons.co.sh

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SHG VACANCIES

School Support Assistant

(within Education, Skills & Employment)

This diverse role will give you the opportunity to be a part and contribute to a small, but busy team providing administrative support to ensure the smooth running of Prince Andrew School and to deliver a high quality, customer focused service.

We are seeking an individual who has excellent interpersonal skills and able to communicate effectively and professionally and able to work on own initiative without constant supervision to meet the busy demands of the service.

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Penelope Bowers, Head - Prince Andrew School on telephone number 24290 or email: penelope.bowers@princeandrew.edu.sh

To access the **Job Profile** and **Application forms** online visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies or alternatively, both are available from: Central Human Resources & Organisational Development. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, the Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 29 March 2023**.

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.

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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.

The Queen Mary Store, Victoria Shop & Barrack's Warehouse will close next week on Tuesday the 21st & Wednesday 22nd March for stock taking.

We will open normal hours from Thursday 23rd March.

We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

TERRESTRIAL CONSERVATION OFFICER

(Environmental, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio)

Do you feel you can make a difference to St Helena's terrestrial conservation planning and on-the-ground conservation activities? If so, a rewarding opportunity exists at ENRP for a Terrestrial Conservation Officer to lead their terrestrial conservation plan, helping to set its strategic direction but also ensuring it remains adaptable to the priorities of St Helena's nature conservation programme. The post is responsible for recurrent and project activities, including team management, action plan implementation and monitoring, report writing, communications and outreach activities, and building and sustaining links with conservation partners to further the Island's nature conservation objectives.

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Mr Darren Duncan, Portfolio Director on telephone number 24724 or email: darren.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh

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 Camilla Thomas, Trainee Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday 21 March 2023**.

Senior Internal Auditor - 6 Month Fixed Term Contract (Central Support Service)

The Internal Audit Service is seeking to employ a highly organised individual with excellent communication, interpersonal and stakeholder management skills. If you are comfortable with working autonomously, with excellent attention to detail and strong analytical skills then we have an opportunity for you to join their team as a Senior Internal Auditor.

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Mr Blessing Gurure, Internal Audit & Risk Manager on telephone number 22692 or email: blessing.gurure@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 Camilla Thomas, Trainee Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 21 March 2023**.

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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.

HANDYMAN/DRIVER—Community Care Complex

(Permanent within Health & Social Care Portfolio)

Do you have an eye for assessing a problem quickly and determining the most effective way to solve it? Are you physically fit and enjoy driving and maintenance duties, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Social Care Directorate.

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Michelle Clingham, Acting CCC & Residential Development Manager on telephone number 23090 or email: michelle.clingham@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, 21 March 23**.

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SHG VACANCIES

CARE ASSISTANT RECRUITMENT – COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE

DATE: 31 MARCH 2023
TIME: 10AM – 3PM
WHERE – CCC

Why not call in to have a chat with other staff and the residents.

We will assist you with completing an application form

You will be offered an interview on the day!

AS A CARE ASSISTANT AT THE CCC, YOU'LL BUILD RELATIONSHIPS, IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF LIFE AND SERVE ELDERLY IN NEED OF LOVE AND CARE.



SHG VACANCIES

HEAD OF NATURE CONSERVATION (Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio)

ENRP has an exciting opportunity for a driven and passionate individual to fill the new role of Head of Nature Conservation. As a member of the environment team, the role will be central to developing and implementing environment policy and strategy and providing strong leadership across the Government's nature conservation functions and programmes of work. The post holder will also operate strategically as a member of the Portfolio Senior Management and Advisory Board teams and across the Public Service to help influence Public Service and Government policy and practice.

Further information about the duties of the post, a copy of the job profile, or for a discussion on the role of the post, interested persons should contact: Mr Darren Duncan, Portfolio Director on telephone number 24724 or email: darren.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh

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 Monday 20 March 2023**.

ADMINISTRATION SUPPORT—INCLUSION (Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio)

Do you have good organisational skills with the ability to plan, prioritise work and can meet deadlines? If so, the Inclusion Section has an opportunity for you to join their small team to provide an efficient and effective administration service.

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: **Saheed (Ed) Oyewo (Inclusion Manager)**, on telephone number 24543 or email: Saheed.Oyewo@supportservices.edu.sh

To access the **Job Profile** and **Application forms** online visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies or alternatively, both are available from: Central Human Resources & Organisational Development. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, the Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 14 March 2023**.

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.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

The Capital Programme Section will be holding a series of public information meetings during March 2023. These meetings are held quarterly to provide the public with the opportunity to hear directly about the various pieces of Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) work underway, and to put any questions or queries they might have to the team responsible for delivering these.

The meetings in March will include works to Rupert's Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development and Side Path Road and Field Road Rehabilitation.

All meetings will begin at 7pm and will take place as follows:

Date	Venue
Monday, 27 March	Harford Community Centre
Tuesday, 28 March	St Michael's Church, Rupert's
Wednesday, 29 March	Museum of Saint Helena, James town
Thursday, 30 March	Kingshurst Community Centre

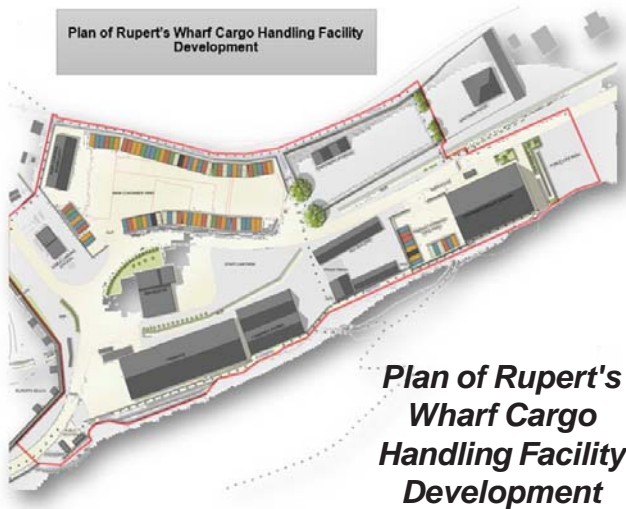
Members of the public are encouraged to attend.

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15 March 2023

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Plan of Rupert's Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development



Plan of Rupert's Wharf Cargo Handling Facility Development



CFS building Lower Rupert's



Concrete paving operations on Side Path Road



Installing road markings on Side Path Road



PCB building Lower Rupert's

Jamestown Brownie Unit - Term 2A ends with a fun day!

At the start of Term 2A we welcomed a new Brownie, Eilidh Garden from Scotland. With 'Communication Passports' being our first activity for Term 2A, it gave girls the opportunity to get to know each other better. Decorating heart shaped cookies and valentine cards for our special loved ones were cheerfully done with great pride. Other activities included 'Use It To Move It' where we were able to explore and understand our body muscles.



Shrove Tuesday saw Brownies taking part in the traditional pan cakes races and it was evident that community spirit was at its best! We shared the 2023 World Thinking Day celebrations.

The last Tuesday of the term, 28th February, we did an 'observation walk' through the lower part of Shy Road. Girls were able to identify some parts of the town from the back streets, using their ears and eyes. Greenlands and the Market clearly stood out. The Standard was easily identified inclusive of Auntie Sally and Mr Mike. Sharp ears could not miss the chiming of the clock when it struck at 5pm. The back of the Mantis Hotel and St FM were recognized as well as the Consulate Hotel. Through their alertness, their observation extended to the harbour and sea front, Side Path Road, the Briars and lower Alarm Forest. Little eyes spotted lots of things and made their own recordings. A good experience for all of them.



To bring an end to Term 2A a 'fun day' was requested and we were happy to oblige. On Wednesday 8th March just after 9am, Brownies, Leaders and invited guest, Lana Francis ex-Jamestown Rainbow, along with Mrs Rose and her two great grand boys, Kia and Trent headed to Longwood. Brownies and their Brownie Doll Sophia travelled via the Haul Road with a good old singalong and catching the breeze as we approached Deadwood Plain. Once we landed on Longwood Green the playground apparatus could not be spared. Brownies grouped up for a game of bat and ball joined by Sweet Pea and Tansy with Mrs Rose being the Referee and scorer. This game allowed for skills such as bat handling, eye and ball coordination, timing, focus and throwing with a sense of direction. Much fun and laughter came about as the aforementioned skills are yet to be mastered so another game is on the agenda for the next holidays.



We then took a stroll via the ex-dairy and onto the Colt Sheds. The Brownies were well amused by the livestock and the highlight of this stroll was their encounter with a goat at arm's length, (as seen in picture) a far cry from their everyday life-style. During this stroll we bumped into our fellow sister Longwood Guide, Qhi Green.



After lunch, whilst resting our food, we had a quiet game taken from an old 'Brownie Games' book. Thanks to the lady that donated this. Once this was done novelty sports became challenging and competitive with girls cheering their teams on. Well done girls for being determined to complete the courses. After refueling (it was a hot day) the Brownies, still with energy to spare, journeyed behind Longwood House and cut off onto the Golf Course. Luckily for us, golfers were at the far end of the course so we were out of harm's way. Girls posed for a photo shoot on the old gum tree, the very tree that Tansy played on all those years ago at Longwood Primary.



On our way back to Longwood Green, none other than Uncle John himself was there with his ice-cream van. What better way to round off our fun day with ice-cream being a real treat! The Jamestown Brownies thoroughly enjoyed their day out - quoting them: "It was great, can we do it again". The country environment lent itself to the things that girls don't get to see or experience in their normal day to day life and environment. Before homeward bound we took a drive to the Millennium Forest to catch the last of the country air. Happy Brownies were dropped off by 4pm.

Jamestown Brownie Unit - Term 2A ends with a fun day!

Brownies is a fun time with learning for girls starting age 7 and moving up to Guides at age 10. Our meetings are full of fun and challenges, both indoors and outdoors. Activities are suggested and led by Brownies because they have their own voice. We meet during school terms on a Tuesday afternoon at the Jamestown Community Centre from 4:30 to 6pm. We are open to girls of all faiths or even those without. If girls are interested, parents can contact, Debbie Knipe (Tansy) or Marjie



Harding (Sweet Pea) for further information and to register girls, and once this is done girls can join the Brownies.
Contributed by the Jamestown Brownie Unit

PERSONS BORN IN 1948, 1949 AND 1950 ENCOURAGED TO TEST FOR BOWEL CANCER

Over the next year the Health Services Directorate will be offering free testing for bowel cancer for anyone aged 50-74 years. Testing is done by a home sample kit and has already begun, being offered in age order.

From Wednesday 15 March 2023, those who were born in **1950** can pick up a bowel cancer screening test home sample kit from the Hospital Reception.

Those who were born in **1948** and **1949** can continue to pick up a home sample kit from the Hospital Reception.

The Hospital Reception is open from 8am to 9pm, seven days per week.

Everyone offered a test is strongly encouraged to take one. Early detection through testing helps to ensure you stand the best chance of receiving successful treatment where needed.

If you are not sure whether you wish to take the test, we suggest that you collect the home sample kit and read the materials that come with it before deciding if you wish to take it. The sample kit has full instructions on how to use it, and once you have completed your sample you can drop it back into the box at Reception.

Results from your test will be provided within four weeks, and you may be called in to speak to a doctor about these if necessary.

If you have any questions about this campaign please call the Hospital by telephone on 25888. Alternatively, please speak to your GP.

The Health Services Directorate will continue to call groups of people for testing in age order, and will publish a public announcement when the test kits for your age group are ready to be picked up.

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St Helena Community College

The St Helena Community College (SHCC) of the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio will be conducting their annual Training Needs Assessment Survey from 6 March – 31 March 2023 to update their records on the community's training and development needs

The results of this survey will assist the SHCC with devising an updated training plan to accommodate the changing needs of the community of St Helena. Therefore SHCC is asking all members of the Private Sector and/or organisations to participate in the survey to assist in defining the current training needs on St Helena. The information collated will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

The SHCC will be contacting the Private Sector and/or organisations to discuss the survey. Other interested persons can contact SHCC on Tel 22607 or email shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh to request a copy of the survey form.

All completed forms must be completed and submitted either electronically or via hardcopy by Friday, 31 March 2023.

The SHCC would like to thank you in advance for participating in the Training Needs Assessment Survey 2023

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10 March 2023



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The Story of Sport in St Helena Nominated for International Award

A blog published on the *insidethegames* website about sport in St Helena has been nominated by the International Sport Press Association for its 2022 Sport Media Awards in the 'Best Colour Piece' category. The blog was published in advance of the Commonwealth Games in Birmingham held in July-August last year.

The blog marvels at the determination of St Helena's sport associations to raise the funds, organise the training and travel the long distances to venues for international competitions. Dan Palmer, who wrote the blog for *insidethegames* recalled, "When travelling to Glasgow 2014, it took the squad 11 days to reach the Scottish city, starting with a voyage to Cape Town and then two flights via Amsterdam. Their epic trip was the subject of a BBC documentary and when they arrived they received a hero's welcome."

Palmer was talking with Nick Stevens who was President of the St Helena Commonwealth Games Association at the time, Nick recalled the five day voyage to Cape Town on the RMS. Nick said, "It was four star hotel facilities, cabin and dining and so on. It was quite small, and you've got to try and occupy the team. There was a really small gym, probably two metres by three metres, and a small swimming pool. The swimmer that was travelling, it was one stroke and he was across the pool. We couldn't actually train on board as such." Nick added, "The squad will fly to Johannesburg and spend the night there before boarding another plane to London Heathrow, and will take part in an 18-day training camp in Cheltenham after arriving in England. This will be a key period of preparation for the team, as St Helena only has basic sports facilities. The running track is a grass track at the only sports field we have on the island. That is in really bad shape at the moment, there's puddles, it's dug up by rabbits... St Helena does not receive Government funding for sport so fundraising is essential, but this is not easy when so few people live on the island. We are constantly contacting organisations like FIFA, and so on, to try and help with being able to develop our facilities."

The Commonwealth Games Association offers grants to cover costs but the Airlink flight which was once every two weeks at the time meant the St Helena Commonwealth Games team had to leave a week earlier and return a week later. This meant extensive fundraising to cover the £thousands in extra costs was needed.

All the funds raised for other international competitions, such as the Island Games, need to be raised locally. The blog points out "In 2019, a remarkable £70,000 (\$95,000) was raised in nine months to take a football team to Wales, for what was St Helena's first international (*football*) tournament."

The blog continued, "it's not just investment that the island can gain from its trips overseas, as mingling with the powerhouse nations also leads to invaluable knowledge which can improve performances on the field.

"Being able to form relationships with officials from some of

the bigger CGAs is a big thing," said Nick. My son has been travelling with the team since 2014 and has made good friends with athletes from Jamaica and so on, and they correspond with him. There's so much we've learned from coaches of bigger nations. It's not only athletes who can learn, it's people like ourselves who get help from UK based countries or other big nations. We can take that knowledge back to the island to improve our future athletes. So that's key."

For Stevens, networking has not come better than meeting sprint superstar Usain Bolt. The pair presented the medals for the women's 200 metres together at the Gold Coast 2018 Commonwealth Games. Nick said, "He came into the call room when we were waiting to go down. I started a conversation with him and said 'you know, we've got something in common, we're both Manchester United fans'. So we talked Manchester United until we went out to present the medals."



Shooter Simon Henry carries the St Helena flag at the Glasgow 2014 Commonwealth Games

The island first competed at the Commonwealth Games in Brisbane in 1982, but was then absent for 16 years until returning at Kuala Lumpur 1998. The St Helena team has been ever-present since then and have regularly sent shooters to the Games, a sport which will not be on the programme for Birmingham 2022.

At Melbourne 2006, Errol Duncan ran his first marathon at the age of 45. The runner from Ascension received a huge reception from the crowd and high-fived spectators before coming home as the last of the 14 athletes who finished the race. He was nearly 20 minutes slower than his nearest rival.

The International Sport Media Awards are now in their fifth year. Linking 161 countries and more than 9,500 members world-wide. The first awards ceremony was held in Lausanne in January 2019. The second was in Budapest in February 2020. The third took place in an online live show from the

The Story of Sport in St Helena Nominated for International Award



St Helena athletes at the 2015 Commonwealth Youth Games in Samoa

castle of Vigevano, Italy, in March 2021. The fourth was held at Khalifa International Stadium in Doha in June 2022.

The International Sports Press Association (AIPS) was established in Paris, in 1924, as L'Association Internationale de la Presse Sportive. AIPS organises the AIPS Sport Media Awards in partnership with QSPC, the Qatar Sports Press Committee. The Qatar link proved to be a contentious issue in November/December last year during the World Cup Finals. However, with international sporting events regularly taking place in China, Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and elsewhere, singling out Qatar is disingenuous.



The Queen's Baton Relay visited Jonathan, a 189-year-old giant tortoise (in 2022) believed to be the oldest living land creature in the world



Sir John Hayes MP labels Gary Lineker 'self-indulgent, out of touch, insensitive, avaricious and smug'



John Hayes – fully rigged out as a part-time professor
Satirical magazine Private Eye criticised Bolton University for employing Sir John Hayes, as a part-time professor in political studies on a salary of £38,000 despite the university having no politics department. Hayes also employs his wife full-time on his parliamentary staff on a salary of around

£50,000. Hayes receives a further £80,000 for two other part-time jobs. As an MP he receives £86,500 and £26,000 in expenses.

Lineker Rescues Dog From Streets of LA

Gary Lineker returns home with his rescue dog, Filbert, to face waiting media. Filbert is named after Leicester City's previous football stadium. The dog was rescued as a puppy by Lineker from the streets of Los Angeles when he was on holiday there. The Lineker Family's previous dog, Snoop, an 11 year old Labrador, died three years earlier.



Cricket News

Submitted by St Helena Cricket Association



RMS T20 League

Sunday 12th March 2023

Challengers Vs Levelwood Allstars

The final game of the weekend saw Challengers go up against newly formed team Levelwood Rebels. Challengers won the toss and elected to bat.

Allstars began the game on top as the opening pair of Nico Ellick and Alex Langham struggled to score runs due to some very tight bowling from openers Brendan Leo and Clayton Leo. Clayton picked up his first wicket of the season in his first over, Alex LBW Challengers 2/1 after 1.3 overs

At number 3 for the Challengers Jordi Henry continuing his form from last week As he formed a steady partnership With opener Nico, the pair put on a partnership of 57 runs before Jordi was dismissed caught Clayton Leo for 36 runs from 27 balls. Challengers 59/2 after 8 overs.

Next in was Andrew Yon, together Andrew and Nico added 23 runs to the total before Andrew was caught at backward point by Aiden Leo for 16 runs from 12 balls. Sean-lee Thomas had a short stay at the crease before he was caught by Stefan Leo for 1 run.
Challengers 86/4 after 12.1 overs.

Cliff Richards joined Nico at the crease, The pair took the Challengers total to 137 after 18.2 overs before Cliff was bowled by Brendan Leo for 25 from 22 balls.

Tristan Thomas, Jason George and Joey Thomas added 12 runs and with 15 extras the Challengers reached a total of 149/7 after 20 overs.

Best Batsman
- Nico Ellick 44(44)
- Jordi Henry 36(27)

Best Bowlers
- Brendan Leo 2/20 from 4 overs
- Cormac Crowie 2/31 from 3 overs

Allstars requiring 7.5 runs per over from the start began their inning with Clayton Leo and Aiden Leo, Aiden was dismissed caught wicketkeeper Cliff Richards From the bowling of Jor-

dan Yon for 1 run from 5 balls. Allstars 8/1 after 1.4 overs.

Shavone Leo was in at three, however some tight bowling and fielding from the Challengers saw them pick up three more wickets in the next 3 overs, Clayton Leo 10(9), Christian Leo 6(7) and Shavone Leo 3(6).

Allstars 22/4 after 4.3, Allstars now requiring 128 runs from 93 balls.

Dane Leo and Nathan Knipe formed a 16 runs partnership before Dane was dismissed bowled Jordan Yon for 14(11), this brought Mike-e Williams to the crease for his first game for the allstars. Nathan was the next wicket to fall caught Jordi Henry for 2(8). Allstars 44/8 after 8.4.

The remaining batsmen contributed 23 runs to the total. Allstars reached a total of 67/10 after 15.1 overs.

Best Batsman
- Mike-e Williams 16(15)
- Dane Leo 14(11)

Best Bowlers
- Joey Thomas 3/16 from 3 overs
- Jordan Yon 3/21 from 4 overs

Top performers
1. Jordi Henry
2. Jordan Yon
3. Joey Thomas

Challengers won by 82 runs.

Saturday 11th March 2023

1.30pm Jamestown Heat Vs Cobras

Heat won the toss and elected to Bat Jamestown Heat 159/7 after 20 overs

Best batsmen
- Damien Obey 58(42)
- Jamie Essex 20(22)

Best Bowlers
- Scott Crowie 3/19 from 4 overs
- Brian Faas 2/39 after 4 overs

Cricket News

Submitted by St Helena Cricket Association



RMS T20 League

Cobras 122/10 after 19.1 overs

Best Batsmen

- Scott Crowie 33(29)
- Mark Anthony 17(13)

Best Bowlers

- Matthias Young 4/23 after 4 overs
- Jamie Essex 2/24 after 4 overs

Top performers

1. Scott Crowie
2. Matthias Young
3. Damien Obey

Jamestown Heat Won by 37 runs

Sunday 12th March 2023

1.30pm Sandy Bay Pirates vs Levelwood Rebels

Pirates won the toss and elected to Bat
Sandy Bay Pirates 178/5 after 20 overs

Best Batsmen

- Brett Isaac 38*(38)
- Matthew Benjamin 38(30)

Best Bowlers

- Weston Clingham 2/25 after 4 overs
- Ralph Knipe 2/43 after 4 overs

Levelwood Rebels 102/10 after 18 overs

Best Batsmen

- Ralph Knipe 22(15)
- Sanjay Clingham 20(13)

Best Bowlers

- Liam Adams 4/6 after 2 overs
- Ronan Legg 2/27 after 4 overs

Top performers

1. Liam Adams
2. Ralph Knipe
3. Brett Isaac

Sandy Bay Pirates won by 76 runs

Next week's fixtures

Saturday 18th March 2023

10am- Challengers vs Western A Mustangs – Umpires – Jamestown Heat

1.30pm- Levelwood Allstars vs Sandy Bay Pirates– Umpires – Levelwood Rebels

Sunday 19th March 2023

10am- Levelwood Rebels Vs Jamestown Heat- Umpires – Sandy Bay Pirates

1.30pm- Cobras vs Western A Mustangs – Umpires – Levelwood Allstars

You can follow RMS T20 League 2023 on CricHeroes and view scores LIVE ball to ball. <https://cricheroes.in/tournament/588417/RMS-T20-League-2023>

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Mark Pollard Asks Argentina What They Would do With the Falklands if They Had the Islands

Last Friday, 10th March, was the 10th anniversary of the Falkland Islands referendum when 99.8% of those who voted said they want to remain a British Overseas Territory. Just for the record, 3 individuals voted not to remain an overseas territory, 2 votes were invalid and 92% of those who could vote did so. Of the 1,650 registered voters, 1,518 voted.

Mark Pollard has been a member of the Falkland Legislative Assembly for 6 years. He is accustomed to fending off accusations that the Falklands is crushed beneath the heel of British neo-colonialism when visiting the United Nations almost every year. The prospect of talking to the Argentine media about the Falklands being for the Falklanders would not have caused him to bat an eyelid. To mark the 10th anniversary of the Falkland referendum he did just that.



"I think we are being used as a distraction" by the Argentine government, Pollard told the Buenos Aires newspaper, Clarín

"Politically, in the Falkland Islands I think little has changed," Pollard told Clarín. "We are still on the trajectory we were on. We are a multicultural and open community. I think the results of the referendum would probably be very similar if we had it now as well. Politically the referendum is very valid, I don't think it could be much different today than it would have been 10 years ago," he added.

In 2016 Argentina and the UK agreed to disagree about the Falklands and get on with other matters instead. Not long ago the Argentines decided to withdraw from that agreement in another 'grab the Falkland's gesture. Pollard explained to the Buenos Aires readers of the Clarín that the Falkland Islanders were a third party to the issue and that "it is a matter for Argentina and the United Kingdom to deal with" because "in terms of the Falkland Islands, the UK does not interfere in our decisions, so I would encourage them to have the best possible relationship."

In a further patient explanation Pollard said, "if we didn't want to be British anymore, they [the UK] have told us that they would support us in that transition. But the referendum has already made it clear how the people of the Falkland Islands feel. That has not changed. We are not going to change. It is a position reaffirmed by different parties in the United Kingdom that there will be no change in status. We are a British

territory and we want to be. The fact that Argentina does not agree and does not believe that is the case is a matter for them. If I were the Argentine government, I would focus on improving things for Argentines. I think we are being used as a distraction. If the Argentines had the Falklands, what would they do with them? The people of the Islands must decide their future."

The Argentine Foreign Minister Santiago Cafiero (coffee-maker in English) recently decreed that Falkland flights could no longer call at Cordoba. When asked about this Pollard replied "We are used to Argentina blocking things, the interference of not giving air permits, I think it is against international law, it is a strange decision, it cuts us off from South America. The strangest and saddest thing is that it cuts us off from Argentina. If I were an Argentine and I looked at the situation, I would think that they have cut Argentina's second-largest city from the Falkland Islands. I don't understand why they would do that, but it's not for me to understand but to try to find solutions for the connectivity of the Falkland Islands. We still have the flight from Santiago, but we will look for alternatives," he added. Pollard insisted "we have not cancelled" the Brazil flight. "If Argentina changes its mind and wants to be more mature and decides not to block our connectivity, then we can reinstate it. We will not put any more effort there."

Pollard closed the interview saying, "we do not want any Argentine airline with a stopover in Argentina. We grant a stopover in Argentina once a month. The last thing we want is for our connectivity to be controlled by Argentina," Pollard explained. "We will not be bullied into accepting things we do not want."



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Do you feel that you need to relax and enjoy a Back, Chair or Foot massage and treat yourself to a Hydrotherapy Foot Bath?

If so, don't miss this opportunity on Sunday 19th March 2023 at the Seventh Day Adventist Church premises from 3.30 – 6 pm.

See you there!

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THE MOST INTERESTING RESULTS FROM LAST WEEK-END'S PREMIER LEAGUE....



Liverpool conceded in the Premier League for the first time in 497 minutes

SATURDAY 11TH MARCH -

AFC Bournemouth 1 vs Liverpool 0

Mohamed Salah's glaring penalty miss helped Bournemouth climb out of the relegation zone after an excellent win, which damaged Liverpool's chances of qualifying for next season's Champions League.

The Reds were brought back down to earth after last week's 7-0 thrashing of Manchester United as the Cherries, who started the weekend bottom, did their survival chances a power of good.

Liverpool were punished for poor defending when the unmarked Philip Billing struck from eight yards for his sixth Premier League goal of the season after fine work by Dango Ouattara. Virgil van Dijk had a header cleared off the line at 0-0 and substitute Diogo Jota was denied by Neto's fine save before Liverpool won a penalty when the Portugal forward's header was handled by Adam Smith.

But Salah, who became Liverpool's all-time top Premier League scorer with 129 goals last week, blazed the penalty wide much to the delight of Bournemouth's fans.

While the win ensured Bournemouth finished the day 17th, Jurgen Klopp's side missed the chance to go fourth for the first time this season after a lethargic display.

Isn't karma a funny thing.....!!!!???



Kai Havertz is Chelsea's top scorer this season on eight goals in all competitions

Leicester City 1 Chelsea 3

Chelsea's mini-revival continued with a third victory in a row as they consigned struggling Leicester City to a fifth consecutive defeat.

Buoyed by their Champions League win over Borussia Dortmund, Chelsea started brightly and Ben Chilwell volleyed in from a tight angle against his old club.

Chelsea's Joao Felix and Leicester's Kiernan Dewsbury-Hall hit the woodwork in the space of two minutes, then Felix had a goal ruled out by the video assistant referee for offside. Patson Daka rifled home an excellent equaliser after Ricardo Pereira won the ball off the dawdling Felix outside the box. But Kai Havertz pounced six minutes into first-half injury time with an excellent dinked finish from Enzo Fernandez's clever aerial ball.

Mykhailo Mudryk thought he had his first goal for the Blues after the break but his effort was disallowed for offside. Mateo Kovacic sealed the win as he volleyed in from Mudryk's header.

The sliding Foxes, who ended with 10 men following Wout Faes' late dismissal for a second booking, now just sit one point outside the relegation zone.

Other Premier League Results from Saturday 11th March.....

Everton 1 - Brentford 0

Leeds United 2 - Brighton & Hove Albion 2

Tottenham Hotspur 3 - Nottingham Forest 1

Crystal Palace 0 - Manchester City 1



Casemiro has picked up two red cards for Manchester United this season

SUNDAY 12TH MARCH -

AFC Manchester United 0 vs Southampton 0

Manchester United manager Erik ten Hag has defended Casemiro after a Premier League red card against bottom



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club Southampton that leaves the midfielder facing a four-match ban.

Casemiro was dismissed after 34 minutes of the 0-0 draw for a tackle on Carlos Alcaraz, but Ten Hag has not ruled out an appeal.

The midfielder's sending off followed a VAR review, with referee Anthony Taylor overturning his initial decision to show a yellow card for a tackle that hit the top of the ball first before going into Southampton forward Alcaraz's leg.

Ten Hag complained about the lack of consistency in the use of VAR, noting the referee was not sent to the monitor to review controversial incidents in Saturday's game between Leicester and Chelsea.

As Casemiro was also dismissed against Crystal Palace last month, an additional game will be added to an automatic three-match ban, meaning he won't be able to play a domestic match again until the trip to Nottingham Forest on 15 April. Despite having a man advantage for almost an hour and managing 17 shots, Southampton were unable to capitalise and remain bottom of the Premier League.

Other Premier League Results from Sunday 12th March....

Fulham 0 Arsenal 3
West Ham United 1 Aston Villa 1
Newcastle United 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1

Premier League Results from Wednesday 15th March.....

Brighton & Hove Albion 1 Crystal Palace 0
Southampton 0 Brentford 2

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES FOR THIS WEEKEND:

Tomorrow - Saturday 18th March

1500 hrs Aston Villa vs AFC Bournemouth
1500 hrs Brentford vs Leicester City
1500 hrs Southampton vs Tottenham Hotspur
1500 hrs Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Leeds United
1730 hrs Chelsea vs Everton

Sunday 19th March

1400 hrs Arsenal vs Crystal Palace

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE.....



It has been a busy week for the teams involved in Champions League.

Manchester City had a cracker of a game on Tuesday night beating RB Leipzig 7-0

Erling Haaland rewrote the record books by scoring an incredible five times as Manchester City swept RB Leipzig aside to reach the Champions League quarter-finals.

Haaland becomes the fastest and youngest player to reach 30 goals in Europe's elite club competition.

He is also the youngest player to score five times in a single Champions League game, joining Argentina great Lionel Messi and Brazil forward Luiz Adriano as the only players to do so. The 22-year-old is now on 39 goals for the season in all competitions, the first City player to reach that figure in a single campaign. His five hat-tricks are three more than any other player in the big five leagues.

On any normal day, Ilkay Gundogan's precise low shot into the bottom corner would have merited praise. On this historic night, which matched City's 7-0 triumph over Schalke in 2019, it was nothing more than a footnote.

On this evidence, no-one, not even Real Madrid, will want to be paired with Pep Guardiola's side in Friday's last-eight draw. Legendary former club captain Vincent Kompany can only hope his old club have got this calibre of performance out of their system when he brings his Burnley side to Etihad Stadium in the FA Cup on Saturday.



Erling Haaland is the third player to score five goals in a single Champions League game after Luiz Adriano in October 2014 (Shakhtar Donetsk vs BATE Borisov) and Lionel Messi in March 2012 (Barcelona v Bayer Leverkusen)

For Liverpool it was over and out..... Liverpool's Champions League hopes ended at the hands of Real Madrid for a third consecutive season as they failed to overcome their first-leg Anfield demolition.

The Reds, who lost the first leg 5-2, lined up with four forwards at the Bernabeu as they looked to add another famous comeback to their fabled European history.

But that rarely looked on the cards and legendary Real striker Karim Benzema put the tie beyond doubt when he tucked in from Vinicius Jr's cutback late on.

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Karim Benzema has scored more Champions League goals against Liverpool (seven) than against any other team

Jurgen Klopp's side would have lost this game by more if not for Alisson.

The Reds goalkeeper denied Vinicius and Eduardo Camavinga with magnificent first-half stops.

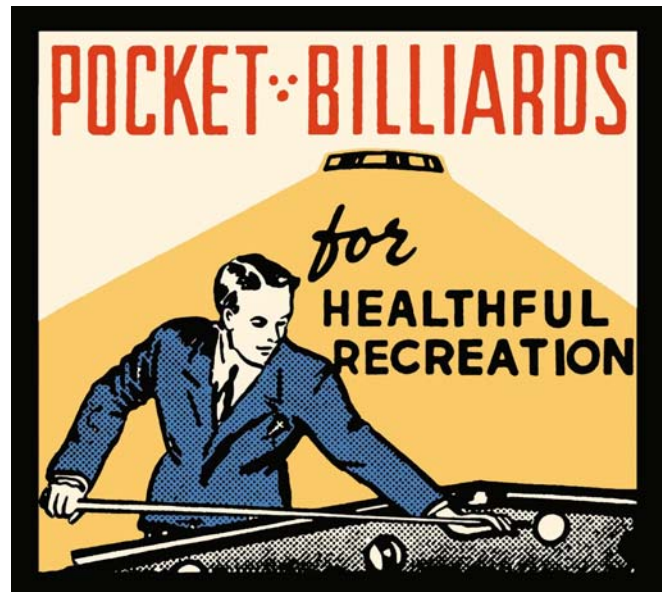
If Darwin Nunez had taken a chance in the sixth minute, then it could have been a different story.

Liverpool players walked off to 'You'll Never Walk Alone' on the Bernabeu speakers as they reflected on their biggest ever aggregate Champions League defeat.

The Reds were beaten finalists against Real last summer but now face a battle to even be in the tournament next season, sitting six points behind the Champions League places.

One downside for Carlo Ancelotti's Real was Benzema hurting himself while scoring and having to be replaced. However afterwards the striker said he will be fine for Sunday's must-win El Clasico with Barcelona.

Keep watching wherever you are....they say armchair football is just as good as pocket billiards!!!



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Golf Report for Sunday 12th March 2023



The annual captain versus vice-captain match play competition took place last Sunday. The event attracted a field of twenty players who played in five groups of 10 matches. First on the tee to lead from the front was the match of captain Bramwell Bushuru against the vice-captain Mr Martin Buckley. The games manager Mr Jeffrey Stevens with the assistance of the ladies' captain Mrs Helena Stevens did a good job of matching the players as closely as possible to their handicaps. When the first four matches were complete, the vice captains' team was in charge having won all the 4 matches. The next four teams were won by the captains group. In the last group Foxy beat Leon Crowie to give the overall win to the vice captains team.

4	Nicky Stevens	Jason Hopkins (Win)
5	David Moody (Win)	Pat Henry
6	Peter Bagley (Win)	Neil Joshua
7	Tony Green (Win)	Gavin Crowie
8	Arthur Francis (Win)	Arthur Young
9	Leon Crowie Jeffrey	Stevens (Win)
10	Hensil Beard (Withdrew)	Donald Bowers (Win)

Mr Martin Buckley and Mr Peter Bagley both birdied the 5th to share the balls in the two-ball pool. Congratulations to the vice captains' team for your deserved win. Coming up on Sunday 19th March 2023 is 18 hole Monthly Medal Competition. Tee off time will be as usual at 12 noon. We wish you all a great weekend of fun.

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Match	Captains Team	Vice Captains Team
1	Bramwell Bushuru	Martin Buckley (Win)
2	Douglas Augustus	Gerald George (Win)
3	Helena Stevens	Eddy Bowers (Win)

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