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**INSY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 - East From The East
Picture 21...**

Quiz on Saint FM on Tuesday Afternoon 2-4



Win a Beautiful Paining by Samara Thomas. More of Samara's Paintings are on Display at Standard Bar in Jamestown



TOURING ST HELENA 1930/40's STYLE.....Who remembers the registration number of this vehicle back in the day?

Tune in to the next Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out when and how to answer. There will be a prize for the first person with the correct answer.
(Entries are only valid if submitted to the Shine Show)

ANSWER TO PICTURE 20....
Longwood Avenue (Winner: Charlotte Crowie, Half Tree Hollow)

Governance Commission has Finished its Work – Almost

The Governance Commission was set up last month to assess the recommendations made in the Sarkin Report. The report reviewed the political governance of St Helena and suggested alternative governance structures for St Helena.

After five long and, at times, intensive sessions the Governance Commission has almost finished the work set out for it. Issues for discussion ranged from how elected representatives can best represent the people to what accountability and scrutiny arrangements should be put in place so that we all know what our government is doing and why. Also discussed was whether the voting age should be changed and how senior elected representatives can have more connection and control over the various government directorates. The role of the governor in any new system of governance was discussed as well as how the question is worded for a referendum on a change to the governance system.

When discussing all types of changes to the present committee system, which is widely regarded as in need of improvement, The Governance Commission was aware that one change will mean other changes need to happen and all aspects of the changes need to fit well with St Helena culture and custom.

The Sarkin Report examined two forms of governance; an improved committee system (that is a better committee system than the one we now have) and a ministerial system of government. The Governance Commission, as required of it, offered suggestions on how both systems could work and at the same time pointed out the strengths and weaknesses in both systems. The views of the Governance Commission will now be set out in a report which the Governance Commission is expected to be sign-off by mid-July. After that, Exco and Legco will consider the Governance Commission report



The members of the Governance Commission From right to left – Ferdie Gunnell, Belinda Piek, Martin Henry, Christine Thomas and Vince Thompson

in the lead up to either a referendum or wide-ranging consultation exercise – which ever the councillors choose. There will in any event be frequently organised discussions and regularly published information on the many aspects of the two governance systems. The aim will be to persuade everyone to give some time to thinking and discussing what governance system is likely to fit best into the St Helena situation, its culture and preferences. The purpose of any changes to the present governance system is to have a government which wins the confidence of the public through elected representatives being properly involved in decision-making. Candidates elected to serve in government will also be held accountable for their decisions and actions through a system of scrutiny where the questions asking why, how and when are frequently asked by committees or groups empowered to ask and receive this information from political leaders.



Yesterday, we learnt from the local media that on 11th June, Executive Council approved the Financial Secretary's proposed budget to provide for the services of SHG for this financial year i.e. 2020/21.

This budget was supported by a one-off withdrawal of £750,000 from the General Reserve of the Government's consolidated fund.

£500,000 is being utilised to invest into fish processing equipment and refurbishment of the fish processing plant at Ruperts. This news follows after Senior Economist, Nicole Shamier and Cllr. Lawson Henry; Chair of EDC announced on 27th May that "SHG had signed a MOU with our investor PQ Trading who is looking to setup a Cooperative". The Economist goes on to say that "On the Government side we will be looking at the lease of the factory and the assets to the Cooperative" which confirms that the £500k being taken out of the consolidated fund is being used specifically to enable the com-

mencement of an external investor's business proposition.

SHG were made aware that refurbishments and upgrades were needed in the factory dating back to 2015 in order to give the local industry a fighting chance. This was done by SHG commissioning Nautilus Consultants to develop an inception report.

The news of SHG providing a one-off capital injection of this magnitude to their chosen external investors' only weeks after signing a MOU is a sucker punch to the local fishing industry as the same level of confidence in our ability was never realised.

After all that the local industry has endured over the last 8 months, with the introduction of extreme restrictive conditions placed upon us, this news is simply like rubbing salt in the wound.

Our decision makers have demonstrated that they can find time to withdraw £500k out of the consolidated fund for their chosen external investor, even though they continually refuse to find a way to discuss the details of this proposal with local stakeholders.

Government has given itself power to control prices

SHG has wide ranging powers to control prices. The law allows for a Controller of Supplies to be appointed. The person appointed has powers to fix maximum prices for the sale of any goods or services as well as the profit margin. This power extends to sales and services between individuals and between one trader and another, as well as the prices in the shops.

The Controller of Supplies can also impose how goods are packaged, their size and weight and the ingredients and processing methods if produced locally. This power includes hire charges as well as selling prices. The maximum charges fixed by the Controller must be displayed at all locations specified by the Controller. This includes shops and all other retail businesses. The Ordinance which gives the force of law to the appointment of a Controller of Supplies and the powers given to this Controller is the Price Control Ordinance. It became law in 1957. In the 63 years of its existence it has never been



Sir James Harford

used. The Governor at the time was Sir James Harford who was Governor and Commander in Chief from 1954 to 1958. Harford School was named in his honour. Sir James died in November 1993 at the age of 94.

The laws of St Helena were revised in 2017. The Revised Edition of the Laws of St Helena is on the SHG website and includes the Price Control Ordinance 1957 in the list of updated Ordinances. While this 1957 Ordinance has never been used, it has never been repealed. It is strange this example of direct state control is still available to be used if a decision is ever made to use the powers given in the Ordinance.

One reason this Ordinance may still be on the statute book is that price control is still used in a limited way in the UK. The Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (Ofgem) regulates the now privatised gas and electricity companies that power UK homes and businesses. Ofgem explains that they prefer competition to naturally control any excessive increases in utility charges but, "there are areas of the gas and electricity industry where companies retain an effective monopoly and where it may not be possible to introduce competition. This applies to the transportation of energy to customers over national and local networks of pipes and wires. Here, incentive regulation, such as price controls are applied to protect consumers' interests."

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Sifting through the latest proposals for the new Ruperts port facilities I was struck by the crisscrossing of a thousand yards of ten foot high razor wire fencing, poles with lights and cameras, and three guard houses. There is enough razor wire fencing between Hay Town House, the fisheries and the old chimney to stretch up to almost the new Bulk Fuel Farm at the other end of the valley. How ironic this is the site where slaves were freed.

There will also be a ten foot high main gate across the public highway next to Hay Town House and the applicant says, "Pedestrian access into the site will be as per vehicular access – controlled at the main gate; this includes access to the beach, unless an alternative route can be achieved."

This is a huge but ambiguous application which is intended to be decided by the planning authority on 8th July. Why has the public not been consulted on this latest scheme?

Yours

Andy Pearce



Belated birthday wishes to a special mum Barbara Leo at Longwood Gate. Hope u had a nice day from your 3 big children Tony, Brenda and Jackie. Love & best wishes.xx



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Editorial

As reported in this edition, the Governance Commission has now finished talking and the writing of the report starts. The report will describe the suggestions made by the Governance Commission on what changes may be beneficial for the better governance of St Helena. The Commission is an advisory group; the decisions on what is adopted from the report, or not, are made by our councillors. The report should be completed by mid-July, after that the debate on how we are governed should shift up a gear or two. All contributions will be gratefully accepted.

As has been made clear on a few occasions in the *Independent* and most recently by Cllr Cyril Leo, the oath of confidentiality which all elected representatives have to swear binds all of them to keep every bit of government business secret, unless the governor tells them otherwise. This oath must be sworn before any councillor is officially admitted as a member of Legislative Council. Governor Philips attempted to relax the effect of this confidentiality oath by officially proclaiming some bits of government information that can be made public without have to gain her consent. The governor had the best intentions but the culture of secrecy still prevails and it is this culture has to be broken down in any new system of governance.

Other elected representatives have to swear an oath, but it is usually an oath of allegiance not confidentiality. UK Members of Parliament are required to swear the following oath at the first sitting of the House of Commons. "I ... [name]... swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth, her heirs and successors, according to law. So help me God."

Councillors elected to Local Authorities in the UK also swear an oath, "I [(name)] having been elected to the office of [councillor] of [(council name)] declare that I take that office upon myself, and will duly and faithfully fulfil the duties of it according to the best of my judgment and ability."

Not a hint of secrecy in any of it. In fact, Members of the House of Commons enjoy the exact opposite of requirements for secrecy; it's called Parliamentary Privilege. This privilege gives them certain legal immunities so they can perform their duties without undue pressure from lobbyists and special interest group. The freedom of speech they have as a right also frees them from legal action which might otherwise be taken against them based on accusations of slander. The independence of both Houses of Parliament is fiercely guarded whereas in St Helena the gagging of councillors continues. The UK Official Secrets Act does not apply to elected representatives. The UK Parliament website tells us, "The Official Secrets Act 1989 creates an offence for the unlawful disclosure of information in six specific categories by employees and former employees of the security and intelligence serv-

ices, and for current and former Crown Servants and Government contractors. There are six categories of official secrets in the UK legislation; all of them are connected with national security. Can you remember when Exco or Legco last discussed any subject related to the national security of St Helena?

A House of Commons Briefing Paper, *The Official Secrets Act and Official Secrecy*, helpfully gives a clear indication of what the UK Official Secrets Act is intended for. It describes the case of Sarah Tisdall who was a junior civil servant in the private office of the Foreign Secretary in 1983.

"In October 1983 she anonymously delivered two documents written by the then Defence Secretary, Michael Heseltine, to The Guardian newspaper. The documents contained information on the expected arrival date for cruise missiles at Greenham Common, along with information about the manner in which the Defence Secretary proposed to handle the announcement in Parliament and the press. After being interviewed by the police, Sarah Tisdall admitted leaking the documents. On 9 January 1984 she was charged under Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. In a hearing held at the Central Criminal Court, Miss Tisdall pleaded guilty. The judge gave her a custodial sentence of six months."

My firm belief is the oath of secrecy has to go if a better system of governance for St Helena has any chance of success. There are also some other things which must change for exactly the same reason. But I will get on to them when the governance debate warms up again in August and September.



In St Helena, maybe we should just worry about the next audit

And finally, I told Christine Thomas (CEO Sure) how much I missed the BBC World Service for my radio news. She assured me she is doing everything she can to get the service connected again. In the meantime my thug of the decade, Donald Trump, has found a way to get the senior managers of the United States equivalent of the BBC World Service, Voice of America, sacked from their jobs. Enlightened observers expect VoA to be transformed into a propaganda machine, pumping out drivel about how America is Great Again. On the brighter side Trump's approval rating in opinion polls has dropped six points since April. Amazingly, 40% of those polled still back him for president in November's presidential election. **Vince**

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

16th April 2020

Deon Mark Yon (36) of Nr Half Way, Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to failing to stop after an accident had occurred, failing to report an accident and careless driving. He was fined a total of £50.00, together with costs of £15.00. He was also ordered to pay compensation.

Ashley Charles Yon (53) of Barren Ground, Blue Hill, pleaded guilty to failing to report an accident and careless driving. He was fined a total of £240.00, together with costs of £15.00. He was also disqualified from driving for 6 months.

23rd April 2020

Mario Patrick Moyce (36) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst the proportion of alcohol in his blood exceeded the prescribed limit. Mr Moyce was sentenced to a Probation Order for a period of 12 months with the condition to perform 40hrs of unpaid work in the community. He was disqualified from driving for a period of 2 years. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

7th May 2020

Martin Glen George (42) of Nr Cleughs Plain, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst the proportion of alcohol in his breath exceeded the prescribed limit. Mr George was fined £500.00 and disqualified from driving for a period of 12 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

8th May 2020

Kimberley Louise Francis (27) of Ropery Field, Longwood, pleaded guilty to breach of a Restraining Order and Criminal Damage. Miss Francis was given a Conditional Discharge for a period of 11 months.

26th May 2020

Colin Roy John (50) of New Bridge, pleaded guilty to assaulting a police officer and two offences of being found drunk in a public place. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr John was sentenced to a Probation Order for a period of 18 months with the condition to perform 60hrs of unpaid work in the community. Mr John was also ordered to pay compensation of £50.00 to the police officer he assaulted.

27th May 2020

Arjay Fuller (19) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to permitting the use of a motor vehicle without third party insurance and making a false statement to the police. Sentence had been adjourned for a Pre-Sentence Report. Mr Fuller was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 160 hours. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 12 months and ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

4th June 2020

Shane Antonio Coleman (38) of Bottom Woods, pleaded guilty to an offence of theft of fodder. He was sentenced to a Community Service Order of 240 hours as a direct alternative to imprisonment. Mr Coleman was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.



Jeremy James Johns (33) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to driving a motor vehicle whilst the proportion of alcohol in his breath exceeded the prescribed limit and careless driving. Mr Johns was fined a total of £200.00 and disqualified from driving for a period of 12 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

Loyiso George (30) of Jamestown, pleaded guilty to careless driving and failing to provide a breath specimen. Mr George was fined a total of £116.00 and disqualified from driving for a period of 18 months. He was also ordered to pay costs of £15.00.

11th June 2020

Brian Arthur Henry (53) of New Ground, pleaded guilty to offences of cultivation, possession and production of cannabis. Mr Henry was fined £200.00 and ordered to pay costs of £15.

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TIP OF THE WEEK

Pre-heat for a maximum of
10 minutes.

When the oven is in use,
avoid opening the door unnecessarily. Every time you do, the temperature drops by around 15°C and takes a lot of energy to get back up to full temperature.

Government Spending - Last Year and This Year Compared

The figures below are from the SHG Budget Book. The tables compare the latest updated expenditure totals for each of the five main directorates for last year (2019-21) with the estimated expenditure for this year (2020-21). The column on the right shows by how much expenditure has increased (UP) or reduced (DOWN with a minus sign) this year compared to last year.

The last table show some of the SHG expenditure which is outside the five main departments. Other SHG spending departments include Corporate Services, the Police and Judicial Services.

Not shown here is the revenue collected by some government services or activities. For instance, Immigration & Licensing is expected to collect £43,000 more in revenue this year than the £202,000 it is expected to cost to run the Immigration Service this year. The Post Office is estimated to take £70,000 in revenue this year to part offset the £180,000 expenditure it is expected to incur.

TOTAL	£1,874,000	£1,675,000	£199,000
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This Directorate has no capital expenditure, last year or this year

Infrastructure and Transport Directorate

Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Building Maintenance (Works)	£534,000	£534,000	£0
Roads - Provision and Maintenance	£430,000	£398,000	£32,000
Technical Services	£123,000	£111,000	£12,000
National Geographic Information System	£87,000	£88,000	£1,000
Rockfall Protection	£68,000	£63,000	£5,000
Land Registry and Property Disposal	£52,000	£48,000	£4,000
Street Lighting - Provision & Maintenance	£47,000	£47,000	£0
Management and Admin	£229,000	£259,000	£30,000
TOTAL	£1,570,000	£1,548,000	£22,000

Capital expenditure last year was £172,000, this year's estimate is £60,000

Children and Adults Social Care Directorate

Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Community Care	£1,156,000	£1,164,000	£8,000
Adult Safeguarding	£956,000	£913,000	£43,000
Learning Disabilities	£234,000	£241,000	£7,000
Sheltered Accommodation	£202,000	£230,000	£28,000
Children's Services	£209,000	£191,000	£18,000
Family Centre	£104,000	£159,000	£55,000
Support Services	£170,000	£137,000	£33,000
Safe Haven	£13,000	£13,000	£0
TOTAL	£3,044,000	£3,048,000	£4,000

There is no capital expenditure for this Directorate

Other Expenditure Outside the Five Main Directorates

Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Airport Operations	£3,500,000	£3,500,000	£0
Air Access	£212,000	£375,000	£163,000
Shipping	£500,000	£632,000	£132,000
Pensions and Benefits	£4,289,000	£4,824,000	£535,000
Economic Development	£947,000	£897,000	£50,000
Fish Processing	£40,000	£182,000	£142,000
Port Management	£232,000	£218,000	£14,000
Civil Contingency	£200,000	£2,050,000	£1,850,000
Post Office and Customer Service Centre	£186,000	£180,000	£6,000
Justice Administration	£0	£128,000	£128,000
Police Operations	£357,000	£356,000	£1,000
HM Prison	£338,000	£333,000	£5,000
Immigration and Licensing	£200,000	£202,000	£2,000
Sea Rescue Service	£178,000	£207,000	£29,000
Overseas Training	£350,000	£286,000	£64,000
Supporting Exco and Legco	£338,000	£321,000	£17,000
Attorney General's Chambers	£126,000	£116,000	£10,000

Health Directorate

Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Overseas Medical	£1,772,000	£1,700,000	£72,000
Local Medical	£1,596,000	£1,495,000	£101,000
Hospital / Acute Care	£892,000	£916,000	£24,000
Laboratory	£314,000	£350,000	£36,000
Primary Care	£253,000	£252,000	£1,000
Environmental Health	£194,000	£201,000	£7,000
Dental	£136,000	£143,000	£7,000
Mental Health	£164,000	£141,000	£23,000
Management and Admin	£337,000	£380,000	£43,000
TOTAL	£5,658,000	£5,578,000	£80,000

There was also £175,000 in capital expenditure for 2019-20

Education and Employment Directorate

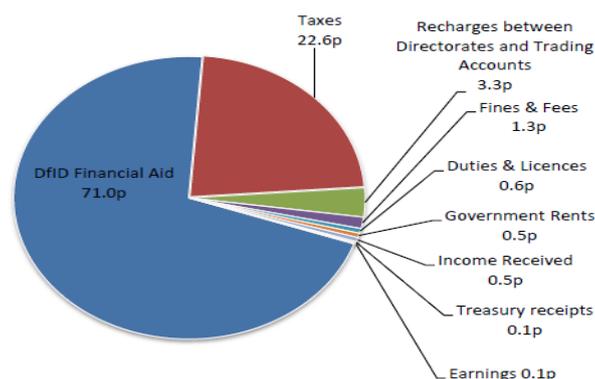
Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Secondary Education	£163,000	£1,015,000	£852,000
Vocational Education	£569,000	£519,000	£50,000
St Pauls Primary & Pre-school	£345,000	£356,000	£11,000
Harford Primary & Pre-school	£339,000	£347,000	£8,000
Pilling Primary & Pre-school	£336,000	£343,000	£7,000
Inclusion	£961,000	£214,000	£747,000
Tertiary Education	£225,000	£180,000	£45,000
Teacher Training	£79,000	£99,000	£20,000
Education Standard Support	£103,000	£29,000	£74,000
Public Library	£53,000	£64,000	£11,000
Management and Admin	£244,000	£209,000	£35,000
TOTAL	£3,417,000	£3,375,000	£42,000

There was also £18,000 in capital expenditure last year and £30,000 this year

Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate

Spend Item	2019-20	2020-21	up / down
Agricultural Support	£420,000	£418,000	£2,000
Waste Management	£317,000	£303,000	£14,000
Nature Conservation - Terrestrial	£174,000	£142,000	£32,000
Forestry Production	£142,000	£133,000	£9,000
Forest Establishment	£132,000	£127,000	£5,000
Planning & Development Control	£100,000	£116,000	£16,000
Environment Assessment & Advisory	£90,000	£101,000	£11,000
Fisheries Admin, Protection & Policy	£88,000	£95,000	£7,000
Nature Conservation - Marine	£74,000	£67,000	£7,000
Grounds Maintenance	£64,000	£65,000	£1,000
Bio Security Services	£66,000	£64,000	£2,000
Upkeep of Public Areas & Facilities	£43,000	£44,000	£1,000
Met Forecasting Services	£164,000	£0	£164,000

Where each £ of St Helena Government Income for the recurrent budget comes from in 2020/21



Obituary - Rex Herbert Anthony

Wife Sylvia and all of the family of the late Rex Herbert Anthony, both here and overseas, who passed away peacefully at the General Hospital on the 31st May 2020 would like to thank the doctors and hospital staff for their professional care of Rex during his illness and passing.

Special thanks to the Care Assistants and Mr. Ian Rummery who visited Rex at home and contributed to his healthcare and wellbeing in recent years.

Thanks are also extended to Bishop Dale, Deacon Jonathan Green, Joy George, and Malvina Clifford for the funeral and Daniel Leo for his support at the graveside.

To Roy Williams and his team for organising the cortege and burial.

To Colin and Davina Lawrence for making the wreaths and Solomon's for printing the service sheets.

Our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the funeral on the 04th June 2020 and to all who sent messages, cards of condolence and who gave floral tributes. For the wake, thanks go out to Sonia Lawrence for the catering and Tracey Williams and all at the Kingshurst Community Centre.

To each and every one of you we gratefully appreciate your kindness.

**Rex has gone but will never be forgotten.
May he Rest In Peace.**



COVID-19 Testing Available on Ascension Commissioning and calibration of testing machine completed

On Tuesday 02 June an RAF operated flight arrived at Ascension carrying a number of critical medical supplies destined for both Ascension and St Helena.

As well as further vital provisions, Georgetown Hospital also took delivery of a machine capable of testing for COVID-19. The testing platform is a Cepheid GeneXpert machine which is a type of molecular analyser able to deliver a test result within an hour.

Following work to commission the machine, and further calibration exercises, the platform is now in operation and ready for use.

The ability to test quickly, reliably and repeatedly is a key element of AIGs plan to combat the threat posed to our community by COVID-19. It is intended that the machine will be used as a diagnostic tool for possible COVID-19 index cases, allowing medical staff to either confirm the presence of COVID-19 or quickly rule it out, and no longer require isolation measures to be observed for the individual and their close contacts.

Procurement of this machine was facilitated by colleagues

within the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office (FCO) and Public Health England (PHE) tasked with supporting Overseas Territories (OTs) during the COVID-19 pandemic, with delivery to the island kindly provided by RAF colleagues.

In addition to being able to test for COVID-19, the machine provides the ability to test for other viruses and bacteria such as respiratory infections, Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) and HIV. As such, this will further increase Georgetown Hospital's ability to tackle public health threats beyond COVID-19 in the future.

AIG is expecting to take delivery of another machine later this month to add resilience to the island's testing capabilities. In addition, access to off island testing capacity, facilitated through USAF and RAF colleagues, remains in place.

**Georgetown Hospital
12 June 2020**



RECALL OF PRIMULA CHEESE PRODUCTS

The Health Directorate has received a notification that Primula Cheese tubes, both 100g and 150g, have been recalled. Primula Ltd is recalling all Primula Cheese tubes (chilled and ambient) because the product might be contaminated with Clostridium botulinum due to a production fault. They have taken a precautionary step of recalling all products because one might contain Clostridium botulinum which could result in a severe form of food poisoning.

These include the following products:

With a best before date from **25 December 2020 up to and including 28 January 2021:**

- **150g Primula Plain Original Cheese Spread**
- **150g Primula Cheese Spread with Smoked Paprika**
- **150g Primula Cheese Spread with Jalapeno**
- **150g Primula Light Cheese Spread**
- **150g Primula Cheese Spread with Ham**
- **150g Primula Cheese Spread with Chives**
- **150g Primula Cheese Spread with Prawn**

With a best before date from **30 October 2020 up to and including 10 December 2020:**

- **100g Primula Original Cheese Spread (ambient)**
- **100g Primula Cheese Spread with Ham (ambient)**
- **100g Primula Cheese Spread with Chives (ambient)**



The Health Directorate is asking all members of the public to check at home if they have any of these products. If any of these products are found, **do not consume**, they can be returned to the place where they were bought. If any of these products have already been consumed and you are experiencing signs of food poisoning, please contact the General Hospital. For further advice, please contact the Environmental Health Section on tel: 22500.

SHG

18 June 2020



ANRD

Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division

END-OF-MONTH VETERINARY DRUGS IN JAMESTOWN

The Veterinary Dispensary landrover will resume service in Jamestown on Friday 26th June.

This service will be available on the **last Friday of every month** as before.

You will be able to purchase flea/ worm treatments for dogs and cats. Repeat prescriptions will be available by prior arrangement only.

The Wednesday Open Clinic at Scotland is not running, but veterinary **appointments can be made by calling 24724 during working hours**. As usual, out-of hours emergencies should be directed to 26162 or 62039. Please do NOT call staff randomly at home.

St Helena Tourism keeps pace with digital transformation

St Helena Tourism with The Brighter Group, its UK Public Relation agency, has linked up with an organisation firmly based in the digital age – Online Travel Training. While the world has been in lockdown, with restricted trips for weekly shopping and no daily trips to work as well as long haul leisure travel plummeting to zero, digital businesses such as Online Travel Training (OTT) have been turning these grim realities to everyone's advantage. Digital communication in these corona virus times is the only way many businesses have to keep going when everything is locked down.

The link-up is aimed at spreading the message about the Secret of the South Atlantic and keeping St Helena at the forefront of people's minds while the travel trade prepares to recover from the Covid-19 lockdown. St Helena Tourism now has a training and information package for tour operators and travel booking agencies which is accessed online using OTT's training platform. The training package includes five sessions covering St Helena's history and culture, nature and wildlife together with general information and tips on how to sell St Helena to prospective travellers. Using OTT's digital training platform is a cost effective way to increase awareness of St Helena and make contact with the people right across the travel trade who



can bring tourists here or make their bookings for them.

The UK travel trade is the first to have access to the St Helena OTT training platform with French and German versions of the training package coming up soon. OTT now has 165,000 travel organisations registered as members, spread across 192 countries. Over the past three months or so the Covid-19 lockdown has meant more than 1,500 travel organisations have registered for OTT's e-learning packages each month. The Association of British Travel Agents (ABTA) recently promoted the St Helena OTT training package. This opened the door to another massive reach into the UK travel trade. ABTA is the UK travel trade's biggest trade association; membership covers over 600 tour operators and 2,300 travel agency companies with more than 7,000 booking points. This represents more than 90% of all travel holidays sold in the UK.

Helena Bennett told ABTA Magazine, "It is important that we support the UK

market and our valued agents during this unprecedented time. The new OTT training modules will ensure that, when the time comes, agents are educated and equipped with the best destination knowledge possible. We have the most up-to-date tools at their disposal for when the world is ready to visit our beautiful island."

The Brighter Group explain on their website, "Whilst budgets are tight and tourist boards look ahead to planning for reopening it's important that we don't lose sight of the opportunities to build and increase positive brand exposure at a time when digital consumption has sky-rocketed. Tourism leaders need to consider investing time and budget on the platforms that people are using . . . there is a gap in the market for tourism to strike while the iron's hot before automotive, retail and electronics flood the market once again and therefore drive up costs."

Local tourism service providers who want to know how they can use OTT's training platform with tour operators they are working with are welcome to contact Mellissa Fowler on 22158. St Helena Tourism is looking at other ways to get St Helena front and centre in the minds of tour operators in readiness for the reinstatement of air services.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

On Saturday 13th June my bathroom was flooded due to heavy rainfall.

I would like to mention some very special people who promptly assisted me at this critical time.

Miss Nikita Crowie – Deputy Head of Property and Housing

Miss Sherille Thomas – Housing Assistant

Mr Leroy Plato, Mr Bobby Leo and Mr Matthew Williams from Property Division and

Mr Kevin Simon and Mr Larry Herne from Benji's Cleaners.

Talk about team work, I witnessed this first hand. By 12.30 everyone had efficiently completed their task and had left me comfortable and very happy indeed.

An extra-large thanks to you all, for helping me in my time of need. Nikita thanks for your professionalism and Leadership. God bless you all.

Alicia

Dear Editor,

What a beautiful splash of colour, elegance and style was featured last week Friday in the Independent in a photo taken of the 2020 Prom at Prince Andrew School. All the young people there present had clearly gone to great lengths to ensure that they looked simply smashing on the night. I was reminded once again how beautiful our island girls are and over the moon that every young man had on a beautiful shirt and tie. You looked dashing!! I am so proud of you all for the effort that you made. May each one of you keep shin-

ning no matter where life takes you, how life may try break you and profess friends forsake you. Keep pushing forward, believing in yourself. Be a star, make a difference. You are awesome!

With all my love

Ex Prince Andrew School student

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UK PRIME MINISTER ANNOUNCES MERGER OF DEPARTMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND FOREIGN OFFICE

Prime Minister, Boris Johnson, has announced that the Department for International Development (DFID) and the Foreign & Commonwealth Office (FCO) will merge, uniting development and diplomacy in one new department that brings together Britain's international effort.

Work will begin immediately on the merger. The new department – the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office – will be established in early September and will be led by the Foreign Secretary.

The merger is an opportunity for the UK to have even greater impact and influence on the world stage as it recovers from the coronavirus pandemic and prepares to hold the G7 presidency and host COP26 next year.

UK aid will be given new prominence within an ambitious international policy. The Foreign Secretary will be empowered to make decisions on aid spending in line with the UK's priorities overseas, harnessing the skills, expertise and evidence that have earned the UK's reputation as a leader in the international development community.

The UK is the only G7 country to spend 0.7% of GNI on overseas development and the UK Government remains committed to this target, which is enshrined in law.



Governor's Office
St Helena, Ascension and
Tristan da Cunha

Announcing the new department, the Prime Minister said: "This is exactly the moment when we must mobilise every one of our national assets, including our aid budget and expertise, to safeguard British interests and values overseas. And the best possible instrument for doing that will be a new department charged with using all the tools of British influence to seize the opportunities ahead."

The Prime Minister has also announced that the UK's Trade Commissioners will come under the authority of UK Ambassadors overseas, bringing more coherence to the UK's international presence.

The objectives of the new overseas department will be shaped by the outcome of the Integrated Review, which is expected to conclude in the autumn, and is the biggest review of foreign, defence and development policy since the Cold War. Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
17 June 2020

"Will This Ever Happen in St Helena"

Vienna police fine man €500 for 'massive intestinal wind'

Breaking wind in public may be a social taboo, but it's not often that people face financial consequences for it.

But that was the case for one man in Austria, who was fined €500 (£448, \$564) after doing so at police in Vienna earlier this month.

The city's police have defended the fine, saying it was for more than that.

"Of course no-one will be reported for accidentally 'letting one go' once," Vienna's police department said on Twitter.

Responding after a photo of the charge sheet - issued for "violating public decency" - was shared on social media, the police department said the suspect "had already behaved in a provocative and unco-operative manner" when he was approached by police in the early hours of 5 June.

He then rose from a park bench, "looked at the officers and apparently intentionally released a massive intestinal wind in the immediate vicinity of the officers".

And, as the suspect found to his own cost, members of the city's police force "prefer not to be farted at". **BBC**

A STATEMENT FROM MANTIS 12 June 2020

RE: Temporary Closure of Mantis St Helena Hotel, St Helena
After careful consideration, Mantis and the owners of the Mantis St Helena Hotel wish to notify our loyal supporters that the Hotel will be temporarily closed from the 15th July 2020 due to COVID-19 and a reduction in travel to and from the island resulting in reduced visitor numbers.

The owner and management of Mantis St Helena thank you for your kind understanding and patronage and apologise for any inconvenience caused. We look forward to delighting our community and intrepid visitors again in December 2020.

All enquiries should be directed to:

Andre van Niekerk

Email contact andre.vanniekerk@mantiscollection.com

Mark Huppelschoten

Email contact mark.huppelschoten@mantiscollection.com



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Johnson's DFID Decision Widely Opposed

The UK Prime Minister announced in the House of Commons on Tuesday that DFID will be combined with the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. Whether this reorganisation is a merger or a takeover is open to debate. In his Statement to the House of Commons, Johnson said, "The Foreign Secretary will be empowered to decide which countries receive – or cease to receive – British aid, while delivering a single UK strategy for each country, overseen by the National Security Council, which I chair. Those strategies will be implemented on the ground by the relevant UK Ambassador, who will lead all of the Government's work in the host country."

The UK Prime Minister opened his statement saying, "I have begun the biggest review of our foreign, defence and development policy since the end of the Cold War, designed to maximise our influence and integrate all the strands of our international effort." He went on to say, "DFID outspends the Foreign Office more than four times over and yet no single decision-maker in either department is able to unite our efforts or take a comprehensive overview. We give as much aid to Zambia as we do to Ukraine, though the latter is vital for European security. We give ten times as much aid to Tanzania as we do to the six countries of the Western Balkans, who are acutely vulnerable to Russian meddling. And, regardless of the merits of these decisions, no single department is currently empowered to judge whether they make sense or not: we tolerate an inherent risk of our left and right hands working independently."



May 1997 to September 2020

Johnson faced hostile questions from MPs after making his Statement; as tensions rose the formal phrase and tone of the Statement gave way to Johnson's more usual and more informal language. He told MPs that for too long Britain's aid budget had been seen as a cashpoint in the sky, detached from British diplomatic and commercial interests.

Former Prime Minister, David Cameron called the move a mistake "The Prime Minister is right to maintain the commitment to 0.7 - it saves lives, promotes a safer world and builds British influence. But the decision to merge the departments is a mistake." And he added: "More could and should be done to co-ordinate aid and foreign policy, including through the National Security Council, but the end of DfID will mean less expertise, less voice for development at the top table and ultimately less respect for the UK overseas." Former Prime Ministers Gordon Brown and Tony Blair also voiced their opposition.

A former ambassador and foreign policy advisor to David Cameron said he hoped that the merger will blend the best of the FCO's political agility with the best of DFID's delivery skills. But his fear is that the new department may comprise the worst FCO short termism with DFID's bureaucratic caution. The Labour Party, who fulfil the role of Her Majesty's Opposition, accused the Prime Minister of scrapping "one of the best performing and most important departments". The Foreign

Office already spend 4.5% of the total Overseas Development Assistance but score poorly for their transparency and delivery of aid from those funds. DFID transparency and delivery performance is shown to be much better.

The chair of the International Development Committee, which scrutinises the work of DFID said, "At a time when the future for so many people in developing nations has never looked worse, with existing challenges of violence, famine and disease compounded with the devastating effects of coronavirus, the PMs timing couldn't be worse. The future for the UK's world-leading Government humanitarian work is now in jeopardy. It is outrageous that after the Government gave assurances that its Integrated Review will be done in a proper fashion, with proper consultation, that the FCO has made a land grab for DFID."

Andrew Mitchell, a former Secretary of State for International Development, also voiced his opposition to the takeover of DFID. He wrote, "As I know from first-hand experience, it is the people who drove the Government's development agenda within DfID and across Whitehall who are the reason for Britain's effectiveness and for the widely-held view internationally that Britain has been a development superpower. It is these people who will likely be poached by the international system. New York and Geneva's gain will be Britain's loss." The United Nations Children's Fund, Save the Children and Christian Aid were among the organisations who warned that ending DFID as an independent government department will harm those most in need and reduce the UK's power in the world. Another UK charity spokesperson said the announcement could not have come at a worse time, "We are facing the biggest global pandemic in our lifetime, and we need a globally respected, independent Department for International Development that has the relevant expertise to ensure Covid-19 is tackled worldwide, as well as a secretary of state for international development able to champion the needs of the world's poorest people in our global response. Scrapping DfID now puts the international response to Covid-19 in jeopardy and, at a time when we need global cooperation, risks a resurgence of the disease both abroad and here in the UK." CAFOD, the Catholic international development charity said the Prime Minister's announcement was "seriously misguided".

In January this year Sir Simon MacDonald, the most senior civil servant in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and Head of the Diplomatic Service, visited St Helena for a few days. He expressed great interest in the Sarkin Report and proposals for improved governance in St Helena but denied that his visits to St Helena and other Overseas Territories had any connection to a possible forthcoming takeover of DFID by the Foreign Office. While the aid granted to St Helena by DFID is not subject to the considerations geopolitics and trade negotiations there may be change in how the Foreign Office manage and oversee the aid given to the three economically dependent Overseas Territories.

Also this week, an RAF Voyager used to transport royalty and the prime minister to various overseas engagements is being painted red, white and blue at a cost believed to be over £100,000. It is reported that Johnson did not like the usual grey used on RAF planes.

STRATEGIC ASSETS ROUND 4 CLOSING DATE 26/06/2020

St Helena Government and Enterprise St Helena invites proposals in relation to strategic assets identified within the latest strategic assets document.

Should you wish to download a copy of the document please visit the Enterprise St Helena website - investinsthelena.com

Closing date for applications - 26th of June 2020

For further information please contact Anne Dillon via investment@esh.co.sh



MARINE ENVIRONMENT



HISTORY AND HERITAGE



The Women Corona Society 200 Club Raffle monthly draw results winners for:

February 2020

- 1st Mr Eric Roberts , Sapper Way, ticket 118,
- 2nd Mrs Margaret Duncan, Longwood, ticket 85
- 3rd Mrs Rosie Richards, Half Tree Hollow, ticket 111

March 2020

- 1st Mrs Mary Wickenden, Half Tree Hollow, Ticket 167
- 2nd Mr Ozel Stevens, Ladder Hill, ticket 72

3rd Mrs Joan Coleman, Alarm Forest ticket 136

April 2020

- 1st Mrs Linda Glanville, St Pauls, ticket 93
- 2nd Mrs Greta Plato, Jamestown, ticket 25
- 3rd Mr Tony Duncan, Longwood. ticket 89

May 2020

- 1st Mrs Jean Corker, Jamestown, ticket 80
- 2nd Mrs Leatrice Benjamin St Pauls ticket 140
- 3rd Andrea Timm St. Pauls ticket ticket no 8

Many thanks for those who had brought tickets and will continue to support the women corona Society.



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If interested in any of the posts listed above please send and up to date CV to Mrs Karen Thomas, AMD Engineering Contractors, The Workshop, Ruperts or via email:- amdengineeringworkshop2@gmail.com or for more information contact Mr Adrian Duncan on telephone No: 22037

Closing Date:- Tuesday 23 June 2020



REMOTE BANKING JUNE 2020

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for June will take place as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
ANRD, Scotland	Monday, 22 June	09:30 - 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Thursday, 25 June	10:00 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday, 30 June	09:30 - 13:00

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LAND FOR SALE/ LEASE

FOR SALE

Site 1: Parcel Number 424, within the Longwood South registration section, measuring 0.12 acres.

FOR LEASE - QUALIFYING LOCAL RESIDENTS

Site 2: Parcel Number 345, within the Silver Hill registration section, measuring 0.473 acres.

Site 3: Parcel Number 135, within the Deadwood registration section, measuring 0.40 acres.

Closing date for bids are 12 noon, Friday 17th July 2020

Please contact: **Gina Henry, Crown Estates Officer** on email address: gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh, or on telephone number: 22270, or you could collect particulars from Essex House, Jamestown.

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government invites suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts-

- Charter Vessel & Crew to undertake Tagging of Grouper within St Helena Waters
- Ad hoc Tuna Tagging within St Helena's Inshore and/or Offshore Waters

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

If you require any further details, a meeting has been scheduled to take place on Wednesday, 24 June 2020, at 3pm in Essex House Conference Room.

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact the Contract Officer, Mr Joachim Naulaerts, on telephone number 22270 or email joachim.naulaerts@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tender forms should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Monday, 29 June 2020.

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

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the Refurbishment of Public Toilets near Longwood Avenue.

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

Miss Shelley Thomas
Executive Assistant
Programme Management Unit
The Castle
Jamestown
Telephone No: 22470 or
Email: shelley.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh



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If you require any further details, please contact Graduate Civil Engineer, Mr Kyle Shoesmith, on telephone number 25805 or email kyle.shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders either electronic or hard copy should be submitted to Miss Shelley Thomas, The Castle, by 12noon on Friday 26 June 2020.

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

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9 June 2020



New Course, New Opportunity for Overseas Study

The Jersey International Centre of Advanced Studies (JICAS) in partnership with the University of Exeter now offers a Postgraduate Masters Programme in Island Biodiversity and Conservation. A consortium of world-leading academics has been drawn from institutions across three continents, to come together in Jersey to produce a unique programme of research-led study. The programme has been designed and is being delivered by JICAS in Jersey, with support from Exeter as the accrediting institution.

The course has modules in: Field Work Statistics, Island Biogeography, Island Ecology, Biodiversity and Evolution on islands, Invasion and Extinction on Islands, Global Conservation Strategies and Legislation, Islands and Climate Change, and Conservation in Action.

As part of the programme JICAS have a bursary that is now open to Overseas Territories students to apply. This offers an exciting opportunity to gain access to post graduate studies for anyone interested and involved in ecology, wildlife conservation, and environmental management. The bursary meets half the course fees.

For further information, see below advert or contact:

- Tara Pelembe via email: TPelembe@saeri.ac.fk
- Rebecca Cairns-Wicks via email: Rebecca.Cairns-wicks@sainthelena.gov.sh

"We hope this is the start of an exciting new relationship with JICAS and SAERI, offering the opportunity for Saint's to study overseas and in developing new research opportunities on the Island." - Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Coordinator SHRI

MSc Island Biodiversity and Conservation

UK Overseas Territory Bursary

A bursary (£6750) is available for a successful applicant from the UK Overseas Territories for MSc in Island Biodiversity and Conservation starting September 2020

Please contact info@jicas.ac.je for further information or visit jicas.ac.je



The Jersey International Centre of Advanced Studies has created a fresh and exciting research-led programme of study aimed at producing the next generation of global thinkers and problem solvers.

Who is this programme for?

This degree is designed to meet the needs of conservation practitioners specialising in islands, students who wish to remain in academia and government officials of island nations

Study in the beautiful island of Jersey



St Helena Tourism

Cordially invites:

Members of the Private Sector

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COVID-19 TOURISM RECOVERY STRATEGY

Date: Tuesday 30th June

Time: 6:30pm

Venue: Jamestown Community Centre

We look forward to seeing you there!

For further information, please contact

Shelley Magellan Wade on 22158, or alternatively via email on Shelley.Magellan-Wade@tourism.co.sh



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FOR SALE BY TENDER

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

FORD FIESTA HATCHBACK

Formerly registered as 4710
Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident
Offers no less than £2,000 will be considered

FORD FOCUS

Formerly registered as 4444
Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and as a result the front right chassis leg is damaged and can therefore only be used as spare parts
Offers no less than £800 will be considered

Viewing for the Ford Fiesta Hatchback has been set

for Monday 22 June 2020 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Persons interested in viewing the Ford Focus should contact Tracey Thomas, Insurance Manager, on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 24 June 2020.

17 June 2020

Golf Report for Sunday 14th June 2020

The first round of the President's Cup Strokeplay competition got underway at the sound of the horn at 12:15 with 8 groups of players on 8 tee boxes. The slight delay was a result of showers of rain that came down hard just before teeing off. The 25 players that braved the weather appreciated the committee's decision to have a shotgun start. The top ten finished as follows;

Name	Nett Score
Lawson Henry	66
Martin Buckley	67
Larry Legg	68
Bramwell Lumukwana	71
Nicky Stevens	72
Scott Crowie	72
Keith Joshua	74
Martin Joshua	74
Gerald George	74
Tony Green	75

The two ball pool winners were; Christine Scipio Hole 5, Keith Joshua Hole 14 and Douglas Augustus eagle 2 on Hole 18.



Congrats to the two ball pool winners and all the best to the rest of the players as they battle for the top prizes in the final round. There will be prizes for 1st to 3rd place, longest drive (which should be in the furrows) gents on 4th ladies on 17th and nearest to pin gents 14th and ladies 16th. A tie for first place will be resolved through a play-off on the 18th hole while 2nd and 3rd will be determined through a countback. The final round will be played on Sunday 21st June 2020 Tee off is 12:00. Shotgun start.

The committee of management would like to invite members to the club for a course clean up exercise that will take place on Saturday 20th June 2020 from 08:30am. A light snack will be provided after the clean-up. Kindly bring tools at your disposal that might be of use. The golf course will be temporarily closed on **Saturday 20th June 2020 between 08:00am and 12:00pm.**

We wish all a great weekend...!

Contributed by: SHGC



POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION

DAMAGE TO FLAG STAFF VIEW ROAD SIGN

St Helena Police are appealing for information regarding damage caused to the Flag Staff View Road sign (see photo), situated opposite the junction leading to Horse Point on the Access (Haul) Road in Bottom Woods.



This incident occurred on the weekend of Saturday, 30, and Sunday, 31 May 2020. Police suspect that the damage was caused by an off-road vehicle that collided with the sign and caused a considerable amount of damage.

Any information regarding this incident can be provided in the strictest of confidence to Police on tel: 22626 or via email: sebastian.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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16 June 2020

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

After an absence of 100 days the Premier League resumed 5pm GMT Wednesday afternoon when Aston Villa host Sheffield United which resulted in a 0-0 draw.

This historic match was preceded by a minute silence for all those people that died as a result of Covid-19 and 10 seconds of 'taking the knee' in support of 'Black Lives Matter'.

The game itself saw Villa create most of the chances and Sheffield United's on loan keeper from Manchester United was named man of the match for his saves.

Despite having just one shot on target Sheffield United would have felt aggrieved for not picking up all 3 points when Villa keeper Nyland fell behind his goalline clutching Norwood's free-kick in the 41st minute, only for referee Michael Oliver's watch to fail to signal a goal.

A win for Sheffield would have taken them above Manchester United in 5th place. Villa remains in 19th place a point behind Bournemouth; Watford and West Ham.



Referee's watch malfunction cost Sheffield United a goal.

In the second match on Wednesday Manchester City beat Arsenal 3-0 in a match that saw substitute David Luiz have a nightmare 25 minutes. Luiz's mistake in first half injury time saw Sterling scored his first goal since December. Luiz's misery was completed in the second half when he gave away a penalty that was scored by Kevin De Bruyne and was also showed the red card for pulling back Mahrez.

Although De Bruyne picked up the man of the match award I thought that Phil Foden was outstanding when he came on in the 65th minute. Foden netted a third for the defending champions, capitalising on a rebound from Sergio Aguero's strike.



Arsenal woes as Luiz's see Red.

This afternoon at 5pm Norwich host Southampton in a clash for survival. 7.15pm the fight for Champions League spots continues as Tottenham Hotspur play Manchester United.

On Saturday Watford host Leicester City at 11.30am; Brighton play Arsenal at 2pm, West Ham host Wolves at 4.30pm and

Bournemouth play Crystal Palace at 18.45pm.

On Sunday Newcastle will play at home against Sheffield United at 1pm; Villa play Chelsea at 3.15pm and the leaders Liverpool could move a step closer in picking up this season's title when they face Everton in the Merseyside derby at Goodison Park.

Man City will play Burnley on Monday night at 7pm.

On Tuesday 23rd June Leicester host Brighton at 5pm and Spurs play west ham at 7.15pm.

On Wednesday four matches will kick off at 5pm; Manchester United v Sheffield United, Newcastle v Aston Villa, Norwich v Everton and Wolves v Bournemouth. The late match should prove to be a joyous night for Liverpool fans as surely they will pick up the EPL Trophy with a victory over Crystal Palace.

On Thursday Burnley play Watford and Southampton host Arsenal at 5pm and Chelsea will play Manchester City at 7.15pm.



Trophy waiting for Liverpool to collect

St Helena Football Association



Despite the huge amount of rain that we saw on St Helena last week, the 2020 SHFA League season started last weekend. Prior to the first match the players and official took the knee in support of 'Black Lives Matter'.

Last years' Champion the Rovers came up victorious in a hard fought match against a much improved Axis side. Half time score was 1-1.

Final score Rovers 5 v Axis 1

G/S Rovers: Ronan Legg 1; Rico Benjamin 2, Jacob Duncan 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Axis: Rhys Francis 1

YMOM: Christo Crowie (Axis)

MOM: Clayton Benjamin (Rovers)

Bellboys scored 12 against the Saints with Matthias scoring a hat trick in the first 10 minutes and scored 5 in the first half. Saints improved in the second half and was rewarded with their first goal of the season.

Match Result: Bellboys 12 v Saints 1

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

G/S Bellboys: Matthias Young 5; Andrew Yon 3, Wayne Crowie 1, Kyle Shoemsmith 1, David Young 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Saints: Rico Coleman

YMOM: Rieedwaan Richards (Saints)

MOM: Matthias Young (Bellboys)

The game of the weekend saw the Wirebirds beat the Lakers, both teams showed enough talent to be competing for the title this season.

Shane Stroud scored a hat trick and picked up the man of the match award.

Match Result: Wirebirds 3 v Lakers 1

G/S Wirebirds: Shane Stroud 3

G/S Lakers: Tyler Brady

MOM: Shane Stroud (Wirebirds)

Harts who loss 7 first team players beat the newly form Crystal Rangers. Despite not as strong on paper as last year the Harts will still be a force to be reckoned with. Crystal Rangers players should be please with their efforts with a few of their players making their league debut.

Match Result: Harts 11 v Crystal Rangers 0

G/S Harts: Sean Lee Thomas 5; Sean Cansick 2, Vontray Thomas 1, Joey Thomas 1, Simon Scipio 1 & 1 own goal

YMOM: Joey Thomas (Harts)

MOM: Sean Lee Thomas (Harts)



Crystal Rangers

Hotshots Top 6

Name	Team	Goals
Matthias Young	Bellboys	5
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	5
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	3
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	3
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	2
Sean Cansick	Harts	2

Fixtures:

Sat 20th June

1pm Lakers v Harts

Referee: Wirebirds

3pm Axis v Crystal Rangers

Referee: Saints

Sun 21st June

1pm Bellboys v Wirebirds

Referee: Harts

3pm Rovers v Saints

Referee: Axis

Recap on Hand Ball Rule.

Handball - Law 12

Changes

- Deliberate handball remains an offence
- The following 'handball' situations, even if accidental,

will be a free kick:

- The ball goes into the goal after touching an attacking player's hand/arm
- A player gains control/possession of the ball after it has touches their hand/arm and then scores, or creates a goal-scoring opportunity
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm which has made their body unnaturally bigger
- The ball touches a player's hand/arm when it is above their shoulder (unless the player has deliberately played the ball which then touches their hand/arm)
- The following will not usually be a free kick, unless they are one of the above situations:
 - The ball touches a player's hand/arm directly from their own head/body/foot or the head/body/foot of another player who is close/near
 - The ball touches a player's hand/arm which is close to their body and has not made their body unnaturally bigger
 - If a player is falling and the ball touches their hand/arm when it is between their body and the ground to support the body (but not extended to make the body bigger)
 - If the goalkeeper attempts to 'clear' (release into play) a throw-in or deliberate kick from a team-mate but the 'clearance' fails, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball

Explanation

Greater clarity is needed for handball, especially on those occasions when 'non- deliberate' handball is an offence. The re-wording follows a number of principles:

- Football does not accept a goal being scored by a hand/arm (even if accidental)
- Football expects a player to be penalised for handball if they gain possession/control of the ball from their hand/arm and gain a major advantage e.g. score or create a goal-scoring opportunity
- It is natural for a player to put their arm between their body and the ground for support when falling.
- Having the hand/arm above shoulder height is rarely a 'natural' position and a player is 'taking a risk' by having the hand/arm in that position, including whensliding
- If the ball comes off the player's body, or off another player (of either team) who is close by, onto the hands/arms it is often impossible to avoid contact with the ball
- When the GK clearly kicks or tries to kick the ball into play, this shows no intention to handle the ball so, if the 'clearance' attempt is unsuccessful, the goalkeeper can then handle the ball without committing an offence.

50/50 RAFFLE

Tickets £1 each

WIN It!
In it to Win It!

In Aid of
St Helena Football Team
competing in the Island Games in
Guernsey 2021

Winner will receive 50% of money
collected each month. Draw will take place
on STFM on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Tickets on Sale from the following:

- Inez Richards
- Joan Yon
- MTB's Shop
- Donna Crowie
- Kath Yon
- New Horizons

18th June - 15th July 2020



St Helena
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• Health Directorate organises a 'Walk for Diabetes' and facilitates an information stall to raise awareness about diabetes on Friday, 12 June

• The Diabetes Nurse can be contacted via the Outpatients' Clinic on tel: 22321

SUCCESSFUL 'WALK FOR DIABETES'

Diabetes Awareness Week 2020 took place between 8 and 14 June. To conclude the week, the Health Directorate organised a 'Walk for Diabetes'.

The walk started from the General Hospital on Friday, 12 June, at 12.30pm, with over 70 participants in attendance. Participants were dressed in denim to raise awareness of diabetes. The walk concluded at the Mule Yard.

Engagement Support Worker, Belinda Thomas, commented:

"Thanks to everyone who participated in the 'Walk for Diabetes' on Friday to show their support for diabetes awareness, and importantly for taking the time to invest in your health in a fun, free and easy way. Walking is a great way for everyone in the community to take their first step into low impact exercise and can be incorporated into everyone's daily routine. Diabetes is the second largest chronic disease on-Island, and walking can help to prevent and control the disease. I hope you will join us again in the upcoming months for our 'Walk for Cancer'."

The Health Directorate also facilitated an information stall on diabetes in the Jamestown Market on Friday, 12 June, where members of the public were able to talk to the Diabetes Nurse about the risks, symptoms and management of diabetes. Anyone who would like to arrange an appointment with the Diabetes Nurse to discuss the management and support available on St Helena can call the Outpatients' Clinic on tel: 22321.

#StHelena #WalkForDiabetes #DiabetesAwareness #AltogetherHealthier

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15 June 2020**



Participants at the Mule Yard



Diabetes Nurse at the Jamestown Market

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• Today is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) 2020

• A special bench unveiling ceremony took place today in the Castle Gardens to recognise WEAAD

• A number of events to recognise WEAAD took place during last week

WORLD ELDER ABUSE AWARENESS DAY 2020

Today, Monday 15 June 2020, is World Elder Abuse Awareness Day (WEAAD) - used as an opportunity for communities around the world to promote a better understanding and raise awareness of abuse and neglect of older persons.

On St Helena, WEAAD was recognised with a number of events during last week concluding with a special bench unveiling Ceremony held at the Castle Gardens today.

The Ceremony started at 10am with a speech by Community & Residential Disability Manager and UN St Helena Domestic Violence Project Manager, Nicolene Adams.

In her speech, Nicolene said:

"To conclude this Campaign, I would like to ask everyone on St Helena to strive to enhance the capacity of our older people and for us to support them so that they themselves can be who they are for as long as can be. And, if they cannot do that anymore, I ask everyone to get together to make sure that we strive to do more for those who cannot do for themselves and to care for them far beyond our call of duty. Let us make an internal decision to look after our elderly with the respect that we would want to be looked after in life because one thing is certain; that we will all one day grow old."

The bench and plaque was then unveiled by HE Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook and St Helena's oldest resident - Elizabeth (Mamma Lizzie) Peters - who is 101 years old.

Leading up to the day, a gift presentation was held at the Princess Royal Community Care Centre (CCC) on Friday, 12 June 2020, for residents of the CCC. Residents, along with their family and friends, enjoyed afternoon tea and cakes and were entertained with music by Mr Vince March's Band. Residents were also presented with a DVD Player, donated by the United Nations, in recognition of WEAAD.

In addition, a special 'Tribute to the Elderly' radio programme was held on local radio on Saturday, 13 June, and many religious dominations highlighted WEAAD and honoured the elderly in their congregation on Sunday, 14 June 2020.

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HE Governor and Mama Lizzie unveiling the bench



HE Governor and elderly members of the community

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CCC Manager, Rosalie Brown, added:

"This Campaign has been a great success and gives the elderly people of our community the recognition they deserve and continues to raise awareness about the effects abuse and neglect can have on our elderly."

Nicolene concluded:

"I would also like to extend thanks to the United Nations Development Programme for the funding, the WEAAD Committee, Age Ways Charity, Human Rights Commission and the Health, and Children & Adults Social Care Directorates for ensuring the success of the campaign. Thanks are also extended to the Standard Bar, The Blue Lantern and Rosie's Bar & Restaurant for lighting up their premises with the colour purple in recognition of WEAAD. Finally, thank you to the community of St Helena who participated in the events and supported the campaign."

#StHelena #AltogetherSafer #WEAAD

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Residents and their family enjoying refreshments



CCC residents receiving gifts from the United Nations

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'WIMBELENA' FUN TENNIS TOURNAMENT

*Forehand down the line
Backhand cross court
Fast pace serving
First set - well fought*

*What's your winning shot?
Volley, smash or slice
Over the net with purpose
Angled & precise.....*

Date and Time: Saturday 11th July from 9am

Hosted at Plantation House.

There will also be stalls, activities, food and drink available.

Entrance fee: £5 per playing person
£1 for supporters/non-players

Tournament proceeds donated to a charity of the winners choice

If you enjoy the game of tennis and would like to participate, please contact any of the following by 26th June to submit your entry to either:

Mia Henry: Tel 22699 or email mia@helanta.co.sh
Greg Gibson: Email greg.gibson@live.co.uk
Rosie Bargo: Tel 23663 or email rosemarybargo3@gmail.com



If you wish to set up a stall or activity on the day please contact Debbie Yor: Tel 24453 or email ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh

This will be an all-day event, that is open to all and guaranteed to be highly entertaining!!!



TASTYBITES RESTAURANT

Father's Day Buffet Luncheon
Sunday, 21 June 2020 from 12H00

MENU

Fresh garden salad
Pasta salad

Barbeque chicken
Beef curry
Roast pork belly
Flavoured rice
Seasonal vegetables

Baked Malva Pudding with Custard

£ 15.00 per person

Kids under 12 years £ 7.50 per person



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FOR
EACH DAD**

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