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## ***CAN France Leaving in Style***

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is Critical***

***Cape Town Storms and  
Covid Delayed Our Ship***



***Up to £60 per Day to  
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## Planes Arriving and Planes Re-Fuelling

A Bombardier Global 6000, another impressive private charter plane, will be touching down on Prosperous Bay Plain on Sunday. Scheduled to arrive at 4:20pm it will fly out on Monday taking with it the CAN France contractors. Operated by Swiss plane charter business, Nomad, the Global 6000 carries 13 passengers in three seating layouts and is sparkling new, just delivered from the Canadian factory. Bombardier is in serious financial difficulties, not least because the US president imposed trade restrictions on Bombardier in the US market.

The other luxury private charter, a Titan Boeing 757-200, hired by the St Helena Government to repatriate people stranded overseas and take fly out people who have not being able to leave is due to arrive on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July and depart the following day.

Penspen, who are contracted to operate the Bulk Fuel Installation at Rupert's and supply aviation fuel, will be operating as normal during this period and will continue up until September. There has recently been a less than fully explained hiatus centre around the temporary absence of insurance cover. This is reportedly all sorted now; leaving just the ex-



**Inside a Bombardier Global 6000**

remely early termination of Penspen's 10 year contract to trouble inquisitive minds.

To complete the transport news, the MV Helena is now due to arrive on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July and the discharge of cargo will start the same day. The ship is a week late due to Covid chaos in Cape Town which was compounded by a severe storm earlier this week.

## Proper Debate on Communications Policy is Critical

The draft Communication Network and Services Policy published on Tuesday has already come under fire. An initial reaction this week from a business development expert who has been closely involved with bringing St Helena's communications capability into the 21<sup>st</sup> century told the *Independent* the policy does not offer any opportunity for change and improvement for St Helena if the policy is implemented as proposed.

The limitations in the policy start by ignoring the opportunity to attract a telecom service provider who is willing to use new and innovative network systems which are better suited to a small remote island with a small population. The policy uses the traditional, time-serving economic rules, more applicable in the larger, developed countries, for driving down costs and offering customers a quality service at a reasonable price. The high costs associated with providing any traditionally operated service on a small remote island is accepted without question. The unquestioned assumption in the draft policy is the resulting high costs due to the small number of customers and the high cost of providing the traditional telecom network cannot be avoided and it will be up to the regulator to try to keep the prices charged by a monopoly provider within reasonable limits. The hidden message in the draft policy is the Equiano cable is unlikely to bring with it much benefit for Saints.

Expert criticism of the draft policy continues by pointing out that after misjudging the situation and justifying a monopoly without question, the misjudgement continues by assuming an independent regulator will effectively contain the extent of influence which a monopoly enjoys. Dependency on a monopoly business limits effective regulation. It was also pointed out to the *Independent* that recent experiences from the Falklands showed the Falkland Government were unable to find

an adequately trained and experienced expert to fulfil the role of regulator. The person given the job of regulator was later accused of maladministration due to a decision made having an adverse effect on one of the telecom operators. This resulted in the Falkland Government having to pay compensation. Other instances of less than competent regulation were listed by the *Independent's* source.

Further expert observations are promised after the *Independent's* source has had a longer, closer look at the draft Communication Networks and Services Policy.



**What will be the benefits after the cable has come ashore?**



## Quarantine Accommodation Charges Set

A 14 day stay at Bradley's Camp will cost passengers arriving by air or sea between £15 and £60 per day. A start date for the charges appears not to be explicitly stated and is certainly not prominently stated. The SHG announcement is dated 16<sup>th</sup> July and it is assumed anyone arriving on the planes due this month will be required to pay. There are no passengers expected on the MV Helena on Monday.



People with St Helenian Status will pay £30 per day unless under 17 years when the charge is £15. Contractors, whether Saints or not will also pay the same charge.

Non-Saints will pay £60 per day unless returning to visit a relative who is feared to be terminally or has recently died. In such unwelcome circumstances there is a 50% reduction.

Charges will not apply to patients returning from overseas medical treatment and their carer approved by the Health Directorate. A dependent of a carer under 17 years of age who had to travel with the carer is also exempt from charges.

The Covid-19 test phial is part of the specially provided room service at Bradley's.

SHG points out the charges do not cover the full cost of providing quarantine accommodation but help offset the overall cost of providing quarantine facilities. Campers at Bradley's are provided with three ain meals a day, room service and laundry service as well as 24 hour on-call.

## Waste Management Services

From today (17<sup>th</sup> July) all enquiries concerning the services offered by Waste Management, (domestic, commercial, hazardous, incineration, secure data disposal or wheelie bin requests) should be to Patrick Crowie the Landfill Manager on 23655 or [landfill.manager@helanta.co.sh](mailto:landfill.manager@helanta.co.sh).



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The St. Pauls Primary School PTA would like to thank the public for their support to the

school with regards to their Easter Raffle. It was unfortunate that the Bumble Bee fair could not take place due to social distancing measures at the time, however, the raffle did go ahead and the sum of £910.52 was raised.

Winners' were as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: A cake – won by Christine Clingham of Sandy Bay

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: A cake – won by Myrtle Clingham of Half Tree Hollow

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: A Dessert Hamper – won by Mavis Williams of Guinea Grass

4<sup>th</sup> Place: A Chocolate Hamper – won by Samantha Ellick of Alarm Forest

***SPPS PTA would like to thank everyone for their continuous support.***

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-Steve Jobs***





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# Editorial

It's been another hectic week, more so than usual. The bit that sticks in the mid most, now the week is over, is the last meeting of the Governance Commission. The Commission is, or was, a small group of people who are not councillors or employed by SHG who were asked to give views on how a new system of government could be constructed. Building on the two reports from Professor Sarkin the subjects for debate were an improved committee system, (that is a system better than the one we have now) or do we make a complete change and go for a ministerial system. Which one it is, is not our decision, it's yours; the Commission is an advisory body which had lengthy discussions on the details of how an improved committee system or ministerial system might work.

As is always the case the devil is in the detail. Whichever system it is the aim is get more accountability and transparency into the system with elected representatives empowered to make decisions and, more importantly, be obligated to explain what they are doing, why they are doing it and what exactly they hope to achieve by doing it. The explanations, of course, should be supplied before they actually do it. That's the transparency.

If we want people to make decisions they have to be given the power to do it. Having done that it's necessary to make sure there are checks and balances in the system to prevent them exceeding their powers. People with power need to be made accountable for their actions and the consequences of their actions need to be scrutinised. Ways to make sure all of this was included took several hours of discussion over five or six sessions. It was not necessary to re-invent the wheel. There are plenty of examples in the British Overseas Territories and other small islands. But whatever it is has to be customised to be a best fit with St Helena's community and culture.

What soon becomes obvious is that a system of government which is decisive and effective as well as accountable and transparent needs to be carefully constructed. Also immediately obvious was the numerous interlocking bits in the government machinery which are needed to keep the necessary balance between the giving of power to elected representatives and the accountability they have to the people they represent. Discussions could have gone on, and on; but talking more would not achieve anything of significance. The report of the Governance Commission will soon be handed over to the councillors and then everyone will be given the opportunity to make their choice. This will be through a consultative poll (aka referendum) or some extensive public consultation. The choice on which of those two it will be is down to the councillors.

Variety is the spice of life so I am now going to offer you a

gardening tip. You may well know it already. A cheap weed killer is always welcome. The last one I bought cost £45. It was a big bottle, I still have most of it – but it was £45. One DIY recipe is 480 ml of white vinegar, 140 gm of salt and a dash of washing up liquid. Mix the ingredients and thoroughly dissolve the salt in a spray bottle. Take careful aim and squeeze the trigger. If the spray bottle gets clogged, equal measures of vinegar and water will do almost as good. Weeds do not like the acetic acid in vinegar; nor do plants so aim carefully. I'm not sure about the salt in this recipe. Too much salt and nothing will grow after the spraying.

The dash of washing up liquid in a weed killer mixture helps to break through the natural defences of weeds. Once again it will do the same to the plants you want to keep if the wind changes the direction of your spray. The acid in the vinegar is the real killer and some weed killer recipes include the juice of half a lemon mixed with the vinegar. The real heavy-weight in the killer category is baking soda. It has to be used with care. Like salt it will prevent any future growth so it is ideal for use on driveways and tracks. Just sprinkle a little baking soda at the base of the offending weed.

Potatoes, remember them? They say an army marches on its stomach. For the British Government the whole war effort (WW2) was based on how many potatoes were in everybody's stomach. The Ministry of Food had a Potato Division. Potatoes were the answer to shortages of bread and meat. Potatoes are an excellent source of energy and vitamin C. Everyone was urged to grow potatoes; from a tub to a field, it did not matter. City parks were ploughed over to grow potatoes and green veg. By the time WW2 finished the acreage given over to potato growing had doubled, compared to the start of the war. I think we are moving back to the way things were, slowly. **Vince**



**Growing potatoes in a bath tub – there are a few knocking about in fields and elsewhere**

# From Over the Castle Wall

## Rockfall Protection

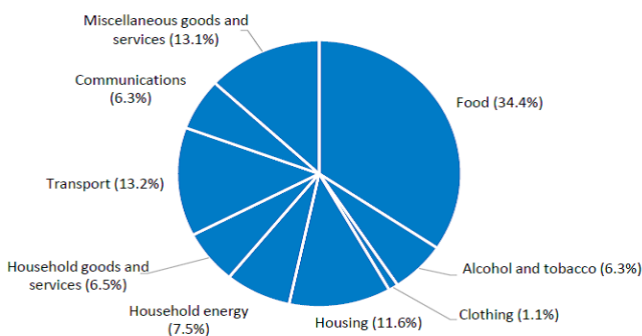
On Monday SHG announced the rockfall protection project had been completed by CAN France. The rockfall netting used in different ways on the James and Rupert's Valley sides is more than enough to stretch across from one boundary to another over the largest cricket field. The length of fencing, traps and barriers would stretch from Jamestown to the Briers. This is impressive stuff. With the job done, CAN France staff will be leaving on a charter flight.

An estimated six tonnes of rock rolled down just hours after CAN France finished. Most of it was caught in the rockfall protection erected in 2010 but broken bits of boulders fell onto China Lane. Regrettably, but typically, SHG once more gave the impression of an uncaring government on matters of great, topical, public concern by overlooking the necessity to make an early announcement about what had happened with confirmation that the damage was limited and no-one was injured. A press release was issued on Monday morning stating the CAN France rockfall protection work had finished, but nothing on the rockfall itself. Details of the rockfall were published late on Wednesday – in time for the local radio news on Thursday.

## Prices Rises Stay Low

The Statistics Office issued new figures on price inflation this week. We are paying just under 2p more in every £ for the weekly supplies and services we need compared with 12 months ago. Probably of more interest is the proportion of the weekly budget spent on each of the various categories of supplies and services.

Composition of average household weekly expenditure (Q1 2018 RPI 'Shopping Basket')



Clothing saw the biggest increase in price (7.6%) compared with 12 months ago but the amount of money spent on clothes is small compared to other categories and therefore has a correspondingly lesser effect on the overall inflation rate. Of more concern is the increase in transport prices at 5.2%. Increased freight charges for imported cars are the main reason for price inflation in the transport category. Increase in customs duty took alcohol prices 4.7% higher while prices in the Housing category increased by 4.5% mainly because of the increased water charges. Food prices rose by 1.1% compared with 12 months ago. The bottom line figure for all

categories works out at 1.8% more than at the same time last year.

## When should St Helena unlock the doors?

The Incident Emergency Group (IEG) meets again on Monday. The Group was formed to discuss all things coronavirus and has not found it necessary to meet since June. The latest Governor's Message tells us, "The IEG meets again on Monday, 20 July, and will discuss what options may be possible to encourage people to once again visit the Island once the world situation becomes clearer." This is followed later in the Message by "The world is starting to open again. We need to ensure St Helena does not get left behind and we maximise opportunities where we can."

Manoeuvring has started to get discussions going on when the right time might be to start the weekly flights and loosen the quarantine regulations, testing regimes and the rest. Maybe be the first thing to discuss is exactly what it is we are looking for to help us decide the world situation is becoming clearer.

## Sayings you may not know

As there are no canals in St Helena and therefore no barges, it is possible the saying "I would not touch it with a barge pole" is not generally known. The saying is explained as meaning you would not want to have anything to do with it, either because you do not trust it, or because you do not like it. As usual they say it differently in the US and refer to a ten foot pole. Various poles are or have been used to propel or steer canal and river craft, the length of most of them fully comply with the Covid 19 distancing regulations.

## Other bits . . .

With the Can France rockfall protection work now finished the footpath from Sister's Walk to Rupert's across Munden's is open again. Also re-opened is Rupert's wharf and jetty – until the MV Helena arrives next week.

A constituency meeting will be held at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July starting at 7pm. No agenda has been set; you can attend and set the agenda as you go along.

They will be cutting bits off trees along the road from the Brow to the Connect St Helena HQ on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July starting at 7am for about five hours. People are asked not to park in this area.

## ***St Helena's Communications in the Equiano Era***

Published this week by SHG is the draft policy for Communication Networks and Services. The 48 page document sets out the legal and regulatory framework to support all types of communication services in preparation for the time when St Helena is linked to the super-fast intercontinental Equiano Cable.

One of the main aims of the policy is to, "provide long term stability for regulatory oversight of communications for the benefit of end users". It is recognised the legal framework currently in use, the Telecommunications Ordinance 1989 is "not fit for purpose and is unlikely to be able to support the development of communications licensing". It is also pointed out that the communications industry "values transparent and stable regulations; the lack of these can work as a disincentive to investment." In view of the widespread changes anticipated when the link to the Equiano cable is completed the policy points out that "to develop a new legal and regulatory framework a clear policy for regulatory reform is required to shape the decisions being taken by SHG during this critical time."

There are several references to putting the customer first and particularly the end user. Early in the Introduction it is stated, "the policy aims to provide long term stability for regulatory oversight of communications for the benefit of end users." Later in the policy it is stated that a new Communications Ordinance is needed to support the "overarching objective" which is described as, "To enable the development of electronic communication for the long-term benefit of end users through promoting consumer welfare, creating opportunities for investment and ensuring high quality, sustainable and reliable electronic communications infrastructure."

Price controls are also covered. The policy says, "In the absence of competitive pressures, price controls protect consumers against the possibility of high price increases in services by putting a ceiling on prices". It is also explained that price controls will "be designed in such a way as to impose the least burden necessary to achieve this purpose." And will "represent good value for consumers". In another section of the policy compensation to consumers is included which "should be increased incrementally if targets are not met within a reasonable period".

Setting a regulatory framework which takes in to account "the absence of competitive pressures" is another way of saying the monopoly situation is likely to continue. Later in the document it is stated, "In a monopoly environment regulation needs to ensure the monopolist behaves in accordance with public interests and does not misuse its monopoly position. The current legislation and regulatory framework do not provide sufficient mechanisms through which to protect consumers."

This is further confirmed when it is pointed out, "The communication network and services on St Helena will already be operating well below minimum efficient scale due to market size. This makes the aspiration to reduce prices to the levels seen in larger states a challenging one and can only be a

realistic goal if infrastructure costs are significantly reduced or market size significantly increased. It is recognised internationally that in these conditions a single network operator is in a better position to dimension and plan the construction of the network (technical efficiency) and to avoid duplications of investments and excess capacity. Thereby economies of scale can be fully utilised to the benefit of all customers. In addition a single network operator can better ensure compatibility of all parts of the network, and technical and administrative costs related to network integration and interconnection can be minimised. This policy has to recognise this challenge and ensure the appropriate tools are in place to mitigate the impact of this both on end-users and service providers where possible."

This 'resignation' to a continuation of a monopoly telecom service provider for St Helena, whether it be Sure or anyone else, was disputed earlier this year by the main and long-standing advocate for improved communications for St Helena and a prime mover in getting an agreement for the fibre-optic cable link to St Helena.

In February, Christian von der Ropp gave his views to the *Independent* on the possibility of moving away from the monopoly situation we now have for telecom provision. The *Independent* report said, "The cost of investment upgrades will affect the tariffs charged for internet and email usage but it is expected the tariffs will be much cheaper than now. Christian von der Ropp states it is possible to shake off the shackles of the monopolistic situation we now endure. It is possible for small independent telecom companies with just a few hundred customers to be commercially viable in the 21<sup>st</sup> century digital era. He gave Montserrat and the Cook islands as examples and village telecoms companies in Africa. The competition generated by having more than one telecom company doing business in St Helena will mean new, more flexible, more efficient and more customer friendly business models will need to be used by telecom companies operating in St Helena. The gold, silver and bronze packages with the punitive charges for excess usage can be and should be a thing of the past. Unlimited access and usage should become normal at an affordable price."

The draft Communications and Networks Policy covers a wide range of issues associated with linking up with the Equiano Cable and, in any event, having a regulatory regime for telecoms which is fit for purpose in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. However, the direct benefit the era of modern communication will have for residents and businesses in St Helena appears to be less clearly defined than many would hope. Another indication of how much we might pay after the current licence to Sure finishes at the end of 2022 reads, "SHG must ensure that people and businesses in St Helena have access to services irrespective of their geographical location on St Helena and at a price that does not prohibit access." A price that 'does not prohibit access' seems to indicate a monthly telecom bill which is pitched higher up the scale than a price based on the new, more flexible, more efficient and more customer friendly business models as envisaged by Christian von der Ropp.





**St Helena  
Government**

• **Rockfall Mitigation  
Protection Project completed  
on 10 July 2020**

• **Trails on Munden's Hill now open**

• **Rupert's Wharf and Jetty and  
Jamestown Wharf open as normal to the  
public**



**St Helena  
Government**



**FAIRHURST**

### **ROCKFALL MITIGATION PROTECTION PROJECT 2020 COMPLETED**

St Helena Government, CAN France and Fairhurst are pleased to announce the completion of the Rockfall Mitigation Protection Project on Friday, 10 July 2020.

CAN France would like to thank the 26 Saints who were directly employed over the course of the Project, as well as the innumerable members of the public who assisted CAN France during their time on-Island.

Over six months, the Rockfall Project team has constructed:

- 5475m<sup>2</sup> of high tensile Spider netting at Rupert's Jetty
- 6400m<sup>2</sup> of draped hexagonal rockfall netting at Rupert's Jetty
- 1800m<sup>2</sup> of draped hexagonal rockfall netting at the Access (Haul) Road
- 2790m of Geobrugg GBE rockfall barriers across Rupert's and James Valleys
- 360m of lightweight catchfence above Jamestown Wharf
- 45m length of rock trap at Rupert's Jetty.

CAN France would also like to thank the public for their patience during the closure of trails on Munden's Hill. These trails are now open to the public, including upper Munden's Path and Saddle Battery Ridge. Fairhurst would like to remind users that the lower trail of Munden's Path remains closed due to significant instability on the lower Path.

**#StHelena #RockfallProtection #AltogetherSafer**

**SHG / CAN France / Fairhurst  
13 July 2020**



*Rockfall netting at Rupert's Jetty*

#### **Did you know?**

If all 1200 steel anchors used in the Project were laid out end to end, they would reach from the Seafront to the Heart Shaped Waterfall!



# Perfect Potential

When you think of St. Helena, what firstly comes to mind? Whatever it may be, have you considered this first thought might be different for those not living here? When you see something you've encountered hundreds of times, others see a whole new world. Indeed it is difficult to see potential and unique beauty when you have lived on island for most of your life. In reality while some of us appreciate and thrive in the warmth of home, others dream of getting away. So, our bias impressions aside, St. Helena might actually possess an unwavering potential, whether we recognize it or not.

Lets for a moment view the island through the eyes of an outsider, what can we see? No doubt our eyes are immediately drawn to the ocean, quite literally a sea of opportunity. Like all islands we are surrounded by ocean, something providing recreational benefits as well as resources for survival: food. Whether you swim or dive, sail or fish, the ocean provides something for



**Katie-Ray Williams**

you, even if just to gaze at its magnificence. Well, what else do we see? Faces of all kinds, food of all types and scenery of all varieties. Of course though we might notice these things, we can tend to focus on what we can't see. Things like shopping malls and breath-taking villas, resorts and parks and whatever else we can dream up about the "perfect" holiday destination. But can we all have the same description of perfect?

Although it can be hard to see, there are those who do not crave these luxuries,

ironically these "luxuries" can be found in so many other places. What's the point in specialty if only to conform to the outside world? We cannot be unique, when we are alike everywhere else. It seems St. Helena has a resolute ability to act as home, even for those not living here. There is a certain sense of homeliness, hospitality and warmth, surely ingredients for an inviting community. In addition to this, our remoteness is certainly an advantage, we feel safety and comfort, and there is serenity in isolation.

In spite of this, it would be wrong to say that St. Helena is everybody's "cup of tea". Really it would also be wrong to say there isn't room for improvement (much like most things in life). But it would be most incorrect to say that St. Helena doesn't have potential. So what are we doing with this potential? Is it being used correctly? We are all searching for perfect, when it might be right in front of us.



## REMINDER: AIRPORT CLOSED TO VISITORS ON FLIGHT DAYS

With the recent announcements of repatriation flights that are planned for the coming fortnight and in view of the measures in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on St Helena, the public is again reminded that no visitors are permitted at St Helena Airport.

Passengers who will be arriving by air from the UK and Ascension Island will not be permitted to meet friends or family at the Airport; likewise, only passengers who are due to leave by air will be permitted to enter St Helena Airport. Those transporting passengers to the Airport will be asked to drop them off and then leave the Airport premises – the Terminal Building will not be open to them.

To assist with the management of persons arriving and departing the Airport, the barriers at the foot of Mole Spider Hill will be in place and manned. Only those persons with a legitimate reason to proceed into the Airport complex will be permitted to do so.

The public is also reminded that Mole Spider Hill is an environmentally sensitive area and therefore access to the Hill is not permitted at any time.

The public is once again thanked in advance for their support and cooperation.

**St Helena Airport Limited, 16 July 2020**

## HALF TREE HOLLOW CONSTITUENCY MEETING

The public is advised that the Half Tree Hollow Constituency meeting that was cancelled earlier this year has been rearranged to take place at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Wednesday, 22 July 2020, at 7pm.

Half Tree Hollow constituents are encouraged to attend this meeting to raise any issues they might have.

A second round of Island-wide constituency meetings will be announced shortly.

**SHG**  
**14 July 2020**





# Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

## **"To be or not to be" - the St Helena or Charter Act 1833**

A fortnight ago in the Independent, Friday 3 July, mention was made of Boris Johnson spurning the legacy of the *St Helena Act 1833*. It refers to open competition in the UK Civil service rather than it being a job for the boys. In fact that policy was just one aspect set out in the *Government of India Act 1833*. St Helena was so closely entwined with Britain's trade with India that it was a section under the India Act which transferred St Helena to the Crown when the East India Company (EIC) left the island in 1833. The India Act was repealed in 1915 except for the section relating to St Helena. It is now called the **St Helena or Charter Act 1833**

As we know the island was run by the EIC as a company island from when it was first settled in 1659 not to make money from St Helena as it did with islands in the Caribbean, but as a place to provision sailing ships, and as a fortress. St Helena and its people were key in making the EIC one of the most influential and wealthy global companies the world has known. That wealth and influence contributed to Britain becoming a great trading nation. But the island never paid its way costing the EIC something like £100,000 a year. Britain only put in a fraction of what the EIC did to run the island. People became desperately poor. The result was a pattern of emigration and poverty that continued to about the 1970's. There was a rolling government programme building social housing, a social service department was set up in 1967 and importantly more Islanders started to work offshore sending remittances home to their families.

The present status given by the UK to St Helena is that of an internal Self-Governing Overseas Territory, a status given to most of the overseas territories. Given this status the Island has to deliver all

the services of a national government, yet with a population of about 4,500 it would be a village in the UK. Added to that the Island and its people never inherited an economy that would pay for these services; which is the current intended target. These conditions place the people of St Helena in an impossible situation.

We know we should do everything we can to maximize our resources in a sustainable way. That is true of our environment, both land and sea. The most important resource the Island has is its people. Is this resource managed in a sustainable way? The Financial Secretary in his budget speech for this year expressed his concern, which is wide spread, in the community, about the number of St Helenians leaving the island – 87 having left last year.

The Corona virus has added to the demands placed on St Helena and its people. Worldwide the Corona virus pandemic has shown how global economic systems have created a divide between rich and poor. It has also shown that it was not global corporations that governments turned to, to deal with the pandemic but ordinary citizens. It has been a game changer and the Corona virus is not going to go away any time soon, if at all. People will continue to play a central role in meeting changing global demands. It will be the same for people on St Helena.

St Helena with a UK Parliamentary Act transferring the Island from the EIC to the Crown makes it a special case as a British Island. Within its overseas territories, the **St Helena/Charter Act 1833** gives the island a special status similar to the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man which are Crown Dependencies. The status of Island people is set out in the **Royal Charter of 1673** giving our ancestors full British (English at the time) citizenship in perpetuity. When citizenship rights taken away under the 1981 *British Nationality Act* were restored, Britain brought the Act into effect on **21 May 2002** especially to coincide with the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the discovery of St Helena.

Lord Ashcroft in an interview in the Independent in January 2019 strongly advocates the need for the island to have an independent, comprehensive review to

address St Helena's special circumstances. This is what he said: *"I believe there should be a completely independent strategic review of the island with nothing deemed 'off the table' including the island relationship with the UK"* and that *"everything needs to be assessed by experts who are devoid of any agenda"* That was before the pandemic. Such a review is even more pressing now. Within the current Status of a Self-governing Overseas Territory, St Helena presents a special case with an Act of Parliament and a Royal Charter specifically for the Island and its people. The outcome of such a review would be a partnership agreement between the UK and St Helena governments to provide a base for long term sustainable development. It is in the interest of both governments. **To be or not to be** that is the question.  
**Basil George**

Dear Editor,

I feel I have to put pen to paper and ask if you could please print this in the Independent to try and stimulate some interest. Everyone in authority on this island should be worried about what is happening around us and finding a solution on how this island can survive. There is a food shortage worldwide St. Helena included. Watching the news on TV and listening to the BBC radio documentaries with relating issues on local media, it seems that Britain will find it difficult to give the overseas territories the finances needed in order to survive. This calls for immediate action if St. Helena is to feed its people. We depend heavily on South Africa for most of our food. In recent months there have been no potatoes and we were short of other commodities and there are still no potatoes on this current voyage of the MV Helena. If the ship was delayed for a few weeks from delivering cargo to St. Helena, we would be in a predicament. The island has become too complacent in thinking that all is well and no plan B in place if something goes wrong. I am writing this because I personally feel and have no doubt that this island can support itself in many ways as far as food is concerned. We certainly did many years ago and history tells us this in several documents and especially "Phillip Gosse's Book". The island can no longer depend on South African for vegetables that can be grown on island. Just going back in time, my father was

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# Your Opinion Counts

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one of eleven children of the family and he was born in 1902. Like all parents, they tell their children what they did in their younger days. He said to me that his father saved a lot of people from starvation during the First World War by supplying vegetables and flour to the Garrison at Ladder Hill. The flour was made from Cassava or Fraena as it was called. The potato from the cassava was processed and made the flour. All members of the family had to get involved in the processing by hand. Cassava comes from the root of a plant. It is peeled, grated and dried in the sun and rubbed till fine. It is bagged up and stored. This is mixed with the normal flour by half and so it goes that much further. (I am not suggesting we should do this but it is worth mentioning how we helped the hungry at the time.) I currently have Cassava growing and I could demonstrate....

However, the time has come to seriously consider growing more of our own food. We have enough arable land, we have the tools, and we have the experts in the agricultural field at Scotland to give advice and guidance if required. Lots of data has been taken and kept over the years by SHG on farming activities, and islanders know how to farm so what is the problem? We did more for ourselves when we had less money. We certainly grew more vegetables and there was more local fruit being sold each day both inside and outside of the Market in Jamestown that many of us can remember.

It would seem that everyone wants a job in an office on the computer. Have a look when next you visit an office. All employees are sitting in front of a computer and it is amazing how man has turned to these electronic devices for all the answers to many of the world's problems. At the end of the day they can tell you all you want to know, even in forecasting the weather but they cannot make changes to it...

I have a suggestion..... We need to sit

back and take a hard look at ourselves as to where we are, how far we have come, where we are going and how we are going to get there... We need to stop all import permits for vegetables coming in from South Africa. Continue getting fruit, but anything that we can grow ourselves on island these imports should cease. This will mean that our money will be left on island for other things. Every eligible person who has arable land should be encouraged to grow food crops to feed himself and his family. Regardless of the area or size of his property, vegetables can be grown in pots and if you live in a flat in Jamestown on the top floor, grow onions in boxes and pots. You can grow one potato in a half drum and harvest a gallon of potatoes from it believe it or not. You will be surprised how much vegetable you can grow in small areas and even in dry and warm areas they will do well and produce. Like I said before, there is data to show that onions grow well in the low lands such as the Briars and Upper Jamestown. Woodland Field and Longwood are excellent places to grow potatoes. People with a few square metres of land on a slope might like to grow some wines, pumpkin and squash. Tomatoes grow well in Half Tree Hollow in small plots of land and also in pots. Anything you would like to know about growing any crop or what chemical or fertilizer to use, I believe we have the people at Scotland, (which is the Agricultural Headquarters) to assist. They have people who have been trained overseas to give advice on such things. Covid-19 took the world by storm and without a doubt, and all countries had to stop and make drastic changes and new policies in order to cope for survival. In this respect, St. Helena is no different. Why do we have to depend on South Africa to feed us when they have many more mouths to feed in their own country? Changes need to be made now, and there is a need to start in Schools and teach students from a young age how to grow food to survive. There should not be teaching for some and not others, this has to be compulsory. That was the case years ago and there is no reason why it cannot be done again. It means making changes in the curriculum but nothing is impossible. Where there is a will, there is a way. Young children love in the garden and this will motivated them in doing the right thing for when they grow older. Let them eat what they grow and they will love it and learn at the same time. For the older students, that will put them

on track for life as they will never forget what to grow to survive. My first garden was a bean in a jam bottle with water and blotting paper in the windowsill at Half Tree Hollow School. My teacher was Eric Benjamin. All jobs cannot be in an office. We have approximately 4,800 mouths to feed on island at this present time and years ago before all the machinery came on line we grew enough vegetables to supply a population of five thousand and more and also replenish many ships in the harbour. We need to start a programme now, not later in a few years' time, everyone needs to eat. I believe we should start with a driving body such as A Farmers Association. We had one but I think it has gone dormant. Without a Farmers' Association, farming will not flourish because farmers need to talk, need to discuss and need one voice to make things happen. St. Helena Government and Enterprise St. Helena supported the Farmers Association in many ways with finance and equipment. SHG and ESH should call the Farmers Association to account to find out the present status and what happened to all the assets. It is understood that members of the Farmers Association have been encouraged to join the Chamber of Commerce. I have nothing against a representative being on the Chamber but the Chamber cannot discuss farming issues the way farmers/growers do. All farmers should be encouraged to join a Farmers' Association and start getting things done. There is a real need to review the farming needs on St. Helena and the association is a good place to start. The Farmers Association can discuss the best farming practices, seed variety and local issues pertaining to production and the price structure for vegetables. Water reserves is also an issue and far too many homes have water wasting from the roof that is not stored, or goes in the sewer pipe. I am surprised that there has been no explanation from any member of A&NRD on radio explaining why it is that ware potatoes are not turning up from South Africa. People need to know what has happened, why it has happened and how do we move on from here, but up to the present time all is silent. Remember the days when the Agriculture Department did a weekly Farmers Radio Programme? They disseminating information to farmers and the general public with things like, conditions are right for the onset of potato blight now and all potato growers should



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spray for blight with a particular spray to save the crop. They also gave useful announcements between ships telling us that we had enough potatoes to last for several months due to farmers lifting local potatoes so there will not be a need for merchants to import from South Africa. All this information was helpful and I personally hope that the Agricultural sector will revive some of their activities with farmers, make visits and give advice if required. We should all do what we can to make improvements to the current situation we find ourselves in at this present time. Remember that one third of our population is over 60 years of age and we have an aging population. Who will come behind these old folk and work the land and grow the food crops? I hope a response from someone at A&NRD will answer this question. This is all food for thought and I hope it will stimulate those persons concerned and start moving on. Remember shipping is so uncertain, there have been delays in ports, suppliers are short staffed due to the Corona Virus which is still raging in South Africa, and here we are sitting on our butts and waiting for others to come to our aid. The tide has changed and we live in a changing world.

*Sincerely*

**Tony Leo. (Small Time Farmer)**

## THE CONSTITUENT

*Dear Electorate,*

The outcome of HE Governor Rushbrook's decision to have your elected representatives investigated for providing confidential information to a local radio station, has concluded with no criminal or civil action against any elected member.

It is most unfortunate that the Governor's concerns were not managed with more respect for all twelve elected representatives and therefore the electorate from the onset; democratic process should have been maintained in the best interest of St Helena. Instead, seven of

your elected representatives were considered guilty until proven innocent.

Since the police investigation started, council business by democratic process has been seriously undermined. Governor Rushbrook decided to stop the majority of elected representatives from having sight of ExCo closed session documents. The decision meant that seven of your elected representatives had no democratic input on closed session items through the usual caucus procedures involving all twelve elected representatives. Regardless, decisions made in closed sessions of ExCo meetings continued unabated.

Caucus is an important stage of the current local governance system. Indeed, before the five ExCo elected members make their final decisions according to the Constitution, caucusing on open and closed agenda items by all twelve of your elected representatives really is democracy at work. There has been no caucus on ExCo closed session agenda items by all twelve elected representatives since the police investigation started.

Governor Rushbrook was made aware of the serious concerns about the constant erosion of democracy caused by his refusal to provide seven elected members with ExCo closed session agenda documents. Eventually, an interim arrangement was provided: the seven elected members were allowed to read ExCo closed session documents under observation but were not permitted to record the contents or take notes.

On request, Governor Rushbrook agreed to attend the informal Legislative Council meeting on Friday 10 July. The item for discussion was Democratic Governance of St Helena. Elected members took the opportunity to address Governor Rushbrook with their concerns. The Governor was told that he seemed "determined to be an interference and obstruction to democratic process", and a request was made for all ExCo open and closed agenda documents to be provided to all twelve elected representatives for normal democratic procedures to restart. In his response, Governor Rushbrook first expressed his concerns and his responsibility to ensure the protection of SHG confidential documentation and sensitive information. In the interests of the democratic governance of St Helena, the Governor has however agreed to provide all

twelve elected representatives with ExCo open and closed agenda documents.

Information provided in the public domain relating to the investigation would have provided constituents with the opportunity to become more informed and aware on the need to strengthen democracy in St Helena.

Elected members are responsible for ensuring that strategic visions, key messages and plans are communicated to the electorate. They are guided by the seven Nolan Principles of Public Life: **'Openness:** Holders of public office should be as open as possible about all the decisions and actions that they take. They should give reasons for their decisions and restrict information only when the wider public interest clearly demands it.'

In the interest of more openness and transparency relating to government progress, constituents are encouraged to lobby your five ExCo elected representatives to make public the full agenda, open and closed items, of ExCo meetings. It is vital that the people of St Helena know what is happening in local government and are therefore able to influence decisions.

**Councillor Cyril Leo**



## THE ST HELENA DIABETES ASSOCIATION

**WILL BE HOSTING A TEA PARTY FOR ITS MEMBERS ON SATURDAY 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY AT 2 PM AT THE JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE.**

**THE ASSOCIATION WILL ALSO HOLD THEIR ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING DURING THE AFTERNOON.**

**FREE TRANSPORT IS BEING PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS BY PRIOR ARRANGEMENT.**

## Shipping Lines avoid Cape Town

Cape Town docks is less than fully operationally effective because of its ageing infrastructure but the effects of coronavirus lockdowns and other restrictions have caused delays and congestion which have become so extensive some major shipping lines have been avoiding Cape Town for a few weeks now and the situation is reported to be getting worse.

Earlier this week a severe storm sent huge swells crashing over the seafronts with the swirling water turning to foam. Ships outside Cape Town docks had to move to more sheltered positions near Robben Island while the shipping line Maersk confirmed that their *JPO Libra* was 'stuck at anchor' after weeks waiting for a berth at Cape Town.



***Foaming seas and strong winds creating chaos across Cape Town***

Two global shipping companies have now stopped calling at Cape Town with cargo from Europe and another is charging extra to call at Cape Town to off-load cargo. Another option used by shipping lines is to off-load cargo at Port Elizabeth or Coega and then use smaller feeder vessels to take cargo for Cape Town to the stricken port.

Covid-19 has meant the able-bodied work force is around 40% of normal strength with the resultant congestion causing compound problems which become ever more complex. South African exports are waiting months to get shipped out while road transporters can only take away one container per day for delivery within South Africa. Frozen food cargo is in danger of rotting as power points onshore for connecting to the reefer become fully utilised. Liquor producer Distell said it could only fulfil half its export orders since lockdown eased and this caused customers to cancel their orders. The reimposition of South Africa's alcohol ban will have caused yet more problems.

South African media quote Transnet's Cape Town port manager, Mpumi Dweba-Kwetana, who blamed the delays on a backlog of cargo piling up during the higher phases of lockdown, when only essential goods were allowed to be imported.

### ***Port Elizabeth – better for ship's cargo but not for your health***

Port Elizabeth is also in the international news as overwhelming evidence indicates the city's healthcare system is on the

verge of collapse under the increasing pressures of the coronavirus pandemic. It is reported key staff are either on strike or sick with coronavirus leaving nurses to clean wards and surgeons washing their own hospital laundry. There are also reports of new born babies dying in overcrowded and under staffed maternity wards.

Insiders described the situation as "an epic failure of a deeply corrupt system" and "the Department of Health essentially bankrupt and a system on its knees with no strategic management". A BBC investigative report included, "At Livingstone Hospital - designated as the main Covid-19 hospital in the district - doctors and nurses described scenes "like a war situation" with blood and waste on the floors, a lack of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), oxygen shortages, a severe shortage of ambulances, no ventilation and patients sleeping "under newspaper".



***Photographs showing the shocking extent of the problems with Eastern Cape Healthcare include rats feeding on 'red waste' pouring into open drains***



A spokesperson for the Igazi Foundation, a local health non-governmental organisation said, "We have historic issues of staff-shortages, labour problems, lack of leadership and, sadly, corruption, cronyism, and fiscal mismanagement. Health services were circling the drain for 10 years. Now they've collapsed,"





# MESSAGE FROM THE GOVERNOR

I last wrote on COVID-19 preparedness back in April. Since then, there have been a number of press conferences, live radio phone-ins, press releases, and updates. Thankfully, due to the measures adopted, the Island remains free of COVID-19.

In some ways, much has changed, yet much remains the same. We had our first direct flight to and from the UK. We can now test for COVID-19. We have had experience of contact tracing. We have additional medical staff in place, thanks to funding from the UK Government through the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund. Bradley's Camp is operational with quarantine accommodation and a hospital medical facility to deal specifically with COVID-19 cases. Anecdotally, physical (formerly social) distancing measures helped to reduce instances of common illnesses, such as colds and flu. We have supplies of dexamethasone on-Island, the steroid drug used worldwide to treat the most severe COVID-19 cases. In my view, the Island is as prepared as it can be to deal with COVID-19 and I congratulate everyone involved in making this possible.

Sadly, there are repercussions; tourism numbers have plummeted, some local businesses have closed temporarily and money spent on-Island has decreased. Enterprise St Helena (ESH) and St Helena Government (SHG) have been supporting businesses with financial support schemes, but we all recognise this cannot continue indefinitely. At the last Incident Executive Group (IEG) meeting in June, some measures and practices were amended and social distancing suspended. Thoughts at the meeting also turned to preparing St Helena for the future and agreeing the need for a new flight. The IEG meets again on Monday, 20 July, and will discuss what options may be possible to encourage people to once again visit the Island once the world situation becomes clearer.

I know that lots of you want to look beyond COVID-19 for future opportunities for the Island. Many people have remarked to me how important it was to see a direct flight arrive from the UK. We will see this again at the end of the month, with the arrival of a second UK charter. I am keen to see if or how we can turn this into a more regular operation to maximise our recovery from COVID-19 and enable greater economic growth, jobs and money for our Island. That said, any longer-term arrangement has to be commercially viable. The world is starting to open again. We need to ensure St Helena does not get left behind and we maximise opportunities where we can.

It has been positive to see the progress made in a number of other areas during the past few months, in spite of the impact of COVID-19. The energy contract with PASH Global has been signed. St Helena was successful in obtaining nearly £1 million in funding for three UK Darwin Plus environmental projects. The CAN France rockfall protection work has just finished. Work continues at pace on the cable landing station at Rupert's. These are just some of the achievements of which St Helena can be proud. The DFID-funded Economic Development Investment Programme will continue to be progressed



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and I expect to see more projects approved in the coming months.

From September, the new Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office will officially be the new international department of the UK Government, combining the efforts of the FCO and DFID in the UK and overseas. A team is in place across both departments working on the finer details of the merger. The new department will mean that UK development and foreign policy is more unified and speaks with a single voice. St Helena has traditionally had representatives from both the FCO and DFID in the Governor's Office, and I am confident we will continue to make the case for the merger to work in St Helena's best interests.

**Philip Rushbrook**

**Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha**

**14 July 2020**

Disabled Person's Aid Society



Registered No 7 under the Charities Ordinance

## NOTICE of ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

to be held at

the CCC on Friday 31st July 2020 at 4:00pm

### Agenda:

- Welcome
- Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
- Matters arising
- Chairperson's report
- Treasurer's report
- Election of Committee
- Any other business



## **POST GRADUATE STUDY IN THE UK - CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS** **2021-2022**

Applications for the Chevening Scholarship Awards for 2021 – 2022 will open this year from **3 September to 3 November**.

Fully funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chevening Scholarships are aimed at those with leadership potential needed to create a better future within their respective countries. The programme is open to over 160 eligible countries around the world which includes St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. The programme allows candidates to study for a Master's degree in the UK for a period of one year, with the next round of studies commencing in September/October 2021.

### ***Is there certain criteria that must be met before I can apply?***

- Yes, you must be a citizen of St Helena, Ascension or Tristan da Cunha
- You must have completed all components of an undergraduate degree to gain entry at postgraduate level
- You must have at least two years' work experience
- You must **not** have studied in the UK previously with funding from a UK government-funded scholarship
- You must return to your country after your study in the UK for a minimum period of two years.

### ***What is studying in the UK like under this Programme?***

As well as developing yourself academically and in your chosen field of study, you will also develop yourself professionally. You will gain first-hand knowledge and experience of UK institutions, British culture and values by attending Chevening events such as conferences, workshops and excursions. In the past, such events have included a Global Leaders workshop, roundtable FCO policy discussions at the FCO in London, visits to No. 10 Downing Street, Stonehenge and the Manchester United stadium. You will also build and maintain valuable connections and network with fellow scholars and the Chevening community and build long lasting positive relationships, useful for when you return to the Island.

Further information on Chevening can be found by visiting [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org) which includes how to find eligible courses, the online application system and the application timetable.

You may also contact Chevening Officer, Kerry Lane, at the Governor's Office on +290 22308 or email [Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk) who will be able to assist with your queries.

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# **DRAFT POLICY FOR COMMUNICATIONS, NETWORKS AND SERVICES OUT FOR PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

The Economic Development Committee has agreed a draft Communications, Networks and Services Policy to be taken out for public consultation until Monday, 7 September 2020. The draft Policy and consultation questions are available online at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/)

The Communications, Networks and Services Policy has been developed to update the current Telecommunications Ordinance and set the framework to regulate the development of communication services on the Island and provide sustainable and reliable long-term benefit to the end-user.

The major changes to the Ordinance that the Policy recommends include:

- Introducing a **Universal Service Obligation** to ensure that people and businesses on St Helena have access to services wherever they live on the Island and at an affordable cost
- Introducing **Consumer Safeguards and Quality of Service standards** within licence agreements
- Introducing **Price Controls** to represent good value for consumers
- Introducing a **Cable Landing Licence** for future subsea cable landings
- Introducing a **Communications Regulator** to supervise and enforce compliance with conditions placed on licensees.

If you would like to respond to this consultation, please respond through our online survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Draft\\_Communication\\_Policy\\_Consultation](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Draft_Communication_Policy_Consultation) or by email to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, via: [nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh) or by phone on (+290 22470). A public information session is also being organised and further details will be issued shortly.

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14 July 2020



## **OUTCOME OF INVESTIGATION INTO AN ALLEGED UNAUTHORISED DISCLOSURE OF AN EXCO CLOSED AGENDA ITEM**

Following a report of an unauthorised disclosure of a closed Executive Council (ExCo) agenda item in May, the Governor referred the matter to the St Helena Police Service. Their investigation has now concluded.

The investigators concluded the information relating to the closed agenda topic broadcast on the radio was likely pieced together from a number of sources: some found to be publicly available; some whose source was uncertain. No direct evidence was found that an individual (i.e. official, elected person or third party) personally disclosed the text of the closed agenda paper to an unauthorised person. Nevertheless, the investigators identified several weaknesses with the way confidential information is handled, distributed and its safeguarding could be compromised, such that inadvertent or intentional disclosure could be possible.

The report found that no criminal or administrative action should be taken against any individual. 23 recommendations were made on possible changes to the handling and safeguarding of information that is classified as confidential. The Governor is satisfied with the outcome. He will be discussing the recommendations with the SHG administration and the Speaker to ensure that all Elected Members and officials are aware of their responsibilities when handling ExCo confidential information to prevent a similar situation from re-occurring.

The investigation report contains personal data and other sensitive content, so will not be circulated or made public. The Governor regards this instance of an apparent unauthorised disclosure of ExCo closed agenda document to have reached its conclusion. The focus of effort will now be to put in place document handling recommended by the investigation. The interim arrangements for reviewing the ExCo closed agenda documents by Elected Members who do not serve on ExCo will continue until new measures are finalised. The Speaker and Elected Members were informed of these interim arrangements some time ago.

The Governor wishes to thank the St Helena Police Service for their diligent work in conducting the investigation and for the cooperation of the approximately 30 people interviewed.

**Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha**  
10 July 2020





## ST HELENA DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY

### Disabled Blue Car Badge

The criteria used was taken from the Department of Transport in the UK, who is responsible for the legislation that sets the framework for the scheme there.

### Criteria

Blue Badges help people with disabilities or health conditions to park closer to their destination. You can apply for a badge for yourself, on behalf of somebody else or an organisation that transports people that need a Blue Badge.

You may qualify for a Blue Badge if you are over 2 years old and at least one of the following applies:

- You can't walk more than 50 metres
- You are registered blind (severely sight impaired)

### People who may get a Blue Badge

You may be eligible for a badge if one or more of the following applies:

- you cannot walk at all
- you have very severe difficulty in walking even with assistance and/or the use of suitable mobility aids
- you cannot walk without help from someone else or using mobility aids
- you find walking very difficult due to pain, breathlessness or the time it takes
- walking is dangerous to your health and safety
- you have a terminal illness, which means you cannot walk or find walking very difficult.
- you have a child under the age of 3 with a medical condition that means the child always needs to be accompanied by bulky medical equipment
- you have a child under the age of 3 with a medical condition that means the child must always be kept near a vehicle in case they need emergency medical treatment
- you are constantly a significant risk to yourself or others near vehicles, in traffic or car parks
- you struggle severely to plan or follow a journey
- you find it difficult or impossible to control your actions and lack awareness of the impact you could have on others
- you regularly have intense and overwhelming responses to situations causing temporary loss of behavioural control
- you frequently become extremely anxious or fearful of public/open spaces.

Application forms can be collected from and returned to Anna Crowie or Patra Duncan on the first floor at the Post Office. They will be assessed by Anne Colclough, Occupational Therapist assisted by Ian Rummary and the applicant will be informed of the decision by Anna Crowie who will issue the badges.

Once all of the Blue Car Badges are issued, the Disabled Society will provide the Police with the list of names and vehicle numbers in order for them to monitor that the disabled car parks are only used by the named permit holders.





## ST HELENA DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY

Over the years the Society has made great strides in improvements for the disabled but there's still miles to go in making the disabled equal in society.

### WHAT IS DISABILITY?

Disability is any condition of the body or mind that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities and participate in society. There are many types of disabilities such as those that affect peoples:

- Vision
- Movement
- Thinking
- Remembering
- Learning
- Communicating
- Hearing
- Mental health

### MOTomed Viva 2 Parkinson Leg Exerciser

The Society earlier this year donated a very important piece of equipment to the Physio Department of the Health Directorate. It's a MOTomed, viva 2 Parkinson leg trainer. The machine is great therapy for Parkinson's. Current research results confirms that fast leg cycling can significantly reduce Parkinson-typical symptoms. The MOTomed also improves walking ability, activating residual muscle strength, overall weakness and lack of movement.

More information on the benefit of this valuable piece of equipment and pictures will be published in a separate article.

The Society would like to express huge thanks to MSAL – Mycle and Steve for liaising with the supplier in Wales on delivery and shipping it free of charge. Thank you guys!

**The Annual General Meeting - in the Hall at the CCC on Friday, 31 July 2020 at 4 pm**

**Get your Blue Badge application from Anna Crowie or Patra Duncan at the Post Office**

**Those who are disabled are invited to register your names with Cathy Cranfield on tel:24730 or Carol Thompson on tel:24718 or email [disabled.society.sth@gmail.com](mailto:disabled.society.sth@gmail.com)**

### How we might be able to assist you.

The Society is able to provide **financial assistance, services, equipment and materials for disabled persons**. To enable us to assist you where we can with items that might make life a bit more comfortable for you, please register your name with **Cathy on 24730 or Carol on 24718 or email [disabled.society.sth@gmail.com](mailto:disabled.society.sth@gmail.com)**

### Making the few disabled car parks work for you!

The Disabled Blue Car badge expired on 8 July. Get an assessment form from Anna Crowie or Patra Duncan on the first floor at the Post Office. Your application will be assessed and you will be informed if you are qualified to receive a Blue Badge.

### Agenda for the AGM

Apologies  
Minutes of last AGM  
Chair's report  
Treasurer's report  
Election of new Committee members  
Any other business  
Please do come along and support this worthwhile Charity. Membership fees are: Full members £2 per annum; Life members £15; Joint Life for couple £25; Joint annual for couple £3 and Junior (aged 8-16 years) £1 per annum.

**"Hard things are put in our way, not to stop us, but to call out our courage and strength"- unknown**

## **JOB VACANCY - SAFETY TECHNICIAN**

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

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

Serves as Safety Technician on reporting up through the QC/Safety Manager.

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

- Perform safety inspections; conduct follow-up, perform re-inspections where necessary and report findings to Management.
- Accompany 45<sup>th</sup> Space Wing Safety representatives on Audits/Inspections.
- Perform routine audits and inspections as directed by Management to ensure compliance with applicable plans and procedures.
- Prepare documentation and reports that identify discrepancies and depict level of performance related to Safety.
- Provide assistance in the identification of root causes and corrective actions for discrepancies identified during performance of Safety inspections; assist in the monitoring of effectiveness and timeliness of corrective actions.
- Maintain training database, organize and maintain training files, and assist Management with scheduling and preparation of materials with respect to training activities.
- Collect Near Miss submissions and submit to QC/Safety Manager for input.
- Follow up on any Near Miss or Accidents on station. Suggest corrective actions and carry out corrective actions per management directive.
- Order specialty PPE for individuals on island as needed.
- Ensure all required training is up to date for Wolf Creek employees on Ascension. Advise Management of any upcoming required training requirements.
- Facilitate Safety Council Meetings.
- Facilitate Safety Training courses and refreshers.
- Performs a variety of associated duties as assigned through coordination between Station Manager, Quality Control/Safety Manager and Environmental Health.

### **Accountable For:**

- Strong customer service skills.
- Skill in the use of common office machinery.
- Ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing.
- Ability to perform duties in a timely, accurate and cost-effective manner.
- Ability to work independently without continuous supervision.
- Ability to adhere to contract requirements, company policies, and all safety and health regulations.

### **Job Requirements (Education, Experience, Professional Associations):**

- Experience working in remote environment.
- Capable of effectively communicating both orally and in writing.
- Possess and be able to demonstrate necessary computer skills that provide capability for using menu driven software as well as word processing, spreadsheet and data software.
- Possess organizational skills that provide capability for efficient performance of assigned tasks.

### **Preferred**

- High school diploma or equivalent and at least two (2) years combined experience in safety.

WCFSI provides free Accommodation, Food (3 meals per day) and Round trip passage to home of record after completion of a 1 year contract. Laundry and MWR facilities are free of charge. Must have a valid Passport/Visa minimum of 18 months to be able to sign an Offer Letter. Should not have any major offences with any law enforcement agency.

For further details or questions please contact Wolf Creek Administration on 247-62225 or e-mail

[E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil](mailto:E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil)

Any interested persons should send Resume to [E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil](mailto:E-ROS.WolfCreek.Jobs@us.af.mil) no later than 29 July 2020.





## **VACANCIES FOR PROJECT MANAGER & FIELD ASSISTANTS**

Due to our newly awarded Darwin projects, the St Helena National Trust is looking to recruit the following candidates to join our team:

**1 Project Manager** to lead a team for the 'Community supported multispecies vertebrate control' project.

**1 Field Assistant** for the 'Community supported multispecies vertebrate control' project.

**2 Field Assistants** for the 'Conserving St Helena's endemic invertebrates through invasive invertebrate control' project.

Applicants must have an interest in conserving St Helena's valuable biodiversity and be willing to learn and 'get stuck in'. Experience of working with, or knowledge of, invasive species or St Helena's endemic species will be strongly favoured.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and our built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset that we have.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust and would like to join a team passionate about seeing good things happen on St Helena then we want to hear from you.

For further information on these posts please contact Martina Peters, Head of Conservation on 22307 or email [martina.peters@trust.org.sh](mailto:martina.peters@trust.org.sh).

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the Trust office, Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email [amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh](mailto:amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh) or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and Cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: Friday, 31 July 2020 @ 16:00**

# PUBLIC NOTICE

## VACANCY FOR SENIOR ACCOUNTS EXECUTIVE

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress in your Finance career?

Do you have good leadership skills and a problem-solving attitude?

If so, Corporate Finance has an opportunity for you to join their team as a Senior Accounts Executive.

The Senior Accounts Executive will be responsible for the effective management of the Accounts Payable and Receivable functions of the financial management system, ensuring all Government revenue and expenditure is accurately recorded. You will also be responsible for the supervision of the Accounts Executives.

The post-holder must have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above (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)
- ACCA Certified Accounting Technician level 2 or equivalent
- At least 3 years experience in a similar accounting role
- At least 2 years experience in supervising staff

Prospective candidates should ideally have intermediate IT skills in Access Dimensions and Crystal Reports. The post holder should have good customer service skills and be results-driven to help achieve Corporate Finance business goals.

Salary for the post ranges from £8,613 - £10,765 per annum as per the Finance and Accountancy Cadre Level B.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of finance and accountancy. The salary ranges for the position reflects the pathways designed to reward professional development and technical competence.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or email: [sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh)

A copy of the job profile can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources.

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 28 July 2020.

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

*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.*

**Corporate Services**

**14 July 2020**



## SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC



# JOB VACANCY CRANE OPERATOR

(AS PART OF the STEVEDORE OPERATION)

### Interested Persons Should:

- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have at least 2 years of crane operating experience
- Have a general understanding of safe manual handling practices
- Be able to work in a fast-paced environment while remaining safety-conscious
- Be prepared to work out of hours

## Hours of Work

Hours of Work whilst the MV Helena is in Port are usually  
**06:00 - 18:00**

## Rate of Pay

Wages will be paid by the hour at the rate of  
**£5.02**

Premium Time & Overtime is paid when applicable

## Contact Us

For further information or to register your interest, please contact:

- Kerry Yon, Telephone: 22523 Email: [shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh) or  
- Anthea Joshua, Telephone: 22523 Email: [asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh)  
BY TUESDAY, 21 July 2020.



## CUSTOMER INFORMATION

### *Has your information been updated?*

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind customers that if their name, address or contact details have changed, they must contact the Bank to provide the relevant information as soon as possible.

The updating of information is the responsibility of the customer and where the Bank does not hold current information, it is difficult to contact customers if there are any issues with their account.

To update your information, please contact the Compliance and Operations team on telephone 22390, email [compliance.supervisor@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:compliance.supervisor@sainthelenabank.com) or visit our Head Office in Market Street.

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## **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE IMMIGRATION CONTROL BOARD**

Expressions of interest are being sought from persons who are interested in serving as a Member of the Immigration Control Board.

The Immigration Ordinance 2011 provides for an Immigration Control Board comprising of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Members who are all appointed by the Governor. The role of the Board is to exercise and perform powers and functions conferred upon it by the Immigration Control Ordinance, 2011. This includes processing applications for long term entry permits, work permits, immigrant employment certificates and immigrant landholding licences.

Members appointed to the Board must have St Helenian Status. Justices of the Peace, Immigration Officers, and members of the Legislative Council are not eligible to be members of the Board.

For serving on the Immigration Control Board, the Members will receive a remuneration of £600 pa. In addition a mileage allowance of 60p per mile will be paid for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Board meetings, which are generally held once per month.

For further information about the duties of Board Members persons who may be interested in being a Member can contact Mr Merlin George, Chairman, Immigration Control Board on Tel No: 24913 or via e-mail

GEORGES.MH@helanta.co.sh

The relevant application form to register an interest in serving on the Board may be obtained from Miss Linda Benjamin, Information & Research Support Officer, at the Castle on Tel No: 22470, via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh



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# **Tax Timeline**

16 JULY 2020

## **Submission of Income Tax Returns for those with employment income Year 2019/2020**

**Please take note that 31 July 2020 is the last day for employees to submit an Individual Tax Return, after this date you will have no further right to complete a return.**

You can obtain a Return from the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/income-tax/>. This form must be completed electronically and can be send via email.

Alternatively, you should come into the Tax Office to complete your Return.

### **You should submit an Individual Tax Return if:**

- **The tax deducted from your income for the above year was greater than what should have been deducted**
- **You have un-taxed income to declare**

You can perform a quick check to find out if you have paid the correct tax below:

- Individuals resident for the full year (April 2019 - March 2020) are allowed to earn £7000 tax free, income over that is taxed at 26% on the first £18,000 & 31% on any remaining income
- Individuals resident for part of the year 1/12 allowance for each month

**If you are unsure if you should be completing a Return please talk to any of the Income Tax Staff on telephone number 25880 or email the office using the address below:**

[pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:pamela.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh)



## STERLING CHEQUES FOR NEXT FLIGHT

Bank of St Helena Ltd is accepting Sterling Cheques to be sent on the next charter flight from St Helena. Please be advised the Cheques will be sent for clearance before funds are released.

Closing date to submit cheques is 24 July.

For further information, please contact us on [customerservices@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:customerservices@sainthelenabank.com) or 22390.



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## TIP OF THE WEEK

Only fill the kettle with as much water as you need (ensure that the element is covered). If you boil more water than you need, save the excess in a thermos flask to use later.



## VACANCY **PORT SECURITY OFFICER (Casual Basis)** **Jamestown Wharf**

The Office of the Harbourmaster is looking to recruit a Port Security Officer on a casual basis.

The Port Security Officer is expected to be on duty during calls of the MV Helena and subsequently for calls of other large vessels such as cruise ships and tankers. It is also a requirement to work long hours at both the Jamestown Wharf and Ruperts.

The successful candidate must have good communication skills. Experience in security work would be an advantage but not essential as training will be given.

Salary for the post is £3.68 per hour.



For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Mr Steve Kirk, Harbour Master on Tel: 22750 or [steve.kirk@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:steve.kirk@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm on Monday, 20 July 2020.

**Corporate Services 7 July 2020**

# VACANCY FOR INITIAL TEACHER TRAINEE

***Do you have a passion for teaching or want to further develop your skills and take your career to the next level in the teaching profession?***

If so, this is an opportunity for you! The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to recruit a highly motivated person to fill the post of Initial Teacher Trainee within the Directorate.

Responsible to the Teacher Training Advisor, the initial teacher trainee will undertake a three year period of initial teacher training. During this period he/she will undertake professional studies and work as part of a team with other members of the teaching profession learning strategies and skills in how to become an effective teacher.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities include:

- Participate in and complete professional academic development relevant to becoming an efficient teacher to at least Level 4;
- Support the teaching process and develop professional teaching strategies under the supervision of relevant personnel;
- Prepare, deliver and evaluate lessons in teaching practices to develop effective lesson delivery and to complete all relevant assessment tasks;
- Produce regular weekly reports to the Teacher Training Advisor, evaluating the effectiveness of professional development activities within the school during the reporting period and outlining targets for the next;
- Ensure effective implementation of all school policies, practices and procedures.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- 5 GCSEs graded at C/4 or above, two of which must be in English and Maths;
- 1 AS or A level qualification or Level 3 equivalent;
- Good IT skills

Applicants should have good communication, organisational and methodical skills, with the ability to relate effectively with a wide range of individuals. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have relevant experience of working with children and young people within a school context.

Salary for this post is Grade TT1 - TT3 commencing at £7,562 per annum. For further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact Frazer Stone, Teacher Training Advisor on telephone number 22607 or e-mail: [frazer.stone@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:frazer.stone@sainthelena.gov.sh)

A copy of the job profile can be obtained from the Education and Employment Directorate or Corporate Human Resources.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Education & Employment Directorate or on the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies) should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources, the Castle, or email [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than Tuesday, 21 July 2020.

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**Corporate Human Resources 07 July 2020**



## ***POLICE APPEAL FOR INFORMATION BROKEN WINDOW AT THE CASTLE***

St Helena Police are currently appealing for information relating to a broken window at The Castle, Jamestown. This incident occurred between 6pm on Friday, 3 July, and 6am on Monday, 6 July 2020.

It would appear that this was a deliberate act and not an accident. The cost for materials and time for the repairs to this public property will have to be met from public funds. Any deliberate act of vandalism has a cost to the wider community either financially or through a reduction in services.

Police are keen to speak to anyone with information regardless of how minor they consider it to be, including if they have seen someone acting suspiciously in The Castle area between these times.

Members of the public are asked to contact the Investigating Officers via email:

christopher.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh

or gerarda.pitlo@sainthelena.gov.sh or by calling Police Headquarters on tel: 22626.

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**14 July 2020**



## ***TREE SURGERY WORKS NEAR HARRIS' FLATS & PARISH BLOCK***

The Forestry Section of the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD) would like to advise the public that they will be carrying out tree surgery works near Harris' Flats and Parish Block, Jamestown, on Sunday, 19 July, from 7am to 12noon.

To carry out these works, the 11 parking spaces on the road adjacent to Harris' Flats and Parish Block (see diagram below) will need to be vacated before 7am on Sunday, 19 July.



Pedestrians are asked to approach this area with caution and to comply with safety signage. The Forestry Section would like to thank the public in advance for their cooperation.

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<http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh>





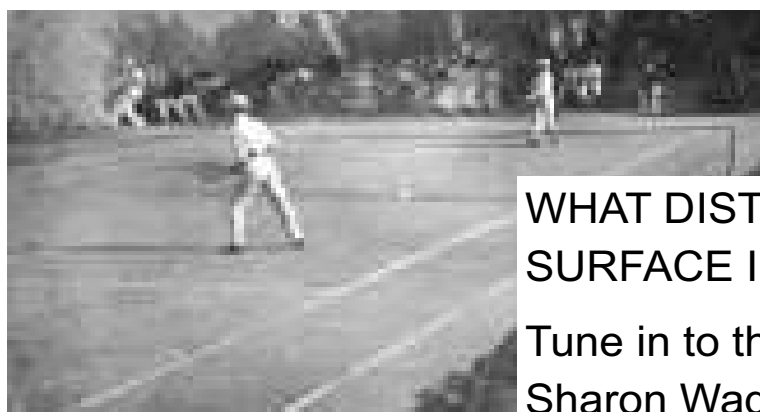
Despite the inclement weather, a successful Wimbelena event was held in the grounds of Plantation House on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> July, with 32 determined people participating in the 'Round Robin' -style tennis tournament.

Emerging as winners were Alan McMonegal and Greg Gibson, with Runners-Up Blessing Gurure and Anthony Thomas. HE the Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook donated two bottles of champagne for the winners, who also chose the charities to which the money raised, will be donated. £290.20 will be shared between SHAPE and a new charity 'Good Tern' which is headed up by Sam Cherrett and cares for injured or fledgling birds before they are released back into the wild.

The runners-up each received a £10 voucher sponsored by Rosie's Taste 4 Life.



Around 100 people attended throughout the day and thanks are extended to all who supported the event, as well as the stall organisers on the day. £50 was raised from guessing the weight of the cake and the raffle of a vegetable hamper and the runners-up chose to donate this sum towards the repair of the net on the tennis court at HTH. The newly-surfaced court at Plantation proved to be suitable for play in all types of weather.



#### INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....

Series 1 Blast From The Past

**Picture 22...**

**WHAT DISTRICT AND WHAT TYPE OF SURFACE IS IT TODAY???**

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 21.....

Registration No. 52

(Winner: Mr Cecil Thomas,  
Blackfield—Longwood)





The Parish of the Sacred Heart, Jamestown on behalf of the Holy See of the Catholic Church in Rome, is interested in purchasing a house as residence for its priest. The locality as yet is undetermined.

Such a house should have three bedrooms of which two should be en suite, study plus living room, kitchen that could be open-plan and visitors' WC.

Ideally the dwelling should not be double storied and have no interior steps. An enclosed back garden and with a scenic view would be advantageous, easily accessible to the public but not too close to other dwellings. Specific designated parking adjacent for at least two vehicles is essential.

Such a dwelling should be in prime condition and require little or no major renovations; an non-partisan appraisal of the dwelling by a qualified Third Party will value both the selling price and the condition of the dwelling.

Interested sellers are requested to submit a written proposal of the house being offered for sale to P.O. Box 77, Jamestown; further discussions will take place following the receipt of the proposals. Invitations are open until the end of September.

**Abbot Hugh Allan, Apostolic Prefect & Ecclesial Superior of the Islands of the South Atlantic Ocean**

## Serena's Gift Shop

Phone w/answering machine £45.15



Phone : 22792



Radio £22.90



Clock/Radio £19.05



Touch screen Mobile Phone £105.00



Mobile Phone £29.50



CD/Radio £45.50

Radio £38.50



## THE ANCHOR CLOTHING SHOP

Situated at Kunjie Field, 1<sup>st</sup> building on your right. Car park is available.

Please note that the Anchor shop at Kunjie Field is open for business. The Anchor shop in Jamestown town is still closed.

There are no SET opening hours as we continue to practise safe distancing. If you would like to visit the shop, please give us a call on the contact number below.

We have a new stock of Ladies underwear, men's underwear & T shirts, sandals & track shoes, children's pyjamas, warm clothing and shoes.

Come and have a browse!

Contact: Jean Fowler Tel: 24044

Happy Shopping!!!



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

With just two weekends to go in the English Premier League things are really hotting up at both end of table.

We can forget the minor issue of the Champions Liverpool drawing with Burnley at Anfield before losing to Arsenal at the Emirates as the biggest event of last week saw Manchester City's Champions League ban unturned by the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (Cas) announced the club were cleared of "disguising equity funds as sponsorship contributions".

Uefa issued the ban in February after ruling City had committed "serious breaches" of Financial Fair Play regulations between 2012 and 2016.

City's fine has been cut from 30m euros (£26.9m) to 10m euros.

In delivering the ruling on Monday, Cas said City did "fail to cooperate with Uefa authorities" but overturned the decision by Uefa's club financial control body (CFCB) to ban them.

This ruling could have a major effect on the future power of UEFA. This will not be the last we will hear after this decision. In truth Financial Fair Play is obviously a thing of the past.

Some Premier League Managers has spoken out about it. Klopp said the decision was a sad day for Football; Mourinho said the decision was a disgrace, he rightly stated that if Man City was not guilty why they have to pay a fine; paying a fine means they are guilty and therefore they should serve a ban.



Even if UEFA appeals the decision made by CAS it will be too late to ban City from next seasons Champions League. So with Liverpool and Manchester City now guaranteed a place in the Champions League there is just 2 more places up for grabs.

Manchester United had a great chance to move into 3<sup>rd</sup> place after rivals Chelsea loss 3-0 to Sheffield United and Leicester loss 4-1 away at Bournemouth, however a late injury time goal by Southampton earn them a 2-2 draw at old Trafford. This result meant United still sits in 5<sup>th</sup> place with 3 matches to play.

As a Manchester United fan I am please how the team has fought to get within a chance of qualifying for the Champions League. I just hope they can now follow through as it is crucial for the rebuilding of our club to be in the top European competition in order to attract the top talent.

United will play Leicester in their last game of the season. Leicester also travels to Spurs. Chelsea faces tough matches against the Champions Liverpool and then Wolves on the last day.



## Injury time heartache for Manchester United

On Saturday (18.45GMT) Manchester City face Arsenal at Wembley in the FA Cup Semi Final on Sunday (17.00 GMT) Manchester United play Chelsea in the other Semi Final. The final is schedule of Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> August.

## Invitation to Tender

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

### Replacement of Windows and Doors at Harford Primary 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](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 21 July 2020, at 10am, meeting at Harford Primary School, Longwood.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Graduate Civil Engineer, Mr Kyle Shoesmith on telephone number 22270 or email [kyle.shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:kyle.shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh)

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 30 July 2020, clearly marked 'Tender ENRD-0340-SHG'.

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



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# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

## SHFA Results and Fixtures

Rain; Cows and some football; last weekend we saw matches played on Francis Plain on Saturday despite the heavy rain-fall that St Helena experience on Friday and Saturday.

Sunday matches were called off due to the pitch being water-logged.

Another hindrance to the Football was the fact that cows continues to get onto the main pitch and deposits their pies. We can laugh this off but really we as players shouldn't be subject to playing in these conditions. Hopefully the owners of the cattle can ensure they remain in the fields that they should be in.

The first match on Saturday saw The Wirebirds beat the Axis by 4 goals to nil. Shane Stroud scored 2; Sanjay Clingham 1 and Tyler Benjamin 1. Tyler also picked up the man of the match award. Axis Goal Keeper Christo Crowie picked up the Young Player of the Match.

The second goal saw the Harts beat Saints 8-0. Joey Thomas and Sean Canswick scored 3 goals each; Rico Williams scored 1 and Sean Lee Thomas 1. Sean Lee picked up the Man of the Match award and Joey the Young Player of the Match.

### Fixtures:

Sat 18th July

1pm Axis v Bellboys

3pm Rovers v Lakers

Referee: Saints

Referee: Wirebirds

Sun 19th July

1pm Saints v Crystal Rangers

3pm Wirebirds v Harts

Referee: Axis

Referee: Lakers

### SHFA 2020 League Table



#### Week Five

Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
Rovers	4	4	0	0	16	1	15	12
Bellboys	4	3	0	1	48	3	45	9
Harts	5	3	0	2	22	4	18	9
Wirebirds	5	3	0	2	16	9	7	9
Axis	4	1	1	2	8	10	-2	4
Lakers	3	1	1	1	5	6	-1	4
Saints	4	0	0	4	1	36	-35	0
C Rangers	3	0	0	3	0	47	-47	0

### Hotshots Top 10

Name	Team	Goals
Matthias Young	Bellboys	13
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	12
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	9
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	7
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	6
Sean Cansick	Harts	6
Kyle Shoesmith	Bellboys	5
Wayne Crowie	Bellboys	5
Rick Joshua	Bellboys	4
Joey Thomas	Harts	4



## New Horizons and Junior Football

This week we will give you an insight into our week at New Horizons in a new article call the 'Update'. A week which will see us start the Junior League Football. It is really pleasing to see the increase in players joining our Junior League Football this season; we put this new uptake of interest down to the fact that the young players are inspiring to one day compete for St Helena in International Football if we are able to take advantage of the opportunities to play in future international tournaments.

I will start from last Monday just to catch you up.....Well it has been a really busy week for us at New Horizons. I know some of you might argue we don't always have kids in so what do we do? Well there is a lot to do such as book keeping, cashing up monies, banking, cleaning, ordering tuck shop goods and restocking, maintenance, procurement of equipment, processing gym membership, meetings, planning programmes and sessions and other bits and bobs. But enough about that lets fill you in on what we got up to besides that.

On Monday in addition to the 'daily routine' we had our sec-



ond successful Box-Fit session. Box-Fit is a mixture of Boxing and Fitness and so far has been well attended. The sessions are only half an hour to cater for our 'desk' workers. It's nice to see them letting off steam and sweating in the process. From 3-5pm is collection of young football enthusiast from school and carting them to Francis Plain for football training. Numbers had grown since the previous session but despite this Nick and our newly recruited staff member Owen had them under control and partaking and consumed in something they really enjoyed. From 5-7pm was football training



## ***Armchair Supporters View* by Nick Stevens**

for those who are signed up hoping to go off to Guernsey next year as part of St Helena Football Team. I would just like to say here that because of COVID we do realise times are hard financially in the world. Even though we are COVID free on St Helena (fingers still crossed), we are still feeling the financial pinch. I would like to continue to say how grateful we are for those who have contributed to any of the fundraising efforts to help us enable to send this team of footballers off next year. Every little helps and we are trying to create these opportunities through sport. We appreciate not everyone is into sports but I am sure you have someone out there who could invest their time in you and you will be supported in the same way. If we could do this every two years; send a team of footballers to the Island Games, one day it might be one or more of those young football enthusiasts who attend the Monday afternoon sessions. So when someone asks if you like to sponsor them or if you would like to buy a raffle ticket in aid of the football team, just have a think, there might be someone you know who might one day have the same opportunity as the potential team have today.

Tuesday it was back to the grindstone. Only today we had an additional pair of hands. This youngster comes in couple days a week work experience. On the 'menu' for this day was maintenance of the futsal goals at Francis Plain. Transport was organised and the goals were collected and taken to a garage where staff and the work experience fella sanded the rust off the goals. Meanwhile back at New Horizons business resumed as usual, cleaning, programming, liaising with schools etc.

Wednesday is an long day for some of us at New Horizons. Some of us start work at 7:30am daily (others 8:30am) and on a Wednesday we don't get home until 6ish. But do we mind? Not at all; we enjoy what we do. So on Wednesday we did the normal cleaning, updating the gym database, stock rotation of tuck shop goods. We also had our work experience guy in as he does Tuesday's and Wednesday's with us. After the 'norm' work, the staff sorted football kits. This meant digging out from behind our stairway where we store our stuff. It did take a while but they got there in the end, some kits were found and assembled for the juniors who would be participating in the up and coming Junior Futsal League. Staff that does split shift left for a few hours. The rest of us carried on regardless. From 3-4pm there was Athletics training at Francis Plain. At 4pm all staff were back at base, setting up for the popular bootcamp session. Tabata was on cards for the workout and the session was well attended. We like to encourage people to come to our sessions and we do realise it can be daunting for those who are not sure what to expect, but we do tell people to come and see how they get along, you can work at your own pace. Bootcamp is not for everyone but sometimes you have to try it before you knock it!

Thursday is normally our book keeping and banking day. Whilst some of the staff did this, some plodded on with administration duties and some went to the garage to paint the goals and then returned them to Francis Plain.

Friday was general preparation for the evening session. With rain persisting we worried about the newly laid carpet we had in the Pool room and the mud that might come in on shoes that evening. Nevertheless, we couldn't close our centre because we wanted to keep the carpet clean.....that would be a bit bazaar and would most definitely cause chins to wag unnecessarily. Anyway, that evening as the rain poured outside, our members poured inside the centre. It's always great to have the place buzzing with JBLs and voices trying to speak above the music. Because of the weather conditions outside, activities could only take place when the rain went off and by popular demand this was football. Inside the TV was blasting the Disney channel, the internet was in full use and the Gamers certainly spent their evening competing with each other. There were also pool competitions amongst the mixed gender. In addition to the evening we had PC Declan come in to talk to the kids about the Drink Driving Campaign.

Soon it was Monday again. The week started with the usual regime, cleaning, counting cash etc. Box-Fit was another success with another full attendance. It's good to see this commitment from people who have to go back to work after their sessions all sweaty.....but I am sure they feel great after Box-Fit. Because of rain on the weekend and field being waterlogged, football at Francis Plain was cancelled and moved to New Horizons. At approximately 3:20pm the young footballers streamed through New Horizons doors all eager and dressed for their session. If these youngsters have this commitment instilled in them at this age, imagine when they are older and have a 'carrot' at the end of the stick to work towards; competing for St Helena one day. Following the kids football was training for the 'football team'.

On Tuesday fixtures were drawn up for the Futsal League, monies were cashed up (again) due to the high sale of packets of chips, gym information was updated and some of the team went to the gym to check around, and then to PAS to put nets of the goals and then repaired the nets whilst they were on the goals.

Wednesday after thorough cleaning of fitness equipment, we met with staff to discuss the Subsidy Press Release that went out on media. This is certainly worrying times for all; especially as this weekend is the start of our Junior Futsal. This will happen every weekend (providing weather is good) until December. Meaning the staff at New Horizons will be working 7 days a week at times. Also resuming this weekend is the Saturday bootcamp at 8am. This means additional workload on staff during uncertain financial times. Bootcamp in the afternoon was a stress reliever for many after a hard days work.

Because of paper deadlines I will have to end here for now, however I will be back next week with The Update.



## Golf Report for Sunday 12th July 2020

Most of us humans are scared of death. Last Sunday we had a competition called Tombstone Strokeplay competition. That name might have scared some of our members. Only 17 players turned up. It was a normal tee off at 12:00pm. Each player carried their own cross. We needed to determine where each player will "die". At the end of the 18 holes only one man came out alive with two strokes left. Mr. Larry Legg refused to die by putting in an impressive round of 37 in the first 9 and 37 on the second 9 to finish 6 over par. The Captain Bramwell Lumukwana and Vice-Captain John Colclough each had one bad hole where they lost strokes, both died in the 18<sup>th</sup> hole. On a countback Bramwell emerged overall runner up. In the two-ball pool category Mr. Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy scored a birdie on the 5<sup>th</sup> and Lawson Henry eagle 2 on the 18<sup>th</sup> to share the balls. The prizes were presented by the ladies Captain Mrs. Helena Stevens. Congratulations to the winners.



**Runner-Up Tombstone 2020**



**Winner Tombstone 2020**

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020 the club will host the annual 36 Hole Richard James International sponsored Peter Francis Memorial. This will be a stroke play competition with a normal tee off at 12:00. Registration for this event will close on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 16:00. There will be a curry and rice meal for the players at the end of the final round sponsored by Mrs. Daphne Francis.

***We wish you all a great weekend.....!***

***Contributed by: SHGC***



### **Junior Football Sponsored by Colins Garage; Nigel George's Construction and Plant Hire and New Horizons.**

#### **Sat 18th July**

9.15am	Primary 6-11	Yellow Devils v Ranglers Referee: Nick Stevens
10am	Primary 6-11	Predators v Blue Arrows Referee: Owen Richards
9.15am	11-15	Rastabouts v Gladiators Referee: Jay Scanes
10am	11-15	Allstars v Fugees Referee: Gareth Johnson



**NGCPH**



The Women's Sport's Association invites members to attend the Annual General Meeting.

Date: Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 20

Time: 7pm

Location: Rosie's Taste for Life

## **BUSINESS SUPPORT PACKAGE FOR LOCAL BUSINESSES TO MITIGATE THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19 TO CONTINUE UNTIL SEPTEMBER 2020**

Executive Council has approved a second phase of hardship support effective from 1 July 2020 for local businesses in the hospitality sector impacted by COVID-19. The aim of this support is to keep people in the hospitality sector on-Island in employment.

Recognising that a lower number of visitors typically arrive on St Helena during the winter months, this second phase of hardship support is targeted at tourist accommodation providers, tourism activity providers and restaurants – the sectors most highly impacted by the disruption in scheduled commercial flights.

Due to the evolving situation, SHG will continue to evaluate the impacts of COVID-19 response measures and this Support Package will be reassessed in September 2020.

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

### **Hardship Support**

Hardship Support is available to owners of companies and sole proprietorships for whom more than half of their annual income is earned in the following sectors:

- Tourist accommodation providers (Note: Tourism Accommodation means premises that are rented out on a short-term basis (i.e. 30 days or less) and is currently unoccupied)
- Tourism activity providers, including both land- and marine-based
- Restaurants (dine-in establishments).

### **Essential Cost Assistance Grants**

Affected businesses can also apply for an Essential Cost Assistance Grant of up to a maximum of £500 towards essential costs for business premises, i.e. rent, utilities, internet costs or business insurance. Businesses in these specific sectors, will need to submit with the application form, the relative invoice or receipt if payment had already been made, for the period July-September 2020, bearing in mind that refunds to businesses need to be undertaken by no later than 30 September 2020.

Full details of both the Hardship Support Package and the Essential Cost Assistance Grants can be found on the SHG website at the following link: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>

As the Island continues to remain COVID-19 free with no scheduled commercial flights to the Island and the relaxing of physical (social) distancing measures, the previous Extended Sick Leave and Enforced Business Closure Support Schemes from SHG and the Adjustment Scheme from ESH will not be continued.

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## **APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION**

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

1. **Application 2020/52:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Loft and Garage Extensions to Existing House**, Cow Path, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH0445. Applicant: Robert Scipio

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

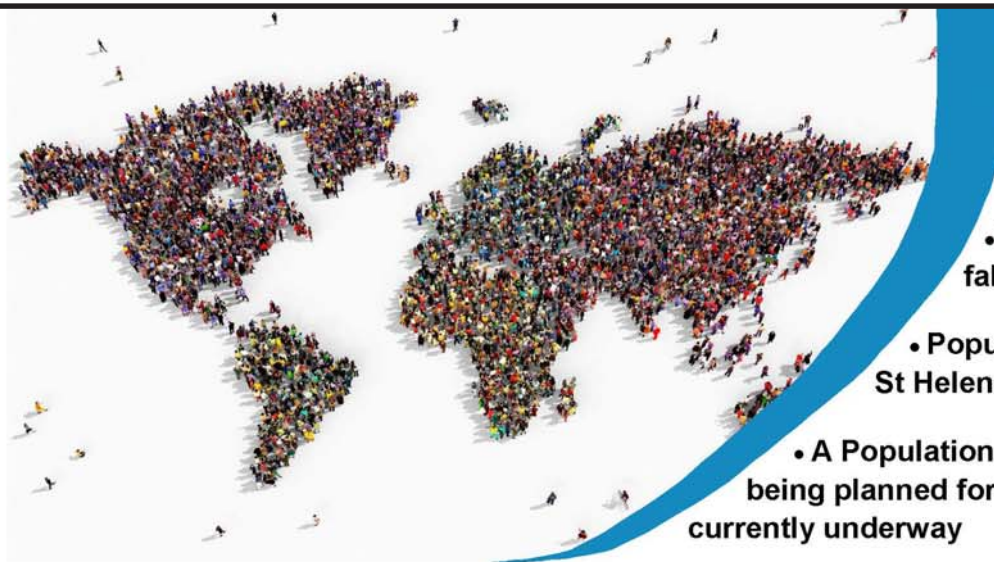
**Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email [karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Public Representation Closing Date:**

**4pm – 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020**

**Shane Williams  
Planning Officer**





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• **World Population Day 2020  
falls on Saturday, 11 July**

• **Population 'fun facts' on  
St Helena and the world**

• **A Population and Housing Census is  
being planned for 2021 with a pilot exercise  
currently underway**

### **WORLD POPULATION DAY 2020**

World Population Day is tomorrow, Saturday 11 July.

To recognise and celebrate the day on St Helena, here are some population 'fun facts' about the Island and the world:

- In 2020, the number of people on the entire planet earth is around 7.8 billion people, over 1.7 million times more than on St Helena
- Every year, the planet adds around 83 million people, around 158 per minute, or between two and three people per second
- St Helena currently has a population of just over 4,500 people; it takes just under half an hour for the population of the world to increase by that many
- Since the early 19th century, the resident population of St Helena has fluctuated between around 3,500 and 6,000
- The highest number of people ever recorded in a census on St Helena was in 1901, when the population increased to more than 9,700 by the temporary presence of Boer prisoners-of-war
- In 1871, there were 2,963 people living in Jamestown, excluding 99 people living in Rupert's. In 2016, there were just 629 people living in Jamestown – including those in Rupert's
- In 1987, just over one in every five people did not have electricity in their homes on St Helena
- In 1956, almost half the population of St Helena were children under 16 years old; in 2016, only 15% were children. 7% of the population was 65 or older; in 2016, this was 21%
- St Helena has one of the highest Aged Dependency Ratios in the world, at 35 in 2016 - only Japan is higher (the Aged Dependency Ratio is the number of people 65 and older divided by the number of people of working age, multiplied by 100).

These, and many other details about the population, are only possible through censuses, typically undertaken every five to ten years. St Helena is planning to conduct its next Population and Housing Census in early 2021, and the Statistics Office is currently conducting a pilot census exercise to test the questionnaires and the methodology. They would welcome your comments on the draft questionnaires, which can be found at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/st-helena/statistics/> – please either use the comment forms provided or contact the Statistics Office directly.

**#StHelena #WorldPopulationDay #Statistics #FunFacts #Census2021**

**SHG, 10 July 2020**

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• St Helena Police launch  
Drink Drive Campaign 'BOOZE  
IT, YOU LOSE IT!'

• This Campaign is supported by  
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## **ST HELENA POLICE DRINK-DRIVE CAMPAIGN**

### ***BOOZE IT, YOU LOSE IT!***

St Helena Police has today, Friday 10 July 2020, launched their Drink-Drive Campaign '**BOOZE IT, YOU LOSE IT!**' This Campaign is supported by agencies across Government working towards the Island's 'Altogether Safer' goal.

Due to an increase in drink-drive offences since the last campaign in April 2020, it is necessary for St Helena Police to raise further awareness of the implications of drink-driving.

The Education Directorate supports the Campaign with a clear message from the children, telling the community 'don't drink and drive', 'keep us safe' and 'be an example for us'.

Chairman of the Highways Authority, Councillor Cruyff Buckley, commented:

*"Everyone likes to go out and socialise with each other in the community, some like to have an alcoholic drink as part of their downtime and for relaxation. It is important however to realise there is a limit to the amount that a person can consume and still be in control of their actions. So if you're out for a good time, please designate a sober driver or catch a taxi home - **Don't Drink and Drive**. Stay within your limits and get home safely."*

**#StHelena #DrinkDriving #AltogetherSafer**

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