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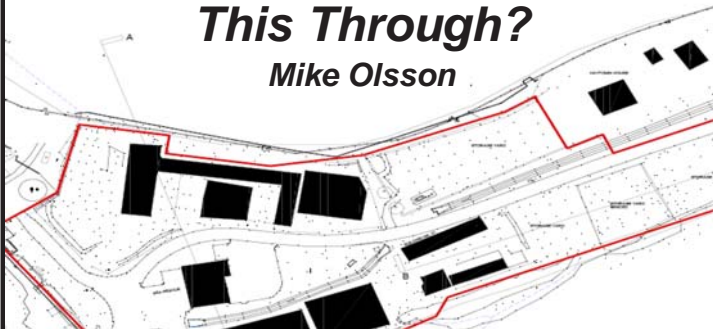
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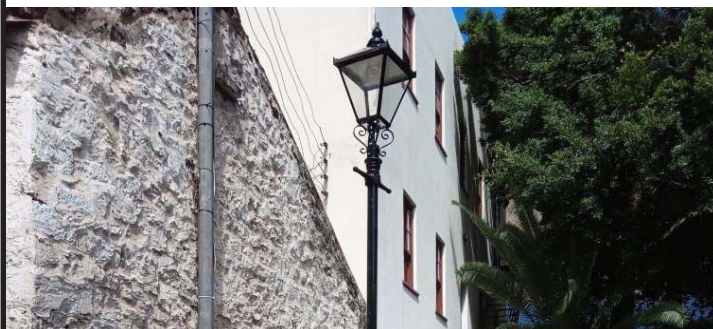


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Dear Editor,

In the St Helena Independent of 7 August 2020 Mike Olsson wrote: - 'We hear on a daily basis about new government strategies and policies. Most of these paper products never come into fruition and have very little bearing on island life or future decision making, they are simply paper products created to give the appearance that something will be done in the distant future.'

We need a more hands-on approach with real projects and real positive development. It would be refreshing if we move towards local goals and realistic targets. It is far too easy to complain about everything around us, lack of democracy, no freedom of information, more self-determination, and everything else. I fully agree that we need political development and more say about how our money are spent, but the only way to reach those goals is to actually do something tangible to prove that there is positive thinking and initiative within our society.'

I worked on St Helena from 1966 to 1969, as a medical officer, and wrote a thesis, after returning to the United Kingdom. A copy of is available in the Museum.

Referring to the history of St Helena in 1971 I wrote: - 'During this time all major policy and financial decisions have been made in London with the result that no permanent local ruling class or elite has developed. A direct consequence of this has been that most planning has been short term and, in some cases, inconsistent. There does not seem to be any prospect of major alteration in the basic policy in the near future which makes it all the more important to evaluate any scheme critically and in depth at local level. The future impact of any scheme is of importance as the satisfaction of immediate need may not be the most efficient way of solving the problem and lead to wastage of time, money and effort to no avail.'

There does not seem to have been any significant change between my view in the 1960s and that of Mike Olsson in 2020.

On a recent visit I came to the view that all change has not been progress with the apparent drive to apply solutions from England, population 54 million, to St Helena, population 5000. Scaling down

does not necessarily produce a satisfactory solution that is appropriate to the conditions and culture that apply in St Helena.

Medical practice and available therapies have improved over time but, for example, is the introduction of the Manchester Triage System, appropriate for a busy Accident and Emergency Department in Manchester, necessary for St Helena? It may have been because of me being a doctor, and having worked on the island in the past, that I got a biased view of the system but I was taken aback at the number of people who volunteered an adverse view of the change.

There have been some very important changes and improvement in housing, the road

s and the water and electricity systems. However, there are areas where 'Parkinson's Law' seems to apply and where in law, justice and safeguarding, for example, the 'system' appears to be more important than the purpose when judged by the feedback I was give. I hope some of my impressions are wrong and hope that I may be corrected.

**Regards,
Richard Grainger**

What is Parkinson's Law?

Written by Cyril Northcote Parkinson, a novelist most famous for books about naval warfare, as part of the first sentence of an essay published in The Economist in 1955 and since republished online, it was reprinted with other essays in the book Parkinson's Law: The Pursuit of Progress. He derived the dictum from his extensive experience in the British Civil Service.

A current form of the law is not the one to which Parkinson referred by that name in the article, but rather a mathematical equation describing the rate at which bureaucracies expand over time. Much of the essay is dedicated to a summary of purportedly scientific observations supporting the law, such as the increase in the number of employees at the Colonial Office while the British Empire declined (he showed that it had its greatest number of staff when it was

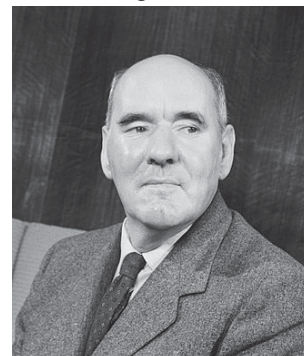
folded into the Foreign Office due to a lack of colonies to administer). He explained this growth using two forces: (1) "An official wants to multiply subordinates, not rivals," and (2) "Officials make work for each other." He noted that the number employed in a bureaucracy rose by 5–7% per year "irrespective of any variation in the amount of work (if any) to be done."

Some outcomes of the law give at hand: "Work complicates to fill the available time", "If you wait until the last minute, it only takes a minute to do", "In ten hours a day you have time to fall twice as far behind your commitments as in five hours a day, "Data expands to fill the space available for storage".

Both the article from 1955 and the book are excellent to read. Another good read in the same genre is "The Peter Princi-

ple". The Peter principle is a concept in management developed by Laurence J. Peter, which observes that people in a hierarchy tend to rise to their "level of incompetence": employees are promoted based on their success in previous jobs until they reach a level at which they are no longer competent, as skills in one job do not necessarily translate to another.

The book was intended as satire, but it became popular as it was seen to make a serious point about the shortcomings of how people are promoted within hierarchical organizations.



**Cyril
Northcote
Parkinson**

Chef Roy Richards: Cookin' up a storm

Tammy Williams

Roy Richards always wanted to be a Chef, at seventeen years and fresh out of Chef's school he landed his first job in Franschhoek, working his way through top hotels including the Lanzerac five star hotel in Stellenbosch and the Royal Livingstone hotel, Victoria Falls, Zambia, but for Roy, his greatest experiences began when he joined the RMS in 2003 and remained with her until the final chapter of 2018, after which he joined the Mantis hotel.

Present day sees Roy taking a new course, working for no one but himself; he has recently set up shop at the Consulate Hotel where his biggest fans, the Saints themselves may continue to enjoy those culinary delights.

Roy describes soups and breads as his speciality and of course who can forget his world famous barbecues? He has started to produce bread rolls early on a Monday morning and has quickly earned a fan base; it means *"I got to get up early"* chuckles Roy.

Looking ahead there is a plan for evening meals, date nights, to re-create RMS farewell night dinner and anyone requiring a special booking for any occasion can simply get in touch, currently two yachters are assisting in the kitchen but they



are due to depart soon and Roy is hoping to recruit a waiter/waitress and an assistant in the kitchen. Another fresh idea are pre-ordered picnic baskets with a bottle of Sally's wine, red or white, Roy reported creating a vegetarian option not too long ago for a wellness retreat, the lack of certain ingredients does not bother him at all as it forces him to *"Think outside the box"*. Further down the road Roy aims to get some of his products in local retail stores as he's keen to showcase local produce including fish products like smoked pate and tuna kebabs.

While the world has been affected by the Corona Virus, Roy feels that we should not be totally reliant on tourism anytime soon and he believes the answer lies internally whereby we support each other and when tourists do return the island will be in a prepared position, Roy's final words of wisdom are that *"We should be grateful while the island remains covid free"* he says, *"I love the island, I love the people, I love the lifestyle"*

If you'd like to make a special booking, you can find Roy at the Consulate hotel by calling 22962 or at home on 22363; *"If I'm not there"* he says with a hearty laugh, as hearty as his delicious Butternut soup *"I may be at the Standard!"*



School Reunions – like treading on eggshells

This kind of unwelcome surprise does not happen in St Helena. The island is too small for people not to grow old together.

A lady of mature years was sitting in the dentist's waiting room. A new dentist had recently joined and his professional certificates were displayed for all patients to see. The lady of mature years whiled away the time by reading this new addition to the wall decorations. The name of the new dentist seemed familiar to her. After digging back to distant memories she remembered a tall, handsome boy who was in the same year as her at her school, 40 years ago. This boy had the same name and she remembered she did fancy him.

Expectation and anticipation immediately started to rise. Was this the same boy, now man? Her name was called and she went into the new dentist's surgery. The man she saw could not have been the boy she remembered from 40 years ago.

He was crinkly, with thinning grey hair and flabby bits everywhere. It could not be the same person – could it?

After the dental examination the mature lady asked the dentist which school he went to. It was the same school. What year did you leave was the next question. He left the same year she did. There was no coincidence it was not just someone with the same name, it was the same person.

"You where in my class", the mature lady finally announced. The wrinkly, flabby dentist looked closely at his patient and finally asked, "What did you teach".





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Editorial

I finally got around to listening to the local news at 4:15 yesterday afternoon. The newsreader had just got on to the 2nd item when the phone rang. "I've just been listening to the news" the voice on the other end of the line told me. Great minds think alike, I thought. The caller was not happy with the proposal to relax quarantine requirements for passengers flying between Ascension and St Helena. "For two hours," he said, "the Ascension passengers will be in close confinement with passengers from the UK. It does not matter that Ascension is Covid-free once the Ascension passengers join the UK passengers on the plane. UK passengers will have to quarantine at Bradleys Camp and so should Ascension passengers". A good point I said. The caller tasked me with letting councillors and 'government people' know his thoughts. I've done that and now you know about it as well.

Before I start this next bit I will say I fully support the Equiano cable and the connection from it to this Island. The potential advantages are enormous and go way beyond the internet speed being ten times faster than it is now as soon as the connections are all in place. In the interests of openness and transparency I will share with you some information I obtained this week about the Space Park proposed for Horse Point. As advertised last week there are 17 earth station antennae envisaged for this site. Each antenna is small, just 3.5 metres in diameter. They will be set out in three lines 50 metres apart with each antenna spaced at 45 metres from each other along each of the three lines. They will, therefore, cover most of Horse Point. I also asked about the security fencing. It seems there will be one security fence which will enclose all the 17 antennae within it. This means most of Horse Point will no longer be available for public use.

I have visited Horse Point on a regular basis; for the purpose of running the dogs over an area where they can experience great excitement and joy sniffing out the multitude of scent trails left by the hundreds of rabbits in that area. I know there are never crowds of people at Horse Point, just dogs and their owners and the odd sight-seer. Fencing off most of it from public use may not worry too many people and for my part I am prepared to sacrifice a happy hunting ground for my dogs for the greater good of mankind. Although I have to say the air coming in from the boundless ocean is a joy to breathe. But, any attempt to change things for the better will always mean compromises have to be made and this is one of them.

Another snippet of information concerns the piecemeal development of Rupert's Valley into a cargo handling area with warehousing and the Lord knows what to follow. After asking SHG what improvements are to be made to Field Road and Side Path and when will the work start I was informed last week that, well, the answer is not known at the moment. A design for road improvements was produced in 2016 but this is now being reviewed. The basis for the 2016 design no

longer applies, mainly because containers will be de-stuffed in Rupert's Valley. Unloading the containers in Rupert's valley means lighter loads in smaller vehicles will now be the normal traffic on Field Road and Side Path. So, the new review will take this into account and following that there will be a re-design and re-costing.

I have to express my deep surprise that anyone at anytime ever gave serious consideration to allowing full load container traffic along Field Road and Side Path. Despite the lighter loads in smaller vehicles the increase in traffic from the Brow, through Napoleon Street to the Canister is going to be a certain nightmare and the repercussions are blindingly obvious. Here is an excellent example of planning for failure. But that's not the end of the story.

Word has it, from a usually reliable source, that consideration is being given to allocating the warehousing at the government garage and not Rupert's. This would not be so bad if everything, including Customs went out there. But now a situation is developing where HM Customs have large concreted areas where containers are laid down and checked and then loaded again on trucks and taken along the Haul Road to the government garage to be de-stuffed. The cargo is then brought back again in smaller trucks and vans to create unlimited havoc in Napoleon Street. So, there is the expense of developing the Rupert's container handling area which, if this plan goes ahead, is mainly for the benefit of HM Customs. Further expense is required for container handling area at the government garage together with warehousing (which it is assumed will be borne by the traders). Then there is the expense of moving cargo from the valley next door to Jamestown out to the south-east of the Island and then back again to Jamestown, along a tortuous route whichever route is taken. The duplication is tremendous and the cost horrific; a cost which will inevitably fall upon the shoulders of each and every one of us. It's not too late to ditch the Rupert's Valley Piecemeal Development Improvised Plan (RVPDIP) and take the whole lot up along the Haul Road to some appropriate location and do all the loading, unloading, Customs checks and all else in one place. If the Councillors make this decision they will save more than the £5 million project funding DFID bribed them with to put the cargo handling at Rupert's.

Have a value for money weekend
Vince



From Tristan da Cunha 2020/2021 Lobster Fishing Season Kicks Off

Report and photos from Chief Islander & Director of Fisheries James Glass. Additional photo from Kelly Green

Although the Tristan da Cunha lobster fishing season started officially on the 1st August 2020, it was not until the 10th August that conditions were suitable for the first fishing day, which just goes to show what type of weather is found in the Tristan area during winter.

The boats landed 3417kg (7533lbs), with the highest boat landing 529kg (1166lbs).

Season's Quotas Set

The Total Allowable Catch (TAC) recommended for the Tristan group, (Tristan, Gough, Inaccessible and Nightingale) has been approved by the Island Council for the 2020-2021 fishing season which runs from the 1st July 2020 to 30th April 2021. They are as follows:

Tristan	120,000kg
Inaccessible	98,000kg
Nightingale	89,000kg
Gough	100,000kg

The total TAC is thus 407 tonnes (metric tons) for the 2020/21 season.



Preparing the lobster fishing gear by the harbour at the start of the day



Launching the first boat into the harbour



The Sea Spray heads out of the harbour to fetch the fresh catch back to the factory during the day



In Commemoration of the International Day for the Remembrance of Slave Trade and its Abolition, The Equality and Human Rights Commission along with the Museum of Saint Helena will be launching an addition to the permanent exhibition on the history of slavery in Saint Helena on the 24th August 2020. The expansion on the exhibition aims to acknowledge the victims of slavery by embarking on a truth telling and reflective journey about 400 years of slavery on Saint Helena and its Legacy.

Local Fishermen Zoom in on PQ Trading's Bezuidenhouts

Vince Thompson

Local fishermen met yesterday with Johann-M Bezuidenhout using Zoom video conferencing. Johan Bezuidenhout Senior was also linked into the discussion but said very little. For the local fishermen Waylon Thomas did most of the talking; others present were frequently invited to add their comments but seemed content to leave the talking to the chairman of the Commercial Fishermen's Association.

The discussion started with fishing quotas. The Total Allowable Catch for Bigeye and Yellowfin have now been announced; since it will be PQ Trading who will concentrate on fishing the seamounts and local fishermen who will fish inshore the discussion centred on how the 600 tonne Bigeye and 300 tonne Yellowfin catch limits will be shared between the inshore and offshore fishermen. A government press release on 9th July stated the quotas will be allocated by the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate (ENRP). As this discussion took place, went into some detail and got nowhere, it seems that ENRP have not made the allocation yet. Without this vital information observers may wonder why this issue received so much attention but certainly the discussions and negotiations between PQ Trading and local fishermen may well have move on a bit if the quota allocations were known. The allocations were not known and the discussion did not move on.

The link between the inshore and offshore fishing operations is proposed to be a co-operative of all parties fishing in St Helena waters. There are questions about how much it is proposed to charge local fishermen to be members of the co-operative or on what basis the charges will be calculated. Exactly how the co-operative will make decisions on operational and financial issues which will regularly need to be reviewed is another question. Local fishermen will need to decide whether it is worth paying to be a member of the co-operative or fish as an independent. Either way the fish processing factory will take all fish caught. Prices for fish sold on the local market might be bought by the fish processing factory at a different rate to fish destined for export. What will the decision mechanism be for setting these prices? The co-operative is assumed to be the body that sets the prices but will PQ Trading as the largest investor have the last word on decisions made by the co-operative.

Fishing licences sold by the government to all fishermen also came into the discussion. No official word has been publicly uttered yet by SHG on what restrictions, conditions and standards will be required from licence holders. It was pointed out that since St Helena has a 200 mile Marine Protected Area around its shores the fishing licences are likely to apply stringent conditions and standards. It was said and agreed on repeated occasions that much of the information needed to move these long-winded and static negotiations forward is some vital and basic information from SHG.

The discussion ended with nothing being resolved and in some



Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout (on screen) in deep discussion with Waylon Thomas (right)

disarray. On several occasions both sides referred to discussions held last December and not what issues should be resolved by the next time they meet. It seems it will be a long time before the proposal from PQ Trading, in its present form, will get off the ground. Towards the end of the 80 minute discussion Johann Bezuidenhout was showing signs of exasperation and the local fishermen's doubts and unanswered questions brought the underlying feeling of distrust back to the surface. The prospects are not good.

To get this stalled negotiation moving, hopefully in the forward direction, it seems clear that SHG need to provide some basic and vital information. The quota allocations and details of the fish licences were two of these. If the proposal for a co-operative is to have any chance, discussion needs to move forward on deciding what the constitution of the co-operative will be. This discussion is likely to be a long one so the sooner it starts the better. One side or the other needs to draft a proposed constitution and put it forward for discussion. It may be possible the constitution for the co-operative will give the answer to one of the local fishermen's many questions. PQ Trading (St Helena) will be an off-shoot of PQ Trading (South Africa). The South African company will participate in profits from the St Helena fisheries operation and this can be expected as the investment is largely coming from them. Local fishermen are concerned that profits from exported fish return to St Helena and PQ Trading (South Africa) do not take a disproportionate share. The 'PQ' in PQ Trading stands for Premium Quality; there are many business in South Africa using the initials PQ and it is difficult to find out anything certain about the particular PQ Trading which SHG has chosen as the preferred bidder for the local fisheries by searching the internet. They do not appear to have a website and company information websites give limited and uncertain information.

It appears a beneficial move is for SHG to join in any future discussion or negotiation between PQ Trading and local fishermen; their absence from the room yesterday exposed a large hole which needs to be filled.

Governance Commission Report Published

Vince Thompson

The Governance Commission Report was published this week. The Commission gave its collective view on how either an improved committee system or ministerial system of government might work. It is now hoped an Island-wide discussion will start in preparation for a decision based on public opinion which will take place in October.

The report starts by describing the main aims which it is hoped can be achieved by improving the way we are governed.

- **Political responsibility** - Ensure someone is ultimately responsible and identifiable for making a political decision
- **Political accountability** - Ensure someone is accountable politically for delivering result
- **Timeliness in decision-making and implementation** - Ensure decisions and results should be achieved more promptly.

These three main aims should be underpinned by other principles of good governance there are six which should be emphasised.

1. **Legitimacy/Representation** – consensus through a selection process and a political authority accepted by the public

2. **Transparency** - regular communications to inform the public, to encourage engagement in policy-making and to appraise the achievements of the political leadership and public administration

3. **Accountability/Integrity** - leaders and officials have defined procedures to account for delivering the obligations of their positions

4. **Rule of Law** - ensure at all times governance follows a lawful approach and the rule of law is upheld across the jurisdiction

5. **Responsibility/Responsiveness** - someone identified as being responsible for each decision

6. **Effectiveness** - make decisions promptly, adopt a rational political and administrative structure with efficient procedures, flexible operations, minimise costs and avoid too many layers of bureaucracy.

The closing paragraph in the Foreword will be important to people who closely watch the business of government. Put simply, the Governance Commission is saying their discussions and findings are just the start; there is much more to come. The final paragraph states:-

"The Governance Commission recognised the report covers the main institutions of governance and that governance structures include many interlocking layers, including developed

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Professional Development Opportunities via Distance Learning

Are you in the Private Sector and would like to study towards a formal qualification via Distance Learning?

Enterprise St Helena would like to hear from you!

Funding is currently available to support Distance Learning courses that are focused on enhancing the business owners and/ or employees of businesses. ESH will grant fund at 75% of total cost of course up to a maximum of £7,500.00.

This grant is subject to eligibility criteria. Policy, terms and conditions apply.

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THE SAINTHELENIANS Cllr Leo

On Ascension Island the British Broadcasting Cooperation has an Atlantic Relay Station. The operations include a major Radio Transmitter Station (RTS). The RTS consists of large 250kw transmitters and sophisticated mechanical, electrical and technical supporting equipment; it transmits shortwave radio broadcasts to Africa and South America.

The Radio Transmitter Station is staffed by Saint Helenians – but that was not always the case.



The station made its first shortwave radio transmission on July 3rd, 1966. I worked at the RTS from February 1976 to June 2017; working my way up to Senior Transmitter Technician (STT). Up until then, the STT post, and likewise all the Transmitter Engineer posts, were occupied by highly qualified and experienced expatriates from the United Kingdom. From humble beginnings in St Helena, I considered myself fortunate to have had the opportunity to train and qualify to become the first Saint Helenian STT.

After a few years, the BBC took the decision to look into the possibility of recruiting “transmitter operators” from St Helena to work and train at the RTS with the intention of eventually replacing the UK Transmitter Engineers with Saint Helenians. Unfortunately, St Helena was just not in a position to provide the level of skills or further education opportunities to specifi-

cally prepare and equip young Saints with the qualifications required to readily take up engineering posts at the Radio Transmitter Station.

However, the Atlantic Relay Station’s, Senior Resident Engineer, the late Mr Sean Newberry, visited St Helena to carry out a recruitment exercise, and in October 1984 the first group of Saints was selected and left St Helena for Ascension Island.

After arriving on Ascension for the first time, the young Saint Helenians were required to take on intensive studying and on-the-job training; and they did so with dedication, commitment and enthusiasm. It was a special privilege and pleasure for me to see my fellow Saints determined to accept the demanding challenge with self-belief, rapidly grow in confidence and fast achieve success.

Over the following years other young Saint Helenians have chosen a career at the Radio Transmitter Station. The RTS is now staffed by all Saint Helenians; and is essentially a resounding credit to St Helena.

Not only did Saint Helenians eventually replace all the UK expat engineers, some of the Saint engineers moved on from the Radio Transmitting Station on Ascension Island and took up leading engineering positions overseas within other branches of the BBC.

The young Saints’ positive approach and their determination to succeed just reinforced the long-held conviction that Saints are more than capable of excelling in whatever area of career interests we wish to pursue when given the opportunity.

To the youth of St Helena: As in most walks of life, at times the career journey can be demanding and challenging. However, remain determined regardless of the setbacks, persevere to overcome the obstacles and strive to be the best you can become.

‘BOOZE IT, YOU LOSE IT’

DRINK-DRIVE CAMPAIGN - WEEK FIVE

Message from the St Helena Police Service

During the fifth week of our ‘Booze It, You Lose It’ drink-drive awareness campaign, Officers continued to carry out the usual proactive approach. However, due to unfavourable weather conditions there was minimal traffic in the areas that were monitored. Officers traversed through different areas of the Island but vehicular traffic was almost non-existent during these conditions.

As a result there were no incidents of drink-driving, road traffic collisions, and/or moving traffic offences reported or observed.

St Helena Police would like to advise the community that weather conditions can be unpredictable and therefore it is necessary to drive with caution. Visibility in fog, rain and wind is difficult and, in addition, roads can become wet and slippery. Careful and competent drivers will take all of these fac-

tors into consideration when deciding to drive. If you are driving, then drive carefully and to the conditions of the road. Also, because you can drive to a speed limit it doesn’t mean you must, driving slower than the speed limit in poor weather conditions is the safe and sensible thing to do.

Furthermore, please be mindful of pedestrians out walking and any cyclists on the road. For pedestrians, should you decide to go out walking, please ensure that you are visible to drivers either by wearing light colours or high-vis clothing and always walk to oncoming traffic. Due to noise of wind and rain, be mindful of walking while listening to music as you may be unaware of traffic travelling on the roads.

Until next week, help us to keep you safe - Don’t drink and drive!

SHG

19 August 2020



**St Helena
Government**

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Via the means of your newspaper, I would like to congratulate the Fishermen's Association for their hard work, dedication and determination in getting their petition launched. The saying goes "When the going gets tough then the tough gets going."

For months, the Association has been trying to get useful information into the public domain from St Helena Government regarding the future of the Fisheries, bearing in mind that they allocated a half million pounds of public funds into this venture. It would seem that the petition kick-started the flow of information.

With the petition being launched on Thursday evening 30th July at St FM, the very next morning a press release was issued that informed the public that 8 fishermen had expressed an interest in joining the Co-Op. Whether this information was completely true remains to be seen, as I am led to believe that some fishermen were in fact shocked to learn that such a statement had been made, they claimed that they had agreed to attend meetings to learn more about the Co-Op, but was not in a position to make a decision to join.

By the following Monday, creatures great and small were crawling out of the woodwork as we were treated to interviews from the Investor himself, Director of ENRP, Darren Duncan, Government Economist, Nicole Shamier and Chair of EDC, Councillor Lawson Henry.

Since then all has gone completely quiet, with St FM deciding not to air any further interviews or press releases via their Station, which is a shame as we the public rely on the media to keep us up to date.

Last Thursday we were made aware that the Fishermen's Association would draw to a close their petition with a final effort made in front of the Canister to collect as many signatures as possible.

Once again, it would seem on the back of their effort, this prompted the Investor to place an advert in the Independent again, addressing all fishermen, advising them that soon a Q&A session would take place, but was unable to provide dates and times. He was however able to provide a 3-page outlined proposal for us all to read, but if I am honest, I am not entirely sure if this information has helped my understanding or hindered it.

In my humble opinion, I am still not convinced that this arrangement will provide benefit for our local fishermen or indeed the community of St Helena. It does strike me as a money making exercise for those who are able to fish off-shore, which will therefore only cater for those with such capabilities. This is sad as the majority of our fishermen own inshore boats.

I paid special attention to the fact that the proposal stated that the inshore fishermen will continue as they have been doing, so what does this mean? Are they suggesting that the inshore fishermen's catch will only provide for the local market? If this is the case, this is not helping to grow our local businesses; it is in fact crippling the growth of our own private sector. Always bear in mind that it is our very own local inshore fishermen that have been the backbone of our industry through the good times and the bad. To sit back and watch them become

belittled by our very own Government would be an utter disgrace.

I therefore take this opportunity to plead with our councillors to read between the lines of what this proposal is actually saying as I believe this is not for the betterment of St Helena and its people. This is yet another venture being chosen by St Helena Government that will once again not provide an opportunity for our fishermen to become front-runners within their industry, but followers once more of someone else's dream.

I sincerely hope that when the petition is handed in to SHG it will be given the attention it deserves. As our representatives I ask our councillors to truly consider the voices of their constituents and those of our local experts. Please don't be swayed by a promise of a better tomorrow that could turn awfully wrong if not thought through carefully.

We, the people of this island cannot afford the costs of another bad SHG decision, which pulls on the strings of our purses when it doesn't work. We have suffered more than our fair share of mistakes so let's take stock and learn from these. Please don't let this be another case of "I told you so."

***Yours in sincerity
Supporter of the Fishermen's Association Petition.***

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO GO INTO RECESS

Legislative Council will go into recess from Tuesday, 1 September, to Friday, 4 September 2020.

During recess Legislative and Executive Council will not meet to conduct business unless of an urgent nature.

Normal Council business will resume from Monday, 7 September.

Elected Members would like to thank all constituents in advance for their cooperation during the recess period.

**SHG
20 August 2020**



South African Lockdown at Level 2 since Tuesday

The South African Covid-19 alert reduced to Level 2 on Tuesday. The lockdown relaxations that come with Level 2 include alcohol and tobacco being back on sale. Liquor stores can open from Monday to Thursday only and from 9:00am to 5:00pm only. Alcohol is only available for take-away sales. Airports remain closed to international flights until the lockdown is relaxed to Level 1.

On Tuesday, South Africa recorded 2,258 new cases on Covid-19 and 282 Covid deaths. The relaxation of lockdown restrictions to Level 2 is based on the daily average for new cases reducing from a peak of about 10,000 a day. Gauteng remains the Province with the highest number of Covid cases, totalling more than 200,000 and about one third of all South African Covid cases since the pandemic started. Johannesburg and Pretoria are the main cities in Gauteng Province.

The five month ban on alcohol and tobacco in South Africa has led to a reduction in revenue for the South African Government from Customs Duty, VAT, employment tax and corporate income tax. One estimate puts the government tax revenue reduction at almost £3 billion. Another report claims more than 80 wineries are due to go out of business together with 350 wine grape producers, taking more than 21,000 jobs with them. South African Breweries (SAB), one of the world's top five breweries, has cancelled some planned modernisation projects, as has Distell, which produces Amarula, Savanna and Hunter's Dry. The Economic Partnership Agreement between the European Union and South Africa is now said to be in tatters as the South African alcohol ban included imports from Europe but excluded South African exports.

The re-introduction of tobacco sales has resulted in panic-buying as most people are buying cigarettes by the box rather than the packet. Many outlets were sold out 24 hours after



the restriction was lifted. There are also renewed calls for the introduction of new tobacco legislation which is similar to the Control of Tobacco and Related Products legislation being introduced in St Helena. The South African Government had their public consultation a year ago and nothing more has been heard of it since.

Covid deaths in South Africa since the start of the pandemic were officially recorded on Tuesday as 12,264. However, there were 27,600 more registered deaths from the beginning of May to the beginning of August than has normally been experienced in recent years. It is estimated the total number of deaths in South Africa, above the average of recent years, since the start of the pandemic is about 33,500. This is against a background of fewer deaths from accidents and murder during the lockdown and the absence of a 'flu season. By the time September comes around it is estimated the true Covid death total will be around 40,000. Tuberculosis is usually the biggest killer in South Africa; more than 29,000 people died of it in 2017, the most recent year for confirmed official figures. In 2006, about 300,000 people died of AIDS; this number, 6,000 per week, is about the same as South African Covid deaths during the peak period of coronavirus contagion.

What is Happening With the RMS St Helena?

Facebook - Stephen Mason - 18th August

The RMS St Helena, was moved this morning (18th Aug 2020) by tug from the Bidston dock, Birkenhead on the River Mersey, to the Camel Laird wet basin for work to continue on the vessel with its refit to a motor racing support base ship, many thanks to Phil Owen, for the excellent photos from the River Mersey this morning.



FURTHER CHARTER FLIGHTS UK – ST HELENA FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS

Further to the announcement that four further charter flights between the United Kingdom (UK) and St Helena are planned, St Helena Government is pleased to confirm the following airfreight arrangements that will apply for the flight in September. These arrangements will be reviewed before the next flight.

The cost per kilogramme of airfreight is £4.20 airport to airport. Customers should be aware that there will be further charges involved in delivery of airfreight from source to the airport (see below).

The closing dates for freight to be delivered to Stansted Airport and St Helena Airport are as follows:

Target Flight Date	Closing Date for Delivery to the Airport
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WC 14 September 2020	11 September 2020
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WC 26 October 2020	23 October 2020
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WC 30 November 2020	27 November 2020
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WC 11 January 2021	8 January 2020
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Customers (whether individuals or organisations) wishing to book airfreight on the charter flights are advised to use an appropriate freight forwarding agent to make the necessary arrangements. The freight forwarding agent will have a critical role to play in ensuring that goods are delivered to the airport on time and that all required documentation is in place. The freight forwarding agent will charge the customer a fee for this service.

There is no single preferred agent. Customers are advised to check with their freight forwarding agent to ensure that the agent can prepare the necessary documentation (airway bills, customs declarations etc). Examples of freight forwarding agents are:

Outbound from the UK:

MS Atlantic

Richard James International

St Helena Airfreight Service

Outbound from St Helena:

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

Further enquiries can be directed to the SHG Airport Directorate by contacting tessa.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh or calling +(290) 22721.

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FURTHER CHARTER FLIGHTS UK – ST HELENA UPDATE ON FREIGHT ARRANGEMENTS FOR AIRFREIGHT FROM ST HELENA TO THE UK

Further to the press release issued on 14 August relating to airfreight arrangements for the four upcoming charter flights between the United Kingdom (UK) and St Helena, additional information is now available regarding airfreight from St Helena to the UK.

The extraordinary circumstances in the aviation industry at this time brought about by Brexit and COVID-19 mean that exemptions are required for airfreight entering the UK. It is important to note that this requirement applies only to airfreight on the St Helena to UK sector of the charter flights; airfreight from the UK to St Helena does not have to follow this procedure.

St Helena Government (SHG) has obtained exemptions in the past in order to facilitate carriage of mail and other essential items from St Helena to the UK. This can be an onerous process.

If any member of the public or private sector wishes to send airfreight to the UK on the charter flights, SHG and Titan Airways will offer support in applying for the necessary exemptions. However, please be advised that it cannot be guaranteed that exemptions will be in place for airfreight to be carried on the September flight.

As an alternative, please consider whether the items you wish to airfreight to the UK could be sent via mail in packages of up to two kilogrammes (2kg) which may be a more timely and cost effective solution.

If there remains a requirement to send airfreight from St Helena to the UK, please register your interest with the SHG Airport Directorate by contacting: tessa.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh or calling +(290) 22721.

#StHelena #CharterFlight

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UK Overseas Aid makes U Turn

Last Friday the UK Government announced they had decided to use almost £5 million from the UK Aid budget to help British shops out of the supply problems they have, resulting from the coronavirus pandemic. The funding, called the 'Vulnerable Supply Chain Facility' will help big UK retail chains such as Primark, Sainsbury's and Morrison's get their deliveries of food and merchandise back to the regular on-time precision they were used to before the pandemic. British businesses will contribute a further £2 million to the fund.



The latest and last International Development Secretary, Anne-Marie Trevelyan, said, "We want to ensure people in Britain can continue to buy affordable, high quality goods from around the world." While this new way of spending money ear-marked for overseas aid has benefits for British businesses, there are also benefits for business and business sectors in developing countries. It was pointed out

that around 20% of food and drink consumed in the UK is imported from developing countries. Through organisations such as the Fairtrade Foundation and the Ethical Trading Initiative, agriculture and food processing businesses in developing countries are targeted to benefit from this funding. A Sainsbury's spokeswoman said, "We are proud to support DFID's Vulnerable Supply Chains Facility along with the Ethical Trading Initiative, dedicated to improving occupational safety and health standards for many of our suppliers in East Africa." The aim is for the British retail chains to work with Fairtrade and Ethical Trading to improve working conditions and access to healthcare for workers in developing countries. Many factories and farms around the world have been forced to close due to the pandemic. The Vulnerable Supply Chain Facility is designed to help the most vulnerable factory and farm businesses in developing countries.

Dubai Dogs Detect Covid Infected Passengers

Passengers arriving at Dubai International Airport have swabs taken from their armpits. The swabs are then taken to a sterile room where they are sniffed by specially trained dogs who can detect the smell of coronavirus. Within a few minutes arriving passengers know whether they can enter the country. The same 'sniffing system' is used at other airports in the United Arab Emirates. The tests are carried out in close collaboration with the Dubai Health Authority and the accuracy of a trained dog's sense of smell is known to be similar to the usual machine Covid tests; but machines take longer. Research on the ability of dogs to sniff out coronavirus infections is being carried out in several countries. Dogs are already used to detect cancer, malaria and diabetes.

In the UK a charity called Medical Detection Dogs, headquartered in Milton Keynes, has expanded its usual work of training dogs to detect a range of diseases to include Covid-



Dubai Sniffer Dogs and their Handlers, ready for action

19. A research team from the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine collect Covid-19 samples from NHS hospitals and send them to the medical dog training charity. The dogs sniff a series of similar looking samples and indicate those that 'smell of coronavirus' by sitting in front of them. It can take the Medical Detection Dog charity six to eight months to train a dog to a reliable standard of detection. The aim is for a team of detection dogs to screen any individual, including those who are asymptomatic, to see if they have coronavirus. One dog can screen up to 250 people per hour. If a dog indicates a person 'has that special smell' its suspicions are checked by the usual machine tests. The advantage of trained sniffer dogs goes beyond rapid screening of passenger queues at airports. Because sniffer dogs can work fast in a non-invasive way, the cost of machine tests for Covid-19 is reduced because the machines are only used when really needed. The dogs also help to identify any new hotspots for a new outbreak of coronavirus. If the usual results show Coronavirus infection is present among 3% or 5% of passengers arriving at a particular airport but the passengers on one particular plane show an infection rate of something like 50%, it is a good indication that the country the passengers came from has a flare-up in the infection rate which needs immediate action.



A Medical Detection Dog in training

How do dogs do it?

Dogs, like several other animals have a super-sensitive sense of smell. The organ in the roof of the mouth that gives some animals this super sense is called the Jacobson's organ, after the person who discovered it back in 1811. This organ is capable of communicating chemical messages to the brain which can indicate readiness for sexual activity, aggression and territory defence. All of this is part of life in the animal kingdom, which does in fact include humans. Its unfortunate humans don't have a Jacobson's organ. Dogs are in a class of their own when it comes to humans using this additional dimension to the sense of smell that exists in some animals. Dogs like to associate and identify with human beings; they like to be useful and to have a job to do. They also like to be appreciated and rewarded by humans. This kind of relationship makes them by far the best animal to train to use their superior sense of smell to our advantage.

PUBLICATION OF THE GOVERNANCE COMMISSION REPORT

The independent Governance Commission, which met between May and July, today issued their report and a summary presentation of its findings. The report and summary presentation are available on the Public Information, Reports, and Policies page of the SHG website: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>

The purpose of the Commission was to take a pragmatic view on how the governance options suggested in the reports by Professor Sarkin could work on St Helena. The report is designed to aid an understanding of the differences they identified between the current Committee system and the alternative governance systems suggested after the visits by Professor Sarkin, i.e. a Revised Committee system; or a Ministerial system.

The Commission comprised seven members drawn from across the community and included two youth representatives. No serving Elected Members or senior St Helena Government (SHG) officials were members of the Commission. Legal and secretariat support was provided respectively by the AG's Chambers and Governor's Office.

The main focus of the Commission's report was on the two alternative governance systems. The members of the Commission also gave their opinions on other government matters such as the electoral registration arrangements, reorganisation of the SHG administration, example poll question, representation of constituents' issues, ministerial/committee chairs and public service codes of practice, remuneration and the reserved powers of the Governor.

The Commission worked intensively over six weeks to prepare a set of practical views on how the alternative governance options may operate. They focussed on assessing each governance option against the three principal concerns with the existing system raised by the public to Professor Sarkin. St Helena residents said better governance had to show:

- Clarity on who is politically responsible for the policies and decisions made on each topic
- Clarity on who is politically accountable for the delivery and performance of services
- Swifter decision making and delivery of services.

The Commission members did not agree on all issues and where differences of opinion arose these are reflected in the text of the report. Also, some of the operational details suggested in the report on the alternative governance systems can only be finalised after feedback from public consultation has been taken into account.

The report does not make any recommendation on a preferred new governance arrangement. This is a matter for public consultation, potentially followed by a formal poll or formal and final consultation over the next two months or so. This is known as seeking an 'expression of public will'. The report does list out the pros and cons, as identified by the Commission members, on the two alternative governance systems compared to the present one. In doing so, they drew upon their knowledge of the St Helena community, the functioning of the Present Committee system and experience from other overseas territories.

If a future public decision is to adopt a revised Committee system, this could be implemented through amending existing rules and regulations.

If a future public decision is to adopt a Ministerial system, similar to the arrangements described in the report, then an amendment to the Constitution would need to go to the Privy Council for acceptance.

Should the public agree to a change to the present governance system, it is envisaged a new arrangement could commence following the general election scheduled for mid-2021.

Last Friday (14 August) on behalf of the Commission, the Governor presented their report to Legislative Council members for discussion. This was an opportunity for Elected Members to raise questions on the report and subsequent timetable for public debate and consultation. The meeting was the precursor to debating a motion at a formal Legislative Council meeting (scheduled to be held on 28 August) on a resolution to give political backing for the public consultation to begin in September. The meeting also expressed a wish for the Commission's report to be published as soon as possible and for the forthcoming public engagement to be led by people from the community, including members of the Commission, and not Elected Members.

If the formal Legislative Council meeting on 28 August endorses moving to public consultation, preparations are being made for a wide-ranging programme of public engagement. This is likely to take place in September and potentially, a final formal consultation exercise or poll in October.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
18 August 2020



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St Helena, Ascension and
Tristan da Cunha



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- Reciprocal arrangements for Ascension Island
- Bradley's Camp
- COVID-19 Desktop Exercise
- Coronavirus Strategy

CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19)

ST HELENA PREPAREDNESS UPDATE

At the Incident Executive Group (IEG) meeting on Monday, 17 August, IEG members considered reciprocal arrangements for Ascension Island passengers, discussed Bradley's Camp quarantine, and looked at feedback received from the recent COVID-19 Desktop Exercise. Feedback from the exercise will now inform a review and update of the Island's Coronavirus Strategy.

Reciprocal arrangements for Ascension Island

IEG considered a request from the Ascension Island Government to introduce reciprocal arrangements for any passengers travelling from Ascension Island on the upcoming charter flights.

The arrangements would see passengers from Ascension, which is COVID-19 free, able to self-isolate in their own homes instead of undergoing the 14-day quarantine at Bradley's Camp.

Elected Members requested a clear set of operating procedures to be developed quickly by the Health Directorate on how self-isolation at home would be managed. This document would then go to a meeting of Legislative Council as soon as possible for their discussion and approval.

Bradley's Camp

The latest round of new arrivals completed their quarantine period last week. The Health Directorate was pleased to confirm that all COVID-19 test results were negative.

Operations to transport arriving passengers from the Airport to Bradley's Camp had gone well and in accordance with plans.

A meeting with arriving travellers from the last flight took place this week with Councillor Thomas and SHG staff to gather everyone's views. As part of continual improvement, all feedback from staff and those travellers would be addressed before the arrival of the next charter flight.

COVID-19 Desktop Exercise

IEG members, Silver and Bronze Commanders participated in a recent desktop exercise to test preparedness plans in the event of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) reaching the Island.

The purpose of the exercise was to maintain readiness, review the roles and responsibilities of key SHG staff in a COVID-19 outbreak, ensure the duties to be performed by the different roles were

COVID-19 Desktop Exercise



understood, and identify any gaps in plans that need to be addressed.

The exercise was led by Police Chief Inspector, David Price. It consisted of an escalating scenario that could occur on St Helena if the virus presented itself here. The exercise reviewed the widening range of response measures the IEG would use to contain, delay and ultimately, eliminate the presence of COVID-19.

Chief Inspector David Price said:

"Exercises like this one are a vital part of preparing St Helena for the possibility that COVID-19 will reach the Island. It was great to see all the people involved in our preparations working together to ensure our plans are ready, just in case that happens."

Chair of the IEG, Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook, added:

"It was important all people with responsibilities to manage the prevention and control of COVID-19 have the opportunity to come together to practice their roles. I was very pleased to see the impressive capabilities displayed throughout the training exercise. We can be confident that St Helena is as well prepared as we can be, with the resources we have, to make a swift and effective response if this virus comes to our Island."

Positive feedback was received following the exercise and a number of participants commented on how useful it had been in ensuring that we are as well prepared as possible if/when the virus reaches St Helena.

Silver Commander for Health, Director Ted Rayment, said:

"It was reassuring to see that staff responded to the various COVID-19 scenarios in a coordinated and knowledgeable way."

Coronavirus Strategy

As a result of the desktop exercise and as part of our regular review of the Island's COVID-19 Preparedness Plans, St Helena's Coronavirus Strategy published in April 2020 (<https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/2020/press-releases/st-helena-coronavirus-strategy/>) is now being refined.

Any adjustments to the Strategy will be in place and published before the arrival of the next charter flight in September.

For further details on St Helena's COVID-19 preparedness please visit our online FAQ: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/coronavirus-COVID-19-live-qa/>

#StHelena #Coronavirus #COVID-19 #AltogetherHealthier

SHG, 19 August 2020



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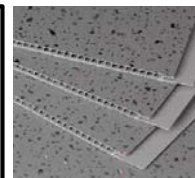
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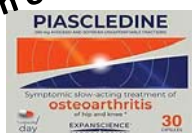
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PREFERRED CONTRACTORS LIST

The Children & Adults Social Care Directorate invites Expressions of Interest (EOI) from suitably qualified and experienced contractors who wish to be included on the Preferred Contractors List for Home Adaptation Projects.

The Preferred Contractors List will be used as a reference point by the Directorate when seeking quotations from contractors for Home Adaptation Projects.

Contractors that apply should have skills that include (but not limited to): building construction, carpentry, electrical, metal fabrication, plumbing, decorating and Altro flooring installation.

Interested persons are requested to submit an EOI, including a list of the skills and qualifications your company or business can provide, in a sealed envelope addressed to Children & Adults Social Care Directorate, Brick House, Jamestown. Alternatively, Expressions of Interest can be sent to Caesar Nayoto via email: caesar.nayoto@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The deadline for submissions is 12 noon on Wednesday, 30 September 2020.

Interested parties should note that this Expressions of Interest is only being advertised on St Helena

**Children & Adults Social Care Directorate
17 August 2020**



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LAND FOR SALE

**The Property Division of the
Infrastructure & Transport Directorate
has two residential sites for sale, these
are:**

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

Site 2: Parcel Number 135, within the Deadwood registration section, measuring 0.40 acres

Closing date for bids are 12 noon, Friday 25th September 2020

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

SAINT HELENA LTD TIP OF THE WEEK

Leave lawn
clippings on your
grass, this cools
the ground and
holds in
moisture.



FOR SALE BY TENDER

The St Helena National Trust has for “sale by tender” the following vehicles and equipment:

FORD RANGER

Formerly registered as 3794

Offers no less than £3,000 will be considered

FORD RANGER

Formerly registered as 142

Offers no less than £4,000 will be considered

SUZUKI

Formerly registered as 2192

Offers no less than £800 will be considered.

STONE CUTTER

Offers no less than £3000 will be considered

20 FT CONTAINER

Offers no less than £1500 will be considered

Viewing for these items has been set for Friday, 28 August at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Amanda Constantine, Office Manager on telephone number 22190 or email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

Offers should be made in writing to the Director SHNT, clearly stating the registration number or piece of equipment on the envelope and handed to the Office Manager at Broadway House by no later than 4pm on 4 September 2020.

FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for “sale by tender” the following vehicles:

TOYOTA RAV 4

Formerly registered as 3956

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident

SUZUKI GRAND VITARA

Formerly registered as 1157

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident can only be used as spare parts

NISSAN NOTE

Formerly registered as 911

Damaged as a result of a road traffic accident

Offers not less than £1,800 will be considered



These vehicles are being offered on an “as is, where is basis”, with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Wednesday 26 August 2020 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon’s Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company’s Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

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• **Jamestown Streetlight Project is a two-phase Project to replace all existing high energy consumption streetlights in Jamestown**

• **Procurement of the lights funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme Micro Projects**

JAMESTOWN STREETLIGHT PROJECT

The Jamestown Streetlight Project is a two-phase Project to replace all existing high energy consumption streetlights in Jamestown with more energy efficient (solar and LED) type streetlights. Procurement of the lights was funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP) Micro Projects and the installation phase will be funded by the savings generated.

The first phase of the Project was to replace 45 streetlights with full solar type streetlights. This phase was completed during the early part of this year. As per the conditions set by the Planning Section, all lights upwards from The Market in Jamestown were allowed to be full solar type streetlights.

The second phase of the Project is to replace 31 existing streetlights with a LED mains type light in the Heritage compliant style, including new poles and brackets. All lights from The Market down towards the Seafront, were specified to be replaced. Of these 31 lights, six are fastened to the sides or corners of buildings, and the installation and commissioning were completed in May/June this year.

The contractor is now busy with the installation of seven lights in the Castle Gardens. Originally there were only five lights to be replaced, but after input from the Police and Children & Adults Social Care Directorates, it was agreed to add an additional two lights. The work at the Castle Gardens is expected to be finished this week.

Looking forward, the aim is to have all the lights from The Market down towards the Arch replaced before the end of the year. This all depends on the savings that can be achieved by using more energy efficient lights.

#StHelena #EDIP #Streetlights #AltogetherSafer

**SHG
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Streetlight near entrance of Castle Gardens



Streetlight in the Castle Gardens

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

This weekend will see the elongated 2019/2020 Football season come to an end with Seville playing Inter Milan in tonight's Europa League Final and PSG playing Bayern Munich in Sunday's Champions League Final.

Despite the European Season not completed some leagues like the Scottish and the French have already started.

Yesterday the English Premier League Fixtures was release. A shortened league campaign is set to start on 12 September and finish on 23 May 2021.



The new season will be five weeks shorter than usual because of the late end to 2019-20 due to the coronavirus pandemic.

As a result, the Premier League has scrapped its winter break because of fixture congestion.

Premier League clubs involved in the latter stages of European cup competitions will be given a delayed start to the 2020-21 season.

Saturday 12 September:

Crystal Palace v Southampton

Fulham v Arsenal

Liverpool v Leeds United

Tottenham Hotspur v Everton

West Bromwich Albion v Leicester City

West Ham United v Newcastle United

Monday 14 September:

Brighton v Chelsea

Sheffield United v Wolves

Fixtures to be rescheduled:

Burnley v Manchester United

Manchester City v Aston Villa

SHFA Match Reports by Mike E Williams

Saturday 15th August

The second round of local football took place this Saturday, with just two games taking place on the weekend due to a waterlog pitch. The first game saw Harts defeat Crystal Rangers twenty goals to nil. Goal scores were Sean-Lee Thomas 7, Ryan George 4, Joey Thomas 2, Sean Cansick 2, Rico Williams, Gregory Phillips, Ross O'Dean, Ethan Harris, and Christopher Owen all with a single goal. The young player of the match went to Joey Thomas of the Harts.

The man of the match went to Sean-Lee Thomas of the Harts.

Harts 20 v 0 Crystal Rangers

The next game on Saturday was a closer game, with Lakers taking on the Wirebirds.

The Birds went into the half-time break with a two -nil lead, with goals from Sanjay Clingham and Tyler Benjamin. The second half would see six more goals score, with three from Lakers, and three from the Wirebirds. Lakers goal scorers were Tyler Brady, Jordan Yon, and Jordan Johnson. All of Wirebirds goals came from man of the match Shane Stroud with another hat-trick for the season, and his second against the Lakers.

Wirebirds 5 v 3 Lakers

Fixtures for this Weekend on Page 22

The SHFA will be having a meeting for all committee members; Captains and all players who are currently in training for Guernsey 2021 at the New Horizons Centre on Wednesday 26th August at 5.30pm. Purpose of the meeting is to finalised plans for the upcoming Fund raising events.

SHFA 2020 League Table



Week Eight

Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
Rovers	7	6	1	0	57	2	55	19
Wirebirds	8	6	0	2	51	12	39	18
Bellboys	7	4	2	1	52	6	46	14
Harts	8	4	0	4	42	9	33	12
Lakers	8	3	2	3	33	17	16	10*
Axis	7	3	1	3	17	13	4	10
Saints	7	1	0	6	13	50	-37	3
C Rangers	8	0	0	8	0	156	-156	0

* = one point deducted for not providing a referee.

Hotshots Top 10

Name	Team	Goals
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	23
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	23
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	14
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	13
Matthias Young	Bellboys	13
Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	9
Ronan Legg	Rovers	8
Sean Cansick	Harts	8
Liam Yon	Lakers	6
Joey Thomas	Harts	6

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Junior Football

The first round of the Junior Futsal league season is completed. It is great to see the youngsters turning up each week playing the sport they love. We have 10 teams playing in the Junior Leagues and 25-30 youngsters turning up for the Beginners League.

48 players have scored at least one goal this season

Results

Yellow Devils 12 v Blue Arrows 3

G/S Yellow Devils: 4 own goals; Aden Thomas-Stevens 2, Harry Winfield 5 & Zac Francis 1

G/S Blue Arrows: Finley McMonegal 1; Darshan Patel 1 & Liam Timm 1

POM: Harry Winfield & Finley McMonegal

Ranglers 9 v Super Strikers 2

G/S Ranglers: Dirk Peters 2; Ziggy Yon 2, own goal 1, Laine George 1, Kirk Grant-Lawrence 1, Kyle Williams 1 & Kylan Williams 1

G/S Super Strikers: Joel Peters 1 & Joshua Crowie 1

POM: Dirk Peters & Joshua Crowie

Rastabouts 6 v Fugees 3

G/S Rastabouts: Macoy Williams 1; 1 own goal & Taylon Phillips 4

G/S Fugees: Lars Williams 1 & Blake Peters 2

POM: Taylon Phillips & Blake Peters

Gladiators 5 v Galacticos 5

G/S Gladiators: Kenan Bargo 4 & Taye Peters 1

G/S Galacticos: Musa 3; Tyrone Cansick 1, Jan Henry 1

POM: Kenan Bargo & Musa

Sun 23rd Aug

9.15am Primary 6-11 Predators v Blue Arrows

Ref: Nick Stevens

10am Primary 6-11 Yellow Devils v Ranglers

Ref: Owen Richards

9.15am 11-15 Allstars v Fugees

Ref: Gareth Johnson

10am 11-15 Rastabouts v Gladiators

Ref: Gareth Johnson

7-11 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Yellow Devils	4	4	0	0	65	7	58	12	
2	Predators	4	3	0	1	49	8	41	9	
3	Ranglers	4	2	0	2	19	30	-11	6	
4	Blue Arrows	4	1	0	3	12	30	-18	3	
5	Superstrickers	4	0	0	4	3	73	-70	0	

11-16 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Rastabouts	4	4	0	0	30	7	23	12	
2	Galacticos	4	2	1	1	19	17	2	7	
3	Fugees	4	2	0	2	20	20	0	6	
4	Gladiators	4	1	1	2	17	22	-5	4	
5	Allstars	4	0	0	4	12	32	-20	0	

Top Scorers 7-11				
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored	
1	Harry Winfield	Yellow Devils	24	
2	Riley Yon	Predators	22	
3	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	18	
4	Lebron George	Predators	10	
5	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	9	
6	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	8	
7	Hugo Richards	Predators	8	
8	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	7	
9	Tyler Anthony	Predators	6	
10	Ziggy Yon	Ranglers	4	
11	Dillon George	Blue Arrows	3	
12	Edward	Predators	3	
13	Liam Timm	Blue Arrows	3	
14	Joel Peters	Superstrickers	2	
15	Efron Stroud	Yellow Devils	1	
16	Daniel Murangaawe	Blue Arrows	1	
17	Darshan Patel	Blue Arrows	1	
18	Finley McMonegal	Blue Arrows	1	
19	Joshua Crowie	Superstrickers	1	
20	Kirk Grant-Lawrence	Ranglers	1	
21	Kurt Lawrence	Ranglers	1	
22	Kylan Williams	Ranglers	1	
23	Kyle Williams	Ranglers	1	
24	Laine George	Ranglers	1	
25	Robertson Shawnga	Blue Arrows	1	
26	Zian Thomas	Ranglers	1	

Top Scorers 11+				
Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored	
1	Taylon Phillips	Rastabouts	16	
2	Musa	Galacticos	10	
3	Lars Williams	Fugees	9	
4	Blake Peters	Fugees	7	
5	Macoy Williams	Rastabouts	7	
6	Kenan Bargo	Gladiators	6	
7	Jaydee Caswell	Gladiators	5	
8	Toure Osborne	Allstars	5	
9	Blaze Baldwin	Allstars	4	
10	Dodi Williams	Fugees	4	
11	Taye Peters	Gladiators	4	
12	Tyrone Cansick	Galacticos	4	
13	Kieran Williams	Rastabouts	2	
14	Stefan O'Dean	Rastabouts	2	
15	Annika Lawrence	Galacticos	1	
16	Callum Young	Galacticos	1	
17	Eureeze Peters	Allstars	1	
18	Jacob Williams	Gladiators	1	
19	Jan Henry	Galacticos	1	
20	Renae Coleman	Gladiators	1	
21	Shaquille Benjamin	Rastabouts	1	
22	Tyrese Osborne	Allstars	1	

SHFA Fixtures

Sat 22nd August

1pm Rovers v Saints
Referee: Crystal Rangers

3pm Bellboys v Wirebirds
Referee: Axis



Sun 23rd August

1pm Axis v Crystal Rangers
Referee: Wirebirds

3pm Lakers v Harts
Referee: Bellboys



NGCPH



12 Hour Music Extravaganza!

Date: Friday 28th August – Saturday 29th August 2020

Place: Bottom of the Seaside

Time: 6pm Friday - 6am Saturday

Entrance: £3 adults £1 Children over 3 years

Various Bands/Singers

Dancing

Hot Food

Bar

Save
the Date!

28th August – 29th August 2020



In Aid of
The St Helena Football
Association
St Helena Team (Guernsey)

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Port to Port Airport to Ruperts Sponsored Walk



In Aid of
The St Helena International Football Team
(Guernsey 2021)

Date: BANK HOLIDAY Monday 31st August 2020
Start Time: 9:30am (registration 8:45am)

Collect a minimum sponsorship of £10 to enter
or you can enter on the day for £15

Fish and Chips will be on sale at Ruperts



Sponsor Forms are available from New Horizons

Persons taking part can park at Ruperts and will be transported to the airport in readiness for the start.

NOTIFICATION

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold a special meeting on **Monday, 24th August 2020, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Report will be available on the LDCA Web Page on the SHG Web Site.

Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 22270.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary before the meeting.

Golf Report for Saturday & Sunday 15th & 16th August 2020

Twenty-six brave golfers turned up for round one of the Bank of St Helena sponsored stroke play competition. It became very clear very quickly that whoever wrote last week's article about August not being scruffy spoke too soon. Shotgun tee off at 12:00 was in light rain. The sky looked grey; the clouds were pregnant. It wasn't long before the winds pick up, visibility reduced due to fog and a big bucket of water was poured from above. The golfer didn't look pleased. Top on the leaderboard after round one was a tie between Donald Bowers and John Colclough with net 69, George Thomas scored net 70 followed by 5 gentlemen (Leon Crowie, Arthur Young, Bramwell, Martin Buckley and Ian Johnson) tied with net 72. The only two ball pool winner for Saturday was Mr Arthur Young birdie on the 16th.

On Sunday the gods of golf were in a slightly better mood than Saturday. The weather was slightly better. On completion of the final round there was a tie between Mr Donald Bowers and Mr Arthur Young with net 140 which lead to a playoff on the 18th. On first attempt both players scored a par. It was back to the tee box. Meanwhile in the clubhouse, Ms Zedella Young Bank of St Helena Marketing Manager and Mrs Isabel Winfield Lending Services Manager waited patiently to present the prizes on behalf of the sponsor. On second attempt Arthur Young scored a par against Mr Bowers bogey to win the competition and first prize. Mr Donald Bowers took second prize and Mr Ian Johnson came third with net 142. The only lady who played the full 36 holes Christine Scipio won both longest drive and nearest to pin for the ladies. Longest drive gents prize went to Mr Keith Joshua and nearest to pin gents went to Mr George Thomas. Two ball pool winner for Sunday was Mr Scott Crowie who birdied the 7th. The prizes were presented by Mrs Isabel Winfield who congratulated the winners and thanked everyone who took part in the competition. She indicated that BOSH was happy to continue to support the club even as we revive and embark on training and developing the junior members. As a club we wish to express our gratitude to the Bank of St Helena for their continued support.



The evening progressed into Karaoke thanks to Collin, where some of our members displayed their hidden talents. There was also all varieties of pizza in the house courtesy of Mr KJ. Thank you KJ and Collins for helping us make it a great evening.

The committee of management would like to inform our members that Mr Larry Legg has resigned as the greenskeeper with effect from 13th August 2020. We thank Mr Larry Legg for the years and the time he has served us as the greens keeper and we wish him all the best in his future endeavors. In the interim Mr Brian Joshua will perform the duties of greens keeper until such time that the position is substantively filled.

Next Sunday 20th August 2020 competition will be Modified Stableford shotgun start at 12:00 registration closes on Saturday 19th at 15:00 ongoing.

Happy swinging.!
 Contributed by: SHGC



JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE SKITTLES SEASON – 2020/21 RESULTS

DATE: 10 August

Parttimers - 503			Bt	Youngstars - 423	
Lady's H Sc	Stacey WILLIAMS	54		Rebecca YOUNG	57
Gent's H Sc	Denny LEO	67		Christian PHILLIPS	57
Lady's H Sp	Stacey WILLIAMS	14		Rebecca YOUNG	15
Gent's H Sp	Patrick PETERS	15			

DATE: 12 August

Extractors - 474			Bt	Young Alcoholics - 368	
Lady's H Sc	Kimmy THOMAS	53		Anisa MOYCE	45
Gent's H Sc	Luke JOHNSON	63		Jordon YON	62
Lady's H Sp	Kimmy THOMAS	12			
Gent's H Sp	Luke JOHNSON	17			

Up-coming fixtures:

Monday - 24 August: YOUNG ALCOHOLICS V STRUGGLERS
Wednesday - 26 August: PARTTIMERS V NEVER READYS



DHL – SOUTH ATLANTIC EXPRESS LTD.

IS LOOKING TO RECRUIT A CUSTOMER SERVICE AGENT FOR THEIR OFFICE IN JAMESTOWN. THIS WILL BE ON A PART TIME BASIS BUT WILL BECOME FULL TIME ONCE REGULAR AIR SERVICE RESUMES. THIS ROLE REQUIRES A PERSON WITH THE ABILITY TO MANAGE THE OFFICE INDEPENDENTLY, AND APPLICANTS MUST BE COMPUTER LITERATE AND EXPERIENCED IN CUSTOMER SERVICE AND ADMINISTRATION. MANAGERIAL EXPERIENCE IS ALSO DESIRABLE. TRAINING WILL BE GIVEN ON DHL SYSTEMS AND PRACTICES.

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Governance Commission Report Published

Vince Thompson

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systems of scrutiny, regulations, orders and guidelines. The Commission expects that these associated governance mechanisms, when addressed in detail, will follow the accepted principles of good governance; these include accountability, responsibility and transparency and openness.”

The improved governance suggested in the Commission's report is based on an individual being given the responsibility for a well defined part of the government's business and responsibilities. Responsibility means power and influence as well as problems and headaches. To balance the power given to any particular individual there is accountability in equal measure. Because an individual bears the responsibility there is no place to hide, mistakes and delays will need to be explained and everyone will know who is responsible for what. With accountability comes scrutiny. Some elected members will have the job of questioning those given the power across the whole range of issues and subjects.

These aims can, to start with, be compared with the Governance Commission's view of what we now have with the present committee system. The report published this week lists the following:-

Commission Observations on Present Committee System

- Not conducive to identifying accountability, openness or specific political responsibility
- No consistent political oversight and accountability for the level of public services possible
- Too many apparent layers of decision-making leads to a perception the Present Committee system is slow and cumbersome
- Present Committee system does not engender confidence in the effectiveness of the political process
- Rightly or wrongly, the general public perception is the SHG administration defines the priorities for political attention and not the elected representatives
- Too often elected members find it difficult and slow to agree the content of new policies
- General public assume the SHG administration is the 'government' making decisions on public services and elected members often appear to operate as an opposition to the administration rather than both being integral parts of the process of government
- Too many public officials sit on political-led committees leading to a confusion of roles.

The Governance Commission looked at ways to improve the Committee System. This revolved mainly around reducing the size of committees and giving the committee chairperson more responsibility and accountability (more power and subject to more scrutiny).

The alternative is the ministerial system, where the minister is responsible and answerable for everything to do with the directorates and departments under his or her control. One of a group of five ministers would be the Chief Minister and that person would be where the buck stops.



One for the desk of every minister or committee chairperson – whichever it may be

The Chief Minister would have Finance and the overall government budget as a direct personal responsibility but would also be responsible for the government administration and overall government policy. The Chief Minister would also be responsible for the effectiveness of the ministers who lead the directorates. It is most likely the Chief Minister would appoint the ministers; he or she would also have the power to relieve them of their duties if they disappoint.

Overall, the Commission members agreed it is easier and more effective to promote the aims of responsibility and accountability through the ministerial system than it is through a revised committee system. The ministerial system is designed to achieve this particular purpose. Revisions to the committee system should produce more accountability, transparency, responsibility and maybe quicker decision-making than we have now. However, because the committee system is not designed to specifically achieve the aims of accountability, responsibility and transparency a revised committee system is seen as less effective compared with the ministerial system.

This description is an introduction to what is a surprisingly complicated subject. The more it is delved into, the more complicated it gets. In the following weeks the *Independent* will report on a particular aspect of the Governance Commission report. The report can be downloaded from the government website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>

Also see press release on page 13





Do We Need a Bulk Fuel Installation?

Mike Olsson

The Wharf Development in Rupert's Valley is a hot topic at the moment. It is obvious that the offloading of containers should take place in Rupert's and not Jamestown but is the presented plan the right way forward.

We questioned this in the Independent last week and Vince continues this week to cover the topic in the Editorial columns this week.

It is not just normal cargo which will be offloaded in Rupert's Bay, it is also the Island's fuel supply. We currently offload diesel and petrol from the visiting tanker and jet fuel, Kerosene, in tanktainers from the MV Helena.

The future plans for our fuel supplies appear to be that all fuel should be supplied from a visiting tanker.

In connection with the Airport Project it was decided to build a new, bigger, Bulk Fuel Installation higher up in Rupert's Valley. This has already turned out to be a disaster. To date we have spent £83 million on the new BFI and how much more we need to spend before it is finished and commissioned remains to be seen.

If we are looking at some recent statistics (2019/2020) we are only importing fuel with an import value of less than three million pounds. Is it really viable to handle these small quantities of fuel in a massive installation which will cost a fortune in remaining construction, commissioning and future operations, certification and maintenance? The new BFI is and will remain a 'White Elephant'.

We have a regular ship, the MV Helena, arriving here every month, which has capacity to bring the fuel to the Island on a regular basis. Fuel containers, aka tanktainers are used all over the world for transport and storage of fuel, including petrol and kerosene.

If we look at the fuel demand on the Island over the years, supplying the Island with fuel from tanktainers is feasible. We import about one million litres of petrol every year, 3.7 million litres of diesel and about a million litres of Kerosene, in all 5.7 million litres.

A standard tanktainer takes 20,000 litres of fuel which would fill 285 containers per year, or 24 containers per month. It is not all that many containers. If we consider the 'green initiatives' on the Island, especially through the PASH development, the diesel requirements for the Power Station are likely to drop in the future.

The MV Helena would have the capacity to bring all the fuel we need, especially as she could fit in more journeys from Cape Town than currently.

This would be hugely beneficial to the Island. We could develop the current BFI 'Beach Site' into a container park for fuel with the facilities to fill up road tankers and supply the power station with containerised diesel.

We have to look at this idea in a wider perspective as it would have many positive effects;

1. We do not have to spend money on the visiting tanker and all additional arrangements needed for its offloading.
2. Dependent on how the contract is written with AW Shipping, an additional 285 containers per year should enable the freight charges to come down, not just for fuel, but for everything we ship to the Island as the freight volume increases.
3. By putting the tanktainer park next to the proposed wharf area, security costs would be split between the parties.
4. Savings in maintenance, depreciation, certification and staff.
5. No 'dead stock' as the storage and 'turnaround' time would be very short.
6. We will get plenty of space left over in Rupert's Valley for other development.

And more...

It is apparent that we sometimes forget how many people we are actually catering for. We are just over 4,000 people on the Island but it appears that we are catering for at least 40,000, which makes it more expensive for everybody living here.

This is meant to be another constructive idea to make St Helena a better, and affordable, place to live.

It is well known that the original ideas with booming tourism and massive influx of people living on the Island is the background to the development of the new BFI and many other operations on the Island. It is now apparent that this scenario was massively exaggerated and it is time to 'cut the cloth' to suit St Helena's circumstances.



JEAN BEADON ART COMPETITION



Gabrielle Fowler from Harford Primary School is the proud winner of the 2020 Jean Beadon Art Competition.

In second place was Ana-Lucia Roberts from Harford Primary School and Sitthipon Sawangwong from St Paul's Primary School taking third place.

The following pupils' work was Highly Commended:

St Paul's Primary School	Joey Crowie
Harford Primary School	London Franconi
	and Annamaria Lofino
Pilling Primary School	Alexi Benjamin

Director of Education, Wendy Benjamin, commented:

"The late Jean Beadon, a lady with a passion for art, lived on St Helena many years ago. She wanted to encourage children to develop their art skills, so she set up a Trust that would sponsor a Jean Beadon Art Competition every year. All Year 6 pupils in the Island's three Primary Schools worked towards the Jean Beadon Art Competition during their Art lessons."

Competition winner, Gabrielle, said:

"I was amazed and felt so excited when I heard that I had won the Jean Beadon Art Competition."

"The teacher helped me with my techniques and most of my ideas came from experimenting, in school and at home, with different media."



54 PEOPLE TRAINED IN NATIONAL AUTISTIC SOCIETY'S ESSENTIAL AUTISM COURSE

In 2019, St Helena Government (SHG) commissioned the National Autistic Society (NAS) to support the development of services on-Island for children and adults on the autism spectrum and to improve professional practice. As part of this consultancy, NAS trainers delivered a five-day 'Train the Trainer' Autism Licensed User course to 10 SHG employees from the Education, Health and Children & Adults Social Care Directorates as well as an employee from SHAPE (St Helena Active Participation in Enterprise).

NEW DATE - Miss St Helena 2020

Organisers of the Miss St Helena 2020 event are pleased to announce a revised date for the show, of Saturday 24 October.

Following the postponement earlier this year, due to Coronavirus concerns, this new date has been selected just ahead of the recently announced charter flight at the end of October.

This allows a maximum lead-in time between flights to monitor the situation with the island's Covid-Free status and hopefully proceed with a good degree of confidence in safety.

Currently 11 ladies have registered to take part. Closing date for final entries is next week, Friday 28 August.

Anyone interested in taking part should contact a member of the organising group, who are: Darrin & Sharon Henry, Robyn Sim, Sasha Bargo, Gemma Lawrence and Sylvia Phillips.

Miss St Helena 2020 will once again include a 4-week programme of activities and events, designed to help contestants build confidence and prepare for the show itself.

This year the traditional swimsuit section has been replaced with the brand new 'Attention Seeker' round which promises to be a spectacular addition to the event.

A meeting for all contestants is taking place this Friday, 21 August, at the HTH community centre, at 5.30pm.

More information about Miss St Helena 2020 will be announced in due course to the media, and also posted on the Miss St Helena 2020 Facebook Page.

One Happy Listener

Hi,

I'm currently sat in my living room, trying to 'work from home', here in Swindon (Wiltshire, UK) and listening to Saint FM. I'm now in my mid-50s, and have a collection of mugs with television and radio station logos on them, the first of which (BBC Radio Oxford) my late father bought for me when I was around thirteen or fourteen years old.

Consequently, I was wondering if you might have a mug with your name/logo on, that I could purchase from you? I'm afraid that I'm rather old-fashioned and would need to send you a cheque in payment. Would that work? Alternatively, I'd be very happy to send cash.

(Ah, your presenter has just mentioned that his mother is in Cheltenham, which is only about 30 miles from me!).

Is there such a thing as a Saint FM mug?

Kind regards.

Stephen G Powell

Swindon, Wiltshire, UK



Miss St Helena 2020

Saturday
24 October



NEW DATE

Miss St Helena 2020

Saturday 24 October

The 4-week programme for all contestants begins on 26 Sep, which includes stage walk training, interview workshops, exposure business tour, team & confidence-building events and more.

Brand new round, **'Attention Seeker'** is going to be spectacular.

Entries close Fri 28 Aug.
Last Chance!

To enter, contact Darrin or Sharon Henry, Robyn Sim, Sasha Bargo, Sylvia Phillips or Gemma Lawrence.

Inventive School Holiday Activity Day for Children 6 to 12 years old.

On: Tuesday 25th August 2020

From: 10 am - 3pm

At: The Baptist church hall, Jamestown. £2.50 per child

Many activities during the day including: Arts and crafts, make- your- own- pancake, play ukuleles, fun drama session, dance-off competition, French skipping, board games, clay modelling etc. You choose what you want to do and how long to stay. Pasta lunch provided.

Email creativesainthelena@gmail.com to register or call 23988 for further details.

