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Boris Johnson Stays as Prime Minister in UK



Boris Johnson has promised to work "night and day" to repay the trust of voters after he led the Conservatives to an "historic" general election win.

With just one seat left to declare, the Tories have a Commons majority of 76.

Speaking in London, the PM said he had a mandate to take the UK out of the EU next month "no ifs, no buts".

Jeremy Corbyn has said he will not fight another election as Labour leader after the party was swept aside in its traditional heartlands.

With just one constituency - the Cornish seat of St Ives - left to declare, the Conservatives have 364 MPs, Labour 203, the SNP 48, Liberal Democrats 11 and the DUP eight.

Sinn Fein has seven MPs, Plaid Cymru four and the SDLP has two. The Green Party and Alliance Party have one each.

The Brexit Party - which triumphed in the summer's European Parliament elections - failed to win any Westminster seats. The Conservative Party's Commons majority is its largest since Margaret Thatcher won a third term in 1987.

He thanked Labour voters, many of whom, he said, had backed the Conservatives for the first time, vowing to lead a "people's government" and fulfil the "sacred trust" placed in him.

"You may intend to return to Labour next time round, and if that is the case, I am humbled that you have put your trust in me, and I will never take your support for granted," he said.

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Your Opinion Counts

The Unified Saints public meeting attracted in excess of 50 people last night in which lively discussion took place. The discontentment was very apparent from the number of reasons given as to why a very small percentage participate in engagements with their elected members and the election process. The common factors continuously highlighted were the lack of confidence the community have within their Councillors, the lack of leadership qualities and professionalism demonstrated by our Councillors and the complete disconnect and lack of respect shown towards one another and their constituents. Numerous concerns were raised in terms of the difficulties being faced and the decisions currently being taken that is creating hardships for our community. Topics raised included the ever increasing freight costs, disparity between salaries of TC Posts and that of qualified saints, the sale of vast amounts of land to investors which encroaches on our ability to secure a future for our children, water and the lack of it and wastage of funds to name but a few. When focus was placed on improving communica-

tion with elected members emphasis was placed on the lack of knowledge displayed by our Councillors during constituency or consultation meetings, the inability to relay information in laymen terms, their unwillingness to accept constructive feedback and advice and their failure to demonstrate good listening.

In summing up, it was collectively stated that the community is very unhappy at the moment and the question was raised as to whether our Councillors were aware of our sentiments. The majority felt that they believe our Councillors simply doesn't care, which resulted in the ma-

jority of attendees expressing their wish to see Council dissolved, if no 'real' change is forthcoming imminently to acknowledge the hardship being placed on our community.

In response to this outcry, Councillor Jeff Ellick who is also a member of Unified Saints, gave his word that these sentiments would be shared with elected members at their Informal LdgCo meeting later today as the first step to communicating the public's sentiments. Following this Unified Saints will collate all views gathered from the evening to share with elected members to raise awareness of the disgruntlement that currently exists and the deep concerns shared in respect of our future wellbeing.

Julie Thomas



PASH Global – “We are here to finalise the contract”

Paul Smith, Commercial Director at PASH Global, is here this week to push forward with the energy project to transform St Helena's power generation from 80% diesel turbine generation to at least 80% wind turbine and solar generation. Renewables could be capable of producing very nearly 100% of St Helena's energy requirements. He said in an interview on Saint FM, “we are here to finalise the contract, here to get this thing done.” Smith is also part of a team taking the platform for three public meetings where the project is explained and questions answered. The third and last meeting is tonight at the Jamestown Community Centre starting at 7pm.

Ronald de Reuck, project manager for Connect St Helena and also for PASH Global with the St Helena project, responded to questions about why it has taken more than 18 months to get to this stage, said everything is in place, local contractors have been appointed and are “ready to roll” there is just the paperwork to be completed. A major bit of ‘paperwork’ is the application for development permission for the three large wind turbines proposed for Deadwood Plain to the north of the existing twelve.

Larger turbines than the existing 80kW Lagerway wind turbines which started on Deadwood in the 1990's are possible as the wharf at Rupert's is capable of unloading them and the haul road is suitable for transporting them to site. The crane needed to lift the turbines into place will also come by ship to Rupert's. Larger turbines also mean fewer turbines. If the 80kW turbines were used to increase renewable energy output many more of them would be required to achieve the 3.5MW output the project will deliver through wind turbine and solar power. Paul Smith pointed out that they had not

gone for the cheapest turbine. The wind turbine chosen has worked well on Ascension and the Falklands; it is efficient and reliable.

Speaking further of the time taken to get to the contract signing stage, Paul Smith explained that for the first time for St Helena a commercial bank is directly involved in the project funding. PASH is also a commercial entity and the project itself will be run on a commercial basis. Much of the time taken between May 2018 to very recently was spent convincing the commercial bank backers that the St Helena project was a good investment. Barry Hubbard pointed out the situation in St Helena is not the same as in most places. If a company fails it is normally fairly easy to replace it with another similar company to provide the same service. This is not so easy in St Helena: it was discussions such as this with the commercial bank, and the St Helena Government, which took time to talk through and resolve.

Ronald de Reuck pointed out while discussions were going on work on the project did start last year with the first stage of planning and this work has been completed for the most part. Subject to development approval by Exco after the Land Development Control Authority have considered the application in January the project is ready to move ahead from the planning to the delivery phase straightaway. The Chief Planning Officer said the visual impact of the larger wind turbines will need to be weighed against the wider environmental benefits they will bring. It will be a difficult decision for the Land Development Control Authority.

Obituary

The family of the late Dennis Vanguard who passed away suddenly on 10 November 2019, would like to express sincere thanks to Doctors,

Nurses and who all assisted at the time of his sudden death. We would also like to thank Roy and his team, Mrs Davina Lawrence for making the wreaths, Bishop Dale for conducting the funeral service, Mrs Jolanda Peters for reading the eulogy, Mrs Joy George for playing the organ and Solomons for the service sheets. Thanks are also extended to family and friends who gave us support, flowers, wreaths, sent cards and messengers at this difficult time, it was very much appreciated.

***Death leaves a heartache no one can heal
Love leaves a memory no one can steal***



INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Blast From The Past Picture 12...



A FACE IN THE CROWD....GUESS WHO?

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer. There will be a prize for the first person with the correct answer.

CLUE: She likes T-Rex songs!!....

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE 11....

Troy Henry (Winners: Maggie Peters & Wendy Ellick, HTH)



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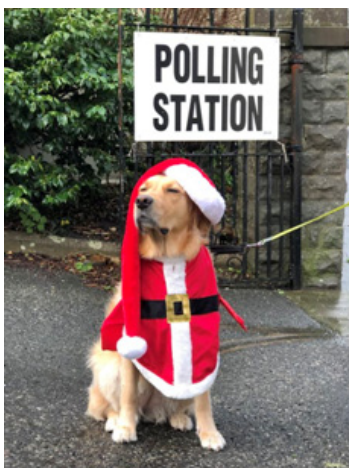
Editorial

The results from the UK general election confirm the exit poll prediction that Boris Johnson's Conservatives will win with a comfortable margin. First expected to have a majority in the House of Commons of almost 90 seats, this was later revised downwards to 64. Whichever it is, Johnson will be able to put forward his Brexit proposals and not be repeatedly defeated. The style of politics in Britain has been criticised for being very much 'un-British' in the years since Brexit showed its face. But the images published of British voters going to the polling stations remain much as they ever were.

Those who use social media may have picked up the 'dogs at polling stations' trend as many dog owners displayed photos of their beloved pets on-line after walking them to the polling station to vote. That's the dog owner voting – not the dog, I think.



Not slow in spotting a popular trend Boris Johnson made sure he had his four-legged fan close to hand and ready for the first photo-opportunity on Election Day.



Guide dogs dutifully waiting for their owners was one popular theme



Other dogs were dressed up but this one does not seem to be happy about it



In country areas a visit to the polling station by horse is not that unusual



Others are on their own two feet for a long time in a long queue to vote

Are there some lessons we in St Helena can learn from this?

Have a good weekend

Vince

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

New Horizons Gym

We had some anonymous letters handed to a St Helena Government official who in turn handed them on to the Chairman of New Horizons. Our committee felt we shouldn't respond to anonymous letters; however from the content we had a fair idea where it came from.

We organised a meeting last Wednesday with our committee; staff and volunteer Gym staff to discuss the future of the Gym.

In 2006 when I took over the management of New Horizons, I inherited £20,000+ of Gym equipment still in crates. We had no building for the Gym at that time and the then manager of the Adult Vocational Education Centre who was also the Chairman of New Horizons, offered us a small room at AVEC which is now Police Head Quarters. Together with some volunteers I managed to set the Gym up.

Avec/Education department paid for Gym instructors and we had St Helena's first gym operating from 6pm-8pm Mondays –Fridays.

Although this was a welcome addition to St Helena, we at New Horizons wanted the Gym to be more accessible and to have a bigger venue. We looked at a number of buildings in Jamestown but nothing was available.

In 2015 we managed to secure a lease with Crown Estates to convert the skittle alley at the HTH Community Centre. Having secured £20,000 for refurbishment the new Gym was opened in 2016. We moved all our equipment in the new premises plus 4 cardio machines (2 exercise bikes; 1 treadmill and 1 cross trainer) which we obtained using a grant from Enterprise St Helena (they paid 75% of cost).

We now had a Gym operating 24 hours a day 7 days a week.

After the first year due to budget constraints we lost the £4500 grant from the Education department. We now had to be dependent on Volunteer Gym staff

and used the New Horizons fundraising budget to cover costs that exceeded the funds we collected from Gym membership.

Despite the loss of the grant we have continue to try improving the gym. We had a toilet installed; a squat machine and leg press machine was bought using funds from the Community Grant Scheme. We also purchased and installed CCTV after having Gym equipment stolen.

Since receiving the anonymous letters which contained some valid points but also contained attacks on New Horizons and its staff, we had considered closing and handing the gym over to someone else as we are barely covering the running costs.

Since our meeting on Wednesday, we have decided against this for the following reasons: Firstly if someone had to run this as a viable business they would have to increase the Gym fees significantly, which could mean that the locals on average wages would not be able to afford to use it. Secondly 80% of the equipment belongs to New Horizons and we wouldn't have been prepared just to hand it over to an individual or individuals to run as a business for their own financial gain.

Thirdly the lease with Crown Estates is with New Horizons; if we break that lease agreement there is no guarantee that this building would be leased out to another organisation or individual for the purpose of a Gym.

We will be closing the Gym soon in a few weeks for the purpose of maintenance as the floors need redoing and the walls need painting. We will give members fair warning of this and will freeze their membership.

Prior to re-opening we will ensure that all members will have insight of our Gym rules.

The New Horizons Committee supports us in enforcing the following: **Personal Trainers** should not be compensated when training clients in the New Horizons Gym. We think this is fair as for example we don't think a restaurant owner would allowed an individual to go into their kitchen use their ingredients and utilities and cook meals and sell it to the public for personal financial gain.

We have spoken to a few persons who has been taking payments whilst using the New Horizons Gym

In terms of liability, Personal Trainers should have an up to date certificate. When working with a qualified Personal trainer they are liable if any Gym Member gets hurt. If a Gym Member is working with a Person who is not qualified as a Personal Trainer then New Horizons could be liable if that Gym member is hurt.

We may have to look at allocated times for any Personal Trainers who have larger groups of clients as we have had complaints from Gym Members who can't have access to gym equipment during peak times.

Cleaning: the Gym does get clean by New Horizons staff Monday and Thursday morning and by Gym Volunteer staff Tuesday; Wednesday and Friday evenings. We would like to encourage Gym users to clean and pack up after yourselves.

We hope what is written here would answer some of the questions/allegations which was written in those anonymous letters. The only thing that baffles us was the accusations of racism.

Nick Stevens

Manager

New Horizons

Dear Editor,

I'm sitting here at home at 6.46pm on Monday evening enjoying the luxury of daylight of a long & sunny afternoon just before the beginning of summer and I was thinking how good it would be for us all to have an extra hour of this. If we were to adopt (during summer) Greenwich mean time +1 hour it would simply mean that everyone gets to go home an hour earlier and that would give us all the chance to get on with the things that we never seem to have time to do while it's still light.

Apart from the extra personal time this would allow us it would also increase the daylight hours available for visitors to be engaged in activities that draw payment thus adding to the holiday experience for them & benefit the businesses here that serve them.

I believe we should give this a good try, it makes sense to make summer last as long as possible.

Gregory Cairns-Wicks

The Horse Pasture Development – questions answered

The public facilities – BBQ, Children's play area, camping as picnic areas

1. Will access to the public facilities be unlimited? The facility is expected to be open 24 hours a day. If there are incidents of vandalism or other anti-social behaviour unlimited access will need to be reviewed. CCTV will be installed as pro-active measure to discourage misuse of this communal facility.

2. It is possible the developer may decide to place the eight acres of land which accommodate the public facilities into a Trust after the development had become established. If the facility is held in a trust for the perpetual benefit of island residents it is hoped people will be more likely to protect and maintain what is their own. The developers have noted that incidents of vandalism have occurred across the Island from time to time but do not want to have the area fenced and gated to protect the facilities offered.

3. Will there be a charge – for parking, BBQs or camping? There will be no charges for using the car park or any of the facilities.

4. Could the wash-up facilities be a bit nearer the BBQs? Following a suggestion after the plans were published in last Friday's Independent, the developer will check if it is practical to construct the wash-up facility nearer to the BBQ stands.

5. Any restrictions on playing music/radios? The public area is near to the first phase of the housing development but no restrictions on picnickers and campers playing music are anticipated. The developer hopes good neighbourliness will prevail and personal music will not be played too loud. Open air discos would not be appropriate.

6. When is construction expected to start? The first phase of construction for the housing development depends first on development permission being granted. After that improved air access is vital. The developer also wants to introduce direct flights from Europe in association with Cabo Verde Airlines and Atlantic Star Airlines. Other factors include house sales for the first phase and completion of utility services for the site.

7. Is the public facility part of the first phase? The public facility for island residents will be built at the same time as the first phase of housing development and would be available a few weeks before the first home-owners move in.

Other questions

8. Is it possible to increase solar generated output and storage with an unobtrusive mini-solar farm? At the bottom of the site maybe. This is something we would have to give to our engineers to look at. It is not possible to answer that right now, save to say we intend to be as off the grid as possible.

9. The Planning Design statement should say that all exterior lighting is 'dark sky compliant' as well as low energy. This is a very valid point and we will take it on board. Precinct lighting (*in and around the housing development*) has not yet been handled. However, it would be our intention to use solar operated cat's eyes on the internal paths, which project very limited amounts of light. We can certainly take steps to make sure the whole project is dark sky compliant.



Cats eyes can illuminate either the centre line of a road or road limits on either side of the road

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Another international gathering for St Helena

The Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) will be holding a Forum in St Helena next year from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th March. The CTO have regular international meetings every year, many of them are Forums covering a specific aspect of modern and developing telecommunications. The March Forum in St Helena will discuss the Digital Economy.

Gibraltar held its first CTO event in February last year. The Commonwealth Data Forum brought together more than fifty delegates representing about forty organisations from twelve Commonwealth nations travelling to Gibraltar from Africa, Asia, Caribbean, Pacific Regions and Europe. This was a two day meeting compared with the five day Forum St Helena will be hosting in March. The Gibraltarians made up for it by organising a tourist and social programme on the day after the Forum; which helped to bring in some extra revenue for tourism services.

Several events are organised every year by the CTO with six already lined up for 2020-21. Apart from Forums there are Round Tables and Council Meetings. London is a regular venue for meetings but Samoa, Vanuatu, Jamaica, Botswana and Bangladesh are among other countries also hosting meetings. Next year Gibraltar is hosting a CTO Council Meeting. The CTO Forum in March will be St Helena's 3rd international meeting after the two SAERI sponsored environmental conferences in 2018 and 2019. If the CTO Forum next year goes as well as the 2018 and 2019 conferences there may be a welcome opportunity for further CTO events in St Helena in the future.



All the delegates at the 2018 CTO Forum in Gibraltar can't squeeze into the photo

The St Helena Government and Enterprise St Helena made a joint announcement last week of the March 2020 Forum in St Helena together with the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation. Details of the Forum and where it will be held will be released later. In 2016 the CTO agreed to set up affiliate membership for Commonwealth Overseas Territories; Bermuda, Gibraltar and Montserrat were the first to take advantage of this decision with St Helena becoming the fourth affiliated member. Full membership is reserved for sovereign nation states. Telecom businesses and regulatory authorities are also members.



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The origin of the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organi-

sation dates back to 1901 with the creation of the Pacific Cable Board; linking Canada to Australia and New Zealand via Fanning Island, Fiji and Norfolk Island by submarine cable. The present organisation was formed from it in 1967. OCT has well over 100 members and can claim to be the largest as well as the oldest organisation of its kind in the world.



Bringing the cable ashore at Norfolk Island in 1902

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Enterprise St Helena

St Helena becomes a Silver Member with the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) is privileged and proud to announce that ESH has been successful in securing a 'Group' Sterling Membership with the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa (BritCham). This membership also includes the St Helena Chamber of Commerce in the membership.

Following the ESH Familiarisation Visit to South Africa undertaken by Dr Dawn Cranswick, Chief Executive for Economic Development and Martin George, Director of Investment during May, discussions and explorations have been ongoing. More recently and whilst facilitating 'London 2019' investment and tourism activities in the UK, ESH and BritCham were able to progress and enter a Memorandum of Understanding and secure a Silver Membership status in support of the island's Sustainable Economic Development.

This membership will facilitate the provision of services to support the strategic goals and objectives of ESH and the ESH Strategy 2019-2025 with a particular focus on trade, investment and tourism to enable reduced imports to and increased exports from St Helena for delivery through to 10 November 2020.

Collaborations already undertaken includes the co-organising of the Familiarisation Visit in May, the subsequent promotion of flights to St Helena and St Helena Coffee via their newsletter in July 2019 (reaching over 1,694 entities), and arranging a meeting with the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC) in London during 'London 2019' in November 2019.

Leon Ayo, BritCham Chamber President said *"We're delighted to formally welcome Enterprise St Helena as Sterling members of the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa. Building on successful collaboration earlier in 2019 we now look forward to partnering with ESH again in 2020 to elevate their brand and help drive the mission in Southern Africa and the UK. We support ESH in its mission and vision to build an ethical, responsible and sustainable business and tourism ecosystem for what is a truly unique and beautiful island nation."*

Dr Corinda Essex, St Helena CofC President said *"Sterling Membership of the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa is welcomed by the St Helena Chamber of Commerce as a significant step forward for the local business community as it should open the door to new opportunities for development and raise international awareness about St Helena."*

Martin George, ESH Director of Investment said *"As a part of a global network that predicates activities on aiding economic development and transformations, becoming a Sterling Member of The British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa is a valuable relationship for St Helena. ESH and the local Chamber of Commerce can now access this information and business resource-channel for multiple purposes, including, promotion and awareness via its Business Directory, website, newsletters, and events platform, regional and global exposure, and shared learning and development, with the view of encouraging sustainable travel, trade and investment opportunities."*



Dawn and Martin with Leon Ayo, Chamber President and Cecilia Albertyn, Johannesburg Manager



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The Chairperson and Committee of the Blue Hill Community Association would like to thank everyone who bought tickets for the Multi Raffle which was drawn at their Curry and Rice event on Saturday, 30 November. Thanks are also extended to those who donated prizes. A total of £385 were raised, out of which £77 (20%) will be donated to the Cancer Support and Awareness Charity.

The winners of the raffle were:

- 1st Prize – Food Hamper - Cynthia Peters, Barren Ground
- 2nd Prize – Vegetable Hamper – Oswald Stevens, Jamestown
- 3rd Prize – Toaster – Elsie Hughes, Barren Ground
- 4th Prize – Electric Jug – Anita Legg, Sandy Bay
- 5th Prize – Tresemme Gift Set – Peter Thomas, Cleughs Plain
- 6th Prize – 6 Pack of Beer – Connie Stevens, HTH
- 7th Prize – Celebrations – Audrey Yon, Blue Hill
- 8th Prize – Bottle of Wine – Belinda Piek, Blue Hill
- 9th Prize – Bottle of Wine – Winnie Peters, Jamestown
- 10th Prize – Bottle of Wine – Jeffrey Ellick, HTH
- 11th Prize – Pan – Lara Williams, Ladder Hill
- 12th Prize – Fox Biscuits – Laura Brooks, Barracks Square, Jamestown
- 13th Prize – small quality Street – William Bagley, Barren Ground
- 14th Prize – Fox Biscuits – Rhianna Richards, Sea View
- 15th Prize – Torch – Ray Williams, The Saddle
- 16th Prize – 6 Pack Fanta – Scipio- O'Dean, Longwood
- 17th Prize – Chamdor – Elsie Hughes, Barren Ground
- 18th Prize – Hand broom & dustpan – George Peters, Barren Ground

Interesting Bits and Pieces

The St Helena link with British trade organisation in Africa

It's normally good to have contacts with a bit of influence so the link Enterprise St Helena has forged with the British Chamber of Business in Southern Africa (BCBSA) should, in time, bring some benefits to St Helena's economy and the Island's job market.

BCBSA was relaunched in 2014 with the aim of doubling trade between the UK and South Africa to £16 billion. The BCBSA relaunch was at the same time the UK Government launched the Overseas Business Network initiative. Trade between the UK and South Africa has increased since 2014 but there is still some way to go to reach the reported £16 billion target. In addition to making useful contacts through BCBSA, the new link-up provides another source of information and support, both in commerce and trade and with governments and regulatory authorities, for St Helena businesses.

Air Passenger with respiratory diseases left stranded

A few weeks ago the *Independent* reported on the difficulty an overseas Saint was having getting back to St Helena because of a disability which caused severe breathing problems. Travel by plane is not normally a big problem for people with breathing difficulties as they can take portable breathing apparatus on the plane so long as they have the required 'Fit-to-Fly' certification to satisfy airlines and travel insurance companies.

St Helena is, once again, an exception because the hospital does not have the equipment required to monitor the condition of a person's breathing for certification to the satisfaction of airlines and insurers. The Chief Medical Officer also says it is not the intention of the Health Directorate to obtain the necessary equipment.

It appears that if a St Helenian resident in St Helena is a patient with a respiratory disease needing to travel to Pretoria for treatment the only way to get there is by a special charter which has on board the equipment needed and health professionals to monitor the patient's condition while airborne. The passenger cabins in all planes, even though pressurised, has reduced oxygen after gaining altitude. The reduced availability of oxygen is the root of the problem – together with the Health Directorate not being able to cope with a problem that is routinely managed elsewhere. Surely buying the required equipment is cheaper than chartering a plane for a medical evacuation.

Climate Change brings tuna their own respiratory problems

A report surfacing from the Climate Change conference in Madrid concerns the reduced levels of oxygen in the oceans and how this affects fast moving fish such as tuna. It has been known for decades that pollution of the oceans with chemicals such as nitrogen and phosphorous has the effect of reducing oxygen levels. The conclusion made from the biggest study of its kind undertaken by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) is that climate change is making the problem worse. The oceans have absorbed much of the increased carbon dioxide caused by the greenhouse gas effect resulting in rising ocean temperatures.

Warmer water, the IUCN study concludes, holds less oxygen.



A yellowfin coming up for air- and almost colliding with a bird

The global average reduction in oxygen levels over the last fifty years is estimated at 2% but in some tropical locations the reduction can reach up to 40%. This is a particular concern for St Helena. Bigger fish have greater energy needs and fast swimmers such as tuna, sharks, marlin and dolphin are affected most. The IUCN state the rate of oxygen decline in the oceans is four times faster than 50 years ago and the reduction continues.

Johnson plan for FCO to swallow up DFID

Before the last pages of the *Independent* go to print we should have a better idea how the UK general election will turn out but, as it stands, the Conservative leader, Boris Johnson, is favourite for a return to 10 Downing Street. Johnson used to be the Foreign Secretary and while in that job he argued for DFID and its big pot of £13.4 billion foreign aid money to be combined (or swallowed up) by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office. Recent reports suggest he has not forgotten about this.



The British Prime Minister in an un-Statesman-like pose

Reports from several sources suggest officials at the FCO and DFID are drawing up plans to show how a possible merger of the two departments could work. The merger or takeover could lead to foreign aid going first to countries buying British exports rather than those suffering most from famine, pestilence and other natural disasters. It is also feared the move could lead to a reduction in the UK foreign aid budget. The Brexit supporters backing the Conservatives don't just want

Interesting Bits and Pieces

to leave Europe; many of them also want to leave the rest of the world. This will leave the Little Englanders to concentrate their moans and groans on the price of pint; just like the good old days.

DFID has been a whipping boy for the isolationists who think everything south of Dover is on another planet. They have been jealous of DFID's £billions and will gleefully see a big slice of the DFID budget spent in their own back yard. By association aid to the British Overseas Territories could well be affected in the same way.

2020 – A time for big plans and a big squeeze

Over the past several months a councillor or a senior government official has said from time to time there is a lot of activity in the Castle corridors bubbling under the surface which will soon be made public. It seems some of those bubbles are now seeing daylight. First there was the fibre-optic cable which appears to be progressing in a generally satisfactory manner despite the lack of official updates; and there are the related and very important ground stations which feed data from satellites to the cable, very important because it's the ground stations which will bring money to St Helena. Real interest is being shown in some quarters in setting up ground stations in St Helena. The renewable energy project with PASH Global looks as if it is about to start its final lap. There is movement on the large tourism based development at Horse Pasture and Professor Jeremy Sarkin returns in January for one month to continue his work on finding a way for St Helena to be governed in a more accountable, transparent and decisive way.



Another 'Buy Local' campaign?

All of the above, it could be said, is still 'jam tomorrow' but at least the bread is baked to spread the jam on. There is also vinegar tomorrow for sure. The Control of Tobacco and Related Products Bill will have the public consultation phase in January and the opinion expressed, since the report on the new legislation in last Friday's *Independent*, has been as sour as the new legislation is for die-hard smokers. We also have the cleaner and more expensive shipping fuel oil adding to cargo costs along with the weak pound which has been on a downward trend for the past 40 years. If strangulation by expensive freight costs is not enough we have DFID with us this week to negotiate the financial aid for the next SHG budget. The so-called negotiations started with DFID saying, "You are not getting any more money". So we can look forward to paying £1.75 or more for a single peach in 2020 and a punnet of grapes breaking the £5 barrier. We can also expect even more of our promising young people to leave the country. Look on the bright side; think of all the money you will not have spent on tobacco and related products.

DECREASE IN STORED WATER VOLUMES

Over the past week there has been a slight decrease in stored water on the Island, with volumes currently at 38%. At this time of year we would expect stored water levels to be above 85% which would then provide sufficient reserves for the Summer consumption.

Despite some recent rainfall, the surface water runoff has not increased which means that very little or no surface water is entering the Island's reservoirs. Additionally, daily water consumption remains above the rate required to sustain a safe level of stored water on the Island.

Isolated showers are forecast for the coming days, but this will not be enough to make much difference to reservoir levels. At least two weeks of continuous meaningful rainfall is needed to make a positive difference.

It might appear that the reservoirs aren't suffering - for instance people will see at Scott's Mill that the reservoir is above 55% full most of the time. However, the public should note that this is due to water being pumped daily from Hutt's Gate and Chubb's Spring. The majority of the water in the Red Hill Zone is in the Scott's Mill reservoir. Despite Connect's pumping systems working well, it is essential that we all continue to reduce our water consumption.

The public is reminded that we are currently under an Island-wide hosepipe ban. If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform Connect immediately.



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**Every drop counts, every action counts –
save water now to be safe later.**

**St Helena Resilience Forum
11 December 2019**



**We will be in the Market Saturday 14 December 2019
from 9pm**

On Sale will be Ladies Clothes, Shoes & Bags & Children's DVD's

The Shop will also open at 10am – 2pm on this day.

We will also be in the Market, Tuesday 17th, Thursday 19th & Friday 20th December 2019 from 9pm

On each of these days there will be different good on Sale.

Please note the shop will be close on the evening of Friday 13th December

but we will be Pilling Primary School Bonanza with Pick 'N' Sweets & a small variety of Toys.

The shop will also close Saturday Evening 14th December.

South Atlantic Sailing Adventures

is looking for a part time crew member for sailing trips ranging from 2 to 8 hours. The individual should have good communication skills, available on short notice and ideally not prone to sea sickness.

Sailing experience a bonus however not required but willing to learn.

If interested and for further details please contact

Morgan or Cheryl Morice on 22973 or 67626 / 51563 or morjomor@yahoo.com



St Helena Girlguiding (STHGG) Household Goods Multi-Raffle Thanks and Results

STHGG extends a big thankyou to everyone who donated prizes and bought tickets for their recent multi-raffle. The eleven lucky winners were as follows:

WINNER/ADDRESS	PRIZE	TICKET
Caesar Nayoto/Jamestown	Chest of Drawers (locally made)	Sheet 16 ticket 20
Byron Williams c/o Louise Williams/Jamestown	Electric Buffet Server	Sheet 10 ticket 15
Delia Allen/ Lower Farm Lodge	Electric Lamp	Sheet 7 ticket 3
Shaquille Benjamin/Rock Club	24-Piece Cutlery Set	Sheet 12 ticket 2
Paul Clifford/Sandy Bay	Electric Toaster	Sheet 27 ticket 14
Keira Joshua/Cow Path	Water Jug & Filter	Sheet 21 ticket 22
Renae Youde/Botanical Gardens	Electric Kettle	Sheet 24 ticket 14
Hayden George/Thompson's Hill	Bathroom Set	Sheet 1 ticket 21
Howard Henry/Coltsheds	Dessert Dishes	Sheet 13 ticket 14
Dillon George/Half-Tree-Hollow	Basket & Tea Towels	Sheet 8 ticket 8
Elvina Mercury/Longwood Dairy	Dip Set & Picnic Bag	Sheet 9 ticket 5

Calling all St Helena Civil Society Organisations

Community Grant Scheme 2019/20 Round 2 now open

Max £4,000 per Application per Grant Round

To be eligible organisations should:

Be based on St Helena and have a constitution that complies with the Charities Ordinance 2005. *However, consideration will be given to applications from organisations that are neither a charity or constituted group. Such organisations will be expected to take steps towards becoming a charity or association.*

Hold a bank account that requires at least two signatures

Hold verifiable Statement of Accounts for the previous financial year

Have vetted Committee Members (if applicable)

Have a Safeguarding Policy (if applicable)

Be compliant with any current Grant Agreements held with the CDO

Projects can include:

- Equipment for day to day activities
- Special one-off events and activities
- Community and organisational development
- Capital works

Please note: there will be **2** Grant Rounds only in 2019/20 due to limited funding.

Closing date for Round 2 applications is 27th January 2020

For an application form or further information please contact Jeremy Johns

community.sthelena@gmail.com or call 22791

Community Development Organisation

Due to unforeseen circumstances Gilbert and Veronica Yon of Ladder Hill will not be sending out any Christmas Cards this year. However they would like to take this opportunity in wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for the New Year.

BASIL AND BARBARA GEORGE
SEND THEIR GREETINGS
To
FRIENDS AND FAMILY HERE AND ABROAD
FOR
A HAPPY CHRISTMAS
AND
A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR 2020

Job Vacancy ATLANTIC OUTPOST

Looking to recruit a motivated hard working trustworthy individual with a keen eye for detail. This will be a varied skills role, covering IT tasks, Graphic design, using software packages Microsoft Office, Photoshop, Illustrator and Coreldraw. Some IT knowledge would be ideal. Creating products, working on the shop floor, interacting with customers, dealing with cash, and any other tasks that might be required. Ideally the candidate should be strong in at least 2 areas, however training will be given. Interested persons can email their CV to simon.henry@helanta.co.sh or can drop it off at the ATLANTIC OUTPOST shop in The Market. Closing date is Friday 20th December 2019.

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract-

Installation of Pre-fabricated Bus Shelter adjacent Ex Levelwood School

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence

Procurement Officer

Essex House

Jamestown

Telephone No: 22270

or email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 17 December 2019, at 10am, meeting near Ex Levelwood School.

If you are unable to attend the site visit during this time, please contact the Procurement Officer or Project Manager to arrange another date & time.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Project Manager, Mr Mark Plato, on telephone number 22270

or email mark-plato@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Tuesday, 07 January 2020.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.



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ATLANTIC OUTPOST

2nd Floor, The Market, Jamestown.

Email: simon.henry@helanta.co.sh Phone: 61304 Facebook: Atlantic Outpost

Computer Technician

Over 15 year's experience working within large organisations including NHS England.

- Troubleshooting software and hardware issues on PC/Laptop/Harddrives
- Installing software and hardware
- Setup and install software on smart phones
- Virus removal
- Wireless and wired network setup and troubleshoot.

Locally made Souvenirs & Personalised gifts

- T-Shirt printing. Print images, and words on any colour shirt.
- Engraving on wooden Plastic, Glass and leather.
- Memory sticks, LED Acrylic Light displays, Bottle openers, Slates, Keyrings, Desk clocks, Wall Clocks, Chopping boards, Candle printing, Mug printing, Plaques for Grave crosses, and graves, Car graphics, health and safety signs, and wide range of wooden products.



Green Island Energy Limited

Telephone: 25104

Mobile: 61720



Tablet 10" Huawei T3 16GB IPS Screen Android

£145

External HDD 4TB

£119

Mobile Phone Motorola moto g7 Play 5.7-Inch Android 9.0

£175

Lenovo Intel I3 4GB RAM 500GB no-DVD Win 10 (New)

£399

Laptop HP Intel Celeron 4GB RSM 500GB Win 10 (Ex-display)

£225

Laptop Lenovo Intel I5 8GB RAM 256SSD Win 10 Office (Ex-Display)

£350

EPSON EcoTank Printer, Scanner, Fax, Copy -Wi-Fi &USB



The Eco Tank Printers from Epson reduce printing costs by an average of 70%.

Comes with full set of inks which can print 4,000 black and 6,500 colour pages.

£245

Sharp 24" HD TV with DVD player & USB playback

£189

Cello 50" HD Smart TV with USB playback

£475

Samsung 50" 4K Series 7 Smart TV with USB playback

£650

JBL Studio Sound Bar 2.0 - Bluetooth Speaker system for TV's

£175



Blige Pumps from £35



12v Cree Flood light £19



CCTV systems now in stock, from £225 for 2x HD Camera System

Email: karlthorwer@greenislandlimited.com



Closure of ESH Office

Enterprise St Helena would like to inform the Public that the
ENTERPRISE ST HELENA OFFICE AT LADDER HILL
will be **CLOSED** on Wednesday 18th December 2019.

Normal opening hours will resume on Thursday, 19th December 2019.

Please note that the Tourist Office, at the Canister will remain open with
normal opening hours.

Apologies are extended for any inconvenience caused.



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St Helena National Trust – Trust Council vacancies

The St Helena National Trust is recruiting two new members to join Trust Council – the charity's governing body. The Trust is an NGO regulated by Ordinance to promote, protect and enhance the unique natural and historic environment of St Helena for future generations. The posts of President and Vice President will be vacant from the New Year, when successful candidates will be elected at the Trust's AGM on 27 January 2020.

With a new Director in post, this is an exciting time to join the Trust as we undergo a period of rejuvenation on route to our 20th anniversary in 2022.

Complementing existing skills on Trust Council, members are especially keen to hear from individuals with finance, business and/or legal experience. Candidates will also need to demonstrate commitment to good governance and the ability to work well as a member of a team. For further details, including a copy of the recruitment pack, please contact the Trust's Office Manager, Amanda Constantine: amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh. The closing date for expressions of interest is **Friday 20 December 2019**. Early applications are encouraged and interviews will be held on a rolling basis at the earliest opportunity.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, Christmas Timetable 13-31 December 2019													
	Friday 13	Saturday 14	Monday 16	Tuesday 17	Wednesday 18	Thursday 19	Friday 20	Saturday 21	Monday 23	Tuesday 24	Friday 27	Saturday 28	Tuesday 31
The Star	9am-7pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-6:30pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-1pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Greenlands	9am-7pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-6:30pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-1pm
DIY Store	8am-7pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	8am-5pm	8am-7pm	8am-6:30pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	8am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm 6:30-8:30pm	9am-1pm
Special Orders	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-1pm	8am-5pm	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	9am-5pm	9am-2pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Warrens Wholesale	9am-5pm	9am-1pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-1pm	9am-5pm	9am-2pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
Half Tree Hollow Supermarket	9am-7pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-7pm	9am-4:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-5:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Half Tree Hollow Hardware	8:30am-7pm	9am-5:30pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-5pm	9am-5:30pm	8:30am-7pm	9am-4:30pm	9am-1pm	9am-5:30pm	9am-1pm
Silver Hill Shop	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-5pm	9am-6pm	9am-5pm	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-4:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-5:30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
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Cash Office	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon
Insurance Agency	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm
Shipping & Travel Agency	9am-3pm	At Airport 10am-Flight Departure	9am-3pm	9am-3pm Also at Airport 10am-Flight Departure	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	At Airport 10am-Flight Departure	9am-3pm	9am-11:30am	9am-12noon	At Airport 10am-Flight Departure	CLOSED
The Half Tree Hollow Complex inclusive of The Supermarket, Hardware and Fuel Station will also open from 10am-1pm on Sundays 15, 22 and 29 December 2019 The Silver Hill Shop will also open on Sunday 22 December 2019 from 10am-1pm The Lightridge Department will open during the Block Leave period on Friday 27 and Monday 30 December 2019 from 9am-12noon													
All Outlets will be closed during the Public Holidays; Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December 2019 and also on Monday 30 December 2019 Normal Opening Hours will resume on Thursday 2 January 2020													



Job opportunity in the Falkland Islands as Retail Purchaser

The Falkland Islands is a British Overseas Territory and offers a unique lifestyle for all, balancing work and recreation is made easier in the Falkland Islands owing to its short commute times, with amazing wildlife right on your doorstep you can experience our stunning natural environment that's sure to take your breath away along with the wind. If you desire a new lifestyle encounter and seek a new challenge in a small community then hopefully we can offer an exciting new chance

If you are already working within procurement or a purchasing environment or maybe you just have a desire to passage your skills to a different role, then come join the team at the Chandlery Supermarket

Responsibilities for this role will include

- Ensure planning, monitoring and generating of purchase orders in accordance with company policy
- Pursue new products and continue to review all existing products as to remain competitive
- Set up all necessary purchase documentation related to product arrivals
- Reacting to change in local market demands and trends
- Monitoring stock levels in store and warehouse
- Packaging and transport awareness
- Date management
- Maintaining a healthy relationship with new and existing suppliers
- Competent record keeping skill

Key skills for the role

- Ability to work under pressure and to strict deadlines
- Good communication skills
- Strong attention to detail
- Ability to work unsupervised
- Numeracy and computer literacy
- Strong record keeping skills

If you would like to apply for this opportunity, please submit an up-to-date C V including a covering letter. For further information please email samantha@chandlery.co.fk





EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST – HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

Reference: SAF-0245-SHG

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest from experienced individuals/organisations for a contract to provide Home Support Services.

The opportunity is for the provision of homecare support within the community supporting vulnerable adults and, where required, children to meet their basic care needs within their own homes.

Home Support Services is the provision of support within people's homes to enable them to remain living independently. The Support will range from domestic tasks such as meal preparation, shopping, house cleaning and laundry and/or personal care medication supervision, toileting, bathing/washing and dressing.

Suitable organisations will need to meet the following criteria:

- Be able to effectively work in partnership with St Helena Children & Adults Social Care Directorate to achieve the best outcomes for service users
- Must have experience of providing flexible and responsive domiciliary care services
- Staff are respectful and promote dignity at all times
- Be able to provide services 365 days a year to a wide spectrum of vulnerable adults who have differing service needs
- Be able to operate an efficient and effective out of hour's service
- Be willing to provide frequent assurance and feedback updates to the commissioner, that being St Helena Social Care
- Meet all vetting checks, and ensure that all employees have requisite Health & Safety, safeguarding
- Adoption of appropriate policies and procedures and ensure staff development plans are delivered.

Expressions of Interest should be registered on the St Helena Government e-procurement system In-tend which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any assistance required in registering should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Noleen Herne. E-mail: noleen.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone number (00 290) 22470.

The deadline for Expressions of Interest is 12:00 GMT on Friday, 17 January 2020.

(Please note that that this opportunity will only be open to on-Island parties and only parties expressing an interest will be considered for progression to tender.)

**SHG
2 December 2019**



Enterprise St Helena is offering funding to support Social Enterprises. Grants will be offered up to 75% of an aggregate project cost or a combined proposal to a maximum grant value of £7,500 to assist with new and existing social enterprise projects.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

Social Enterprises, Non-government Organisations, Associations and Charitable Organisations with a business approach and a social aim, or provide products and services that deliver social, economic and environmental benefits to the local community and generally have difficulties in accessing appropriate investment funding.

SUPPORTED ACTIVITIES

Strategic plan preparation	Planning application requirements (e.g. design plans)
Business financial and administration systems	Equipment, fixtures and fittings, technology hardware and software
Technical and Legal Advice	Website design and implementation including promotional video development
Marketing advice including packaging and branding	Skills Development*

Grants are subject to eligibility criteria. Terms and conditions apply.

*Skills Development Grants are offered at 75% of the total cost of an accredited training course / and or structured training programme up to a maximum of £7,500 to develop the skills of the organisations.

For more information please contact Mandy O'Bey on telephone 22920 or e-mail mandy.obey@esh.co.sh



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VACANCY – WATER UPGRADE PROJECT OPERATIVE

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a Water Upgrade Project Operative.

The successful candidate must have plumbing or other relevant experience. In addition, we are looking for someone with a flexible attitude to work who will be willing to take on a variety of tasks in order to get the job done. Ability to use and maintain small plant and machinery is required.

Working in all weather conditions, tasks include: replacing old, worn or leaking sections of network piping and fittings;

Re-directing or burying exposed sections of the network to prevent damage or sun exposure;
Tree/bush/shrub clearing; upgrading and maintaining water catchments; technical support to the network plumbing teams for major repairs.

Driving Licence is essential as the Water Upgrade Operative will be required to drive and operate a range of vehicles, mini-digger and dumper.

For further information, a full job description and further details on the Company's benefits package please contact Annalisa Young on 22255 or email annalisa.young@connect.co.sh.

Completed application forms should be emailed to Annalisa Young at the above email address or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Monday, 16 December 2019.



Are you between the ages of 16—26?

Do you have a new innovative service or product offering for St Helena?

Would you like to be your own boss?

Then the Youth Entrepreneurship Programme may be the answer for you.

The Youth Entrepreneurship Programme provides loan funding to anyone aged 16 to 26 and is designed to be flexible to encourage youth start-ups. The youth loan of £2000 is available at a very low interest rate of 1% per annum repayable over a three year period with a subsequent loan of £3000 available thereafter, on completion of the first loan up until your 30th birthday.

In addition, you will have access to the other ESH Grant funding assistance such as: Technical and Legal assistance and Development Projects.

Simply complete a registration form to sign up for the programme.

Terms and conditions apply.

For further information Mandy.obey@esh.co.sh or delia.dupreez@esh.co.sh or Tel No: 22920



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VACANCY

FINANCE ASSISTANT (CHILDREN & ADULT SERVICES)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a versatile person to fill their vacant post of Finance Assistant. The post holder will be required to assist the Assistant Director and Management Accountant with maintaining an efficient and effective finance function for the Directorate.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Preparation of the Directorate's payroll data for submission to SHG Central Payroll. This includes checking pay sheets, bank transfers ensuring accuracy and processing home allotments;
- Prepare invoices for payment by completing customer and supplier invoice returns in accordance with financial procedures;
- Responsible for ensuring that all billing information for the directorate is promptly captured and accurate customer invoice returns are generated;
- Ensuring that all journal vouchers are prepared as necessary;
- Maintain the directorate's master inventory and asset registers and conduct spot checks as directed;
- Assist the Management Accountant in accounting duties as follows:
 - a. Provide financial information to assist with the preparation of the Directorate's annual budget;
 - b. Assist with creating and maintaining appropriate spreadsheets to aid analysis to inform budgeting and decision making;
 - c. Researching and reconciling financial data as required.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in English, Maths or Accounting at Grade C or above or equivalent (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);
- Driver's License Class A;
- Proficient in IT skills including Microsoft Applications and Access Dimensions;
- Experience working in a finance and customer focused environment

Applicants should have good organisational skills and the ability to prioritise workload to meet deadlines. They should have good communication and customer care skills, with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds. It would also be ideal for the applicant to be willing to complete ACCA FIA Foundation in Accountancy.

Salary for this post is Grade B commencing at £6,722 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Mrs Tracy Poole-Nandy, Director on telephone number 22713 or e-mail: tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate, should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Monday, 16 December 2019.

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.

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

Children & Adult Social Care Directorate 03 December 2019



Vacancy- Investment Manager



Enterprise St Helena is looking to employ a suitably qualified and experienced Investment Manager to work as part of the Investment Team. Reporting to the Director of Investment, the successful applicant will be responsible for working with a team of stakeholders to facilitate economic development and investment in St Helena.

The successful candidate must have:

- A relevant qualification in finance, business administration, accounting, economics
- Relevant experience of working in a senior commercial management role
- Proven experience of developing and managing stakeholder relationships

A copy of the Terms of Reference and an application form can be obtained via email or collected from the Enterprise St Helena Office at Ladder Hill Business Park. Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Friday, 20th December 2019.

For further information please contact Cherie Dillon on telephone 22920 or via email Cherie.Dillon@esh.co.sh



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Expressions of Interest for a Proof Reader



Expressions of Interest for a Part-Time Proof Reader

St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest for a Part-Time Proof Reader. The Proof Reader must have in-depth knowledge of St Helena Island's products and history. The Proof Reader would be required to check grammatical, text and factual Information e.g. figures, dates on promotional material. Ideally the successful candidate should be educated to A level or Degree level, preferably with a degree in English.

Expressions of interest should be submitted by no later than 12 noon on 16 December 2019.

The way in which information about St Helena is displayed contributes to the enhancement of the St Helena Tourism product and is aimed to stimulate interest,

For further information, or to submit your expression of interest, please contact Melissa Fowler, Tourism Manager on 22158 or email melissa.fowler@tourism.co.sh



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Prosperity Through Partnership

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Transport Service Provider

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc are seeking Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from existing or new businesses to provide a service to transport their employees to and from work in Jamestown.

The service will consist of transporting staff from outlying districts, with each journey starting from either Thompson's Hill, Blue Hill, Sandy Bay, Levelwood, Longwood or Rupert's Valley into Jamestown. The return leg of the journey at the end of the working day will be from Jamestown to each outlying district.

EOIs must demonstrate capability for providing and sustaining such an efficient transport service. Please provide as much information as possible about your business and the benefit to the Company of the service you can provide.

This is an ideal opportunity for existing service providers to grow their businesses or for a new business start-up.

EOIs should be aware that Solomons is also open to considering requests to acquire the existing vehicle assets (i.e. the current staff home to duty buses) as part of the overall package and may feel free to factor this into their submissions.

For further details,
contact Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties)
at Solomons Main Office on 22380
or by emailing gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh

Formal EOIs should be sent to General Manager (Services & Properties) and may be submitted by email as above.

The closing date for EOIs is **Friday, 20 December 2019.**

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

HM CUSTOMS, INCOME TAX AND PORT CONTROL OFFICES CONTACT NUMBERS REMINDER

The public is reminded of the following updated contact numbers for HM Customs & Excise, Income Tax and Port Control Offices at the Wharf, which came into effect in August 2019.

HM Customs & Excise

HM Customs & Excise can be contacted on tel: **22287**. Please use this number for all Customs related enquiries, including Customs clearance at sea ports and St Helena Airport, Customs laws and procedures, tariff and duty rates, payment processes, operating hours and other general Customs queries. This number should not be used to check collection/container opening times or to make queries regarding a specific consolidator (e.g. Richard James International). Instead, customers should ensure they contact the Freight Service Provider's representative on-Island directly.

Income Tax Office

The Income Tax Office can be contacted on tel: **25880** for all tax enquiries.

Port Control

Port Control can be contacted on tel: **22750**. Please contact Port Control for all maritime enquiries, including boat licensing, boat inspections, crane lifts, wharf closures, wharf access and operating times as well as cruise ship expected times of arrival and general vessel information.

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Enterprise St Helena and Tourist Office Festive Period Opening Hours

Date	ESH Office Tel: 22920	Tourist Office Tel: 22158
Tuesday, 24th December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 25th and Thursday, 26th December 2019	Closed	
Friday, 27th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Sunday 29th December 2019	Closed	9.00 am - 1.00 pm
Monday, 30th December 2019	9.00 am - 3.00 pm	
Tuesday, 31st December 2019	8.30 am - 12 noon	
Wednesday, 1st January 2020	Closed	
Thursday, 2nd January 2020	Open as normal	

The Tourism Airport office will be open on Saturday 28th December 2019 from 10am to 3pm only.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone

A Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2020

We extend thanks to all who supported our activities throughout the year and gave valuable feedback. We look forward to an exciting year ahead and being at your service.



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CLOSURE OF OLIVE COTTAGE

The following is a Public Announcement from the Inclusion Section of the Education Directorate:

The public is advised that Olive Cottage at Francis Plain will be closed over the Festive Period from Monday, 16 December 2019, through to the New Year, reopening on Thursday, 2 January 2020.

Olive Cottage will also close for a further three days in the New Year on the following dates:

- **Monday, 6 January**
- **Tuesday, 7 January**
- **Friday, 10 January**

During these closures, Administration/Support Officer for the Inclusion Section, Sheralee Yon, can still be reached via her normal email address (sheralee.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh), however calls should be made to the St Helena Community College via tel: 22607.

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PARKING AT JAMESTOWN WHARF

The following is a Public Announcement from Port Control: Port Control would like to advise the public that the area from Thompson's Crane to the Landing Steps at the Jamestown Wharf must be kept clear at all times.

Currently, members of the public are parking in this area which poses a potential Health & Safety risk to the efficient operation of the Port especially during crane and reach stacker operations.

In accordance with the Harbourmaster's powers under the Ports Ordinance 2016, the Harbourmaster may remove any goods, including vehicles that cause or are likely to become an obstruction or impediment to the proper use of any landing place.

Emergency Services will be able to access the area as normal.

Wharf users and the public are asked to ensure that they do not park their vehicles within this area at any time even when there are no cargo operations being undertaken.

The public is thanked for their cooperation.

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SHFC Opening Hours Holiday Period 2019

Date	SHFC Cold Store	Offices	SHFC Mobile Van
Monday 23rd Dec	8.30am - 5pm		Longwood / Bottom Woods / Deadwood
Tuesday 24th Dec	8.30am - 2pm Boats to be in by 12pm No Ground Fish	8.30am - 2pm	Blue Hill / Horse Pasture / St Pauls
Wednesday 25th Dec	Closed		
Thursday 26th Dec	10am - 11am Issue Requirements Only	Closed	
Friday 27th Dec	8.30am - 5pm No Ground Fish Disbursements issued between 2pm - 4pm	8.30am - 5pm	Closed
Saturday 28th Dec	10am - 11am Issue Requirements Only	Closed	Closed
Sunday 29th Dec	Closed		
Monday 30th Dec	8.30am - 5pm		Sandy Bay / Levelwood
Tuesday 31st Dec	8.30am - 5pm		HTH / New Ground
Wednesday 1st Jan	10am - 11am Issue Requirements Only	Closed	
Thursday 2nd Jan	Open as normal		Blue Hill / Horse Pasture / St Pauls

Vacancy- Investment Co-ordinator

Enterprise St Helena

Enterprise St Helena is seeking to employ an experienced administrator to work within the Investment Team.

Reporting to the Investment Manager, the successful applicant will be responsible for providing a high level of administration support with all day to day activities carried out within the Investment function.

The successful candidate must have:

- Advanced general administrative skills/knowledge
- Strong working knowledge of Microsoft Office packages
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills, and the ability to work well as part of a team

Completed application forms should be submitted to the HR and Administration Manager, Ladder Hill Business Park by no later than close of business Monday 30th December 2019.

For further information please contact Martin George on telephone 22920, or via email martin.george@esh.co.sh



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Shop opening Hours for the Christmas Period

December 13th- 10am to 6pm, 14th -10am to 4pm 7pm to 9pm,
16 & 17th 10am to 5pm, 18th 10am to 4pm 19th 10am to 5pm 20th 10am to 3pm 6.30pm to 9pm,
21st 10am to 4pm 7pm to 9pm, 23rd 10am to 6pm 24th 10am to 3pm 6.30pm to 9pm 25th,
26th, 27th holiday 28th 9am to 1pm 7pm to 9pm, 30th holiday 31st 9am to 1pm



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Job opportunities with Can france

The Rockfall protection works on the Ruperts and Jamestown Valleys will start the 13th of January for 6 months.

CAN SA (France) is looking for local workers on the project.

Please send your names and contact details via email only to Saint FM Radio via the email address fm@helanta.co.sh

Please include a brief CV outlining experience and skills and whether you have previously worked for CAN SA (France)

Your information will be forwarded to Mr Arthur Bourret, Contracts Manager who is in charge of the project, for further details speak to the station Manager, Tammy Williams



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RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT SITES FOR SALE

Further to the advert on Residential Development Sites for Sale in the Sapper Way area, St Paul's, the public is advised that, owing to boundary issues with Plot 631 within the Scotland registration section, this plot will now be withdrawn from tender.

Plot 631 is being re-tendered with modified details with a later closing date of 12 noon GMT on Friday, 31 January 2020.

The other land tenders for plots 627 and 628 remain unaffected and the closing date for these will remain as 12 noon GMT on Friday, 17 January 2020.

Revised tender details for Plot 631 are available to collect from The Castle Reception.

Please be advised that additional site visits have been arranged for all plots on the following days and times:

- Tuesday, 7 January 2020 – 12-1pm
- Thursday, 9 January 2020 - 12-1pm

Any queries should be addressed to Corporate Procurement at the Castle on tel: 22470.

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CAN SA (France) seeking accommodation

Can SA (France) are seeking accommodation, preferably two bedroom apartments and houses in the Alarm Forest, Briars, Jamestown and HTH areas.

The accommodation will be required between 7th Jan – end of June 2020

Please contact Johnny Isaac via mobile number 62466 or email isaacscontractors@helanta.co.sh



Merry Christmas Saints

Addie Thomas, London

I've gone full circle. A day after I arrived back in the UK I walked down to Balham's Natas Coffee shop as I breathed in the London (polluted) air and prepared myself for another journey. It took me a full two weeks to feel terribly homesick. I didn't feel any sense of belonging here in London anymore.

What my life has taught me is that if you are not 'here' fully, you will always wish to be somewhere else. Yes, my heart still aches for the island, especially at this time of year, but I am so fortunate to have much to look forward to.

I am fortunate to have a roof over my head, food on my table, a coat to keep me warm, friends and family to love me and my health.....yes always my health first and foremost. I send my love to those who are going through health struggles at this time.

We spend so much time looking at what we don't have rather than what we do have don't we? I don't wish to dampen spirits but when I walk along and see homeless people swaddled in their dirty, damp blankets and sleeping bags, I remember that I am one of the fortunate ones.

Living out of a suitcase has been a very awakening experience. I know that my 'gypsy' lifestyle is finite and there have been times when I've yearned for a bit more but it's a life I have never experienced before and I want to relish the positives i.e. freedom and a minuscule existence.

One day when I am finally settled I'll look back at these times and smile I am sure. Smile at the people I randomly met, the places I randomly turned up at and most importantly, the lessons I learnt. It is not the plain sailing days which have wet my thirst for life but the challenges. We grow through what we go through. If it's all plain sailing, we don't grow.

Just sitting here this morning with my St Helena sweater on sees people smile at me and engage. A smile and another smile. I have received so many hugs from strangers through engagement. Priceless!

The recent terrorist attack in London and many other tragedies remind us that even a time of giving and peace doesn't always bring peace. Yet, we carry on and we live life to the full for those who aren't able to.

The country is gripped by general election fever. I pay tribute to the Father of one of the London Bridge victims who reprimanded Boris and JC for using his son's death as a political weapon, honestly, we sit sometimes and ask ourselves, "who is worse?" Politics in this country has reached new depraved levels. It's all a game and I honestly believe whilst humans have evolved into incredibly intelligent creatures, with this immense intelligence comes a sacrifice of parts of our brains which is humble, selfless, giving, honest and kind, non egoic etc. Media has also meant we see the wealth / lives of others and we want thatat all costs.

At the most difficult periods in the last few months, friends and family have turned up for me. Just when I felt like I didn't

get the whole point to my journey, folks would show up in my life and remind me about "The Power of Now". Living in the UK isn't easy folks. Big City lights glisten on magazine covers / online and for sure, travel and experiencing new cultures and places has got to be for me one of the most rewarding aspects of my life, yet there is also a daily grind beyond 'the glamour and the money'. Once the 'glittery dust' that we have been shackled to wanes, we look to the true meaning of life. For me, this is and will always be 'living in the moment' and making every moment count. It's an internal thing. I can travel the world over and search for the place that makes me truly happy, but if I just stopped for a moment and checked myself, I would be reminded that no place can make us resoundingly happy, true happiness comes from within, no matter where we reside.

If someone were to fund you £86'400 a day for the rest of your life, would you save it? Or would you withdraw it, spend it, invest it etc? I use this analogy with time in mind. There are 86'400 seconds in a daydo you leave them banked? Or do you use them for the greater good for yourself and others?

What I have also experienced during this period is 'quiet'. Initially, pub work and studies meant racing around a bit but in the past few weeks I have been able to really 'invest' in just 'being'. It is not that we need to race around like (dare I chant this phrase) 'Headless Chickens' to be productive. 'Hectic' doesn't mean we are being productive. Self development requires 'quiet' and bringing the mind to a halt. Mindfulness is a daily practice. I've fallen off the wagon on many occasions in the last few months and forgotten that the mind is a tool, not a master. It should respect the carrier and adhere to what 'is' rather than create stories in our heads which are not factual. Being 'quiet' at times has allowed me to discipline my mind when it tries to step into 'creative' overdrive. Don't let the mind dupe you into thoughts which are not real.

For years, leading up to Christmas, I would be roped into more corporate invites than my body could cope with. By Christmas Day, I was ready to throw all of the alcohol out and just lie on my back for a few days. Is this really the true meaning of Christmas? For some, yes and that's ok, it used to be my coping mechanism. This year I have been so fortunate to be at the events I want to be at. I have spent more time with friends and people who mean something to me, as opposed to events where I would get blotto'd to block out the 'not funny, outspoken, obnoxious commercial agent or surveyor' sitting across from me.

I don't do gifts and lots of trinkets. Instead, I see waking up to a bright sunny / crisp cold Christmas morning with people I love as the greatest gift anyone could give me. I see fun and laughter, hugs and singing carols together as epic. Next year I hope that I will be on St Helena with my family. I've spent so many years away from them and missed out on so much but the past doesn't matter to me anymore, it's what we do now.

On Saturday I'll be saying "a week to go and I'll be in the Big Apple". I am so excited. I won't be spending too much time in Times Square (New York's version of Piccadilly Circus Lon-

Merry Christmas Saints

Addie Thomas, London



the UK. There are events for academia, there are 'the chosen' as some Saints here put it. I would like to see more of a review of the current system to ensure there is a significant pipeline of information through to the islanders. A lot of the older generation don't use internet do you know? Maybe it's a case of 'give too much information and it can be misconstrued'. Let Saints - stakeholders of St Helena be the judge of this perhaps?

Yet, I also sent out an invite to the recent ESH event and received no replies to attend, so whilst we gripe about not being kept informed, if we just want to sit behind our phones and computers and receive information then so be it, however we are then limiting our ability to engage and be kept informed, but more importantly understand. We can't have it all 'our own way'. One cannot beat physical contact for understanding and relationship-building.

So on this note, I wish you all a very Merry Christmas. I will raise a glass to you all on Christmas Day wherever I am in Manhattan (brrrrrrrrrr). Keep the flame burning brightly for change and positivity and "please Daddy, don't get drunk this Christmas".

My Love and Hugs to you all

don). Instead, I have been researching going off the beaten track to find the 'hidden secrets' of New York. I've made contact with friends in Toronto and I'll be heading up to Ottawa, Montreal and Quebec latter February as well. This will probably be the last time I am stateside for a while, so I want to make the most of it.

I've got my sweaters all printed. Flying the flag for St Helena, Liverpool, Saint FM, South London and awaiting a Jonathan the Tortoise t-shirt. I've had so many people look at me as I walk down the street with St Helena emblazoned on my chest. On the back of one of my sweaters is "Saint Luvie, Born and Bred". I love my new attire, I'd take this any day over Gucci or Armani. It makes me so proud.

On Boxing Day, I'll be getting to the pub for 3 pm New York time to watch Liverpool away at Leicester and I know the Liverpoolian fans that end will be cheering away with me. It's incredible that we are where we are this Christmas on the points scale, I believe we are going to take the PL trophy this year. The mental aptitude that is LFC is decimating opponents time and again even if we 'scrap' it out in some matches.

As St Helena continues to experience challenge and wonderful changes, I wish those who are actively trying to help the very best. I have recently been involved in a few 'bits'. I was disappointed that I wasn't able to travel to Central London and see Governor Rushbrook on his visit to the UK. Since engaging with other islanders on my return, the continued gripe is that there is not enough networking and communication in

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35 Over League 2019-20 Fixtures

Date	Time	Team		Team	Organiser
Sat 30 th Nov 2019	13.30	Allstars	Vs	Mustangs	Lions
Sun 1 st Dec 2019	08.45 13.30	Challengers Woodpeckers	Vs Vs	Pirates Lions	Heat Mustangs
Sat 7 th Dec 2019	13.30	Pirates	Vs	Woodpeckers	Allstars
Sun 8 th Dec 2019	08.45 13.30	Mustangs Heat	Vs Vs	Challengers Allstars	Lions Woodpeckers
Sat 14 th Dec 2019	13.30	Challengers	Vs	Heat	Pirates
Sun 15 th Dec 2019	08.45 13.30	Woodpeckers Lions	Vs Vs	Mustangs Pirates	Allstars Heat
Sat 4 th Jan 2020	13.30	Mustangs	Vs	Lions	Challengers
Sun 5 th Jan 2020	08.45 13.30	Heat Allstars	Vs Vs	Woodpeckers Challengers	Pirates Lions
Sat 11 th Jan 2020	13.30	Woodpeckers	Vs	Allstars	Mustangs
Sun 12 th Jan 2020	08.45 13.30	Lions Pirates	Vs Vs	Heat Mustangs	Challengers Allstars
Sat 18 th Jan 2020	13.30	Heat	Vs	Pirates	Woodpeckers
Sun 19 th Jan 2020	08.45 13.30	Allstars Challengers	Vs Vs	Lions Woodpeckers	Mustangs Pirates
Sat 25 th Jan 2020	13.30	Lions	Vs	Challengers	Heat
Sun 26 th Jan 2020	08.45 13.30	Pirates Heat	Vs Vs	Allstars Mustangs	Woodpeckers Challengers

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Run Fest

Andrew Yon Hits St Helena Crickets's Highest Ever Score

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Week two of the St Helena Cricket Season saw an absolute run fest. Two centuries and a double hundred were scored in a weekend total of 1558 runs.

AJ Bennett continued to enjoy early season good form and struck 196 runs in Sandy Bay Pirates' 274-run victory over Western Woodpeckers. Matthew Benjamin also added 108 runs and the boys from Sandy Bay made an impressive 447/4 in 35 overs.

The entire Woodpeckers bowling attack were punished. However, Julian Henry returned the best bowling figures which were 1/32 from 3 overs.

Having lost 2 players, one through injury and the other through prior commitments, Woodpeckers were up against it from the start of their run-chase. Despite Pirates domination of the match; Gary Benjamin made 38 before he was bowled by AJ Bennett, Delroy Leo hit 36 before he was dismissed; caught M Benjamin, bowled David Young and Chris Owen struck 42 before he was also caught out. Woodpeckers reached a respectable total of 173 but it was not enough to see them get close to pirates total.

On Sunday morning Andrew Yon hit St Helena Crickets's highest ever score when he made 230 for Royal Challengers who posted a formidable total of 497/5 against Western A Mustangs.

Yon now joins an exclusive club of around 5-6 St Helenian cricketers who have scored a double ton. Jordi Henry was also in top form, and smashed an unbeaten 64 at the back end of the Challengers innings.

Liam Adams was Mustangs best bowler. He returned figures of 2/70 from six overs.

In reply, Mustangs were only able to make 72 runs, however they will take positives from Ben Dillons innings of 29 that included a variety of impressive shots.

Alex Langham bowled four overs, collecting 4 wickets for 22 runs. Joey Thomas was also impressive with the ball, his opening spell of 4 overs saw him take 2 wickets for just 3 runs.

On Sunday afternoon defending league champions, Levelwood Allstarz recorded a comfortable 99-run victory over Jamestown Heat.

Batting first Allstarz posted 234/6 in 35 overs. Leo brothers Darrell, and Shavonne scored 47 and 57 respectively. On the other hand Scott Crowie recorded bowling figures of 2/41 from 6 overs. Carlyn was also on form with the ball. He bowled 7 consecutive overs and finished with figures of 1/37.

Jamestown Heat began their run-chase well and were always on par with the required run-rate. However they lost wickets at regular intervals and were only able to score 135 runs. Damien O'Bey top scored with 31, and Dax Richards added 20.

Cricket Results

Saturday 7 Dec

Sandy Bay Pirates 447/4 (35)

AJ Bennett 196

Matthew Benjamin 108

Julian Henry 1/32 (3)

Cormac Crowie 1/49 (4.1)

Western Woodpeckers 173

Chris Owen 42



Gary Benjamin 38

Ronan Legg 3/37 (4.1)

AJ Bennett 2/25 (4)

Performance Points

AJ Bennett 3, Matthew Benjamin 2, Ronan Legg 1

Sunday 8 December

9am

Royal Challengers 497/5

Andrew Yon 230

Jordi Henry 64*

Liam Adams 2/70 (6)

Gavin Ellick 1/59 (3)

Western A Mustangs 72 (16)

Ben Dillon 29

Shane Williams 8

Alex Langham 4/22 (4)

Joey Thomas 2/3 (4)

Performances Points

Andrew Yon 3, Jordi Henry 2, Joey Thomas 1

1.30pm

Levelwood Allstarz 234/6 (35)

Shavonne Leo 57

Darrel Leo 47

Scott Crowie 2/41 (6)

Carlyn Yon 1/37 (7)

Jamestown Heat 135 (22.1)

Damien O'Bey 31

Dax Richards 20

Ross Henry 3/21 (5)

Jerry Thomas 2/9 (3)

Performance Points

Shavonne Leo 3, Darrel Leo 2, Damien O'Bey 1



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Manchester United dented their neighbours Manchester City's ambitions to retain the league title. United was awesome in the opening 30 minutes as time after time they carved out good goal scoring chances and went in at half time 2-0 up. It should have been more as Rashford miss two chances and James; Lingard and Martial force Emerson into good saves. City struggle to cope with the pace and precision of Manchester United forwards whilst on the break.

City pulled a goal back late in the second half but United hang on for a much deserved win.

United have now beaten Chelsea, Leicester, Spurs and City and drew with Arsenal and Liverpool. They now have to start winning the so call lesser teams.

Manchester City is now 11 points behind league leaders Liverpool.



Marcus Rashford man of the match in the Manchester derby

Jurgen Klopp continued to rotate players making 7 changes for Liverpool's games against Bournemouth. Despite the changes Liverpool came away from the Vitality Stadium with a comfortable 3-0 win.

It extends Liverpool's club record unbeaten run to 33 league games and they have won 15 of 16 Premier League matches this season.

Bournemouth have now lost five consecutive matches and were dealt more bad news when Nathan Ake and Callum Wilson were both forced off with injuries either side of half-time.

Even at this early stage Liverpool are odds one favourite to pick up the League title this season.



Keita became the 16th player to score for Liverpool in the Premier league this season

In the early match on Saturday big Duncan Ferguson began his tenure in charge of Everton with a 3-1 win.

Ferguson was put in temporary charge after Marco Silva was sacked following Everton's defeat in the Merseyside derby.



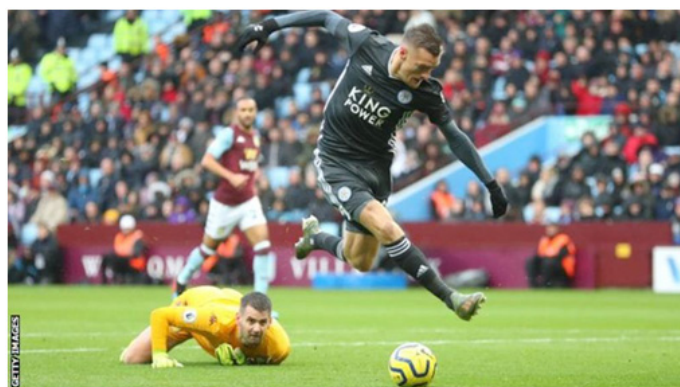
Son Heung Min 3 goals and 5 assists in his last 6 Premier League matches

Spurs return to winning ways as they defeated Burnley 5-0. Son Heung-min scored the best goal of the season so far as he picked the ball up just outside his 18 yard box and dribble all the way through to Burnley's 18 yard box before calmly slotting the ball into the back of the net.

This big win also saw Mourinho record his first clean sheet as Spurs manager.

The other game on Saturday saw the bottom side Watford play out a goalless draw with Crystal Palace. Watford was watch by their new manager Nigel Pearson. Nigel will be the 11th manager Watford has had in 6 seasons and the 3rd manager this season.

On Sunday the impressive Leicester City side reduce Liverpool's lead to 8 points as they defeated Aston Villa 4-1. Leicester has now won 8 games in a row which is a club record. Jamie Vardy added two more goals to his tally for this season.



Vardy is just the second player in Premier League history to score in eight successive games on two separate occasions, after Ruud van Nistelrooy in January 2002 and August 2003

In other matches Newcastle came from behind to beat Southampton 2-1. Sheffield United continued their good form as they defeated Norwich 2-1 and Brighton and Wolves played out a 2-2 draw.

On Monday evening for an hour it was the case of same old Arsenal as they struggle against West Ham. The Gunners lacked confidence until their talented youngster Martinelli equalised Ogbonna opener. In 9 minutes Pepe scored a brilliant second goal and captain Aubameyang scored the third. This was a much needed win for Arsenal as it ended their 9 game winless streak.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Man of the match 18 year old Gabriel Martinelli

Fixtures this weekend will see Liverpool kick start the matches when they play Watford at 12.30. 3pm games will see Burnley play Newcastle; Chelsea will play Bournemouth, Leicester host struggling Norwich and Sheffield United will play Aston Villa.

In the late match at 5.30pm Southampton will play fellow strugglers West Ham.

On Sunday Manchester United play Everton at 2pm and Wolves will play Spurs at the same time.

Match of the weekend will see Arsenal host champions Manchester City at 4.30pm.

Monday evening's game will see Crystal Palace play at home against Brighton.



Match of the weekend

In the Champions League, Liverpool top their group and progress through to the knockout stage as they defeated Salzburg 2-0. Chelsea is also safely through as they beat Lille and finished second in their group.

Man City topped their group; they beat Dinamo Zagreb 4-1 and Spurs finished second despite losing to Bayern Munich 3-1.

What's happening at New Horizons?

Many thanks to all those who supported the New Horizons Christmas Bazaar. We sold all items for 50p or less and raised £335.

In the Youth Games we completed the shooting event that was sponsored by NSASH. Results:

Girls Gold Medal: Tatelyn Royals (Jamestown) Silver Elizabeth Piek (Longwood)

Boys: Gold Jacob Williams (St Paul's) Kieran Williams

(Jamestown/Sandy Bay) Bronze Pascal Walters (Longwood)
On Friday we had the Table Tennis tournament sponsored by the Blue Lantern. Results:

Girls Gold: Jordan Stone (Longwood) Silver Brooke Yon (HTH)
Bronze Cerys Joshua (St Paul's)

Boys Gold: Blaze Baldwin (St Paul's) Silver Tyrone Cansick (St Paul's) Bronze Aiden Yon-Stevens (Jamestown).

We currently have two raffles on the go. The 50/50 raffle is a cash prize which will be drawn on Wednesday 18th December. We will also do the draw for our Christmas Multi Raffle the same day. Star prize is a BMX Bicycle. Tickets are still on sale.

We need all raffle papers to be in to New Horizons by Tuesday 17th December

New Horizons will open from Monday 16th December to Wednesday 18th December from 9am-3pm and Thursday 19th December 9am-12 noon and 5pm-10pm (Christmas party). The centre will close from 12 noon Friday 20th December until the New Year.



Table Tennis players and Keith (sponsor Blue Lantern)

ART EXHIBITION

Debut art collection
by

Sophia Joshua

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Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.30pm till late mix tunes by DJ Shavon.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late mix sounds by DJ Wayne Boom Bang.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.

Christmas Poem

Here's a poem which is silly and daft,
It may make you smile, it may make you laugh.

Christmas! It's Christmas again,
Oh what a headache, oh what a pain.

No money in the bank,
No water in the tank.

How am I going to make it through
December?
Don't tell me I won't remember!

The children need shoes
My man is no use - all he worries over is booze.

I haven't got a penny to rub against a pound,

How on earth will I take my family to town?

But wait, there's good news,
My family and I won't get the Christmas blues.

We have pigs in the pound,
And potatoes in the ground.

There will be food in our pot,
So we'll eat till our bellies pop!



PAS ANNUAL CERTIFICATE & AWARDS PRESENTATION 2019

Prince Andrew School (PAS) held their Annual Certificate & Awards Presentation yesterday, Wednesday 11 December 2019.

Invited guests, including His Excellency Dr Philip Rushbrook and Mrs Rushbrook, along with parents, teachers, and students took their seats in the school hall at 10am.

In her opening speech, PAS Headteacher, Penny Bowers, focused on the importance and value of time. She gave history, facts, and breakdowns of how much time is spent in compulsory schooling. In closing, she said:

"I am asking you to invest in your time wisely, so that in one year's time, or two years, or however long it takes you to get to the point where we are today, you do not have any regrets. The clock is running, so all students, all learners, whoever you may be, make the most of today."

Governor Rushbrook made the first presentation of the day which was to students who had achieved certificates in General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE), Vocational Related Qualifications (VRQ), Advanced Subsidiary (AS) and Advanced Level (A Level). Students achieving these awards were the former Year 11 class (GCSE and VRQ), Year 12 class (AS), and Year 13 class (A Level) of PAS.

Individual awards were then presented as follows:

Jean Beadon Art Award: Harley Andrews

The Governor's Award

Top KS3 girl: Jaede Benjamin and Hannah Braaf
Top KS3 boy: Mitchell Lawrence

PTA Awards

Year 11 Student of the Year: Colby Thomas

Year 13 Student of the Year: Jade Leo

SURE Awards

Top performing Year 11 girl: Kelly Yon

Top Performing Year 11 boy: Colby Thomas

Jeanette Williams Maths Award

Highest Achiever at A Level: Kiera Francis

Highest Achiever at GCSE: Colby Thomas

Bishop Houghton Award: Marcella Mittens

Joy George Award: Abigail Yon

Hannah Braaf

Philippa Castell

Brooke Yon

A further presentation was made by Director of Education, Wendy Benjamin, and Teacher Trainer, Frazer Stone, to staff members who had achieved passes in their respective Cambridge Teaching & Learning courses.

Student President, Colby Thomas, then gave a vote of thanks where he paid tribute to teachers, parents, and others who have helped students to achieve their goals. He finished with a quote by Rita Pierson:

"Every child deserves a champion - an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best that they can possibly be. I can definitely say that PAS has many of these champions to offer."

Closing remarks were given by the Director of Education who chose to focus on two lines of the PAS song: *'We are the future, yes we all are the future of our Island. We will endeavor, make our mark strong as ever on our Island'*. Wendy spoke about the truth behind these words – that all students in at-



tendance are the future of St Helena and that they, in some way or another, will make their mark.

The ceremony rounded off with the singing of the PAS song, with music played by the school band (on acoustics due to the loss of electricity). Invited guests, parents, teachers and awardees then enjoyed refreshments in the Foyer.

Head Teacher, Penny Bowers, concluded:

"We are very proud of all students who worked hard and achieved their qualifications. We are also pleased that just over a third of them have decided to return to Sixth Form at PAS. This shows the hard work and dedication that they put into their studies, and the staff at PAS wish them well in the next stage of their journey."

"I would like to thank the staff at PAS for all their hard work and dedication in ensuring that all students receive the best education they can, to the parents for their continuing support, and most of all to the students – well done for working hard. We hope you will go on to work hard in whatever you plan to do next."

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12 December 2019



Join Santa and his team for the Annual Christmas Eve 'Drive Around'

We'll be visiting Deason
Centre, Family Centre,
Longwood Green, Cape
Villa, Ebony View, CCC
and then joining the
Street Parade at the
General Hospital

If you would like to join the 'Drive Around' procession in spreading some Christmas cheer, then meet us at the Standard at 12:30pm on Christmas Eve. For further information you can call Emerald on 61984 or Tina on 22034/23156.



Food Bank



New Horizons has started a **Food Bank Appeal** on behalf of families feeling the financial pinch this time of year. We are looking for donations of tinned groceries, vegetables, toiletries, pet food, etc.

Donations collected will be packed into parcels. The Food Bank will open for collection of food parcels on Wednesday 18th December from 5:30pm-9:30pm in the New Horizons Leisure Park. Those interested in a food parcel can just turn up at the Leisure Park and collect discreetly.

If you would like to contribute to this worthy cause, you can drop off your donations at New Horizons, or you can leave goods outside the New Horizons door, or we can collect them from you. Call 22034/23156 if you would like more information.





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The Grandest New Years Party
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Tuesday 31st Dec 7pm – 2am

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