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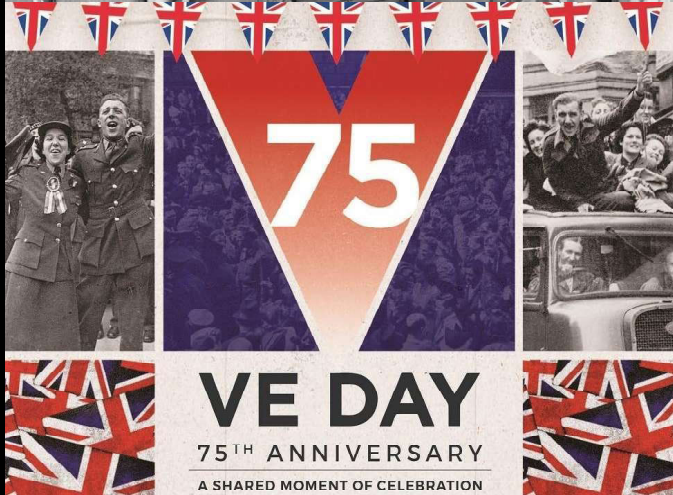
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## ***Which way now for St Helena tourism***



***After the compassionate flight to St Helena and Ascension on 18th-19th May it can take a long time before we see the SA Airlink flight again.***

Tourism and St Helena are two words which have not gone well together. Much was hoped for but very little has become reality. Since before the air service started tourism has taken a succession of hits. Wind shear was just the start. The price of plane tickets has never helped and finding the way to attract just a few thousand people a year to visit this island has proved elusive. Now we have Covid-19 which takes us into uncharted territory for tourism and just about everything else.

The signs are not good. Warren Buffet is seen by many as the most consistently successful investor of them all. He gains great respect from across the financial world. At the recent (virtual) shareholders meeting for Buffet's investment company he announced he had pulled the investments in four US airlines. The firm began investing in airlines in 2016 and Warren Buffet said he had been wrong to do it and apologised to his shareholders for doing so. Buffet's investment company made a £40 billion loss in the first three months of this year. Travel, and particularly air travel, is now seen by some as something to be avoided.

From St Helena's standpoint it is worth noting that Comair has joined South African Airways in business rescue. Comair was meant to operate the air service to St Helena until wind shear put a stop to that plan. Paul Ash, writing for South African news website Times Live commented earlier this month on Airlink's difficult position. "Employees of local airlines Airlink and Flysair will go on unpaid leave from Friday (1<sup>st</sup> May) as the carriers join other South African businesses in the desperate scramble for survival. Most of Airlink's 1,750 staff had already taken a 30% pay cut, while managers' salaries were halved. "It breaks my heart," said the airline's CEO, Rodger Foster, who had cut his salary entirely. "The lockdown has been detrimental to our business." The airline's operations had been reduced to a handful of charter flights for essential services each week." The South African government seem a long way from getting their already ailing airlines back in the air again. We at St Helena may not mind that, given that they have Covid-19 and we don't want it; but in the longer term it may be difficult to get an air service to St Helena going again.

Airlink's Marketing and Sales Manager contacted Saint FM this week to say, "Obviously we don't have a date for re-commencement of domestic and international air services at this stage. As soon as we do we will advise our customers and travel trade partners accordingly" This was in response to a rumour that Airlink would not be re-starting the St Helena air service until January next year.

The World Travel and Tourism Council have estimated it could take 10 months for the travel and tourism market to recover from the ravages of Covid-19. This estimate is uncertain because no one knows how long the coronavirus is going to be with us, when a vaccine will be ready and many other factors. For St Helena, the 10 month estimate seems very optimistic in any circumstances. The longer it goes on the worse it gets and recovering from the gigantic setbacks will take longer. Another report pursues the idea of keeping airline passengers apart on planes if flights start before Covid-19 is truly beaten. One airline spokesman said this could mean losing a third of the available seating to make the gaps, it also means that airlines fly at a loss and fares would need to increase significantly. The high cost of Jo'burg – St Helena air fares already appear to put people off coming here.

The prospect of tourism never being one of a number of economic activities which could get St Helena earning some money for itself has to be considered and plans made to prepare for that eventuality. Hopefully it will not happen, but with coronavirus dominating all thought and action, no-one can make anything other than predictions based on uncertain evidence.

There is another consideration which is gaining ground. The lack of preparedness for the Covid-19 pandemic has alerted many people to the even bigger threat posed by climate change; a bigger threat which the world is even less prepared for than the coronavirus. It is already clear increased pressure is being exerted on governments and businesses to organise their production and outputs with the highest priority being the reduction of carbon emissions. Climate change could cause more death and destruction than Covid-19 but with climate change we are still at the stage where taking checking peo-



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ple's temperature is thought to be an adequate precaution against Covid-19 contagion.

Last week the *Independent* reported on five proposals put forward by a large group of Dutch academics advocating that financial and economic measurements and markers should be changed so that making more money is not the only consideration. The revisions supported by the Dutch group are based on measures to reduce the threat of climate change. Climate change is with us now in the same way as Covid-19.

This week the Committee on Climate Change, advisors to the UK Government, have written to the Prime Minister with a similar message. They say the massive public funds now being used to prop up industries which would otherwise collapse due to the Covid-19 lockdown should be used to help firms whose businesses will reduce carbon emissions. They also say investment in improving broadband should come before more road building and that people working from home should become common practice. Audio-visual connections should also be encouraged in favour of travel; this applies such things as visits to the doctor. Also, unemployed people should be trained for work in labour intensive 'green' industries such as home insulation, tree planting and habitat restoration. The letter advises the Prime Minister to direct the promised public expenditure on large infrastructure projects to development of electric vehicle charging points, hydrogen production and carbon storage as well as all forms of solar power and high speed telecommunications. These projects, they say, will strengthen the UK economy and build climate resilience. Business analysts and consultants are also turning their attention to climate change. Papers are being released describing how carbon emission in agricultural production can be reduced by

20%, new digital strategies, the impact of Covid-19 on travel and much more.

In St Helena it did look at one time as if we were getting ahead of the game on some 'green economy' initiatives. Now, the PASH Global renewable energy project is still stuck in the mud, the trials with electric cars appears to be in the same position and, in terms of climate change, saying good-bye to the RMS and switching to the air service increased St Helena's carbon footprint considerably.

The Extreme E racing organisation bought the former RMS St Helena because they wanted to use her as their mobile centre when the series of races is underway. Now named 'St Helena', the ship will carry all personnel, all cars and equipment and a team of scientists who will work in "a state of the art environmental laboratory" aboard ship. Organising the transport requirements in this way is calculated to cut "the carbon footprint of the series' logistics by some two-thirds as opposed to traditional air freight."

The strategists in St Helena must surely be starting to think how we can react to these new developments borne out of the coronavirus pandemic. How do we react to the increasing pressure on other countries for a reversal in high and increasing carbon dependency? How other governments react and how people overseas perceive these problems will surely affect us here. The main thing we have in our favour at present is the Equiano cable. Digital communication is seen as the way forward in several ways and should be used in preference to travelling whenever possible to help reduce carbon emissions. Let's hope the high speed telecom cable does not get stuck in the mud too.

## MANAGEMENT OF ISLAND WATER SITUATION MOVES BACK TO CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD

With the stored water volume on-Island now at 74% and surface flows increasing, the management of the current water situation has moved back to the control of Connect Saint Helena Ltd.

Since a water shortage on St Helena was declared in May 2019 and Island-wide restrictions imposed in June that year, the water situation was managed by the St Helena Resilience Forum (SHRF), particularly the Drought Management and Warning & Informing subgroups. These groups have now been stood down by the Chair of the SHRF, the Chief of Police. A debrief with both groups was held earlier this week and members were able to discuss what had worked well, areas for improvement, lessons learnt and next steps.

St Helena Government's Drought Management Plan and draft Water Resources Media Strategy will now be amended to reflect lessons learnt and finalised for use should this incident reoccur in the future. These documents will be made available to the public.

The St Helena Resilience Forum recognises that this has been a challenging period for the Island and would like to thank everyone for their support in adhering to the advice given and for overall reducing their water consumption to ensure the Island's water stocks were maintained.

#StHelena #EveryDropCounts

**St Helena Resilience Forum**

**6 May 2020**



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# Editorial

Food rationing was in force in the UK during the first few years of my sweet life. A family would be registered with a particular shop for buying specific goods. An example of the weekly rations for each adult is, 4 oz of bacon or ham, 2 oz of butter, 2 oz of cheese, 3 pints of milk and 8 oz of sugar. Other meat apart from bacon and ham could be bought but only to the value of one shilling and two pence. That's 6p in today's money and it would buy two chops.

Despite the food rationing I could justifiably complete this trip down memory lane by saying "those were the days". I can say this because my dear Mum knew which shop to go to, to buy what and knew what she wanted to buy would be there – most of the time. But there were some horrible queues outside the butcher, the baker and the candle stick maker.

Today, I can start in Market Street, cross over to Napoleon Street and then work my way down Main Street in my quest to buy milk, butter, margarine, rice, potatoes, onions and garam masala. I can finish down at the Grand Parade after calling into most shops and my shopping bag is still empty. Everybody is complaining about it. Where is the person who is doing something about it? Garam masala by the way is a wonderful mixture of spices normally used in Indian food. It flavours a range of meats beautifully. I've never tried to get it here. I buy it on-line and collect it, along with a range of other goodies, when I go down to the wharf after the MV Helena has been and gone. The wharf is my supermarket.

Unfortunately, because three months can go by from the time I have ordered on-line to the time I have it in my hands, fresh food is not among the tasty items my stomach is eagerly awaiting from the on-line ordering. I suppose the battle against the coronavirus has put the usual supply arrangements for the island's importers into chaos but this new battle has again had me thinking about the Second World War. To increase the amount of fresh green veg on the wartime table any spare bit of land anywhere in the UK was dug over and given over to cabbages, runner beans and of course potatoes and onions. Sports ground were dug over and even the Royal Parks in London became vegetables patches. Everyone was encouraged to get their spade and fork from the shed and get back-ache. The campaign was called Dig for Victory.



Growing your own vegetables for the family table remained a part of life for many people long after the Second World War ended. I spent many hours helping my father dig over the ground at his 'allotment'. It was called that because it was an allotted piece of land rented from the local council. I put too much energy into the job one Saturday morning. I thrust the fork down into the dry, hard earth and managed to put a prong of the fork right through my boot. I thought it had gone right through my foot as well. Dear Daddy eased the fork out of my boot and gently pulled the boot off my foot. The prong of the fork had gone through the skin between two toes, nothing more; so we carried on digging. That was a joke. My father insisted I go to hospital even if only for a tetanus injection. Fancy blood with your carrots Mum?



**Boys start a vegetable patch next to bombed out homes**





# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor**

With regard to the news bulletin on keeping St Helena's borders closed on Wednesday we absolutely agree with what has been said and think it to be only common sense.

Saint Helena should "not open up", we should have restrictions for outsiders etc:

We could possibly open up with the 'plane for Residing Saints who could be able to return to the island and other genuine medical personnel if need be. However, this should be strictly controlled as is with the present system with tests etc; and could be improved if and when required. Anybody can leave the island on the return Flight.

Worldwide, Governments, are juggling between the risk of another phase of the virus with more deaths or their economy and finance. For us it is easy, we have no economy. What do we export? Only our own desopora between 20 and 40 years old that have left us recently.

There was a slim possibility with tourism on St Helena but it died with the ship, however the world experts are saying that all forms of tourism will be gone globally for at least two years or more. Who will want to travel in a 'Plane, Cruise Ship, or even a train or coach for several hours with social distancing and PPE? What are the tourist office going to do for two years? Having said this we need to keep our work force occupied. A scheme could be organised to divert people who no longer have work to do but could fit into another role, i.e. a labourer can help a farmer to provide fresh vegetables and meat to back up the supplies from South Africa. (SHG has plenty of unused land)

In the meantime we need to keep ourselves safe. This cannot be just another disaster for the island it is more a matter of life and death.

Yours sincerely,

**A couple in the hospitality industry**

*P.S. The virus figures for Africa yesterday (Wednesday) have increased dramatically.*

**Dear Editor,**

I have thought about this for a while. The question of whether to write or not to write this letter. I have opted for the former. But first I would like to clarify that am not a procurement specialist. I am just someone on the island who likes to have milk in his coffee for breakfast. Unfortunately, there is no milk in the shops. That makes me slightly grumpy. I ask myself why the community finds itself in this predicament. Not so long ago it was another commodity that wasn't present in the shops. Meanwhile, the MV Helena has been operating fairly normally until the recent Covid19 related delays.

This island has existed for hundreds of years. I hear at some point there was so much produce on the island that ships would stop by for supplies. But that's beside the point. My concern is how can it be that after so many years of bringing in stuff from "overseas" the common person on the island still risks going to the shop soon after MV Helena has docked and not find milk? Or something else that is commonly consumed on the island? Where is the breakdown in this supply chain management? I don't believe the cows wherever the milk comes from are on lockdown. Which makes me conclude that its either a manmade challenge or a systemic failure.

I know there are those who will say that I am not a Saint and I should therefore not be the one raising these concerns, and maybe they are right. Maybe I should just learn to shut up. But I am not wired that way. Where I can make a contribution no matter how small, I would rather do so and be at peace with my conscience than be silent. My objective is pure, and I make these suggestions in good faith. If I can drop an idea here that can lead to conversations and discussions in the right places by the right people, am optimistic that these challenges will be overcome and a lasting solution will be found.

As I mentioned before I am not an expert in these matters. In my limited knowledge I believe a two-pronged approach could solve the challenge. As much as the businesses on the island might be competitors surely it should be in their interest to ensure that all necessary supplies for the island are brought in and that they won't expire while still en-route. The platform that I imagine this could be dealt with is the Chamber of Commerce (just my imagination, I might be wrong). A coordinated procurement should ensure that everything the island needs, the island gets when the ship arrives. That's the one approach.

The other approach is SHGs intervention. It should be in SHG's interest to make sure that the island is "food secure" Especially in these days of lockdowns. We don't know when the next one will happen. It's a huge risk in my view for the island to continue to exist at the mercy of farmers and merchants. With the changing weather systems which lead to water shortage and with uncoordinated procurement which leads to lack of basic supplies in the shops, the government and the entire leadership on the island should be greatly concerned. In other jurisdictions that I am aware of there are government entities whose sole responsibility is to ensure the country has food security. They do this by having silo's and warehouses for grain storage and other food-stuff to ensure food security. Could that be something that can be explored here as a backup to what the merchants bring? Is the population here too small to warrant that? I don't know. It's just an idea to trigger discussion. A good idea gives way to a better idea and a better idea will always give way to the best idea. It's my hope that this letter will trigger the necessary discussion for this challenge to be overcome so that next time someone goes to the shop they won't have to worry that there will be no milk.

Regards,

**Bramwell**

**Dear Editor**

Having just been released from Bradley's Isolation Camp, I would like to express my thanks to all those who looked after

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# Your Opinion Counts

me so well during my 14 days there. I would especially like to mention those who were in the front line of duty (those who were actually in contact with us). They are:-

Matthew Joshua  
Iris Lawrence  
Peter Lawrence  
Julian Knipe  
Kelly Leo  
Colin Bennett  
Larry Green  
Jenna Thomas  
Sarita Chohan

These people were exceptional in delivering meals and other requirements to us, sometimes in pouring rain and over considerable distances. Guys, you did a good job; keep on wearing those masks and gloves and you will be safe.

Also thanks to the nurses who called twice daily to enquire of our well being and to Johnny Isaac and Peanut and their staff for making the accommodation safe and comfortable under difficult circumstances.

Lastly and not least thanks to everyone who were isolated with me. Your company made my stay quite enjoyable under the circumstances and helped the 14 days pass quickly. Now you will be relieved that you will no longer be woken up at 3 am in the morning (my normal rising time but unfortunately not everyone's).

Keep safe

**Donald (Worm) Peters, MBE**

**Dear Editor**

The comparison by 'Jamestown correspondent' of St Helena's airport to those of Mauritius and Reunion is bizarre as these are much larger airports with runways to match, not to mention ones that serve larger populations. While the Seychelles is much smaller, and only got

an airport in 1971, that airport is large enough to handle long-haul aircraft, and was used by South African Airways as a stopover on the way to Hong Kong, just as Mauritius was used for its flights to Taipei. Air Mauritius, which started out as a joint venture between the government, British Airways, Air France and Air India, has also been well placed to serve people travelling from Africa to Asia and Australia.

Reunion has the advantage of being much more politically, if not economically, important to France as an overseas department than St Helena has been to the UK as a colony, sorry 'overseas territory', hence there is a greater need for direct flights to Paris - Napoleon must be having the last laugh. When the Seychelles sought a similar relationship with the UK, only to have it rejected, the Foreign Office minister at the time, Anthony Kershaw, snootily remarked 'it is simply - to our way of thinking - impossible to imagine a tiny island, thousands of miles away, being just like a county of England', and that was much what St Helena was told, even more bluntly, in 1999.

In fact, Air France no longer operates direct flights to New Caledonia in the Pacific, meaning that people travelling between Paris and Noumea need to change planes in Tokyo or Osaka, while it was only two years ago that direct flights to St Pierre et Miquelon from Paris via Halifax and Dublin finally started, and even then they were only seasonal, meaning that the easiest way to get there is still from Montreal. Incidentally, in its 1994 report 'The Lost County of England', the Bishop of St Helena's Commission on Citizenship mentioned St Pierre et Miquelon as a possible model, but in its follow-up, 'A British Island', it looked to the Channel Islands instead.

St Helena airport's shorter runway means that regional flights are always going to be more feasible than long-haul ones, and even if that were not the case, the amount of air traffic between Africa and South America is lower than that between Africa and Asia, so St Helena is unlikely to become a regional hub like Singapore or Dubai, or even Mauritius or the Seychelles. Having Gibraltar as a stopover has limited appeal apart from the cachet of being a fellow British 'overseas territory', as the only non-UK airport you can fly from is Tangier, with only one flight a week, plus there are Span-

ish border restrictions even when the winds mean flights have to be diverted to Malaga.

The Airbus A319 could fly direct to St Helena from the UK, at least with a re-fuelling stop, but I have read people complain about the prospect of being stuck on a narrow-body jet overnight. However, a flight from Accra could be operated as a codeshare with British Airways and other carriers in Europe, with Emirates offering connections from Dubai to Asia and Australasia. Indeed, Qatar Airways, which has a couple of A319LR jets, is due to start flights from Doha in June. One of these could be leased to Africa World Airlines in Ghana, which operates much smaller jets on its domestic and regional flights but has interline agreements with airlines in Europe, the Middle East and Africa.

Qatar Airways has used the A319LR to fly from Doha to Yangon, formerly Rangoon, with 8 passengers in business and 102 in economy, so it could be used to fly non-stop between London and Accra before going on to St Helena. Alternatively, it could just fly from Accra to St Helena and on to Cape Town. As it happens, Gulf Air, now the flag carrier of Bahrain, is about to start using the new A321LR, which would be fitting given that Bahrain has historical links with St Helena, because of some dissidents being sent there in the 1950s, and more contemporary ones, as Batelco owns Sure. Perhaps its Chief Executive could visit on a charter flight to try out the new aircraft!

One strange argument I heard against a direct flight from the UK was that there were no direct flights to Koh Samui in Thailand from Europe, but that is an island within easy reach of the Thai mainland, with intercontinental flights to Phuket as well as Bangkok, whereas St Helena is not within easy reach of anywhere. We can only hope that the development of the satellite earth station will increase the demand for flights, even if the tourist industry doesn't. I still remember SHELCO's glorious plans with Boeing 737 business jets in St Helena Airways livery flying between Stansted, Gibraltar and St Helena and the mid-2000s, which came to nothing.

Yours  
**Ken Westmoreland**



# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

Over the past few months everyday life has changed with the continuous threat of the coronavirus.

We at Atlantic Store have noticed the change in shopping habits as we try and keep up with the demand and our shelves stocked. Unfortunately, we did not plan for a rapid worldwide spread of the virus, and only ordered sufficient stock that would take us from one shipment to the next. So please bear with us as you walk into our store and find empty shelves or your favourite items out of stock.

We only import goods from the UK, and orders must be placed three months in advance to coincide with the shipping schedule. The goods arriving this month

were ordered at the beginning of March, at the time the virus impacted the UK, causing a panic buying frenzy, sending wholesalers scrambling to keep up with demand. This means that there will be a continued shortage on some of your favourite items in the weeks and months ahead. So next time you shop, think about how much you really need, allowing others to also have an opportunity to purchase, thus ensuring *food for all*. We will continue with our maximum purchase of three per item policy – some items one per household, for as long as necessary.”

Apart from food shortages, there will also be price increases on certain items when new stock arrives over the coming shipments. We are seeing a rise in wholesale prices, with a hike of 40% to 50% on some items. We are being told it is down to an increase in the manufacturing costs, with manufacturers having to source ingredients from different suppliers at a higher cost, during this volatile period.

On top of these increases, AWSM Ltd have just announced their annual freight increase, which will impact upon the price of goods arriving from June onwards.

It does seem that under their contract agreed with SHG, AWSM Ltd can increase their prices annually, even if operating cost remain the same. Maybe one day St Helena will shake off its ingrained dependency, and find the courage and confidence to operate its own freight service directly.

Like in most things there are winners and losers. The loser will always be you - the shopper, as all price increases eventually gets passed on, struggling to keep up with the rising cost of living, whilst incomes remain the same. The winner will undoubtedly be SHG, as the increase in the wholesale cost of imported goods climbs, so too will revenue, as duty on all food stuff and other goods imported - including PPE and sanitisers for personal or staff and customers protection, remains a staggering 20%, with some basic food stuff at 5%. All adding to the cost you will eventually pay at the tills.

All the best and stay safe.

**Michael Stevens**  
**Atlantic Store**

## PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING

The Appeal hearing against the Conditions of Decision Notice dated 15 August 2019, approved by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) at its meeting on 7 August 2019, is now scheduled for Wednesday, 13 May 2020 at 10 am. The hearing will be held at the Court House, Jamestown.

**Proposed Development:** New Cemetery

**Location:** Near the Dungeon, Alarm Forest

**Parcel Number:** AF0435

**Applicants Name:** St Helena Government

**Application Number:** 2019/46

**Date of this notice** 8 May 2020 **Signed** Shane Williams, Planning Officer

# ***Extreme E unveils the new colours for the former RMS***

Refitting and refurbishing the former RMS St Helena, now known as the St Helena, is about 90% complete. This photo of the new look St Helena, with the slogan Electric Odyssey also on its side, is a computer generated image. Extreme E told the *Independent* "She is currently in dry dock – where 90% of the re-fit process was complete before the lockdown. Mostly just the painting to go so will gladly share once it is all done and finished. Hopefully we will be able to get back to work on her very soon!"

Extreme E explained on their website, "The St. Helena will dock at the nearest port to each of the five formidable, remote locations on the calendar, minimising Extreme E's footprint on-site and cutting the carbon footprint of the series' logistics by some two-thirds as opposed to traditional air freight. The ship will also house the crew and a state-of-the-art environmental laboratory, enabling embedded scientists to carry out invaluable research and contribute to the championship's Legacy Programme and its sustainability cause."

Extreme E's Legacy Programme Leader said, "The Legacy Programme is integral to the series and aims to provide both social and environmental support in each of our locations. We want to involve as many of the local community as possi-



ble, including schools and local organisations, and we're focusing on providing long-term renewable energy solutions including solar, and wind power. Of course, it's important to support the local NGOs who are already working on effective solutions in these areas. We're delighted to formalise the support of our first legacy programme project with The Nature Conservancy's Forest Restoration programme in Pará – the Brazilian state we'll be racing in."

## **PUBLIC NOTICE HEARING**

**The Appeal hearing against the Decision of Refusal by the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) at its meeting on 6 November 2019, will be held at the Court House, Jamestown on Monday, 25 May 2020 at 10am.**

**Proposed Development: Demolition of Ruins at the rear of the Property and Construction of Nine Accommodation Units**

**Location: Opposite Pilling School, Market Street, Jamestown**

**Parcel Number: JT120005**

**Applicants Name: Johnny Isaac**

**Application Number: 2019/61**

**Date of this notice 8 May 2020 Signed Shane Williams, Planning Officer**



## ***PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS TO BE PUBLISHED***

The Provisional Register of Electors is due to be published on Friday, 8 May 2020.

Eligible persons will then have up until 4pm on Friday, 22 May 2020, to submit applications to amend the Register.

Persons who are eligible to have their names entered in the Register may apply to amend the Provisional Register by including or removing their name, or to remove the name of someone who has died or left the Island or who might be no longer eligible for inclusion in the Register.

The Registration Officer aims to publish a Register which is as up-to-date and accurate as possible. In order to do so, eligible persons can apply to amend any of their personal details which may be out of date. For example, they may have changed their name since they last applied to be included on the Register or may now live in a different Electoral District and would like to change their address.

It is also possible to amend the Register to enable voting in a different district from that in which you reside. For example, an eligible person may live in Longwood and work in Jamestown, so when there is an election, it may be more convenient for them to vote in Jamestown during the working day. It is possible for the Register to accommodate this, provided the eligible person makes application to do so.

Persons eligible to be registered must:

- Have St Helenian Status as defined in the *Immigration Ordinance, 2011*
- Be 17 years of age or older with St Helena as their ordinary place of residence

The Register will be published on the SHG Website via the following link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/news/government-gazettes/>

Hard copies will also be placed at the following locations:

- Customer Service Centre, Jamestown
- Public Library, Jamestown
- ENRP Offices, Scotland
- Rural sub Post Offices

Copies will also be held by the Registration and Assistant Registration Officers, Carol George, Connie Johnson, and Anita Legg, at the Castle, Jamestown, and the Assistant Registration Officer at the office of the Administrator, Ascension Island.

Applications to amend the Register using the prescribed form 'A' will need to be submitted to the **Registration Officer, at the Castle, by no later than 4pm on Friday, 22 May 2020.** Form 'A' is available on the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>. Copies are also available at the above locations, as well as from the Castle Reception.

Further information about registering and making amendments may be obtained from the Registration Officer, Carol George, at the Castle, on tel: 22470 or via email: [carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh).

The final Register of Electors for the year commencing 1 July 2020 will be published in June.

If your name is not on the Register of Electors you will not be able to stand or vote in any Bye-Election or General Election. It is therefore your responsibility to check the Provisional Register and to make application to have your name included if it is not already listed.

## VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT LIMITED BOARD OF DIRECTORS

### NON-EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (RISK AND GOVERNANCE)

St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL) was formed with a clear mandate to operate and maintain St Helena Airport in accordance with Air Safety Support International's (ASSI) certification requirements. We are now looking for exceptional individual(s) to take up the role of **Non-Executive Director (Risk and Governance)**.

The role of the Non-executive Director will be to assist fellow Directors in setting the strategic aims of the organization as well as to hold the Executive to account for delivering these aims and strategic objectives. All applicants will be viewed with preferred experiences and knowledge in the following:

- . Knowledge of corporate governance and best practices;
- . Knowledge in strategic business planning;
- . Financial literacy and competency;
- . Ability to anticipate emerging issues and lead organizational change;
- . Risk management skills;
- . Analytical skills;
- . Ability to operate as part of a team; and
- . Superior communication skills, both written and verbal.



Key duties and responsibilities of the Non-Executive Director are listed below:

- . Providing leadership of the Company within a framework of prudent and effective controls which enable risk to be assessed and managed.
- . Assist in set the Company's strategic aims, ensure that the necessary financial and human resources are in place for the company to meet its objectives, and review management performance.
- . Assist in setting the Company's values and standards and ensure that its obligations to its regulator and others are understood and met.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information please submit your CV and a Letter of Intent to St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address [recruitment@sthenaaairport.aero](mailto:recruitment@sthenaaairport.aero) for the attention of the St Helena Board of Directors. Individuals who can undertake this role remotely are welcome to apply.

The closing date for this position is Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> June 2020 at 1200hrs (noon). Interviews will take place between 15 June 2020 and



## VACANCY DISABILITIES & DAY CARE OFFICER (THREE MONTH FIXED-TERM CONTRACT)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit Disabilities & Day Care Officer's for a fixed-term period of three months.

As a community based role, the Disabilities & Day Care Officers plays a key part of the Adult Social Care team function. The role is to support vulnerable adults aged 18 – 65years to be included in society, to have choice and control in their own lives and develop their full potential.

Essential qualifications and experience required for this role is:

- . GCSE in English at Grade C or above or equivalent (applicants without this qualification may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process);
- . Driver's License Class A;
- . Completion of accredited lifting and handling training or equivalent
- . Completion of NQF level 3 qualification on Social Care
- . Experience of working with challenging behaviour

Salary for this post is Grade D commencing at £11,034 per annum pro rata.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Nicolene Adams, on telephone number 25327 or e-mail: [nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicolene.adams@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and the Children & Adult Social Care Directorate and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Monday, 18 May 2020.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/ DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.





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For further information contact Keith or Craig at the Blue Lantern on telephone 25555 during working hours.

We look forward to hearing from you



**AUDIT ST HELENA**  
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## VACANCY FOR ANALYST

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Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit an Analyst to join their performance audit team.

The analyst will undertake performance audits under supervision across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE's in English and Mathematics with further studies in a quantitative discipline (Economics/ Business Management/ Accounting/ Finance or similar) to diploma/introductory certificate level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

The job profile and application forms are available by calling 22111 or e-mailing [Brendon.Hunt@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Brendon.Hunt@sainthelena.gov.sh). Applications should be submitted by hand or by e-mail to the Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020



**Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc**  
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## General Workers

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### Job Outline

To carry out maintenance, harvesting and processing at the Company's Plantation.

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- Have GCSE grade C or above in Maths & English, or equivalent
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- Be able to undertake physically demanding duties

Salary for the post is £7,754.93 per annum, (£149.25 per week),

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact  
**Daren Duncan**

on telephone number: **24461**  
or via email address:  
[solomons.lands@helanta.co.sh](mailto:solomons.lands@helanta.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown,

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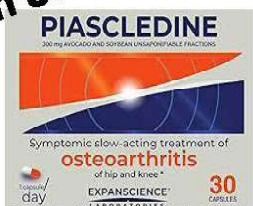
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## **JOB VACANCY**

**Wolf Creek Federal Services Inc. invites application for the following job positions at the American Base, Ascension Island.**

### **AGRICULTURAL SPECIALIST**

#### **Summary/General Description of Job:**

The Agricultural Specialist is responsible for assisting the Supervisor in managing a Three Bay Hydroponic Greenhouse with Bato (Dutch) Bucket Vine Crop System and Nutrient Film Technique (NFT) Leaf Crop System and Hoop Houses at Ascension Auxiliary Air Field (AAAF). These systems produce a variety of crops in support of the Base Dining Facility.

#### **Essential Duties & Job Functions:**

- Assists Supervisor, Agricultural Specialist in managing an 8,700 sq. ft. greenhouse designed for 2 bay Dutch Bucket System and 1 bay NFT channel system, which includes, plant maintenance, nutrient and pH management, water management, positive airflow, temperature and humidity control and pest and disease control.
- Assist in the management of the 6,500 sq. ft. Hoop Houses to grow a variety of fruits and vegetables in soil.
- Under the direction of the Supervisor, manage plant scheduling and organization to project all plant needs on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis to produce the optimum result for maximum plant yield.
- Track and order new product
- Assist with the data reporting for the Hydroponics budget.
- Track plant yield per quantity/pound and report to the Supervisor on a monthly basis.
- Utilize knowledge of pest and disease control i.e. IPM to minimize impact to crop.
- Oversee and maintain organization and cleanliness of facility while performing job duties. Wash and sanitize all equipment and ensure all tools are free from pests, viruses or disease.
- Wash vegetables and prepare for delivery to onsite dining facility.
- Train and Mentor other employees as needed in daily operations.
- Fill in for Supervisor, Agricultural Specialist as needed.
- Performs related work as assigned.

#### **Preferred**

- Some college or college graduate majoring in Agriculture, Horticulture, Aboriculture, Plant Science or related field. Associate's degree or higher, preferably in Horticulture.
- Basic plumbing and structural maintenance skills.
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- Previous experience working on a military installation.
- Previous experience working in a remote location.

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For further details or questions please contact Wolf Creek Administration on 247-62225 or e-mail [E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil](mailto:E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil)

Any interested persons should send Resume to [E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil](mailto:E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil) **no later than 18 May 2020**





## **MAKING ENDS MEET – UP AND RUNNING**

Making Ends Meet is happy to advise the community of St Helena that we are ready to support those in need once again. If anyone requires assistance, you may be eligible for a food voucher or help towards an essential bill. Contact us on the number below - text us or leave a message.

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In the best interest of the charity, please do not call or visit the directors at home or at their places of work. If anyone would like to donate clothing or household items suitable for our 'Great Giveaways' we would also be happy to accept. Please get in touch on the above mobile number to arrange delivery/collection.

**THANK YOU**

*The Making Ends Meet Committee:*

Loretta Coleman; Julia Drozdowskij; Daryl Legg; Cilla McDaniel; Christine Thomas.

### **BANKING OFFICE RELOCATION**

#### **Operations and Compliance Office**

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind customers that the Operations and Compliance Office has now moved from the Ark, located above Thorpe's Grocery Shop, and can be found in the Main Branch on Market Street. All banking services can be contacted on 22390.



**Bank of St. Helena Ltd.**

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### **TIP OF THE WEEK**

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St Helena  
Government

## VACANCY CLAIMS OFFICER

Corporate Finance is seeking to recruit a Claims Officer within the Social Security Office.

The Claims Officer will be responsible to the Claims Manager for carrying out the duties of Adjudication Officer in accordance with the Social Security Ordinance.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above, or an equivalent qualification, (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a Functional Skills assessment as part of the recruitment process)
  - Demonstrate excellent customer service and communication skills (including interviewing and negotiating) with the ability to deal with the public on a regular basis
  - Good Microsoft IT Skills
  - A valid Class A Driver's Licence (applications will be considered from persons who do not possess a drivers licence but are willing to work towards gaining the license during the probationary period)
- Salary for this post is Grade D commencing at £11,034 per annum.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Mr Anthony Hopkins, Claims Manager on telephone number 22605 or e-mail: [anthony.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:anthony.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 19 May 2020.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

### DEAD FISH FOUND ON ST HELENA BEACHES

St Helena Government's Marine Section and the Saint Helena National Trust Marine Team have been investigating a number of fish deaths that are currently occurring around the Island.

The Marine Section is working closely with the Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science (Cefas) and their research lab in Weymouth in order to figure out the cause behind these 'kill events'.

Fisheries Science Coordinator, Joachim Naulaerts, commented: "As many factors might influence these kind of events, we are hesitant to speculate what might be the exact cause for St Helena.

"We would like to appeal to the public in order to collect more information about the extent of these 'kill events'."

If you come across any dead fish either in the water or washed up on a beach, please report the following information to a member of the Marine Section:

- Location of dead fish
- Date
- Estimated number of dead fish per species
- Whether fish were dead or moribund (in terminal decline; lacking vitality or vigour, but essentially still alive)
- Any photographic evidence



The Marine Section can be contacted on tel: 22270 or via email: [joachim.naulaerts@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:joachim.naulaerts@sainthelena.gov.sh) or [Leeann.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Leeann.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh).

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## ESH SUPPORT FOR BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Protective measures to prevent and limit the spread of the COVID-19 virus have been introduced by the St Helena Government (SHG). While these measures are an important step towards protecting public health, they will also impact upon the local economy. In recognition of this, both SHG and Bank of St Helena (BoSH) have introduced specific business support arrangements to help the island's businesses.

To complement these schemes, and with the aim of ensuring that the economy has the foundations in place for recovery, Enterprise St Helena (ESH) - supported by Department for International Development (DFID) and SHG - is introducing the following two support measures for privately owned small businesses (nine or fewer full-time equivalent staff) on the island, who derive more than 50% of their income from business activity in an eligible sector.

### 1. Tourism, Hospitality and Retail Sector Small Business Support Scheme

This grant is targeted at the following eligible expenditure:

Contribution towards essential costs for business premises, or business insurance: i.e. utilities, internet costs for business premises, or business insurance. *Small businesses in these specific sectors will be able to claim up to a maximum of £500 for the quarter April-June 2020, to help with these essential business costs. (Note: Tourism Accommodation means premises that is rented out on a short-term basis – i.e. 30 days or less – and is currently unoccupied.)*

### 2. Small Business Adjustment Scheme

Eligible expenditure includes:

Purchase of supplies or services from local (i.e. St Helena-based) businesses that enable small businesses to adapt their working patterns in the short-term in response to COVID-19. *Small businesses will be able to claim a maximum one-off payment of £500 to support with any of these costs. This can include:*

- ◆ *Small items of equipment to support the adaptation of working methods, such as answering machines, paper towel dispensers, hand dryers, food packaging to support home delivery schemes, personal protective equipment for employees (PPE)*
- ◆ *Items related to staff and customer safety and hygiene, including for example hand sanitisers, paper towels etc.*
- ◆ *Services from other local businesses that will support adaptation of their business, for example: telephone answering services from other local businesses, local advertising costs to communicate changes to products and services offered.*
- ◆ *Purchases that increase the amount of agricultural food produced locally, for example purchase of seeds and saplings / plants or treatments that will help to increase the amount of local food available to buy on the island.*

Each eligible business can make one application per scheme. Where several businesses are under the same ownership, or operating out of one building, the funding is limited to one grant per scheme.

Further details regarding each scheme, along with an application form, may be obtained by contacting a member of the ESH Business Development Team on Telephone 22920, or via [info@esh.co.sh](mailto:info@esh.co.sh). Details and application form are also downloadable via our website at: [www.investinsthelenia.com](http://www.investinsthelenia.com)

## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2020/36:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Garage**, Head O'Wain, Blue Hill on Parcel BG0193, adjacent to the property of Mr Simon Henry. Applicant: Neil Thomas.
2. **Application 2020/37:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Area for Glass Crusher incorporating a 20ft Container**, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH1360, adjacent to Ambledale Workshop, Half Tree Hollow. Applicant: Chris Bargo
3. **Application 2020/38:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Extensions to Existing House to form a Deck and Carport**, Clay Gut on parcels NG0504 and NG0505. Applicant: Nigel George

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

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

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2020

Shane Williams  
Planning Officer



## Golf Report for Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2020 at 12:00 The first golf competition of the month kicked off. The 18 hole Stableford competition attracted 23 golfers. Based on our club active membership numbers and the population of the island any turn out of more than twenty golfers is always a great turn out. The weather conditions were ideal for golfing. Interestingly compared to last Sunday the overall performance was not as impressive. Only 6 players scored above 30 points. Top on the leaderboard playing off a reduced 18 handicap Mr. Phillip Francis scored 42 points to win the first prize followed in second place by the Captain Bramwell who score 35 points to take the second prize. The prizes were presented by the Ladies captain Helena Stevens.

The two-ball pool performance was two better than last Sunday which included an impressive eagle two on the 18<sup>th</sup> by Mr. Leon Crowie. The two ball pool winners were as follows;

Jeff Ellick	Hole 11
Arthur Young	Hole 14
Tony Green	Hole 16
Leon Crowie	Hole 16 & Hole 18
Larry Legg	Hole 16

Congratulations to all the winners.

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2020 the club will be hosting a Shotgun start Texas Scramble competition. Tee off 10:00am. All those who will be taking part in this competition as requested to be on time for tee off. This competition is generously sponsored by Mr. and Mrs. Colclough. AGM will start soon after the competition at 15:00 hrs. Hot beverages and snacks will be provided by the club. Registration is ongoing through the usual channels. For more pictures and information like our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh

Wish you all a great weekend...!





# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

On the 15<sup>th</sup> May there is a possibility that we might have live Football on our TV screens as the German Bundesliga can resume according to Chancellor Angela Merkel.

It will become the first major league in Europe to return to competition. All matches will be played behind closed doors. With nine games remaining, Bayern Munich is top of the table, four points above Borussia Dortmund.

Germany has banned large events with crowds until 24 October, so games will be behind closed doors, but the DFL has developed a health and safety plan that would see only about 300 people or near the pitch during matches, to minimise the risk of infection.

According to official figures, just under 7,000 people have died in Germany from coronavirus, a much lower figure than in other western European countries including the UK, Italy, France and Spain.



**German Bundesliga is set to resume soon.**

In terms of the English Premier League the Premier League Shareholders meeting that was scheduled for today has been moved back to Monday after The British PM Boris Johnson is making an announcement in regards to the current lockdown situation on Sunday.

There are plans for English teams to return to training in the next week or so. When the leagues will resume will be a decision that will need to be approved by the Government.

The bottom clubs are opposing a restart whereas the top six are worried that if the season is not completed this year it could have an effect on the 2020/2021 season. There is a possibility that football could be played behind closed doors until a vaccine for Covid 19 is found.

What are the plans for a return?

The Premier League's plans - dubbed Project Restart - involve a return to action in June in order to complete the season at the end of July to fit in with Uefa's European competition plans.

This would require full training to begin by 18 May.

The league would also need up to 40,000 tests for players and staff if plans to play the outstanding games behind closed

doors are pursued.

On Friday, after their most recent meeting by video conference, Premier League clubs reiterated a commitment to resuming the season "when safe and appropriate to do so".

Who has concerns about a restart?

A number of Premier League club doctors have raised a range of concerns with league bosses over plans to resume the season.

One issue that the senior medics have sought assurances over includes their own liability and insurance cover if players contract the virus.

The 20 club doctors have been holding their own discussions about Project Restart with a view to feeding their thoughts over medical protocols, testing and player welfare.

"The medical and operational protocols are going to be presented to the managers on calls, and indeed the players," Bevan added.

"Hopefully, there will be solutions that create this safe environment.

"Football must not occupy any NHS resources, it must not impinge on the capacity of the health and emergency services. But it covers testing, tracking, PPE available, clear guidelines on social distancing, and obviously a safe environment to train and play.

"There will be guidance on cardiology, mental and emotional well-being. And I think the message really is that health is a guiding principle to any decision-making."



With plans to play games at neutral venues Anfield might not see any more football this season.

Teams such as Brighton are objecting to playing games at neutral venues.

The 2019-20 Premier League season could be cancelled if clubs do not agree to play in neutral venues, says League Managers Association chief executive Richard Bevan.

# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## What's happening at New Horizons ?

For the next two weeks commencing Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May we will open as follows:

Monday's 3pm-4.45pm  
activities Francis Plain  
Wednesday 3.30-5.30pm  
School Years 5; 6, 7 and 8  
Thursday 4.30-6.30pm  
School Years 6; 7 & 8 Indoor games only\*  
Friday 5.30-8.30  
School Years 9; 10, 11 & 12 & Longwood members  
Saturday 2nd May  
Circuit at Leisure Park

Activities and times will change once this period is completed.

\*Indoor games includes; Pool, air hockey, Xbox, Computer Games, Board and Card games

### New Horizons Gym

For the next week starting Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May the Gym will open as follows:

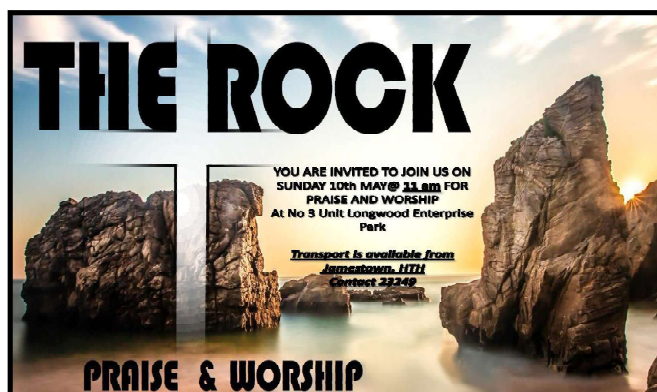
Monday- Fridays:  
6am-9am and 4pm-8pm  
Saturdays:  
10am-12 noon

The Gym will be open by New Horizons staff and they will ensure that all equipment is clean between uses.

## Football Flashback



Wirebirds 1970's



## Cricket Results And Fixtures

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

St Pauls 160 for 4 from 20 overs

Dax Richards 77\*

David George 22

Dane Leo 1/21 (2), Jerry Thomas 1/30 (3)

Levelwood 158 all out from 19.3 overs

Ross Henry 72

Sanjay Clingham 27

David George 4/2 (4), Dennis Leo 4/24 (4)

Dax Richards 3pts, David George 2pts, Dennis Leo 1pt

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

Jamestown 147 for 5 from 20 overs

Damien O'bey 32

Scott Crowie 28

Darren Isaac 2/21 (4), Mark Williams 1/19 (2)

Sandy Bay 145 for 6 from 20 overs

Mathew Benjamin 64

Brett Isaac 18

Scott Crowie 4/15 (4), Damien O'bey 2/26 (4)

Scott Crowie 3pts, Mathew Benjamin 2pts, Damien O'bey 1pt

Longwood 89 all out in 19.4 overs

Patrick Crowie 25

Ralph Knipe 24

Jamie Ellick 2/8 (1.4), Ajay Bennett 2/9 (3)

HTH 94 in 5.1 overs

David Young 52\*

Brooklyn Fowler 28\*

David Young 3pts, Brooklyn Fowler 2pts, Ajay Bennett 1pt

Team	Games Played	Won	Lost	Points	Net run rate
HTH	4	3	1	9	3.02305
Levelwood	4	3	1	9	3.007382
St. Pauls	4	3	1	9	1.2597
Jamestown	4	2	2	6	-0.99257
Longwood	4	1	3	3	-3.05483
Sandy Bay	4	0	4	0	-2.91092

The fixtures for this weekend are as follows:

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

1.30pm St Pauls v Longwood - Umpires Sandy Bay

Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

9.30am HTH v Jamestown – Umpires St Pauls

1.30pm Levelwood v Sandy Bay – Umpires Longwood





# VE Day

Seventy-five years ago today, Europe erupted with relief and joy; the Second World War was over. The streets of cities all over Europe were filled with people determined to celebrate Victory in Europe after almost six years of deprivation, destruction and death.



Still an iconic photo; an airman grabs a complete stranger and gives her an enormous kiss while bending her backwards at the same time. The record states that she did not mind at all



The Champs Élysées fills with people as Paris prepares to party



Piccadilly Circus on 8<sup>th</sup> May 1945. The Mall, leading to Buckingham Palace was just as crowded.



Many photos of the victory celebrations show lots of girls determined to make it a day to remember.

**Victory meant . . .  
No more bombs**



The blitz was the name given to repeated bombing of English cities. The RAF Bomber Command used the same tactics aimed at breaking the spirit of the enemy. For these children their home is ruined; they wait to find out what happens next

**No more blackouts**



No interior lights were allowed to show outside; it would help the enemy during bombing raids. All windows were blacked out with heavy curtains, there were no streetlights and car headlights had covers – just leaving slits for a little light to show. But many places were well illuminated when the sky lit up from exploding bombs and buildings on fire

# VE Day

## No more killing



Rheinberg War Cemetery in Germany is one of 23,000 cemeteries and memorials in 150 countries cared for by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, commemorating 1.7 million men and women of the Commonwealth forces who died during the two world wars.

## But food rationing continued



Before the Second World War much of Britain's food was imported. The U- Boat submarines continually sunk ships in the food convoys sailing the North Atlantic to Britain from Canada and the United States. Food rationing in Britain started in September 1939. By 1942 almost every item of food was rationed. Rationing continued until July 1954.

## BODY WORN CAMERAS

St Helena Police would like to inform the public that a new consignment of body worn cameras have been received and are now operational.



Operational & Neighborhood Police Inspector, Julianne Stevens, commented:

"These cameras are a newer model with a longer life expectancy. The benefits of the cameras are significant. Any incidents that the Police attend will be captured, therefore securing evidence. Police Officers will be seen wearing these as part of their normal kit."

Body worn cameras by St Helena Police were introduced in 2015 as their use is considered best practice across policing in other parts of the world.

The use of the cameras have a number of potential benefits including a reduction in complaints against police, greater accountability of police activity and a rise in the number of guilty pleas at court through the availability of the camera footage as evidence.

The cameras record sound and visual and will be turned on when Police Officers are deployed to incidents or when something happens spontaneously whilst they are on patrol. Any footage obtained by Police Officers is either retained as evidence or automatically deleted after 30 days.

**SHG**

**1 May 2020**

## Tristan 2020 Ratting Day



The gong was rung early on Saturday the 25th April 2020, informing all the islanders it would be Ratting Day. This event is held once a year, it was first created to try and get rid of the rats, but now it has become more of a competition amongst the islanders which everyone enjoys.

The island men gathered in their groups and set out with their dogs to the various parts of the settlement and patches looking for rats. Later on in the day the women go out to the patches with refreshments for the men who have spent the whole day hunting.

In the evening everyone makes their way back to the settlement to get their rat tails counted and measured to see which group would be the winners. The prize for the most tails went to the 'Coolers' with a total of 44 tails per man and the prize for the longest tail went to 'Jacks Pieces' with a tail the length of 30.5cm. After the giving of the prizes was completed all the groups gathered to celebrate their winnings.



## Another episode in a consultation marathon started this week

In May 2016 the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill was presented to Legislative Council. It went back again to Legislative Council in December in the same year. In between a Special Executive Council meeting in November 2016 discussed this Bill. The governor at that time referred to the considerable amount of work that had gone into this particular ordinance over the past few years. There was also discussion at this meeting about the compulsory wearing of seat belts; a subject which it was recognised had generated "considerable public debate".

### Wearing Seat Belts

At the Legislative Council meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2016 the clause in the Bill which intended to make the wearing of seat belts compulsory was taken out. The Attorney General at the time, Angelo Berbotti, explained, "Section 88 does not make the use of seatbelts compulsory, but it gives the Governor in Council power to make regulations, it doesn't mean that the Governor in Council will make regulations, but the Governor in Council may make regulations about the use of seatbelts." A further round of public consultation took place in February 2017.

Now, four years after Legislative Council passed the Road Traffic (Amendment) Bill, SHG has announced another public consultation exercise on what is described as, "the implementation of the use of seat belts with a transitional period". A surgery at Kingshurst Community Centre on Wednesday this week was the first consultation in this round, followed by another at Harford Community Centre yesterday. On Monday there will be a public meeting at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre starting at 7pm. The announcement of the surgeries and public meetings was issued on 4<sup>th</sup> May, two days before the first surgery at Kingshurst. On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May the public consultation will be rounded off with a phone-in on Saint FM between 6:30pm and 7:30pm.

### Drink-Drive Limits

Also part of this round of consultation is the reduction in the limit of alcohol allowed in the blood when driving. The proposal is to reduce the allowable limit of alcohol in the blood to 35 micrograms of alcohol 100 millilitres of breath. This is equivalent to 80 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood or 107 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of urine. This alcohol limit is the same as in the England and Wales. Scotland and the Irish Republic have a lower permissible limit – 50 milligrams of alcohol per 100 millilitres of blood. In fact, 50 milligrams is the permissible limit throughout Western Europe. In Eastern Europe the permissible alcohol limit is lower – 20 or 30 milligrams per 100 millilitres in most countries.

As with seat belts any action to change the current legal limit will be through Governor-in-Council using the regulations attached to the Ordinance. However the Road Traffic (Amendment) Ordinance 2016 is not yet in force.

### Fixed Penalties for Driving Offences

Proposals for fixed penalties for minor offences were announced by SHG in December last year as public consultation on the

Criminal Justice (Fixed penalty Notice) Bill 2019. This Ordinance was brought into force last month. The Ordinance enables Governor-in-Council to make regulations as "necessary or convenient for the purposes of this Ordinance". Fixed penalties are not restricted only to driving offences but it is this type of offence which is being consulted on, together with seat belts and a new, lower drink-drive limit.

At present a minor driving offence is prosecuted in the same way as a major driving offence, as such minor offences are criminal prosecutions. The fixed penalty system works under civil law and should be simpler and quicker. This round of consultation aims to gather opinions on what type of minor driving offences should be included in the fixed penalty scheme.

### Taxis and Buses

Taxi drivers and public service vehicle owners and operators will also be consulted on "a proposed criteria" which will affect licence holders of these vehicles. If you are interested but cannot attend the meetings, written submissions on any of these consultations can be sent to the secretary of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee at Essex House, Main Street. The email address is [enrd.committee@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:enrd.committee@sainthelena.gov.sh).



Husband, Anthony (Futcher) Henry  
together with Sisters, Linda and Angela and their families  
of the late Wendy Henry who passed away on the 6 April 2020  
would like to express their sincere appreciation and thanks to all  
who gave support at the time of Wendy's death.

She will be remembered for being brave and positive  
throughout her illness.

'Her Life was a Blessing, Her Memory a Treasure,  
We Loved Her Beyond Words and Miss Her Beyond Measure.'

Rest in Peace



**St Helena  
Government**

• **Island schools reopened  
on 20 April 2020**

• **Measures in place to prevent  
the spread of germs in schools**

• **Chairman of the Education  
Committee reports that students are  
happy to be back**

## **ST HELENA SCHOOLS**

### **UPDATE**

Schools on-Island are now into their third week of Term 3 following a period of closure to reduce the spread of Influenza.

The decision to reopen Island schools was not an easy one, especially considering the concerns around the threat of Covid-19 and the large proportion of the Island's population that either attend or work within the school system. Nevertheless, it was recognised that we are still in the Prevent Stage of Covid-19 preparedness with no suspected cases on the Island and it would be safe, and beneficial to students, to once again reopen schools.

The health and safety of staff and students will always be paramount when decisions are made, and therefore the following measures are in place in schools to prevent the spread of germs:

- Children displaying flu-like symptoms are not to remain in school. They are to be isolated and parents/guardians contacted to take them home immediately
- Numbers of non-essential visitors to the schools have been minimised
- Children will continuously receive education around good hand hygiene and practice high standards of hygiene
- Additional school trips and large gatherings in one place have been minimised during this half term
- An additional cleaner has been assigned to each school for the school day to ensure that all toilets, wash-hand basins, and table tops are cleaned on a regular basis throughout the day
- All buses are disinfected on a daily basis to minimise spread of germs
- Where possible, and in line with advice around Social Distancing, larger rooms are used for bigger class sizes (e.g. Lecture Theatre at Prince Andrew School).

Chairman of the Education Committee, Councillor Clint Beard, visited each school at the start of the Term and reported that the majority of children were back in school and happy to be there.

The Education Directorate would like to thank parents/guardians, Benji's Cleaning Services, Ambledale Cleaning Services, Colin's Garage, staff and students for their support and patience during these uncertain times.

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# For Helicopter Enthusiasts CAN France over Maldivia



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