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Atlantic Star Airlines still flying the flag for St Helena



Atlantic Star Airlines team with Airport team back in 2015

During the tourism recovery strategy which was held at the Jamestown Community centre last Tuesday evening, editor of the Independent Vince Thompson wrote that *“There was a common belief that the air service should be a direct flight from the UK instead of connecting to the international air transport hub at OR Tambo airport....it was recognised that the UK and Europe was the main tourist market for St Helena and it is likely that a direct flight from the UK would be the best way to attract tourists in numbers when the covid pandemic recedes”*

This week Saint FM and the Independent caught up with someone who has been ‘flying the flag’ for St Helena and Saints for a long time, Captain Richard Brown of Atlantic Star Airlines.

Richard said *“Lovely to hear from you and I hope you are keeping well in these strange times. We were thrilled to see that Titan are going down to the island in a B757. We petitioned DFID to change the runway specification during airport construction to accept this larger aircraft so it’s gratifying to see that effort reap its reward.*

In the longer term we are interested in competing for the next Air Access contract and SHG are already aware of this. So watch this space - our interest in St.Helena is undimmed”

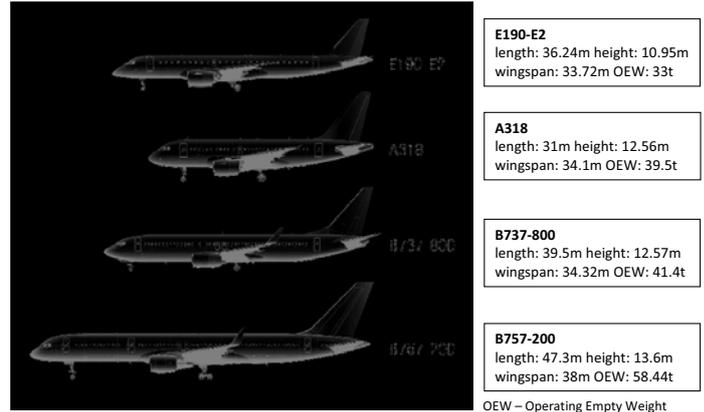
Atlantic Star Airlines is a British company founded in 2012 by three former and present British Airways pilots they planned to create an airline specifically to serve St Helena in the South Atlantic Ocean, which included a service from London and Cape town.

Go to <https://www.atlanticstarairlines.com/> to find out more

Flat for rent in Sapper Way property of Mrs Donald Arms.

Contact Mrs Barbara Osborne

Planes arriving at St Helena Airport - compared



The Boeing 757-200 is larger than other planes that have landed at St Helena airport. The E190 is the usual arrival; used by Airlink for the weekly scheduled flights. The Airbus A318 was used by Titan Airways to bring emergency medical equipment and supplies from the UK. The Boeing 737 was used for the implementation flight, operated by Comair it was the first large passenger aircraft to land at the airport – eventually.

The Boeing757 is the plane Atlantic Star proposed using when bidding for the scheduled air service to St Helena which was handed to Airlink.

THANK YOU

Wife Joyce and family here and overseas of the late John James Lilley who passed away on 19th June 2020 would like to thank Ian Rummery and everyone who cared for him.

To Bishop Dale and Deacon Jonathan for conducting the funeral service, Father Jack for reading the Eulogy and Mrs Joy George for playing the organ, Rory and his team for organising the burial, Jane Davina and Colin for making the wreaths and Solomon’s for printing the service sheets.

Special thanks to family, friends and neighbours who gave their support and those who sent messages and cards of condolences and donated flowers generously.

My precious, not even death can break the bond we had. You were the most amazing person of my life! May you rest in peace



Falklands' leisure tourist arrivals increase 7% and expenditure 12% in 2019/20

Leisure tourist arrival in the Falkland Islands reached 1,650, during the 2019-2020 season, up almost 7% on the previous year reports Steph Middleton, Executive Director, Falkland Islands Tourist Board.

Ms Middleton said: "we're delighted with the strength of last season". All the main markets performed well, with the exception of Argentina from which arrivals have almost halved in the last two seasons.

The last time visitor numbers surpassed this was in 2007-2008, when we celebrated the 25th anniversary of the Falklands Conflict."

She added, "the results from our Air Visitor Survey show that total expenditure grew by over 12% in 2019 to £4.8 million, serviced room occupancy rates hit almost 50% over the year for the first time, FIGAS flew a record 3,255 leisure passenger trips, and we welcomed over 72,000 visitors into the Jetty Visitor Centre - 11% more than ever before."

The economic significance of the sector is also rapidly expanding, with almost £18 million generated in direct visitor expenditure, taxes and other levies in 2019 from land-based and cruise visitors.

Full details of the season and results from the 2019 visitor surveys will be released at the end of June by FITB in their Annual Tourism Report.

Ms. Middleton concluded that "with the growth of land-based tourists and the record-breaking cruise visitor season, the Falkland Islands is showing its increasing popularity and importance as the gateway to the Antarctic, and a much sought-after destination in the Southern Atlantic region."
(Penguin News)

Chugach JV Wins Potential \$119M USAF Contract for Military Airfield Support

The Chugach Range and Facilities Services joint venture has won a potential \$119M U.S. Air Force contract to help maintain facilities, equipment, systems, utilities and operations at the Ascension Island Auxiliary Airfield.

USAF's 45th Contracting Squadron received five offers for the contract that also includes telemetry, radar and space surveillance tracking, timing, sequencing and communications services, the Department of Defense said Tuesday.

The branch obligated \$104,367 in fiscal 2020 operations and maintenance funds at the time of award. DoD expects contract services to be completed by Sept. 30, 2025.

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Editorial

Starting today, if you want to go to England or Scotland you will not have to spend 14 days in quarantine as soon as you arrive before travelling around seeing family and friends. You can reserve a seat on the return leg of the charter flight that's arriving at the end of the month and be in southern England in double quick time. Fancy going? Me neither. I will not be giving any thought to having a change of scenery for a nice couple of months.

The tourism departments in most countries are biting their finger nails down to the bone trying to think up workable ways to attract tourists back to spend some money. One of the many new coronavirus inspired terms is the 'travel bubble' or 'travel corridor'. Despite the relaxation of lockdown resulting in coronavirus infections increasing once more, several countries are also easing international travel restrictions. Some governments change their minds very quickly and re-impose lockdowns but the tendency to ease travel restrictions is now widespread. The England and Scotland situation I opened with can now be described as a travel corridor for St Helena, so long as you get there by a direct flight. Once in England there would be a travel bubble available. From England it's possible to travel to France and from there either to Spain or through Italy to Greece without any quarantine regulations holding you back. Don't forget your supply of face masks. Travel commentators who in my view are more realistic take the view that the danger of re-infection means international tourism is grounded for the time being. Some travel experts go further, claiming the bonanza days of long haul, short stay

tourism are over. Researchers have found that while tourist numbers may increase the total spend per head is decreasing. Another downside which is getting increasing attention is the high carbon emissions from long haul aircraft, as well as enormous cruise ships which off-load hundreds of passengers who spend little money. Also noted is the high proportion of the profit from money spent globally on pre-booked international tours going to a limited number of large travel operators.

As is almost always the case, St Helena is in a different situation. Every flight in and out of here is long haul, even if it's just to Jo'burg; and OR Tambo airport is not likely to be a travel bubble or travel corridor any time soon. Yesterday's South African media had headlines such as "Coronavirus Is Now Reaching 'Full Speed' in Africa, Says Top Health Official" with the report beneath telling readers that "Gauteng province — home to Johannesburg and the capital, Pretoria — has the country's most cases with over 75,000, or 33%." Even when the Covid situation improves in South Africa and the government there decides to open up to international flights, will we want South African flights coming here? Like all other countries, South African will resume international flights long before they are entirely Covid-free. For us who have no Covid will that be acceptable? There is some hard thinking to be done and careful calculations to be made.

Don't forget, it's time to start watering the plants again
Vince

Some Small Points

The streets are very quiet during the time of isolation for St Helena, but some interesting things are happening behind the doors of power.

It was very encouraging to hear from the Governor that the Police investigation of politicians and officials regarding some perceived leaks of government business has been closed without any 'culprit' being found. I might think that sending the Police after employees and politicians in this case was a bit heavy handed. It appeared more like an act of bullying and display of power than a really meaningful activity.

What has come out of the Economic Development Committee yesterday is also suspicious when it comes to who can exercise power. It was explained from ExCo (page 8) that increased fishing quotas for our waters were to be increased. In what could be described as an 'ex post facto' move, a special open meeting of the Economic Development Committee to discuss this, was only held yesterday afternoon. Early reports suggest that in terms of accepting quota num-

bers, three Councillors have voted against, one abstained due to conflict of interest and one abstained generally. No doubt this will be a topic that could attract more discussion and debate in the coming weeks.

Normal procedure is that these issues are passed by Committee before they go the Executive Council, apparently this has now changed. What the new procedure might be is not absolutely clear.

On the 'Rock Show' on Tuesday two issues worth noting were raised. Somebody asked "what happened to the three-day work scheme?" Apparently, it only operated for a few months early part of this year and was abandoned at the end of last financial year. The other, closely related issue was why we are paying out social benefits to perfectly able people who should be able to work. It is definitely worth asking these questions. There is plenty of work to do on the Island, that's for sure.

Mike

July Flights

Repatriation Flight

Another repatriation flight is due to arrive here sometime during the last week of this month. The government sponsored flight will again be operated by Titan Airways. This time a Boeing 757 will be used. Passengers on the last Titan flight enjoyed the luxury of an Airbus A318. Plane charters were described by Governor Rushbrook as “eye-wateringly expensive”. However the 20 year old Boeing 757 may cost less to charter. Despite being chartered from Titan by luxury tour operators, the airline announced in January they will be retiring their two 757s after taking delivery of further Airbus aircraft.



Titan Airways' Boeing 757

The SHG announcement on Wednesday pointed out the number of passengers arriving will be limited by the capacity at Bradley's Camp where all incoming passengers will spend 14 days in quarantine. An SHG spokesperson could not say how many passengers will be on the flight “at this stage” but did mention that the options for transporting critical supplies were being assessed. The final decision will depend in part on the number of passengers carried and the overall weight of the aircraft. It is reported the possibility of using empty rooms in the Mantis Hotel if the passenger numbers exceed capacity at Bradley's Camp is being assessed.

The route for the flight has been decided; the plane will depart from Stansted Airport in Essex, 40 miles outside London. The inward flight will call at Ascension but not the return flight. There will be capacity to carry 140 passengers on the return flight and there are still seats available. Anyone wishing to leave Covid-free St Helena for the virus-ridden outside world should contact Christina Plato at the Tourism Office. More details are expected shortly.

CAN France ready to fly?

CAN France are scheduled to complete the rockfall protection fencing on 21st July as planned. This is just a week or so before the arrival of the repatriation flight. There is no word yet about whether CAN France will leave St Helena at the end of the contract on the returning repatriation flight or charter their own aircraft. Chartering their own aircraft appears to be a doubtful option; it would knock a big hole in the projected profit CAN France hope to have from the rockfall fencing project.

Penspen ready to fly – no question, but it's a mystery

SHG sources confirm that a “notice of contract expiry” has been “served” to Penspen and they will finish in St Helena as the fuel management contractors at the end of September. A

new “interim” contractor is being lined up to take over. It is expected there will be a smooth transition and therefore no disruption in refuelling flights which may or may not arrive in the September/October period.

In September 2014 an official announcement informed us an agreement had been reached between SHG and DFID with engineering company GreyStar Europe “to provide fuel services for St Helena for ten years after the commencement of airport operations” Penspen is part of the GreyStar group of companies. The announcement added, “Working with Solomon's, GreyStar will operate the new BFI and Airport Fuel Facility, and manage the provision of both aviation and ground fuels to international standards. They will operate and maintain the facilities for the duration of the term, working closely with SHG.”

By the time Penspen depart the first scheduled commercial Airlink flight will be barely three years ago and it is just six years since the official announcement of the ten year contract was publicised. No reason has been given for the early departure of Penspen but it is clear the ‘close working with SHG’ originally aspired to is not now happening. In the absence of information giving plausible reasons why the contract has been terminated it is inevitable that rumours are circulating the Island like a whirlwind. The most persistent interpretation of these events is that managing “the provision of both aviation and ground fuels to international standards” has been extremely difficult, if not impossible, and it is Penspen who have told SHG that enough is enough. The reliability or otherwise of this interpretation can only confirmed by SHG in line with their claimed desire for more accountability and transparency through improved governance. Storing fuel and managing the distribution of fuel from the Rupert's Bulk Fuel Installation is doubtlessly a matter of great public interest and concern.

Inquiry into Misuse of Confidential Documents now closed

For several weeks there has been an inquiry conducted by police at the instigation of the Governor into leaked information about the negotiations now on-going between SHG and PQ Trading, the preferred bidder in the commercial fisheries tender process.

At Tuesday's Exco meeting the Governor announced that no action will be taken against any individual councillor or official. The report handed to the Governor by the police did point out “a general laxness in document handling arrangements and the use of information in controlled documents.” The Governor informed Exco members this laxness will be “addressed and tightened”.

In other countries it is often the case that a leak of information is due to a sensitive document being mistakenly left on a train. This excuse or explanation cannot be used here but there is a possibility such documents could be inadvertently left in a taxi.

The Youth Vs Politics

It is a common mistaken belief that all of the youth are uninterested in politics. Although admittedly we can almost always find something else to concern ourselves with, this is not to say that we have no care in the matter. As citizens and members of public any regulations, laws and other beliefs equally affect us (even if we don't pay much attention to this). Indeed there are many of us who are very attentive to politics, those who want to follow a career in law or those with a simple interest in the subject. But for the rest of us, is a disinterest really a bad thing? Of course politics can be a heavy theme, whatever your definition of it may be, it might be seen at times as a burden. This regards the stress and unease an incorrect political decision (in your eyes) can bring. It is hard to escape politics, it is seemingly everywhere you turn, and indeed the issue is not to be avoided, it appears cannot be diverted, especially right now. Certainly during the world's current events there is almost no excuse not to be keeping up to date on the news. Even if we do not do this we are bound to be notified by social media or the internet. But aside from this, it is easy to say we are not as involved. Although it directly affects our future we can tend to leave the worry for just then, the future. The corona virus has changed this. Of course



Katie-Raye Williams

there are increasing amounts of uncertainty currently. We have seen businesses, tourism and general life being directly influenced by lockdown and the virus. Accordingly news channels and reports are playing in which ever form almost constantly. Everyone must be involved for the sake of their own safety. Before this however, it can be said that a worry for politics has decreased in the youth when compared to previous generations. So how does 2020's youth correspond with politics?

Undoubtedly when we as the youth find a matter to be passionate about, we are fully invested. This characteristic makes us suitable for politics (if interested of course). The youthful essence of enthusiasm, belief and fresh viewpoints would make politics seem all the more refreshing. However, with a topic quite so seri-

ous, childishness is to be avoided, immaturity likely builds distrust in young people in politics. Whilst there is a chance for this, we cannot count everyone out, those who have a voice and opinions to be heard. This only seems fair. A hand in the future we must live in. Of course everyone debates at times on themes that are important. The youth also find subjects important, possibly even different ones that are not considered. In a time of new found diversity it seems the youth of St. Helena have few younger upstanding figures to "look up to". With a role model in the form of a young adult or another member of our youth, who knows what new aspirations can come about for us? The youth have power; we can't put this into effect without any examples.

Despite these facts, I cannot guarantee that even half of St. Helena's youth "care" about politics, but will this cause us to completely ignore the other half? Indeed it is energizing to think of younger influences joining St. Helena's political conversations, what issues would be brought up and what new ideals would come to light? I suppose a lot of this is to do with trust, in many ways we support those we trust. The youth can be trusted, if given the chance.

REPATRIATION CHARTER FLIGHT

St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to confirm that the next repatriation charter flight is planned for the week commencing Monday, 27 July 2020. The flight will be operated by Titan Airways utilising their Boeing 757-200 aircraft. The flight will depart from London Stansted and include a stop at Ascension Island en-route to St Helena but not on the return journey back to Stansted.

The number of passengers arriving to St Helena will be limited by the capacity at Bradley's Camp for the mandatory 14-day quarantine. The maximum number of passengers outbound from St Helena is limited to 140.

Further updates and a revised FAQ document will follow shortly.

All persons interested in returning to or leaving St Helena should register their name with the Tourist Office by contacting: christina.plato@tourism.co.sh or calling + (290) 22158.

SHG continues to explore options for future flights to and from the Island.

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SHG, 8 July 2020

A St Helenian Insider for Gaming Firms

Mic-kail Harris may be the first St Helenian to participate in a variety of insider video game developments for international gaming companies this year whilst situated on the island.

The purpose of development flights is to experience the latest games that's due to be launch in the near future and report any faults the game may have so that it can be fixed. This opportunity also allows gamers to record or live stream their experiences with the pre-launched game and broadcast it on social media.

"This is just an amazing opportunity for me," Mic-kail said. "Not only can I fairly test out what is to come and check for any bugs in the game, but it also allows me to show the world that we on an island more than 500 years old in the middle of nowhere are still keeping up with modern demands."

On the 11th of June, 343 Industries invited selected players to participate in the flight for the upcoming Halo 3 for the Steam platform (a video game digital distribution service by Valve) on personal computers (PC) and it is expecting to run until 26th June. On the 17th June, an email sent by Halo Waypoint (a community website made by 343 Industries) states:

"Last week we kicked off the latest Halo Insider flight for Halo 3 on [computer] [...] We just wanted to reach out and remind you that you are invited and we would love to see you in the flight."

Following a list of important notes it then concluded:

"We sincerely thank you for your interest and involvement in the Halo Insider Program. We're excited to continue this partnership and move forward in our journey together today!"

The initial download file size was 9.3GB, which took a total of 18 hours to download, however after a long wait he eventually begun testing.

Tests included testing the campaign (missions in the game), Forge (a creative game mode where you can create fun stuff for other players to play and enjoy), character customizations and online multiplayer (where you can play with other players online). However due to slow internet, online multiplayer was never tested.

"In order to have a valid test, you have to explore every aspects of whatever you are doing," Mic-kail said. "Even though my computer does not have the recommended specs to run it, it still managed to load up (almost) everything that was needed to test the game out, so I could say 'that's right' or 'I think that may need changing'. It was only the online multiplayer that I couldn't test out. Not because my computer cannot run it, but my connection speed would not allow me to test it out. I'm hoping that, when the fibre-optic cable lands here, it would allow not just me but anyone who want to explore testing things online an opportunity to give it a try."

A full rundown of the test flight will be available on the YouTube Channel "MICKY BUGATROSIS3" as well as his soon-to-be-published revamped website.

About the same time, Xbox Game Studios invited him to test out the game "Grounded," a survival game where you've shrunk to the size of an ant in your own backyard, that is due to be launched in July 28th.

Argentina Wins Land Grab Allies

It is reported this week that Argentina was won the support of eleven other South American countries in its continued diplomatic manoeuvring over sovereignty rights to the Falkland Islands. The member countries of the South American Common Market made a 'Malvinas Declaration' this week which recognises the, "legitimate rights of Argentina in the sovereignty dispute referred to the Malvinas Islands Question".

Argentina has Brazil, Paraguay, Uruguay, Venezuela, Suriname, Guyana, Columbia, Ecuador, Peru, Chile and Bolivia lined up with them as the UK parts company with the European Union. Not only are the 26 members of the EU less obliged to offer support or a diplomatic silence on this sovereignty issue, the departure of the UK from Europe exposes Gibraltar to a higher level of similar manoeuvring from Spain.

New Life Breathed into St Helena's Key Earth Station Operator

OneWeb, the satellite broadband operator whose cash flow problems resulted in bankruptcy at the end of March was bought this week in what is described as a ground-breaking deal by the UK Government in partnership with Indian telecom tycoon Sunil Bharti Mittal's Bharti Global Limited. OneWeb is known to be interested in establishing an earth station in St Helena to link its network of low earth orbit satellites with the Equiano cable.

Confirmation of the UK/Bharti deal is expected within days. The British Government has put up half of the \$1 billion price

with Bharti Global financing the other half. The government also has a 'golden share', giving it a say over who OneWeb may be sold to in future and who has access to the OneWeb satellite network. The UK interest in OneWeb arises from the loss of access to the Galileo Satellite Navigation System developed by the European Union to end dependence on the Global Positioning System (GPS) owned by the United States. The Galileo network is priced at 10 billion euros which makes the £400 million UK price tag look reasonable. Some reports state there is interest from the United States in the UK Government's involvement with OneWeb's low earth orbit satellite network as the low earth orbit is less susceptible to jamming than the medium earth orbit network used by the United States. It is expected the revived OneWeb enterprise will start where the bankrupt OneWeb finished and continued interest in St Helena as a location for an earth station look promising.



OneWeb is headquartered in the UK with the main satellite manufacturing capability at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL AGREES COMMERCIAL FISHING LICENCE QUOTAS FOR ST HELENA

Executive Council discussed and considered Commercial Fishing Licence Quotas for the St Helena Fisherman's Co-operative at their meeting on Tuesday, 7 July 2020.

The two types of quotas discussed were the Annual St Helena Commercial Fishing Licence Quota which would set the Total Allowable Catch for Yellowfin Tuna and an Exploratory Fishing Licence Quota for Bigeye each year for a period of two years. An Exploratory Fishing Licence would be accompanied by a science programme.

Executive Council agreed that the following quotas would be set:

- An industry Total Allowable Catch of 300 tonnes of Yellowfin per year, which the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Directorate will allocate accordingly amongst members of the fisheries industry

- An Exploratory Licence of 600 tonnes of Bigeye per year for two years, which the Directorate will allocate accordingly alongside a fisheries science programme.

SHG

9 July 2020



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This week's Exco Decisions

Extension of the Covid-19 Business Support Package

Various business support schemes started in mid-March and were in place to the end of June. Forty-six businesses were supported, together with more than one hundred employees. The estimated cost for the business support package over the fifteen weeks was put at almost £190,000. Exco was advised that continuing the same level of support is likely to cost about £200,000 every three months.

Three options were offered to Exco to consider; either stop the support now, continue the same level of support for a further three or six months, or offer support to a reduced range of 'highly impacted' businesses. Reduced range means bars and clubs would no longer qualify. Accommodation providers, eateries and tour operators would still be able to claim support. Exco had to balance the cost of business support against a reduced tax-take from income tax and business tax as well as increased unemployment benefit payments. The decision was to continue supporting the 'highly impacted' businesses until September and then review the situation again. The Mantis Hotel closure will also be reviewed in September. The extended support scheme is active from 1st July.

"Executive Council being the executive decision making body of the Government of St Helena is considered to be "Those Charged with Governance" under International Auditing Standards"

A Re-think on Government Subsidies

Last year over £7 million was paid out by SHG in subsidies. The draft SHG Subsidy Policy points out that a little more than 15p in every SHG £1 spent goes to subsidise a range of activities through eleven subsidies. The draft policy points out, "SHG is moving away from a subsidy being defined by the organisation to which that subsidy is given, towards a model whereby the subsidy is defined by the outcome to which that subsidy aims to achieve." The aims will need to fit with the Sustainable Economic Development Plan and/or other key SHG policies. Subsidies are entirely different from Grants, the draft policy states on page 10, "Government subsidies and government grants are different and should be treated differently in the determination, award and governance arrangements surrounding them." However on page 5 the draft policy observes, "Although this policy addresses SHG subsidies it is important to note that grants and subsidies are inextricably linked and many of the matters identified relate to both grants and subsidies. SHG Grants policy should be read in conjunction with this policy." So take your pick.

The intention is to define more clearly the purpose of subsidies, deploy the use of subsidies using more targeted and precise rationale and be clear what the subsidy is expected to achieve and when the subsidy payments will stop. What is also in the equation is that SHG are very reluctant to continue spending over 15% of total expenditure on subsidies.

SHG's Strategic Objectives and Policy Priorities

Official reports from Tuesday's Exco meeting tell us the objectives and priorities agreed eleven months ago will continue



to be used for the three year planning and budgeting cycle which starts in April next year. The strategies and priorities will be five years old at the end of the next three year cycle but the official report was careful to note, "There will be opportunity to update certain aspects when necessary."

The objectives and priorities are based on the often repeated aspiration that we should all be healthier, wealthier, safer and greener. There is no mention of being lovelier or kinder, probably because SHG cannot legislate for that. There are twenty-two prioritised policies and it is pointed out some are now being developed. The Equiano cable and PASH Global's renewable energy project are two of them. Despite that, SHG have their work cut out. Protecting children and vulnerable people are mentioned first, followed by implementing a housing strategy. The Comprehensive Development Areas put that in the 'work underway' box. Ensuring affordable healthcare and protection from diseases, environment threats and emergencies are aimed at giving us all the opportunity to be healthier. Next comes ensuring effective governance by strengthening SHG governance and organisation, protecting SHG, its employees and assets and making evidence based policy and legislation more robust.

Also included as priorities are reduced costs for port and cargo operations, which must mean getting the Rupert's cargo handling facilities completed together with improvements to Field Road and Side Path. A reliable and affordable sea freight service is included and a reliable and affordable air service. Food security is mentioned, presumably including potatoes. Last but not least is having a skilled and flexible workforce. The Labour Market Strategy has set that particular priority on its way.

Exco members complained about the long-winded budgetary process and bemoaned the fact that the UK Government was not a team player where the SHG budget is concerned. When it comes to aiming for a more efficient and effective budgetary process the meaningful engagement of HMG throughout is a must. But it too often does not happen.

Exco elected members

Cruyff Buckley has taken over from Russell Yon on Executive Council. The other four members continue as before; Clint Beard, Anthony Green, Lawson Henry, and Derek Thomas. Cruyff Buckley is also now chairman of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and Clint Beard is chairman of the newly formed Finance Committee.

THE CONSTITUENT

Formal LegCo – Adjournment Debate – 30 July 2020 – Cllr Leo

Mr Speaker, as we endeavour to protect the local population against Covid-19 arriving on St Helena with the help of foreign marine vessels, elected members have been provided with conflicting information regarding the arrival date of Yacht Rierol. Consequently, I consider the refusal to provide elected members with the relevant documentation, specifically proving the arrival date of Yacht Rierol, as defiant disrespect by a senior SHG officer. Mr Speaker, this is yet another typical example of SHG depriving elected members of relevant information to scrutinise SHG effectively; such arrogant disrespect by public servants for elected representatives, and therefore for the electorate, is unacceptable. As elected representatives serving on Legislative Council, we have a responsibility to the electorate to scrutinise and hold SHG public servants, including officials and officers, accountable. Therefore, I have decided to take the matter to His Excellency Governor Rushbrook for urgent address. Having the Governor continually depriving the majority of elected representatives of government documentation has become a serious flaw in the democratic governance of St Helena.

Mr Speaker, after many, many years of seemingly being disadvantaged by being cut off from the rest of the world, so far, St Helena's isolation has proved to be her population's greatest protection against the deadly Covid-19 pandemic.

Socially and economically the Coronavirus brings with it unforgiving personal, community, national and international devastation. Its multiple attacks on the world cause pain, death and heartbreak for humanity on a massive scale.

St Helena is still managing to keep the silent deadly virus at bay. Human beings who allow Covid-19 the benefits of ill-judged risks and/or complacency are reckless if not suicidal.

Unless local residents and local government continue to maintain the highest degree of vigilance to keep the virus at bay, the price of irresponsible risks will be the community's peril. Those with ultimate responsibility for protecting the community against Covid-19, must guard against taking ill-judged decisions that have the potential to compromise the protection of the community.

Economic activities are indeed essential to a healthy community, but under the current circumstances, ill-judged risks and decisions to get the island back to economic business-as-usual will only assist the silent and invisible spread of the deadly virus, and have dire consequences for our community. In relation to Covid-19, on behalf of the people of St Helena, I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the crucial physical, material and financial support St Helena has received from the United Kingdom.

We also respectfully applaud the staff of the UK's National Health Service in their brave and demanding fight against Covid-19, especially those doctors and nurses who risked and lost their lives during their line of duty in caring for others.

Finally, as we monitor, safeguard and prepare against the threats of Covid-19, I will take this opportunity to acknowledge, in particular, the special efforts, commitment and dedication of the doctors and the nurses of St Helena's Public Health Directorate.



DRAFT COMPANY REGISTRY POLICY PUBLIC CONSULTATION REMINDER

St Helena Government is developing a Company Registry Policy for St Helena, with support from Orgueil Consulting. The draft Policy is currently out for public consultation and is available online at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/

St Helena's Company Registry will provide a modernised, more transparent and more appealing registration system for companies, which complies with international standards on tax, substance and transparency.

There will be little noticeable change for registered companies who solely operate on the Island because the majority of updates are relevant for companies operating overseas.

The Policy will create opportunities for the Island to generate revenue, supporting growth in exports and increase the money coming into St Helena as part of the Island's '*altogether wealthier*' national goal.

There is still time to comment on the draft Policy. If you would like to respond to this consultation, please respond through our online survey at: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/CompanyRegisterPolicy2020> or respond by email to Chief Economist, Nicole Shamier, via: nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh or by phone on (+290 22470) by Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

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RECOGNISING FINANCIAL SCAMS

As St Helena becomes more exposed to the world, those on-island can become more visible to scammers. Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to help you spot scammers in advance to protect you and your money.

It might be a scam if:

- It seems too good to be true – for example, a holiday that's much cheaper than you'd expect.
- Someone you don't know contacts you unexpectedly.
- You are contacted with an email promising you money.
- You suspect you're not dealing with a real company – for example, if there's no postal address or the telephone number doesn't work.
- You've been asked to transfer money quickly.
- You've been asked to give away personal information like passwords.
- You haven't had written confirmation of what's been agreed.

BEWARE OF SCAMMERS

What you should do if you suspect something

If you see any of the warning signs above then it's best not to engage with the scammer at all. If you have doubts, then get more information. Research the person or business in question and continue to educate yourself about the types of scams that are out there. It also helps to talk about the situation with a friend or relative, and look for similar stories online.

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REMOTE BANKING JULY 2020

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to advise the public that Remote Banking for July will take place as follows:

LOCATION	DATE	TIME
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday, 14 July	09:30 - 13:00
ANRD, Scotland	Tuesday, 21 July	09:30 - 13:00
HTH Supermarket	Friday, 24 July	10:00 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday, 28 July	09:30 - 13:00

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The Annual General Meeting of the 1st Jamestown Scout Group will take place at the Jamestown Community Centre as per the below agenda.

Parents/Guardians are asked to make a special effort to attend to witness and support their children on this unique occasion.

Date – 14 July 2020

Venue – Jamestown Community Centre

Time – 6.30 p.m

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

1. Welcome by the Group Council Chairman
2. Investiture & Going-up Ceremonies and presentation of badges - **Beavers, Cubs & Scouts**
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous AGM
4. Matters Arising
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Chairman's Report
7. Reports from GSL & Section Leaders
8. Election of Officers
9. Any other Business

Light Refreshments will be served at the end of the meeting



St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest from the Private Sector to provide a footpath clearance service for the following footpaths around the island:

Brown's Hill to Prince Andrew School, Cason's Gate to Rosemary Plain, Fairyland to Horse Ridge, Harding's to Cason's, Longwood Boundary Trail, Macintosh to Spring Gut, Peak Hill Road to Francis Plain, Plantation Forest (including The Butcher's Grave site), Sampson's and Saddle Batteries and Maskelyne's Observatory.

Our footpaths contribute to the overall tourism product and provide opportunities for visitors and residents to explore our picturesque landscapes as well as promote a healthy lifestyle. It is also important that individuals or businesses who are interested in carrying out this work understand the need to preserve the environment whilst providing a safe passage for walkers with different levels of mobility.

Expressions of interest should be submitted to the Tourist Office by no later than **Friday 24th July 2020**

As part of Enterprise St Helena's procurement procedures, interested persons are required to provide copy of their Public liability Insurance.

For further information and to receive copy of the Scope of Works, please contact Nicole Peters, Tourism Officer on Telephone 22158 or alternatively email nicole.peters@tourism.co.sh



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Enterprise St Helena receives “A” rating for 2019/20

Following the 2019/20 Annual Review of their Department for International Development (DfID) funded Project Programme, Enterprise St Helena is pleased to announce that the organisation has been scored an overall “A” rating. This rating means that the organisation’s outputs have met DfID’s expectations for its third consecutive year of the current Phase 2 Project Programme. This result follows the overall “A” rating the organisation achieved for the first 2 years of Phase 2 (namely 2017/18 and 2018/19) and also the overall “A” rating achieved for the Phase 1 Project Programme (2012-2017).

Dr. Dawn Cranswick, Chief Executive for Economic Development (CEED) commented on this achievement, *“It is very satisfying that Enterprise St Helena (ESH) has again been awarded an ‘A’ rating by DfID. The review process is very robust, and this year involved an additional challenge as it needed to be undertaken remotely, due to travel restrictions caused by COVID-19. The ‘A’ rating is a credit to ESH staff team who have shown their determination to stay focused on delivery, as well as ESH Board Members, who provide us with their guidance, insights, and expertise on strategy and governance.”*

ESH’s Phase 2 Project Programme funding has been provided by DfID to support the growth of Tourism, improving skills and increasing business activity across the private sector on island, working with SHG on investment climate reforms and upscaling local and international investment.



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Unit available at the Longwood Enterprise Park

Enterprise St Helena (ESH) has an unit available for rent to local entrepreneurs for non-industrial / clean business at Longwood Enterprise Park.

Applications should be submitted to Robyn Franconi, Finance Manager, in the form of an extended business brief detailing your planned business and intended opening hours with a 3 year cash flow via email robyn.franconi@esh.co.sh or in hard copy to the Enterprise St Helena Office, ESH Business Park by no later than 1200 hours (GMT) on Wednesday 15th July 2020.

Terms and Conditions apply.

For further information please contact Michelle Yon, Director of Resources on telephone 22920 or email on michelle.yon@esh.co.sh



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VACANCY FOR ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT (COMMUNITY CARE CENTRE)

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill their vacant post of Administration Assistant (Community Care Centre). The post holder will be required to provide effective and efficient administrative support to the Community Care Centre.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- Responsible for the day-to-day general administrative duties of the section, that includes receiving, recording and circulating unclassified and confidential incoming mail, and dispatching outgoing mail;
- Meeting and greeting office visitors and directing them as necessary;
- Responsible for the safekeeping of, and ensuring that all files both electronic and paper-based, are up-to-date and maintained and easily accessible to staff;
- Provide administrative and secretarial support for staff meetings, multi-agency and ad hoc meetings, as required.

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

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

Applicants should have good communication, organisational and customer care skills, with the ability to deal with customers from diverse backgrounds. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have a minimum of 1 years' experience working in an administrative and customer focused environment.

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

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Rosalie Brown, Manager at the Community Care Centre on telephone number 23090 or e-mail: rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Children & Adult Social Care Directorate or on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

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

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

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VACANCY FOR AUXILIARY WORKER (PILLING PRIMARY SCHOOL)

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill the post of Auxiliary Worker at Pilling Primary School. The post holder will be responsible for the supervision of pupils before and after school, during mid-morning and lunch periods and to accompany and supervise nursery pupils being transported home at mid-day.

In addition to the supervision of pupils, some of the key tasks and responsibilities include:

- Deputising in the absence of the School Secretary including reception duties as required at the discretion of the Head Teacher
- Photocopying and collating documents
- Assisting the School Secretary with duties such as inventory and Library duties
- Assisting staff within the school with tasks such as taking down displays, cleaning and preparing pupils painting equipment, sharpening pencils, cutting paper, preparing wallboards for display work, tidying shelves and cupboards and any other similar auxiliary duties that the Head Teacher of the school may require from time to time
- Accompanying teachers on organised out of school activities

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

- Functional skills (Level 1) in English (applicants without a Level 1 qualification in English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment as part of the recruitment process).
- Basic IT skills
- Relative experience in undertaking basic administrative duties.

Applicants should have good communication, organisational and customer care skills, with the ability to show patience and understanding. It would also be ideal for the applicant to have relevant experience in a teaching environment.

Salary for this post is Grade A commencing at £5,975 per annum.

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Elaine Benjamin, Head Teacher at Pilling Primary School on telephone number 22540 or e-mail: elaine.benjamin@primary.edu.sh.

Application forms, which are available from Corporate Human Resources and Education & Employment Directorate or on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies should be submitted through Directors where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer at Corporate Human Resources, the Castle, or email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Tuesday, 14 July 2020.

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VACANCY FOR INITIAL TEACHER TRAINEE

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

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

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

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities include:

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

Applicants should have the following qualifications and experience:

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

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

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

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

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

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Corporate Human Resources 07 July 2020

HEALTH DIRECTORATE VACANCIES- MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT WORKERS (AUXILLIARY)

The Mental Health Team of the Health Directorate has an opportunity for motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join their team as Auxiliary Mental Health support workers. He/she will be responsible for providing care and support of patients within the mental health service as a part of an agreed plan of care under the supervision of the qualified staff members.

The purpose of the post is to support the team when extra staff are needed. The successful candidates must be prepared to work weekends and nights when required and to be available to work at short notice.

Some of the key tasks and responsibilities are:

- to support patients with mental health problems;
- to care for inpatients who are acutely mentally unwell, under the direction and supervision of a Community Psychiatric Nurse;
- to encourage social interaction between individuals, promoting relationships and friendships;
- to assist with personal hygiene, domestic tasks and other rehabilitation activities.
- to attend regular training sessions;

Proven competency to handle confidential/sensitive personal information in an appropriate and secure manner.

A valid driver's licence, class A is desirable.

The rate of pay for the post is £3.68 per hour for hours worked including training sessions, plus a retainer payment of £50 per month.

For further details regarding the full role and a copy of the job profile, interested persons can contact Sherilea Curzon on 22593 or email Sherilea.curzon@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, on telephone no 22500 or email: brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday, 24 July, 2020.

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

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HEALTH DIRECTORATE

VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Staff Nurse to join their dedicated, hardworking nursing team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumerary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work which are linked to pay enhancements.

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 for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request. Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an Up to date Nurse Registration.

Salary for the post commences at **£11,034** per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to **Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586** and then **Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690**.

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 Senior Staff 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

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Golf Report for Sunday 5th July 2020

An impressive turn out of 34 players took part in the Four Ball Better Ball choose your partner competition. The weather did not disappoint. It was another shotgun start competition. When all the scores were in, it was time to determine the placements on the leaderboard. Unlike other straight forward formats this one needed human compilation and verification as it wasn't processed through the handicap computer system which normally makes life easier for the games manager. And as we all know humans are prone to error. Someone once said to err is human to forgive is divine. Just when we thought we had the correct results and the initial announcement was made it was discovered that there was actually an even better score that had not been captured.

The winners of last Sunday's 4BBB competition are Mr. Jeremy Clingham and Mr. Anthony Thomas with 56, overall runners up were Mr. Leeroy Caswell and Mr. Martin Joshua with 57 and third place was Mr. John Colclough and Mr. Larry Legg with 59. The two-ball pool winners were Leeroy Caswell and Martin Joshua on the 7th, Norman Thomas and Neil Joshua on the 11th and 16th, Larry Legg and John Colclough on the 14th and Christine Scipio and Leon Crowie on the 16th. The prizes were presented by the club Captain Bramwell Lumukwana. Congratulations to all the winners.

Sunday 12th July 2020 the club will host the 18 Hole Tombstone stroke play competition. Look out for the rules on our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh Tee off will be 12:00 pm. Registration is ongoing. Also starting the 12th July will be an 8 round Eclectic competition registration closes on Saturday 11th at 16:00. Final date for the Eclectic tournament will be communicated in due course.

Lastly, in preparation for the resumption of junior golfers' training and competitions, programme all junior members and their guardians/parents are invited for social evening tea meeting on Thursday 16th July 2020 at 18:00 at the Clubhouse.

Happy swinging.....!

Contributed by: SHGC



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VACANCY PORT SECURITY OFFICER (Casual Basis) Jamestown Wharf

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

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

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

Salary for the post is £3.68 per hour.



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

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

Corporate Services 7 July 2020

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

We are lucky to be still seeing some great action in the English Premier League despite the title being already decided. Liverpool's first match after being declared Champions saw them suffer a 4-0 defeat to outgoing Champions Manchester City. Since that defeat Liverpool has beaten Villa 2-0 and Brighton 3-1 and is on course to break the Premier League points tally.

Liverpool will lift the Premier League trophy in their last home match which is the reschedule match against Chelsea on Wednesday 22nd July.



Mo Salah scored twice against Brighton on Wednesday night
Since losing their crown Manchester City has trashed Liverpool; lost to Sheffield United and trashed Newcastle 5-0.

City is still playing fantastic football, but what their manager finds hard to understand is how they manage to lose 9 matches in the league this season.

Manchester City still has two trophies to play for; the Champions League and the FA Cup. They have already won the EFL cup.



David Silva still producing the goods in his last season for Manchester City

The race for the Champions League places is certainly hotting up as Chelsea and Manchester United has return to form since the restart; whereas Leicester City has dropped so many points and is in danger of missing out on Champions League Football. Chelsea in their last 3 matches lost to West Ham 3-2 but beat Watford and Crystal Palace.

Manchester United looks a different team since the arrival of Bruno Fernandes and the return of Paul Pogba. The front 3 Martial; Rashford and Mason Greenwood is on fire at the moment.

United fans should be excited with what 18 year old Greenwood could do for our club. He has the attributes to be a world class striker.

If United win their match against Villa on Thursday they would move to within 2 points of Chelsea who now sits in 3rd and 1



Greenwood 15 goals so far this season.

point behind 4th place Leicester. Manchester United will play Leicester in their last League match of the season.

Down at the bottom of the table Norwich is a loss away from being relegated and then it is between Villa; Bournemouth and possibly West Ham who will be the other two teams that will be relegated this season.

Looking at the games that each of those team have to play it is possible that Villa and Bournemouth will join Norwich in the EFL Championship.

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

SHFA Match reports by Mike E Williams

Saturday 4th July

Back to winning ways

Wirebirds came away with a convincing win on Saturday as they put 8 past the Saints.

The Birds would go 5 goals up in the first half, with goals from Sanjay Clingham, Tyler Benjamin, and a first half hat-trick from Man of the match Shane Stroud. The Saints had a few chances of their own but failed to trouble Rick Zoley in the Wirebirds goal. The second half saw Saints conceded a further 3 goals, with Dane Leo, Shane Stroud picking up his fourth, and captain Alex Osborne also getting among the goals. This would have been a welcoming 3 points for the Wirebirds, who have dropped 6 points behind the league leaders. **Wirebirds 8 v 0 Saints**

Looking good at THIRTY

Ladies and Gentlemen, this is not Mustangs getting all-out for 30 runs in a cricket match. The second football game on Saturday saw the Crystal Rangers humiliated, and pulverize by the Bellboys 30 goals to nil. The Bellboys took full advantage of a Crystal Rangers side who could only muster 8 players. Bellboys where in total control with even their goalie going forward on some occasion to get in on the fun. At half time the score was 11-nil. Council Cruyff Buckley 'playing in goal for the Crystal Rangers' would conceded 20 of the 30 goals 'OMG'. The second half started with Bellboys scoring a goal in 13 seconds. They would go on to score a further 18. The goals were scored by Man of the match Matthias Young with 8, Andrew Yon 7, Kyle Shoesmith 4, Wayne Crowie 4, Rick Joshua 4, Aiden Duncan 2, and Ryan Benjamin with a single goal. **Bellboys 30 v 0 Crystal Rangers**



Bellboys put 30 past Crystal Rangers

Sunday 5th July

Winning streak

Rovers made it four wins from four games as they won the Harts by a goal to nil. The defending champions got off to a good start in the match, passing the ball quickly; they pushed the Harts deep into their own half. The boys in blue defended well as a unit with stand in goalie Marc Williams making a couple of good savers. Harts where happy to soak up the pressure and try to hit the Rovers on the break. Sean Benjamin of the Rovers however was making life difficult for the Harts strikers. The first half came with Rovers having the majority of the possession but the Harts would have been delighted that

they were still in the game. The second half was more like the first with Rovers seeing more of the ball but couldn't find a way through the Harts defence. The best chance Harts had of taking the lead was when a free-kick was swung in by young player of the match Joey Thomas, to find the head of Ryan George, but Rovers Keeper Keith Yon was in the right place to make a fine save. It was looking that a piece of brilliant or a mistake was going to break the two sets of defence, and for the Harts it would be a mistake at the back, which would see man of the match Rico Benjamin run in behind for the first time in the game and score with a spectacular chip over the goalie. Harts pushed for an equalizer but Rovers defended well to see them across the line to take all 3 points. **Rovers 1 v 0 Harts**



Rovers top of the table

Late goal

The Lakers missed a chance to go level on points with Harts and the Wirebirds with also a game in hand as they were held to the first draw of the season by a never die Axis team. The Lakers started the game well with some very good football being played, and were rewarded with a goal from Louis Banikal half-way into the first half. Things went from bad to worse for the boys in pink as Selwyn Stroud was brought down in the penalty box and a spot kick was given. Captain Liam Yon stepped up for the Lakers to take the penalty, but blast his kick well over the bar. Making his debut season in goal for the Axis was young player of the match, Christo Crowie, and already has shown signs that he is going to be a top class keeper, making a handful of outstanding one on one saves. The second half saw Lakers the more likely to score but where struggling to break down the pink wall, with man of the match Deon Maggot and JJ Buckley making some important tackles in the heart of the Axis defence. As the game was coming to an end, some hard tackles where been made in the midfield, with Dion Phillips picking up a yellow card. This is Dion's second yellow card of the first round; one more will see him miss a game. Then deep into injury time Axis broke down the left wing, with young Ethan Johnson playing in his debut season, swung in a dangerous cross that Lakers keeper Anelka Leo can't hold, the ball landed in the path of Ryan Backhouse, who hammered the ball back into the goal to save a well deserve point for the Axis.

Lakers 1 v 1 Axis



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Armchair Supporters View

by Nick Stevens

SHFA Fixtures

Sat 11th July

1pm Wirebirds v Axis

Referee: Lakers

3pm Harts v Saints

Referee: C Rangers

Sun 12th July

1pm Crystal Rangers v Rovers

Referee: Axis

3pm Lakers v Bellboys

Referee: Harts

Junior Football

It was pleasing to see a large number of Junior Footballers and Parents who turned up at New Horizons for the Junior Football meeting last Friday evening.

We currently now have 5 teams playing in the Primary League; 4 teams in the senior league and 18 players for the beginners league.

Big thanks to Nigel George and Colin's Garage (Ian Williams) who has agreed once again to sponsor the trophies.

The league is schedule to start on Saturday 18th July.



To my very special partner and daughter!



I should have been arriving home today 10th July but unfortunately due to coronavirus situation and no flights, it looks like I will not see you'll until next year ??

Nobody knows at moment if/when we Saints can get home! I'll be fine !

With love from Tony on Falklands!

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House for sale in Half Tree Hollow



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- Jayne Adams-Duncan and Maureen Ellick promoted to Senior Staff Nurses within the St Helena General Hospital

-All Senior Staff Nurse posts have now been filled with local Saints as part of the Directorate’s ongoing plan to promote local people into senior roles



TWO PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR STAFF NURSE ROLES

Two Staff Nurses – Jayne Adams-Duncan and Maureen Ellick – have recently been promoted to Senior Staff Nurses within the St Helena General Hospital. As Senior Staff Nurses, Jayne and Maureen are responsible for co-coordinating the Hospital, teaching staff and mentoring junior nurses, participating in data collection and Hospital audit, being part of the senior nursing team, organising the roster, dealing with complaints and working towards a Sister Nurse position.

Hospital Nursing Officer, Daniella Marlow, commented: *“This is fantastic news. Both of these Nurses are an asset to the team here at the Hospital. We are lucky to have them working with us. It also means all the Senior Staff Nurse posts have now been filled with local Saints as part of our ongoing plan to promote local people into senior roles. I know they both will excel in the roles. Well done.”*

Jayne Adams-Duncan added: *“This new venture will be faced with numerous challenges and ones that, with support from the rest of my colleagues, I hope I will be able to succeed in and prove myself worthy of this promotion.”*

Maureen remarked: *“My general feelings towards my promotion are that of pride, elation and jubilation, it is gratifying to know that my innovation and past experiences in nursing have credited me in advancing to a new and challenging role.”*

Jayne Adams-Duncan

Jayne started her local nurse training on St Helena in 2011 and officially qualified as a Staff Nurse in January 2015. J

Jayne said: *“During my time as a newly qualified Staff Nurse, I developed more confidence within myself and adapted to the various needs within the nursing envi-*

ronment. I also took a liking to the theatre and started to spend more time there under the guidance of the Theatre Sister.”

In December 2016, Jayne received her NVQ level 3 Diploma in Health & Social Care. In January 2019, Jayne passed the BSC Online Nursing Degree with First Class Honours which took a total of two and a half years to complete. In July 2019 Jayne completed her competencies for Scrub Nurse in the theatre and became a Theatre Scrub Specialist.

Maureen Ellick

Maureen’s nursing career began in November 1993 starting as a Health Care Assistant in the General Hospital. After three years, Maureen was given the opportunity to continue in the nursing field working with clients at Sundale House.

Maureen concluded: *“It was an experience which helped deepen my quest to become a nurse. In 2001 I held the position of Student Nurse. I qualified to Senior Nurse in 2003. With diligence and dedication I was promoted to Staff Nurse in 2006 and Senior Staff Nurse in 2009. I resigned from nursing in 2011 and returned in 2018 under the ‘Return to Practice Scheme’ as a Staff Nurse.”*

Congratulations are extended to both Jayne and Maureen.

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The Foreign Office / International Development Merger Scrutinised by Elected Representatives



The UK Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee are scrutinising the recently announced FCO/DFID merger. On Tuesday two retired senior civil servants linked digitally with the Committee to answer questions on various aspects of the merger. Reading through the written record of this committee session it can also be a preview of how a new governance structure for St Helena would benefit from having similar scrutiny. Here are some quotes from Tuesday's committee session.

On how the merger might work

We know that these changes take a number of years to bed in. It is often two-plus years until a new organisation or a new Department is fully up and running.

What does it (*the merger*) actually mean? In practice, it means changing the nameplates on all the relevant Departments; finding a Secretary of State who is going to be responsible for the merged Departments; and finding a permanent secretary. Once you have all those, you set about a genuine project plan to give effect to the merger.

There is clearly a stereotype that DFID people are idealistic and pure, and the Foreign Office has to get dirty. The key thing the Government have to show is that they are bringing the best out of both Departments. It is hackneyed, but they want the FCDO to be greater than the sum of its parts.

Obviously, the Foreign Office is a very different beast. It is about diplomacy and understanding local politics, histories and priorities, and feeding that into central Government in Whitehall so that decisions can be made.

DFID has shown over its period of existence, that it has a grip on programme management. It is very good at assessing and learning from evaluating its interventions. We know that is a priority for this Government. Michael Gove made the point in his speech the other week that learning from policy decisions should be built into all Government spending. DFID is very good at that.

One of the issues is that the Foreign Office is, in my view, rather good at what it does. It is probably one of the most effective foreign ministries in the world. I would be hard pressed to think of others. The French are pretty good. The Israelis are

pretty good. I think we are certainly in the top five. Obviously, DFID is a world leader, so there are a lot of positives. If you can bring them together in the right way, there are opportunities.

There are some things the Foreign Office does that need to be really secret, but there are a whole lot of things where I see no reason why the Department cannot be more transparent. There is a tendency in Whitehall at both official and ministerial level to avoid openness just for an easy life, but, in my view, there is a lot to be said for being open, transparent and getting things out there, not least to increase understanding both in Parliament and in wider society. I hope that on that front the experts in DFID could be a positive influence. If you have a clear division of roles and responsibilities and a message about what the Department does that is uniform . . . it will help to make the process of its creation much smoother.

Politicians tend to think that just announcing something and having a nice glossy report is enough. Actually, it will require huge leadership by the Secretary of State and by his or her permanent secretary.

I start from the position that I am a reorganisation sceptic. Most reorganisations are pretty unsuccessful. In the 1980s to 2010 period, 25 Departments were created, including 13 that no longer exist. Generally, these reorganisations fail

On the fixed 0.7% of GDP budget for DFID

I am speaking as a former Treasury official. If you are a Treasury official, you want as few constraints as possible in terms of input targets (0.7%) or protections because, in a world where tax revenues are hard to come by, you want the Chancellor and the Cabinet to be able to allocate expenditure as they see fit, as opposed to how some bit of legislation passed 10 years ago or more forces you to act.

Money leaks from programmes into administration costs. If you have a massive budget, it is very easy to spend more on pay.

The budget has stuck at 0.7% very effectively. Is that because at the end of the financial year DFID throws the extra into the World Bank?

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I do not think it shows much skill to be able to live within a 0.7% budget. It is perfectly within the powers of their finance director to mess about with the money in such a way that they always hit the target.

I was concerned because the ramp-up in expenditure to hit the target was considerable. Generally, Governments get into trouble with spending when they try to accelerate it too quickly. I spent much of that period waiting for a scandal to break, where the *Daily Mail* would have an exposé about an appallingly badly aid programme, but it never really materialised. It is much to DFID's credit that there have been many reviews, and generally it always got a clean bill of health.

I am a former official. I was not paid to have views on things like that. It occasionally makes me nervous, if I can put it that way. . . . I would have quite liked to be able to take an axe to the aid budget, if only for a temporary period, just to give us more room for manoeuvre. As a technocrat, input targets are really annoying.

Interesting Comments

One of the things that Ministers keep saying, and it was said a few times at our session last week with the Minister, Nigel Adams, is that Covid and the crisis has shown the need for the merger to happen. If I am being honest and set my political view of the merger to one side, that sounds like the kind of thing you pay expensive consultants to tell you, but nobody can actually tell me why.

Can I ask both of you—please be brief—would you agree that the crisis has shown the need for the merger to take place?

Lord Macpherson: No. **Tim Durrant:** I do not think I have anything to add to that.

There are those who argue that DFID has gone slightly native and is the Whitehall branch of Oxfam, and does not really buy into the view that British foreign, defence and aid policy should be in support of British national interests. Be in no doubt: DFID gets more applications for jobs than any other Department. Until the Treasury overtook it, it had the highest morale in staff surveys. It has a lot of very motivated people, drawn from all sorts of countries. It was quite attractive pre-Brexit for an Italian, say, to work for DFID because DFID is at the cutting edge of aid policy and an excit-

ing place to be.

As a former Treasury official, let me be clear that we were even worse paid than you were in the Foreign Office, and even worse paid than DFID.

Is this the time to stop infantilising the British public about what the Foreign Office does and why, and actually recognise that we need to have an adult conversation with the British taxpayer about why the Foreign Office exists and what it does to protect them and keep them safe?

On who will be the senior civil servant after the merger

You may think I am biased and showing the fact that I am one of those discredited former civil servants, but I think the experience you get over a reasonable length of time in Whitehall makes you better equipped to advise a Secretary of State, who almost certainly has not been a Minister for all that long, to be effective. It will probably be an insider, unless Mr Cummings has some friend who might be up for the job. If I was on the interview panel, the question I would want them to present at the beginning is how they would go about making a success of the integration of the two Departments, and what sort of things they would personally be doing to make that work. A lot of it is about leadership, communication and understanding how to deploy resources, what needs to change to make it work and how you bring the many people who work in both organisations along with you, at the same time as being a credible adviser to the Secretary of State.

In one sense, Sir Simon McDonald leaving makes that easier because there is a vacancy; there is a vacancy at DFID and it is an obvious time to do it. . . . Equally, the Cabinet Secretary and head of the civil service historically has always been a critical agent of change in reorganisations. Losing the Cabinet Secretary at the same time looks slightly careless, but I suspect it is deliberate. I have not spoken to either of those officials. I know they have resigned and very pleasant letters have been exchanged, but reading the background briefing, some of which has been quite triumphalist, with references to shitlists and the like, it looks to me as if they have not resigned.



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