

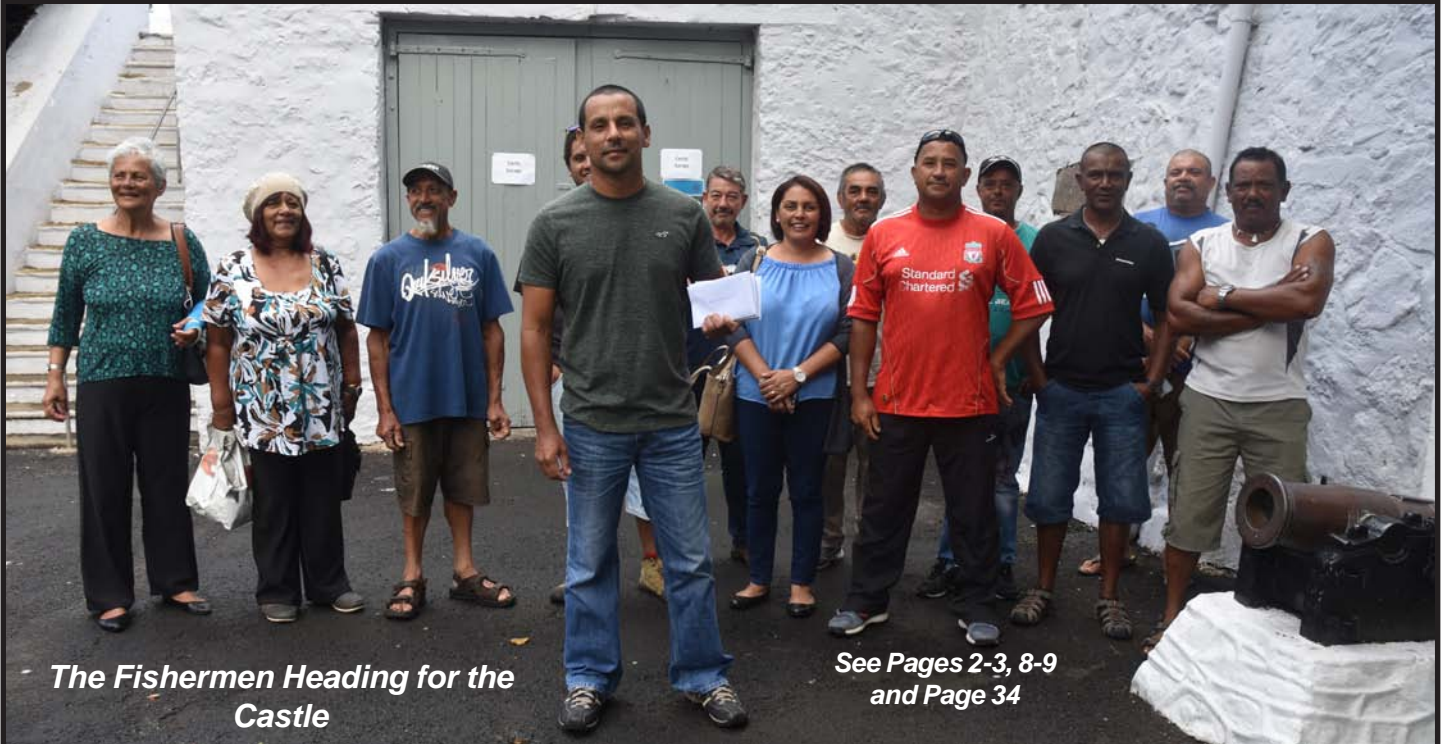
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Timeline of Turmoil

April 2019 – SHG announce, after a lengthy tendering process, none of the bids are compliant and none accepted.

October 2019 – A Fisheries Task Group is told by Exco to come up with an “alternative interim business model” for running fish processing and sales before Christmas.

November 2019 – Another SHG announcement states the Fisheries Corporation has already used up a £450,000 subsidy for 2019-20 and the Fisheries Task Group is urgently pressed to come up with the “alternative interim business model”.

December 2019 – The Fisheries Corporation signs its own death warrant by asking for another £182,000 to get its ‘business’ through to April 2020. The Fisheries Corporation will be closed down on 31st January. The Fisheries Task Group does not have the alternative business model finalised so the St Helena Commercial Fishermen’s Association and other investors are asked to submit their own proposals by 10th January.

January 2020 – The 10th January deadline is extended to 17th January. It is thought four of five bids to run fish processing and sales were received by SHG. The bids were put together in the 15 working days available (Christmas and New Year excluded) while SHG, Exco and the Fisheries Task Group found that impossible to do in the seven months since the previous tendering process was stopped.

Wednesday this week - SHG give the go-ahead for “arrangements for the sale of fish directly from licenced boats to consumers” dashing any hopes for a smooth transition from the Fisheries Corporation to a new fish processing and sales organisation. Commercial fishermen think SHG are making it up as they go along while Adrian Duncan supplied and fitted the parts needed to get the ice-making machine going again.

Yesterday – SHG announce for the first time that four proposals to take over from the Fisheries Corporation were received and also, for the first time, call the proposals “alternative business models”, the word ‘interim’ is not used. There is no clarification on what the Fisheries Task Group is now doing since their work has been completed for them. One of the four bidders is now the ‘preferred bidder’ SHG tells us, but a final decision is still to be made because additional information is needed from the preferred bidder. More details will be available after the Islands resident fisheries experts, (that’s Executive Council), have made the final decision.

In detail

On Wednesday SHG issued an announcement stating that fishermen who have been approved by the Environmental Health Section will be able to “sell fish wholesale from the boat at the landing site” after 31st January when the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) closes down. Where “the landing site”



Back to the good old days for St Helena?

is located is not mentioned; it could have been the shears or maybe the wharf at Rupert’s – but that’s now closed for rockfall protection work. What public health regulations need to be observed is not stated nor whether wholesalers need to take their wellington boots or waders when going to buy fish or maybe go prepared with buckets, with rope attached to the handle, to haul the fish up from the fishing boats onto the wharf.

The announcement is typically confusing as it goes on to say facilities will be made available for cutting fish. Presumably these fishing cutting facilities will be in the fish processing factory except the Rupert’s beach area and wharf is closed while CanFrance are at work. What about vacuum packing fish before sale. Ice-making facilities will also be made available (thanks to Adrian Duncan) and SHG will continue the fuel rebates for fishermen after 31st January. It appears the fish processing factory will continue in some form after the Fisheries Corporation has closed down but who will be in charge and will SHG be subsidising what looks very much like a very messy, poorly planned situation which shows no improvement on the SHFC that went before.

It is reported those who submitted proposals for fish processing and sales after SHFC close down received no additional information from SHG; the only information they have on the latest developments is Wednesday’s completely inadequate announcement which was emailed to media. Commercial fishermen are taking things on a day-to-day basis while SHG decide what to do next. SHG’s announcements and state-

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ments have led to it being widely being suspected that the government are making it up as they go along. The much publicised 'Alternative Business Model' from the Fisheries Task Group for fish processing and sales is nowhere to be seen and SHG has failed to meet the 31st January deadline which was imposed by SHG themselves for a transition from the Fisheries Corporation to 'something else but we don't know what'. It was not confirmed until late yesterday that four proposals were received for fish processing and sales after the Fisheries Corporation close down but how long it will take SHG to make a final decision on the preferred bidder, is another of many vital pieces of information which is not known. On past performance it might take months, if not years.

In April last year SHG announced that none the bids they had received for the development of the Rupert's fish processing factory fully complied with the tender criteria and that the already extremely lengthy tender and procurement process had been stooled without any conclusion being reached. The following month the Economic Development Committee formed a sub-committee to review fisheries legislation and fisheries licensing policy. It was not until the end of October last year that SHG got around to discussing what to do about fishing processing and sales. It was reported, "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." A Fisheries Task Group was told to come up with an "alternative interim business model" before Christmas. One of the aims the Fisheries Task Group was asked to achieve was the, "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."

Just two months later, November last year, SHFC requested additional subsidy to pay for repairs the old and outdated equipment used in the fish processing factory. Fish processing had come to halt on two recent occasions, first when the freezer failed again and secondly when the fork-lift truck failed yet again. At that point the usual leisurely round of sub-committees, task groups, reviews and proposals suddenly came to an end with another SHG press release stating, "SHFC's business model has been broken for some time but masked by SHG paying out ever growing levels of subsidy to the fishing sector on an annual basis. This is money SHG can no longer afford. The fish factory has not made any profit for several years; it continues to build up ever-increasing losses, in the forlorn hope that it just might earn some cash from overseas sales to pay back the hundreds of thousands of pounds that have been sunk into the venture. In 2019 alone in nine months of the financial year the SHFC has used up a subsidy of around **£450,000** with nothing but even more losses to show for it." It continued, "The time has come for everyone, SHG, the SHFC, the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA), all Fishermen and every resident of St Helena

to realise that this cannot go on. A fundamental change in the system of fishing on the Island is needed with the adoption of a business model that, at the very least, has a fighting chance to break even." This press release ended with additional urgency being given to the work of the Fisheries Task Group and the Alternative Interim Business Model for fish processing and sales.

A few weeks later, twelve days before Christmas, another SHG press release repeated yet again that £1,387,000 had been poured down the drain over the last five years at SHFC and that £182,000 more was being asked by SHFC to keep it going until April 2020. At the same time the December deadline for the Alternative Interim Business Model (AIBM) due to be presented by the Fisheries Task Group (FTG) was going to be missed. And so, as the press release told us, "SHG is therefore now asking the SHCFA and other investors to submit their proposals by Friday, 10 January 2020. These will then be considered by the Investment Enabling Group by 20 January. If a workable solution results from the proposals submitted an alternative operation will need to be in place from 1 February or as near to that time as possible. If none of the solutions proposed are workable SHG will allow the sale of fish directly from licenced boats to consumers."

The 10th January deadline for the SHCFA and others for proposals was extended to 17th January." Despite Christmas and the New Year being in between four proposals were submitted after the fifteen working days allowed by SHG for the SHCFA and others to get their proposals finalised. This is something SHG itself finds impossible to achieve.

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Editorial

There has been too much going on this week and there has also been too little going on. In a way, it is timely that the handling of the closure of the St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC) happened while Dr Jeremy Sarkin is here to advance the aspiration for better governance in St Helena. This week there has been too much running around trying to get answers from SHG to very obvious questions about what the hell is going on. On the other side of that particular coin there has been too little information given on very basic and harmless aspects of the handover from SHFC to whatever it will be that takes over. SHFC closes today and there remains a constant stream of unanswered questions which all boil down to "when will we next get some fresh fish?"

For SHG that is a closely guarded state secret. Or more likely they just don't know.

The people who put in proposals to take over from SHFC did not even get an email officially confirming receipt of their proposals. For important documents such as those a receipt is a vital part of the paper trail as well as basic good practice. Why is it SHG so often give the impression they are completely dismissive of non-governmental organisations and individuals? Exhibiting such behaviour is not just exceedingly bad mannered and completely unprofessional it hints at government people thinking they are the important ones and the rest of us should be grateful for whatever they eventually decide to do. Adrian Duncan repaired the ice-making machine which - as so often happens with things owned and cared for ultimately by SHG - was in need of repair and could not be repaired by SHFC. Adrian Duncan used his own spare parts to do the job and there is nothing to show that SHG expressed their appreciation to him for getting them out of that particular hole. Do government people think they are too high and mighty to say thank you? This is the impression they often give. As individuals most people employed in government service are absolutely fine. As an organisation, the government service is capable of being unimaginably deplorable. Do we need to give SHG the same treatment they have given SHFC?

In the last part of this week, before the *Independent* went to print, there was a lot of fuss made about Can France and the rockfall protection work they have just started in Rupert's. For some reason not fully explained the area around the beach and the jetty will be closed while they work above. Why? When the first rockfall protection was erected above Jamestown I was living at the back by the Scout Hall. The fence posts went into the ground, the fences were secured between them and the helicopter was a constant fascination as it flew back and forth between Ladder Hill and above my head. Why is so-called public safety such a big issue this time around? It only means more delay and inconvenience and both usually mean more expense. AND since it was intended to make public safety an excuse for delay and inconvenience why didn't SHG make this clear well before the work got underway?

The SHG announcement tells us, "The public is thanked for their cooperation and understanding". Well I for one do not understand and I'm fed-up with giving my co-operation for things which are not explained in a reasonable and decent manner.

As I write this an email from Sure has popped up on the screen telling me my megabyte data bank is low. The email is signed by the ISP Support Team. Who are they supporting apart from Sure? I ask because it has happened again! A 4Mb email I sent to South Africa bounced back and forth EIGHT times. 28 Mb gone down the Swanee because of a frequent malfunction somewhere in the telecoms system which has never been resolved. Just last month I had a 9Mb email bounce back and forth between me and South Africa (different person) 25 times! My megabyte data bank is low, they say! Of course it is! What do you expect!



Entertainment at Silver Hill Bar for this Weekend

Friday open from 4.00pm till late mix tunes by DJ DAN.

Saturday open from 5.00pm till late mix tunes by Shavon Leo

Sunday open from 4.00pm till late live tunes by Alex Vanguard



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Additional mid-week flights from Cape Town to St Helena between December and February 2020/21 and 2021/22

- . Provides greater options and certainty to visitors, tour operators, local private sector and the travelling public
- . Presents opportunities for twin-destination holidays in Cape Town and St Helena

MIDWEEK FLIGHTS TO ST HELENA SUMMER SEASON 2020/21 AND 2021/22

Additional mid-week flights between Cape Town and St Helena will be available for the 2020/21 and 2021/22 Summer Season. In addition to the regular scheduled weekly flight that operates on a Saturday, during the period December 2020 – February 2021 and again from December 2021 – February 2022 a second weekly flight originating in Cape Town will operate to St Helena on a Tuesday.

The normal Saturday flight will continue to operate from OR Tambo International Airport in Johannesburg. The monthly flight to Ascension Island on the second weekend of each month will also continue as normal.

Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, said:

"This is great news for our customers. Securing additional mid-week flights for both this year and next year's Summer Season provides greater options and certainty for our visitors, tour operators, local private sector and the travelling public."

"Knowing now that an additional flight from Cape Town is available during our busy peak period allows travellers to plan well in advance. It also presents opportunities for twin-destination holidays in Cape Town and St Helena which people have been taking advantage of previously."

Managing Director and CEO of Airlink, Rodger Foster, said:

"Airlink is delighted to announce this commitment to the summer schedule as it provides certainty as to the travel options available to our customers. Moreover, we are pleased by the support for the Cape Town service that we have witnessed over the past weeks and we are confident that this will continue into the next summer seasons."

Tickets are available online, 12 months in advance of the required date of flight, via the Airlink website at: <https://flyairlink.com/> and through all IATA travel agents.

For those passengers resident on St Helena, ticket bookings can be made via Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc's Shipping & Travel Agency at the Malabar in Jamestown. Passengers can visit the Shipping & Travel Agency in person or contact them via email:

shippingtravelmanager@solomons.co.sh or tel: 22523.

SHG/Airlink 29 January 2020



Thank You



The family and Partner David of the late Patricia Ann Reynolds who passed away peacefully on 9th January 2020, would like to extend their sincere thanks to the Doctors and hospital staff both on the island and in Pretoria, South Africa for their professional care and support during Pat's short illness.

To Bishop Dale for ministering and supporting Pat and family during her illness and after her passing and Father Jack Horner for conducting the funeral service, Joy George for playing the organ and Daniel Leo for the musical accompaniment at the graveside, Roy Williams and his team for organising the burial, Lyn Buckley for reading the lesson, Sharon Wade for reading the eulogy, Steve Biggs for reading the messages and to Pat's ex-RMS colleagues, Davina and Colin Lawrence and Fiona Duncan for the making of the beautiful wreaths and to all who kindly gave flowers.

To the Rose and Crown for donating the funeral service sheets and to Lionel Joshua for taking the photos.

To all of Pat school mates who represented the 'Class of 85' at the funeral and an extra special mention to Louisa Benjamin for organising the Jacob's Ladder tribute walk on Friday 17th January.

Our heartfelt thanks goes to everyone who attended the funeral service and for those here and overseas who sent cards and messages of condolence to support us during this difficult time.

Pat has gone from our lives, but will forever remain in our hearts.



In loving memory of Bobby Evans
9/9/49 – 25/1/19
from his wife Rachel



My Beautiful Memories of You
by Unknown

I remember everything about you,
 your voice, your smile, your touch,
 the way you walked, the way you talked,
 the way you looked at me, meant so much.
 I remember all the words you said to me,
 some funny, some kind, some wise,
 all of the things you did for me,
 I see now with different eyes.
 I remember every moment we shared,
 seems like only yesterday,
 or maybe it was eons ago,
 It's really hard to say.
 You are gone from me now,
 but one thing they can't take away,
 your memory resides inside my heart,
 and lights up my darkest days.

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor.

I have just read a long document in the Independent, dated 24th January 2020 on page 12 written by Christine Thomas, Chief Executive Officer, Sure St. Helena & Ascension. She was more or less spelling out how the company is operating and the number of staff employed and they are looking to the future of having their Telecommunications Licence renewed in two years' time and also hoping to be able to be involved in the fibre optic cable when it comes.

It is good to look ahead and plan the future but I personally feel that there are many people on island who are NOT very happy with SURE's operations at this current time. In mid-2019, Television viewers were told that the Set Top Boxes required to receive TV programmes would be upgraded in a few months' time, meaning the latter part of 2019 and they would be free. The new devices would give viewers an enhanced picture in High Definition. HD. When the boxes arrived viewers were told that soon they would be distributed and the cost would be Twenty Four Pounds, and in order to get a new box, the card from the old box must be taken and shown

to members of staff before a new box would, be issued. IF you wanted the second box, then you would pay the same BUT you would also expected to pay an extra Twelve Pounds per month for that second box.

I am one person of many on island who originally purchased a set top box to view TV programmes. There is nothing wrong with my set top box, but SURE said all need an upgrade. The old boxes gave you the option to branch to other TV sets in your home thus making viewing comfortable to and for the family home. There was also a gadget purchased from them to allow the changing of programmes from any room if attached to the box. Those who have television sets were not given a choice to keep their old box and replace when it becomes necessary when the old box develop a fault. Everyone had to upgrade like it or not. So all the old set top boxes were shut down on 31st December 2019. The installation of the new devices did NOT perform like the old ones and that has placed many homes in a lot of inconvenience. The new device will not allow you to have other TV's in service in other rooms (unless you buy another box) neither will it allow the gadget changer to be installed, so that has become obsolete and that device was purchased from SURE. I asked a member of SURE if the picture I was looking at was HD and they said no, it will only become operational once all TV views had been connected. When will that be?

So the question that has never been ex-

plained by SURE is why was it necessary to tell viewers that they MUST upgrade at their expense? After all, viewers purchased their first box and if they are told that need to upgrade... that cost should be borne by the service provider, not the viewer. Currently, there is no change in the quality of picture. SURE has their logo on the new devices so probably they were made in China for SURE under their specifications, so why did they not ask to include the components to allow viewers to connect to other TV sets, change channels from those sets where ever placed and make viewers happy viewers? We would definitely pay for a new box if all of this was incorporated but I think a fast one has been pulled, and it has cost a lot of money. TV subscriber were not told the truth at the onset of this new arrangement. What happened to the good, but old boxes? Why the extra £12 per month on the second set top box after you had to purchase it? Why there is no change in the picture quality as promised? SURE Senior Staff were very quick to get on radio and explain the distribution and upgrading of the new set top box, now if they need feedback on their new product they have this letter for a start. It might have been better if they had kept the old name of Cable & Wireless because SURE is not too SURE, and when you do report on air, maybe you can tell us about all those people who decided NOT to renew their set top boxes. Did I hear right, well over one hundred???

A very dissatisfied customer.

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Dear Editor,

Reference SHG's Press Release dated 29th January 2020 - Fish Processing and Sales on St Helena.

Why is SHG always harping on about the amount of subsidy they have put into the fishing sector?

This is not the fishermen's fault. They played their part by bringing in the raw product and without them you would not have had an industry. When ARGOS moved out you received an old and tired facility and this came about as the initial agreement put in place by SHG was not sound, there was no requirement for them to invest in new equipment etc. You knew what the running costs would be like or are you suggesting that you were not aware of this too? Utilities being the largest cost, you were prepared year after year to put this money into the Corporation instead of looking into the management of the place and seeing if things could have been done more efficiently and effectively and maybe, just maybe, the fishermen could have been paid a little more than 90p per kilo for their tuna, to name just one species.

So please stop using the excuse and making the public believe that the industry is closing down due to the amount of subsidy needed, instead, tell them the real reason why you are now wiping your hands of an industry that has been sacred to this Island's history for generations, but how SHG refused to spend money when they took over in 2015 to fix the problems but continued to keep paying subsidy to balance the utility bill. Let's have a look at some other entities that are nowhere as old as the fishing industry and are continuing to receive subsidies. May I respectfully ask whether they will also get the chop soon like St Helena Fisheries Corporation or will their requests continue to be entertained because SHG made a bad decision from the beginning to spend money on such

services that competes with the private sector or to get rid of services that the island cannot do without, but is costing SHG and us more each year?

Over the past three years MANTIS HOTEL has had approximately 7 million pounds poured into it and it is alleged they have asked for more subsidy. CONNECT ST HELENA has received over 5 million pounds in the last six years and is also asking for more. This was confirmed in a recent meeting. Large amounts when compared to St Helena Fisheries Corporation's 1.387 million pounds over the past five years isn't it?

Then we have BERTRAND'S CODAGE been portrayed as a good news story - the number quoted for those trained and qualified looks good, but tell us the whole story, where are they all now and how have they benefitted St Helena? Most of them got qualified and left the island to work elsewhere as the island is unable to provide for all these skilled people, how sad! We are seeing the same happen at MANTIS. I beg SHG to tell us how much money was spent on the renovation and upkeep of this cottage and the real reason it has closed? You cannot paint the picture of Fisheries in a bad light but slip out the door on this one and don't use the excuse that it was competing with the private sector now - it was doing this from the beginning.

St Helena Fisheries Corporation as of today will officially close and there are rumours that SHG is scrambling now to come up with a plan so that they can answer the fishermen, but who are they bringing to the table? Enterprise St Helena - the same outfit who has question marks above their heads as to whether they should be closed down too.

SHG you are in the firing line and this will not change when you are playing these games, we are not stupid, you are fobbing us off and we are not falling for it.

**UTTERLY DISAPPOINTED
AMP.**

Dear Editor,

A big Thank You to Sergio Villatoro Bran and team at the hospital for doing a wonderful job. My husband and I have both required surgery on our feet over the last year or two and we have been very happy

with the treatment and service that we have received. Stephen has already admitted that the result is life changing, having suffered chronic pain in a toe joint following a running injury some years ago. Also having been told by the NHS in the UK that nothing could be done he was skeptical, but is now walking pain free for the first time in years.

The staff in our public services are often on the receiving end of complaints and bad press and we just wanted to say a big thank you to them and tell them that we think that they are amazing, maybe others will become more positive and someone could report some good news regarding the people doing jobs that not everyone will do!

Sandie Coates

Dear Editor

As a private sector construction business I am confuse at the way SHG are giving land and opportunity to some and putting stumbling blocks in the way for others. I don't think the problem is with the land and buildings policy which is the excuse used for inconsistent decisions but more the people who is responsible for applying it. The policy say that SHG will make land available to the public by advertising sale for public tender, then how come this is not happening?

For instance Bunkers Hill was given to one private sector business without been advertised to the public so everybody who was interested could have a chance to apply. SHG know the difficult financial times the private sector and the island in general is facing so why are they not giving equal opportunity to all. Why was one business preferred over the rest, this was SHG land shown in the development plan where other people including myself made previous enquiries with the lands department. If there was other interest in this land why was the land not advertised? In the policy the estates strategy was responsible for deciding who got this land, the panel include the chief secretary and the financial secretary. It would be interesting to see the record of these meetings to see if a conflict of

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interest was declared and if the financial secretary removed himself from the discussions or decisions on Bunkers Hill. Did the conflict play a part in the decision and is this the reason why the estates panel see fit not to apply the policy to advertise this land, it is about the perception and not the reality of the

situation that matter. I am not the only business or person wondering this, conflicts of interests is something that has plagued this island for years.

After this mess with Bunkers Hill some members of the private sector community went to the castle to complain and had meetings with the chief secretary and financial secretary and the lands department where they supposedly promised them other land to keep them happy and stop them complaining about Bunkers Hill. If this is true and as saints we know there is always some true in the local rumour mill then the policy is out the door again. Can they do this?

And can they make this decision on land without the rest of the estates panel involved? There are other members like ESH and Councilor Russel Yon when will/or did they get a say in this? Is it SHG policy that those who shout loudest are listened to, what is the point of a policy if there is no guarantee of fairness for all. I am sick and fed up with the inconsistent treatment by government when it comes to land. Can the people that I have elected look into the way this policy is applied.

Yours sincerely
One piece at a time construction

Open Letter to Members of Executive Council

Dear Members,

A reasonable amount of time has elapsed since the SHCFA sent you our letter dated 21st January 2020, to constitute a response from you and yet this response has not been forthcoming. During our time as the SHCFA, we have come to find that people often fail to answer difficult questions for the following reasons:

1. They are just plain rude and can't be bothered.
2. They simply don't have the answers.
3. They require "time" to come up with answers.
4. They have the answers, but know that they will not be well received.
5. And the classic - *"the information you have requested has been deemed confidential!"*

We acknowledge that you have much more than the fishing industry to deal with in terms of pressing matters. However, if you have no intention of supporting our request to implement the Alternative Business Model formulated by the Fisheries Task Group (FTG) as an interim measure; we would appreciate if you would then please find the conviction to just say so. The SHCFA can then concentrate on trying to help our members through this demoralizing period.



We are aware that at least one of you has encouraged a local entrepreneur to visit the factory in Ruperts with the aim to try and secure equipment, which if successful, would render the factory useless in terms of providing for the local market. Is this perhaps your way of telling us that your intentions all along have been to not only terminate SHFC but also initiate the complete shutdown of the factory, bearing in mind that other businesses within close vicinity have been advised that they need to be relocated by July of this year?

For some time now, the SHCFA have held a strong suspicion that there are powers at work, trying to orchestrate a desired outcome for the future development of St Helena's fishery. As you choose to remain silent, we are left to speculate with the sparse information we have at hand, so please forgive us if we are off the mark with these assumptions. If we are correct however, we trust that this desired outcome is not being championed by the same people who believed that continually feeding a false economy was the best way to develop a fishery during the last four years.

We are therefore making a final attempt to initiate open communication with you by requesting answers to the following questions to enable us to favourably formulate a proposal to manage both the distribution of ice and fuel, if it is not your intention/or it is not possible for you to support our request to implement the FTG proposal as an interim measure:

1. To the best of your knowledge, will the fish processing plant at Ruperts be brought back into service or is the plan now to decommission it?
2. To the best of your knowledge, how long do you envisage this transitional period lasting i.e. from closure of SHFC to the announcement and mobilisation of its successor?
3. During this interim period, will there be any protection measures put in place for those who rely solely on the commercial fishing industry to generate their income? E.g. placing catch restrictions on part-time/weekend fishers.
4. What measures are being suggested by the Competent Authority to regulate the fishery in order to safeguard the public's health?

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As these questions relate to the offer provided in your letter dated 17th January 2020 and are pertinent to the situation we currently find ourselves; it is anticipated that you will be in a position to provide answers promptly, hence we would appreciate a substantive response by close of business on Thursday, 30th January 2020. However, if you deem it helpful if we were to meet to discuss, we would be more than happy to make ourselves available. For us, it is simply a matter of better understanding SHG's strategy so that we can formulate a workable plan of action fairly quickly, taking into consideration that fishers are currently unable to operate their businesses due to lack of vital requirements, the most significant being access to ice.

Yours sincerely,

For and on behalf of the Members of the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association

28th January 2020

5. Are you able to confirm how long the Ruperts Jetty will remain closed to commercial fishing operations?

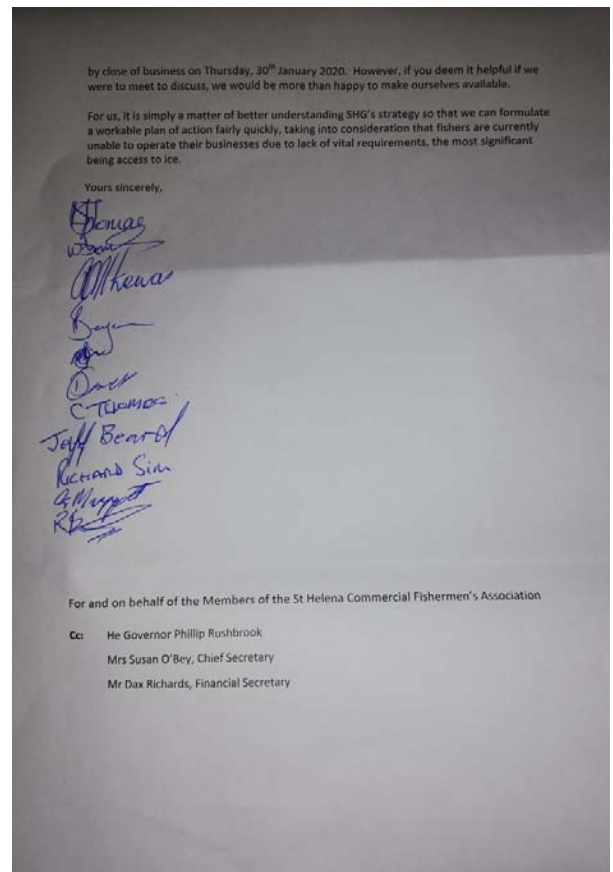
6. Can we expect access restrictions to be placed on the area surrounding the fish processing plant, bearing in mind that this is where the ice-machine is currently located?

7. Reference your letter dated 17th January 2020, we were advised that "the ice making machine, which is currently an asset of the SHFC, can be made available to the Fishermen to operate on a commercial basis". Can you clarify what the term "**can be made available**" actually mean? Is this asset being provided for free, being rented or being made available for sale?

8. If there is the possibility of access restrictions, would SHG consider re-locating the ice-machine to the wharf in Jamestown?

9. Can you advise whether the SHCFA could have access to the fuel tank situated in the Coal Yard, previously utilised by the rescue service to provide fuel storage capacity?

10. Have you given any thought on how you are going to regulate the potential increase in the number of businesses which could appear to take advantage of the free for all market which could ensue post SHFC? Too many small, entrepreneurial start-ups could negatively impact the longer term sustainable vision for our fishery.





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COMMONWEALTH DIGITAL ECONOMY FORUM 2020 REGISTRATION OPEN

The Commonwealth Digital Economy Forum - 'Shifting landscapes and trends' - hosted by St Helena Government, Enterprise St Helena and the Commonwealth Telecommunications Organisation (CTO) will take place on St Helena between 23 and 27 March 2020.

The forum, to be held at Rosie's Taste for Life, Ladder Hill, will comprise planned presentations and workshops to focus on a globally connected South Atlantic region, the Global Digital Economy, Broadband development and usage, National ICT policy development and implementation, Universal broadband access, Cybersecurity, Data Protection and e-applications to name a few.

The agenda is particularly pertinent for St Helena, as we move ever closer to the landing of the subsea cable which will unlock numerous opportunities and promote widespread digital usage within our society.

Registrations for the event are now open and tickets are available via: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/commonwealth-digital-economy-forum-2020-tickets-88677967187>

On-Island registration is £35 per day to allow registrants to select topics of relevance to them. Due to space availability, interested persons should register their interest with Event Co-ordinator, Matthew Joshua, via email: mattjoshua2780@hotmail.co.uk or tel: 22120 ahead of the event.

The Planning and Delivery Working Group is also seeking sponsorship for the forum. Diamond, Platinum, Gold, Silver and Bronze sponsorship packages are available and the Group will be in touch with local businesses shortly inviting them to sponsor this event. This is a great opportunity for local businesses to be part of the first ever conference of this kind to be held on St Helena, which will also enhance their business-exposure, locally and globally.

Hosting this event on the Island brings with it a number of benefits including increasing knowledge in this area, forging strategic partnerships, local upskilling, creating and extending networks and increased awareness of St Helena as a tourism and investment destination.

For more information please visit: www.cto.int/events/upcoming-events/



NO INCREASE IN STORED WATER VOLUMES DESPITE RECENT RAINFALL

Despite recent rainfall, there has been no increase in surface flows to the Island's reservoirs which remain dangerously low at around 36%. It would still take at least a few weeks of heavy rainfall for surface flows to increase and stocks to replenish.

Average daily consumption over the past week has been 988 cubic metres, which falls within the target level of below 1,000 cubic metres. This type of water preservation must continue to improve our current situation and the community is thanked for their efforts.

Connect Saint Helena (CSH) will continue pumping water to Island reservoirs to ensure stocks do not run dry.

The community 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 CSH on tel: 22255 immediately.

Every drop counts, every action counts - Everyone must save every drop of water possible.

Brexit Update from Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon (Minister for the Commonwealth, the UN and South Asia) and Christopher Pincher (Minister for Europe and the Americas).

As the United Kingdom Government's Ministers of State responsible for our Overseas Territories (OTs), a priority for us, and for the entire Government, has been to work closely with Territory leaders to identify the opportunities and concerns in each OT associated with Brexit.

You will be aware of the recent General Election in the United Kingdom, the resulting new dynamics in the United Kingdom's Parliament and the decisive action of the Prime Minister to press ahead with Brexit. The United Kingdom is set to leave the EU on 31 January with a deal – the Prime Minister's newly negotiated Withdrawal Agreement. The Withdrawal Agreement provides for an implementation period lasting until 31 December 2020, a time-limited period of transition before Brexit-related changes take place. We want to take this opportunity to set out what this means for people and businesses in the OTs.

To summarise – during the implementation period, your rights and those of your family members will not change, and neither will the relationship OT companies and NGOs have with the EU.

Many of you may be thinking about how Brexit could affect your ability to travel or live abroad. Firstly, we would like to make clear that eligibility criteria for British passports of all types will not be affected by our departure from the EU. Secondly, the rules on travelling to the EU will remain the same throughout the implementation period. This means British Citizen passport holders will be able to continue to live, work and study in the EU as they do now. The rights of British Overseas Territory Citizen (BOTC) passport holders – including 90-day visa-free access to the Schengen area in any 180 days – will also not change, either during the implementation period or afterwards.

We fully understand the importance of EU funding for a number of organisations in the Territories. That is why the United Kingdom Government had agreed to cover EU-funded projects in the OTs under EDF, BEST, Horizon 2020 and Erasmus+ if the EU were to cease payments. As part of the Prime Minister's deal, there is no longer any risk of this: projects in the OTs under these funding streams will continue to be covered by the EU for their duration.

Businesses in the OTs exporting goods to the EU27 will continue to be able to export tariff and quota-free for the duration of the implementation period. Tariff and quota-free access to the United Kingdom market for OT goods will continue indefinitely. While post-2020 access to the EU27 market is a matter for the upcoming negotiations on the Future Partnership, the United Kingdom Government is absolutely committed to seeking the best possible access for OT goods as part of our future relationship with the EU. During these negotiations the United Kingdom Government will also work to ensure that any post-2020 mobility arrangements agreed with the EU consider the specific needs and requirements of the OTs.

We want to both assure you and to leave you in no doubt that the United Kingdom is absolutely committed to the safety and prosperity of each of our British OTs. Brexit is no exception to this. As we head into the next phase of the negotiations and take up the opportunities afforded by our departure from the EU, including the ability to negotiate our own trade agreements around the world, the continuing priority for the United Kingdom Government is to ensure that the voices of our OTs are heard. And that your priorities inform our approach to the negotiations every step of the way.



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• Foreign and Commonwealth
Office invites nominations for
2021 Queen's New Year Honours List

• Nominations are also invited for Certificate
and Badge of Honour Awards and Acts of Bravery
Awards for 2020

NEW YEAR HONOURS 2021: OVERSEAS LIST AND CERTIFICATE AND BADGE OF HONOUR AND ACTS OF BRAVERY AWARDS 2020

The Foreign and Commonwealth Office invites nominations for the 2021 Queen's New Year Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2021 New Year Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that Honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. This can include making a difference to their community or field of work, innovation and entrepreneurship, improving life for people less able to help themselves and displaying moral courage. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services.

It should also be noted that age is not a factor in awarding Honours, and younger members of the community who have made an outstanding contribution or have given exceptional service should not be overlooked. **It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.**

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit: www.gov.uk/honours. Approved New Year Honours Awards endorsed by Her Majesty the Queen will be announced prior to the start of the New Year.

In addition to the New Year Honours 2021, nominations are also being invited for the Certificate and Badge of Honour Awards and Acts of Bravery Awards for 2020. The Certificate and Badge of Honour Awards are available for the Governor to award to public servants for loyal and valuable service worthy of recognition or, in the case of other persons, for their loyal and meritorious conduct that has provided exceptional benefit to the people of St Helena. Nominees for this award should be residents of St Helena, either being born on the Island or have been residing on St Helena for not less than ten years prior to the date of the award. The Certificate and Badge of Honour Awards will be presented later this year.

Furthermore, nominations are also invited for the Acts of Bravery Award. Nominations for this award should ideally be made to recognise Acts of Bravery that have taken place since the last call for nominations in February 2019.

To find out more on the above Awards please contact Miss Linda Benjamin on tel: 22470 or email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Nomination forms for the New Year Honours, Certificate and Badge of Honour and Acts of Bravery Awards are available from Corporate Services at the Castle or can be requested via the email address above.

Completed forms should be returned to The Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' and addressed to 'The Executive Secretary, Honours Committee', by 20 April 2020.

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29 January 2020

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UKOTP OVERSIGHT OF PUBLIC FINANCES & GOVERNANCE - LONDON FORUM 2019

Representatives from Public Accounts Committees and Auditors from Overseas Territories (OTs) met in London in December 2019, as part of their commitment to work together to improve the oversight of public finances. This was the third and final forum funded under the FCO's CSSF Programme to explore public financial oversight and good governance under the banner of the UK Overseas Territories Project.

The Forum was attended by Chairpersons of Public Accounts Committees (PAC), parliamentary clerks, and Heads of Internal and External Audit from Anguilla, Bermuda, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn Islands, St Helena, Turks & Caicos Islands, the UK, and Virgin Islands (UK).

The St Helena delegation comprised PAC Chairman, Cyril Gunnell, PAC Clerk, Anita Legg, Chief Auditor, Phil Sharman, and Head of Internal Audit and Risk, Anesu Happyman Makamure.

It was a final opportunity to explore progress in OTs to date, address some of the ongoing challenges faced by PACs, Internal and External Audit agencies and identify ways in which the UK and OTs can continue to work together beyond the end of the project to ensure long-lasting impact. And it was also an opportunity for the newly established Internal and External Audit Leadership Groups to meet. This built on established relationships and encouraged continuing development.

Day One Highlights

The London Forum, which ran from 9-11 December 2019, took place in Convocation Hall, Church House. It opened Monday, 9 December, with a contribution from Rt Hon. Baroness D'Souza who stressed the importance of accountability as the bedrock of all societies. She also highlighted the role that networks - such as the UK Overseas Territories Project - have in helping create regional standards of excellence.

Delegates heard from Director of Parliamentary Relations at the UK National Audit Office (NAO), Adrian Jenner, and PAC Clerk in the National Assembly for Wales, Fay Bowen. They shared information on what makes for effective oversight of public finances.

Alec Steel from the Operations Management Team at the NAO led a session on managing organisational improvement, giving delegates an opportunity to explore challenges they face in the OTs and possible solutions.

In the afternoon delegates explored risk management and decision making with Risk & Assurance Director at the Government Finance Function, Mark Ripley. Day One ended with a workshop with Communications Specialist, Kate Faragher, on effectively communicating with colleagues and stakeholders and writing reports.

Afterwards delegates headed for the Houses of Parliament where a welcome reception was held in the CPA Room with welcome remarks by CPA UK Chief Executive, Jon Davis.

Day Two Highlights

Day Two of the Forum began with PAC members and clerks alongside external auditors exploring the relationship between parliamentary scrutiny and external audit functions. Led by Clerk to the Welsh Assembly PAC, Fay Bowen, and Clerk to the Tynwald PAC, Jo Corkish, the session was an opportunity for delegates to explore in detail how the two oversight functions collaborate.

Meanwhile, internal auditors heard from Chief Professional Practices Advisor, Liz Sandwith, at the Institute of Internal Auditors, about 'Risk in Focus' research that was identifying priority risk areas for internal audit. This was followed by a session with Diana Melville from CIPFA, who led a discussion about the recent CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Head of Internal Audit.

Senior Clerk in the House of Commons, Stephen McGinness, and PAC Chair in the Bermuda Parliament, Patricia Gordon-Pamplin MP, led parliamentary colleagues in a discussion on what makes for an effective PAC. The conversation covered challenges faced in small Territories and how to create consensus around the remit of a PAC that transcends party politics. Larry Honeysett from the House of Commons Scrutiny Unit then led a practical session on understanding financial information.

Internal auditors heard from Jim Phillips and Chris Wobschall from the GIAA about assurance mapping and the role of the Audit & Risk Assurance Committee. This was

followed by a meeting of the Internal Audit Leadership Group led by its Chair, Andy Bonner, Director of Internal Audit in the Cayman Islands.

At the NAO Headquarters, external auditors looked at future auditing standard changes and implementation. There was also the meeting of the External Audit Leadership Group, which explored how to continue working together to encourage ongoing development and improvement.

Day Two ended with a session on PAC media engagement with communications specialists from CPA UK and the House of Commons, followed by a roundtable discussion on updating the Good Practice Guide for UK Overseas Territories with NAO Parliamentary Relations Manager, Linda Mills.

Day Three Highlights

Day Three saw the conclusion of the UKOTP Oversight of Public Finances & Governance - London Forum. It began with PAC members and clerks preparing for an evidence hearing, including coming up with Terms of Reference. Internal and external auditors had an opportunity to discuss challenges they face in the Overseas Territories as well as possible ways forward.

PAC members and clerks then took part in the evidence session. Drawing on a real case study of a major building project, PAC members and clerks questioned witnesses and came up with recommendations with input and assistance from external auditors. In the afternoon, PAC members and clerks had an opportunity to hone their messaging around the outcomes of the hearing and face questions in a mock press conference. Meanwhile, external auditors discussed technical updates in performance audit with Andy Fisher and Sarah Rollinson from the NAO.

Internal auditors heard from Senior Internal Audit Manager at the GIAA, Julie Kitchin, about annual planning, comparing methods between the UK and Overseas Territories.

A discussion followed between all delegates around the Good Practice Guide which is a resource for OTs on public financial management. Members of PAC, internal and external audit all gave their feedback around the resource and how it could be updated. The Forum closed on Wednesday, 11 December, with further discussions around the scope for future work under the banner of the UK Overseas Territories Project led by CPA UK Chief Executive, Jon Davies, and Monitoring & Evaluations Manager, Matthew Hamilton. Delegates highlighted where the project had been effective as well as what they hoped to achieve in their oversight and scrutiny functions in the upcoming years.

Cyril Gunnell

Chairman, St Helena Public Accounts Committee

January 2020



CUSTOMER DATA SECURITY

GUIDANCE ON KEEPING YOUR DATA SECURE

Bank of St Helena Ltd takes customer security very seriously. Whilst we employ a wide range of measures to help keep you protected, including multiple firewall solutions, data encryption, and fraud detection tools; you are ultimately responsible for the security of your data when engaging with our services.

With that in mind, we want to remind you of some useful tips and advice to help you keep your data secure:

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- Use strong passwords and passcodes. Passwords should be a mixture of upper and lower-case letters, numbers and special characters. You should avoid using information which is easy to guess (for example, a fact that relates to you could be commonly known).
- Do not use obvious numerical combinations for your passcodes (for example your date of birth or sequential numbering like "123456").
- Do not write down your passwords or passcodes. If you receive them in a letter or email, memorise them before carefully destroying that letter or deleting that email.
- Do not share your passwords or passcodes with anyone else and do not give anyone else access to your accounts.
- Use a different password or passcode for each account you use or service you access.
- Consider changing your passwords and passcodes on a regular basis.

COMMUNICATING WITH US

- We will never ask you for your full password or security details.
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It's competition time!

Prizes Include: A free Bone shark boat trip and other goodies....



The St Helena National Trust Marine team will be hosting the annual Bone (Whale) Shark Festival on the 21st February 2020. Here, we aim to continue to raise the awareness and promotion of 'our' wonderful Bones sharks that visit our waters every year....

Our competition provides the opportunity to share St Helena's unique connection with the Bone sharks and what this means to you through art. Share your personal creativeness or be part of a family project!

By art, we mean anything from painting, sculpturing, photography and poems. Be inventive and original

The artwork should carry a message from the following:

Why are Bone sharks special to St Helena?

What does Bones sharks mean to you?

What does Bone sharks means to St Helena?

There will be prizes for each category.

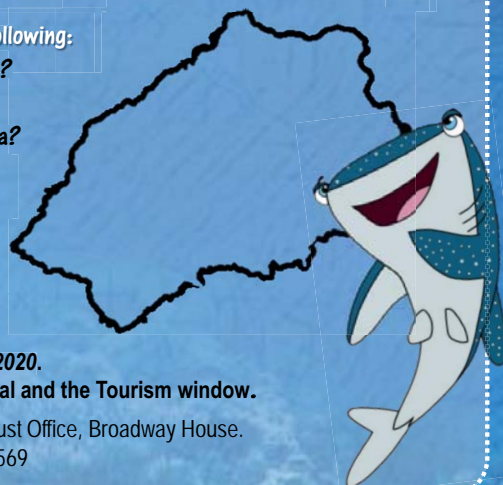
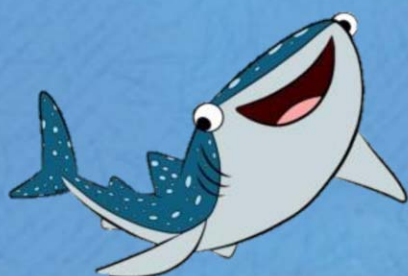
- Ages 3 - 7
- Ages 8 - 11
- Ages 12 - 16
- Or your Family (4 Members)

Our Closing date will be on the 17th February 2020.

A selection of submissions will be displayed at the Bone Shark festival and the Tourism window.

Submission can be made through schools or at the St Helena National Trust Office, Broadway House.

Email: kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh Tel: 22569



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- **Free Mobile Customer Services Line (111)** during normal working hours.
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Your faults and queries will be logged and our technical support teams will contact you at their earliest convenience.

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A community forest indeed! – Family Scavenger hunt day

“Tell me and I forget. Teach me and I remember. Involve me and I learn” - Benjamin Franklin.

A community forest! Started by the public for the public, Millennium is becoming all that was envisioned by Rebecca Cairns-wicks whom conceptualised the idea and the Trust whom took over management in 2002.

Millennium Forest overflowed with energy, enjoyment and excitement at our Family scavenger hunt on Saturday, 25th January. The activity incorporated the use of modern technology into an outdoor learning activity which exposed participants to the wonders and significance of the Trust’s work at Millennium Forest. From making a cheer about the Wirebird, to finding endemic bugs and yoga poses in front of an endemic Gumwood as well as finding Napoleon of course! Participants had to complete all tasks within one hour, being as creative and resourceful as possible to win bonus points. The prize up for grabs was a whale shark trip with the Trust’s Marine team!

Many thanks to BASH organisers Fiona Campbell and Beth Taylor, Shelby Bargo for face painting, Napoleon and especially all National Trust staff whom helped on the day.

Look out for more exciting events that will be held throughout the year celebrating 20 years of Millennium Forest, we look forward to seeing you there.

#MillenniumForest2020

Facebook: @communityforests

“This was our second group activity with the 2020 BASH group and it was fantastic to spend the afternoon with 15 of our young people at the Millennium Forest Scavenger Hunt. The two BASH teams chose to split up into Girls vs Boys and everyone enthusiastically took part in the challenge. Everywhere we looked there were selfies being taken, laughing, chattering and shouts of ‘Where’s Napoleon’ could be heard through the forest! Huge thanks to Martina Peters and all the Team at St Helena National Trust for inviting BASH to take part in the 2020 celebrations for Millennium Forest and we hope to see you again soon!



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Vacancy for Senior Communications Engineer - Transmitting Station

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **Senior Communications Engineer** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder is expected to fulfil a leadership role within the Engineering Team, who are primarily responsible for transmitting programmes for the BBC and other customers.

Duties will also include maintenance and fault-finding on transmitters and associated equipment.

This post will be offered either on a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Engineering skills and developed experience in the role of Communications Engineer.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- In depth knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse difficult technical problems.
- Able to demonstrate an in depth knowledge of electronics and fault finding.
- Consistent and developed practical experience of transmitter station's operation and maintenance work.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Workshop skills, specifically hand and power tools.
- IT Competent, particularly in the use of Microsoft Office.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy.
- Full driving licence.
- **The Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and to be available for call-outs and faults, outside of normal working hours.**

Desirable Qualifications / Experience

- Experience of antenna systems.
- High Voltage Authorisation.
- People management experience.

Please contact the Senior Engineer, on +247 66800 (Extn 108) or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:

Senior Engineer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station
English Bay
Ascension Island (or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by **Friday 14th February 2020.**

Vacancy for Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for an **Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Electro-Mechanical Team, responsible for the efficient, effective maintenance and repair of air-conditioning plant of all Encompass and customer sites, across the Island. Other responsibilities include maintenance and repair of electrical, mechanical, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination and obtaining relevant security clearances.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Certification/experience of air conditioning maintenance & repair.
- Competent/experienced in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the *Electro-Mechanical* area.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to the role.
- Good interpretation of electrical and mechanical diagrams.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Basic computer skills.
- Full driving licence.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours.

Desirable Qualifications/Experience

- Electrician qualified with City & Guilds 2330 Level 3.
- City & Guilds 2391 Inspection and Testing.
- Recognised mechanical craft qualification or equivalent.
- Qualified welder.
- Installation of household solar panels/water systems.
- SC level security clearance.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the Job Description.

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Vacancy for Rigger or Trainee Rigger

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a **Rigger or Trainee Rigger** at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Rigging Team, primarily responsible for antenna maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other rigging & aerial maintenance related duties.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with single en-suite room and shared catering facilities or bungalow accommodation, depending on personal circumstances.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.
Candidates short-listed for interview will be expected to pass a mast climbing test.

Essential Qualifications & Experience

- Good knowledge of Safe Working practices and Safety Procedures, especially relating to Working at Heights.
- Physically fit, able to pass a climbing medical and climbing test.
- An understanding of paint systems and preparation of surfaces.
- Good mechanical/electrical aptitude, with an understanding of basic mechanical/electrical systems.
- Competent use and operation of hand, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Able to prioritise tasks and work without supervision.
- Basic computer skills.
- Full driving licence.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the **Job Description**.
(If necessary, the successful candidates will receive complete training to fulfil the above requirements.)

Please contact the Senior Engineer on + 247 66800 (Extn 108) or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac for a **Job Application Form**, **Job Description** and for further information regarding the post.

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REMINDER TO SHEAR SHEEP

Sheep owners are reminded to shear their sheep as soon as possible in this hot weather.

It is not acceptable to leave a sheep with an overgrown fleece as they can develop heat stress. There is particular concern over the back ends of sheep being left unshorn. 'Dagging,' as it is called, is a routine procedure to reduce the risk of fly strike and urine or faecal scalding on the back ends of sheep. Failure to participate in this routine husbandry activity is a welfare issue and may be seen as an act of cruelty.

AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES DIVISION, SCOTLAND, ST HELENA, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN, STHL 1ZZ February 2020

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CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

The public is advised that Elected Members will be holding a round of constituency meetings, scheduled to commence on Monday, 3 February 2020.

As per public request, it has been agreed that all twelve councillors will attend each constituency meeting to discuss matters arising with the community of St Helena.

Dates and venues will be announced shortly.

HEALTH DIRECTORATE
VACANCY FOR SENIOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate is looking for dedicated and hardworking Senior Staff Nurse to join their nursing team. Offering excellent levels of nursing care, utilizing evidence based practice, supporting and mentoring junior staff are key requirements of this role.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer and Sister/Charge Nurse for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request.

The applicant must have proven recent Senior Staff Nurse Experience or completed competency levels 2a, 2b and started with 2c.

Salary for the post commences at **£12,690** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Senior Staff Nurse level 2c £14,138**.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Specialist Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Daniella Marlow, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email daniella.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh;

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm, Friday, 14 February, 2020.

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

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



Farmers Masterclass No.3

Farm Business

Tuesday 4th February 9.30am-11.30am
at the Harpers Agriculture Centre, PAS

ANRD are continuing the series of free Masterclasses for farmers. It will cover topics including: farming as a business, gross margins, profit margins and cost of production.

Places are open to all, but must be booked in advance by telephone:

Farmers Support Office at Scotland: 24724

or email to edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

Places are limited. Please book by 4pm Friday 31st January.



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

**We are looking for a
Marine Conservation Scientist
to join our Conservation and Fisheries Directorate**

Do you have a passion for marine conservation? We're looking for an experienced marine scientist to join our Marine Conservation Team and help us protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island. The Ascension Island Marine Protected Area was designated in August 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to help deliver management, monitoring and research in the reserve and work with the Ascension Island Government, local community and international stakeholders to realise the huge potential of the MPA for global marine conservation.

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation and research who will be able to join our small team of marine scientists and forge partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe. Crucially, you will have experience of conducting fieldwork in sometimes challenging conditions and have advanced diving qualifications. You will require a good knowledge of marine ecosystems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. You must have a strong grounding in the biological sciences, but also have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

We are offering a two year, single status, contract with a salary of £14,625 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,089 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

We are looking for the successful applicant to start in April 2020

Closing Date: Monday 17 February 2020, 12 midday

Interviews: Monday 24 February 2020

Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference

For more information (including detailed job description) and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/ or email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac



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SHCC Training Opportunities

Preparing for the Digital Explosion

Community Education—Core IT Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Get Connected – Basic IT Skills: An unaccredited course provided by SHCC which introduces users to the Computer. It is aimed to help you develop basic IT skills. You will work with a tutor which will help you gain skills & confidence with finding your way around the computer & doing basics such as compiling & email or typing a letter.	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
BCS E-safety Level 1: Staying safe online by learning all about the risks associated with the internet, & how to protect your digital information.	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
European Computer Driving License IT: This programme defines the skills & competencies necessary to use a computer & its common applications. It offers a range of modules including computer essentials & IT Security.	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020

Cisco Networking Academy

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Internet of things & analytics course: Join the transformation & improve outcomes in any industry by connecting devices & analyzing data to find patterns.	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Linux OS & IT Get Connected: Whether you're a novice to the digital world or an aspiring SysAdmin or programmer, these courses will propel you forward. Advanced courses will also prepare you for career-ready certification.	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Introduction to Cybersecurity: An introductory course which explores cyber trends, threats—along with the broader topic of cybersecurity in a way that will matter to YOU. <i>No prerequisites required.</i>	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Cybersecurity Essentials: Develop an understanding of cybercrime, security principles, technologies, & procedures used to defend networks. Recommended for students planning to study for the Cisco CCNA R&S, CCNA Cyber Ops or Cisco CCNA Security Certifications. <i>Prerequisite: Introduction to Cybersecurity or equivalent knowledge recommended.</i>	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020

St Helena Community College is a registered Pearson Vue Test Centre

If you require further information, and/or would like to book an exam please contact our Training Co-ordinator:
Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh or call +290 22607

Community Education Training opportunities available ...

Community Education—Core Skills

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Functional Skills Maths	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Functional Skills English	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
GCSE English (Distance learning Only)	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
GCSE Maths	March 2020	FREE	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020

Community Education—Skills for Success

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Minute Taking	March 2020	£5.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Email Etiquette	March 2020	£5.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Supervisory Skills	March 2020	£5.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020

Community Education—Personal & Cultural Learning

Course Title	Start Date	Cost	Registration Period
Automated External Defibrillator	March 2020	£20.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Emergency First Response— Primary & Secondary Care	March 2020	£20.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Emergency First Response—Renewals	March 2020	£10.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Manual Handling	March 2020	£10.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Fire Safety	March 2020	£10.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Food Safety	March 2020	£10.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020
Food & Hygiene Safety	March 2020	£10.00	29 January 2020— 20 February 2020

QGIS Training—Beginners & Intermediate—Limited spaces are available!



Course Title
<p>Funded by JNCC, St Helena Research Institute are offering an opportunity of QGIS Training for Beginners and Intermediate users in early March 2020.</p> <p>This Course will be held over three days at the St Helena Community College IT Suite.</p> <p>Students will learn about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Data management • Learn about GIS key tools, usage of vector and raster data information in order to develop complex spatial analysis. • Gain experience in data preparation, layout development, and map creation <p>The Course will cost £5 per person; Spaces are limited so get your registration in early! Course registrations from 29 January —20 February 2020</p> <p style="text-align: center;">More information will follow shortly!</p>

For further information &/or to request a registration form contact:

Carley Peters or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh or call +290 22607

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HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCIES - ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TECHNICAL OFFICERS

A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR A NEW CAREER SUPPORTING THE HEALTH & WELLBEING OF OUR COMMUNITY

Our Environmental Health Team is passionate about ensuring our communities are safe, happy and healthy and that we protect people from environmental and health risks.

We are looking for self-motivated, enthusiastic people who enjoy providing excellent customer service and working with the community. No day is ever the same in this challenging but rewarding role which is perfect for people who are practical, have an interest in science, and like being hands on and out and about rather than sitting behind a desk all day.

Come and meet the team and find out more about this opportunity on Monday, 3rd February 2020, between 10am and 12.30pm.

This really is a great opportunity for someone who already has the skills and experience or someone who is willing to learn and wants to develop their skills and qualifications in Environmental Health.

You will be able to demonstrate experience that shows you can:

- . follow well-defined processes and work independently to undertake routine tasks;
- . identify, gather and use information to take appropriate actions;
- . identify how effective actions have been and problem solve to get things done;
- . use a computer to undertake basic word processing.

It would be great if you have a GCSE qualification at grade C or above in Maths but don't worry if you don't as you can take a functional skills assessment in maths as part of the selection process. You will need a valid drivers licence.

It would be an advantage (but it is not essential for the role) if you:

- . have a GCSE qualification at grade C or above in a science related subject (Biology, Physics or Chemistry)
- . have qualifications in any field in Environmental Health and/or experience in food safety or health and safety related matters

We know you might not be able to be a full Technical Officer from day one but if you have potential we will train you up on the job to be the best you can be to provide such an important service to the Island.

Salary is Grade C, commencing at £8,613pa – if you have potential but don't meet all of the criteria you would join at Grade B7 at £7,730pa while we develop you to undertake the full role and move to Grade C.

For further information please contact Mrs Georgina Young, Senior Environmental Health Officer on telephone no. 22500 or email: Georgina.Young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a Job Profile which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, on telephone no. 22500 email: brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

VACANCY HEALTH DIRECTORATE: TRAINEE DENTAL NURSE

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Trainee Dental Nurse in the Dental Section who will work as part of the dental team to provide support and assistance in clinical and non-clinical aspects of patient care.

The role of a Dental Nurse includes:

- . preparing and maintaining the dental equipment, instruments and materials within the Dental Surgery;
- . carrying out infection control and decontamination procedures;
- . recording dental charting carried out by the Clinician;
- . preparing, mixing and handling dental materials;
- . providing chairside support to dentists, therapists and hygienists throughout a range of dental procedures;
- . providing support and reassurance to patients;
- . providing administrative support in making appointments, taking payment and dealing with paperwork



No previous experience is required as full training will be given on the job, including online learning and study abroad to achieve the National Diploma in Dental Nursing

The successful applicant will have a minimum of 2 GCSE English and Maths (OR a Science subject) at Grade C or above (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment – Level 2 in English and Maths as part of the recruitment process).

The salary for the post is at the training grade- B8 commencing at £7,899 per annum.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Simon Smith, Lead Dentist on telephone no 22500 or email simon.smith@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm Friday, 14th February 2020.

Golf Report for Sunday 26th January 2020

On a day that the sky was mostly cloudy with very few openings of blue and temperature in the lower twenties, 21 golfers turned up to do battle for the monthly medal. At exactly mid-day the first group was off the tee. After 18 holes of some great shots and not so great shots it was time to tally the scores. The performance was generally good. With one particular exceptional performance on hole number 14. Top on the leaderboard with nett 65 was Mr. Leroy Caswell playing off 25 handicap. He won the monthly medal as well as the first prize. In second place playing off handicap 8 was Mr. Larry Legg who scored nett 66 to claim the second prize. Three players shared the balls in the two-ball pool category; Mr. Sean Nugent hole 5, Mr. Larry Legg hole 5 and 7 and Mr. Tony Green on hole 16.

Shot of the day played by man of the moment was on hole number 14 183 yards Par 3. Left-handed golfer Mr. Philip Francis using a fairway wood took a brilliant shot that landed on the fringe and rolled uphill to the left to drop in the hole for a Hole-in-One. That was really special as it's a rare occurrence in golf. Congratulations to all the winners. Your prizes are well deserved. The first two Sundays of February 2020 will be 36-hole Strokeplay competition sponsored by Solomon's. Registration is ongoing. To register, add your name to the list in the club house, leave your

name on the club voice machine 24421 or let us know through our Facebook page @SHGC.org.sh

Happy golfing and a great weekend to you all...!



Cricket News

Levelwood Allstarz are once again the 35-over cricket league champions. They have gone undefeated during this years league campaign, wrapping it up with a convincing victory over Sandy Bay Pirates on Sunday morning.

The league drew to close for all teams last weekend however the cricket season will continue with the RMS T20 Cup which starts this coming weekend.

35-over League Positions

1. Levelwood Allstarz
2. Jamestown Heat
3. Royal Challengers
4. Sandy Bay Pirates
5. Woodpeckers
6. Lions
7. Western Mustangs

Weekends Results

Sat 25 Jan 20

Lions 48

Fraser Stone 15
Wayne Crowie 8
Jordan Yon 2/7
Jordi Henry 2/10

Challengers 54/1

Andrew Yon 21*
Joey Thomas 16*
Dan Marlow 1/13

Performance Points

Joey Thomas 3, Andrew Yon 2, Jordan Yon 1

Sun 25 Jan 20

Pirates 123

Brett Isaac 28 *
Brooklyn Fowler 16



Gareth Johnson 2/19

David Francis 2/23

Allstarz 126/2

Ross Henry 85*
Clayton Leo 29*
AJ Bennett 1/7
David Young 1/31

Performance Points

Ross Henry 3, Clayton Leo 2, Gareth Johnson 1

Mustangs 49

Chae Coleman 8
Gavin Ellick 6
Scott Crowie 3/7
Jason Thomas 3/26

Heat 53/0

Scott Crowie 35
Myles Henry 12

Performance Points

Scott Crowie 3, Jason Thomas 2, Damien O'Bey 1

Fixtures

Sat 1 Feb 2020

1.30pm
Challengers V Heat
Umpires: Allstarz

Sun 2 Feb 2020

9.30am
Allstarz V Woodpeckers
Umpires: Pirates
1.30pm
Mustangs V Lions
Umpires: Heat



Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

Last weekend we had a break from the English Premier League as FA Cup round four took centre stage.

Liverpool field and unfamiliar team for their visit to Shrewsbury Town and went 2 nil up with goals from youngster Jones and a Love own goal only for the League One side to show great resolve as they fought back to draw 2-2 with substitute Cummings scoring both goals.

This was the least the Shropshire club deserves as they created enough chances to win the game; they fully deserve their trip to Anfield. Klopp has stated that his first team players will be rested for the replay so should have an even weaken team for the home game.



Jason Cumming Shrewsbury's two goal hero

Under fire Manchester United faces a potentially tricky tie away at Tranmere Rovers. The tie look even more problematic as due to ran the pitch was almost unplayable. Despite this the Manchester United players showed a lot of grit and were 3-0 up in 14 minutes and eventually finished the match 6-0. Harry Maguire and Diogo Dalot scored their first goals for the club and even United scapegoat Phil Jones manage to get on the score sheet.

This win was a much need respite for Ole Gunnar Solskjaer but he should know that his team needs to be bolstered with a number of new class players in the next two transfer windows.



Man of the match Harry Maguire. One goal and one assist.

In other key FA ties; the holders Manchester City defeated Fulham 4-0. Fulham had a player sent off in the 6th minute. Southampton drew 1-1 at home against Spurs, West Ham lost 1-0 to Championship leaders West Brom, Chelsea defeated Hull 2-1, bottom side Norwich defeated Burnley 2-1, Leicester beat Brentford 1-0 and Newcastle could only draw 0-

0 at home against Oxford United.

Despite conceding an injury time goal away at Bournemouth; Arsenal had a fairly comfortable and deserved 2-1 win and will go through to round 5 where they will travel to Fratton Park to play Portsmouth.

Other key 5th round ties see Manchester United potentially play Wayne Rooney's Derby County is the Rams can beat Northampton in their replay. Chelsea will play the winners off Liverpool and Shrewsbury.

In the EFL Cup a Trezeguet's injury-time winner fired Aston Villa into the Carabao Cup final with a 2-1 victory over Leicester City on a dramatic night at Villa Park.

The game had entered four minutes of stoppage time and penalties were looming when substitute Trezeguet to drill a far-post finish across Leicester keeper Kasper Schmeichel. It sparked wild scenes of joy and a pitch invasion at Villa Park, as the hosts reached their first showpiece final since the FA Cup in 2015, when they lost 4-0 to Arsenal.



Wild celebrations at Villa Park

In the other semi-final Manchester United defeated Man City 1-0 but this wasn't enough as City go through to the final to face Aston Villa 3-2 on aggregate. Man City is bidding to win 3 EFL cups in a row.

Liverpool is now 19 points clear at the top of the table as they defeated West Ham 2-0 on Wednesday.

Premier League fixtures for this weekend will see Leicester play Chelsea in the early match at 12.30pm; 3pm matches will see Bournemouth play Aston Villa in a relegation 6 pointer, Crystal Palace will host Sheffield United, the Leaders Liverpool will play Southampton, Newcastle play Norwich, Watford host Everton and West Ham play Brighton at home. In the late match Manchester United face a difficult match at home against Wolves.

On Sunday Burnley play Arsenal at 2pm and Spurs host Man City at 4.30pm

Tribute to Kobe Bryant

No matter what sport you play or follow, now and again we become privilege to witness extraordinary sportsmen who have bridge the gap between all sports and earn the right to be class as the best in the world. We have seen the likes of Pele;

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Maradona, Messi and Ronaldo in Football, Usain Bolt and Michael Johnson in Athletics, Sachin Tendulkar, Shane Warne and Brian Lara in Cricket. In NBA Basketball every sports person and fan knows Michael Jordan, LeBron James and off course Kobe Bryant. That is why Kobe unfortunate death on the 26th January as a result of a helicopter crash, a crash that also resulted in the death of 8 others including Kobe Bryant's 13 year daughter resulted in an out pouring of grief all around the world.

Kobe Bean Bryant was an American professional basketball player. A shooting guard, Bryant entered the National Basketball Association (NBA) directly from high school, and played his entire 20-season professional career in the league with the Los Angeles Lakers. Bryant won five NBA championships, was an 18-time All-Star, 15-time member of the All-NBA Team, 12-time member of the All-Defensive Team, was named the 2008 NBA Most Valuable Player (MVP), and was a two-time NBA Finals MVP winner. Widely regarded as one of the greatest players of all time, he led the NBA in scoring during two seasons, ranks fourth on the league's all-time regular season scoring, and ranks fourth on the all-time postseason scoring list.

At 34 years and 104 days of age, Bryant became the youngest player in league history to reach 30,000 career points. He became the all-time leading scorer in Lakers franchise history on February 1, 2010, surpassing Jerry West. Bryant was also the first guard in NBA history to play at least 20 seasons. His 18 All-Star designations are the second most all time, while it is the record for most consecutive appearances as a starter. Bryant's four All-Star MVP Awards are tied with Bob Pettit for the most in NBA history. At the 2008 and 2012 Summer Olympics, he won two gold medals as a member of the U.S. national team. In 2018, he won the Academy Award for Best Animated Short Film for his film, *Dear Basketball* (2017).

If a parent or a coach wants to show youngsters what it takes to be a top sportsman they don't have to look no further that Kobe Bryant as he had it all. Kobe success was down to his skill; his drive and the will to win. Time after time he put his body on the line for his beloved LA Lakers and time after time he produce the goods in so many games. Kobe was so good as a Lakers player they retired his number 8 jersey and then his number 24 jersey

Kobe dedication to his sport will be remembered by sports fans forever.



Dear Basketball,

From the moment
I started rolling my dad's tube socks
And shooting imaginary
Game-winning shots
In the Great Western Forum
I knew one thing was real:

I fell in love with you.
A love so deep I gave you my all —
From my mind & body
To my spirit & soul.

As a six-year-old boy
Deeply in love with you
I never saw the end of the tunnel.
I only saw myself
Running out of one.
And so I ran.

I ran up and down every court
After every loose ball for you.
You asked for my hustle
I gave you my heart

Because it came with so much more.
I played through the sweat and hurt
Not because challenge called me
But because YOU called me.
I did everything for YOU

Because that's what you do
When someone makes you feel as
Alive as you've made me feel.
You gave a six-year-old boy his Laker dream
And I'll always love you for it.

But I can't love you obsessively for much longer.
This season is all I have left to give.
My heart can take the pounding
My mind can handle the grind
But my body knows it's time to say goodbye.
And that's OK.
I'm ready to let you go.

I want you to know now
So we both can savour every moment we have left together.
The good and the bad.
We have given each other
All that we have.
And we both know, no matter what I do next

I'll always be that kid
With the rolled up socks
Garbage can in the corner
:05 seconds on the clock
Ball in my hands.
5 ... 4 ... 3 ... 2 ... 1
Love you always,
Kobe



LAND FOR SALE

Available for sale is 1.22 Acres of Prime Land at Thompsons Wood in Blue Hill .This Grass land is relatively flat in a Secluded and Sheltered area. Has its own Gated Access , a water line runs along the Boundary Fence and a Three Phase Transformer is in close proximity to the site, about 100 metres away. For further information on the sale of this land Stedson Francis can be contacted in person or on Telephone 24270 or email stedson.francis@helanta.co.sh

Minor Woodwork problem under the Arch

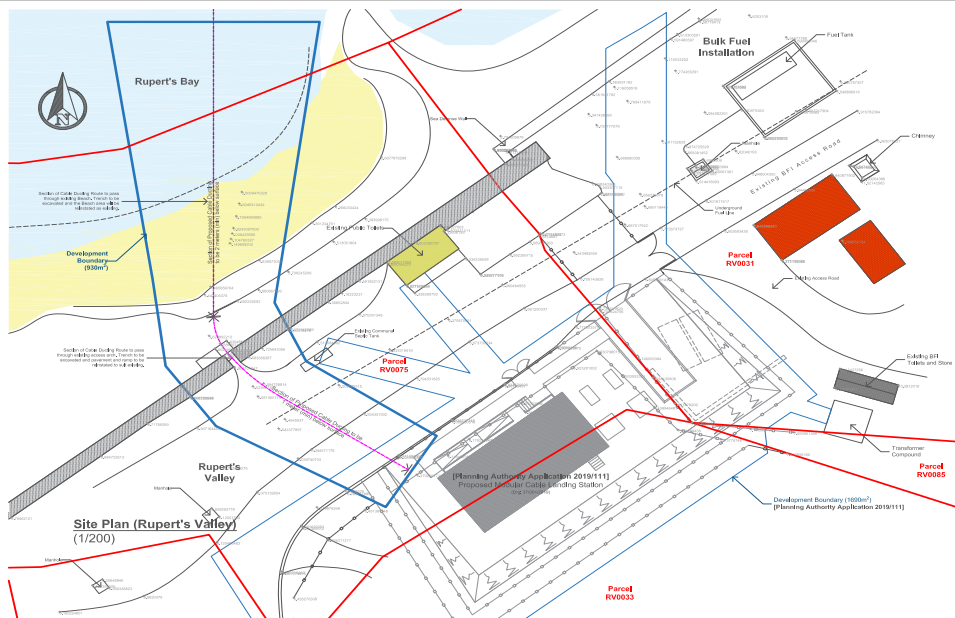
On Wednesday 29th January it was reported that the woodwork supporting the Arch were falling off.

Whilst inspecting it was noticed that small chunks of the woodwork in the underside of the Arch had detached, marking the area a health and safety risk.

When walking to the seafront pedestrians had to walk on the left side of the arch due to safety concerns.

Works are underway to make the area safe for traffic and pedestrians.

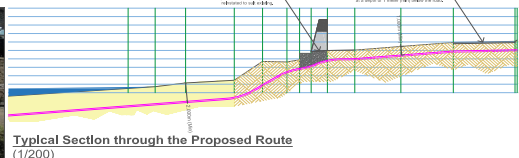




Proposed Fibre-Optic Cable Landing Route in Rupert's Valley



Rupert's Beach Photo
(NTS)



Typical Section through the Proposed Route
(1/200)



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ROCKFALL MITIGATION IMPLEMENTATION WORKS

The public is advised that Rockfall Mitigation Implementation works in Rupert's Valley have recently commenced. Works are being carried out by CAN SA (France), supervised and project managed by Fairhurst on behalf of SHG.

As a result of these works and in the interest of public safety, Rupert's Jetty is closed to vehicles and pedestrians until further notice. Only emergency services will be granted access to the Rupert's Jetty area. Rupert's Beach can still be accessed on foot via the doorway, but only as far as the line of the wharf barrier. Vehicle access to the beach will be prohibited. Munden's trail has also been closed to pedestrians until further notice.

Members of the public, including fishermen, who would like to gain access to the Jetty for essential activities only, should request permission from the Contracts Manager, Arthur Bourret, via email: abourret@can.fr. Permission must be requested at least two days in advance for consideration.

The Jetty will reopen each time the MV Helena is in Port but once cargo operations are completed the Jetty will close again to both vehicles and pedestrians.

The works required under the Project also involves works to be completed in Jamestown Valley. A further announcement on these works and also subsequent helicopter operations will be issued nearer the time.

The public is thanked for their cooperation and understanding.

SHG/CAN SA/Fairhurst
30 January 2020

ST HELENA MAGISTRATES' COURT

19th December 2019

Graham Arthur Peters (30) of Market Street, Jamestown, pleaded guilty to being drunk and disorderly and failing to surrender to custody when bailed to do so. He was fined £50 on each count. He was also ordered as to pay £15.00 costs.

Darren John Yon (42) of Half Tree Hollow, pleaded guilty to driving over the prescribed limit. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity and sentence had been deferred for a Pre-Sentence Report. He was sentenced to 2 years' Probation Order with the requirement to perform 100hrs of unpaid work. He was also disqualified from driving for the extended period of 4 years. He was also ordered as to pay £15.00 costs.

9th January 2020

Gareth Scott Hudson (25) of Ladder Hill, pleaded guilty to one count of theft and one of production of cannabis. He entered his plea of guilty to both matters at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a Community Service Order of 80 hours for the theft and 20 hours for the cannabis matter. He was also ordered as to pay £15.00 costs.

Tony Thomas (47) of Bradleys, Longwood, pleaded guilty to driving over the prescribed limit. He entered his plea at the earliest opportunity. He was dealt with by way of a fine of £40.00 and £15.00 costs. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 12 months.



Jeremy Sarkin continues the quest for a better way to govern St Helena

Professor Dr Jeremy Sarkin arrived back in St Helena on Saturday to follow up on his work focussed on better governance for St Helena. After issuing a report of his findings on his first visit, Dr Sarkin aimed to focus public discussion on the suggestions for a way forward which he outlined in his report.



In addition to a series of meetings with several organisations, businesses and various parts of government Dr Sarkin has held a public discussion at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre and a one-to-one drop-in session at Anne's Place. The final public discussion was at Harford Community Centre on Wednesday.

During a radio interview on Saint FM this week Dr Sarkin confirmed that after completing the first half of his second visit, many of his suggestions remain much as originally outlined in his report and that Saints are taking the question of better governance seriously and putting forward some useful and constructive comments. He did emphasise that SHG need to be much better at informing people about what they are doing and why they are doing it.

Breaking News Fisheries

Yesterday it was confirmed by the SHCFA that they were unsuccessful in their proposal, having just received a written reply from Ex-Co dated 17th January, the same day in which the proposal was submitted, meaning that it took less than a day for the SHCFA's submission to be rejected, and thirteen days to have it delivered. The letter stated that "Executive Council recognised that the SHCFA business model was well presented. Its strengths include that it is consistent with St Helena's vision for sustainable fisheries by demonstrating a commitment to continuing pole and line catch methods, reducing energy use and minimizing unused waste from production, collaboration between key fishing industry participants, and that it would seek to maintain the supply of fresh fish to the local market and a limited export market.

However, Executive Council felt that the proposal lacked crucial financial details that were critical for evaluating the poten-

tial success of the proposed operation. For example, there was no indication of when the operation would be expected to break even or how much subsidy would be required after Year 3. Similarly the proposal did not provide any detail about how the expected market prices were determined and while there is in-kind investment of the staff/owners time, members noted that there is no private financial investment in the operation.

Executive Council felt that there is insufficient evidence which would indicate whether your business model would be viable or profitable nor is there an indication of when the need for Government subsidy would fall away.

A spokesman from the SHCFA said "Surprise, Surprise, we knew this was coming, having discovered in November of last that a 'disruptor' was in play. Our letter of rejection is the penultimate act. We now wait in anticipation for the identity of the preferred investor to be revealed to determine who will be at the helm of the fishing sector. Even though we are not surprised at the outcome, it is a curious affair that the preferred investor has been afforded the luxury of supplying additional information, yet in total contrast, our proposal was rejected outright, with no opportunity to provide additional information to address the so called 'lacking' details."



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

Picture 15...



**NAME THE MODEL.....WE DON'T MEAN THE BIKE FOLKS!!!!
WHO KNOWS THE LOVELY YOUNG LADY IN THIS BLAST
FROM THE PAST?**

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ANSWER TO PICTURE 14....

Narra Backs Road (Winner: Mark Cranfield, HTH)



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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

- 1. Application 2020/08:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Demolition of Prefabricated House and Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling** on Parcels 0317 and 0318 New Ground, adjacent to the property of Mr Timothy Francis. Applicant: Jason T Augustus
- 2. Application 2020/09:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Minor Tree Maintenance – Phase 1 and Tree Surgery Works – Phase 2**, Brick House, Jamestown on Parcels 160012 and 160013 Jamestown. Applicant: Crown Estates Management
- 3. Application 2020/10:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Change of Roof Profile and Extension to form a Patio and Decking**, Francis Plain Road on Parcel 0193 Francis Plain, adjacent to the property of Mrs Catherine Cranfield. Applicant: Susan Harris-Henry

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

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 14th February 2020

Shane Williams
Planning Officer

NOTIFICATION MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Wednesday, 12th February 2020, at 10 am at the St Helena Community College, Jamestown.**

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

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

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

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting.

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