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Tomorrow you can see it; the Biggest in the World



It's the biggest of its kind and in its prime. The 86 metre ketch, S/Y Aquijo is due to arrive in James Bay on Saturday. The yacht and the 17 crew were previously in Cape Town and moored in the V&A Marina for a few weeks. The captain, Gerhard Veldsman, gave a talk at the Royal Cape Yacht Club about the world tour the super yacht and its crew are now enjoying. The sailing manager at the Royal Cape YC told the Independent, "I am sure it will be an amazing site when you see them anchor off your beautiful Island." The three year old S/Y Aquijo is a privately owned yacht and can be chartered for less than £400,000 a week. There are seven cabins which can accommodate twelve guests, in addition to the seventeen crew.

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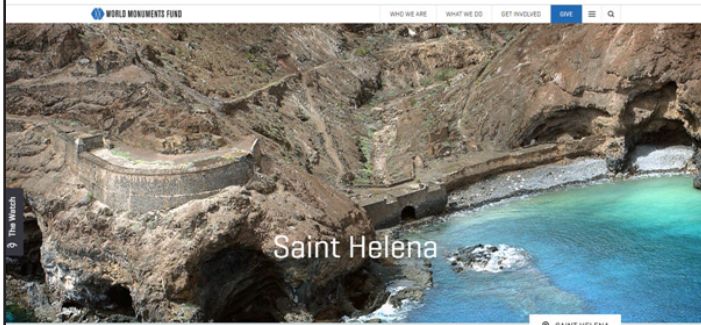
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Island Heritage Funding Application was lost seven years ago

Hopes were high that a bid for funding from the World Monuments Fund (WMF) to help transform the Liberated African Burial Grounds would succeed. The results were announced this week and the St Helena bid was not on the list of 25 successful applications. The bid to give the victims of the Middle Passage slave trade who perished in St Helena a much needed token of respect, together with proper recognition to an important part of this Island's heritage, failed.

The application was well prepared and professionally presented. The global significance of Rupert's Valley Burial Grounds was made obvious and the uniqueness of this historical site established beyond question. Unfortunately this funding application was damned seven years ago when the World Monuments Fund included St Helena on the list of successful funding applicants in 2012 under its WMF Watch funding scheme. The St Helena application in 2012 was to improve a range of built heritage sites including High Knoll Fort, Banks Battery and Rock Rose. Nothing was ever done; because of this the WMF gave preference to other applications. After all, why should St Helena have a second bite of the cherry when the opportunities made available in 2012 were ignored? The competition for WMF funding is fierce; other applicants will not waste a golden opportunity, it is reported £50,000 of funding is available every year for ten years from WMF Watch funds.

The 2012 St Helena bid is still on the WMF website at <https://www.wmf.org/project/saint-helena>. High Knoll Fort, Rock Rose and Banks Battery are prominently featured.



The website tells readers, "Saint Helena's built heritage, including Banks Battery and High Knoll, has increasingly suffered from deterioration and partial collapse as lack of investment, government support, or legislative protection have made it difficult to maintain or improve the condition of many sites. Saint Helena is not eligible for most conservation funding available in the United Kingdom, even though it is a British Territory. Indeed, Saint Helena is representative of several overseas British territories with little access to government resources for heritage stewardship. The island was included on the 2012 World Monuments Watch to bring attention to its potential for a better economy through heritage-related tourism development."

The website also lists what has been achieved since the funding was awarded. There is precious little to report. Prince Andrew School students visited Lemon Valley, the Museum of Saint Helena, and High Knoll Fort in September 2012 and it is claimed the Historic Environment Record (HER) has been completed. This not strictly true and the HER has still not been officially adopted as a reference for development control. With an air of apparent desperation the first commercial flight in April 2016 is also mentioned.

It is reported the St Helena National Trust made the application in 2012 to the WMF and therefore responsible for driving forward the envisaged built heritage projects. The new National Trust director, Tara-Jane Sutcliffe, is researching the facts of seven or eight years ago. A number of National Trust directors and presidents have come and gone in that time. It is hoped there will be the possibility of salvaging some advantage from the WMF funding award after so many years of inactivity.



Rock Rose; featured on the WMF website St Helena page as in need of funds for renovation. The work is now complete; the renovation project taken on by the Thorpe family.

Over the last several years renovation work at High Knoll Fort and what uses this very visible landmark can be put to have often been discussed by several organisations. ESH have funded some renovation work while potential funding could have been available from WMF Watch. Over many months discussions and plans have gone round and around on where to locate toilets at High Knoll. Limited funding has been one of the issues despite WMF funds being potentially available. On 20th August this year, Exco officially leased High Knoll Fort to the National Trust after the Trust has been stewards for the site in recent years.

Intense activity to rescue the reputations of the organisations involved in this unhappy episode is required during the dying days of WMF funding availability for St Helena's built heritage. If reputations can be saved it may be possible for a second bid to be submitted for WMF funds for the Liberated African Burial Grounds but next time, with a better chance of success.

There will be a Harvest Festival praise and worship service at St. Paul's cathedral on Sunday 13th October, at 5:30p.m. with a number of great Gospel songs.

Live music by St. Paul's cathedral gospel group.

All are welcome.

Connect St Helena – Quality of Service Report

The 6th Quality of Service Report on Connect St Helena was published this week by the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA). Each year the service provided by Connect is compared to targets set and their performance in previous years. The report covers the year from April 2018 to April 2019; the URA noted Connect had a clean financial audit and has completed all recommendations made by internal and external auditors. The URA also referred to the Independent Review of Connect requested by councillors; the review “acknowledges the tremendous progress made since divestment” on 1st April 2013.

Pointing out the headline performance indicators the URA stated that since Connect St Helena took over from the Public Works Department (PWD) 6 years ago the overall reliability of the electricity network has improved by 36% and the water network by 16%.

The results of microbiological testing of treated water showed Connect exceeded the target of no more than 0.5% of samples tested at the UKAS accredited Public Health Laboratory showing signs of contamination. It was also pointed out the Senior Microbiologist has established a rigorous and consistent testing regime. Sampling points have also been fitted on the Connect water network side of a number of domestic water meters. The results of samples taken from immediately before water enters the household private pipe network also bettered the 0.5% target set by the URA.

The visual clarity of water has also improved since Connect took over from PWD however the clarity of Jamestown water is significantly affected when heavy rainfall causes churning of sediment. This problem can be resolved when investment funding becomes available.



Harper No.2 Earth Dam has accumulated large amounts of silt since it was built due to silt traps not being provided when it was constructed. Connect added silt traps and later used the opportunity presented by the dry weather to remove the silt when the Earth Dam was empty. Six thousand tonnes of silt was removed, increasing the capacity of the Earth Dam to 24,700 cubic meters, an increase of 17% in water capacity. In March and April this year water from Harper's 2 was particularly cloudy due to the low water level in the reservoir.

Faults in the water distribution network are due mostly to burst or leaking pipes. During 2018-19 Burst pipes accounted for 283 reported faults and leaks for 982 faults. Reported leaks were up by 177 on the previous year and there were 31

more burst pipes than in the previous year. Other types of faults include blockages and air traps. In total there were 1,331 faults reported in the water distribution network compared to 1,145 last year and 850 the year before that. The URA described the water distribution network as “fully depreciated”, meaning it is only worth its salvage value. Connect spend £100,000 every year replacing water supply infrastructure in priority areas but are clear in saying this is not enough. Major investment is necessary to recover from the years of neglect prior to 1st April 2013. This must mean capital funding from DFID.

The URA report that Connect has now reduced the time taken to complete a water connection to one day after notification. This is compared to 90 days at the time Connect took over from PWD. The target set by the URA for 2018-19 was 12 days.

Electricity connections took 50 days on 2013 when Connect took over from PWD. The URA count the weekends and Bank Holidays in the numbers. In 2017-18 Connect averaged 17 days for electricity connections and reduced it to 12 days in 2018-19.



There were 94 interruptions to power supplies in 2018-19 compared to 146 when Connect inherited the electricity distribution network from PWD. The target, or cap, set by the URA for 2018-19 was 95 interruptions. While almost evenly split between high and low voltage faults, high voltage interruptions affect more people. High voltage interruptions accounted for 46% of the faults with low voltage failures taking the other 54%. Twelve of the high voltage faults were due to trees falling on power lines while a further 18 were self-clearing. Thirteen faults were equipment failures. In the previous year there were five occasions when falling trees interrupted power supplies. The larger number in 2018-19 was due to two stormy weather incidents in September and November.

There were 51 low voltage faults in 2018-19; six of them due to falling trees, the rest were infrastructure faults.

In the general conclusions the URA point out that Connect's subsidy has reduced from £703,000 to £681,000 in the current year subject to the price of diesel remaining reasonably stable. At the same time there are no planned increases to charges.

The URA also point out that when Connect St Helena was formed the business plan required SHG to replace depreciated assets however Connect now funds for worn out asset replacement; £430,000 was spent in asset replacement by Connect in 2018-19. In total, Connect have spent £2.2million in asset replacement since inheriting the run-down infrastructure inherited from SHG's PWD. However significant sums are required for further investment in the water supply side of Connect.



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Editorial

It's been an interesting week. Good in parts, frustrating in others. There has been a moment or two for contemplation too, mostly during the frustrating times. Writing for a newspaper often means having to weigh up what is, and is not in the public interest. The first thing here is what is the public interest? What does the phrase mean? What it is not, is just writing something because there are people who are curious about it. There are plenty of gossip magazines for that. One definition of public interest is, "a common concern among citizens in the management and affairs of local, state, and national government." But this is less than half the story. Apart from government it can also include statutory or public bodies such as Connect St Helena, the St Helena National Trust, and the St Helena Fisheries Corporation. Getting further away from the government definition it can include any organisation that includes the involvement of the general population in what it does, or doing anything that can affect the population at large. That covers a wide spectrum of activities of all kinds.

It is in the public interest for everyone to be assured the money they give to charity is efficiently managed and spent for the purpose it was given. It is in the public interest to know that public money, whether given through tax and duty or donations to any statutory or public organisation is spent in an efficient, honest, transparent and accountable way. Writing about this subject and making this point is not to imply we have lots of fiddlers and thieves out there siphoning off public money into private bank accounts; far from it. St Helena is famous for its generosity both in giving to deserving causes and putting much effort into organising the fund-raising required. Apart from being an example of what is in the public interest it is also an example of what is the government's responsibility when checks and balances, oversight and minimum standards are required. This is also in the public interest. There is, after all, a Media Standards Ordinance, its purpose is to remind me what is and is not in the public interest. The bottom line is, when an individual or organisation does something which can be argued as not being in the public interest, that's when it becomes newsworthy and media people like me should let you know about it.

This leads on to a related issue. Sometimes people will fall over themselves to get a story in a newspaper or other form of media. This is simply because they want to see something of interest to them known about by a larger number of people. Other times, when people like me phone up someone for information on a story we think is of interest to you their lips are so clamped together they would make excellent watertight doors on the RMS. This is because for one of a wide variety of reasons the tight-lipped do not agree with people like me that whatever is mentioned should be made public. Some people may give up being tight-lipped and start being defensive; others may even get a bit aggressive now and again.

Whatever the reaction, from tight-lipped to aggressive, the reaction speaks volumes if you listen carefully.

Then, as usual, there is a middle way. Someone will be keen to pass on information. Sometimes it's useful and can be reasonably thought of as being reliable. But, the informer wants to remain anonymous. This happens everywhere and often. Because the information is useful and reliable anyone like me will want to use it. But the informant's name cannot be mentioned. That's when phrases such as 'a reliable source' or 'authoritative source' or 'someone close to the prime minister said' come into play. Using these phrases to protect the identity of a source who wishes to remain anonymous leaves journalists open to anonymous informers attempting to get publicity for fake news. A recent article on this subject opened with, "British journalists rely too heavily on anonymous sources, often serving as little more than a covert mouthpiece for Prime Minister Boris Johnson, a No. 10 source boasted". The anonymous source is saying the UK prime minister is often and anonymously feeding information to the UK media. It gets a bit silly when an anonymous source is referring to someone who acts anonymously on subjects both want to remain anonymous about. It all gets a bit tricky but somehow we get there in the end.

And finally, there is a report this week about the unsuccessful attempt to bid for funds to make the Liberated African Burial Grounds in Rupert's a place where their memory can be respected. At the same time there is a petition being organised in the UK for a national memorial to remember the victims of the slave trade. It can be found at <https://www.change.org/p/uk-government-build-memorial-to-remember-the-victims-of-the-slave-trade>.



A model of the slave memorial supporters would like to see in Hyde Park

ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS MODEL FOR FISH PROCESSING AND SALES ON ST HELENA

On Tuesday, 29 October 2019, Executive Council discussed the option of an alternative business model for processing and selling fish on St Helena, with a view to curtailing the crippling losses incurred by SHG's state owned entity St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) and reducing the subsidy provided to it by Government.

The alternative business model proposed by the newly established Fisheries Task Group suggests an interim solution lasting between six – eighteen months, which focuses on the local market, fresh and affordable protein, and fresh fish exports by air, particularly:

- Providing the local market with fish, with premium fish being air freighted to the market in South Africa
- Ceasing direct fuel sales to Fishermen whilst retaining an element of fuel subsidy
- Enabling Fishermen to purchase ice
- Orderly winding up of SHFC, and the opening of a new business through a private limited company initially, under a transitional arrangement that allows processing and sales operations for both the local market and air freight to continue without interruption.

Having explored the alternative interim business model, Executive Council directed to the Fisheries Task Group to engage in meaningful consultation with stakeholders, so as to strengthen the proposal before bringing it back to Council for endorsement in December.

Executive Council stressed the need to ensure that other parties including the SHFC (staff and members of Board) and the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association were given ample opportunity to contribute.

Executive Council was also keen that SHG, as owner of SHFC, commence planning for an orderly winding up of SHFC, in collaboration with its Board. The Board of SHFC will take responsibility for consultation with staff.

The overall ambition of Executive Council is for a viable fishing industry on St Helena, one that enables the Island to fish for its future. SHG will continue to explore options for funding a purpose built fish factory in the meantime.

SHG

31 October 2019



Comment from the SHCFA

The SHG press release regarding the - ALTERNATIVE BUSINESS MODEL FOR FISH PROCESSING AND SALES ON ST HELENA will no doubt be this weekend's hot topic on island and will come as no great surprise to those with an interest in the fishing industry. The crippling losses highlighted by the press release were there from virtually day one and too little was done to address it. A freezer downsizing initiative identified years ago as a possible mitigation measure has only been completed this year and from what we understand, the system is still not operational. This is just one example of action that should have been taken but for

whatever the reason, was simply left on the back burner and all the while, hundreds of thousands of pounds continued to be poured into the factory for ever increasing operational costs. This trend could only continue for so long, and it would seem that SHG has finally drawn the line.

Fishermen are understandably very anxious at this moment, the future is very uncertain to say the least and it is not a very nice feeling to have other people making decisions on how you make a living, especially when some of these people are not necessarily equipped to do so.

The St Helena Commercial Fisherman's Association was given the opportunity to view the Draft Alternative Business Model a few days before it was presented to ExCo and it resulted in us responding with a 10 page document which highlighted many weaknesses within the model. It is therefore no surprise that ExCo have directed the Fisheries Task Group to undertake "meaningful consultation with stakeholders" in order that the proposal is strengthened.

We in fact find the compilation of this Task Group a curious affair, the group consists of 5 Government personnel and 1 FCO staff member – there is neither SHFC nor SHCFA representation. Given that SHFC Management Board has always been top heavy with SHG personnel, we have yet to see any significant improvements; which reveals that this system is clearly not working. However, SHG demonstrates that no lessons have been learnt as they continually look internally for solutions instead of reaching out and utilising expertise within the sector.

The SHCFA is currently aware that 2 potential investors will be arriving on island before the end of this year with an interest in the fishing industry, one can only speculate whether this factor is playing a part in the current situation...?

Waylon Thomas

Chair

SHCFA

INDY PICTURE QUIZ.....Series 1 Elast From The Past

Picture 7...

**YOU'VE HAD THE EASY PICS—
NOW FOR THE HARD ONE.....**

**GO BACK IN TIME....50+ years, AND
SEE IF YOU KNOW WHO THIS
MIGHT BE.....(He has changed
somewhat over the years, but a few
traits are still there!!!!)**

Tune in to this afternoon's Shine Show with Sharon Wade to find out how to answer. Sorry, no clues this week....it's a nice prize of a mixture of small fish to fit in the frying pan!!

ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PICTURE 6....

Rex Stevens (Winner: Dawn Benjamin, Wells')

(Song reference: Lobo—Rock and Roll Days



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C Leo (LegCo)

Soon after the general election in July 2017, it became quite clear to me that in serving the people of St Helena, the efforts of elected representatives were being handicapped and dominated by the agendas of DFID officials and SHG officers. A governance system that contains such fundamental flaws, gaps and distortions just cannot be expected to work in the very best interests of the people of St Helena for successful outcomes.

There are serious weaknesses in our governance system. Elected members have consistently taken our grave concerns to SHG officers, governors and DFID officials and have made direct representations on the shortcomings to the DFID Minister and to the UK Government's Foreign Affairs Committee.

In March 2019, Mr John Gordon, the DFID Head of Overseas Territories, undertook to help address our governance concerns and fund a review of the current model.

We are encouraged that the review of the governance of St Helena has begun with a recent visit by Professor Jeremy Sarkin. Professor Sarkin is a governance and democracy expert with over 30 years of global experience – providing advice on transitional justice, good governance, economic development, and legal reform.

I believe the people of St Helena are very fortunate to have a person of such calibre as Professor Sarkin working with us on the future governance of the island. I would, therefore, like to take this opportunity to encourage each member of the electorate to give the matter serious consideration and make a special effort to become engaged in the process.

There are various reasons why a review of the governance of St Helena is nec-

essary; I will briefly touch on a few.

Economically and socially, numerous people are struggling to cope with life in general on St Helena and the cost of living in particular. Making ends meet is an ongoing burden for those who are struggling to get by socially and economically.

DFID, the Governor, SHG officers and elected representatives have got to question the decisions that were implemented and contributed to the current debilitating economic and social circumstances which so many Saint Helenians are now being forced to live with.

Although purporting to be working in the best interests of the island, the different agendas of DFID, the Governor, elected members and SHG officers seem to lack a coordinated approach in terms of defined decision making processes to achieve successful outcomes.

More than 285million pounds have been invested into air access for St Helena. The St Helena airport is a fantastic infrastructure development but the projected benefits are seriously flawed. Its limitations are due to decision making that is still being questioned by St Helenians because air access has simply failed to deliver on promise and expectation. And then we have the extravagant 85million pounds bulk fuel installation that was built to support air access; this also is being questioned on the grounds of fit for purpose.

If costly decisions are taken that are not in the very best interests of the people of St Helena and accordingly precious aid money is being squandered, then St Helena must have a governance system that can identify who is responsible and accountable.

St Helena is desperately reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom. The provision of capital funding is absolutely fundamental to infrastructure enhancement and new projects that are required for the development of the island. Nevertheless, DFID simply stopped providing capital funding to St Helena and there was nothing elected representatives were able to do to reverse the dictatorial decision. Thus here we are, some three years on, and the island's community is forced to cope with the social and economic consequences.

After extensive deliberations over the last two years with DFID, the UK Government has finally committed to providing St Helena with 30million pounds for a six-

year Economic Development Investment Programme. The question is who will ultimately decide how the money will be used?

Once again the people of St Helena are forced to contend with a very low rainfall period and the island is desperately short of fresh water. Yet, St Helena has an abundance of groundwater constantly wasting into the ocean particularly through Fishers Valley and Sharks Valley. Global climate change and the changing weather patterns over St Helena have been long warning of the urgent need for St Helena to invest more in raw water storage. In the absence of capital funding over so many years we have already lost critical time in providing additional water storage infrastructure.

Following feasibility work carried out in 2014, the development of an Earth Dam is recommended for Fishers Valley at an estimated cost of 3.8million pounds. Technical design fees are estimated to cost an additional £200,000. Without hesitation, the technical design work must be given top priority. The £200,000 must be funded through the Economic Development Investment Programme without further delay. And crucially, the peoples elected representatives must be empowered to make that decision.

No-one should dispute that improvements to the governance of St Helena are essential to the island's future achievements. Good governance will help ensure Saint Helenians, who are motivated, will make good progress, and assistance required by the vulnerable within our society can be properly maintained.

Professor Sarkin is expected to return to St Helena in early 2020 to progress the review of the governance of St Helena. The change of governance established for St Helena will impact the lives of all generations – present and future. Therefore the seriousness and importance of the governance review cannot be overemphasized. Indeed, it will decide if Saint Helenians can take maximum ownership of our destiny as a people. I will therefore appeal to each member of the electorate to take full advantage of the opportunity and participate in the review.

Basically, there are two options to consider:

(1) Develop the current system of governance and make it more struc-

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tured, defined and solely fit for the purpose of working in the very best interests of the people of St Helena.

(2) Drastically reform the current political system and transition to a ministerial form of government.

Personally, I have seen, heard and observed enough over the last twenty seven months to be convinced that my preferred choice should be option one.



Statement – Trust Finances:



The Council of the St Helena National Trust (SHNT) wish to issue the following statement in respect to their finances, in response to the news item on Saint FM radio (25-10-19) that “the St Helena National Trust is suffering an apparent financial loss in excess of £70K”:

The Trust Council refutes the comments made on Saint FM radio. The financial accounts of the St Helena National Trust are prepared in accordance with IPSAS Financial Reporting, under the Cash Basis of Accounting. The cash basis of accounting means that receipt and payment transactions are recorded only when monies are received or paid. The financial accounts for the year ending 31-03-19 will show a decrease in cash balances of £67K for the Financial Year 2018-19. This is due to cash receipts directly before and after the financial year end (i.e. March 2018 and April 2019). The nature of the SHNT and the way it is funded for projects over 2–5 years means that a single Financial Year, in this case 2018-19, must not be viewed in isolation. As of October 2019, cash balances have increased by £61k and the SHNT is running on a balanced budget for the first 6 months of Financial Year 2019-20. SHNT has a positive bank balance and is certainly not in debt.

These are difficult times financially for a great many organisations on St Helena. As a charity SHNT depends on a variety of sources to generate core and project funding, which includes an annual subsidy from the St Helena Government. SHNT is extremely conscious of its responsibility to use all funding (including our public funding) appropriately. We believe we do that well. Our annual accounts and report are published within the public domain and those for 2018-19 will be presented at our forthcoming Annual General Meeting in early December.

Editor’s Note: *As the audit of the SHNT Accounts are ongoing we reserve our judgement until the audit process has been completed.*

A team from ESH and St Helena Tourism departed St Helena on last Saturday’s flight destined for London via Johannesburg. The Team’s main purposed for this trip is to focus on meeting as many investment and tourism Subject Matter Experts (SME’s) at the various planned meetings and events in London.

The ESH team will be also be attending the international Investment Tourism Conference which starts on Friday the 01st November 2019.

On Saturday the 2nd November ESH will host a networking event which will deliver the Investment prospectus document that was launched at Anne’s Place last Saturday. Live and captured media from this event will be available online immediately and after the event St Helena Tourism and Enterprise St Helena will also exhibit at the World Trade Market (WTM) at London’s Excel Exhibition Centre from the 4th-6th November 2019.

Saint FM listeners will have an opportunity to listen from wherever you are to a live audio stream which is planned to take place on Monday the 4th November from 11:30 GMT and again on

St Helena Going Live



Wednesday 6th November from 11:00 GMT. So join us for these special live broadcasts from the Excel Exhibition Hall in London, you can also engage with the presenter on the ground at the excel via email address listenlive@saint.fm or you can poke us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/SaintFMRadio/> get the latest images and video on Instagram <https://www.instagram.com/saintfmcommunityradio/>

Over 51,000 attendees at World Travel Market London all have an interest in the global travel trade. Both visitors and exhibitors represent a wide variety of companies and sectors operating in the travel industry.

Almost 5,000 exhibiting companies take part at World Travel Market London to showcase their destinations, products and services. They use this as a platform to meet and negotiate business with visitors attending the show. Exhibitor stands are represented by a variety of companies operating in different tourism sectors.

WTM London prides itself on being the hub of travel ideas. They aim to give an insight of how the industry will look in the next five years, share innovations, and create endless business opportunities over the course of three days. One of the key reasons why so many travel professionals attend the show year after year is because of the valuable networking opportunities and connections they make.



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Dear Editor,

I thought I would put in writing what a lot of people have spoken to me about on the street. Here are just a few of those questions.

This concerns the company of Connect.

I know the first is old hat, but why was the decision ever made to shut down the bore holes that Basil Read had excavated; one having no salt content at all, which if still open today, would have helped us considerably. Another bore hole had some salt content in the water, if so could this not have been used in regard to our cultivation needs.

Secondly the catchment at New Bridge, a few days ago this was nearly full, from the water running in from Heart Shaped Waterfall. I was surprised to say the least when told that the gates holding the water in the catchment were slightly open, allowing the water to escape down the run and into the sea (what a big waste). So why was permission refused to allow growers who live along the stream to divert this water to help with their crops. Self sufficiency and waste of water are a big topic at present (where is the common sense here?)

The next issue concerns Saints that worked for the Water Department some years ago. These guys knew the underground water table of the island very well, some of these are still around, why hasn't Connect ever bothered to ask these people to help. There are still old bore holes around, that should still hold water that these guys would know about. We need to look at everything and anything that may help with this predicament we now face.

Next, there is some concern regarding the qualifications of management within the Connect company.

People are asking this question for two reasons, one it seems is that the company has a tendency to chase around and patch up old catchments and reservoirs, although this is obviously needed, it is thought, not enough time

and effort is given to studying the water table scientifically to try and locate where the underground water has gone. Once this has been achieved new measures can then surely be put in place.

Secondly, why are management paid such a vast amount of money in wages, ie head of Connect is supposedly on £100,000+ per annum and has Saint status. If this is correct who worked out this wage structure in the first place, it is very extravagant to say the least. It was always regarded that persons who have Saint status, should be on an average Saint wage, taking into account his work position.

It would be great, if a person from Connect could reply to these questions.

Regards

Paul Laban

Dear Editor,

What has gone wrong with St Helena?

I remember coming here as a visitor back in 1999 and thought what a lovely island this is, everyone was so happy and inviting.

I remember walking along a street in Jamestown and I had someone come up to me and ask, where are you from?

Who do you belong to? Etc. Then they asked would I like a drink, or something to eat in there house and I would think, I don't even know you, it was so nice, the island felt like it had a really pleasant, welcoming buzz about it, everyone seemed really happy and I really liked it here.

Fast forward to today and yes everyone is still really nice don't get me wrong, there is still plenty of smiling faces, but not as many people seem as happy and inviting like they did back then, the buzz it once had has all but gone, something drastic has changed!

After chatting to people, almost everyone says to me how desperate they are struggling with very low wages and high costs of utility bills, food and other things in the shops etc., I suppose people are now prioritising themselves rather than inviting others in to their houses like they once did before.

The mood here is so different, almost desperate like with some people, com-

pared to how it was back then and it's an absolute crying shame.

All of those smiling, happy faces need to be brought back.

Something desperately needs to change here.

I know that there used to be a shipping subsidy for the freight of goods coming here which made goods that little bit more affordable, and since the airport opened the subsidy was withdrawn and everything has pretty much got a whole lot worse ever since, almost everything has become more expensive, life here has become so much more difficult for most people now.

For example, a child's toy in a shop in town was £38, the same toy from Argos in the UK was £12.99, or even a pizza from Iceland priced normally at £1 in the UK but over here £3 odd, how is this right, where is the justification for these prices? And that's only 2 examples from many.

I met a lady the other day and she said that she was going to buy some bacon bones for the week, I said what is that for? She replied, I'm going to make my soup for the week!!

Soup for the week!! I thought, how is that a proper meal? Let alone for every day, how sad is that?

She buys the bacon bones because she can't afford to buy anything else because of her very low pension, which I found disgustingly sad.

Its nearly 2020 for god's sake not the 2nd world war in the 1940's.

I'm told that the prison provides better food for their inmates to eat than most average people on the island get to eat every day.

It's not only this poor old lady that is struggling that I have met, most people I talk to all say how disgusting the prices in the shops are and it's all down to the cost of freight, I was told that there was other cheaper alternatives for shipping available after the RMS finished but for some reason was turned down, and that the cost of freight just keeps on going up and up which obviously has a knock on effect on the price of everything in the shop's.

Your Opinion Counts

When is this going to end?

Almost every time the MV Helena delivers its cargo, everything in the shops goes up in price compared to the previous month, it would be ok if wages went up just as quick each time the cost of freight went up.

Another shipping alternative or at least some other competition is desperately needed to bring prices to more affordable levels.

Why are we stuck with one of the most expensive freight costs in the world? Walking around town I've noticed recently that there are a lot of new faces around, especially down at the Mule yard and the Yacht club at weekends, I've been told most are so called TC workers from abroad on decent wages who can afford to go out and socialise compared to Saints and they get all a of their expenses and perks paid for by SHG. Why don't Saints get offered any of these job roles, and even if they do, why don't

Saints get similar wages?

Why does a saint get less than half the wage for the same job that a TC worker is doing?

That is, if a Saint is ever offered the same job.

I heard on the radio a job advertised for a dietician, only problem being, you have to attend an interview in London, so it must be another TC job, why wasn't it advertised over her for a local?

Can't a Saint do this particular job?

I also heard a Saint applied for a job over here within SHG somewhere and they had all the relevant qualification's needed and was told flatly that it's a TC job and not to bother applying, that person has now left the island to work in the UK for a proper salary. How wrong is that?

How many more skilled people are we going to lose due to low wages or not being offered to locals in the first place? In some countries they advertise a job locally for a period of time, then after a set number of month's they would then advertise abroad if there is no interest. Why does SHG only advertise some of these jobs abroad first and not here? Doesn't SHG have any confidence in local Saints to do any of these jobs? To an extent it almost feels like its bor-

dering on racism, or is it just plain old double standards towards Saints.

Why can't locals do some of these jobs and for similar wages too?

Surely if you have a local who is trained and competent enough to do some of these jobs it would make complete sense to employ them instead of a TC worker and save a fortune in perk money as in, flights, shipping their cars and furniture here etc., plus flights home for holidays and other expenses, at least then a local could then be better paid and afford to get by and go out more often from time to time and enjoy themselves on this expensive island.

Like another reader said in a previous letter to the independent, pay people what they are worth, or at least a living wage not a struggling wage and no wonder people are leaving the island for better paid jobs abroad whilst the island is in the state it's in.

For far too long SHG have been letting people down and feel that a new brood of councillors with new ideas, compassion and understanding is needed. Something really does need to change for the sake of its people here and the sooner the better. St Helena needs to get its old buzz back and along with it, all of those smiling, happy faces it once had before!!!!!! **Anonymous**

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Our **1-day course** will give you the confidence and freedom to take control and create a digital marketing strategy to suit your business.



Cost per person:

Small businesses, £50 Corporate, £120

10% Discount for Inside St Helena Profile holders

Date: Wed 27 Nov, 9am – 4pm at the ELC, Jamestown

Advance booking essential

Contact Darrin & Sharon Henry

Email: info@insidesthelena.com

BONFIRE NIGHT FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Bonfire Night (Tuesday, 5 November 2019) is just around the corner, but when planning your celebrations this year please remember St Helena's current water situation.

For the past few years the average volume of water used to extinguish bonfires at popular events is approximately 40,000 litres or two fifths of the Island's daily water consumption.

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service (SHF&RS) has therefore imposed the following restriction that any bonfires this year should be no more than 6 metres in diameter and 1.5 metres high. The SHF&RS will be monitoring the size of bonfire material prior to events taking place. However, once the bonfire is lit and starts getting smaller, more timber can be added.

Furthermore, hazardous materials such as tyres, paint tins, aerosol cans, furniture containing foam (foam contains cyanide which is deadly), asbestos (which is illegal to burn) etc should not be allowed on the fire as this is dangerous for spectators.

As normal, the SHF&RS will be patrolling events on the night as Safety Officers.

For further information or clarification please contact the Fire Station on tel: 23344.

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service wishes everyone a safe and happy Bonfire Night.

#StHelena #SHFRS #BonfireNight #FireRestrictions #AltogetherSafer #SaveWater

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DRAFT WASTE MANAGEMENT POLICY YOUR FEEDBACK NEEDED

St Helena's draft Waste Management Policy is currently out for public consultation until 4pm on Friday, 8 November 2019.

The draft Policy plans for short, medium and long term environmental changes that are likely to impact on the quality of Island life if waste is left unmanaged including taking up valuable and limited landfill space and causing pollution.

To achieve the aim and objectives of the draft Policy, several strategic waste management actions will be delivered through an implementation plan including, but not limited to:

- Embedding the principles of 'reduce, reuse and recycle' in all aspects of decision making throughout the Island
- Promoting existing 'reduce, reuse and recycle' activities and encouraging and supporting the development of new initiatives
- Converting organic waste into compost and
- Ensuring that unavoidable landfilling is managed in a manner which does not significantly impact on public health or the natural environment.

A copy of the draft Waste Management Policy is available under the Public Consultations section of the Publications page on the SHG website (www.sainthelena.gov.sh/publications).

Comments should be sent to Environmental Risk Manager, Mike Durnford, via email: mike.durnford@sainthelena.gov.sh or tel: 24724.

#StHelena #AltogetherGreener #ReduceReuseRecycle #GoodWasteManagement

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BREXIT – THE UK'S DEPARTURE FROM THE EU: UPDATE FROM THE GOVERNOR

Over the last month I shared with you the work the St Helena and the UK Governments are doing to support St Helena in the run up to Brexit. This week I am sharing with you a final update and a reminder to check your British Citizen passports.

What's happened?

As of Tuesday, 29 October, the Brexit date is set to be delayed until 31 January 2020 after the EU agreed to the UK's extension request.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson has agreed a revised Withdrawal Agreement with the EU but the bill implementing it still needs to get through Parliament. This has not been achieved to date. UK law required the Prime Minister to request an extension. This was agreed this week by EU members until 31 January 2020. The UK could leave earlier if the Agreement is passed by MPs.

The Prime Minister has also requested an early general election in December. Under the Fixed-Term Parliaments Act, two thirds of all MPs have to back an early election for it to take place, however, MPs failed to back a motion on Monday to call an early election.

UPDATE (Wednesday 30 October): The UK is set to go to the polls on 12 December after MPs backed the Prime Minister's call for an election. By a margin of 438 votes to 20, the House of Commons approved legislation paving the way for the election. The Prime Minister has said the public must be 'given a choice' over the future of Brexit and the UK. (BBC News)

Passports

The St Helena Immigration Service are advising British Citizen passport holders travelling to the EU to check whether their passports are valid. Our notice below gives details on how to do this.

The rights of British Overseas Territory Citizen passport holders will not change as a direct re-

sult of Brexit. This includes 90-day visa-free access to the Schengen area within the EU in any 180 days. British Citizen passport holders resident in the Overseas Territories will have no fewer rights to access the EU than British Citizen passport holders in the UK. The UK's long-standing historical links and constitutional relationship with its Overseas Territories remain the same: Brexit in no way alters this.

British passports

You may need to renew your British passport earlier if you are travelling after Brexit to most EU countries, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. Go online to www.gov.uk/check-a-passport-for-travel-to-europe or visit the St Helena Immigration Service.

EU entry requirements for British Overseas Territory Citizen passports are unaffected.

Find out more about travelling to Europe after Brexit. Go online to www.gov.uk/visit-europe-brexit.

Governor Dr Philip Rushbrook
30 October 2019



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



3KM & 10KM FUN RUNS

Saturday 02 November

NOW Starting at 15:00

Starting Line: FRANCIS PLAIN



21KM & 42KM MARATHONS

Sunday 03 November

Starting at 07:00

Starting Line: FRANCIS PLAIN



TRIATHLON

Wednesday 06 November

Starting at 17:00

Starting Line: RUPERTS JETTY



JACOB'S LADDER CHALLENGE

Thursday 07 November

Starting at 17:00



TRAIL RUN

Saturday 09 November

Starting at 09:00

Starting Line: THE CENOTAPH, Seafront



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CHANGE TO STARTING TIME

SATURDAY 02 November
3km & 10km FUN RUNS

RACE WILL NOW START AT 15:00

Starting Line: Francis Plain

Registration Opens: 14:00



For more information please contact Shelley Magellan-Wade
 on 22158 or email address shelley.magellan-wade@tourism.co.sh





AUDIT ST HELENA invites applications for the following job vacancies

ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £8,067 to £9,904 per annum

Commencing January 2020

The Assistant Auditor will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades in English and Mathematics, and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills, and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

ANALYST INTERN

Salary range £10,550 to £13,241 per annum

9-month fixed term internship – July 2020 to March 2021

The analyst intern will undertake performance audits under supervision and assist with financial audits across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE in English and Mathematics with further studies in a quantitative discipline (economics/ business management/ accounting/ finance or similar) to diploma level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

SENIOR AUDITOR

Salary range £14,845 to £19,020 per annum

12-month fixed-term contract commencing January 2020

The Senior Auditor's primary role is to undertake the planning and delivery of financial audit engagements across SHG and other public entities in accordance with auditing standards.

Candidates will be a part-qualified accountant or holding the Level 4 Diploma in Accounting and Business or Certified Accounting Technician (CAT) qualification. Applicants should also have a minimum of three years' experience in audit or finance, and at least one year in a supervisory capacity, together with knowledge of recognised financial reporting frameworks.

We are looking for a team player with good communication and people management skills who is able plan, prioritise and project manage workflow and use their own judgement. Excellent analytical abilities and IT skills are also required. Working knowledge of Caseware is desirable.

AUDITOR INTERN

Salary range £10,550 to £13,241 per annum

9-month fixed term internship – July 2020 to March 2021

The auditor intern will undertake financial audits under supervision and assist with performance across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE in English and Mathematics with further studies in accounting or finance to diploma level or academic equivalent.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

Job Profiles and Application Forms are available by calling 22111 or emailing belinda.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Applications should be submitted by hand or by email to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on Thursday, 21 November 2019.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and police 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.



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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VACANCY

Information Technology (IT) Assistant

Information Technology (IT) is an exciting, ever-changing field, offering variety, and unique job satisfaction. To meet its ever-growing IT demands, Bank of St Helena Ltd is offering a rewarding career opportunity for an experienced person to fill the role of IT Assistant.

The IT Assistant will be responsible to the IT Officer for supporting and maintaining IT systems and providing efficient IT support to all customers, both internal and external.

Main duties of the post:

- Responsible for the management of the IT helpdesk;
- Ensure that a high level of customer service support is provided to all customers;
- Assist in the development and implementation of new projects;
- Assist in the administration of IT security;
- Support the continuous development of the Bank's IT systems;
- Install, configure, test, maintain, monitor, and troubleshoot end user hardware and networked devices;
- Provide training and technical support to staff on system operations and issues;
- Aid in the continuous development of business continuity and disaster recovery plans;
- Form part of the on-call rota for out of hours working.

Required skills and experience:

- A recognised qualification in a Computer Science subject;
- Proven work experience in an Information Technology support role;
- Must be able to work independently and assist with multiple projects and priorities;
- Ability to work under pressure with interruptions and challenging deadlines;
- Ability to work in a team and collaborative environment.

For further information, contact Mrs Kim Francis, IT Officer on telephone number (00) 290 2390.

An application form and job profile are available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources & Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com

Closing date for applications is Friday, 08 November 2019

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VACANCY

DIRECTOR OF ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

Are you able to apply strong leadership skills to manage a diverse workforce?
Can you provide strategic direction to ensure the achievement of St Helena's National Plans?

If so, there is an exciting opportunity for you to prove that you have what it takes to be the next **Director of St Helena Government's Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Directorate**.

Reporting directly to the Chief Secretary, you will provide strategic leadership and be accountable for the effective delivery of services in the following areas; Agriculture, Environmental Protection and Risk Management, Terrestrial and Marine Conservation and Planning and Building Control.

Key Responsibilities

- Working collaboratively as part of the Core Leadership Group, together with colleagues and Elected Members, you will be responsible for ensuring the Directorate meets the targets set out in the National Ten Year and Sustainable Economic Development Plans;
- This will include planning, directing and reviewing the activities of the Directorate and ensuring that a programme of continuous improvement is embedded in all processes.
- You will be responsible for developing the Directorate's rolling three-year strategic plan and budget in line with SHG's Medium Term Expenditure Framework.
- You will provide professional leadership for the Directorate, and ensure effective oversight and the timely and efficient completion of all directorate projects including those which are donor funded.

Requirements

You will need to have qualifications and experience:

- A degree and/or professional qualification in an appropriate discipline;
- At least five years broad relevant experience of physical environment work;
- A minimum of five years demonstrably relevant experience at senior management level;
- The ability to manage people effectively through positive relationships and by establishing and maintaining the trust and support of colleagues;
- Experience of giving policy advice to Senior SHG officials and Elected Members;
- Significant experience of project and programme management

Salary for this post will be £45,000 per annum

For a chance to get a better understanding of this exciting and responsible position, you should contact, Chief Secretary, Mrs Susan O'Bey on telephone number 22525 or on email susan.obey@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a copy of the Job profile can be obtained from Corporate Human Resources and should be submitted to Mrs Bronwen Yon, Acting Director of Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle or e-mail bronwen.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh **by no later than 4pm on Wednesday, 6th November 2019.**

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Corporate Services

23 October 2019

VACANCY FOR A TEMPORARY ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT- CHILDREN'S SERVICES

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill their vacant post of Administration Assistant in the Children's Services on a temporary basis for three months.

The post holder will be required to provide effective and efficient administrative support for the Children and Adult's Social Care Directorate.

Some of the main duties of the post will include:

- Assist with general clerical tasks for example, filing, photocopying and collating documents
- Maintain an adequate supply of stationery for the section
- Enter and monitor Annual/Sick Leave of all personnel.
- Assist with inventory checks and update records.
- Provide secretarial duties at staff meetings.
- Responsible for the management of petty cash.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- GCSE in Maths and English Language at Grade C or above or an equivalent qualification (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process).

The post holder should be proficient in IT Skills, have good communication and customer care skills and have a minimum of 1 years' experience working in an administrative and customer focused environment.

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

For further details about the post, interested persons should contact Ms Adele McMahon, Team Manager (Children's) on telephone number 23312 or e-mail: Adele.McMahon@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 through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 12 November 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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Children & Adult Social Care Directorate 29 October 2019



Vacancy - Water Treatment Team Leader

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably experienced person to fill the position of Water Treatment Team Leader in their Water Division.

The successful candidate will work as part of a team responsible for the day to day management and maintenance of the Island's water treatment plants, processes and systems. Other tasks include being responsible for the collection of water samples for laboratory testing, this is critical duty and must be carried out with diligence and accuracy through following the correct procedures.

Interested persons should have a minimum of 2 years supervisory skills, excellent communication skills, be computer literate, have a sound knowledge of Health and Safety in the workplace, have a 'can do' approach to problem solving and possess a valid drivers' licence. Experience with water treatment plant operating systems is desirable.

Salary for the post will depend on skills and experience. This is a permanent position within the Company. For further information, a full job description and further details on the Company's benefits package please contact Carol Thompson on 22255 or email Carol at carol.thompson@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms should be emailed to Carol Thompson at the above email address or handed in to the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown by 12:00 noon, Wednesday, 13 November 2019.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON THE SHG AUDIT AND RISK COMMITTEE

Corporate Support is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons who are interested in serving as a Member on the Audit and Risk Committee.

The purpose of the Audit and Risk Committee is to assist the Governor in fulfilling his constitutional responsibilities by evaluating and improving the effectiveness of risk management, control, and governance processes across St Helena Government (SHG). The Committee should not assume any management functions nor should management be allowed to exert inappropriate influence over the work of the Committee.

The Committee is responsible for ensuring that:

- Internal controls are robust to ensure the public funds are adequately safeguarded and used economically, effectively and efficiently;
- Risks are appropriately identified and managed;
- An appropriate Governance Framework is in place (which includes a functioning anti-fraud and corruption culture and effective whistleblowing arrangements)
- Management actions are in compliance with policies, standards, procedures, regulations and ordinances

The Committee also oversees the performance of the St Helena Government Internal Audit Office.

For serving on the Audit and Risk Committee, the Members will receive a remuneration of £350 pa. In addition a mileage allowance of 60p per mile will be paid. The number of Committee meetings ranges from four to six times for each financial year.

Corporate Support would like to hear from persons who are interested in serving on the Audit and Risk Committee. Detailed Terms of References are available on request. The relevant application form to register an interest may be obtained from Miss Linda Benjamin, Information & Research Support Officer, at the Castle on tele: 22470 or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR PART-TIME INSTRUCTOR

The Education and Employment Directorate is seeking expressions of interest for a Part-Time Instructor to work at SHAPE on a contractual basis.

The Part-Time Instructor will be responsible to the Training Coordinator for the tuition of Adult Literacy, Numeracy and Life Skills to clients at SHAPE Sandy Bay.

Hours of work are approximately 14 hours per week at the rate of £6.19 per hour and will be paid on a weekly/monthly basis. The rate offered is subject to a review.

For further information please contact Mrs Cherilee Thomas - Johnson, Training Coordinator, St Helena Community College, at the Education Directorate on Telephone No. 22607 or email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh

A list of duties and application forms are available from the Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources and should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 07 November 2019.

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Mrs Wendy Benjamin
Director of Education
31 October 2019



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TIP OF THE WEEK

Each cycle of a washing machine uses an average of 100 litres of water.

Use the washing machine for full loads only.

Using the machine half full will waste around 20 litres of water each time.



**PRESS
RELEASE**



ENTERPRISE ST HELENA TO ATTEND INVESTMENT AND TOURISM EVENTS IN LONDON

Representatives from Enterprise St Helena (ESH) departed the island on 26 October to attend various significant tourism and investment events in London from 30 October to 16 November. In attendance is Dr Dawn Cranswick (Chief Executive for Economic Development), Martin George (Director of Investment), Melissa Fowler (Tourism Manager), Sophia Joshua (Tourism Officer) and Kelly Jonas (Tourism Officer); together with local dive operator Anthony Thomas of Sub-Tropic Adventures.

Below outlines some of the significant events the team will be attending whilst in London:

Date	Time	Event	
Fri 01 Nov	All Day	 Conference: 01-02 NOV 2019 InterContinental Park Lane London	ESH will be attending this event for the first time. This platform drives international awareness and investment into the tourism sector, and acts as a catalyst for inclusive growth. Martin George will serve on the panel of discussion on day 1: <i>Essential Business Case on Tourism Embracing UN Sustainable Development Goals</i> . On Day 2 St Helena will be presented as an Investment Destination as part of the Financing Tourism and Travel Development Projects. Additionally, the team have a scheduled meeting with the Chairman of ITIC Advisory Board, Dr Taleb Rifai, former UNWTO Secretary, and Martin will be interviewed by Mr Rajan Datar of the BBC.
Sat 02 Nov	Morning		
	14:00-16:15	Saint Diaspora Networking Event	This will be attended by over 30 members of the Saint community, together with additional partners in tourism and investment. The event is being hosted by ESH and will be catered by 'Saint Cooks' who will provide St Helenian refreshments.
Mon 04 Nov	All Day	 (Organisers and Exhibitors)	St Helena will be at stand AF363. WTM presents an opportunity for St Helena to be placed in front of tens of thousands of potential customers, positioning the destination brand at the forefront of the international travel industry. As a consumer market it also offers individual business brands the opportunity for exposure and is the ideal platform to meet new and existing customers as well as to establish or consolidate their place in the industry.
	11:30	<u>Saint FM Radio Livestream</u>	
	Evening	ATTA Networking Event 2019	
Tue 05 Nov	All Day	WTM (Public)	
Wed 06 Nov	All Day	WTM (Public)	
	11:00	<u>Saint FM Radio Livestream</u>	
Tue 12 Nov	14:00 - 15:30	Launch of the St Helena Research Institute (SHRI)	Tara Pelembe will be launching the St Helena Research Institute.

Martin George, Director of Investment, said: *"There are numerous meetings booked with tour operators, economic institutions and businesses. With the launch and endorsement of the Investment Prospectus, we have increased the meetings and events we are attending to ensure we reach as many people as possible. As a result of these scheduled meetings, an ESH group delegation will also be attending the launch of St Helena Research Institution (SHRI) which will be inclusive of individuals who could potentially assist with resources for SHRI. Additionally, we see the diaspora event as an opportunity to update and attract our saints abroad, and to spread our message about opportunities on St Helena."*

Those on-island will have the opportunity to follow the team at WTM through Saint FM's live streaming service on Monday 04 November (exhibitor day) from 11:30am, and Wednesday 06 November (public day) from 11am.



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VACANCIES FOR TEACHING ASSISTANTS

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ suitable persons who enjoys working with young people to join a committed team of teachers within either the Primary or Secondary Sector of the Directorate.

Applicants must have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Recent and relevant work experience would be desirable. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, have good interpersonal skills and a sense of humour.

The successful candidate will be expected to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. Plan and prepare programmes of work under the direction of the class teacher to cater for the learning needs of groups of pupils and or individuals.

Salary payable will be from Grades TA1- TA2, ranging from £7,226 to £7,562 per annum.



For further details regarding this post, interested persons should contact Miss Kerry Lawrence, Assistant Director, Schools on telephone number 22607 or e-mail kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from Education & Employment Directorate and Corporate Human Resources should be completed and submitted, through Directors where applicable, to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or e-mail santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm, on Wednesday, 13 November 2019.

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Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

Director of Education & Employment

31 October 2019

CASUAL CONTRACT IN THE EDUCATION & EMPLOYMENT DIRECTORATE

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking interest from persons who are able to offer contractual services within the St Helena Community College.

Hours of work will be 20 hours per week from 4pm to 8pm. The rate payable will be at £3.13 per hour.

Applicants should have experience of working within a customer focus environment, be self-motivated, have good verbal and written communication skills and have the ability to work using their own initiative.

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For further details and a list of duties for the above contract, interested persons can contact Mrs Joyce Duncan, Acting Assistant Director, Lifelong Learning on telephone no. 22607 or email joyce.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of interest, should be submitted to the Administration Officer at the Education Learning Centre or email santana.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Thursday, 07 November 2019.

Mrs. Wendy Benjamin

Director, Education & Employment, 31 October 2019

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

DRIVING TESTS

The following is a public announcement from the Police Directorate:

The public is advised that bookings for driving tests will be unavailable from Monday, 18 November 2019, through to Monday, 6 January 2020.

Any inconvenience caused is regretted.

SHG
29 October 2019

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

New air service makes island of St. Helena accessible to more American travellers

New flights are making it easier for curious Americans to visit one of the world's most off-the-beaten-track destinations – the island of St. Helena.



Far flung in the middle of the South Atlantic Ocean, St. Helena (pronounced St. Hel-EE-na) is one of the planet's most remote inhabited islands: 1,200 miles from Africa, and 1,800 miles from South America. And, it is its remoteness that is its charm and the source of its rich history.

The 47-square-mile volcanic island was – until very recently – accessible only by sea. **But United Airlines' new nonstop flights from New York to Cape Town, and new SAA Airlink flights from Cape Town (in addition to Johannesburg) are making a 3-, 4- or 7-day (or longer) visit to St. Helena a reality. An increased flight schedule is set for December through February.**

Discovered by the Portuguese in 1502, St. Helena has been under British rule since 1657 and is, after Bermuda, the second oldest territory of the British Commonwealth. Its remoteness is what brought St. Helena fame; after the French defeat at the 1815 Battle of Waterloo, Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled to the island until he died there in 1821. His home is one of the most visited sites of St. Helena. Until 2017, St. Helena was reachable only by its very own Royal Mail Ship, RMS St. Helena, offering five-day voyages from Cape Town approximately every three weeks.

Today, St. Helena has a population of 4,500 and is eager to welcome visitors. It is dedicated to the conservation of its diverse and unique animal, plant, and marine life. And its capital, Jamestown, is considered one of the most authentic Georgian-period towns on earth.

From International Press

Christine Scipio goes from St Helena to St Helier and Eddie Duff travels to Uganda on councillor trips - to talk about women's empowerment

Eddie Duff said when he arrived in Uganda for his conference he was met by a lot of people with guns. Maybe the Ugandan authorities already knew about Eddie. But, maybe not; when he finally arrived at his hotel he said he got called 'Sir' more often than he can ever remember. Eddie attended the annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), the 64th of its kind, and billed as one of the largest gatherings of Commonwealth Parliamentarians. The conference included the 30th Anniversary Conference of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians. Eddie's first participatory event was on the Empowerment of Women; a similar subject to Christine Scipio's conference in Jersey which focussed on a review of the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Strategic Plan – and some other things. Both conferences took place in September.

Christine's conference was attended by representatives of small countries; Alderney, Cyprus, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Guernsey, Isle of Man, UK, Jersey, Malta, St Helena, Scotland and Wales while Eddie's larger gathering had a 'Small Branches Master Class' which presumably was a special production for representatives from smaller countries in the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association. The Master Class included, "Gender equality - empowerment of women throughout the Commonwealth, this was an eye opener" Eddie said in his report "as although St Helena does now experience all the major issues which affect a lot of women, I would like to say that we still need to improve a lot things for our women, but compared to others we are leaps and bounds ahead of most the Commonwealth."

Eddie's report on his conference describes the three hour-

long discussion on the non-attendance of the Commonwealth Secretary-General as the biggest and hottest discussion of the lot. While over in St Helier, Jersey, Christine Scipio witnessed an in depth discussion about the nominations for the Commonwealth Women Parliamentary Chair election at CPC in Uganda. Three candidates had expressed an interest - Shandana Gulzar Khan (Pakistan), Michelle O'Byrne (Tasmania) and Tara Rivers (Cayman Islands). None of whom were in Jersey. They were probably in Uganda complaining about the non-attendance of the Secretary-General.



The Commonwealth Secretary-General, Baroness Patricia Scotland, got into hot water with delegates at the Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference because she did not show her face. She did attend the Commonwealth Women's Forum (see photo) and also won an award as the 2019 Champion for women's empowerment.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

In the match of the weekend Spurs took the lead against Liverpool after just 47 seconds. Liverpool who was poor in the first half last weekend against Manchester United responded well to this early goal and was extremely unlucky to go into half time 1 nil down.

Liverpool totally dominated the first half and Spurs was in debt to their stand in keeper Gazzaniga. He produce a number of brilliant saves in the first half to keep his side in the lead at the break.

I thought Spurs was defending to deep; however they almost went 2-0 up when Song went around Allison but saw his shot rebound of the bar. Moment later Henderson equalised for Liverpool.

Liverpool's pressure eventually took its toll when Aurier caught the back of Sadio Mane's leg and gave away a penalty, which Salah fire past Gazzaniga with 15 minutes left.

Spurs went on to play better attacking football once they went behind but was unable to find the equaliser and Liverpool took all 3 points.

Liverpool now leads the league by 6 points from Manchester City.



Liverpool had 21 shots at Spurs goal including 13 on target

Match week 10 started last Friday night when Leicester travelled south to Southampton and equal Manchester United's Premier League record of most goals scored in a match as they won 9-0.

Leicester was already 1 nil up before Bertrand was sent off for the Saints in the 12th minute.

Both Perez and Vardy scored hat tricks; Vardy's coming in the last minute of the match from the penalty spot. This was also a Premier League record for the biggest away win. Manchester United's 9-0 win against Ipswich 24 years ago was at Old Trafford.



Vardy's hat trick moves him to the top of the Goal Scoring Charts

Pep said his Manchester City side showed relegation form in their first half performance against Aston Villa. Once Sterling scored early in the second half there was only going to be one winner.

City went on to win 3-0.

Villa who defended so well in the first half would have been disappointed how they conceded the first goal as it was a defensive error that leads to the opening goal.

In other matches Everton conceded an injury time own goal to gift Brighton with a 3-2 win at the Amex Stadium.

Watford still remains with a win this season as they drew 0-0 at home against Bournemouth.

Mousett scored his second goal in as many matches as Sheffield drew 1-1 away at West Ham.

USA international Christian Pulisic scored a hat trick as Frank Lampard's Chelsea continues to show great improvement in the league. Chelsea went 4-0 up before Burnley pulled two goals back late in the game. Burnley's striker Barnes had a number of chances in the first half but fail to take any of them.



Pulisic youngest Chelsea player to score a hat trick

Other matches on Sunday saw Newcastle squander their 1-0 lead to draw 1-1 against Wolves.

Arsenal went 2 nil up against Crystal Palace only for their London rivals to come back to equalised. Arsenal thought they score a late winner only for it to be ruled out for offside. The match was marred by Captain Granit Xhaka was involved in an angry confrontation with his own supporters. Xhaka was seen swearing at his fans and ripped his shirt off as he stormed down the tunnel. Under fire Unai Emery has asked for an apology from his captain.

Arsenal has apparently offered Xhaka counselling as he is said to be devastated after this incident.



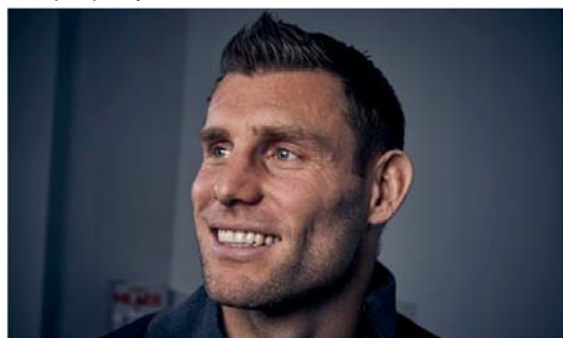
Xhaka responds to abuse from fans

Manchester United won their first away league match for almost 2 months as they defeated Norwich 3-1. United was also awarded 2 penalties by VAR and missed both.

VAR (video assistant referee or very average refereeing) Supporters' groups are to meet the Premier league to demand action on VAR after another weekend of chaos. Fans are increasingly concerned over VAR, with the time taken to make decisions and a lack of communication. Anti-VAR

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

chants have become evident at matches and there is concern that even the measures currently in place to help supporters – such as replays of overturned decisions – are not being used properly.



James Milner: 'I'm not a fan of VAR ... the atmosphere is being ruined'

A disallowed goal for Arsenal against Palace and two penalties given over the head of the referee, Stuart Attwell, for Manchester United against Norwich are the latest incidents to bring the issue into focus and the Football Supporters' Association is calling on the Premier League to take action.

The Premier League currently allows for information about VAR decisions to be communicated in two ways: via graphics on the big screen that show a check is under way and, should a referee's decision be overturned, via the use of video footage that helps explain the decision. At the Emirates Stadium and Carrow Road, however, there were no clips played.

This has been a common experience for fans. While deci-

sions have been overturned, the reasons why have not been made clear in the stadium. There is some suggestion that the lack of video replays is down to a fear of the response from the crowd. But there is also uncertainty as to whose responsibility it is to ensure the clip is played, with some inside the game suggesting it is down to the club, while some clubs insist their options are determined by the Professional Game Match Officials Limited (PGMOL), the refereeing body that oversees the use of VAR and controls the video feed sent to the stadium.

While the tools that are currently available are not being best used, there are also demands that the Premier League go further and allows the audio feed between the referee and the video assistant to be heard by fans at relevant moments. That change would need to be authorised by the International Football Association Board (Ifab), which put in place the original VAR protocols.

Ifab addressed the topic last week, with discussion "primarily concerned with ways in which communication of the decision-making process could be improved", according to a statement. No outcome resulted from the debate, however, with further discussions set to take place in December.

One unfortunate irony is that Arsenal fans were able to listen to the VAR during the first half on Sunday, due to a mistake by the BBC. A technical glitch meant that supporters heard the reasons behind a decision to overturn Martin Atkinson's decision and to award a penalty to Palace. The glitch was corrected at half-time; however, meaning fans were left stumped when Sokratis Papastathopoulos's late winner was ruled out. (Extracts taken from English media)

Jamestown ruthless to become District champions of 2019

Jamestown finish their district tournament with three wins from three games scoring twenty one goals altogether, ten of which were scored on Sunday against St Paul's. The boys in red went into the game knowing a draw would see them secure the trophy after beating HTH last week, they wasted no time going two – nil up in the first ten minutes, the pace and movement off the ball by Jamestown were causing major problems for the ten men of St Paul's, by half time Jamestown were four – nil to the good with Rico Benjamin scoring two, Selwyn Stroud and Jace Williams also with one each. The second half started the same with Jamestown scoring earlier on in the half, this time by man of the match Shane Stroud, he would go on to bag his hat trick along with his Captain Rico Benjamin, the boys in blue kept their heads up and manage to grab two consolation goals by veteran defender Michael Bedwell, with that Jamestown replied with two more of their own from subs Joe and Liam Yon making the final score Jamestown 10 v 2 St Paul's... **Congratulations to the champions Jamestown**

The second game on Sunday was a closer one with Longwood taking on HTH, Longwood so far trying to register their first point in the competition and HTH looking to claim the runner-up spot. The first half began with both teams going all out attack for that important first goal which saw chances at either end but neither could brake the deadlock in the first forty five. The second half saw HTH with more of the play with Longwood trying to hit them on the counter attack but failed to trouble Keith Yon in goal, HTH went on to score three goals Tyler Benjamin, Kyle Shoesmith, an Andrew Yon all getting on the score sheet. HTH 3 v 0 Longwood.

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Junior Football Results and Fixtures:

Jungle Rangers v Young Rebels
G/S Jungle Rangers: Toure Osborne 1' Blaze Baldwin 1 & Lebron George 1
POM: Toure Osborne & Talyon Phillips

Galacticos 5 v Titans 3
G/S Galacticos: Aiden Yon-Stevens 2; Ethan Harris 1 & Christo Crowie 1
G/S Titans: Macoy Williams 1; Ethan Johnson 1 & Colby Richards 1
POM: Aiden Yon-Stevens



Fixtures

Sunday 3rd November
9.15 Futsal Cup Qualifier: Jungle Rangers v Yellow Devils (winner qualifies for Final)
9.15 Futsal Cup Semi Final: Skyscrapers v Titans

Saturday 9th November
9.15 Futsal Cup Eliminator: Loser of Qualifier v Young Rebels
9.15 Futsal Cup Semi Final: Galacticos v Rangers

9 aside Primary School

Team	Play	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Jungle Rangers	4	3	1	0	+7	10
Yellow Devils	4	2	1	1	+6	7
Young Rebels	4	0	0	4	-14	0

Top Goal Scorers:

Blaze Baldwin 8, Harry Winfield 6, Toure Osborne 7, Aden Thomas Stevens 5, Kenin Bargo 5, Jett Lee Yon 4, Lebron George 4

11 aside League

Team	Play	W	D	L	GD	Pts
Galacticos	6	6	0	0	+44	18
Titans	6	0	0	6	-44	0

Top Goal Scorers:

Aiden Yon-Stevens 20, Ethan Harris 14, Christo Crowie 6
Evan Constantine 3, Musa 2, Rhys 2

SHFA Knock Out Cup Fixtures

Saturday 2nd November

1.30pm match between Wirebirds and Wizards has been cancelled. Wirebirds through to Semi Finals. This cancellation was agreed by all Captains and Committee members who attended Wednesdays' Committee meeting.

3.30pm Bellboys v Axis Organisers: Harts

Sunday 3rd November

1.30pm: Saints v Lakers Organisers: Wirebirds
3.30pm: Rovers v Harts Organisers: Bellboys

The SHFA will be holding a meeting on Thursday 7th November at New Horizons starting at 6pm

All Captains and Committee must be in attendance for this important meeting

EXTENDED DEADLINE ON INVITATIONS TO TENDER

St Helena Government has extended the deadline for the following procurements:

Closing Date for Tenders

Renovation of Public Toilets at the Duke of Edinburgh Playground, Jamestown

Thursday, 07 November 2019 at 12 noon

Renovation of Public Toilets at the top of Jacob's Ladder, Ladder Hill

Monday, 11 November 2019 at 12 noon

Full tender documentation can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence, Procurement Officer, at Essex House.



If you require further details please contact Mr Kyle Shoesmith, Graduate Civil Engineer. Both can be contacted on telephone no. 22270 or alternatively you can email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh or kyle.shoesmith@sainthelena.gov.sh.

If you were unable to attend the site visits, please contact the Procurement Officer to arrange another date & time.



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Golf Report for Saturday 26th of October 2019- second round of qualifying

Saturday the 26th of October the second round of qualifying for the Open championship was completed. With cloudy overcast and moderate wind, 41 players enrolled to compete. The scores of the players, after the second round are as follows:

Player name:	Qualifying round						Total after two rounds	Rank	
	Scores round 1		Total	Scores round 2		Total			
	First 9	Second 9		First 9	Second 9				
Scott Crowie	40	42	82	36	34	70	152	1	QUALIFYING
Leon Crowie	43	39	82	37	39	76	158	2	
Martin Buckley	40	40	80	39	40	79	159	3	
Nick Stevens	43	39	82	43	36	79	161	4	
Dax Richards	42	42	84	40	41	81	165	5	
Larry Legg	42	45	87	38	41	79	166	6	
Lawson Henry	41	40	81	44	41	85	166	6	
Paddo Johnson	44	43	87	41	40	81	168	8	
Norman Thomas	43	44	87	39	42	81	168	8	
Arthur Young	46	40	86	43	41	84	170	10	
Bramwell Lumukwana	43	41	84	48	43	91	175	11	FLIGHT A
Ronald de Reuck	41	48	89	41	46	87	176	12	
Neil Joshua	51	43	94	41	42	83	177	13	
Arthur Francis	44	46	90	42	45	87	177	13	
Keith Joshua	47	43	90	48	40	88	178	15	
Brian Joshua	49	46	95	42	41	83	178	15	
Pat Henry	44	43	87	46	46	92	179	17	
Deon Robbertse	44	46	90	45	45	90	180	18	
George Thomas	43	46	89	44	47	91	180	18	
Tony Green	46	48	94	43	48	91	185	20	FLIGHT B
Martin Cranfield	48	51	99	41	45	86	185	20	
Martin Joshua	46	50	96	48	46	94	190	22	
Gerald George	49	49	98	44	48	92	190	22	
Lyn Leo	51	52	103	40	47	87	190	22	
Peter Johnson	51	47	98	46	47	93	191	25	
Phillip Francis	52	43	95	50	49	99	194	26	
Donald Bowers	47	45	92	51	52	103	195	27	
Ray Yon	45	53	98	52	46	98	196	28	
Danny Duncan	48	48	96	49	55	104	200	29	FLIGHT C
Nigel Joshua	43	54	97	54	50	104	201	30	
Leeroy Caswell	52	50	102	49	51	100	202	31	
Tony Winfield	46	51	97	54	52	106	203	32	
Douglas Augustus	54	55	109	49	45	94	203	32	
Hensil Beard	53	54	107	48	49	97	204	34	
Danny Thomas	52	55	107	52	53	105	212	35	
Johnny Carter	59	54	113	49	50	99	212	35	
Lourens Malan	49	59	108	58	60	118	226	38	
Jeff Ellick	56	67	123	54	60	114	237	39	
Gerry Shannon	60	63	123	58	60	118	241	40	Ladies
Anita Robbertse	57	58	115	53	51	104	219	37	
Anne George	54	59	113	52	57	109	222	38	

Well done to all that participated, especially the players that have qualified to play for the championship trophy. With the difficult hole positions, no player has managed to win the internal two ball competition, the balls were carried over to the next day's play.

On completion of the round, the players were sub-divided into the 12 best players competing for the championship trophy, the next nine players into flight A, the next nine in flight and the remaining players in flight C. The two ladies that entered will compete for the ladies trophy.

Golf Report for Sunday 27th of October 2019 – first round of the Open Championship

Sunday the 27th of October the first round of the Open championship was completed. With cloudy overcast and strong winds, 40 players enrolled to compete. The scores and the standings of the players in the different groups, after this

round are as follows:

Player name:	Scores Achieved round 1	Scores Achieved round 2	Scores Achieved round 3	Scores round 4		Total after last two rounds	Total after four rounds	Rank		
	First 9	Second	Total							
Scott Crowie	82	70	80			0	80	232	1	QUALIFYING
Leon Crowie	82	76	81			0	81	239	2	
Martin Buckley	80	79	80			0	80	239	2	
Nick Stevens	82	75	82			0	82	243	4	
Dax Richards	84	81	79			0	79	244	5	
Larry Legg	87	79	85			0	85	251	6	
Paddo Johnson	87	81	83			0	83	251	6	
Lawson Henry	81	85	86			0	86	252	8	
Arthur Young	86	84	82			0	82	252	8	
Norman Thomas	87	81	93			0	93	261	10	
Bramwell Lumukwana	84	91	86			0	86	261	10	FLIGHT A
Ronald de Reuck	89	87	94			0	94	270	12	
								0	0	
Arthur Francis	90	87	83			0	83	260	11	FLIGHT B
Brian Joshua	95	83	83			0	83	261	11	
Pat Henry	87	92	84			0	84	263	13	
Tony Green	94	91	84			0	84	269	14	
Deon Robbertse	90	90	90			0	90	270	15	
Neil Joshua	94	83	97			0	97	274	16	
Martin Cranfield	99	86	94			0	94	279	17	
Keith Joshua	90	88	120			0	120	298	18	
George Thomas	89	91	120			0	120	300	19	
								0	0	
Gerald George	98	92	92			0	92	282	21	FLIGHT C
Phillip Francis	95	99	88			0	88	282	21	
Peter Johnson	98	93	95			0	95	286	23	
Martin Joshua	96	94	101			0	101	291	24	
Donald Bowers	92	103	97			0	97	292	25	
Ray Yon	98	96	96			0	96	292	25	
Lyn Leo	103	87	105			0	105	295	27	
Danny Duncan	96	104	100			0	100	300	28	
								0	0	
Leeroy Caswell	102	100	100			0	100	302	29	FLIGHT D
Hensil Beard	107	97	99			0	99	303	30	
Tony Winfield	97	106	103			0	103	306	31	
Douglas Augustus	109	94	103			0	103	306	31	
Danny Thomas	107	105	103			0	103	315	35	
Johnny Carter	113	99	110			0	110	322	36	
Lourens Malan	108	118	109			0	109	335	37	
Jeff Ellick	123	114	112			0	112	349	38	
Gerry Shannon	123	118	116			0	116	357	39	
								0	0	
Anne George	113	109	106			0	106	328	32	Ladies
Anita Robbertse	115	104	111			0	111	330	33	

As can be seen from the table, the scores are still very close and anything can still happen.

Congratulations to all and keep up with the good golf. Only Lawson Henry managed to score a two in the round, and he won the internal two ball competition. Lawson also received all the balls from the previous day's competition. Well done Lawson, and enjoy the big bag of balls. I know Foxy will be very jealous.

This coming weekend will see the final round of the Open Championship on Saturday, with tee-off times from 9h00 onwards. The tee-off times are already on the notice board.

On completion of the prize presentation, a curry and rice meal will be provided by the club, followed by the normal socialising with some dancing and music. Keep on swinging.

Quote for the day:

"If you drink, don't drive. Don't even putt."

Dean Martin

Contributed by: Games manager.



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Small sized, young black-and-white cat, answers to the name of 'LEVI'.

Lost in the St Pauls area but may be making his way down to Jamestown.

If sighted please contact the Veterinary Section on 24724 and/or Che Benjamin at Mantis.

STORED WATER VOLUME CONTINUES TO DECREASE

The stored water volume across all Island reservoirs has further decreased and is currently at 39.2%. This decrease is primarily due to little surface flows and increased consumption rates.

If daily consumption rates of above 1000 cubic metres continue and the stored water volume subsequently continues to decrease, further Island-wide water restrictions will be imposed.

The recent rainfall experienced has not been enough to drastically increase reservoir levels. The ground is still dry which means that the majority of rain water is being absorbed leaving little surface water to enter the reservoirs. At least two weeks of continuous rainfall is needed to reach safe stored water levels. **With warm weather patterns and no significant rainfall forecast, it is therefore very important that we keep our water consumption to essential use only.**

The St Helena Resilience Forum is also appealing to busi-

nesses on the Island to ensure that their water usage is kept to essential use only.

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

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

St Helena Resilience Forum

30 October 2019



Our Times

Glaciers melting,
Sea levels rising.
Species dying,
Politicians lying.
Fibre optic advances
Trapped in a container, NO chances.

Facebook, WhatsApp
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Hoping for World Cup Glory
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Plastic in the Ocean,
Climate change in motion.
Electric cars and forest fires
Dementia and gender blind
The world is changing,
I am left behind.
Another Brexit extension
I just can't stand the tension!

I think I'll go back to bed...

S. R. J. Stevens

Thank You So Much

Dear Editor,

I wanted to share with the reader a very positive experience that our family have recently had here on St Helena. We had just had our 4th baby (our one born on St Helena) This has been such a special time for us as a family. To enrich this experience further the midwifery team gave us so much love, care and attention here on St Helena.

Our older three children were born in England and to make a comparison would make my care, treatment and whole experience look like I paid for private health care here on St Helena.

The midwives' professional approach to their roles without losing the personal touch was A1. I felt valued and my concerns and worries (that are normal during pregnancy and birth) were taken seriously and my questions answered.

In England I felt like a number and it is no joke to be the first time mum and be sent home only hours after delivery due to limited bed availability.

There would be a home visit but because the midwifery teams are so big it could be a midwife that I had never met before coming to my home. The continuity of care here in St Helena is so important and should really be praised!

The midwives went out of their way to ensure my family and I had all the information we needed and were ready to return home with our newest family member.

The point I am trying to make is that we hear so many negatives about life in St Helena. Here we are going through one of life's biggest emotional times and have had such a positive experience.

We can't thank the midwifery team enough for all they have done.

Hannah Herne, Sandy Bay

STHL Red Duster Are you able to help?



Found in St James's church in storage a large British Red Ensign (Red Duster). However what is unusually about this flag is that it is defaced on the fly with the shield from the Island's public seal (pre-1984) without the Wire Bird but with pink ribbon decoration of the seal. This flag has a fringe and sleeve for parading on a pole.

This means this Red Duster defaced by St Helena's shield is unique and as far as can be ascertained was never sanctioned by the British Admiralty, now MoD. In other words a Red Duster with any form of image of St Helena Island shouldn't exist; even in the days of the 'RMS St Helena'; she 'dressed' a plain Red Ensign without defacement. (ref. Museum)

Can anyone enlightened us about this Red Ensign?

Father David : catholic@helanta.co.sh / 22535

In the same storage are also several other banners of historic significance: Ancient Order of Foresters, Mothers' Union. Mechanics Hall and several still to be identified.

Please be aware the image of the flag you see in black & white is in reality of the same red as the Union Flag i.e., Union Jack

Thank You

The Ladies Fund Raising Group would like to thank everyone who supported their raffle of a Russell Hobbs Microwave and a Russell Hoods electric food mixer. The draw took place on Thursday 24th October 2019 and the winners are: 1st prize, the Microwave, Mr Roy Williams, Sea View, on ticket no 181; 2nd prize, the mixer, Mrs Edith Dollery. New Ground, on ticket no 13. The amount raised was £482.00.

A raffle was held at Colin's Bar on Saturday 5th October. Prizes were won by:

Wine - Heather Isaac

Fruit Box - Colin Peters

Chamdor - Gillian Maggott

Chamdor - Kathleen Yon

£51 was raised and has been put into the Cancer Awareness Charity

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The League of Friends 25th Anniversary Ball was held at The General's Quarters, Longwood House, on Saturday 26th October, with the support of the French Consul Michel Martineau and The Napoleonic Heritage and was an enormous success. The League of Friends Committee welcomed the opportunity to give something back to the local community for 25 years of loyal, generous and unfailing support. St Helenians did not disappoint; they dressed formally and danced the traditional dances to the music of the Joshua Brothers in the regal setting of the Generals Quarters.

The evident enjoyment of everyone present emphasises the importance of such cultural events in the social calendar of St Helena.

Photo: Darrin and Sharon at Inside St Helena



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.30pm till late mix tunes from by Kimmy Boom Bang.

Saturday open from 5.00pm to 8.00pm Country tunes from the bar 8.00pm till late Disco.

Sunday open from 5.00 to 8.00pm.



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12.30pm

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY CARVERY SPECIAL (10th November)

CALL US
ON 25555
Bookings
are
Essential

BEEF CURRY & RICE
ROAST PORK WIT APPLE SAUCE
GAMMON WITH FRUIT SAUCE
BBQ. CHICKEN
ROAST POTATOES/ CARROTS
TUNA PASTA BAKE
2X SEASONAL VEGETABLES
YORKSHIRE PUDDINGS
GRAVY
TOSS SALAD

DESSERT:
TRIFLE
MILK TART



BRINGING YOU A



ROCK
ON

FUN FILLED AFTERNOON AND
EVENING

SATURDAY 9th NOVEMBER
FROM 5PM WITH THE
3 S's

Seabird-Squares & Skinny Brooks FOLLOWED
BY

ISLAND POLITICS



“REMEMBER, REMEMBER THE FIFTH OF
NOVEMBER,
GUNPOWDER, TREASON, AND PLOT.
I SEE NO REASON WHY GUNPOWDER
TREASON.
SHOULD EVER BE FORGOT”

SANDY BAY COMMUNITY CENTRE
TUESDAY 5TH NOVEMBER 2019
STARTING AT - 7.30PM

BAR AND HOT FOOD ON SALE

MUSIC FOR ENTERTAINMENT

ENTRANCE FEE ADULTS £1.00
CHILDREN 5-15 YEARS 50p

THERE WILL BE A GUYFAWK'S COMPETITION,

THE FIRE WILL BE LIGHT AT 8.00PM
ALL ARE WELCOME