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# Legal Challenge to Starlink Ban?

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Champions Chopped by the Chop Shop Boyz University students 2023 say thank you





# **Turtles Nesting**



On the 10th May 2023 the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section (MFCS) and the St Helena National Trust had an exciting phone call from the St Helena Government's Emergency Planning Service based at the Sea Rescue base, fortunately about a good kind of emergency – a potential green turtle nest at Rupert's beach!

There were 144 eggs in total that upon assessment were very fresh and covered in a mucus sack, so with excitement we excavated and relocated (very carefully) the eggs to the artificial chamber above the beach line.

The survival rate for new-born turtles is staggeringly low. Generally, 1 in a 1,000 survive to adulthood. On Ascension groupers line up to eat them and sharks have full bellies too. When fully grown, they can get caught in discarded fishing nets, have a car tyre permanently caught around their necks or any one of many ways that rubbish in the ocean can kill them. On the bright side, some turtles departing St Helena shores in years past must have survived because they come back here to nest.

Happy Retirement Mrs Ivy Ellick, 08E



On behalf of the people of St Helena we would like to wish Mrs Ivy Ellick OBE a very Happy Retirement and all the best for the future.

It's TIME



Extract from the Royal St Helena Police Facebook page.

On Tuesday 16th August, we The Royal St Helena Police Service said happy retirement and good luck for the future to Mrs Ivy Ellick, Lay Advocate.

After a number of years of service to the community of St Helena and working with us she is retiring and we wish her the best of wishes and an enjoyable retirement

After a short speech by DS Bak and Chief of Police, she was present with a card and gifts.



Mrs Ellick amused by one of her gifts



Mrs Ellick happy with her plaque

Mrs Ellick would like to Thank the St Helena Royal Police Force for the kindness and good wishes on her retirement.

She was very touched and very much appreciative of the support you shown to her during her time as Lay advocate.

She enjoyed the time spent working with you all and would like to wish you all the best for the future.

Mrs Ellick shows off her plaque

ARTICLE BY LEIGH RICHARDS



Mrs Ellick shows off her shirt.... If found please return to St Helena.

# University Students 2023 says Thank You as they embark on their new journey



We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone that has supported our cause in raising the issues around university scholarship funding.

To Dr Corinda Essex for her support, the Chamber of Commerce and the individuals, businesses and donors both here and overseas that contributed to the fund.

A total of £6650 was raised through the account set up at the bank of St Helena.

And finally big thanks to our parents, family and friends and the media that have supported our journey, as we said at the end of our paper for consideration, we will not forget those who stood by us, we hope that we will make you proud.

#### Ronaldo Johnson, Kyla Joshua, Kirsten Augustus & Katie-Raye Williams



All students attending university this year also extend our gratitude to the private individual who lives overseas for making an individual contribution to each of us off 3 thousand pounds.

And finally to SHG for their contribution towards travel costs which equated to £1,666.66



The press release issued on Wednesday about Safety and Anti-Social Behaviour has caused immediate ripples of reaction from our reading public. For those who have not had the pleasure of seeing this release here is a taster, "It is a minority of people harming their own community, but incidents of drunkenness, criminal damage, and general anti-social behaviour continues to be a blight on the community, and a concern for many living in the area. Such activity has a longlasting effect on residents and those who work in the vicinity". These comments refer to "Jamestown, and especially the lower half of Jamestown".

Having spent the night in Jamestown on one or two occasions I am very aware weekend nights are perfect hell every weekend. Kids yelling, etc etc. One night was spent at Barracks Square, in a house right on Market Street. On a Sunday morning at 1am, 2am and 3am a succession of cars would drive up to the ramps, slow down, pass over the ramps and then accelerate using the highest possible revs immediately afterwards. Public nuisance is too kind a description. It must be impossible for residents in that area to get a decent sleep at weekends. My stay at the Barracks was before the police station was moved to Market Street. No doubt the police have sorted that one out now. The ramps and any revving of engines is well within earshot of the police station.

What about the rest of it. Castle Gardens, the seafront, throwing litter, breaking bottles – humourless, mindless and funless. It is considerable disruption to a small number of people, in a small area by a small number of people. It should be easily contained and controlled. Why has this been going on for so many years and no doubt getting worse?

There was a time, not so long ago, when a policeman might feel disposed to giving a cheeky little kid a cuff around the ear and told to go home quietly. Oh no! You can't do that. Physical violence, abuse, it will harm the poor child for life everlasting. The poor victimised little perisher will become a juvenile delinquent as a result. This will inevitably be followed by repeated detentions at His Majesty's Pleasure.

How about the opposite being true. A life of crime awaits a wayward kid who does not get a well-aimed cuff around the ear at the appropriate time. Not so long ago bringing up children included 'training' them. The word was actually used when explaining that kids, like dogs, need to be taught there are boundaries which must not be crossed. With kids who, like dogs, are undeveloped in several ways due to their inevitable immaturity, the boundaries have to be insisted upon; reasoning sometime works but if not, a page or two from the Guide to Dictatorship has to be applied. An untrained kid is a feral kid, the same happens with dogs and cats. I've just looked up the definition of 'feral', it states "in a wild state after escape from domestication". That sounds about right. It should always be the parents who set the boundaries and

insist upon the boundaries not being crossed.

The press release referred to earlier indicates "extra lighting, CCTV, equipment for youth engagement, and other funds to support greater opportunities and activities for young adults" is the answer. They may be young but clearly, they are not adults. The bitter truth is that pandering to the sensitive undeveloped feelings of half-grown humans only encourages opportunities to be exploited. A wide-open situation is created where taking advantage of the line of least resistance is the name of the game. Some instincts in half-grown humans develop faster than others – many will readily exploit weaknesses in adults.

Yes, kids do get abused by adults, too often and in too many ways. But simple logic tells us that allowing kids to abuse adults instead is not the answer. What is the answer? As with everything, it starts with a sustained effort executed after informed discussion leading to a fully reasoned, detailed plan. Too often this does not happen.

If CCTV cameras are installed at certain 'hotspots' in Lower Jamestown, what effect would they have? The Safer Streets Crime Prevention Tool Kit published by the UK College of Policing in 2022 gives an assessment of what CCTV cameras are best used for. Page 51 of the Tool Kit tells us "CCTV was most effective in reducing vehicle crimes in locations such as train station parking facilities, especially with high coverage and with the involvement of other interventions, such as lighting. CCTV was found to not be effective in city centres or residential areas." CCTV is effective in reducing vehicle crime and using the evidence from CCTV cameras to identify criminals and gain convictions. Other advice in the Tool Kit includes "Are ongoing costs related to monitoring and upkeep of CCTV budgeted for?" In general terms the answer to this question is often 'no'.

Advice from the College of Policing often mentions anti-social behaviour orders, police patrols (uniformed and plain clothed), stop and search, robust response to low-level crime, anti-social behaviour warning letters and improved lighting. Where spending money is involved, as with improved lighting, the Tool Kit lists many assessments and checks which should be made to avoid wasting money. One such assessment is, "If cameras are used will the improved lighting affect the quality of their operation?" The Tool Kit includes what are called Youth Shelters. From the description, New Horizons is a good quality Youth Shelter, a place to sit and chat, allied with sport and well lit. A plan to further develop New Horizons, or a variant of it, appears to show promise, especially on weekend nights.

Vince

# Legal Challenge to Starlink Ban

Detailed consideration is being given to mounting a legal challenge to the government's ban on using Starlink from 1<sup>st</sup> November. While the 1989 Telecommunications Ordinance gives Sure Telecom a highly preferential position, the Ordinance does not give Sure a total monopoly on the use of all telecom equipment. The 1989 Ordinance allows individuals to use other telecom systems for private use.

One section of the 1989 Ordinance concerns private telecommunications systems. This section states that anyone may establish and operate a telecommunications system without a licence under this Ordinance under certain conditions. The conditions include the telecom system being operated "within a single area of that person's property" and is "independent of any telecommunications system operated by any other person".

The Ordinance then defines what a telecommunications system is. This includes the telephone and data but telex, telegraph and facsimile are also included; showing how out of date the 34-year-old Ordinance is. What is made illegal is "Except as provided by this Ordinance, it is unlawful for any person to provide or operate within St. Helena any telecommunications system or to provide telecommunications services to any other person." Providing a telecoms service for other people is reserved for Sure.

The Wireless Telegraphy Regulations, which underpin the 1989 Ordinance includes an amendment which came into force on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2012. Announced in the Government Gazette on that day was that "all wireless telegraphy apparatus" which is compliant with specific and detailed regulations do not require a licence. The Regulations referred to is a Directive of the European Parliament and European Council dated 9<sup>th</sup> March 1999. While Britain has now left the European Union, the Regulation which incorporated the Directive into St Helena law has not been repealed and therefore remains in force.

Article 8 of the European Directive covers the free movement of telecommunications terminal equipment. Article 8 states, "Member States shall not prohibit, restrict or impede the placing on the market and putting into service in their territory of apparatus bearing the CE marking referred to in Annex VII, which indicates its conformity with all provisions of this Directive".



The CE mark appears on many products. This mark shows that products sold in the European Economic Area have been assessed to meet high safety, health, and environmental protection requirements. As St Helena adopted the use of the CE mark the standards it represents are still recognised here and accepts that the sale or use of products bearing this mark will not be prohibited.



Starlink terminals are compliant with the European Directive and can use the CE mark. If the government do face a legal challenge there are other clauses in the 1989 Ordinance the government could use to defend their position. A legal challenge is an application for a judicial review. If the legal challenge is successful, it means it has been decided there is a case to answer. The case would then go to judicial review for a judgement. How much of this procedure could be completed by 1<sup>st</sup> November is unclear. If the legal challenge is successful, it may be possible for SHG's decision to ban Starlink terminals to be suspended until a judgement is handed down after a judicial review.



Once upon a time a few years ago, a few decided the old council must go. Then along came a snake in the grass, we can get them all out if we vote real fast. Out with the old and in with the new, no space for Indy Blue and his crew. Time went on and its plain to see, it's not all cracked up for what it's meant to be.

There's little support for the youth and the elderly must suffer too, this is a far cry from what was promised to me and you. No budget for this and that has been said, yet the Mantis Hotel is still bleeding red. It doesn't take an accountant to show a business without profit, simply must go. Prices are up and morale is down, and cheaper internet is nowhere to be found.

Even if you *help yourself* by buying Starlink off the shelf, SHG will confiscate and you will pay for their mistake. Against the wall and out of time SHG are walking blind, no ace to play no money to stake, and Sure South Atlantic wants the whole bloody cake! Enough is enough and all jokes aside, this fibre optic cable could really change the tide, it is the future of the youth and the digital divide. I have but one – small simple request, Just don't balls it up like you do all the rest.

# Support Group on Facebook for Sergio Patients

This week a support group was formed for patients who have suffered at the hands of Dr Sergio. In less than 2 days since its creation it has nearly 80 members and invited members combined, which is perhaps not at all surprising for reasons detailed here. Called "Patients of Dr Sergio, St Helena, Support Group" the Facebook Group introduction explains;

The purpose of this group is to support the large number of former patients of Dr Sergio who have received substandard treatment from him.

This page hopes to support them by sharing the large amount of information known about Sergio's time as the orthopaedic surgeon on the island, and also by helping to provide access to advice and help totally independently from SHG or the Public Solicitors Office.

Are you, or someone you know a former patient of Dr Sergio? I look forward to speaking with you.

Kindest regards, Niall

#### Who is Niall and Why Has He Set Up the Support Group



*Niall Kilgannon with his wife and daughter* Niall Kilgannon, who set up the support group, is a consultant legal expert and researcher based in the North of England. He became involved in the Sergio scandal after a friend returned from St Helena and shared some of his experiences. After hearing about Dr Sergio, Niall started to investigate the events and circumstances described to him. It soon became apparent that large numbers of Sergio's patients were suffering lasting adverse effects resulting from his surgery.

Niall is linked to Dominic Thompson & Co Solicitors, also in the North of England. With an ever-increasing number of cases requiring investigation Niall enlisted the expert assistance of Dominic Thompson & Co Solicitors.

The number of former patients who gave details of bad experiences with Dr Sergio's surgery continued to increase further. In the UK, with a population of 67 million, 5 cases of this kind with 1 surgeon considered as responsible would be a lot. In St Helena, with a population of 4,200, the number of Sergio cases Niall was investigating was already very many more than 5.

Upon discovering the scale of the number of people thought to be affected by Dr Sergio, Niall and Dominic Thompson & Co Solicitors determined to combine their resources with another firm of Solicitors with even greater resources and specialist expertise in personal injury and clinical negligence. Niall and Dominic had joined forces in a similar way before with Hugh James Solicitors, a firm originally based in Wales and London but now with three other regional offices in Manchester, Plymouth and Southampton. They knew the clinical negligence team at Hugh James were sensitive to the effects clinical negligence can have on any individual and that each individual is affected differently. Together with Ruth Powell, Head of the Clinical Negligence Department, it was decided both firms of solicitors would combine resources to uncover the extent of Dr Sergio's negligence.

Ruth Powell and her colleague Isobel Summers are scheduled to arrive on St Helena on the 16<sup>th</sup> September and will be here for around two weeks, which surely indicates the signifi-

## SPONSORED BUSY HANDS

The Women's Corona Society, St Helena Branch will be hosting "A Fund Raiser With a Difference" on Saturday 16th September 2023 between 3 – 5 pm at "Harlyn", Half Tree Hollow.

Sponsor Papers available from Corona Members. Participants can choose what they wish to purposefully do with their hands for 2 HOURS – e.g. craftwork, Laptop work, Sorting various Items – photos, stamps etc., music, letter/card writing – Anything purposeful. THE CHOICE IS YOURS FOR YOUR BENEFIT.

However, each Participant should aim to get as many sponsors as possible. There will be 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes for those who raise the most money.

All participants should arrive at Harlyn by 2 p.m. on the day with their SPONSOR PAPER AND MONEY, so that these can be checked to confirm who is eligible for 1st, 2nd and 3rd prizes. Prize giving will take place after the 2 HOUR SPONSOR ACTIVITIES.

Tea/Coffee Refreshments will be served after the prize giving. No Charge but donations will be much appreciated.

The Corona Chairperson and Members look forward to many of you taking part in this Fund Raiser to help swell the funds towards charitable Christmas Events for Senior Citizens. Thank you all in anticipation of your generosity as Sponsors and Participants.

## Support Group on Facebook for Sergio Patients





Ruth Powell (sitting), Isobel Summers (far left) and other members of the "Sergio" team

cance of these cases to Ruth and her team and also the level of commitment being made by Hugh James Solicitors to all of those affected in our community. During their time on island they will be meeting with those people who have already contacted them but they also hope to talk with anyone else who may wish to discuss the treatment they received from Dr Sergio and utmost confidentiality is assured.

Ruth and Isobel can be contacted by email at Ruth.Powell@hughjames.com and Isobel.Summers@hughjames.com

Soon after Dr Sergio was found guilty on 5 counts of unlawful wounding, Niall Kilgannon contacted the *Independent* and the decision was taken to use the *Independent* to raise awareness locally of the magnitude of Dr Sergio's gross abuse of his position. The number of claims continue to increase, but now at an even faster rate, with many more former patients of Sergio becoming aware that his treatment may very well have been negligent, and not at all acceptable.

Mike Olsson was nominated to be the confidential local contact for Hugh James. He has taken the brief details required and passed them on to Ruth Powell for her team to follow up. He is continuing to provide this service and can be contacted by phone on 22327 or is available at the Livery Stables, behind the clock next to the Market.

People can also find out more by visiting the Facebook Support Group at

www.facebook.com/groups/1095472031335942



### PROTECTING AND PROMOTING HUMAN RIGHTS ON ST HELENA!

Equality Everyday, Everywhere for Everyone

# Reach out to our vulnerable elderly in the Community

In these days of financial hardship, rising costs and limited pensions, the Equality & Human Rights Commission aims to assist as many elderly people as possible in the community with cereal and milk for a week in October. This initiative is in recognition of the International Day for Older Persons on the 1st and World Food Day on 16th October.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission invites donations from the community to support this initiative.

A box of cereal, e.g. weetabix or oats and a litre of milk is all we are asking, but feel free if you like to give more.

If you know of someone who would appreciate, please call 22133 or email info@humanrightssthelena.org, with their name and address. All names will be kept in confidence.

Donations may be left at the Equality and Human Rights Office in Napoleon Street from now up until 2 October.

# Meihuizen – My Heavens!

In early June, around the time cargo in the UK destined for St Helena had to be with the freight forwarders, the scheduled arrival time in St Helena for the cargo was 16<sup>th</sup> August. Two weeks ago, the arrival date slipped to 23<sup>rd</sup> August; then it slipped even further, to 26<sup>th</sup> August and could easily slip back some more.

To add to the frustration of delay, Meihuizen mix in confusion. In addition to the updated schedule there is an undated written notice in circulation. It tells us Meihuizen regret that Voyage 4 (only number 4! It seems like an eternity) will now arrive four days later. Only four? 16<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> August is a full 10 days.

The bad news in the written notice is that departure from St Helena is now planned one day later, for 30<sup>th</sup> August and arrival at Ascension being 1<sup>st</sup> September. No change in the latest guess at the arrival date for St Helena from Walvis Bay is mentioned. Why is the Maria De Lay spending an extra day at St Helena? It is due to heavy swells outside the port at Luanda, they say. They must be heavy swells to reach Rupert's Bay. The Maria De Lay is due back at St Helena from Ascension on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September - when we can expect Jamestown wharf to be closed again.

We are then asked to refer to the latest updated schedule called SCH008/23 Week 2.

This is the latest work of fiction we have to refer to: -

15.08.2023	Luanda
16.08.2023	ETD Luanda
21.08.2023	ETA Walvis Bay
23.08.2023	ETD Walvis Bay
26.08.2023	ETA St Helena
29.08.2023	ETD St Helena
01.09.2023	ETA Ascension
02.09.2023	ETD Ascension
05.09.2023	ETA St Helena
06.09.2023	ETD St Helena
11.09.2023	ETA Luanda

The only date changed is the Maria De Lay leaving St Helena for Ascension a day later. The arrival date at Ascension is unchanged. Only the RMS has been able to steam between the two Islands in 48 hours, and that is only between Ascension and St Helena when the current is favourable. Meihuizen don't issue schedules, they give out jigsaw puzzles.

### What Will We Get Next?

There are three more Maria De Lay voyages with Meihuizen. The last one arrives here on 2<sup>nd</sup> December according to the Meihuizen schedule. With a bit of luck the cargo might get here in time to be unloaded before Christmas but may not get onto the shop shelves until the New Year. That could be a blessing in disguise.

The word is, at the moment, the first voyage under the new contract will be scheduled for February next year. If true, this

means there will be no January cargo arriving here. When you stock up for Christmas don't forget you may have to stock up for January as well. No, wait. With sky-high prices now going into orbit we'll just have to tighten our belts. Business owners will be queueing outside the bank manager's door, each with the same story to tell. Happy New Year!

The next question has to be, will we have cargo arriving in February? It could be touch and go. Next comes the big question; is the tendering process for the new cargo shipping service delayed? That is often the next question because tendering processes so often take a long time. Once again, it is understood, vaguely, that the tendering process started only a matter of days ago. It should be reasonable to assume the process should be concluded with some little speed, compared to the usual speed-limit tendering religiously observes, because there may be only two, or possibly three bidders for the contract. If the tendering process gets stuck on some technicality we might be looking forward to a disastrous February after a dodgy January.



Keep on Truckin', to the bright light of hope in the distance – or is that a forest fire?

### Another Schedule Update – More Delay

This article was pulled from the print queue to include yet another schedule update from Meihuizen. On 29<sup>th</sup> August, when the Maria De Lay was supposed to be departing St Helena for Ascension, it is now only expected to be leaving Walvis Bay. Arrival at St Helena is now pushed back to 2<sup>nd</sup> September. Arrival at Ascension is now 8<sup>th</sup> September. There are 15 days remaining for worse to come.

19.08.2023	Luanda
21.08.2023	ETD Luanda
27.08.2023	ETA Walvis Bay
29.08.2023	ETD Walvis Bay
02.09.2023	ETA St Helena
05.09.2023	ETD St Helena
08.09.2023	ETA Ascension
09.09.2023	ETD Ascension
12.09.2023	ETA St Helena
13.09.2023	ETD St Helena
17.09.2023	ETA Luanda

# Meihuizen – My Heavens!

The latest version of the Notice to Importers, (still called Notice Number One) which always accompanies the Schedule Update is different this time. Instead of a few brief words there is a lengthy explanation which basically explains why a Meihuizen schedule isn't really a schedule.

They explain, again, The Maria De Lay is hired every six weeks to steam from Luanda to Walvis Bay and then bring cargo to St Helena. The Maria De Lay can be delayed during its usual work shipping cargo between various ports. Also, the transhipments of cargo from the UK and Cape Town can be delayed. Also, high swells outside any of the ports mentioned can cause delay. To underline the weather-related delay, a table is included showing swells every day between 5 and 12 feet off the Angolan coast between 10<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> August causing the ship to wait for an opportunity to safely enter Luanda port. After all of that, the slot booked in ports for the Maria De Lay to load and unload cargo is missed, causing the ship to

wait at anchor until an opportunity to berth becomes available.

The Notice to Importers includes the doubtful reassurance that "Commercial shipping involves intricate logistics that required careful co-ordination, including loading and unloading cargo, adhering to port schedules and navigating unpredictable sea conditions".

The reality is, with the number of transhipments involved and the reliance on other unrelated ship operations working perfectly, we can never expect the Maria De Lay to arrive on time. Our eagerly awaited cargo is 17 days late, so far, and this has become normal with the very fragile shipping 'life line' that has been provided by Meihuizen at very short notice. The problems we have now go back to the emergency situation created when AWS Shipping pulled out of the MV Helena contract. Just how avoidable that emergency situation was has never been made clear.

# Thank You

To everyone who has supported us following the passing of Geoff Stevens of Sea View, Alarm Forest, we would like to express our sincere thanks and gratitude. Your kindness and sympathy continue to be a great comfort in our time of sorrow and bereavement.

Thank you to everyone for your messages of sympathy by way of cards, telephone calls and emails and for the floral tributes received.

Special thanks, gratitude and appreciation are extended to Bishop Dale Bowers, Deacon Clarence Roberts, Mrs Greta Pat Musk, Mrs Pat Duncan, Mrs Ivy Ellick, Mrs Marjorie Harding, Mr Roy Williams and his team, Davina and Colin Lawrence, the Secretariat Department at Solomon & Co and to all who attended the funeral service.

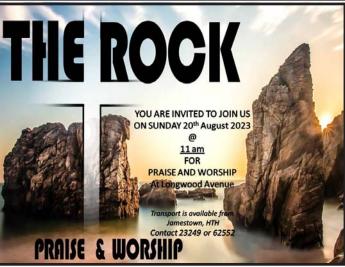
We would also like to express our sincere thanks and appreciation to the staff of the General Hospital and those of the Adult Social Care Services for their care and support during Geoff's time in hospital and at home.

#### Pat, Claire and Helena



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<b>DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA</b>						
	The Parish of St Paul's					
Sunday 20	<sup>h</sup> August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday of	the Year				
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral				
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter				
	The Parish of St James					
Sunday 20	th August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday of	the Year				
9.30 a.m. Reserved Sacrament St James						
	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August					
7.00 p.m. Reserved Sacrament with St John Healing						
	The Parish of St Matthew					
Sunday 20th August 2023 – Twentieth Sunday of the Year						
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark				
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	Barnabas, Levelwood				
	Tuesday 15 <sup>h</sup> August					
7.00 p.m. Eucharist St Mark						



# THE HEARTBEAT OF ST HELENA......

Saint FM Community Radio is going through several changes in the way of re-structuring programme line-up, content and layout, along with a slight shift in full-time staffing. Sharon Wade has recently been appointed Station Manager and Mickail Harris – Production Assistant (he also wears the hat of Studio/Programming Co-ordinator). Mike Olsson remains the News Editor and he is also a Director of the company overall. Funding is always a big issue in any company and Saint FM is no exception, since changes will be happening soon in that direction as well. We will get to the point soon, but first...let's go back in time a bit to give you a little background to the radio station.....

Mike Olsson made a promise to the late Johnny Drummond to set up an FM radio station way back in 2003 and after quite a bit of red-tape, organising frequencies, hiring staff and financing the required equipment, Saint FM was born. Since then there have been many bumps in the road, lots of staff have come and gone, as well as voluntary presenters. There was a time when listeners even paid a membership fee to keep the station operational, but that all went out the window when along came Lord Ashcroft, who with his generous donations, rescued Saint FM from its humble beginnings and with the aid of regular income, made it what it is today. It is heartwarming to hear comments that Saint FM fills the lives of many people on St Helena and overseas - everyone has their own personal favourite of what or who they like to listen to, but the general feeling is that it provides valued input into people's everyday movements.

Since we learned earlier in the year that the generous donation from Lord Ashcroft will end at the end of 2023, the radio station is now exploring other avenues of funding and hopefully membership fees can be avoided for those listeners who reside on St Helena. In order to keep a valued radio station on the straight and narrow, this will be a mountain to climb but in Mike Olsson's words – "I will give my last penny to ensure that Saint FM can keep going...."

In addition to funding, voluntary presenters are dwindling as well....some in very sad circumstances and they are greatly missed by listeners and Saint FM alike. But just like sunshine after the rain, we need some fresh air and new voices on the airwaves which might breathe another life into the broadcasting....hence our appeal to anyone in the community who might like to try their hand at voluntary radio presenting....please contact us at the Saint FM radio station





(22660 or 22488). It is for those who would like to learn on a voluntary basis at first – there are no plans for hiring any more full-time staff at present, but if you feel you would like to share your music, knowledge, voice, humour and have fun entertaining (also de-stressing at the same time)...this is just what you need. It is an easy operation – anyone from teen years upwards are welcome. There are a variety of programme slots available at different times on different days of the week, and we will allow those who contact us first, to have first choice of all the vacant slots at present.

There will be a short induction process with our studio man, a chance to make some notes or ask questions and a trial broadcast can begin shortly afterwards.

We would like to say - Kudos to the Health team who have just launched the brand-new Wednesday night show 'Behind the Screens'....Led by Marilyn Essex, who learned the console and studio techniques in a very short time, the team are pleased to have an audience which will hopefully lead to a following, and of course Saint FM's latest success story.

A huge 'Thank You' to the team of voluntary presenters that we have at the moment – your contribution is what keeps Saint FM alive and we couldn't do it without you, or have such a brilliant, good-looking 'Hall of Fame'.

Thanks to all current and previous presenters over the last 17 years. The best is still to come......

Let's keep the radio waves buzzing and feel happy doing so!!

## THE SAINT FM TEAM.....

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# Your Opinion Counts

#### Dear Editor,

It is interesting to follow the various twists and turns of the fibre project and associated work on Island. It is perhaps unsurprising that this major project is experiencing difficulties; government projects are almost always over time and over budget, so it would be overoptimistic to expect this major project to be any different. The logistical issues, reliance on British government processes, the variable competency and efficiency of the St Helena Government, and the "it's an Island 6 miles by 10, how hard can it be" attitude all conspire to make implementing large scale projects challenging.

Whilst much has been made of the performance and work of the major players – SHG, SURE and Maestro (and the curveball of Starlink), I have not seen much mention made of the data protection workstream. Perhaps it is ticking along nicely in the background? Experience would suggest otherwise. Admittedly data protection and information security are duller than a Scruffy August day, but they are important because they demand public and private sector organisations meet certain standards to protect your information, and when they don't meet those standards, you have legal recourse to redress and possibly to compensation.

There have been two recent events in the UK that show just how important data protection is to the physical and financial wellbeing of citizens. The UK Electoral Register was hacked in 2021, with millions of people's information taken; this could be used to clone identities and/ or for nefarious financial gain. This event shows the importance of cybersecurity, so the work SHG and Gareth are doing to improve and educate on Island is to be commended. If you have not already done so, I urge you go to the cybersecurity workshops that SHG have organised to find out more about how to protect you and your company from online threats.

But perhaps the more worrying event that occurred recently was the Freedom of Information (FOI) disclosure in Northern Island that resulted in the accidental releasing of the personal details of staff working for the police service in Northern Island; this could result in the wellbeing of those involved (and their families) being compromised, and perhaps even being placed in danger. It is perhaps this type of data loss that is of more concern to the residents of St Helena than a cybersecurity hack.

Humans, by their very nature, are fallible

and this means that they will make mistakes. The Northern Island FOI disclosure appears to be human error, and this type of error goes on all the time, including on St Helena. During my nine years on Island, my wife and I experienced numerous data breaches by SHG, all of them because staff were not considering essential data protection measures. My wife's medical details were leaked to her manager, the FOI request that I made to SHG for land prices erroneously included the names of those who had sold the land, and SHG accidentally sent me an unredacted copy of a major SHG contract which included commercially-sensitive financial information. These are just some examples of the data breaches I became aware of; there were many more.

So, my point is this: humans are the weakest link in the chain and therefore it is crucial that they understand their data protection rights and responsibilities. But the only way to support that is to have robust data protection legislation in place. Without it, regardless of cybersecurity measures (changing passwords, being alert to scam e-mails, keeping your anti-virus software up-to-date, etc), ultimately you have little recourse to legal redress if there's no law there to protect you in the first place. *James Kellett* 



The Chapel Wardens and side persons of St Helena and the Cross Church wish to Thank all those who gave so generously to their fundraising event on Saturday 29th July at the Blue Hill Community Centre.

Total amount raised were £665.00.

#### **ST HELENA AIRPORT PRESS RELEASE**



#### ST HELENA AIRPORT LTD BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPOINTMENTS: CAROLYN THOMAS, CHAIRPERSON AND PHIL SHARMAN, ST HELENA GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVE, NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL) is pleased to announce the appointment of Carolyn (Lyn) Thomas as Chairperson of the St Helena Airport Board of Directors with effect from 1 August 2023, having previously been a Non-Executive Director of the SHAL board since 2020.

Lyn co-owns and co-manages Rose & Crown Ltd and its three subsidiaries and has primarily lived and worked on St Helena. She has previously served in various roles in the public and private sector notably as the Managing Director of the St Helena Development Agency, Chairperson of Bank of St. Helena Ltd,

and Non-Executive Director of Connect Saint Helena Ltd. SHAL is grateful to Lyn for taking on such a significant and important role within the board.

SHAL also takes this opportunity to thank the outgoing Chairperson Bruce Wilks for his hard work and dedication in steering the board during his tenure. Bruce will remain on the board as a Non-Executive Director.

SHAL is also pleased to announce the appointment of Phil Sharman as the St Helena Government Representative, Non-Executive Director of the SHAL Board of Directors with effect from 1 August 2023.

Phil is a Chartered Accountant with professional memberships and has extensive experience in public sector finance and audit. Phil also served for ten years as Chief Auditor on St Helena Island. Phil holds St Helenian status and is a Trustee on the British Napoleonic Bicentennial Trust.

He currently serves as Chair of an Audit and Risk Assurance Committee at the Welsh Government and has recently been



appointed as a Non-Executive Director to represent St Helena Government on the Boards of its various State-Owned Entities.

For further information on the St Helena Airport Board of Directors and Director profiles please visit the SHAL website on <a href="http://sthelenaairport.com/about/about-shal/about-the-shal-board/">http://sthelenaairport.com/about/about-shal/about-the-shal-board/</a>

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St Helena Airport 15 August 2023

2023-PR-002



# The local community is invited to participate in aTribute and Reflection in remembering the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the reburial of the Liberated Africans.

### Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, between 10am – 3:00pm, Liberated African Cemetery, Rupert's Valley.

The Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) & St Helena National Trust have been working closely with our Island's youth on creating a special tribute, that will be laid on the day.

325 pebble stones were collected from Rupert's beach, to represent the 325 individuals that were reburied in August 2022. Rupert's beach holds a strong connection to all buried in the Valley, as this was the major landing spot and highly likely would have been a pebble stone beach at that time.

Stones symbolise endurance, stability and permeance, representing the ability to be grounded and connected with the Earth.

You are most welcome to place a stone on the gravesite as an act of tribute and reflection. Floral tributes are also most welcome.

Also, on the day;

If considering walking into Rupert's a Group walk via Mundens will leave the canister at 10:00am, led by Matt Joshua.

Learn more about the Liberated African Story with guided walking tours by Museum Director, Adam Sizeland.

- 11:00 12:00
- 13:30 14:30

Starting Point – Rupert's beach.

A bus will be available as per the times below, please ensure you book a seat.

10:00	Canister to Rupert's
12:30	Rupert's to Canister
13:00	Canister to Rupert's
15:00	Rupert's to Canister

For further information or to book a seat please contact,

Shelley Magellan-Wade, Secretary, LAAC: on 25531, or shelley.magellan-wade@trust.org.sh

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VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

# Part-Time Risk and Compliance Manager

### Commencing at £13,032 per annum

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person to work as a Part-time Risk and Compliance Manager for 3 days per week. A flexible working time system is permissible. This position will be offered as a Fixed-Term Contract from September 2023 until 31 March 2024.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to compile and implement policies within the Bank to ensure compliance with the Governing Laws, Regulations and Policies and advise internal departments on how to meet compliance requirements; therefore, an excellent understanding of anti-money laundering, fraud prevention and detection are important, along with the need to stay informed on changes in laws and regulations that relates to banking.

In addition, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to advise, oversee and train bank staff on compliance procedures, lead investigations of suspicious activity, recommend corrective actions and work closely with both internal and external auditors.

The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent interpersonal skills and ideally have a minimum of two years proven work experience in a middle management role and or relevant experience in Banking/Finance, Auditing and/or Risk Management.

Candidates should also possess:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Good financial and accounting skills, ideally be a Certified Accounts Technician or FIA or working towards a qualification;
- Have good analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Have experience writing policies and procedures;
- experience of working with regulators.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Josephine George, Managing Director on (+290) 22390 ext 216 or email <u>managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com</u> for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to <u>hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com</u>.

#### Closing date for applications is Friday, 25 August 2023.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.



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Bank of St Helena Ltd



## DIRECTORS' REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2022 - 23



### Extracts from the Directors' Report 2022 - 23

During the year, the Bank worked towards the agreed strategic objectives outlined in the Bank's Strategic Plan for 2021-2024. Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) were set in line with these objectives to monitor and review the Bank's performance throughout the year, and whilst most of these were achieved during this reporting period, the economic climate in St Helena continues to be affected global issues, which has played a significant role in creating variances to targets set at the outset of 2022-23.

The performance of the Bank is very much influenced by the current economic climate which includes customer deposits, revenue generated and the Lending Portfolio.

The Bank made an operating profit of  $\pm 340,874$  for the year 2022-23 which was a decrease of  $\pm 131,471$  from 2021-22, with a 13% net profit margin and a cost to income ratio of 83%.

The Bank's total income, net of interest payable, decreased by £95,590 (3.4%). Interest received decreased by £119,997 (4.4%) from £2,7157,577, to £2,595,580, with decreases in the interest from the Bank's Investment Portfolio, housing loans and commercial lending; whilst interest payable increased by £11,184 (3.5%) and is the result of the increase in customer balances during the year. Fees and commissions increased by £22,627 (7.3%), with the most significant increases being in commissions for Local Debit Card and foreign currency exchange, increasing by £13,594 and £10,518 respectively; and the most significant reduction being in remittance fees which decreased by £8,399. Other income increased by £12,964 (13.3%) from 2021-22; resulting from the fluctuation of foreign currency during the year. The Bank is aware of its exposure to foreign exchange risk and whilst payments will always need to be made, the Bank tries to minimise this exposure by reducing foreign cash holdings whilst still maintaining sufficient funds to service customer requests.

Investments are initially recorded at cost and subsequently measured at fair value with changes in fair value recognised in the income statement. The interest income from investments for the year ended 31 March 2023 was £1,588,780. The Bank monitors its cash holdings and operational requirements closely and additional funds will be invested when it is deemed appropriate. An additional £1.31m was invested during 2022/23.

The Lending Portfolio has continued to decline, with a decrease of £575,427 (3.9%), and is largely due to the current economic climate which, like the previous year continues to be heavily influenced by global issues. Whilst housing and personal loans collectively increased by £306,216 (2.8%), reductions were experienced commercial loans and overdrafts, decreasing by £553,395 (10.9%) and £31,540 (7.8%) respectively which indicates that the economy continues to have a negative impact on business customers and their appetite to borrow

Customer monies held by the Bank showed an increase of £330,493 (0.4%) at the end of 2022-23; with the Bank's higher earning interest accounts, Child Bond and New Life continuing to be popular with a collective growth of £335,047 (8.3%). The largest increases were in the accounts of St Helena Individuals and New Life accounts, which increased by £1,322,276 (3.6%) and £301,137 (10.3%) respectively, compared to 2021-22.

The Bank continues to work towards the Strategic Plan for 2021-24 which will guide its activities for the next year. The Bank is optimistic that over this period much will be achieved with the support of our customers, Shareholder, FSRA and various Stakeholders. A highlight for 2023-24 will be the launch of Tourist Cards, the Bank's innovative international payment solution on the Island, which will coincide with the Island's plans to encourage tourists back to St Helena. This innovative payment solution will allow safer transit of money for visitors and will benefit the Island's economy as it will provide visitors with a safer spending option as an alternative to physical cash. The Island continues to be affected by global economic issues which continues to increase inflation and has directly affected the operations and income of all businesses on the Island. This has in-turn disseminated onto the local population, with greater financial hardships being experienced. The Bank's priority areas remain securing a continuous service for all who rely on BOSH, providing financial assistance for personal and business customers, safety and security and ensuring that it retains the strength to be able to assist customers in the years to come.



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### STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2023

		2023	2022
	Note	£	£
Income			
Interest Receivable	5	2,595,580	2,715,577
Interest Payable	6	(334,708)	(323,524)
Net Interest Income		2,260,872	2,392,053
Fees & Commissions		331,016	308,389
Other Income	7	110,393	97,429
Total Income		2,702,281	2,797,871
Expenditure			
Employee Costs	8	890,498	820,453
Premises Costs		65,258	65,848
Investment Management Fees		155,474	132,108
Investment Amortisation		153,492	398,924
Depreciation Tangible Fixed Assets		136,545	107,731
Depreciation Intangible Fixed Assets		41,885	44,847
Bad Debt Provision		106,179	(37,537)
Audit Fees		32,000	31,000
Financial Services Authority Fees		23,000	23,669
Other Expenditure	9	643,451	581,034
Total Expenditure		2,247,782	2,168,077
Profit on ordinary activities, before taxation		454,499	629,794
Taxation	10	(126,589)	(147,378)
Deferred Taxation	21	12,964	(10,071)
Profit on ordinary activities, after tax		340,874	472,345

The income statement has been prepared on the basis that all operations are continuing operations.



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#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 MARCH 2023

	Note		2023 £	2022 £
Fixed Assets				
Tangible Fixed Assets	11		485,933	483,895
Intangible Fixed Assets	12		40,206	59,589
			526,139	543,484
Current Assets				
Cash	16		1,158,711	834,388
Bank Balances	17		3,794,163	4,171,239
Investments	14	6	8,061,348	67,306,640
Other Assets	15		3,911,332	3,349,036
Lending	13	1	4,254,929	14,830,356
		ç	91,180,483	90,491,659
Total Assets		g	91,706,622	91,035,143
Liabilities				
Customer Current & Deposit Accounts	18	8	3,670,475	83,339,982
Other Liabilities	19	<u>480,</u> 789		362,591
Total Liabilities		8	84,151,264	83,702,573
TOTAL NET ASSETS			7,555,358	7,332,570
REPRESENTED BY:				
Share Capital	23		3,219,285	3,219,285
Retained Earnings	24		4,336,073	4,113,285
Total Equity			7,555,358	7,332,570
The financial statements on pages 14 to Board on 31 July 2023 and were signed			d authorised fo	or issue by the

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Chairman

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Date: 31 07 23



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# **Ascension Island Government**



# Invitation to tender

## The Residency & Georgetown Hospital Refurbishment

August 2023

April 2022 – V1

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### Background

The Ascension Island Government seeks a registered company to provide maintenance services as described in the enclosed contracts.

The project is a fixed term contract.

The successful company will have qualified scaffolders and scaffold inspectors.

### Information to be submitted by tenderers

If you believe that your company is able to sufficiently deliver against the responsibilities previously outlined kindly respond stating:

- Experience
- Availability
- Pricing
- High Level Construction Plan
- Business Financial Statement for the last three years
- Current References (within the last three years)
- Evidence of appropriate Insurance

The Ascension Island Government requests interested parties to respond with an initial full proposal no later than **25 August 2023**, the format of which may be determined by the tenderer.

### Instructions and information for tenderers

Tenders must be submitted by email to Frikkie Myburgh no later than 08 September 2023.

Tenders received after the date for receipt of tenders set out above may, at the sole discretion of the Ascension Island Government, be disregarded and returned.

If tenderers have any queries or requests for further information they should be submitted directly to Frikkie Myburgh.

The Ascension Island Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

### **Contact details**

The point of contact within the Ascension Island Government for this tender is Frikkie Myburgh, Project Manager.

EmailFrikkie.myburgh@ascension.gov.acTelephone(00 247) 66215

April 2022 – V1

# Join us! We are recruiting...

# Terrestrial Conservation Officer (£14,585 per annum)

Are you passionate about St Helena's endemic plants and invertebrates? If so, ENRP has an exciting opportunity as Terrestrial Conservation Officer to lead and deliver their Terrestrial Conservation programme. You will help to set the strategic direction ensuring it remains adaptable to changing terrestrial environment needs and uses. The post is responsible for recurrent and project activities, including team management, programme implementation, report writing, communications and outreach activities, and building links between relevant stakeholders that are important to, and associated with, the work of the Terrestrial Conservation Section. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Stuart Jennings on Tel No 24724 Closing date: 30 August 2023

# Senior Human Resources Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Keys areas include recruitment and selection, leavers, contractual changes and employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No 22470 Closing date: 23 August 2023

## Programme Manager (£18,508 per annum)

Do you have experience of being a programme/project lead, being able to manage organisational change processes which will have significant resources and strategic impact? If so, we are seeking to recruit a Programme Manager who will also have excellent time management, planning and organisational skills to join our team. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

#### Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on 22270 Closing date: 18 August 2023



#### **Benefits**

*Leave* – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

#### Paid sickness absence

#### How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit <u>www.sainthelena.gov.sh/govern</u> <u>ment/vacancies</u> Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email

<u>recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh</u> or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, betting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

# Join us! We are recruiting...



### Administration Support Assistant (Community Care Complex) (£7,823 per annum)

The Health and Social Care portfolio is seeking an individual with excellent interpersonal skills to provide administration support to the Community Care Centre by assisting the CCC Residential Development Manager and Deputy Manager in meeting the needs of the residents, Staff and all Customers to the service. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Michelle Clingham on 23090 Closing date: 21 August 2023

# Social Care Officer (Adults Service) (£12,879 per annum)

The Health & Social Care portfolio is seeking an individual to join the Adult Service team. As the Social Care Officer you will need to be able to recognise and respond to issues of mental capacity and safeguarding, as well as to promote the independence, provide meaningful support and to safeguard vulnerable people within our community.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

### Enquiries: Angela Bevan on 22920 Closing Date: 30 August 2023 Cloud Forest Project Conservation Technician (£7,341 per annum)

The Conservation Technician will assist with the delivery of project objectives under the CSSF funded Cloud Forest Project through innovative invasive plant management techniques. You will be responsible for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

#### Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No 24724 Closing date: 22 August 2023



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# Join us! We are recruiting...

## Assistant PAYE Officer (£7,341 per annum)

The Treasury section is looking for an individual who has an interest in working with Tax. The individual will have the opportunity to work with the day to day management of the PAYE system, auditing the Tax data for individual employee, tax payers and dealing with tax queries ensuring all PAYE taxes are collected in line with the Income Tax Ordinance. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Gillian Knipe on 25880 Closing Date: 29 August 2023

## 1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£7,823 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

#### Enquiries: Kerry Lawrence on Tel No 22607 Closing date: 29 August 2023



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# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



Believe Achieve St Helena (BASH) BASH is a locally registered charity whose aim is to educate and inspire young people to achieve positive personal, social and educational growth

The Annual General Meeting of Believe Achieve St Helena will take place on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 5pm at Mantis St Helena WEYYONCHS

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Property for Sale at Hutt's Gate A six Metre container with building Materials included. Contact 23163.

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# PRINCE ANDREW SCHOOL AWARDS CEREMONY

On Wednesday 9 August 2023, Prince Andrew School held their annual Celebration of Achievement Awards Ceremony. Students, parents, guardians and invited guests gathered in the school hall to celebrate the presentations.

The first presentation was for Academic Achievement. Certificates were presented to Bethany Bennett (Year 7), Joel Henry-Williams (year 8), Andrea Peters (Year 9), and Blane Bennett (Year 10).

Certificates for Outstanding Progress were awarded to Le-Andro Roberts (Year 7), Kallis Constantine (Year 8), Brandon Wade (Year 9), and Eric Robertsse (Year 10).

The Sports Award went to sportsmen Zach Francis (KS3) and Blane Bennett (KS4) and sportswomen Aimee Joshua (KS3) and Bobbi Clingham (KS4).

Individual awards were presented to end of Key Stage Three (KS3) Year 9 students: Music Award – Riley Yon Food Technology – Kaylin Knipe and Ana-Lucia Roberts Design & Technology – Sitthipon Sawangwong (Om) and Ana-Lucia Roberts

Art – Ana-Lucia Roberts

All students who received certificates were also awarded book vouchers which they could redeem at the start of the new school year.

Penelope Bowers and Valerie Yon received the Heart of Gold Award for their outstanding commitment to the students they work with, going above and beyond to ensure their individual roles with in the school was fulfilled with the utmost professionalism as well as being team players in ensuring the school ran smoothly on a daily basis and for always being supportive of colleagues.

English Teacher, Sandra Peters, and ICT Teacher, Ellen-Rose Piek, were also awarded certificates for achieving their Level 4 Cambridge International certificate in Teaching & Learning.

A special presentation was also made to Valerie Yon who will be retiring after 49 years working in the Education Sector, particularly with children with special educational needs. For the second part of the ceremony, parents, guardians and





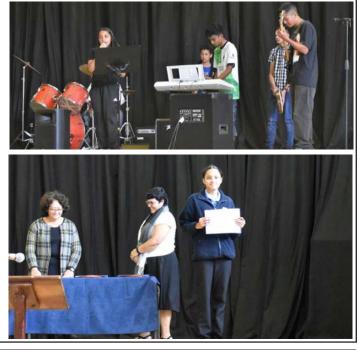
invited guests were treated to musical entertainment by KS3 students.

The school band 'Black Dots' performed three songs and the schools Enrichment Programme choir 'the Voice' sang two songs. There was also a dance performance by Year 8 students and solo performances by Jodie Thomas and Aisha-Skye Bagley as well as Aiden Isaac on the keyboard. Year 7 and 8 students also read poems which they wrote during their English lessons.

Acting Head Teacher, Barbara Osborne, concluded by thanking all those who made this special school event so successful, along with the invited guests, parents and family members who came to support their children and the school. Barbara ended by wishing both students and staff a wellearned restful school holiday.

Congratulations are extended to all students and awardees. #StHelena #Awards #AltogetherBetterForChildrenAndYoungPeople

#### SHG, 11 August 2023



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## PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES PUPIL AND TEACHER ACHIEVEMENTS AT ANNUAL AWARDS EVENING

Pilling Primary School (PPS) recently held another 'Awards Evening' to celebrate pupil and teacher achievements over the past academic year. The Awards Evening is now a regular feature on Pilling's calendar of events and is the fourth of its kind.

Once again this year, the school's hall was beautifully decorated with balloons and lights (with a blue and white colour scheme) and a beautiful white backdrop behind a red carpeted stage. Pupils, teachers, parents and invited guests dressed in formal attire. All tables were beautifully laid out with finger foods, juice and Chamdor.

PPS Head Teacher, Miss Elaine Benjamin, opened the evening followed by the prize presentation led by Deputy Head, Mr Steve Plato. The evening was interspersed with singing, shared memories, laughter, but also tears, as farewells were said to Year 6 who will be moving to Prince Andrew School in September; to Miss Charlee-Paige Thomas (who has been successful for a Teacher Training position); and also to a long standing member of staff, Mrs Edna Richards, who is retiring after 37 years in teaching.

Prizes were awarded for both outstanding performance and most noticeable effort in each year group as follows:

#### Reception

Highest overall achiever – Parker Thomas Most noticeable effort – Zahara Francis

#### Year 1

Highest overall achiever – Tiffany Kabeza Most noticeable effort – Tyhilia Faas

#### Year 2

Highest overall achiever – Holly Bennett Most noticeable effort – Kenzo Shoesmith

#### Year 3

Highest overall achiever – Cora Richards Most noticeable effort – Liimi Faas

#### Year 4

Highest overall achievers – Jorja-Rai Osborne and Shae-Lyn Leo Most noticeable effort – Courthney Kabeza



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#### Year 5

Highest overall achiever – Nathan Thomas Most noticeable effort – Nakia Benjamin

#### Year 6 outstanding performance:

Maths – Jamal Yon English – Rudairo Nayoto, Halle George, Elissar Dachraoui Science – Jamal Yon Art – Elissar Dachraoui Humanities – Halle George Music – Rudairo Nayoto

Outstanding Progress in ICT– Skyler Plato-McDaniel Outstanding Progress in Maths – Tyrell Timm-Bennett Outstanding progress in PE – Jaxon Benjamin, Tomas Peters and Talem Francis Overall outstanding progress – Ryley Bennett

Highest achiever in PTE (English) Trophy – Halle George Highest achievers in PTM (Maths) Trophy – Elissar Dachraoui and Jamal Yon Highest achievers in PTS (Science) Trophy – Halle George and Jamal Yon

PE – Best Male and Female (Year 6) Jamal Yon and Halle George Keenan Bennett Cup (Best Footballer KS2) – Joshua Crowie (Year 5) Recycling – Halle George

#### Jean Beadon Art Certificates

3rd Position – Elissar Dachraoui Highly Commended – Rudairo Nayoto and Halle George

#### **Teacher Awards**

Level 3 Teaching Assistant Course - Miss Heidi Joshua

Congratulations are extended to staff and pupils of PPS for another excellent year of achievement.

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## **UK Government Funds Criminal Landlord to House Migrants**



Siddharth Mahajan was given a 16 month prison sentence in 2019 for forging documents after converting three homes into houses for multiple occupancy without planning permission. Now, he is due to receive government payments for accommodating 270 asylum seekers in a 150-bedroom hotel owned by Mahajan in Newport Pagnell.

Harben House, the hotel owned by Mahajan, does not get rave reviews on TripAdvisor. The hotel has a long list of complaints from guests who vow never to go there again. The UK government seem to think accommodating migrants in substandard accommodation is acceptable. This news came the day after the same government announced it wants to triple the fines for landlords of slum accommodation who exploit migrants by renting rooms to illegal immigrants at high rents.

The leader of Milton Keynes City Council, which includes Newport Pagnell, said, "The Home Office are meant to be responsible for law and order, not paying convicted felons hundreds of thousands of pounds. It really does highlight a continued level of incompetence. I call on the Home Office to withdraw funding for the hotel and review why this was allowed to happen." It is not mentioned that an environmental health inspector was on the case right now.

In addition to handing larges wedges of cash to a convicted criminal, the standard of accommodation which is thought to be acceptable for asylum seekers plunges to the lower depths of unacceptability. The hotel is a badly converted office block. The unfortunate people who book rooms at Harben House complain about ants on the floor, under the bed, in the mattress, in the pillows and on the walls. Maybe not everywhere at the same time, but the number of complaints about ants clearly indicate they will go anywhere.

If ants are not on the walls there are often filthy marks or damp patches. The walls are paper thin too. If the bed has not been colonised by ants it often has sheets which have not been changed since the last occupant left. Hair is not only found in beds; they are in the shower and on the floor. The complementary shower gel and shampoo was often a cause of complaint because they are left overs from the previous occupant. Sweet wrappers and tissue paper is found under the bed.

Mouldy curtains, mattresses hard as rock, beds rocking from side to side (just by lying in them), TV not working, paint



The food in the restaurant is also unsatisfactory

falling off the walls, dirty pillows, very narrow beds; the list of complaints goes on.

## RAINWATER GUTTER REPAIRS ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

The Parish of St Paul wishes to invite suitably experienced building contractors to carry out some minor works on the rainwater gutters at St Paul's Cathedral.

The work generally consists of repairing the leaking gutters on the Cathedral building. A site visit to view the works will take place at St Paul's Cathedral on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2023 at 10 am.

The terms of engagement for this minor work will be by a priced bill of quantities. This document will be given to those contractors attending the site visit.

Should you require any further details you can call Bishop Dale or email dale.penny@helanta.co.sh

## LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO GO INTO RECESS

Legislative Council will go into recess for a 10 working day period from Monday, 21 August 2023, to Friday, 1 September 2023. Normal business will resume from Monday, 4 September 2023. Legislative Council will also go into recess from Friday, 15 December 2023, to Wednesday, 3 January 2024. During recess Legislative and Executive Council will not meet to conduct business unless of an urgent nature.

Constituents needing to discuss urgent matters can contact the Council representative in their district during this time. Under the current Constitution, Legislative Council are not entitled to annual leave, therefore it has been collectively agreed to take periods of recess.

Councillors would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation.

Legislative Council 14 August 2023



Councillor Robert Midwinter will host a drop in Constituency Surgery for all residents living within the St Paul's electoral area. This will be held at Guinea Grass Community Centre on Wednesday 23rd August, starting at 3pm and 30 minute slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis. If you would like to meet with him on this occasion, please call 51500 to make an appointment, or send him an email via: cllr.midwinter@helanta.co.sh

# NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING



The Annual General Meeting of Believe Achieve St Helena will take place on Thursday 31 August 2023 at 5pm at Mantis St Helena Weryowwy Webcome BELIEVE & ACHIEVE ST HELENA | BASH 2023/24 | NOTICE OF AGM



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## Africa – UK – Europe – Brazil

#### Rock Fall Breaks Subsea Cables but Not Equiano

Late last week it was reported a rock fall in the depths of the South Atlantic, off the west coast of Africa, broke two intercontinental communications cables. The cables linking the UK to South Africa and another linking Portugal and Spain to South Africa serve several west African countries. The extent of the damage caused is expected to keep the cables out of use for some time.

Liquid Dataport, a continent-wide technology group in Africa, saw massive amounts of data switch to the Equiano cable which was undamaged. Equiano is linked to Lagos, Nigeria, Lomé, Togo and Swakopmund, Namibia and has been in operation serving these countries and South Africa since March this year. Customers in South African experienced some Internet glitches and slow access to international sites, but nothing like the scale of outages caused by past cable breaks.

#### Foreign Office Hacked in a Major Cybersecurity Incident

It has only recently become known that FCDO was the victim of a major cybersecurity breach earlier this year. It is thought the FCDO systems were hacked by the Russians or the Chinese. FCDO are saying nothing about the breach of security, so it is not known if it is limited to the 17,300 staff in the UK or extends to embassies and high commissions across the world. It is claimed the hack was identified being any sensitive material was accessed. FCDO brought in their cybersecurity contractor to close off the breached security at a cost of almost £500,000. It is not known whether Hanslope Park in Milton Keynes was hacked. Hanslope Park is the little known FCDO global communications centre. Hanslope Park is the successor to Bletchley Park, also in Milton Keynes, where German messages were intercepted and successfully decoded during the Second World war.

#### European Union Will Hit Renewable Energy Targets Ahead of Time

There is an 'explosive growth' is solar power in most EU countries; meaning they will hit their 2030 renewable energy targets before the target date. Solar capacity increased by 40% in 2022 compared with the previous year. In the UK the capacity increase was just 4%. A further large increase in Europe is expected this year. About 23 countries are expected to reach the 2030 renewable energy targets by 2027. The explosive growth is down to plummeting prices for solar panels being mass-produced in China. The war in Ukraine also created a major incentive for countries to push ahead with solar installations as a way to lower their dependency on Russian energy.

Other countries are showing equally rapid progress. Last year, China installed 107 GW of solar output — roughly equivalent to the entire historical installed capacity of the U.S. — and is likely to add around double that in 2023. Analysts forecasting growth in solar power installations are continually underestimated the rapid growth. One analyst admitted, "To be honest, we've never been very good … our most optimistic predictions have nearly always undershot the market." The International Energy Agency estimates new solar power installations in 2022 saved 230 million tonnes of greenhouse gases being emitted into the atmosphere.

Water Scarcity Threatening Agriculture Faster Than Expected

The world is likely to face major disruption to food supplies well before temperatures rise by the 1.5C target, the president of the UN's desertification conference has warned, as the impacts of the climate crisis combine with water scarcity and poor farming practices to threaten global agriculture.

The leader of last year's UN Cop15 summit on desertification, Alain-Richard Donwahi, said the effects of drought were taking hold more rapidly than expected. The problems of rising temperatures, heatwaves and more intense droughts and floods, were endangering food security in many regions. Poor farming practices were not helping, he said. "The degradation of soil comes with bad habits, and the way we do our agriculture will lead to degradation of the soil. When the soil is affected, the yield is affected," he said. "Look at the effects of droughts on food security, the effects of droughts on migration of population, the effect of droughts on inflation. We could have an acceleration of negative effects, other than temperature," he said.

#### Fourteen Days Across the Atlantic Perched on a Ship Rudder

On 27<sup>th</sup> June Roman Friday persuaded a fisherman to take him to the stern of a 190-metre tanker so he could climb aboard. The only part of the massive tanker he could get to was the rudder. When he did this, he found three other Nigerians already there. For 15 hours they waited for the ship's engines to spark into life. All four stowaways thought the tanker was heading for Europe, a journey of about a week. They were on the rudder for two weeks; the tanker was bound for Brazil.

Roman Friday explained, "In Nigeria there are no jobs, no money and no way for me to feed my younger brothers and my mother," he said. "I am the first born son and my father died 20 years ago, so I should take care of my family, but I cannot."

Instead, he had spent three years living on and off the street in Lagos, trying to find work. Each day in Nigeria was a gauntlet of "crime and sin," he said. "People fighting, killing each other, terrorists attacking, kidnappers. I want a brighter future than that."

Perched next to Friday on the rudder of the tanker was Thankgod Yeye, a Pentecostal minister, businessman and



father of two whose peanut and palm oil farm had washed away in the devastating floods that hit Nigeria last year. There had been no fallback or insurance to cover the loss. "My business was destroyed and my family became homeless. And that is the reason for my decision to leave," he said.

By the 5<sup>th</sup> day they were already weak from rationing their food and tired from lack of sleep. They tied a rope around their waists when they needed to pee off the side of the rudder. When the water was rough, waves lashed them. On the 10<sup>th</sup> day their food and drink ran out. Thankgod Yeye said, "My mouth was dry and completely cracked. For the first time in my life, I really understood the meaning of water." The men were entering the phase of hunger and thirst that brings you close to death.

On day 14 the oil tanker's engines slowed to take on fresh crew off the coast of Brazil. A resupply boat spotted the men. "Do you know where you are?" came a shout. Friday tried to shout back that he had no idea, but his throat was

## Family extends deadline for VW campervan prize draw James Fantom Goes Down to the Wire

An Okehampton family, who are selling their campervan in an online auction to fund their move to a South Atlantic island, has extended the prize draw for the vehicle.

James Fantom and his partner Jess Wilson together with their son, Noah, announced last week that they had decided to extend the auction for their VW T4 campervan until August 21, following an offer from a Crowdfunder.

In a post, they said: "The new deadline for pledges is Monday 21st of August at midnight. That is only a few days before we leave the country, so it will all come down to the wire seems like..."Sorry if this causes anyone any inconvenience, but hopefully this means that one of you get to have our van, and we don't have to cancel."We will continue to push as hard as we can on social media. We've been shared by some bigger accounts now. But please, share with everyone you know! The success of this hinges on reaching as wide an audience as possible."

The young family decided to sell their beloved campervan to fund a new life on one of the most remote islands owned by Britain - St Helena.

They hope to auction the VW T4 customised van for a reserve price of  $\pounds15,000$  before they leave which will help pay for life on the tiny island (ten by five miles) which is expensive



Roman Friday accepts water, perched on the rudder that took him and three other men to Brazil

too dry. The boat left, then two hours later, in the clearer light, a police dinghy appeared. An officer stretched out a bottle of water to Friday. "You are in Brazil," he said.

Friday and Yeye have been taken in by a shelter in Sao Paolo and are being assisted by a Catholic mission, Missao Paz, with Portuguese lessons and other support. Yeye wants to start a new business and bring his wife and children over. Friday is focused on the more immediate future. "I am in a new place, I am trying to adapt, I am trying to learn the language,"

because of its remoteness, and limited exports of coffee and fish.

James, who has origins on island, his mother was born there, is giving up his job managing invasive species at SW Lakes for a similar job on St Helena, where his skills are needed.

Invasive species have displaced the native plants and James will be working on the restoration of the natural flora and fauna and pasture.

James previously told the Okehampton Times: "It's a shame we have to sell the van because we've had some great holidays in her and she will be earning her keep up to the end.

"Anything raised over our target will be split between Okehampton Community Kitchen...and Creative St. Helena, a charity that does arts and music for people of all ages on St. Helena."

## **OKEHAMPTON TIMES**







Erling Haaland was back in the old routine with a devastating display of finishing as Manchester City opened the defence of their Premier League title with a comfortable victory at Burnley.

The goalscoring phenomenon, who hit 52 goals as City won the Treble of Premier League, FA Cup and Champions League last season, took only 185 seconds to open his account for the new campaign, striking a blow from which the newly promoted Clarets never recovered.

Haaland pounced in the area when Rodri headed down Kevin de Bruyne's cross, then curled in a magnificent left-foot strike into the top corner beyond Burnley keeper James Trafford after 36 minutes to effectively end the contest.

Burnley, roared on by a passionate home crowd, never gave up but City's control grew more emphatic as the game went on, Rodri turning home the third with 15 minutes left after the home defence failed to clear a freekick.

It all ended very comfortably for City, their night only marred by another injury for De Bruyne, who limped off after only 23 minutes to be replaced by summer signing Mateo Kovacic.

Burnley had Anass Zaroury sent off in injury time, after a the video assistant referee review, for a dangerous lunge on Kyle Walker.



Chelsea and Liverpool played out a thrilling draw at Stamford Bridge as both sides delivered a prime example of why they are doing battle over £110m Brighton midfielder Moises Caicedo.

Liverpool agreed a British record deal for the Ecuador player but Caicedo's preference means he is likely to complete a move to Chelsea.

A highly entertaining encounter showcased the attacking quality of both sides while the defensive deficiencies illustrated why Caicedo has become a prized target.

Liverpool dominated the early stages, Mohamed Salah striking the bar before the Egypt forward delivered a stunning pass for Luis Diaz to slide home the opening goal after 18 minutes.

Chelsea, in their first Premier League game under new manager Mauricio Pochettino, rallied and drew level with an equaliser from new signing Axel Disasi, who scored from six yards after Liverpool failed to clear a set-piece.

Both sides had further chances - with Liverpool keeper Alisson saving well from Ben Chilwell and Nicolas Jackson but neither could find a winner.



Raphael Varane scored the winner 14 minutes from time as Manchester United gained a fortunate win against Wolves in their opening game of the new Premier League season.

Erik ten Hag's side hardly created a chance of note until Bruno Fernandes found Aaron Wan-Bissaka with a superb pass inside the area.

The right-back calmly lifted the bouncing ball to the edge of the six-yard box,

where Varane used his height to get above Nelson Semedo and head home.

It was extremely harsh on Wolves, who made light of last week's change of manager to produce a superb performance in Gary O'Neil's first game in charge.

O'Neil was booked for his protests in claiming for a late penalty as United clung on for a fortunate victory.

United's debutant goalkeeper Andre Onana avoided punishment in added time for clattering into Sasa Kalajdzic when he came for a cross without making contact with the ball.

Matheus Cunha should have given Wolves the lead before then as Pablo Sarabia's low cross found him unmarked just beyond the far post but despite steadying himself, the Brazilian hit the outside of the upright.

Cunha fizzed a low shot wide just before the break and Pedro Neto fired straight at Onana before Varane's decisive effort while Fabio Silva had two goal-bound efforts saved as Wolves pressed for an equaliser.



Alexander Isak's clinical finishing helped Newcastle United to an emphatic victory against Aston Villa on the opening weekend of the new Premier League campaign.

Newcastle tore into the visitors from the early stages at St James' Park and new signing Sandro Tonali made their dominance count when he converted Anthony Gordon's inviting sixth-minute cross.

Moussa Diaby cancelled out his fellow debutant's goal within five minutes, though, beautifully controlling a half volley with his weaker foot after Ollie Watkins' flick on.



But at the culmination of a frantic opening period Isak regained the lead for the Magpies as he slid home Sven Botman's cut-back across the box.

**RESULTS - WEEK 1** 



Isak delicately chipped Emiliano Martinez for his second to give the home side a two-goal cushion after Ezri Konsa inexplicably left the ball in his own penalty box.

Callum Wilson added a fourth following a slick passing move and Harvey Barnes raced clear to score on his competitive debut, ensuring the Magpies followed up their superb 2022-23 campaign with an ideal start.

Defender Tyrone Mings being carried off on a stretcher during the first half added to Villa's miserable day.

Burnley	0	vs	3
Arsenal	2	VS	1
AFC Bournemouth	1	VS	1
Brighton & Hove Albion	4	VS	1
Everton	0	VS	1
Sheffield United	0	VS	1
Newcastle United	5	VS	1
Brentford	2	VS	2
Chelsea	1	VS	1
Manchester United	1	VS	0

3	Manchester City
1	Nottingham Forest
1	West Ham United
1	Luton Town
1	Fulham
1	Crystal Palace
1	Aston Villa
2	Tottenham Hotspur
1	Liverpool
0	Wolverhampton Wanderers

	Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1	Newcastle United	1	1	0	0	5	1	4	3
2	Brighton & Hove Albion	1	1	0	0	4	1	3	3
3	Manchester City	1	1	0	0	3	0	3	3
4	Arsenal	1	1	0	0	2	1	1	3
5	Crystal Palace	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
6	Fulham	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
7	Manchester United	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
8	Brentford	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
9	Tottenham Hotspur	1	0	1	0	2	2	0	1
10	AFC Bournemouth	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
11	Chelsea	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
12	Liverpool	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
13	West Ham United	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	1
14	Nottingham Forest	1	0	0	1	1	2	-1	0
15	Everton	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
16	Sheffield United	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
17	Wolverhampton Wanderers	1	0	0	1	0	1	-1	0
18	Luton Town	1	0	0	1	1	4	-3	0
19	Burnley	1	0	0	1	0	3	-3	0
20	Aston Villa	1	0	0	1	1	5	-4	0

Table as it stands after Week 1 matches



Friday 18th

Nottingham Forest vs Sheffield United

#### Saturday 19th

Fulham vs Brentford

Liverpool vs AFC Bournemouth

Wolverhampton Wanders vs Brighton & Hove Albion

Tottenham Hotspur vs Manchester United

Manchester City vs Newcastle United

#### Sunday 20th

Aston Villa vs Everton

West Ham United vs Chelsea

#### Monday 21st

Crystal Palace vs Arsenal

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What's been happening at New Horizons!

Term 3B came to a close last Wednesday for all schools and New Horizons has put on a packed holiday programme, which can be seen below. On Saturday in support of SURE, New Horizons celebrated International Youth Dav and this year SURE kindly offered to pay subscription fees for all children attending New Horizons on the Friday below. Holiday Club Holiday Club 21st - 26th Aug 9am - 3pm E1 28th Aug - 1st Sep 9am - 3pm £1 Mon 21st - Tennis at Plantation 10am -12pm 12yrs+ (10 spaces available) Mon 28th - Public Holiday Walk to Sampson's Battery 10am Tues 22<sup>nd</sup> - Activities with the St Helena National Trust Tues 29th - Fishing at Ruperts with Mr Neil George 10am - 2pm 10am Bring you rods! Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> - Dolphin Trip with Dive Saint Helena 10am (age Wed 30th - Walk to Heart Shaped Waterfall 10am to be confirmed) Thurs 31st - New Horizons Cake Sale at the Canister 10:30am Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> - Golf at Longwood 10am 7yrs+ (we'd appreciate any cake donations - Thank You! ☺ ) Arts & Crafts Session with Antonia Dykes 10am Fri 25th - Walk to Flagstaff (weather permitting) 10am Fri 1st - Bike Riding in Longwood area (we'll make arrangements to collect your bike)

## On behalf of all at New Horizons they would like to extend their thanks and appreciation to SURE for this kind gesture.



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Sat 26th - Normal Evening Opening 7pm - 10pm

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Next week fixtures

Proudly organised by:

Saturday 19th August

9am— Young Rebels vs Rumblers

9am— Terminators vs Troopers

10am— Megalodons vs Guardian FC





9 GOALS 9 POINTS

Bellboys are now the only team with a 100% record after they put nine past the Ballerz in the only game on Saturday

The Bellboys had the best start possible, after some good build up play, Jordan Yon saw his shot deflected into the roof of the net in the first minute.

Ballerz defended well after conceding so early in the game and were just starting to frustrate the Bellboys. With fourteen minutes left a dangerous cross from Tyler Brady was met by the out stretch boot of Eureeze, who could only turn it in to his own goal. Bellboys midfield was having another brilliant game and dominated the possession. The Ballerz themselves linked from Blake saw Shane one on one with up well in spells but had no threat on the Bellboys goal. With five minutes left for half time Bellboys killed the game of with Tyler Brady scoring a brace to give his team a four-nil lead.

The Second half saw Bellboys continue to control the game by pushing the Ballerz deep into their own half. A quarter of the half played saw Bellboys score three goals in four minutes with Jordan Yon getting his second of the game, Alex Osborne and Tyler Brady completing his hat-trick.

With twenty minutes remaining Bellboys made it eight with another own goal, this time off Luke Bowers.

Bellboys final goal came from Taylan Phillips who once again rifled one from outside the box into the top corner, capping of another find game from him.

Final score Bellboys 9 v 0 Ballerz

Goals for Bellboys - Tyler Brady 3, Jordan Yon 2, Own Goal 2, Alex **Osborne and Taylan Phillips** 

MOM - Tyler Brady of Bellboys

**YPOM - Taylan Phillips of Bellboys** 

## **BIG WIN FOR CHOP SHOP**

LOCAL JOOTBAL

Match Report by Mikee Williams

The first game on Sunday saw two title contenders battle it out with Rovers taking on Chop Shop.

Both teams knew that a win was crucial to keep up with league leaders Bellboys who are yet to drop points this season.

Rovers came into the match as favourites with a brilliant performance against Harts, where as Chop Shop were on the end of a heavy defeat against the league leaders.

The game began with both teams not really settling on the ball, and it got a bit scrappy with points more important then trying to look good. Chop Shop were happy to sit deep and was looking to hit Rovers with there pace up front. Blake Benjamin was having a good game up front for Chop Shop, linking well with fellow striker Shane Stroud. The two would brake the deadlock fifteen minutes in. A lovely pass the advancing keeper, which Shane finished with precision. Then just four minutes later, a header from Selwyn Stroud just outside the box left the Rovers backline flat footed. Shane Stroud was the first to react and this time rounded the keeper to double the lead.

With fifteen minutes remaining, Ricardo Squares Williams scored the goal of the weekend with a 45 yard shot that sailed over the keepers head to make the score three-nil to Chop Shop. Rovers threw everything at Chop Shop but found Deon Yon and his defence in find form. Chop Shop themselves had a few chances but were wasteful in front of goal. Chop Shop eventually hang on for a big three points to inflicted a second defeat for the Rovers.

#### Final score Chop Shop 3 v 1 Rovers

**Goals for Chop Shop - Shane** Stroud 2, Ricardo Williams

**Goal for Rovers - Rico Benjamin** 

**MOM - Shane Stroud of Chop** Shop

**YPOM - Blake Peters-Benjamin** of Chop Shop



### NARROW WIN

Harts and Axis played the last game on Sunday and are the only teams not to register a point.

Both teams had plenty of chances but were wasteful in front of goal with Harts winning by a goal to nil with Dodi Williams-Peters getting the deciding goal in the first half, after a great run from Sam Collins.

The last ten minutes of the second half saw Axis miss a number of chances to grab a equaliser even hitting the post in the last few minutes.

In the end Harts held on to grab a narrow win by a goal to nil.

Final score Harts 1 v 0 Axis

Goal for Harts - Dodi Williams-Peters

MOM - Sam Collins of Harts

**YPOM - Edson Stevens of Harts** 

#### Next weeks fixtures

Sat 19th Aug—2pm Axis vs Rovers

Sun 20th— 1:30pm Harts vs Bellboys

Sun 13th—3:30pm Ballez vs Chop Shop Boys





Lets take a look at the last two Teams this week... Both teams have key players missing in these pictures



Second week down with another action pack weekend of football, very tough choosing the team this week as a lot of players did really well.



Goalkeeper - Deon Yon of Chop Shop boys Centre Back - Cody O'Bey of Chop Shop boys Centre Back - Wayne Crowie of Bellboys Centre Back - Dane Wade of Chop Shop boys Right Wing - Ricardo Williams of Chop Shop boys Midfielder - Alex Osborne of Bellboys Midfielder - Jordan Yon of Bellboys Midfielder - Sam Collins of Harts Left Wing - Sid Benjamin of Bellboys Striker - Tyler Brady of Bellboys Striker - Shane Stroud of Chop Shop boys

# LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Player Shane Stroud Tyler Brady Own Goal Rico Benjamin Alex Osborne Taylan Phillips Jordan Yon Toure Osborne Lars Williams

Team	Goals scored
Chop Shop boys	8
Bellboys	5
	4
Rovers	3
Bellboys	2
Bellboys	2
Bellboys	2
Ballez	2
Axis	2

# Golf Report week ending 13 August 2023

The August Monthly Medal Competition attracted just enough players to make it an official competition.Initially there had been a few slight showers of rain, but as the day progressed grey skies had transformed to blue. The sun came out and shone in all its glory, thus making conditions perfect for golfing.

Jason Hopkins and Peter Bagley tied on top of the leader board with net 69. On a count back over the last five holes, Jason emerged as the winner and Peter as the runner-up.



Congratulations to both of you. No claims were made for the two ball pool.

On Sunday, 20 August 2023, there will be a two team Texas Scramble (choose your own partner) with a shot-gun start. Tee off time will be at 9.30 am. This will be followed by the Half Yearly Meeting. A curry and rice meal will be available to members.

Registration for the Texas Scramble will close on Saturday 19 August at 3pm.

Happy Swinging



## **Orders for Seed Potatoes**

Thorpes are taking orders for 25kg bags

to arrive V05 (ETA: October 2023)

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

Variety:	Sifra
Tubers per Bag:	400 tubers
Generation:	G3
Price per bag:	£32.00 (guide price)



£6.50

Calendars on sale now in Thorpes Grocery shop and Emporium!

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