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Most people in St Helena have heard the name 'Crown Agents'. It has an aura of stability and authority about it. Back in the days of British Empire Crown Agents were really the UK Crown's Agents in the colonies. They were advising about management, did the procurement and performed many tasks around the world. From 1971 they also took over the payments of UK Aid from DfID/ODA.

St Helena has always had dealings with Crown Agents. They acted like St Helena's bank in overseas matters. SHG has always held much of their funds in Crown Agents to make it more convenient to make payments overseas. From 1975 they also managed the funds deposited by the St Helena Currency Fund and Government Savings Bank, later Bank of St Helena. They also act as Company Secretaries for Solomon & Co.

Our major public funds are normally held in the safest possible bond and deposits in Pound Sterling and these assets are managed, bought and sold, on behalf of the St Helenian beneficiaries. Nobody have thought much about this arrangement and just referred to the managers as 'Crown Agents'. It was not deemed to be necessary to make a risk assessment of Crown Agents, after all they had been there as long as we could remember and nothing had gone wrong with our deposits.

Unfortunately, it went under the radar when a vital part of the old Crown Agents was sold in 2016. The part of the old firm which dealt with the money was sold. Since 2016/2017 there are two companies called Crown Agents, one is called just 'Crown Agents' and the other 'Crown Agents Bank'.

The part just called Crown Agents are still Company Secretaries for Solomon & Co and previously also help to manage St Helena Line. They are owned by a foundation and are a non-for profit organisation.

Crown Agents Bank is something completely different. In 2016 they were sold to Nigerian interests. Through different companies the became a subsidiary of a company called Helios Investment Partners, which in turn is controlled by two Nigerians, Tope Lawani and Babatunde Soyoye. Mr Lawani and Mr Soyoye started Helios Investment Partners in 2004 and are focussing on investments in Africa. They have their head office in London but also have offices in Nigeria and Kenya. What happened in 2016 was that the St Helena Public funds managed by the old Crown Agents were now managed by Crown Agents Bank and controlled by Helios Investment Partners. The overseas deposits belonging to Bank of St Helena, St Helena Currency Fund and SHG are to a certain degree

under the control of Mr Lawani and Mr Soyoye without anybody in St Helena lifting a eye-brow. The amounts in these funds vary but are likely to be £65-£70 million.

The funds are still invested in secure bonds and deposits but managed by a company we do not know much about. In the latest published accounts from both Bank of St Helena and the St Helena Currency Fund is stated that their assets are deposited with 'Crown Agents' and not 'Crown Agents Bank'. It appears that not much notice was taken when the new fund managers took over. There might even be a suspicion that in St Helena we did not know, or reflect, on the new owners of the Crown Agents Bank.

It has been said that no risk assessment or investigation has been undertaken on behalf of the Bank of St Helena or St Helena Government to find out more about the people managing most of the Island's money.

After talking to government officials yesterday that a proper investigation and risk assessment of the Crown Agents Bank and their owners will now be undertaken. This is about time as it would be a disaster if we lost £65-70million of the public's money.

It should be pointed out that we are in any way suggesting that Crown Agent Bank or its owners or beneficiaries are involved in any irregularities or unlawful activities but it would be prudent to investigate if the substantial funds in question are fully safe and managed in a manner most beneficial to St Helena.

By Mike

Late Football News

Champions League – Group Stage

Group stage draw in full:

Group A: Paris St-Germain, Real Madrid, Club Bruges, Galatasaray

Group B: Bayern Munich, **Tottenham**, Olympiakos, Red Star Belgrade

Group C: **Manchester City**, Shakhtar Donetsk, Dinamo Zagreb, Atalanta

Group D: Juventus, Atletico Madrid, Bayer Leverkusen, Lokomotiv Moscow

Group E: **Liverpool**, Napoli, Salzburg, Genk

Group F: Barcelona, Borussia Dortmund, Inter Milan, Slavia Prague

Group G: Zenit St Petersburg, Benfica, Lyon, RB Leipzig

Group H: **Chelsea**, Ajax, Valencia, Lille

Survey ship *Fugro Gauss* drags fishing boat *Ocean Gypsy* by its anchor line

On its last day surveying St Helena's inshore waters the survey ship *Fugro Gauss* caught the anchor line of local fishing boat *Ocean Gypsy* and dragged it almost a mile before the anchor line was cut or snapped.

The *Fugro Gauss* left on Tuesday 20th August but appears to have been continuing to survey the route for the Equiano cable as it returned to the main route for the cable to continue survey operations. Not far off-shore the crew of the *Ocean Gypsy* said the survey ship crossed between the fishing boat and its anchor, picking up the anchor line as it passed.

From that point on the *Ocean Gypsy* was dragged by the *Fugro Gauss* for a distance which was compared to from the Arch to the General Hospital. The crew of the *Ocean Gypsy* feared for their lives as the survey ship started to pull the fishing boat down. The crew tried to attract the attention of a person on the deck of the *Fugro Gauss* but could not get a reaction of any kind. A member of the crew told the *Independent* that radio communication was also silent.

After a terrifying few minutes which seemed like a lifetime the anchor line was cut by whatever it was below the water line on the hull of the *Fugro Gauss* which was dragging the *Ocean Gypsy* or the line simply snapped due to the continual strain. As soon as this happened the *Ocean Gypsy* levelled in the water and the crisis was over. A least 100 metres of rope was lost together with the anchor.

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

The public is advised of the following updated contact numbers for HM Customs & Excise, Income Tax and Port Control Offices at the Wharf from today, Friday 23 August 2019.

HM Customs & Excise

HM Customs & Excise can be contacted on tel: **22287**. Please use this number for all Customs related enquiries, including Customs clearance at sea ports and St Helena Airport, Customs laws and procedures, tariff and duty rates, payment processes, operating hours and other general Customs queries.

Income Tax Office

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

Port Control

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

SHG
23 August 2019



The family of the late Dulcie Yon of Barracks Square Jamestown who passed away on 19th July 2019 would like to thank the Doctors & Nurses during her short illness, Fr Clive & Mr Horner for conducting the Funeral service, Mrs Kathleen Yon & family for the lovely wreaths, Roy & his team and all those who kindly gave flowers & attended the Funeral & gave the family words of comfort.

Dulcie is sadly miss by all her family & friends.



Connect SAINT HELENA LTD TIP OF THE WEEK

If you spot a leak from a pipe that is not on your property, please report it to Connect Saint Helena on 22255.

This type of leak may not cost you any money but it costs all of us in losing our precious water resources.





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Editorial

Last Friday SHG circulated an email informing recipients that Councillor Cruyff Buckley had attended the British Island and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) annual conference in May this year and his report of the three day chat-fest was now available on the SHG website. The British Island and Mediterranean Region is part of the CPA. It was a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association conference.

Famous far and wide for valuable and meaningful discussions which attract conference delegates from the ends of the earth, the CPA strengthened its reputation by persuading Cruyff to travel the 4,521 miles from St Helena to Guernsey to talk about *Fake News and Digital Disinformation*. Cruyff had five guest speakers to listen to; all talking about different aspects of fake news. One speaker's subject was "The importance of Quality Journalism in a World of Fake News and Social Media". Another subject was "Fake News and the Impact on Media Freedom".

Cruyff came into his own when the conference delegates were split into smaller discussion groups. Cruyff was 'picked on' by his group to be the one who reported back to all the other groups on what conclusions had been reached by his group. Cruyff took on the title of Rapporteur. But that's OK, Cruyff has broad shoulders.

Summing up the general feeling and views of his fellow, well travelled, Parliamentarians Cruyff wrote in his report, "Whilst it is well known newspapers will use discretion as to what the content of a particular submission might be, this sometimes results in a distorted or favourable version with the censorship of key facts. This further emphasises the importance of quality journalism that is ethical, based in certain terms and conditions. A suggestion of self-regulation by the journalists themselves was also discussed. There was also a suggestion of an accreditation/benchmarking scheme for journalists, with the view one could assess the reliability of publications based on a star rating of credibility."

There is some confused thinking here – I fear. Discretion leads to distortion? Favouring one side of an issue of public interest is the same as censorship of key facts? If this is not confused it is simplification in the extreme. But it is what I would expect from Parliamentarians, Councillors, call them what you will.

I have sat on both sides of this particular fence. During twelve years as a councillor I was often frustrated and annoyed when I could not persuade some reporter or other to take an interest in whatever issue was the bee in my bonnet at any given time. I would also be exasperated when I read a report on something which did interest me or I was involved with and found the report very often overlooked what I considered to be the most important points. I know how you feel Cruyff, I have empathy for you.

It is strange that there should be this difference of approach and interpretation of events since both elected representatives and writers in newspapers see communication with anyone and everyone as important and something which should be continually practiced and improved. One difference in approach is that people like me do it every week and need to write on subjects that people are prepared to pay for. For elected representatives the heat is turned up just once every four years, in the few weeks before the general election. Remember it took three months for the Cruyff report to get published. I'm writing this for printing later this morning. Also, there is an organisation called Newsguard where a team of trained journalists and experienced editors rate and review thousands of news and information websites based on nine journalistic criteria—such as whether the site regularly publishes false content, reveals conflicts of interest, discloses financing, or publicly corrects reporting errors. This answers the point in the Cruyff report about self-regulation in journalism.

While trying very hard not to be too blunt about it; can Cruyff and many others claim our government never favours one particular side of some issue or other in order to supposedly protect its own interests? When emailing press releases and public information does our government never censor key facts? Was the Summary of the BDO Report on Mantis St Helena a full, accurate and uncensored piece of information distribution? Of course it was not. Despite using truckloads of public money to keep St Helena Hotel Development Ltd afloat, we who have financed this venture are denied and excluded from the information which we, again, have paid for. The whole situation is disgraceful and is one more instance where government puts another brick in the wall between the government and the governed. Councillors remained mostly quiet and were far too polite, even obsequious over this issue. Once more I have to write that come election time I foresee even fewer people bothering to vote.



A new direction for investment in St Helena is needed to stop the 'brain drain'

A recent *Saint FM* radio discussion had the Chief Secretary, the Financial Secretary, the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and the Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise at ESH sitting around the table with Tammy Williams to talk about past attempts at attracting new investment in St Helena and the new thinking which it is hoped will find new and more successful ways attract money to St Helena. It is accepted new ways are needed to make money on St Helena and for St Helena and new ways to do this are being assessed or already being followed in an attempt to shift up through the gears as far as economic development is concerned.

This follows on from an editorial in the *St Helena Independent* which argued the foundations for sound economic growth in St Helena are the Equiano Cable, bringing faster and cheaper telecommunications, the renewable energy project which will put the brakes on the cost of electricity, Banking services which are in tune with 21st century requirements and an expanded legal profession which can keep pace with the demands made by a growing economy.

Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, made clear that new and different investment opportunities are being actively explored. He said after two years of airport operation we cannot put all our eggs into one basket by pinning all our hopes on tourism. Official figures indicated the tourism growth so far had been as projected but that is not enough. Local businesses are struggling and other areas of economic activity need to be encouraged so economic growth can be speeded up. Dax referred to his Budget Speech in April this year. When referring specifically to investment Dax said, "Mr Speaker, in addition to a Capital Programme we need more investment into the Island, investment creates stimulus for the economy, it brings in new money, creates jobs, increases wages which in turn increases taxes and increases spending power and provides many positive spin offs for the whole community. ESH and SHG will continue to focus on securing new investment; we must continue to create the right environment to attract continued investment."

In the radio discussion the Financial Secretary was unmistakable about the government's intention to encourage a larger Bank or a similar financial services business to set up in St Helena; a business big enough to offer more resources and services. There had already been discussions with a potentially interested company. On financial services generally Dax described St Helena as a 'fair tax' location where the level of taxation is lower than in many countries where financial services are based. The lower tax rate should encourage interest from the financial business sector such as insurance companies, consumer finance companies, stock brokerages and investment funds. It is now official policy to encourage new investment of this kind into St Helena. One advantage is St Helena's association with the UK; London is a leading financial centre and Edinburgh too is an important European financial centre and a world leader in some specialties. UK laws are also an advantage; St Helena uses UK law when no local legislation is applicable. International financiers are familiar with and often favour UK law.

It was made clear that fishing, farming and tourism continue to be supported with attempts to improve these trading areas always continuing. However, more was needed to diversify economic activity and the Equiano Cable provided one of the opportunities. Dax Richards pointed out that 200 economically active Saints had left the Island in recent months and this was not sustainable. Apart from making St Helena more attractive as a place to do business and employ people, the cable opens up a range of opportunities for new business. New business should reverse to trend and bring Saints back from overseas employment to work in the financial sector, telecommunications, the legal profession, tourism or general management in the more traditional areas of business.

The subject of overseas investors being seen by some as a 'threat' was discussed. Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey pointed out that the background of potential overseas investors is vetted and there are clear boundaries and standards that the vetting procedure is used for to confirm acceptability. Economic Development Chairman Lawson Henry pointed out that local investors are encouraged to attract an overseas investing partner where appropriate and the same applies the other way around. Potential overseas investors are encouraged from the outset to work with local businesses either on a contractual basis or as a partner in the same business. Lawson pointed out that investors money has to be attracted to St Helena if we are to move away from being a 'public service island'.

The ESH Director of Commercial Development and Enterprise spoke about a new investor prospectus which is due to be published in October. This publication will point out the best business opportunities available in St Helena. Beyond that ESH Director Martin George said there is a continuing focus on encouraging an entrepreneurial spirit among local investors. In November there is to be an Entrepreneurial Week to promote the development of skills and opportunities.



THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US ON
SUNDAY 1st September 2019 @
11:00
PRAISE AND WORSHIP
At No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise
Park

*Transport is available from
Jamestown, HTH
Contact 23248*

PRAISE & WORSHIP

Exco start project spending

Executive Council met on Tuesday. It was an additional meeting to discuss two aspects of the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), previously called the Capital programme. Minds were focussed only on spending money instead of raising money through extra tax and duty. DFID have made £15 million available over the next three years for capital spending through the EDIP. There is the possibility of a further £15 million being made available by DFID for the following three years subject to a review of the effectiveness in spending the first £15 million.

After being starved of capital programme funding over the last two or three years and no doubt mindful of the DFID 'good behaviour' review in three years time Exco proceeded with caution as the first stage of EDIP spending was decided. Micro Projects were the first on the agenda where small improvements costing less than £50,000 but making a useful and visible difference. **New LED, dark sky compliant street lighting for Jamestown** is now approved and underway. SHG is buying specially commissioned lights to replace the existing lights.

The next micro projects focussed on public toilets. **Jamestown, Ladder Hill, Longwood Avenue and Half Tree Hollow public toilets** will be upgraded. The intention is to fit vandal proof toilet systems, wash basins and fittings in stainless steel. They will be redecorated and energy saving lighting will be wired in. If funding is available automatic hand dryers will be included. The cheapest stainless steel dryers cost about £140 but the most user friendly sort are about £700 – excluding cargo charges.

The next micro project comes from recommendations made by the **Napoleonic Bicentenary Visioning Group**. The recommendations made for the refurbishment of heritage sites will be costed and designs produced where appropriate to make good heritage assets which have deteriorated over time. With this information available SHG's External Funding Coordinator will seek funds from external sources for the actual restoration work.

Also in the EDIP Phase One micro projects is improving SHG's Information and Communications Technology (ICT). The need to buy new storage servers was report from the 23rd July Exco but no update on this project was included in the report for Tuesday's meeting. Also requiring funds is the recruitment of a qualified person to manage the EDIP and other projects as activity ramps up.

Exco then moved on to EDIP Phase Two. The first project in the list of bigger projects to get off the starting blocks is Rockfall Protection in Rupert's and Jamestown. In Jamestown the Maldivia area was given a special mention. Making the Lower Rupert's area safe is the precursor to other Rupert's projects to follow. This project includes the cost of recruiting the required technical assistance. Laying down the Rupert's Container Handling Area is scheduled for year two in the EDIP project programme.

Social and Community Development Committee

This month's SCDC meeting started with a report from the Equality and Human Rights Commission. The main points from the report are:- the highest number of complaints in-

involved private sector employment and benefit issues – complaints about police and prisons included the execution of searches with and without warrants, the length of time phones and IT equipment may be held, the use of drones for surveillance and the issuing of Tasers to most Police Officers – this year the EHRC will focus on 'Disabilities including Equal Access to Work & Training'. A series of measures were agreed in relation to non-compliance with employees' rights by some sections of the private sector.

Amended immigration legislation is scheduled to be in place by the end of the year after a round of public consultation. A request was also made for the Immigration Control Board to consider disclosing to the public the basis of their decision making. A review of the Social Security Ordinance is near completion. A public consultation is part of the review process.

An update on progress with legislation for Data Protection and Freedom of Information is still awaited. Other legislation in the pipeline includes:-

- Adults Welfare Legislation that outlines the social care responsibilities to vulnerable adults
- Health & Social Care Bill that outlines the responsibilities of the Health Directorate and the Children & Adults Social Care Directorate to vulnerable adults
- Asylum Bill that outlines how somebody claiming Asylum on St Helena will be supported should the need arise.

The fostering campaign promoted by the Children & Adults **Social Care Directorate** was launched and labelled a great success.

LAND FOR SALE

After a long year of debate, we have decided to sell our land parcels 010047 and 010094 at Thompsons Hill. I spent over 2 years designing this dream home with stunning views but have since purchased and renovating a small cottage just around the corner from this plot. The design has been approved and building can begin if you choose to use this design, however, I would suggest some changes based on equipment limitations on the island.



This design is for a modern modular 2 bedroom 2 bath home with a detached guest house. The plot will also work for 2 smaller homes vs. one long skinny home if preferred.

Video link - <https://youtu.be/uPqncZxqkco>

Please email nataliesimone@me.com for full details or call Bronia or Rex Stevens at 290-24969

Asking price 40K British Pounds

Tristan Administrator Sean Burns with the latest storm damage update

A survey has been carried out by a structural engineer and I am pleased to report that there are no major structural issues with the Administration, Post Office/Tourism, Police Station, School and Residency buildings. Rebuilding any or all of these would have been a logistical and financial challenge. That said, they are all in a very poor state following the wind and water damage. Some will require a complete rewire and all need a total or partial refurbishment. This will take some months and given the pressure on the government workforce we will need external contractors here to lend a hand. We are in the process of identifying and recruiting these. We already have quite a few materials on the island but more will be needed. In the meantime, we continue to clear these buildings of debris to enable work to start as soon as possible. We have two teams of pensioners helping us with this. Their help has been invaluable.

The communications team have been working through a programme and all the phones are now working. The internet is on but for the moment, restricted to government departments. With the arrival of more equipment earlier this week we hope to have all departments on line in the next few days. The internet café is open to the public. We hope to be able to extend internet service to the public once the equipment room has been properly surveyed and new equipment checked by an engineer who we hope will be visiting on the next ship. TV and radio were restored this week. The radio station, which also lost its roof, has relocated to the café. They will stay there until their new building, which was already under construction before the storm, is complete. The VHF repeaters have been checked and there has been some damage but we hope to have full coverage around the island and to Nightingale and Inaccessible soon. Important for the local fishing fleet around Tristan and the Geo Searcher at the outer islands.

Various other departments have had to relocate. The Treasury are in one of the government houses, the police are working from Inspector Glass's study at home, the administrator's office has set up in the residency and the post office/tourism team are working from the hall.

In terms of assistance we are very grateful to all of those who have contributed to the Red Cross appeal on St Helena and to the Tristan Association appeal on the www.tristandc.com website. Continued assistance (financial and technical) from the UK government is also much appreciated.

In the meantime, busy and normal island life continues. We have seen four straight days fishing this week. The first fishing days of the season which opened on 1 July. This is excellent news and a real morale booster for the community. That



The MFV Edinburgh, the vessel taking the relief workers and supplies to Tristan da Cunha earlier this month.

said I am sure everyone will be looking forward to a well-deserved rest especially as it looks like we might be fishing up until the weekend! The Geo Searcher also arrived this week for her first fishing trip. She is now offloaded and now has the fisheries team on board for the biomass surveys. She will start fishing in the next few days. The community are also planning a major clear up (All Hands Day) of debris outside of the settlement and last Sunday, 'lambing' started. Islanders are also busy spading and planting.

Sean Burns
Tristan da Cunha

This update will also appear on the Tristan da Cunha website (<https://www.tristandc.com/index.php>) where more Tristan information can be found

SIDE PATH ROAD CLOSURES

The following is a Public Announcement from the Infrastructure & Transport Directorate:

The Highways Authority has given approval for Side Path Road to be closed from 9am to 3pm on Monday, 2 September, Tuesday, 3 September, Wednesday, 4 September, Thursday, 5 September, and Friday, 6 September 2019.

This closure is to allow the Roads Section to carry out repairs to the retaining wall on Side Path Road.

During this closure, appropriate signage will be in place and, only emergency services will be granted access.

For the duration of this closure, the diversion route will be via Constitution Hill Road.

The Roads Section would like to thank the public in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

SHG
27 August 2019



St Helena
Government

 **St Helena Red Cross**
TRISTAN APPEAL

Bank of St Helena, Red Cross account no. 00334002
marked 'Tristan Appeal'

ST HELENA WATER LEVELS UPDATE

St Helena Island is currently under an Island-wide hosepipe ban enforced by Connect Saint Helena (CSH) on Monday, 24 June 2019.

Applications for Agricultural exemptions can be made to CSH and producers are reminded that exemptions granted to them are for water use on existing crops. Any new plantings might not be eligible for an exemption and is therefore undertaken at producers' own risk. For further information please contact CSH or Agricultural Development Officer, Andrea Timm, via email: andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh.

CSH are continuing to pump water from Chubb's Spring and Hutt's Gate to Red Hill to replenish stocks in this area.

The raw water catchment at Osbornes in St Paul's is completely dry (see photo) and there has not been any surface run off in this area since March 2019. This water catchment is normally one of the main sources of surface water for the Red Hill reservoirs producing, on average, 90 cubic metres per day.

The Island's water stocks remain low with no significant rain-



fall forecast. There is just 34 days of storage volume remaining and the current stored water volume remains at 32.5%.

If you see anyone using water irresponsibly or notice a burst pipe or leak, then please inform CSH immediately. Every drop counts, every action counts - everyone must save every drop of water possible.

St Helena Resilience Forum
27 August 2019

Prince Andrew School Results Day

Prince Andrew School (PAS) Results Day was held on Friday 23rd August at 10am in the hall at PAS. All students who sat GCSE & A level Exams in May/June of this year attended along with their teachers, parents, guardians and invited guests.

The day began with a welcoming speech from Headteacher Mrs Penny Bowers, followed by a congratulatory speech by Mrs Cynthia Bennett about students who took part in work experience this year and they were each given a certificate to show that they had participated.



Soon after, each student sat in anticipation to hear their name called to collect their much-awaited Statement of Results from the school. Once all students received their Statements, they had the opportunity to speak with teachers and the Examination Officer Mrs Brenda Thomas, if they had any queries about their results or wanted to re-sit an exam.

Students were also invited to speak with other representatives from various establishments around the island about the next steps in the future of their education, to name a few, Mrs Anya Thomas from Solomons' HR Department; Mrs Bronwen Yon from SHG's Corporate HR & St Helena Community College staff. Eats and refreshments were also provided for all to enjoy during the day. The Official Results from the Examinations Board will follow in due course.

Here are a few of the comments that were made by students at the Results Day event:

"I feel quite pleased with my A level results, I was a few marks shy of the grade I really wanted but I am still quite happy with what I have achieved." – Shelby Bargo, Sixth Form student.



"I am really excited and over whelmed, I achieved what I wanted to and in some exams I achieved more then what I wanted to, going forward I plan to come back to school and complete my A levels and hopefully go to university." – Colby Thomas, Year 11 student.

"I feel quite happy about my results and I hope they let me back into Sixth form." – Harley Andrews, Year 11 student.

"I feel good about my results and would like to go back to sixth form." – Matthew Owen, Year 11 student.

It was truly an eventful day filled with enjoyment, excitement and delight. All Year 11 and Sixth Form students are to be congratulated on their achievements and for another successful school year, as a new generation prepares to enter the hallowed halls and a new generation enters the working and social community as adults.

And so it was

Addie Thomas

The wind has kicked up a 'stink' this week. I do hope that it will behave itself for the flight this Saturday so that I may return to the UK and honour all the bookings made in preparation for this. Dealing with insurance companies when travel goes amiss is such a bore.

Tuesday was my last day for stores. I still remember vividly the first day I started doing them and all the wonderful smiles and greetings I received. Thank you to the ladies (and guys) at Solomons, Thorpes, The Queen Mary, Redhill and Sandy Bay for your time, assistance and smiles. I will not forget the laughter.

I'll have a broken heart on Saturday; truly this is the best visit I have had to the island in the twenty years that I have been abroad. Many challenges face me out there but as I lay my head on my pillow each night, I will drift back to the beautiful memories I created this time around. Oh how I shall miss you all.

Someone mentioned to me this week that she had just been returning from a Maths class and her age being fifty two. Her words were "it is sometimes hard, but I am not going to give up". She also said "never too old to learn". Wonderful sentiments, I have always insisted that every day is a school day. I was also gobsmacked at the cost of education at the Community College. Is this hugely subsidised? If I was staying longer, I would surely make use of this wonderful facility. Well done to this lady and others in adult education. I am inspired by you. Folks, education costs a huge amount more than this (community college or not) in the wider world.

Some may suggest it is all relative to earnings but I still say "good price".

Lots of people have spoken to me this week about three very important things and I am going to throw them out there and see what you think. Note these sentiments have been shared with me for discussion, they are not suggesting fact.

- The lack of motivation and willingness to work hard by some of our islanders and especially **some** of our younger generation.
- The system of hand-outs (social benefits) where work could be done for these hand-outs
- The departure of many of our working, able-bodied people to make a better future abroad

Tech has changed the way our world views life now. Everyone uses the internet extensively abroad because of the limitless usage for a monthly subscription. I see groups of people sitting together in establishments in the UK not talking, but just on their phones. Maybe they are messaging one another ha ha ha ha.

Yet, intelligence seems to have gone through the roof. We are discovering more Einsteins today than perhaps we have ever done. Curriculums change continuously to stretch 'the little grey cells'. However, what is all this enhanced learning and education without pragmatism and social skills?

How youngsters learn, their motivation and their goals have changed considerably from days gone by. We humans are all so different, and it takes all types to make the world go round. Differentiation has never been so significant in progress and development. I wonder, with our ever decreasing population, is it time to re-evaluate how we motivate and retain our working islanders?

Is it time for the older generation to re-evaluate how we communicate with the youngsters, even in everyday life skills? I am not a parent; I hail all those people who are. Do we as parents get so caught up with life that we forget what our children need to thrive and survive when they get out into that 'dog eat dog' world? Are all the qualifications in the land going to make the person emotionally and socially acceptable?

The welfare system in the UK hit rock bottom under labour. There were just too many people abusing the system and the rest of the working population 'carried the can'. How can we entice people taking social benefits back into work so that we do not continue to create a system of entitlement generations to come? How can we help these people to feel valued and see purpose and professional growth in their lives?

Even though I have been jobless for the last two months, I have found so much purpose in everything I have done, but especially the learning. I have not feared to try and fail in the process. Is this confidence built through childhood mentoring or my international lifestyle? The answer for me is both.

Living abroad broadened my horizons, reduced my fears, increased my people connectivity, allowed me to make mistakes without being under a microscope and helped me to separate emotion from passion when deciding how far and how hard to pursue a thing. I became very important to me because my reach needed to be far greater and so my energies more sustainable over long periods of time without 'breaking'.

I am grateful to my family, every single one of them. They are all so different, so I was lucky to have different approaches for different times in my life. Disagreement being part of the course and even to this day, I find valuable learning in their different methods.

Often, we all want to achieve the same goals but because humans are so wonderfully different, we have many paths in getting there. It should never be forgotten that many disagreements on the island arise because we articulate our hopes and dreams so differently, not because we don't all want the same results.

I hope and pray that the Government of this island will encourage the reduction of the 'many prong' attack and listen to the people once and for all and try to find the best route (note not always the easiest route) for sustainable governance and prosperity. This no doubt will need to come with compromise on all sides and a priority schedule but is getting the people onside key?

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And so it was

Addie Thomas

I try to suggest to people that we need to draw a line in the sand and move forward but I am always faced with the mistakes of the past shrouding any positivity. It's a very difficult mind-set for me to accept because I believe in forgiveness. I have been forgiven many times (not always). I do not believe in allowing my past to bleed into my future. I believe in giving chances. Forgiveness has allowed me apply tenderness to my own life even when others haven't.

I would suggest we spend less time judging and gossiping about others based on the past and more time trying to find solutions.

I was so disappointed that only ten people turned up to the Jamestown Constituency meeting on Tuesday. The capital of the island saw a poor turnout and this speaks volumes. Whilst I know people are fed up and have lost trust in the system, we cannot change things if we don't turn up. People sit behind closed doors and moan about everything, yet they don't turn up. How can we part of progress and the future if we don't turn up and voice our concerns. We have to keep trying, tirelessly, other people do and why should this be down to the few? Together we conquer and change, not divided.

Please turn up folks to the forthcoming immigration meetings.

Some incredible suggestions, comments, queries were put forward during the meeting. I would like to thank the Councillors for their contributions and especially Dr Corinda Essex. Ma'am I still respect you as I did in yester-year.

For me, it was another evening of lots of learning. I was perturbed by some of the suggestions around banking, immigration and indeed referencing of people coming to the island to work. I was shocked that we keep making mistakes when it comes to checking the background on TC folks and the like. Surely the procurement of TC staff should have penalties for getting it so wrong time and again?

Watch very closely folks to the Ruperts project which is part of the Capital Investment program. Watch very closely and ensure that the right detail is received by the public so that we don't end up 'carrying the baby'.

Watch carefully folks the process of procurement and the smaller detail around 'hidden cost'. The days of non-accountability should be over and done.

One thing is certain, a lot of work is going on behind the scenes and it is hoped that the right devolution of information in layman's terms happens. Let us neither forget all that we should be grateful for on this island, phew life is tough abroad too and not much is for free.

An incredible suggestion was put forward for tourism road shows to be pitched to the people here so that islanders can see what is being pitched internationally. I'd like to see recruitment road shows internationally too.

Here's when I am ready to come back and remain on the island for a while.

- Built my own home
- Happy with the extent of my travel and exposure to as many cultures as possible
- Education – although having seen what the community college charge here, there is every incentive to study here with better internet access
- Work / a business that allows me to help others whilst providing the right level of security / financial incentives
- Better internet access

It was so lovely to see Shape advertising their recycled plastic items this week. Nice shirt by the way!

Yes, I had a right giggle this week with radio programs and I enjoyed 'decimating' the peace of the Arsenal fans on Monday. I don't know why I hadn't thought of playing that song on Saturday quite frankly. Silly me.....

Wow, I got a little glimpse of the sustainable paradise that is Wranghams last week. Debbie, thank you for sharing this haven with Mum and me and for being such an incredible host. What Debbie and Neil have achieved is magical. I sent some photos to friends in the UK and they were utterly blown away by the breath-taking scenery, gardens and restored property. A vegan's dream set-up and I'll be watching for Debbie on the Chelsea Flower Show sometime.

Gwyn and Sybil have kindly offered to pick me up from the airport in Jo'Burg as we are staying in the same hotel, so it should be a fun couple of days hanging out with them and I also want to write about my experience so that I can write about the City based on fact rather than other people's experiences. It will be nice to have company as my tear stained face leaves St Helena.

Sally Hickling, before I forget, thank you so kindly for your absolute hospitality and for allowing the Big Scotsman and I to 'play spar' before closing time. What am I like? You really do have a wonderful establishment and I know your Mum would be super proud of the service levels you continue to uphold. I'll never forget my time at 'Head Quarters'. I wish you and the gang every success for the future.

Raymond and Sandra at Sanray's, thank you also for listening to my drunken natter, for serving up some incredible food and offering me the odd lift home here and there. You'll always be like family to me.

So folks, be good (or be safe if not), be kind, keep loving, keep believing, be forgiving, be patient, be understanding, be grateful and finally, be happy. Thank you for everything.

"In order to be the person we want to be, we sometimes have to step away from the person we have always been".

St Helena's first recycled plastics

St Helena Government's Marine Conservation Section and Waste Management Services have recently delivered a successful project in partnership with St Helena National Trust's Marine Team and SHAPE to monitor, manage and recycle plastics on St Helena. Funding for the project came from the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) and the project examined plastic use on island, how waste is generated and ways in which it could be re-used and even re-cycled.

As part of the project, small scale recycling machines have been purchased for use on St Helena. SHAPE have installed these at their Donkey Plain site and have begun producing goods (including keychains and coasters) from recycled plastics that will be sold to generate funds for the charity. The island's disabled and vulnerable adults that SHAPE works with have been actively involved in the production of these items. These products are being showcased in the Market until Friday 31st August so please come and check it out! Products will remain on sale afterwards at the various SHAPE sites.



Members of the SHAPE team and recycled plastic products

SHAPE are currently asking for more household plastics (not just plastic bottles) to help with this work and other future projects, so if you have any plastic waste, please deposit them in one of the Olympic bins, at Horse point Landfill site, or at SHAPE's Donkey Plain site.

Members of the project team also conducted 12 surveys at 4 sites around the island throughout the year resulting in 127kg of marine debris and plastics being sorted and removed from St Helena's coastline. With the exception of Rupert's beach, it was found that a large amount of debris on the shoreline was micro plastics, and a large amount of

the debris came from outside St Helena. The majority of the single-use plastic bottles (e.g. for drinking and cleaning) were from brands of Asian origin. This data from the waste collected fed into a variety of global marine debris monitoring programmes meaning St Helena is contributing to a better understanding of plastic debris in the South Atlantic Ocean.



Members of the project team carrying out a beach survey and clean-up

A study was also conducted to look at single use plastics on St Helena. Plastic waste going to landfill has shown an overall increase over the last 5 years, peaking in 2017 at an estimate of nearly 14,000kg (roughly the weight of 2 adult whale sharks!) followed by a small decrease in 2018 which may reflect the introduction of recycling facilities.

Public awareness campaigns were run, with a 'Plastic Pledge' carried out as part of the Whale Shark Festival 2019, using the slogan 'MORE FISH LESS PLASTIC'. The project team gave members of the public information on the damage plastics can cause to marine creatures, who then made pledges to reduce a particular type of plastic for the year.

Project partners also visited schools to teach about the impacts of plastics on the ocean, and children used material collected from the beach cleans to make recycled plant pots and artwork. The DEFRA project, in collaboration with Blue Marine Foundation has produced new educational board games which will be used as part of the curriculum this September.



Schoolchildren making artwork from recycled plastic



The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate has vacancies within their Children's Services for a Permanent Social Care Officer and a Temporary Speech & Language Therapist Associate Practitioner as follows:

SOCIAL CARE OFFICER

As directed by the Team Manager – Children & Families, be responsible for the provision of social work including child protection, family assessment, registration of child-minders and crèche's, assessment and support for disabled people and vulnerable people who are at risk.

Applicants should be in possession of the following:

- GCSE or equivalent in English Language at Grade C or above
- Experience of working with vulnerable people and supporting others.
- Valid Driving Licence



Salary for this post is £11,034 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Ms Adele McMahon, Team Manager – Children and Families on telephone number 23312 or e-mail: adele.mcmahon@sainthelena.gov.sh

TEMPORARY SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPIST ASSOCIATE PRACTITIONER

To work alongside the Speech and Language Therapist assisting with direct work and learning key areas of the role with pre-school, school-aged, and adult caseloads.

Applicants should be in possession of the following:

- GCSE or equivalent in English Language at Grade C or above
- First Aid (or willing to undertake)
- Valid Driving License
- Experience of working with challenging behaviour and willingness to undertake ongoing training

Salary for this post is £8,613 per annum depending on qualifications and experience.

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Ms Joanna Barkley, Speech & Language Therapist on telephone number 23312 or e-mail: joanna.barkley@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms for both these posts can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adults Social Care Directorates and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Tina Sim, Senior Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail tina.sim@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 10 September 2019.

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

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

Children & Adult Social Care Directorate

27 August 2019

Children & Adult Social Care Directorate, St Helena Government, The Castle, Jamestown, Island of St Helena,
South Atlantic Ocean, STHL 1ZZ Telephone: +(290) 22713 Email: tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh

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VACANCY Office Manager

(Fixed Term Contract up to March 2020)

Would you like to be part of a small but dynamic team, taking responsibility for the running of all support and office management functions?

Responsible to the Airport Director, the Office Manager will have overall responsibility for all administration, finance, human resources and procurement functions within the Airport Directorate.

Applicants should ideally have the following:

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above or equivalent
- At least 5 years' experience at middle management level
- Excellent financial and people management skills
- Good IT skills and proficiency in the use of Microsoft applications

Salary for the post is at Grade E6 commencing at £15,906 per annum but is negotiable depending on qualifications and experience. The post is offered on a fixed term contract basis up to and including 31 March 2020 in the first instance.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, you can contact Tracey Williams, Project Manager, on telephone no: 22721 or via email: tracey.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms are available from the Airport Directorate and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies, and should be submitted to Dayna Henry at the Post Office Building, or e-mail dayna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 9am on Tuesday, 10 September 2019.

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**Airport Directorate
August 2019**



Would you like to be a part of our team at St Helena Airport?
Solomon & Company has a part time vacancy for a:

Cargo Processing Agent

Working hours will be according to flight operations and applicants should have good interpersonal & communication skills, and be willing to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks.

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

For further information, please contact
Mrs Anel O'Bey, Agencies Administrator, on telephone number: 22523
or via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

Application forms & Job Profiles may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via email address: agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer Solomons Office, Jamestown, by 10 September 2019



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a vacancy for a

Stock Control Clerk

Within the Finance Department

Job Outline

To assist with providing and maintaining an efficient and accurate stock control system for Business Operating Units.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally have Grade C or above in Maths & English
 - Be computer literate
- Stock Control experience is desirable

Salary will start at **£7,628.64** per annum, (£635.72 per month), depending on qualifications and experience.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Kara Henry, Stock Controller on telephone number: 22313 or via email address: stockcontroller@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 06 September 2019



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a vacancy for a

Stack Control Clerk

Within Warrens Wholesale

Job Outline

To provide and maintain an efficient service to both customers and the company operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have good Customer Service Skills
- Have grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English
 - Be computer literate

Salary for the post will be **£7,746.48** per annum (\$645.54 per month)

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Jean Lawrence
Assistant Wholesale Manager
on telephone number: 22408
or via email address:
wholesale@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected
from Solomons Reception Desk, in the
Main Office Building, Jamestown or
alternatively an electronic copy can
be requested via e-mail address:
hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should
be completed and returned to Miss
Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 05 September 2019

Business Support Service Providers



Business interests are increasingly looking for independent advice and technical support. As such, Enterprise St Helena (ESH) would like to hear from qualified or experienced individuals who would be interested in offering professional services in order that a list of local contacts may be provided to parties seeking such support. Such areas would include, but are not limited to:

- Accountancy, Book Keeping & Payroll services
- Business, Marketing and Sales Plans
- Financial and cash flow forecasting and profit improvement programmes
- Company formation, Partnership agreements and Commercial contracting
- Supply chain management
- Branding and graphic design
- Website development/IT Services
- Employment policy and Human Resources
- Legal services

Please note that it would be the responsibility of the Service Provider to ensure they comply with any relevant local legislation and regulations. However, relevant training and support may be available through ESH.

For an informal discussion or for further information, interested parties may contact Mr Robert Midwinter via Robert.Midwinter@esh.co.sh or Anne Dillon via Anne.Dillon@esh.co.sh or by telephone +290 22920



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Police Directorate Vacancies



Community Beat Constable – 1 year fixed term contract

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team in the role of a community beat constable. You will focus on community engagement, listening and reacting to community concerns, representing the Directorate at community meetings and much more.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 10,704
- 25 days annual leave
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSBS assessment to determine level of literacy skills

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

All completed applications should be submitted to Bronwen Yon, HR Manager, Corporate Human Resources, Corporate Services, The Castle, Jamestown or email Bronwen.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 6th September 2019.

Police Constable

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has exciting opportunities for self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team in the role of a patrol constable.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 10,704 increasing to £ 11,678 on completion of probation period
- 25 days annual leave rising to 30
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual
- Career progression opportunities include:

Promotion

- Authorised Firearms Officer
- Criminal Investigation Department
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Training and development
- Mentoring

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSBS assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

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Police Directorate Vacancies



Police Sergeant

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has an exciting opportunity for a self-motivated and enthusiastic individual to join their team in the role of a patrol sergeant

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Starting salary of £ 13,715.00 increasing to £ 17,450.00 on completion of probation period
- 25 days annual leave rising to 30
- 15% pension contribution made by SHG
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual
- Career progression opportunities include:

- Promotion
- Authorised Firearms Officer
- Criminal Investigation Department
- Crime Scene Investigation
- Training and development
- Mentoring

Prospective candidates should:

- Have successfully passed the Sergeant Examinations and been a Police Officer within the last 5 years
- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSB assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

All completed applications should be submitted to Bronwen Yon, HR Manager, Corporate Human Resources, Corporate Services, The Castle, Jamestown or email Bronwen.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 6th September 2019.

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All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Special Police Constable

Do you want to make a difference?

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE

Saint Helena Police Directorate has exciting opportunities for self-motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as a special constable. Special Constables, or 'Specials' as they are commonly known, are members of the community who work part time as Police Officers. You will have all the powers of a regular officer, duties will reflect those of your full time colleagues. Flexible working patterns, allows you to choose when you report for duty.

Benefits of joining the service:

- Helping the community
- Make Saint Helena a better place to live
- Flexible working pattern
- £4.56 per hour + Monthly retainer fee
- Free uniform
- Ongoing training/development
- Opportunity to develop as an individual

Prospective candidates should:

- Be 18 years of age or over
- Hold a valid and clean driving license in class A.
- Achieved GCSE English grade C or equivalent, or willing to undertake and pass the online BKSB assessment to determine level of literacy skills.

For more information telephone/email Sergeant Mark Coombe. Mark.Coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh. Telephone: 22310.

Application forms and information packs are available from the St Helena Police Directorate.

All completed applications should be submitted to Bronwen Yon, HR Manager, Corporate Human Resources, Corporate Services, The Castle, Jamestown or email Bronwen.Yon@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 6th September 2019.



VACANCY FOR CONTROL / CONTACT CENTRE OPERATOR

The Emergency Services of the St Helena Police Directorate has an opportunity for a self-motivated, assertive and enthusiastic individual to join their team as Control/Contact Centre Operator.

The purpose of the job is to be the first point of contact for St Helena Government and their Emergency Services and the Maritime ship to shore radio service including the efficient management of the telephone switchboard and radio communication systems, accurately assessing non-emergency and emergency calls for assistance, the control and management of Government resources and receiving all visitors to Police Headquarters.

Prospective candidates should have GCSE's in both Mathematics and English at Grade C or above or equivalent, and experience of dealing directly with the public.

Applicants should be 18 years of age or over and must have the ability to communicate effectively, the ability to demonstrate good customer service skills to members of the public and internal customers and ability to deal with conflict and vulnerable/distressed callers.

Salary for the post is at Grade B commencing at £10,026 per annum (inclusive of unsociable hours allowance). Hours of work are to cover operations 24/7 on a shift basis including weekends, covering a 40 hour week. For further details or an information pack, interested persons are invited to contact Marco Yon, Deputy Emergency Planning Manager on 25052. Application forms are available from the Police Directorate (Police Headquarters, Coleman House).

Applications should be completed and submitted, through Directors, where applicable, to Jackie Moyce, Senior Human Resources Officer, Corporate Human Resources, The Castle by no later than 5th September 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Michael Luke
Ag Director of Police
22 August 2019



VACANCY – SENIOR GIS SURVEYOR

The Infrastructure and Transport Directorate is recruiting a Senior GIS Surveyor. The key duties of this role will involve:

- Responsible for two GIS Surveyors
- Support the development of the St Helena Environmental Information System
- Land Registry surveys in compliance with statutory requirements.
- Support the provision of a mapping and GIS service for customers and stakeholders.
- Provide GIS and Survey training to staff and stakeholders.



The candidate should have GCSE in Maths, English and Geography at Grade C or above, an IT qualification at GCSE Grade C or at an ECDL level covering Word, Excel and Access. Two years' experience in surveying and plan drawing and some experience in staff management.

Salary for the post will start at D1, £11,034 per annum.

For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Mr Devlin Yon, GIS Manager on telephone number 22270 or e-mail devlin.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and job profiles, which are available from Essex House should be completed and submitted to Miss Karen Thomas, Human Resources Manager or email karen.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 4 September 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

Derek Henry
Acting Director of Infrastructure and Transport Directorate, 20 August 2019

SENIOR INTERNAL AUDITOR

St Helena Government (SHG) wishes to recruit for the position of Senior Internal Auditor within the Internal Audit Section of Corporate Services. This is a great opportunity for a talented individual to develop their career.

The Senior Internal Auditor will add value to SHG operations and contribute towards the achievement of SHG objectives through delivering selected internal audit assignments (planning, executing and reporting from the internal audit plan). They will also perform special investigations as assigned.

Applicants should be versatile and highly motivated and have an excellent attention to detail. Required skills and attributes of potential candidates are:

- Good communication, interpersonal and stakeholder management skills;
- IT skills especially in the use of Microsoft Applications;
- Time management and organisational skills;
- Strong numeracy and analytical skills;
- Good interviewing and negotiating skills;

Essential qualifications for this role are GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above. CIA Part 1 or Diploma in Accounting and Business/ACCA Fundamentals Knowledge or equivalent or FIA Diploma in Accounting and Business Studies. Candidates should have at least 3 years' internal audit experience, 1 of which at managerial/supervisory level.

The starting salary for the post will be £14,845 per annum and will be reviewed on the achievement of training goals in line with the Internal Audit Scheme of Service.

For further details regarding the duties of this post and for a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Blessing Gurure on 22692 or on email: blessing.gurure@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted to Delma Stevens - Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 11 September 2019.

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

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**Corporate Services,
28 August 2019**



VACANCY FOR TEMPORARY CLAIMS OFFICER

Corporate Finance is seeking to recruit a Temporary Claims Officer within the Social Security Section for a three month period in the first instance.

The successful candidate will be required to:

- Carry out the duties of Adjudication Officer as provided for in the Social Security Ordinance through the interview and assessment of Income Related Benefit and Basic Island Pension applicants.
- Assist with the accurate and efficient data entry and assessing and monitoring of all Claimants receiving IRB and Basic Island Pension.

Prospective candidates should have GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above, a valid Class A Driver's Licence and four years' experience in a frontline customer focused role that deals with the public on a regular basis.

The post holder must be computer literate, having a sound knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Database, have excellent customer service and communication skills with the ability to deal with a wide range of people. They must be self-motivated and have excellent interviewing and negotiating skills

Salary for the post is at Grade D commencing at £11,034 per annum.

For further information and a comprehensive list of duties, interested persons can contact Mr Anthony Hopkins, Claims Manager at the 1st floor of the Post Office on telephone number 22605 or email anthony.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh



Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted to Delma Stevens - Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Wednesday 04 September 2019.

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

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Corporate Services, 27 August 2019

HEALTH DIRECTORATE

VACANCY FOR HEALTHCARE ASSISTANT – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is seeking to recruit a Healthcare Assistant to work at the General Hospital.

The successful applicants will be responsible for assisting in the provision of care in the hospital nursing service. Essential qualifications required for this post are GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above.

- **An NVQ level 2 in Care, or a willingness to obtain qualification is also desirable.**



Salary for the post is at Grade B1 commencing at £6,722 per annum. However, staff will qualify for a competency based salary enhancement when they are able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency in accordance with the competency levels relevant to their post.

The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable and the post of Health Care Assistant has been mapped to competency level 1a, £8,067 per annum.

All appointees 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.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mrs Lisa Niemand, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone no 22500 or email lisa.niemand@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Miss Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 12 Sept 2019.

Edward Rayment (Mr) 27 August 2019

Interim Director of Health
Health Directorate

VACANCY FOR FIRE FIGHTERS

If you are looking for a job that is challenging but rewarding then this could be the career for you!

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service has a vacancy for a Fire Fighter to join their dynamic team. Reporting to the Brigade Manager (CFO), the successful applicant will assist in protecting and saving lives and property from fire and other hazards, reduce risk and provide humanitarian services in the most competent and effective manner, to the highest possible standard of care and quality.

Applicants must:

- be 18 years of age or over,
- be in possession of GCSE Maths and English at Grade C or above, or equivalent have a valid, clean driving license in classes A,B,C,D & J4 ,
- be in possession of a firefighter basic recruit qualification
- have at least two years operational experience in firefighting and sea rescue techniques and the proper use of relevant equipment



Hours of work are on a 35hr per week basis. However it should be noted that the successful applicant will be on call 24 hours a day for emergencies and will be required to participate in an on-call rota.

Salary for this post is in Grade C Entry level starting at £9,474 per annum.

For further details regarding other duties of the post, interested persons can contact Mr. Alan Thomas, the Brigade Manager on telephone number 23344, or e-mail dfc.fire@helanta.co.sh.

Information packs (inclusive of application forms) are available from the Police Directorate, Coleman House, Jamestown or Corporate Human Resources, The Castle and should be submitted to the Senior HR Officer, Jackie Moyce, at Corporate Human Resources, The Castle or e-mail jackie.moyce@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4 pm on Monday 16th September 2019.

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

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

David Lynch, Chief of Police

**St Helena Financial Services Regulatory Authority (“FSRA”) -
request for expressions of interest for new members.**

The FSRA meets four times a year and reviews the entities regulated under the St Helena Financial Services Ordinance. The FSRA is seeking applications from new prospective members. Currently, the FSRA is comprised of Charles Ilako (the Chairman), Andrew Radley (current SHG Crown Counsel and founder of St Helena Legal) and Allen Cansick (acting Attorney General). Further information on the FSRA, its remit and its current membership is available on our website:

<https://www.fsra-sthelena.com>

The FSRA would like to invite interested persons who are resident on St Helena to put themselves forward as FSRA members. Members of the St Helena public with a background or an interest in financial services business or good regulation of local businesses would be very welcome to express an interest to Andrew by email at andrew.radley@gmail.com and in order to obtain full details and an application form.

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2019/64:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a 2 Bedroom Dwelling**, Lower Cleughs Plain on Parcel 0098 New Ground, adjacent to the property of Eric & Diana Roberts. Applicant: Edward Bowers
2. **Application 2019/66:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a 4 Bedroom Split Level Dwelling**, New Ground on Parcel 0384 New Ground, adjacent to the property of Graham Moyce. Applicant: Shara Williams
3. **Application 2019/67:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a Garage and Deck Extension to Existing House**, Brewery Yard, Jamestown on Parcels 100050 and 100051 Jamestown, adjacent to the property of Patrick Thomas. Applicant: Ivy and Phillip Newman
4. **Application 2019/68:** Full Planning Application for **Construction of a Garage**, Writing Stone, Sandy Bay on Parcel 0112 Sandy Bay East, adjacent to the property of Jeffery Francis. Applicant: Nigel and Priscilla Joshua
5. **Application 2019/69:** Full Planning Application **To Raise the Roof Profile and to Install a Guttering to Existing House**, White (Lodge) House, main entrance to Plantation Estate, adjacent to Crown Land. Applicant: Property Division

Copy of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh 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

Public Review & Representations Closing Date: 4pm – 13th September 2019

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The clash of the unbeaten two; Liverpool and Arsenal resulted in a one sided victory for Liverpool beating the North London club by 3 goals to 1. The Reds are now the only club with a 100% record after 3 matches. Mohamed Salah scored twice to add to Matip's first-half header in a dominant performance at Anfield.

"It was a performance full of power, energy, greed and passion, which I think you need against a team like Arsenal." Klopp told Sky Sports.

"The last 10 minutes I saw the possession - 53 to 47% or something like that - but over 80 minutes it must have been completely different. We were completely in charge of the game.

"We are not Disneyland; we do not need to excite everyone in every second.

Most of us neutral were looking forward to a better performance from Arsenal but they just couldn't compete with the intensity shown by Liverpool, especially in the first half.

Like Arsenal, Manchester United fans were bitterly disappointed by the performance of their team at home against Crystal Palace. Despite having the majority of the possession the 'Red Devils' hardly threaten the goal and were punished by two 'snatch and grab' moments from Crystal Palace.

Patrick van Aanholt netted in the 93rd minute, thumping in as the ball broke loose following Wilfried Zaha's burst forward after Pogba was robbed of the ball.

Daniel James thought he had rescued a point for United when he curled in a delightful equaliser in the 89th minute following neat build-up from Marcus Rashford and Anthony Martial. This was the only time in the match when United quicken the passes. For much of the match the passing was far too slow. Rashford will rue striking the post from the penalty spot earlier in the second period - the second spot-kick the Red Devils have missed this week after Paul Pogba had one saved in the 1-1 draw at Wolves on Monday.

Jordan Ayew had scored the opener in the first half against the run of play.

Manchester United's good start to the campaign against Chelsea is now a distant memory as we brace ourselves for another difficult season.

The early match on Saturday saw Tammy Abraham's scored twice as Chelsea picked up their first win of the season in a thrilling 3-2 victory against Norwich.

In a frantic first half, Norwich twice equalised through Cantwell and Teemu Pukki, who scored his fifth goal of the season, but the Canaries struggled against a dominant Chelsea side after the break.

Mount was also on the score sheet for the Stamford Bridge Club.

In other matches on Saturday; Southampton picked up their first win of the season as they defeated Brighton 2-0 at the Amex Stadium. Brighton played the majority of the match with 10 men after Adone was sent off.

A brilliant goal from Harvey Barnes ensured that Leicester took all the points against Sheffield United. The Foxes beat the Blades 2-1 at Bramall Lane.

Watford is the only team without a point as they loss at home 3-1 to West ham.

On Sunday a stoppage time penalty in the 97th minute saw Wolves salvage a point against an impressive Burnley side that had lead the match through an Ashley Barnes goal.

Newcastle against the odds picked up their first win of the season as they beat Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 at the Tottenham Hotspur Stadium. Club record signing Joelinton's first goal in English football gave Newcastle United a surprise win. Spurs lacked the creativity to break down a resolute Newcastle side, whose four-man midfield spent a large portion of the match sitting in front of a back five.

The final match of the weekend saw the Champion's Manchester City beat Bournemouth in a fairly comfortable fashion. Sergio Augero scored twice and Raheem Sterling once in a 3-1 win against the South Coast club. Man of the Match David Silva was instrumental in this victory as he marked his 400th appearance for City.

This weekend we will see the final round of matches before the international break. Manchester United will travel to the South Coast to play Southampton in the early match on Saturday. 2pm games will see Chelsea play at home to new boys Sheffield United; Crystal Palace host Aston Villa, Leicester City face Bournemouth at the King Power Stadium, Manchester City play at home against Brighton, Newcastle face pointless Watford and West Ham play host to Norwich City. The late match at 4.30pm will see the leaders Liverpool travel to Burnley.

On Sunday Everton will play Wolverhampton Wanderers at Goodison Park at 1pm. The 3.30pm match will be the match of the weekend as Arsenal face Tottenham Hotspur in the North London Derby.



The Annual General Meeting of the St Helena Football Association took place on Wednesday.

Following the Chairman's report; presentation of minutes and accounts the election of the new committee took place.

The new committee stands as: Chairman: Nick Stevens (re-elected) Secretary Mike E Williams (re-elected) Treasurer Anesu Makemure (re-elected). Executive Committee members: Rico Benjamin; Johnny Isaac, Alex Osborne and Keith Yon. Members: Brett Isaac and Kyle Yon.

The draw for the Knock Out Cup and District League also took place and is as follows:

Knock Out Cup Quarter Finals:

Wirebirds v Wizards

Axis v Bellboys

Saints v Laker Boys

Rovers v Harts

District:

St Paul's v HTH

Jamestown v Longwood

The next meeting schedule will be on the 2nd October for all committee members; Captains and players interested in the International Island Games Tournament in Guernsey 2021.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

SHFA League Result Week 8

Rovers 4 v 1 Lakers
Goals for Rovers – Rico Benjamin 2, Jacob Duncan, Brett Isaac
Goal for Lakers – Jace Williams
MOM – Rico Benjamin of Rovers

Harts 2 v 0 Bellboys
Goals for Harts – Shane Stroud 2
Yellow Cards – Dion Phillips, Andrew Yon, Michael Bedwell
YPOM – Joey Thomas of Harts
MOM – Shane Stroud of Harts

Axis 5 v 0 Saints
Goals for Axis – Ryan Backhouse 2, Barry Stroud, David Young, Luke Bennett
MOM – Ryan Backhouse of Axis

Wirebirds 8 v 0 Wizards
Goals for Wirebirds – Christopher Owen 3, Alistair Buckley 2, Tyler Benjamin 2,
Sanjay Clingham
MOM – Christopher Owen of Wirebirds

League Table 2019

Week 8

Teams	Pld	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Rovers	8	7	0	1	38	21
Harts	8	7	0	1	23	21
Bellboys	8	5	0	3	23	15
Wirebirds	8	4	1	3	20	13
Axis	8	4	1	3	3	13
Lakers	8	3	0	5	-6	9
Wizards	8	1	0	7	-41	3
Saints	8	0	0	8	-61	0

SHFA Fixtures:

Saturday 31st Aug

1.30pm: Bellboys v Rovers
Ref: Kyle Yon Organisers: FC Lakers
3.30pm Wirebirds v Axis
Referee: Denny Leo Organisers: Saints

Sunday 1st September

1.30pm Wizards v FC Lakers
Ref Wayne Crowie Organisers: Bellboys
3.30pm Saints v Harts
Ref: Dion Maggott Organisers: Axis

Junior Football Results:

Young Rebels 6 v Yellow Devils 5
G/S Young Rebels: Taylon Phillips 6
G/S Yellow Devils: Aden Stevens 2; 1 own goal, Harry Winfield 1 & Zac Francis 1

POM: Taylon Phillips & Zac Francis
Galacticos 21 v Skyscrapers 1
G/S Galacticos: Ethan Harris 4; Aiden Yon-Stevens 8, Musa 3, Evan Constantine 2, Callum Young 2, Jamie Peters 1 & Christo Crowie 1
G/S Skyscrapers: Jerome Peters 1



Rangers 6 v Titans 5 (friendly match)
G/S Rangers: Jerimiah Ellick 2 & Scott O'Bey 4
G/S Titans: Joshua Herne 1; Ethan Johnson 2, Annika Lawrence 1 & Aidan Plato 1

No Junior Football this weekend.



GOLF REPORT FOR SUNDAY 25TH AUGUST 2019

This is turning to be one of the driest August the island has witnessed. Sunday 25th August 2019 wasn't any different on the course. No rain. Which should be good for golf, but not when the island water reserves are so low. 18 golfers turned up to take part in the monthly medal competition. Only one golfer returned a score in the 60s and won the first prize. Leaving four players tied in second place. Mr Lawson Henry with nett 68 was top on the leaderboard. In second place Mr Larry Legg playing off 7 handicap with nett 71 beat Ray Yon, Jeffrey Stevens and Helena Stevens on a countback. Mr Paddo Johnson was the only two ball pool winner with a birdie on hole number 11. Congratulations to all the winners!

Coming up in the next two Sundays is another big event on SHGC Calender. The Bank of St Helena Sponsored 36 Hole stroke play competition will take place on 1st and 8th September 2019. Registration is ongoing. Junior members training continues on Thursdays at 16:15 weather permitting.

Happy swinging.....!

Contributed by;

SHGC

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
SKITTLES SEASON - 2019

Scores:

19th. August

	Parttimers - 507	Bt	Strugglers - 449	
Ladies - H. Sc:		59	Sally Hickling	52
Gents - H. Sc:	Terry Lawrence	69	Fabian Peters	65
Gents - H. Sp:	David Reynolds	17	Fabian Peters	14

21st. August

	Extractors - 457	Td	Guys & Dolls - 457	
Ladies - H. Sc:	Kimberley Thomas	50	Marilyn Joshua	57
Gents - H. Sc:	Colin Thomas	60	Ray Hudson	55
Ladies - H. Sp:			Marilyn Joshua	17
Gents - H. Sp:	Colin Thomas	14	Ray Hudson	9

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday 9th. September- Rusty Pistols v Strugglers
Wednesday 11th. September - Extractors v Parttimers

Believe and Achieve St Helena

Having recently come to the end of round 2 of Believe and Achieve St Helena (BASH), we thought this would be a good time to provide readers with an update. For those that don't know much about who we are, BASH is a charity working with Year 9 students that choose to join BASH. One 'round' of BASH lasts for one academic year. We offer BASH to this group because it's an important year where young people choose their GCSE options and make decisions that may lead to jobs, further education, apprenticeships, friendships, and much more!

BASH was launched in 2017 and 13 people took part in the first round, in round two BASH doubled in size with 26 young people signing up to take part! Our mission statement is; *to educate and inspire young people on St Helena to achieve positive **personal, social and educational** growth.* This is achieved through one to one mentoring and/or group activities in the hope that young people can be supported to reach their goals and develop their knowledge and experience of these areas.

We've had a busy round 2 of BASH and we'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped us facilitate group activities. At the end of 2018 we enjoyed our Mixer event at Kingshurst Community Centre where all mentors, parents or guardians and young people met for a delicious Bring and Share and a Skittles competition. On a hot Saturday in January 2019 we enjoyed a Media Day at South Atlantic Media

Services (SAMS) where young people got the chance to make a radio jingle, learn about how news stories are created, and put together a mini video interview with members of Island Politics. Thanks also go to Pat Henry of the St Helena Rifle Club who hosted BASH not once but twice where we enjoyed Archery tuition and a mini competition. During the June school holidays, BASH spent a full day at St Helena Airport learning about all the different roles at the Airport and pathways into these. We spent time with the Airport Security team, Air Traffic Control, St Helena Airport Fire Service, the Met Office and Penspen. For our final group activity in round 2 we even managed to get everyone on a boat trip thanks to Johnny and his team on the Enchanted Isle. The St Helena National Trust Marine Team were also on hand to talk about the significance of the island's marine area and our roles in protecting it. As well as our amazing group activity facilitators, local businesses such as Rosie's Taste For Life and Mantis St Helena let mentors arrange one off work experience days with them, as did the SHG IT Team. This type of support means the mentors volunteering for BASH can be creative in their encouragement of the young people they are supporting. Thank you for the ongoing support from the Rose & Crown since BASH's establishment, to St Helena National Trust/Blue Marine Foundation and to G Unique for their contributions too. We couldn't work without the assistance of the community whether this is through donations of time, money or knowledge and we are overwhelmed with the support that has been offered so far!



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has a vacancy for an

Apprentice Mechanic

Within the Auto Shop

If you have a passion for motor vehicles, the drive to perform, and the desire to learn - this career path is perfect for you.

Candidates should be interested in pursuing a career in the motor industry, working on a range of vehicles, and be committed to a training period of 2 years, willing to work as part of a team and independently, and have the ability to follow written and verbal instructions.

On successful completion of this Apprenticeship, you will be offered a full time position within the Auto Shop as a Mechanic

For further information please contact:
Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer on telephone number 22380 or
via e-mail address: hrdo@solomons.co.sh

Attractive salary and incentive packages are offered for this Apprenticeship.

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 03 September 2019

Believe and Achieve St Helena

So after all this, you might be wondering what's next for BASH? In August we attended Prince Andrew School and delivered our BASH assembly ready for round 3. We are building on what we have learnt from our young people, and decided that not everyone has to have a mentor, but that this option will remain available to those that want it. This means we need YOU!

What is mentoring? Mentoring is the provision of personal support, assistance, encouragement and inspiration to a person, usually during a time of transition and over a sustained period.

Who can be a mentor? Mentors are volunteers from a diverse range of backgrounds within the local community. All we ask is for a minimum commitment of one 'round' of BASH, a clean vetting certificate and your motivation to support the goals of a young person on St Helena.

What does a mentor do? Mentors meet with their mentees regularly to build a supportive and trusting relationship. Examples of this could be anything; walking, swimming, going for a milkshake, to the museum, library, going for a drive, attending a job fayre or course together. Activities are based on the young person's interests and goals so you need to find out what these are. Talking about your own experiences is a great way to support someone. We try to match you with a young person with similar interests to you, but you don't have to have done anything amazing to be a great mentor. You just have to be motivated to spend time supporting the goals of a young person. Being a good mentor might mean that you don't do all this alone, but you might be in a position to open up new opportunities for a young person or even learn something new together.

You won't be alone, mentor training is provided and support



is on hand from other mentors and from those that run BASH. A young person's participation in BASH gives them the opportunity to engage with support from mentors and/or group activities. These experiences serve to improve the development of young people on their journey to becoming young adults. Ultimately BASH is aimed at developing the aspirations of young people on St Helena, encouraging them to believe in their own potential and achieve this (it's all in the name) - after all who better to invest our time in, than the future of the island itself!

Thank you to everyone involved in BASH so far, we hope that round 2 go on to show St Helena what an intelligent, well-mannered and hilarious group of young people they are. Good luck with everything!

If you are interested in becoming a mentor then please contact Fiona Campbell; fionacampbell23@hotmail.co.uk / 67527 or Beth Taylor beth.ana88@gmail.com / 66859

St Helena Girl Guides – Branches Breakout Update – The Camp

After almost 3 weeks away, our 8 Guiding members are now nearing the final stages of their adventure. Last week, they gave an update on their first week of travel and stated the excitement they felt as the camp week draw near. This week our Rangers (Marcella, Alaina, Danni and Demi) have out together the following update regarding the camp itself.

'We as Girl Guides have now attended our first international five day camp in Bermuda. This has been an amazing experience for us all. Our activities allowed us to explore Paget Island and St. George's Island, as well as trying new challenges such as kayaking, zip lining, high and low ropes, team building exercises, and fun works, etc. These activities pushed us out of our comfort zones and conquered our fears.'

We were split up into four groups in which all countries were mixed up. We have met numerous girls and made long lasting friendships. We learnt about all the different cultures and were able to showcase ours too. On our last night we had fun singing campfire songs around a fire, including a strange favourite "crazy moose". Although we experienced some thunder and lightning and heavy rains the weather there was really hot and humid but all the girls enjoyed every minute of the trip. It has been a wonderful experience and we look forward to the next part of our journey back home.'

Our team will have by now, started their travels back through the UK and Joberg to arrive safely back home on this coming Saturday. We are all so proud of their achievements and look forward to having them back with us. Well done Ladies!



Hot Reading Sports 2019

Over the past weekend one of the largest and most successful UK St Helena events the 40th Reading Sports attracted the biggest crowds ever on Sunday.

On Saturday afternoon the Abbey Rugby Club grounds started filling up with camper vans and by 11 AM on Sunday the entire field was filled to capacity and an overflow Car Park had to be employed.

As the day kick into life with laughter and sharing of St Helena tradition food the Late Summer sunshine pushed temperature to a Bank Holiday weekend record of 33 degrees Celsius throughout the South East of England. The Temperature at Abbey Rugby Ground peaked at 32.6 C making the 40th Anniversary Sports the hottest on Record.

The traditional sports day started with a fancy-dress parade lead by a Jazz band followed by a live broadcast via the services of Saint FM Community Radio from 11.45 to 1300 hrs. GMT. This was immediately followed by the traditional field sports with a short break then the Tug Of War which proved to be a very competitive event once enough willing teams could be found.

Immediately following the Tug of War, the presentation of all the medals for the Sports winners then the raffle draw.

One of the highlights was the winner of the largest St Helena Coconut finger #biggestcoconutfinger ever which was a competition created by Saint Cooks who was also one of the traders at the event.

The largest coconut finger was won by Instagram winner @mummyofboys (Georgia and her two boys Ted and Buster) the evening continued with a kids Disco in the Marquee and a live band performance with the reunited band "love affair" with support DJ Phillip Thompson. The weekend's events concluded with a Silent Disco in the Marquee from 11pm till late.



Hot Reading Sports 2019



Worlds biggest coconut finger EVER!

Robin and Emma-Jane Richards from "Saint Cooks" have baked the "worlds biggest coconut finger" EVER! The cake was made for this years Reading Sports Day and was given away in a draw on Sunday afternoon. People were asked to take a selfie of the cake and post it online for a chance to be entered into the draw. Thank you to everyone who took part on the day. And a massive congratulations to Georgia Martin and her boys Rex and Buster for winning the cake!!

The cake was baked in a 5lb loaf tin to make the familiar coconut finger shape. Took two and a half hours to bake, and a total of 4 hours to complete! Using their coconut finger recipe as a guide, they quadrupled ingredients and did practice bakes to get the mixture, decoration, bake time and temperature just right. Deciding that for it to be called a Coconut Finger the cake had to be one complete cake, not pieced together with multiple cakes. Hence the large tin and baking time.

You can see the video of how they baked their giant coconut finger on their website: www.saintcooks.com

The idea to bake the worlds biggest coconut finger came after their St Helena's day celebrations in Bristol. "We didn't



just want to go to Reading sports to sell Saint Cooks goodies. We love to celebrate saint food and what better way than showing off the greatest cake in the world. We had to celebrate Coconut fingers." Says Robin.

"The response and support we got on Island from our visit back in April were so encouraging. It reminded us both why we want to do Saint Cooks in the first place." Emma-Jane added.

No sooner had they touched down back in the UK the couple started organising a St Helena day celebration in Bristol for friends, family and their followers and supporters on social media. In addition to cooking loads of saint food and the traditional sports day games, Robin had the idea to do the first-ever Coconut Finger eating competition. To see how many coconut fingers could be eaten in one minute. "Its a lot harder than you might think," says Robin. The competition was steep and many tried and failed with the overall winner setting the record at 3 whole coconut fingers in one minute. The eating competition was broadcasted live on their Facebook page on the day. You can see the eating challenge on their blog at <https://www.saintcooks.com/the-coconut-finger-challenge>



St Helena Singers



Monday practices from 2nd September

Songs from the 60's & 70's by The Beatles, Abba, Simon and Garfunkel, Mamas and Papas and show songs!



Join us to enjoy singing together.

You don't have to read music or be a great singer. Sing the tune or try the harmony part... it's for fun, charity and community.

All welcome. **Mondays, 6 - 7.30 pm** at St John's Hall at the bottom of Ladder hill.

Further details: 23988.
creativesainthelena@gmail.com
Facebook: St Helena Singers



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly car boot on Saturday, 31st August 2019

Time: 10am - 12noon

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



Book a table for £3 by calling the school on 22540 or just turn up on the day.



Put On Your Dancing Shoes

Jamestown Community Centre

Saturday 21st September

At 8.30pm

DJ's: Desmond Peters

Desmond Wade

In aid of St. Matthews Parish

Entrance Fee: £2 on the door

Contact Pat or Aubrey Peters 24381



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Wednesday of last week I listened to the interview on STFM which I thought was very informative but once again the poor old farming industry was referred to as not producing enough vegetables for the island. Now as a farmer myself I thought I gonna sit down with my old note book and pen and for once in my life protect the farming industry. Now to do this I'm going to speak some true facts and maybe hurt some egos out there but I believe it's time, I'm gonna base my letter on two other private industries on St Helena, fishing and construction, my question is who out of the three of us is real private sector and who needs inward investment? First of all guys I want to make it clear that I'm not attacking you as individuals or as fishermen or builders because we are the last of the real men on this island.

Anyway let's start with the building industry, you boys have been making some good dosh over the years but at the moment jobs have been hard to find and construction has almost come to a halt (why is this?) Well I think we all know the answer to that, it's because once again the capital grant from government has been held back by the British government, so all I want to say is without GOVERNMENT contracts you seem to suffer. We all know that some of the biggest construction businesses on St Helena were created on GOVERNMENT money but I won't take away the fact that you work hard to get where you are, my only point is most of the year your pay packets come from government departments. So going back to if you need inward investment, well it would be nice if Mr Paul was starting his development at Broad Bottom right now, you be in for a good job and making REAL private sector money.

Now where do I start with the fishing industry, I like to do my bitta fishing but wouldn't want to do it every day, I believe you boys are born fishermen. Sadly nowadays we seem to be breeding a lot of weak, office boys who don't want to

dirty their hands. So I remember some years back we had to close down three schools because there was no children, I think the fishing industry has been going down that road a long time but nobody wants to admit it and when it comes to depending on the St Helena Government, you boys beat us all. I have never seen an industry try to justify their small existence like you fellows do and you give a darn good fight but believe me you can't keep biting the hand that feeds you. Don't you realise that out of all the industries government loves you the best, when my crop fails I make a roll up, have a whiskey and move on but you fellows always seem to get money handed to you, a hundred thousand here, three hundred there, you must love your councillors, you should.

Anyway guys I know you know there's just not enough of you to even put a good old bullseye on my plate much more make the industry a profit, do you need inward investment? Out of us all you need it the most. Really fishing could be one of the biggest investments the island needs, a few foreign boats would boost our economy ever so much. Now all left to say is why I think the farming industry is the real private sector on St Helena. I first plant my crop, I take real good care of them for a few months until they are ready for harvest, then the mummy's come to buy a cabbage or so, take out their purse and pay me a pound or two, then at the end of the week I go with my bag full of loose change, be it a hundred pounds or two hundred, it didn't come from the government. Then again, now that I think about it where did it come from? Oh dear, maybe there isn't a private sector industry on St Helena, so the big question is do we need inward investment, do I dare give the answer to that, maybe not, I'll stay small-minded, stubborn and go mould the rest of my potatoes

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Dear Editor,

Above the entrance to the Castle and nearby Arch to the wharf, is the East India Company (EIC) Coat of Arms. It was the EIC on behalf of the British government that took possession of the uninhabited island of St Helena, established a settlement and ran it as a company island. But the Island never paid its way costing the EIC something like £100,000 a year – which was a lot of money in those days. The Island was a key staging post, both provisioning the compa-

ny's sailing ships as well as being a fortress, safeguarding its trade route to the Far East.

When the Crown took over after the EIC left, it put in only a fraction of the financial support of the EIC. The Island became desperately poor. People started to emigrate. This pattern of poverty and emigration continued until about the 1970's when more Islanders started to work offshore sending money home, estimated at £5m a year, which has been the mainstay of the economy after British Aid.

Much of the money went into building family homes. The Island population census in 2016 showed there were more than 1,300 family homes. At today's value this amounts to at least £150m collectively, the largest private capital investment since the EIC left in the 1830's. The Census also showed that most of the money came from Islanders working offshore, 60% of the adult population having done so at some time in their lives.

After the Dutch invasion and recapture of the Island in 1673, St Helena was of such importance to the EIC and Britain that King Charles II gave the island its own Charter. It gave the inhabitants full British citizenship rights (English at the time) in perpetuity and the Island was "to be holden in the same manner as East Greenwich in the county of Kent", a village at the time.

So closely was St Helena connected to the East India Company trade with the Far East that the transfer to the Crown in 1833 was under the India Act of that year. Leading up to India becoming independent this Act was cancelled except for the section on St Helena. It is now called the St Helena or Charter Act 1833.

The theme of the 1999 UK White Paper on its Overseas Territories was for Britain and the OTs to work in partnership "for progress and prosperity". For its part the St Helena government and people in the Preamble of the present Island Constitution commit in partnership with the UK government to "mutual obligations and responsibilities" including fundamental human rights and freedoms. Britain knew it could rely on the people of St Helena as a partner with the previ-

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ous RMS St Helena commissioned by the Admiralty to take part in the Falklands war. The island and British crew volunteered to stay on including three Island female crew members. Islanders also took part and lost lives in both World wars.

Britain like St Helena is going through an extremely difficult time. Unlike Britain exiting the EU, St Helena wishes to continue to strengthen its ties with the UK. There is also a question of scale. Britain is a developed country with a large population operating globally with complex links to other countries. With such complexities, Britain is struggling to find a plan that meets diverse interests.

St Helena with 4,500 residents is the size of a UK village. Lord Ashcroft in a visit in January this year recommends that the way for St Helena to go forward is to have an independent comprehensive strategic review. Such a review would provide an opportunity for development that is inclusive benefitting all citizens. It would cover all aspects of development: social, environmental, political, cultural, economic. It is hoped that the outcome of such a review would be a partnership agreement between the UK and St Helena governments, a keystone document on which to build a sustainable future for this generation and those to come.

The Royal Charter of 1673 shows the importance of St Helena to Britain and the global significance of its position in the South Atlantic. With worldwide changes and uncertainties, a British island as a secure base in the South Atlantic, is of global significance to Britain now as it was then.

On the 5th May 1659 our ancestors set foot on an uninhabited island and established a settlement that integrating with people from different racial backgrounds evolved into the community we are today. This year, 2019, is the 360th anniversary of that event. As a British

village, in partnership with the UK, it is manageable to chisel out a keystone document that will last, stand the test of time, on which a sustainable future can be built. We will then leave a legacy and have an anniversary to celebrate.

**Kind regards,
Basil George**

Dear Editor,

The comment in your last edition *Commercial interests in European flights to St Helena back on the agenda* did not surprise me very much. With opening the St Helena Airport in 2017 lack of tourists coming and stay on the Island is still the important issue and not solved yet.

Flights to St Helena from Cape Town *not Johannesburg* should be the normal situation for tourism business. It has to be more affordable for visitors even from Europe throughout the year. The missing fifth freedom rights with Windhoek and AIRLINK to take passengers there is one reason for the low visitor numbers from UK or Europe.

May I name me as a *Farawa Friend of St Helena*. In 2008 I had luck to stay several month on the Island and was

impressed by the friendly people, the unique and breath taking environment.

The Royal Mail Ship *St Helena* brought me from Ascension Island to St Helena. My wife came from Germany weeks later. She took the Namibian Airline from Frankfurt to Windhoek. From Walvis Bay she came with the RMS on the Island and we both went back with the RMS end of May 2008 again to Walvis Bay. After touring through Namibia, visiting the Etisha National Park we flew back with the Namibian Airline who visits Windhoek 5 time a week from Frankfurt/Germany.

It was a wonderful unforgettable experience to have been on St Helena and to visit Namibia.

The latest discussion about flights from UK over Cape Verde is one option but on the Island they should think about fifth freedom rights with Windhoek to allow passengers change the planes at this airport. The Nabian Airline could be another good option.

I hope the Airport is improving life to better, even many Saints still miss the RMS or her *sister*...and waiting for making visits more affordable in the near future.

Very best regards from a faraway friend.





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SHG RESPONSE TO ARTICLE IN ST HELENA INDEPENDENT

St Helena Government (SHG) would like to answer the questions and respond to various statements made in the article 'Headless Chickens' – Roddy's Story printed on pages 9-12 of the St Helena Independent newspaper, dated 16 August 2019.

In bold are the relevant statements and related questions from the article followed by SHG's response in italics:

In February 2015 the RMS went offline, so eggs were imported (with incubation procedures in place) from Germany by the SHG Husbandry Section. Why did they not just import chicks from South Africa?

There were no bio-secure sources of chicks identified by the Agriculture and Natural Resources Division (ANRD) at the time from the Cape area that could be imported via ship for St Helena.

During the initiation of Roddy's business, Island legislation insisted that no chicks should be imported from South Africa due to disease implications. So what has changed since then with regards to chicks coming from South Africa?

Air access to St Helena has provided an opportunity for ANRD to investigate bio-secure suppliers of chicks outside of the Cape area to support egg production on the Island. This has resulted in identifying and risk assessing a chick supplier located just outside of Johannesburg in order to meet St Helena's veterinary biosecurity requirements. This was not possible in 2015 and has resulted in the development of having day-old chicks flown to St Helena.

However, it is wondered what happened to the legislation that said no chicks were to be imported from South Africa? What has happened to this policy to safeguard the Island population against disease?

There is no and has not been any legislation banning imports of chicks originating from South Africa into St Helena. There has been a ban imposed by St Helena for a short period of time when there was a poultry disease outbreak in South Africa in 2017, but not an overall ban as might have been thought to be in operation for South Africa. Such imports are controlled through the Animals (Diseases) Regulations as follows:

Regulation 3 (1) No animal may be imported or brought into St Helena except —

(a) under a licence previously granted by the Agricultural Authority, having regard to the conditions and requirements contained in the Health Standards prescribed in respect of the importation of animals; and

(b) upon production of a veterinary certificate at time of importation confirming compliance with the conditions and requirements contained in the Health Standards referred to in paragraph (a).

The Amberlink chicks are sourced from a highly bio-secure unit in South Africa and were identified and risk assessed by the ANRD Senior Veterinary Officer. This supplier was not previously known to ANRD and breeds for their own laying and broiler units. The supplier vaccinates against nine diseases and following risk assessment had satisfied St Helena's

biosecurity import requirements for day-old chicks. In addition to the risk assessment and provision of veterinary certification secured from the supplier, the chicks are subjected to a minimum four-week quarantine period at the animal quarantine station in Rupert's Valley. SHG is confident that the veterinary biosecurity processes in place for these imports provide an acceptable level of risk for continual maintenance of the Island's egg production requirements, as all imports to St Helena carry some degree of risk to the Island community and cannot be completely mitigated.

Enter the second, third and fourth batches of chicks from South Africa, however this time, with little consultation...If Roddy could not be supplied with his full quote from batch two who were the recipients pushing for these additional batches? If the island had exceeded its demand by batch three, why was an additional batch ordered? Is it possible that there is no supply and demand strategy and no consideration of long term economic management?

Roddy was not being used as the main reason to bring in batch two and three. ANRD had already received orders for 3,000 chicks from the public and so batch two and three would have gone ahead. Roddy had not placed any orders for chicks before the ANRD chick order list closed but ANRD agreed to allow him to have chicks across the three consignments to assist his plans. It is because of the preference given to Roddy that the fourth consignment of chicks were imported. With less than 450 remaining on the list (had the 600 gone to the producers who had placed their timely orders), this latest import would not have gone ahead.

It has been suggested that the recipients of these day-old chicks are ANRD staff, SHG staff and even Councillors. Could this be classed as another targeted subsidy?

ANRD advised the Economic Development Committee before importing the chicks that a one-off untargeted subsidy would be implemented for the chick layer replenishment exercise for the Island on this occasion, and would extend to all egg producers.

The chick orders advertisement placed by ANRD was open to the entire Island to access day-old chicks, as Roddy had advised ANRD on completion of his partnership project that he no longer wished to supply chicks to the public.

The following numbers of chicks were ordered by, and supplied to, SHG staff through the four consignments of imports:

ANRD staff – 217

Other SHG staff – 346

This represents 14% of the 4,000 chicks having being ordered by small-holders who are SHG employees. The largest SHG order was for 36 chicks from an SHG employee. We plan to issue chicks to a Councillor from batch four, which is in quarantine, but no chicks have been issued to any Councillor from batches one to three.

SHG
23 August 2019

