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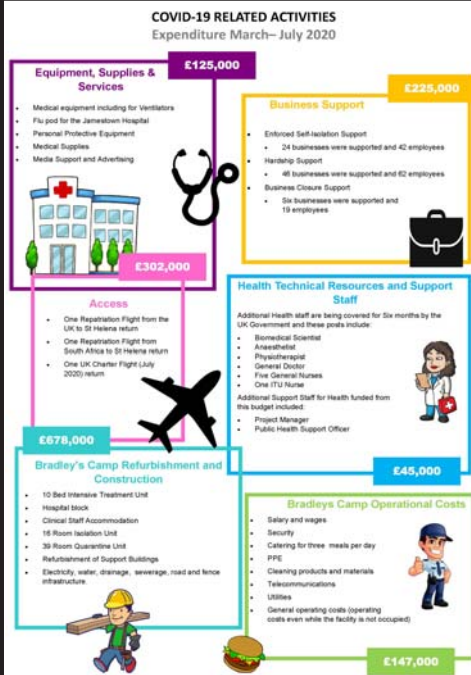
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"Nobody said it was easy, no-one ever said it would be this hard..." - Richard Brown

by Mike Olsson

## **Exco gives go-ahead for Rupert's Valley container handling development**

Two weeks ago Exco deferred a decision on the development application for Rupert's Valley for more information of some important details. This week Exco approved the development application for container handling facilities after receiving some extra information which Exco members thought was adequate and satisfactory.

The extra detail requested was the same as previously asked for by the Land Development Control Authority but was not provided. This time there was no problem providing some extra detail which Exco eventually concluded was adequate for their purpose. First on the list was the leak from a fuel pipeline and knowing the extent of the contamination the leak had caused. The chartered engineer for the development project stated that further investigations into the extent of fuel contamination will be made by the Fire and Rescue Service later this year when more trial pits will be dug as part of the foundation works for the development. However it is predicted the investigations will not find any contamination. It is not reported that the required foundations should be planned for exactly the same locations at the suspected fuel leak contamination was remarked upon as a coincidence and the reliability of the crystal ball used to predict that no contamination would be found is not reported to have been questioned. Any further risk of contamination resulting from the unused pipeline collapsing was also dismissed as negligible.

The current state of historic structures were also assessed; these are Rupert's Lines, the No.1 Building and the Garden Wall, part of which separates the new development from Hay Town House; an historic building which lies just outside the development area. The assessment found that parts of this stone wall had crumbled and assurance was given that the wall would be repaired as part of the development project. No assurance was mentioned that there would be prompt repairs to any future damage caused to the wall by trucks and reach stackers moving around in what is to be the break bulk and cargo yard. The yard is enclosed by the garden wall.

The Number One Building or hospital is surrounded by new development but Exco members were advised the development work does not intend to 'touch' the building. As part of the project work existing trees and shrubs which have grown around the building will be 'cut back' to make the building more visible. If the cutting back follows the usual method used, the vegetation will have grown back in two years or so. No questions were reported to have been raised on the exact method for removing the trees and shrubs,

Next was Rupert's Lines. The issue here is whether the security fence will be fixed to Rupert's Lines. Treating an



***The front of the historic hospital at Rupert's Valley***

historic structure in this way is not recommended in planning guidance on the treatment of historic structures which get crowded out by new development. It was first pointed out that the public toilet and the BBQ shelters are already fixed to Rupert's Lines. The defence line has also fallen down "in some areas". In another gesture of magnanimity the BBQ shelters will be separated from the defence line and the sections requiring repair will receive attention within the limits of the project budget. As for the security fence being fixed to the wall, Exco members were told the fence will not be connected to the wall and "no aspect of the project will physically touch the wall". The fence will abut, not touch Rupert's Lines.

Exco members are reported to have expressed satisfaction that the importance of historic structures had been recognised and that some work was planned to improve the current state of these structures. Regrettably, those present at the meeting were either ignorant of, or chose to ignore the clause in the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance which stipulates "Buildings and their settings" should be taken into account when assessing their architectural, cultural, or historical significance. Whether the security fence touches or abuts Rupert's Lines is not the issue. The security fence detracts from the appearance and historic significance of the Lines and abutting it instead of touching it is irrelevant to the main consideration; a consideration which was ignored.

The Exco Report on the Rupert's Development discussions included, "The importance of recognising, alongside the physical historical features of Rupert's, the **sentimental** side of history in terms of African heritage and the Liberated African remains was noted." The physical historical features of Rupert's have not been adequately recognised and the references to the African heritage are inexcusably inept.

## ***Honest, Diligent, Faithful and Sober*** ***This perfect human being was a slave***

A St Helenian slave named Dick was awarded a medal for good behaviour on three occasions, 1802, 1803 and 1806. He was, the medal tells us, honest, diligent, faithful and so-

ber. 'Good behaviour' are inadequate words to describe this apparently perfect human being for whom a roughly made medal was the only recognition given to him. The same medal

## Honest, Diligent, Faithful and Sober

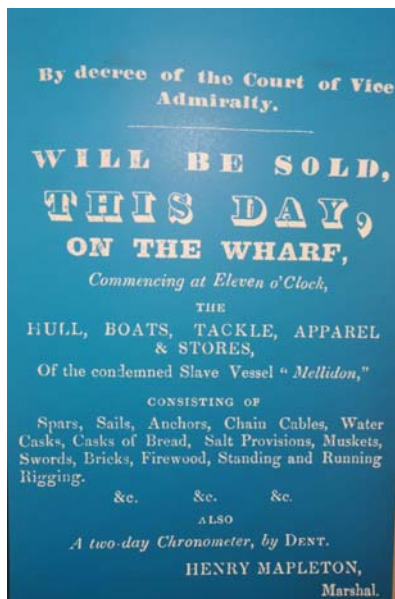
*This perfect human being was a slave*

was used for the three awards.

The medal is one of many exhibits at the Jamestown Museum where the permanent slavery exhibition has recently been extended to mark the International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition on 23<sup>rd</sup> August. The date chosen commemorates the slave revolt in the French colony of Saint Domingue which started on the night of the 22 August 1791 and continued until 1804 when the French colony won its independence and became present day Haiti. The slave revolt in 1791 is seen as the start of a long road to liberation for millions of enslaved Africans. While this massive revolt was taking place, Dick in St Helena twice received a pat on the back for being such an ideal person. Despite his excellent character he received nothing but a recyclable medal. However the importation of slaves to St Helena was made illegal in 1792.



**The medal awarded to Dick the St Helenian slave in 1802, 1803 and again in 1806**



**A reproduction of a notice of sale for the Slave Vessel Mellidon and its contents.**



**Public access to the Rupert's Valley excavation site was allowed on one occasion when the remains of 325 liberated Africans were removed in 2008 to make way for the Haul Road. There has been insufficient political or administrative will to provide a respectful burial site for the disturbed remains.**

## St Helena makes increasing use of the digital virtual world

In June we reported that St Helena Tourism was increasing and expanding its use of digital communication by linking up with online travel training to give thousands of holiday booking agents loads of information about St Helena and how to book holidays here. The travel training platform offered by OTT made it possible for St Helena Tourism to target the UK, France and Germany; keeping St Helena in the front of the minds of tour operators and booking agents at a time when use of digital communication had sky-rocketed during the pandemic lockdown.

Now, with the bicentenary of Napoleon's death fast approaching and no end in sight to travel restrictions due to the coronavirus pandemic, Michel Martineau is adopting the approach - if they cannot come to us, we must go to them. The hopes for a busy tourist period in May next year soon evaporated as Covid-19 spread across the world and everything, just about, was closed down. One of the worst hit business sectors is tourism and travel in general. The programme of events planned for the bicentenary was slimmed down and aspirations changed from international to local involvement.

Michel aims to 'go to them' since 'they cannot come to us' by using digital video communication to transmit the planned bicentennial events to anywhere in the world with the participation of any and all media companies and digital platforms that wish to be involved. The economic benefit to the Island will not be as significant as weekly and special flights unloading tourists at the airport but it will mark the bicentenary in a much better way and keep St Helena as a tourist destination in the minds of millions as they watch bicentenary events unfold on St Helena. When the pandemic has been tamed it is hoped the frustrated and locked down tourists who have been starved of travel will remember St Helena.

Also moving to virtual travel to get to meetings overseas by using digital communication are representatives from St Helena Research Institute and the South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute based in the Falklands. They are now included on the agenda of the Virtual Island Summit organised by a global digital platform call Island Innovation. Island Innovation organised their first Virtual Island Summit

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# Editorial

Two weeks ago the *Independent* carried a report on the current position with the long-standing attempt to put together the next stage of the application for World Heritage Status. The experts in the UK who send the application from St Helena to the United Nations assess the application first. This panel of experts concluded there might be a chance of getting World Heritage Status for the green environment part of the application but the built heritage part of the application was below par and needed further work – probably a polite way of saying ‘forget it’.

Being the optimist I am I thought a re-think on how the application is presented might get the built heritage application over the line. That was two weeks ago. Now I’m not so sure. After reading the justifications put forward in this week’s Exco Report by the project engineer for the Rupert’s development on how the historic structures and their settings are being treated I think it is probably time to give up all hope that St Helena’s treasures will be recognised, maintained and celebrated in the way they should.

Making development control decisions on what appears to be only the advice of an engineer is not just misguided it clearly

indicates there is no-one in government who has the slightest clue what good quality town and country planning is all about. Good planning is more than development control; it includes a range of disciplines and professions. Calling in an engineer to tell Exco members the security fence protecting the container handling area will not touch Rupert’s Lines, it will be one inch away from it – so that makes everything alright, exposes the woeful state of planning in St Helena. There are many real built heritage gems in St Helena which require the respect they deserve if they are to be preserved for future generations. The careless, unthinking attitude which is continually given to these precious assets will be seen by our children’s children as unforgivable and stupid. Putting a cargo handling yard next to anyone’s house would not be allowed to happen anywhere else in the civilised world. In St Helena it is carefully placed next to an historic house which is a listed building. This decision and others like it do not show St Helena in a good light. To many we become a laughing stock.

***The wind and rain comes back again  
Best of luck this weekend  
Vince***

## St Helena makes increasing use of the digital virtual world

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last year. It was organised in partnership with the Organisation of Eastern Caribbean States. Caribbean Islands were well represented at the Virtual Summit. It was a global event as well with many speakers lined up to introduce topics focused on particular problems faced by different islands and how these problems are solved; hence ‘Island Innovation’. Dawn Repetto of Tristan da Cunha Tourism was one of the speakers at the first conference. The main concern identified by James Ellsmoor, the founder of Island Innovation, was some technical problems and teething troubles during this first attempt at reaching around the world with a week-long virtual conference. The second Virtual Island Summit scheduled for next month uses updated, more sophisticated and flexible digital communication techniques which are designed to make the innumerable global connections more secure and easier to use.



PRESS BRIEFING: Your invitation to attend

Register Interest

September 8th: 10am (New York) - 3pm (London) - 10pm (Singapore)

By-invitation Press Conference. We welcome journalists to participate in this special media event before the Grand Opening session of the Virtual Island Summit 2020: [www.virtualislandsummit.com](http://www.virtualislandsummit.com)

This year the Virtual Island Summit expects the participation of 10,000 island stakeholders from across the world with speakers including the Prime Minister of Fiji, Prime Minister of St Vincent & the Grenadines, President of Guyana, Scotland’s Minister for Islands, Malta’s Foreign Minister and representatives of over 100 other islands. Issues discussed will include economic recovery, tourism, climate change, education, democracy, transport, sustainability and more - all as it relates to island needs.

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> Virtual Island Summit there are more participants, more speakers and more islands getting involved. Only yesterday Island Innovation announced, “Since our last email, we’ve added **25 new speakers** from Saint Helena, Falkland Islands, Saint Lucia, Bermuda, Rapanui, and more!

There are also more presidents and ministers offering to participate which tends to indicate the Virtual Island Summit is gaining a reputation for itself which leads to success breeding success.

## THE ST HELENA INDEPENDENT

Due to increasing costs St Helena Independent has been forced to increase its advertising rates from 1st September 2020. This is the first increase in rates since 2009 and since then our costs have almost doubled

From 1st September the following rates for black and white adverts apply:

- 1/1 Page - £50
- 1/2 Page - £25
- 1/4 Page - £12.50
- 1/8 Page - £7

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# UPDATE ON CHARTER FLIGHT DETAILS

SEPTEMBER 2020

Further to the press release issued on 7 August, St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to announce the confirmed aircraft and route for the September charter flight.

The aircraft selected is the Titan Airways Boeing 757-200, the same aircraft which operated the charter flight in July.

The flight will depart from London Stansted and fly direct to St Helena with a technical stop in Accra. The aircraft will then overnight on St Helena before operating a shuttle service to/from Ascension Island. On completion of the shuttle service and a second overnight stop on St Helena the aircraft will fly directly back to Stansted including a further technical stop at Accra.

The provisional flight schedule is as follows:

Date	Flight No	Departure Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
14/09/20	ZT7241	0015 UTC 0115 Local	London Stansted EGSS / STN	Accra DGAA / ACC	0715 UTC 0715 Local
14/09/20	ZT7241	0800 UTC 0800 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	St Helena FHSH / HLE	1210 UTC 1210 Local
15/09/20	ZT7242	0750 UTC 0750 Local	St Helena FHSH / HLE	Ascension Island FHAW / ASI	1000 UTC 1000 Local
15/09/20	ZT7242	1125 UTC 1125 Local	Ascension Island FHAW / ASI	St Helena FHSH / HLE	1335 UTC 1335 Local
16/09/20	ZT7243	0800 UTC 0800 Local	St Helena FHSH / HLE	Accra DGAA / ACC	1200 UTC 1200 Local
16/09/20	ZT7243	1245 UTC 1245 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	London Stansted EGSS / STN	1955 UTC 2055 Local

Seat assignment on a priority basis will take place during the week com-

mencing 24 August. The Tourist Office will inform passengers directly if they have been prioritised and offered a seat. Information packs will be distributed to passengers shortly after they receive confirmation they will travel.

Due to the aircraft and route selected some extra capacity to travel on the St Helena to UK sector is available. Additional travel requests for this sector only will be accepted up until 4pm on Monday, 31 August. No further travel requests will be accepted for travel to St Helena from the UK.

Travel requests for the flights in October, November and January can be submitted now.

Travel requests should be made to the St Helena Tourist Office via: christina.plato@tourism.co.sh or by calling + (290) 22158. For those based on Ascension Island or wishing to travel to or from Ascension Island, please contact the Shipping and Travel Office via flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac or by calling + (247) 66244.

**SHG**  
21 August 2020



## Fishermen Present Their Petition

Waylon Thomas, Chairman of the Commercial Fisherman's Association sets out his case before the presentation of the petition to the Governor

In a carefully choreographed petition presentation procedure, some local fishermen presented a petition to Governor Rushbrook on Monday in the Council Chamber. At 9am the petitioners were outside the Castle willing to speak to media and have photos taken. At 9:15 no more than three of the petition organisers were escorted to the Council Chamber for a private handover of the petition to the Governor. Councillors could attend if they wished. Only an SHG official could take photographs inside the Council Chamber and the petition could include a written statement and a few words of explanation.



The Governor accepted the petition and departed together with any officials who attended. At 9:20 the petitioners could have a 5 minute discussion with any councillors still in the Council Chamber but were asked to leave and be outside the Castle by 9:30.

After receiving the petition it was promised there will be consideration of it by relevant individuals. And that was that.

## ***A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU***

The family here and overseas of the late **JAMES FREDERICK PIEK** would like to send special sincere thanks to Mr Kevin Ryder of Barracks Square. You provided so much care and support to James from the beginning of his journey in Stansted London and then right through to Bradleys Camp Quarantine. You shared many special moments with James and made his journey back to St Helena a very smooth and pleasant one. You started out as strangers but became good friends along the way. Even during lockdown at the camp there was never a dull moment, you kept his spirits up. We know he was happy to have you around. On the morning of James illness and subsequent death you stepped in and went the extra mile (performing CPR) to try and save him. Your kindness will never be forgotten and as a family we will be forever grateful. We pray that God will touch your life and bless you in a very special way.

The family would also like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to everyone else that travelled with James and was with him at Bradley's camp in quarantine. We have heard all the stories about the fun times you all had and shared together. As a family it is very comforting to know that during his last days/hours he had good friends around to help him. These thanks are also extended to the entire Staff at Bradleys Camp.

***Thank you and may God bless you all.***



## ***THANK YOU EVERYONE***

The Family here and overseas of the late **JAMES FREDERICK PIEK** would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their love and support during their bereavement. They would like to especially say thank you to the following people for all their help and support before and on the day of the funeral. They are: Father Alan, Deacon Bobby, Church Warden Michael Moyce and Mrs Pat Musk. To Davina and Colin for the beautiful wreaths, Coral Yon for reading of the scripture and the eulogy, Peggy Osterman and Kevin Ryder for all their help on the morning that James took sick. To all the Doctors and Nurses at the hospital, Cecily for the beautiful framed photo of James and his beloved horse Roy. To everyone who gave flowers, sent cards, emails, phonecalls and attended the funeral thank you all so much. Words seem so inadequate at times like this but from the bottom of our hearts we want to say a BIG thank you and let you all know that your support was truly greatly appreciated. May God bless you all.

James has gone from our lives but we will hold him forever in our hearts.

***May he rest in peace and rise in glory.***

# The International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition

*This 23 August, we honour the memory of the men and women who, in Saint-Domingue in 1791, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization. We honour their memory and that of all the other victims of slavery, for whom they stand. (...) To draw lessons from this history, we must lay this system bare, deconstruct the rhetorical and pseudoscientific mechanisms used to justify it; we must refuse to accept any concession or apologia which itself constitutes a compromising of principles. Such lucidity is the fundamental requirement for the reconciliation of memory and the fight against all present-day forms of enslavement, which continue to affect millions of people, particularly women and children."*

— **Audrey Azoulay, Director General, Message on the occasion of the International Day for Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition**

The transatlantic slave trade was the largest forced migration in history, and undeniably one of the most inhumane. The extensive exodus of Africans spread to many areas of the world over a 400-year period and was unprecedented in the annals of recorded human history.

As a direct result of the transatlantic slave trade, the greatest movement of Africans was to the Americas — with 96 per cent of the captives from the African coasts arriving on cramped slave ships at ports in South America and the Caribbean Islands.

From 1501 to 1830, four Africans crossed the Atlantic for every one European, making the demographics of the Americas in that era more of an extension of the African diaspora than a

European one. The legacy of this migration is still evident today, with large populations of people of African descent living throughout the Americas.

## **2020 Theme: "Confronting Slavery's Legacy of Racism Together"**

One devastating legacy of the transatlantic slave trade was racism. Historically, it was used to justify the enslavement of Africans. And today, it has led to people of African descent being relegated to the poorest and most marginalized sectors of society. The 2020 theme underscores the reality that lasting effects of the transatlantic slave trade, including racism, continue to divide societies across the globe and hamper our advancement towards a world that respects human rights and enables sustainable development for all. Only through confronting these legacies can we truly promote inclusion and move forward together.

When Slavery was abolished in the UK 1807, the colonies had not, St Helena included. The 400 years of enslavement of African people left behind an island fundamentally altered by centuries of systematic discrimination against the enslaved and their descendants. The effects of slavery on the island echoed through the earlier half of the nineteenth century.

Through the Black Lives Matter Campaigns, we acknowledge that globally the descendants of enslaved people continue to face violent intimidation when they have transgressed social boundaries or asserted their civil rights, and the criminal justice system continues to target people of colour. Globally, these legacies have yet to be confronted.

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



## **Equality & Human Rights Commission Press Release**

### **State of Democracy: Public Survey**

The EHRC would like to invite the public to express their views and opinions on the state of democracy in Saint Helena. The survey has been compiled to identify democratic deficits and increase our understanding of the democratic needs and opportunities that exist on Saint Helena. This public opinion survey is now available upon request from the Equality and Human Rights Commission Office:

Email: [annina@humanrightssthelena.org](mailto:annina@humanrightssthelena.org)

OR

collect a copy directly from our offices located in the PWD Yard, Lower Jamestown

The commission would like to take this opportunity to thank the public for their continued support and cooperation in fortifying Saint Helena's human rights.



# **DRAFT POLICY FOR COMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS AND SERVICES FINAL CALL FOR COMMENTS**

A draft Communications Networks and Services Policy has been out for public consultation since Monday, 13 July, and will be closing on Monday, 7 September 2020. The draft Policy and consultation questions are available online at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/)

The Communications, Networks and Services Policy has been developed to update the current Telecommunications Ordinance and set the framework to regulate the development of communication services on the Island and provide sustainable and reliable long-term benefit to the end-user. With just under two weeks left for comments it is essential that anyone with an interest in the future of communications on St Helena take the opportunity to look at the Policy and provide comment.

The major changes to the Ordinance that the Policy recommends include:

- Introducing a **Universal Service Obligation** to ensure that people and businesses on St Helena have access to services wherever they live on the Island and at an affordable cost
- Introducing **Consumer Safeguards and Quality of Service standards** within licence agreements
- Introducing **Price Controls** to represent good value for consumers
- Introducing a **Cable Landing Licence** for future subsea cable landings
- Introducing a **Communications Regulator** to supervise and enforce compliance with conditions placed on licensees.

Thank you to all those who have provided feedback through the consultation meeting at the Museum, through emails and other correspondence. During the consultation period one of the concerns raised relates to the role of the Governor in the interception and surveillance of electronic communications data. The proposals in the Policy are seeking to update the legislation in such a way as to ensure the people of St Helena can be confident that their electronic communications data is safe, whilst ensuring data can be obtained when it is only absolutely necessary to do so. St Helena Government recognises the concerns that have been raised and will look again at who should be designated with the authority to approve requests for surveillance and interception and for what reasons.

Once the consultation period has ended all comments will be considered and amendments made to the Policy. This will then be submitted to the Economic Development Committee for final approval. The public will have a further opportunity to comment during the development of a new Communications Ordinance.

If you would like to respond to this consultation, please respond through our online survey at: [https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Draft\\_Communication\\_Policy\\_Consultation](https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Draft_Communication_Policy_Consultation) or by email to Nicole Shamier, via: [nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nicole.shamier@sainthelena.gov.sh) or by phone on (+290 22470).

## **Background**

In December 2019 SHG signed a contract with Google to secure a Branch in Phase 1 of the Equiano Cable. The broadband service provided from the Branch will be a transformational improvement for St Helena.

Naturally, the Telecommunications Ordinance needs to be refreshed to get the most out of St Helena's transformational digital modernisation. In doing that, a Draft Policy for Communications Networks and Services has been developed to set the framework by which to update the Telecommunications Ordinance.

The Telecommunications Ordinance already contains powers for the Governor to request details of the traffic passing over the telecommunications on St Helena. These powers are delegated to the police for investigatory purposes. The police need to be able to retain the ability to investigate suspected criminal activity. Access to electronic communications data is an essential component of the powers needed by the police.

In light of comments received during this consultation SHG is considering the appointment of a Surveillance Commissioner who will be responsible for approving surveillance and interception requests, removing the responsibility from the Governor.

**SHG**

**27 August 2020**



# Your Opinion Counts

*Dear Editor,*

I read with interest your comments regarding a suitable venue for a Container Base and Customs clearance. Indeed, DFID did saddle us with Rupert's as a base for this. Due to their ignorance in island terrain and their imposed direction to SHG, this has produced a huge logistic headache which needs to be overcome.

However, my main purpose in writing is to express a view on the way forward

for governance of the island. The Sarkin report was very thorough and was further summarised by the findings of the publication of the Governance Commission Report. Your subsequent editorial commentary on these reports explaining both Committee and Ministerial points of view are commendable. Personally, I prefer the Ministerial model as a way forward for the island. It would be far less cumbersome than a Committee system and also more efficient and productive. For sure, mistakes will be made initially but these are worth persevering with for the greater good.

I am also anxious that the move forward should not be hampered by delving too much into the past, or considering how things were done. Such thoughts and sentiments are in the past and we need to 'bite the bullet' and go forward, or, as they say in the U.K. 'grasp the stinging

nettle' and go forward. If not, we will be in the same situation as we are with reviewing and streamlining the medical testing for drivers over 70 which is now pondering in its seventh year of consideration by the relevant departments and Coouncillors..

At a meeting with Prof. Sarkin he did indicate that it should be very possible to implement a new system by our next General election. Let us hope this will be the case. Our requirements for future government should be for things to happen promptly otherwise we fall into 'Parkinson's Law' where work, or thought's, expand to fill the time available and we end up marking time and going backwards.

*Yours sincerely,  
Jack Horner*



## **PRESS RELEASE: CHANGE TO TV CHANNELS 1 SEPTEMBER 2020**

### **Change to TV channel content and rebranding**

Sure SA Ltd wishes to advise our Television Rebroadcast Service customers that we have been notified of impending changes to the content of our current television rebroadcast service.

Changes will include a rebranding of the Super Sport channels and the Movies channels effective 1 September. Content will be moved across various channels and channels will be renamed. Specific details of these changes are still to be confirmed by our service provider.

BBC First and MNet Smile are being discontinued by our content provider effective 1 September and we are currently in the process of securing replacement content.

We thank you for your patience during this period of transition and will inform you of further information relating to these changes as soon as they have been confirmed by our service provider.

## **A Press Release only for the Obsessively Curious**

This week a press release popped up on the computer screen telling all those who are interested that a drop-in session is taking place this morning at the Jamestown Market on the proposed Judicial Relocation Project – Phase 2. Everyone, the press release announced, is encouraged to attend and provide comments. Based on the information provided, the encouragement to attend was conspicuously absent.

This particular press release should be held up as an example of how NOT to write a press release and used during every course on how to communicate as an example of a complete communication failure. Based on the exciting information given about this once in a lifetime opportunity it is certain that if you go the Sandwich Bar this lunchtime you will be pushing through a dense crowd of 'Members of the Public' who are fighting their way to the front to offer their comments on Phase 2 of this project.

Maybe this press release was a test. Did the SHG information office purposely send out a press release which was designed to be incomprehensible and uninformative just to see if there are any media people who are awake and have the investigative instincts required to find out more. Who knows? Obsessive curiosity is thick in the air at the *Independent* so an email was immediately pinged off the Head of News asking what exactly is phase 2 of this particular relocation. Kerisha, of course, promptly came back with the fulsome answer which should have been in the press release when it was first issued.

Phase 2 of the Judicial Relocation Project, as proposed, is centred around the Court House. Suitably confidential consultations rooms will be provided for Lay Advocates and their Clients. There will also be a dedicated vulnerable witness room, a holding cell, or maybe two, together with direct and secure access between the Court Room and the Jury Room

## **What's on at Legislative Council Today**

The formal business at Legislative Council today consists of a performance audit of primary and secondary education and reports from the Public Accounts Committee for their last three meetings. Next come the questions from councillors which are answered by committee chairmen or government officials.

Christine Scipio wants to know what action is being taken to regulate taxi fares while Corinda Essex asks why copies of all published SHG official reports and documents are not kept in the public library. Councillor Essex continues by asking what new funding has been identified by the External Funding Co-ordinator and what is the estimated value of the new funds?

Christine Scipio has tabled a further question, asking if the current public transport system meets the objectives set out for it and is adequate for current demand. Dr Essex has a third question listed which asks how many technical co-operation posts have been localised in the past three years and

how many more are planned to be localised by 2023.

Only Christine Scipio and Corinda Essex have submitted questions for answer during this meeting of Legislative Council. Why other councillors do not do the same to get information into the public domain remains a question to be answered. The final item on the Order Paper for today's Legislative Council is a motion from the Chief Secretary who is formally proposing there should be public consultation on the two systems of governance for St Helena developed through the work of Professor Sarkin and the Governance Commission. This is a formality; your Elected Members are unlikely to deny you the opportunity to have your say on such an important matter.



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## **TIP OF THE WEEK**

Never boil water in an uncovered pan.

Water will boil faster and use less energy in a kettle or covered pan.

# Governance Commission Report



and other informal (closed door) meetings which all councillors attend. A change of this type is thought by the Governance Commission to offer the opportunity to increase the political responsibility of the chairperson by a moderate amount.

## **Political Accountability**

Giving more political accountability to Committee Chairpersons is thought to be possible to a small extent but it would not be easy. The number of committees could be reduced to five and aligned directly with the five directorates proposed for the new government administrative structure. A clear alignment of committees with directorates would help to achieve clear lines of communication and decision making between the chairperson of a committee and the director responsible for carrying out the decisions made by that committee. However there would still be a separation of responsibilities between the committee which makes the decisions and the director who has the responsibility to carry out the decisions. The chairperson, as the elected representative with most of the political responsibility could not be held fully responsible for any delays, mismanagement, or inadequate corrective action, when responsibility for the implementation of the committee decision lies with the director concerned. Even when there are found to be flaws in the original decision made by the committee, the chairperson cannot be held fully responsible because it was a collective decision made by the committee.

Any committee system shares responsibility for decisions made; committees are not designed for giving sole responsibility to an individual either for the committee decision or the adequacy of the government administration to carry out the decision. For these reasons the Governance Commission considered any improvement resulting from these changes would also be moderate.

## **Timeliness of Decision-making**

Improving the decision-making process by reducing delays, deferrals and duplicated debate may be possible if the number of elected members on each of the five committees is reduced. Councillors who are not members of any particular committee will continue to have the opportunity to make their views known through the continuing range of informal councillor's meetings. The usual public consultation processes will remain an important part of the overall process. It is entirely possible that contentious issues will continue to demand extended periods of discussion even when all known options and the opinions for and against have been fully debated and consulted upon in public at least once. The Governance Commission thought an improved committee system would only result in a minor improvement in the disciplined, focused and methodically analytical decision-making which is widely accepted as required.

Next week the *Independent* will report the Governance Commission's view on how a ministerial system of government is expected to work using the three criteria – responsibility, accountability and timeliness.

*Last week the Independent gave some details on the Governance Commission Report which had just been published. We gave an outline on why it is thought an improved system of government is urgently required and the shortcomings with the committee system which is used at the moment. We also touched upon what system of government might replace it. This would be either an improved committee system or a ministerial system of government. This week we go into more detail on what the Governance Commission says about how the committee system could be improved and what difference the improvements might make.*

Just to recap, the Commission looked for ways to improve (among several other things) political responsibility, political accountability and decision-making. 'Political' means the elected representatives; 'responsibility' means having a particular elected representative who is responsible for decisions made for a particular area of government business. 'Accountability' means having a particular elected representative responsible for the actions taken as a result of these decisions and delivering the expected results. The Commission also concluded that decisions should be made more promptly and it is the elected representatives who should be responsible for making prompt and effective decisions.

**The trick is, to have a system of government which can always hold the appointed elected member responsible and accountable. The system should also make it possible to make prompt and effective decisions**

## **Improving the committee system**

Committees usually make decisions through all members of the committee being in general agreement. There may be one or two members of a committee who disagree with all the other members. When this happens the majority of committee members may try to find a way to accommodate the concerns of the minority of committee members who disagree. The tradition is for committees to make decisions by general consent. It is not often a decision is put to a vote, leaving the minority of committee members losing their argument when the decision goes against them. Not putting a proposal to the vote usually means decisions are deferred while ways to include the opinions of all members of the committee are investigated so a decision can be made by general consent.

## **Political Responsibility**

At the moment there are seven committees, each with five members including the chairperson and the vice chair. The Commission suggest in their report that the committees could be reduced from 5 members to 3, or even 2. It is possible that the Chairperson of the committees would then assume a more obvious responsibility for decisions. The important items of committee business will be discussed again at Legco, Exco

# THE CONSTITUENT

## FRAGILE DEMOCRACY DEFENDED

### Dear Electorate,

The recent police investigation of your elected representatives concluded with no criminal or civil action against any elected member. Within our evolving democratic system of local governance, the correct balance between openness and transparency and maintaining respect and responsibility for confidential and sensitive documents and information, according to good conscience and integrity, was upheld by elected representatives.

However, H.E. Governor Rushbrook remained concerned for the possible irresponsible public disclosure of SHG confidential and sensitive documents and information by elected members.

Accordingly, elected members had extensive discussions on the Governor's concerns and his stated considerations and actions. Governor Rushbrook had implemented various forms of restricted and conditional access to ExCo closed agendas, closed agenda documents and the minutes of ExCo closed sessions to non-ExCo elected representatives; and he also warned of revoking Gazette 64/2017. In so doing, the Governor would be seriously undermining local democracy by drastically reducing the current measure of democratic process and procedures that all twelve elected representatives exercise on behalf of constituents.

Local democracy, already weak, had now become seriously fragile and therefore had to be defended. Elected members did not choose five of our colleagues to serve on ExCo with the expressed consent to work in isolation and secrecy with the Governor and SHG officials and officers without proper channels for democratic scrutiny and accountability.

The current wording of the Oath of Confidentiality in the Constitution is excessively undemocratic. The Gazette 64/2017 provides a legal compromise. It therefore enhances democracy and, with conditions of respect for the Oath of Confidentiality, allows for some democratic openness and transparency to inform constituents.

After all twelve elected representatives discussed the matter at length, the Speaker and ExCo Elected members were asked to advise the Governor against reversing the 2017 enhancement of St Helena's democracy.

Consequently, Governor Rushbrook has agreed not to implement the restrictive measures that will have a direct negative impact on local democracy, but informed elected members that he must reserve the option to amend the access arrangements if a future instance occurred where safeguarding of confidential information was compromised.

Bearing in mind the importance of openness and transparency in a democratic society, Governor Rushbrook was given reassurance that confidential and sensitive documents and information will be treated with due respect by all elected representatives when communicating with constituents.

**C Leo (LegCo)**



## Popular Names for Babies

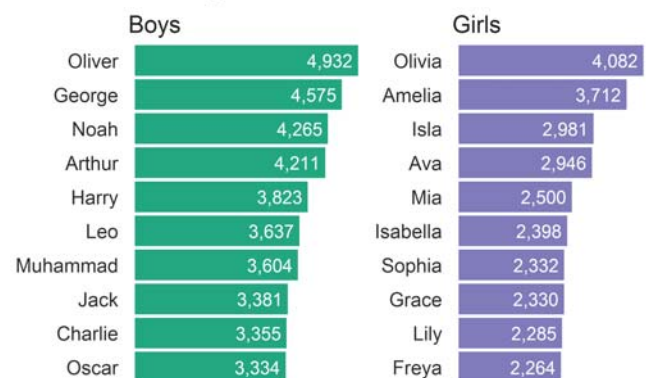
An annual fixture in western media is the most popular names given to babies. The UK Office of National Statistics has just finished counting up and published the list below. It is not often the male and female equivalent of the same name tops both lists. Oliver, they say, has been climbing the popular boy's name chart for the past ten years. It not only in England and Wales that proud parents have taken a fancy to Oliver or Olivia, Oliver is also enjoying huge popularity throughout Scandinavia at the moment. If you want a variation on a theme you might like the French Olivier, the Spanish Olivero and the Italian Oliviero.

Noah, now at number 3, was the most popular boys name when it topped the UK charts in 2013 and kept that No.1 position for three years. Before that, Jacob had a 13 year reign as the most popular boy's name. Now, Jacob is not even in the top ten which shows that when popular names are given to new borns it does not take too much to guess their age.

One hundred years ago the most popular UK boys name was John and Mary for girls. After John there was William, James,

### Top baby names in England and Wales

Number of babies given each name in 2019



Source: Office for National Statistics



Robert and Charles. Helen, Dorothy, Margaret and Ruth followed Mary in popularity in 1919. Now Charlie comes in at number 9 instead of Charles at number 5 while Jack is at number 8 instead of John at number 1. In 2019 all but two of the ten most popular girl's names ended with an 'A'. How long will that fashion last?



## **Business Support**

In March 2020, following the additional measures implemented by SHG to prevent COVID-19 from reaching the Island, Government approved support mechanisms for three months to reduce the burden on local businesses. A second phase of hardship support was introduced between July and September 2020 to keep people in the Hospitality sector on the Island in employment. **£225,000** has been spent on Enforced Self-Isolation Support, Hardship Support and Business Closure Support packages.

## **Health Resources and Support Staff**

The UK Government has provided funding, through the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund for additional medical staff to support St Helena's COVID-19 preparedness. These posts are a Biomedical Scientist, Anaesthetist, Physiotherapist, General Doctor, five General Nurses and an Intensive Treatment Unit Nurse.

SHG has spent **£45,000** on recruitment costs for these additional staff as well as additional Health support staff - Project Manager and Public Health Support Officer.

## **Equipment, Supplies & Services**

**£125,000** has been spent to date on additional medical equipment including four ventilators, a Flu Pod for the General Hospital, Personal Protective Equipment and Medical Supplies.

Separate funds have also been spent on bolstering the stock of pharmaceuticals on-Island in order to treat patients if the virus reaches the Island.

The UK Government has also provided medical supplies including a ventilator and ancillaries, COVID-19 testing equipment and a Blood Gas machine to the value of £119,000.

SHG appreciates the continued support of the UK Government in helping us mitigate the impact of this Pandemic on St Helena.

***#StHelena #Coronavirus #COVID-19 #AltogetherHealthier***

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# COVID-19 RELATED ACTIVITIES

## Expenditure March– July 2020

### Equipment, Supplies & Services

£125,000

- Medical equipment including for Ventilators
- Flu pod for the Jamestown Hospital
- Personal Protective Equipment
- Medical Supplies
- Media Support and Advertising



£302,000

### Business Support

£225,000

- Enforced Self-Isolation Support
  - 24 businesses were supported and 42 employees
- Hardship Support
  - 46 businesses were supported and 62 employees
- Business Closure Support
  - Six businesses were supported and 19 employees



### Access

- One Repatriation Flight from the UK to St Helena return
- One Repatriation Flight from South Africa to St Helena return
- One UK Charter Flight (July 2020) return



£678,000

### Health Technical Resources and Support Staff

Additional Health staff are being covered for Six months by the UK Government and these posts include:

- Biomedical Scientist
- Anaesthetist
- Physiotherapist
- General Doctor
- Five General Nurses
- One ITU Nurse

Additional Support Staff for Health funded from this budget included:

- Project Manager
- Public Health Support Officer



### Bradley's Camp Refurbishment and Construction

- 10 Bed Intensive Treatment Unit
- Hospital block
- Clinical Staff Accommodation
- 16 Room Isolation Unit
- 39 Room Quarantine Unit
- Refurbishment of Support Buildings
- Electricity, water, drainage, sewerage, road and fence infrastructure.



£45,000

### Bradleys Camp Operational Costs

- Salary and wages
- Security
- Catering for three meals per day
- PPE
- Cleaning products and materials
- Telecommunications
- Utilities
- General operating costs (operating costs even while the facility is not occupied)



£147,000



St Helena Government

• St Helena and Falkland Islands to join over 100 islands in the Virtual Island Summit 2020

• The Summit is a free online event aimed at connecting islands across the globe to share common experiences

• St Helena and Falkland Islands to host panel discussion 'Innovation and Sustainable Development in the South Atlantic'

### VIRTUAL ISLAND SUMMIT 2020

St Helena and the Falkland Islands will be joining over 100 islands in the Virtual Island Summit. The Summit (<https://www.islandinnovation.co/summit/>) is a free online event aimed at connecting islands across the globe to share common experiences through a digital platform. The Summit is run by Island Innovation, an advisory and media organisation which brings together the private sector, governments, NGOs and academia to advance innovation for sustainability in island communities worldwide.

The Summit runs from Monday, 7, through to Sunday, 13 September 2020. It seeks to cover all 17 of the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (<https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/>) in addition to other topics pertinent to island communities. There's a really interesting and thought provoking agenda. Key areas of interest are island sustainability, prosperous communities and climate change. Full details can be found at: <https://www.islandinnovation.co/summit/agenda/>.

We're delighted to confirm that there is a joint St Helena and Falkland Islands hosted panel discussion on the Summit agenda. The Falklands-based South Atlantic Environmental Research Institute (SAERI) and the St Helena Research Institute (SHRI) have been working together with the Falkland Islands' Government and supported by Enterprise St Helena and SURE SA Ltd to host the panel discussion. The discussion titled 'Innovation and Sustainable Development in the South Atlantic' will take place online on Friday, 11 September, at 12 noon GMT. The islands of the South Atlantic very rarely feature in global fora. They span vast distances and have very small population sizes, yet their isolation arguably drives innovation and there are many examples of island-led innovation in the region. The session will focus on Innovation and Sustainable Development in our two islands: St Helena and the Falkland Islands. The panel is comprised of island-based politicians and experts, who will showcase some exciting case studies that demonstrate how, with populations of 4,000 (St Helena) and 3,000 (Falklands): knowledge economies are being developed that include the global export of technical skills; renewable energy goals are being set that have the potential to be world-leading, and new fibre optic cable projects are driving change and broadening the scope for sustainable development. Further details will be available shortly.

You can participate in this panel discussion and the summit as a whole by:

1. Registering via: <https://www.islandinnovation.co/summit/attend/>

You might be able to register through your workplace or at home online. Registration is free, but spaces

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are limited. The timing of events is designed to reach as wide an international audience as possible. If there's a session you'd like to listen to, but can't engage at the published time, you can receive a replay link after the event. If attending live you can ask questions and interact with other guests.

## 2. Attending the St Helena Community College which is registered

Bookings can be made through Carley Peters via: [carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh) or telephone 22607.

Whether you have a professional or personal interest in the topics being discussed and want to participate in the Summit but can't otherwise access it, the St Helena Community College will be able to offer a space for people to participate during normal working hours. Please get in touch to book specified sessions. Group bookings can be taken. You will have the opportunity to ask questions and interact with other guests.

## 3. Participating in a post-Summit session

SHRI and SAERI will be hosting a post-Summit forum for discussion to reflect on the innovations, knowledge sharing and outcomes of the Summit and opportunities for capitalising on the benefits. Further details will be available shortly.

If you would like further information about the Virtual Summit please contact Summit Ambassadors: Falkland Islands, Tara Pelembe, Deputy Director Innovation, SAERI: [TPelembe@saeri.ac.fk](mailto:TPelembe@saeri.ac.fk); St Helena, Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Coordinator, SHRI: [rebecca.cairns-wicks@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rebecca.cairns-wicks@sainthelena.gov.sh) or Kirsty Joshua: [kirstyajoshua@gmail.com](mailto:kirstyajoshua@gmail.com).

## Notes to Editors

We'd welcome your support in promoting the Summit and encouraging participation through your membership and networks.

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## APPLICATIONS FOR CHEVENING SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS 2021-2022 OPEN FROM 3 SEPTEMBER

Applications for the 2021-2022 Chevening Scholarship Awards will open this year from **3 September to 3 November**.

Fully funded by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, Chevening Scholarships are aimed at those with leadership potential needed to create a better future within their respective countries. The programme is open to over 160 eligible countries around the world which includes St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. The programme allows candidates to study for a Master's degree in the UK for a period of one year, with the next round of studies commencing in September/October 2021.

### *Is there certain criteria that must be met before I can apply?*

- Yes, you must be a citizen of St Helena, Ascension or Tristan da Cunha
- You must have completed all components of an undergraduate degree to gain entry at postgraduate level
- You must have at least two years' work experience
- You must **not** have studied in the UK previously with funding from a UK government-funded scholarship
- You must return to your country after your study in the UK for a minimum period of two years.

Further information on Chevening can be found by visiting [www.chevening.org](http://www.chevening.org) which includes how to find eligible courses, the online application system and the application timetable.

You may also contact Chevening Officer, Kerry Lane, at the Governor's Office on +290 22308 or email [Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk](mailto:Kerry.Lane@fco.gov.uk) who will be able to assist with your queries.

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



## ***Expression of Interest – Casual Workers - Bradley's Camp***

With the confirmation of a further four flights between the United Kingdom and St Helena, between September 2020 and January 2021, expressions of interest are invited for Staff to work at Bradley's Camp on a casual worker basis for the next four quarantine cycles.

Roles available include:

- Shift Supervisors £5.42 per hour
- Hospitality/Operations/Security Staff £4.51 per hour



Training and trial shifts will commence from 3<sup>rd</sup> September to ensure successful applicants fully understand the roles, and can perform all the duties associated with each position, in time for the first of the four flights, which is expected in the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September.

Please note that all roles require a level of fitness that means you can carry loads of up to and sometimes exceeding 10kg over distances of up to 300m.

Supervisors should be proficient in Microsoft Office and ideally should have supervisory or team-leading experience.

Work at the Camp is on a shift basis and interested persons should be prepared for early starts and late finishes, and be available to work irregular hours in line with any reasonable demands of the role.

Interested persons are asked to register their name and contact details with Emma Piek, Corporate Human Resources on telephone no. 22470 or alternatively via email at [emma.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:emma.piek@sainthelena.gov.sh) or [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by 4pm, Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September.

Unless your intentions or interests have changed, those who have already registered their information with St Helena Government do not need to contact Corporate Human Resources.

Full details of the different roles and requirements for staff are available by emailing: [matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh) or by calling Bradley's Camp on 25911.



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SHAPE is inviting Expressions of Interest from suitably experienced persons to carry out the works listed below:

SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) was established in 2008. We are a social enterprise providing training and work opportunities, in a supportive environment, for vulnerable adults who need help to develop skills to enable them to become employed. We believe that we are the face of business enterprise, employment and engagement of people with disabilities in St Helena and we are proving to be a pioneer of 'green' business initiatives. We are a developing organisation in all aspects, not just in our business ventures but in our advocacy for people with disabilities.

To provide such services our facilities will need upgrading for safety and regulation purposes. This project forms part of SHAPE's vision and planning for the future. We are always striving to improve the services offered.

As the only social enterprise and the only organisation providing work opportunities for disabled people, we hold a unique position within the island's community.

This is a crucial service supporting St. Helena Government's Adults and Children's Social and Education and Social Care in their provision for people with disabilities.

Tender for the upgrade and rewiring of SHAPE complex.

1. INSTALLATION AND UPGRADE OF ELECTRICAL INFRASTRUCTURE
2. INSTALLATION AND UPGRADE OF FIRE PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE

The submitted expressions of interest should include company name, name of responsible person, title, address, telephone number and email address (if applicable).

Expressions of Interest should be hand delivered in writing to SHAPE Manager or Projects Manager at Connect before 12:00 noon on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

For further information please contact the Projects Manager, Ronald de Reuck on telephone number 22255 or SHAPE Manager, Marianne Young-Crowie on telephone number 24690 or email [ronald.dereuck@connect.co.sh](mailto:ronald.dereuck@connect.co.sh) or [shape@helanta.co.sh](mailto:shape@helanta.co.sh)

**25 August 2020**





# St Helena Island

SECRET OF THE SOUTH ATLANTIC

## New St Helena Tourism website



St Helena Tourism is pleased to announce the launch of its newly developed website.

The website which can be found at [www.sthelenatourism.com](http://www.sthelenatourism.com) is now live and was developed by internal Digital Development Manager, Lloyd Weedon and Reachback's, Johnny Clingham, working with ESH's Marketing and Communications and Tourism teams.

Helena Bennett, Director of Tourism commented on the new website "As an organisation it is our mission to drive more visitors to the island and make the full experience from start to finish a simple and easy one. This website has been developed with the customer in mind making it easier to navigate, provide more concise information and provide as much access as possible to booking options."

Lloyd commented "The new website provides a solid foundation for future digital development. In the current climate it's essential that we are positioning St Helena in a standard that's expected internationally. The website allows us to collaborate with local service providers to promote St Helena as a true competitor within the international tourism market"

St Helena Tourism welcomes feedback from all members of the community and feedback can be directed to Lloyd on Tel 22920 or email [lloyd.weedon@esh.co.sh](mailto:lloyd.weedon@esh.co.sh).

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

## Grocery Sales Assistant

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

### Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day running of the Supermarket and to ensure a high standard of customer service

### Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge & skills of Food Safety
- Be customer focused and target driven
  - Be competent in Maths, English & IT
  - Possess experience in Cash Handling
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team

Salary for the post will be £618.15 per month (£7,417.80 per annum)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Marilyn Joshua, Grocery Manager (Country Outlets) on telephone number: 23559 or via email address: [hth-manager@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hth-manager@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **01 September 2020**.



## ***Annual Fun Day Event - 30 August 2020***

The 1<sup>st</sup> Jamestown Scout Group is planning their annual Scouts Fun Day fundraiser on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 – as you are aware COVID-19 has had its knock-on effects throughout the world including here on St Helena and due to this the Scout Group committee has agreed to downsize this year in spite of it being the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of this event which started on Francis Plain as the Scout Sports Day.

This year we plan to organise a sponsored walk of different routes starting around 1 p.m. for the Beavers, Cubs and Scouts throughout Jamestown starting and ending at the Mule Yard – all members are asked to contact their section leaders if they have not yet received their sponsor forms. All participants should ensure they are equipped with correct footwear, weather proof clothing and water.

The usual stalls, side shows, bar facilities, tuckshop, food and teas will also be available but in a smaller capacity.

There will not be an entrance fee but a few donation boxes will be available around the site - we are also grateful for any donations of goods of any kind and if they could be handed in to any one of our committee members no later than Saturday, 29 August - finally we reiterate the need for volunteers and the much needed help to ensure our event runs smoothly on the day. If you are able to lend us a helping hand please provide your details and where you can assist to one of our committee members listed below or just turn up on the day.

Pam & Patrick Young, Bobby Essex, Gavin George, Dax Richards, Anya Richards, Deon Yon, Sandra George, April Steven, Elaine Bennett, Jodie Grant-Lawrence, Danielle Anthony, Terry Richards,

Dion Robertse, Kim Francis, Emma Bennett, Anna Thomas, Delray McDaniel or Dale Plato.

Thank you for your anticipated support and we look forward to seeing you all at this years' Scout's Fun Day 2020

**The 1st Jamestown Scout Group Council**

# The Jamestown Brownies on the Move Again and Loving It! Yes of course, Girls Can Do It!

With the global attack of Covid-19 and the St Helena Girlguiding Association on lock down during March and April 2020, the Jamestown Brownies resumed their weekly meetings on 5<sup>th</sup> May selecting some exciting activities for Terms 3A & 3B. Along with other 'Skills Builders', the performance of 'Kill the Germs' was an activity very apt in conjunction with the Covid-19 which reinforced good hygiene and precautions against the virus. On 7<sup>th</sup> July, ten Brownies eagerly headed off to the General Hospital where they demonstrated a lively '**Appreciation of Thanks**' performance to our Health team and was privileged to do this in the wards entertaining both patients and nurses. Thanks to Mrs Daniella Marlow for permitting this. Following this, they happily trotted off to the New Bridge Pond and did their enumeration of the ducklings.



'Appreciation of Thanks' performance to Health Team

What a pose eh! Viewing the ducklings at New Bridge Pond

## A camping we will go.... Jamestown Brownie Unit Twilight Winter Camp

Sleepovers/ camping is a very popular request by the Jamestown Brownies and has been thus far accommodated with three per year. Following a one night camp at the Harford Community Centre last October, the Brownies requested a camp extension. As Leaders we took this on board where permission was granted and we were happy to accommodate their request. A two night Twilight Winter Camp (yes, there were twilight blinkers on site!) took place from 14<sup>th</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at the Harford Community Centre. After registration, initial safety talks and rules, 15 eager campers (12 Brownies and 3 Leaders) couldn't wait to start pitching tents. Through team work, the twelve Brownies were able to pitch their three tents under Leader's supervision. And, in true camper spirit, four tents were standing tall and strong ready for sleepy heads to settle in. However, as the first night of our two night camp was designated as a slumber night, sleep was the last thing on Brownie minds. Tucked into their tents, they amused themselves with excited chatter and laughter – undeterred by the wind and rain outside.



Tent Pitching. Girls Can Do It!

Yay!!! We Did It!

Brownies settled into camp routine with ease, diligently checking the camp schedule to see what lay ahead or making sure we were working to time. Posters displaying our Brownie motto and other Brownie principals were displayed on the Camp Notice Board – a reference point for important camp information. Saturday's agenda highlighted the Brownies Bake Off. With busy hands showing off their skills, there was a lot of productivity in the kitchen under the supervision of Blossom and Hedgehog following Mary Berry's Vanilla Cup Cakes with

Twirly Icing recipe. This was a great success and girls with cupcakes creatively decorated were proud of their achievement as the cupcakes awaited to be showcased and devoured for afternoon tea. Our Commissioner, Ms Heather Cowdry and Mrs Marjorie Harding were invited guests for tea and were also requested to do a tent inspection. Another activity on Saturday's agenda was 'Etiquette Dining'. Girls were quizzed on the subject and were tested through setting the table for afternoon tea in readiness for our invited guests. Bethany and Georgia Bennett were promoted to Seconders and there was a pre-birthday celebration for Renee Williams.

'Glow in the Dark' skittles was voted the highlight of the camp. This activity was extremely enjoyable, creating a lively atmosphere with girls becoming increasingly competitive resonating roars of cheering and laughter. This activity has already been requested for our next camp, as well as that of a camp fire as this could not be accommodated due to adverse weather.

Household duties included washing up, cleaning kitchen areas, helping with meal preparations and keeping the ladies toilets in nick shape were addressed by the Brownies.

Sunday morning 16<sup>th</sup> August, after a hot breakfast, Brownies were awarded their Camp certificates which were presented by our very own Commissioner, Ms Heather Cowdry.



Camp Certificate presentation with camp notice board in background

An end to our Twilight Winter Camp, saw the Brownies, with a difference, headed off to St Mark's church as opposed to St James for Mothering Sunday. Their active participation in the service included reading poems and singing a song dedicated to Mothers with the Longwood Guiding Unit as well as distributing posies and taking collection. Bravo girls!



Brownies participating in the Mothering Sunday service at St Mark's Longwood

Much to our delight, girls adapted to the camp venue, promoted good behaviour and adhered to our camp rules. It was

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no surprise that at the end of camp some girls asked for yet a further extension, Leaders could not commit to this but will address and look at the possibilities. However, there will be many more camps and, after the challenge of experiencing a winter camp, we can safely say that the Brownies sure deserve another camp soon. Sadly, due to Covid-19, we cannot accommodate the normal three sleepovers/camps this year. Our Twilight Winter Camp came to an end at 12:30pm where Brownies headed off home possibly exhausted from all their energy discharged at camp.

With all good intentions we are pleased to say how proud we are of them. Our Twilight Winter Camp aided girls in taking their confidence and independence to another level, enhanced their social skills and developed life skills.

Special thanks are extended to Miss Hedgehog (Lisa Joshua, Longwood Rainbow Leader) for her valued input and support throughout the camp and to Mrs Olive Williams (Rose) who is always ready to lend a hand and for the lovely goodies. Also to our Commissioner for pushing for the camp to take place (and who along with Mr Brown were a great help is dismantling the tents) and fellow guiding members for their valued contribution and assistance. To the committee of the

HCC for allowing our Unit to use the grounds and facilities. And finally, last but never least, to our lovely Brownies and parents/guardians for taking part and supporting the camp with such enthusiasm – you make it all worth it!

If there are any girls between the ages of 7 to 9 years who would like to join our Unit then please contact us. In accordance with our UK Guiding Policy, we ask if girls are interested that they must first be registered with us before attending to ensure that they are covered under our insurance. Sadly, we will not be able to accept any girl if they are not firstly registered with us.

As voluntary Brownie Leaders we aim to continue working with the Brownies to support them to take on challenges, build confidence, learn new skills, have adventures and a voice, and develop through learning and fun by working together in harmony.

**Contributed by Debbie Knipe (Tansy) and Justine Joshua (Blossom) Jamestown Brownie Leaders.**



## **Golf Report**

### **Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020**

The cloud cover made it hard for the sun rays to reach the golf course, but the 21 golfers who took part in the modified stableford competition were grateful for the dry conditions. This unique format required a lot of thinking for some in order to enter the correct scores in the cards. After all scores were tallied Mr Ian Johnson emerged top with +15 points to win the first prize. Mr Paddo Johnson returned +13 points to win second prize. There were no two-ball pool winners. The prizes were presented by the ladies Captain Helena Stevens. Congratulations to all the winners.

The committee of management on behalf of the members would like to thank all individuals and the two organizations (Penspen and St Helena UK Association) who contributed

towards training and development of the juniors. A total of 750 pounds was raised and will be put to good use. We also extend our gratitude to our Vice Captain Mr John Colclough and Mrs Anne Colclough for spearheading the initiative. A revised junior training and development programme will be communicated to our junior members parents/guardians in due course.

Next Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August 2020 will be the usual last competition for the month. Monthly medal stroke play. It will be a shotgun start at 12:00, registration closes on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> at 15:00. For more information check out our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh

We wish you all a great weekend.....!

**Contributed by: SHGC**

### JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

#### SKITTLES SEASON – 2020/21

#### RESULTS

DATE: 17 August					
<b>Never Readys - 489</b>			Bt	<b>Strugglers -444</b>	
Lady's H Sc				Mavis O'BEY	55
Gent's H Sc	Fabian PETERS	69		David THOMAS	64
Lady's H Sp				Hanna HICKLING	11
Gent's H Sp	Fabian PETERS	16		David THOMAS	15

DATE: 19 August					
<b>Guys &amp; Dolls - 459</b>			Bt	<b>Supershots - 387</b>	
Lady's H Sc	Olive WILLIAMS	58		Merle PETERS	56
Gent's H Sc	Neil JOSHUA	60		Karl THROWER	36
Lady's H Sp				Christianna KNIPE	16

Up-coming fixtures:				
Wednesday 02 September: NEVER READYS V YOUNGSTARS (Knock Out)				
Monday - 07 September: SUPERSHOTS V EXTRACTORS				
Wednesday - 09 September: GUYS & DOLLS V YOUNGSTARS				



# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

The 2019/2020 football season finally came to a close last weekend with the Europa League Final and Champions League Final.

Last Friday evening Seville defeated Inter Milan 3-2 to pick up a record breaking 6 Europa/UEFA Cup.

This exciting match started when Sevilla defender Diego Carlos fouled Romelu Lukaku for an Inter penalty - and ended when Lukaku deflected Carlos' bicycle kick into his own net.

Lukaku gave the Italian side an early lead from the penalty spot for his 34th goal of the season, extending his record of scoring in consecutive Europa League games to 11.

Luuk de Jong scored two headers - from Jesus Navas and Ever Banega crosses - to put Sevilla into the lead.

Inter were level when Diego Godin nodded in to make it 2-2 in the 35th minute.

The game could not continue at that high tempo, but with extra-time on the cards, there was a twist to come.

Carlos flew into the air to meet a high ball with an overhead kick which was going wide until Lukaku stuck out a leg and diverted it past his own goalkeeper.



Sevilla six time winners of the Europa League Cup

Sunday evenings' Champions League Final turns out to be a disappointing affair. We were all expecting free flowing football but this didn't materialise.

Kingsley Coman, who started his career at PSG, settled a tense affair with a 59th-minute header at the far post from Joshua Kimmich's cross to leave the French giants still searching for that elusive Champions League triumph and give Bayern Munich their 6<sup>th</sup> Champions League win.

Overall since the return of Champions League football Bayern has being the most outstanding team and fully merit this win.



Bayern became the first team to win all their matches en route to winning the Champions League.

Saturday will see the curtain raiser for the English Premier League as the Champions Liverpool play FA Cup Winners Arsenal at Wembley at 3.30pm GMT.

The Premier League will kick off the weekend starting the 12<sup>th</sup> September



## SHFA Match Report by Mike E Williams

### Rovers looking strong.

The first game on Saturday saw the defending champions put 12 past the Saints. Although there were 12 goals, only two names got onto the score sheet. Man of the match Rico Benjamin netted 9, and Ronan Legg grabbed a hat-trick.

### Rovers 12 v 0 Saints

### Eight goal thriller.

The second game has to be one of the games off the season, with Wirebirds and Bellboys playing out a four-all draw. The game began with Bellboys midfield seeing more of the ball. A brilliant first time past from Mnqobi saw Matthias Young in behind the defence, but Young saw his attempt blocked on the line, Andrew Yon was on hand to blast the ball in from close range. The Wirebirds soak up the pressure after the early goal and started to link up more. Some great play down the Wirebirds left wing, saw Sanjay Clingham swivel his way past two defenders, then rifled the ball home for the equalizer.

At this point the Wirebirds were all over the Bellboys, and within five minutes they had their second goal, a shot from just outside the box from Dane Leo found its way to the bottom corner. The first half came to an end with the score at 2 v 1 to the Wirebirds. In the second half, it would be Mnqobi once again to open up the Wirebirds defence, with another pin point pass out to the left wing to Andrew Yon, his shot was well save by Rick Thomas in goal, but Matthias Young was first to the loose ball to tap in for 2 v 2. With the equalizer Bellboys were back on top of the game, but against the run of play, Wirebirds were given a Penalty. Shane Stroud who won the penalty, stepped up and converted the spot kick to the keepers left. Then before Bellboys could regroup, Shane Stroud was chopped down once again in the Bellboys box; he stepped up once again, this time scoring in the opposite corner. With fifteen minutes to go Michael Bedwell gave the Bellboys hope as he headed in from close range.



## SHFA Match Reports by Mike E Williams

The game got really open, and with a few minutes remaining, a long ball found its way out to Bellboys right winger Kyle Shoemsmith who took it past one defender, then was barged of the ball to win his side a penalty. Up stepped Mnqobi who was having a good game, coolly slotted the ball home to level the scores once again. Both teams had great chances to win the match, but in the end a draw was a fair result.

Despite the entertaining football there was along of niggle throughout the match which result in emotions running high after the match and unfortunately 2 players received red cards.

### Wirebirds 4 v 4 Bellboys

### Sunday 23rd August

#### Axis good form continues.

The first game on Sunday saw Axis won comfortably against the Crystal Rangers.

Although Axis scored fifteen goals, the biggest cheers were when Crystal Rangers, after going nearly 800 minutes without a goal, scored their first goals of the season. Goals for Axis came from man of the match Rhys Francis with a hat-trick, Joe 3, Ryan Backhouse 2, Dan Wotten 2, Adam Henry, Jaime Ellick, Reese Hobbs, Colby Richards, and goalie Christo Crowie. Goals for Crystal Rangers were scored by Christen Phillips, and a David Beckham like free-kick from Cruyff Buckley.

#### Axis 15 v 2 Crystal Rangers

#### Lakers do the double.

The final game of the weekend saw Lakers complete the double over the Harts. The boys in blue started more brightly but were once again wasteful in front of goal. Lakers Tyler Brady would break the deadlock with ten minutes of the first half remaining. With the goal Lakers up there game but was denied several times by Simon Scipio. The second half saw Cody Thomas made it 2 v 0 after a mistake at the back. Harts

pulled a goal back when Sean Cansick came off the bench. Harts pushed for an equalizer, but found Lakers man of the match Selwyn Stroud in brilliant form at the back. In the last minutes of the match Lakers were awarded a penalty, which Tyler Brady converted with ease.

#### Lakers 3 v 1 Harts

#### SHFA 2020 League Table



#### Week Nine

Place	Games	Wins	Draw	Lost	GF	GA	GD	Points
Rovers	8	7	1	0	69	2	67	22
Wirebirds	9	6	1	2	55	16	39	19
Bellboys	8	4	3	1	56	10	46	15
Lakers	9	4	2	3	36	18	18	13*
Axis	8	4	1	3	32	15	17	13
Harts	9	4	0	5	43	12	31	12
Saints	8	1	0	7	13	62	-49	3
C Rangers	9	0	0	9	2	171	-169	0

\* = one point deducted for not providing a referee.

#### Hotshots Top 10

Name	Team	Goals
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	32
Shane Stroud	Wirebirds	25
Andrew Yon	Bellboys	14
Matthias Young	Bellboys	14
Sean lee Thomas	Harts	14
Ronan Legg	Rovers	11
Sean Cansick	Harts	9
Tyler Benjamin	Wirebirds	9
Tyler Brady	Lakers	8
Ryan Backhouse	Axis	7

#### Senior and Junior Football cancelled this weekend

## Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts-

**Government Landlord House at Bottom Woods CDA – Two Bedroom Property**

**Government Landlord House at Bottom Woods CDA – Two Bedroom Property with Car Port**

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from

**Miss Tiffany Lawrence**

**Procurement Officer**

**Essex House**

**Jamestown**

**Telephone No: 22270 or**

**email [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 03 September 2020, at 10am, meeting near Reggie's Take Away at Bottom Woods, Longwood.

If you are unable to attend the site visit during this time,

please contact the Procurement Officer to arrange another date & time.

A drop in session at Essex House has been scheduled for Tuesday, 08 September 2020 from 1.30-3pm, to provide contractors with an opportunity to discuss the tender document.

Should you require any further details, please contact the Civil Engineer, Mr Christopher Peters on telephone number 22270 or email [christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:christopher.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 24 September 2020 clearly marked with the I&T tender number as detailed in the tender documents.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.



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# CARE CAMPAIGN

The Children & Adult Social Care Directorate will once again be hosting a **CARE CAMPAIGN** to recruit Care Assistants and Support Workers to work within the different sections across their directorate.

**Date** 16 and 18 September 2020

**Venues** Community Care Centre and Brick House

**Time** 10am to 3pm

Interested persons are invited to go along to either of the two venues to:

- Meet with members of the Children & Adult Social Care team —this is an exciting opportunity to learn more about working in social care and to get answers to any practice-related queries you may have
- Take advantage of assistance with completing application forms and attend 'on the spot' interviews

Potential appointments are subject to satisfactory clearances, such as a police vetting certificate, completion of a medical declaration form and references.

Salary for these posts is in Grade B, commencing at £6,890 per annum.



**If you are interested, please contact any of the following:**

<b>Section</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Telephone No.</b>	<b>E-mail</b>
Community Care Centre	Rosalie Brown	23090	<a href="mailto:rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh">rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>
Piccolo Hill	Nicole Hercules	25119	<a href="mailto:nicole.hercules@sainthelena.gov.sh">nicole.hercules@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>
Ebony View	Deborah Baldwin	23312	<a href="mailto:deborah.baldwin@sainthelena.gov.sh">deborah.baldwin@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>
Cape Villa & Deasons Centre	Gillian Brooks	22713	<a href="mailto:gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh">gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>

# Junior Football Results

## Yellow Devils 19 v Wranglers 1

G/S Yellow Devils: 2 own goals; Aden Thomas-Stevens 7, Harry Winfield 6, Zac Francis 2 & Ryan Stevens 2

G/S Wranglers: Dirk Peters 1

POM: Aden Thomas-Stevens & Callum O'Dean

## Fugees 13 v Allstars 4

G/S Fugees: Lars Williams 4; Dodi Williams 2, 1 own goal, Blake Peters 5 Dominic Richards 1

G/S Allstars: Eureeze Peters 1 & Blaze Baldwin 3

POM: Blake Peters & Blaze Baldwin

## Rastabouts 5 v Gladiators 3

G/S Rastabouts: Taylon Phillips 2; Macey Williams 1, Jerome Peters 1 & Shaguille Coleman-Benjamin 1

G/S Gladiators: Teye Peters 1 & Kenon Bargo 1

POM: Jerome Peters & Edson Stevens

### Top Scorers 11+

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Taylon Phillips	Rastabouts	18
2	Lars Williams	Fugees	13
3	Blake Peters	Fugees	12
4	Musa	Galacticos	10
5	Macey Williams	Rastabouts	8
6	Blaze Baldwin	Allstars	7
7	Kenon Bargo	Gladiators	7
8	Dodi Williams	Fugees	6
9	Jaydee Caswell	Gladiators	5
10	Teye Peters	Gladiators	5
11	Toure Osborne	Allstars	5
12	Tyrone Cansick	Galacticos	4
13	Eureeze Peters	Allstars	2
14	Kieran Williams	Rastabouts	2
15	Shaquille Benjamin	Rastabouts	2
16	Stefan O'Dean	Rastabouts	2
17	Annika Lawrence	Galacticos	1
18	Callum Young	Galacticos	1
19	Dominic Richards	Fugees	1
20	Jacob Williams	Gladiators	1
21	Jerome Peters	Rastabouts	1
22	Jolan Henry	Galacticos	1
23	Rena Coleman	Gladiators	1
24	Tyreese Osborne	Allstars	1

7-11 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Yellow Devils	5	5	0	0	84	8	76	15	
2	Predators	4	3	0	1	49	8	41	9	
3	Ranglers	5	2	0	3	20	49	-29	6	
4	Blue Arrows	4	1	0	3	12	30	-18	3	
5	Superstrickers	4	0	0	4	3	73	-70	0	

11-16 League Table										
Position	Team	Play	Win	Draw	Lose	GF	GA	GD	Points	
1	Rastabouts	5	5	0	0	35	10	25	15	
2	Fugees	5	3	0	2	33	24	9	9	
3	Galacticos	4	2	1	1	19	17	2	7	
4	Gladiators	5	1	1	3	20	27	-7	4	
5	Allstars	5	0	0	5	16	45	-29	0	

### Top Scorers 7-11

Position	Name	Team	Goals Scored
1	Harry Winfield	Yellow Devils	30
2	Aden Thomas-Stevens	Yellow Devils	25
3	Piley Yon	Predators	22
4	Zac Francis	Yellow Devils	11
5	Lebron George	Predators	10
6	Dirk Peters	Ranglers	9
7	Ryan Stevens	Yellow Devils	9
8	Hugo Richards	Predators	8
9	Tyler Anthony	Predators	6
10	Ziggy Yon	Ranglers	4
11	Dillon George	Blue Arrows	3
12	Edward	Predators	3
13	Liam Timm	Blue Arrows	3
14	Joel Peters	Superstrickers	2
15	Efron Stroud	Yellow Devils	1
16	Daniel Murangaawe	Blue Arrows	1
17	Darshan Patel	Blue Arrows	1
18	Finley McMonegal	Blue Arrows	1
19	Joshua Crowie	Superstrickers	1
20	Kirk Grant-Lawrence	Ranglers	1
21	Kurt Lawrence	Ranglers	1
22	Kylan Williams	Ranglers	1
23	Kyle Williams	Ranglers	1
24	Laine George	Ranglers	1
25	Robertson Shawnga	Blue Arrows	1
26	Zian Thomas	Ranglers	1



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Senior and Junior Football cancelled this weekend

## SHFA Events

The St Helena Football Association will be hosting a 12 Hour Music Extravaganza at the bottom of the Wharf this coming weekend, starting Friday 6pm to Saturday 6am. There will be a variety of music for entertainment throughout the night by the 3 S's, Good Vibes and the Mountain Man, Beverley Thrills, Big Easy and DJ Dustin. There will be a cash bar and also on sale will be hot food from Rosies, Tasty Bites and Zena. JJZs will have a selection of sweets and treats and the Blue Lantern will have soft serve icecream, milkshakes and doughnuts. New Horizons will operate their tuck shop. It should be a great night.

**Entrance fee £3 adults and £1 for children 15 and under**

On the Bank Holiday Monday the Association have organised a sponsored walk from the Airport to Ruperts via the Haul Road. The walk is about 14km. Sponsor papers can be collected from Tina at New Horizons. Minimum sponsors to be collected for entry is £10. Those decided to turn up on the day can pay an entrance fee of £15. You can park at Ruperts and catch the shuttle bus to the start of the walk at the Airport. Registration will take place at the airport from 8:45am, therefore persons requiring the shuttle bus are asked to be at Ruperts between 8am and 8:30am so that the event can start promptly at 9:30am. All sponsor papers and monies to be handed in at registration.

Fish and Chips will be on sale at Ruperts after the walk at £3.50.

**All proceeds of these events will go towards the St Helena Football Association**





## APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2020/60:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Erection of a Notice Board**, The St Helena Yacht Club, The Wharf, Jamestown on Parcel JT010021. Applicant: Stephen Coates
2. **Application 2020/61:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling**, Near Rosemary Plain on Parcel TH020241. Applicant: Conway Duncan
3. **Application 2020/62:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling**, Alarm Forest on Parcel AF0471. Applicant: Gavin Benjamin
4. **Application 2020/63:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Partial Demolition of the Single Storey Rear Building and Erection of a Single Storey Extension to provide Facilities for Judicial Building, also incorporating Disabled Access and Refurbishment of the Building**, Judicial Building, Grand Parade, Jamestown on Parcels JT040003 and JT040007. Applicant: Programme Management Unit (PMU)

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](mailto:Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh) stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 11<sup>th</sup>September 2020

Shane Williams  
Planning Officer

## For Sale

### ***Upright electronic organ for sale***

About 20 years old, Dutch-make 'Eminent Solina P200'; good playing order except tends to change key if not switched-on 15 minutes before usage...otherwise in good condition. Circuit manual available; Speaker built in. Purchasing *Voetstoots/as is*.

£200 by 10th September.

### ***Electronic keyboard for sale with stand***

About 20 years old Italian-make 'Ola'; defect in part as several stop/keys which are spring-loaded will not stay-up in desired position due to weakened springs otherwise reasonably playable. Speaker built in. Purchasing *Voetstoots/as is*.

£100 by 10th September.

**Both: Father David, Catholic Church 22535**

# PAS STUDENTS RECEIVE STATEMENT OF RESULTS

Results Day at Prince Andrew School (PAS), with the former Year 11, 12 and 13 students of PAS receiving their Statement of Results for their GCSE, AS, and A-Level studies, was held on Friday, 21 August 2020.

Students, along with their parents, guardians, and invited guests attended the short ceremony held in the PAS Lecture Theatre.

PAS Head Teacher, Penelope Bowers, welcomed all in attendance and explained that the Statement of Results that would be given on the day did not reflect the correct official grades from all examination boards. As was the case in the United Kingdom, the results issued by examination boards



at the beginning of August contained many discrepancies and were therefore looked at again, with a new official revised set of results being issued following the review. These new results were only made available to PAS at 9am on Friday morning, just prior to the Results Ceremony, and were made available to students following the Ceremony but without attachment of the Statement of Results document – planned to be issued at a later date. The complications with examination results for 2020 was due to the COVID-19 Pandemic which caused examinations to be cancelled, and therefore a new grading process to be adopted.

Following the Ceremony, students eagerly queued to receive their official grades from Examinations Officer, Kerry Peters



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## Are Regular Direct Flights to UK Possible?

*“Nobody said it was easy, no-one ever said it would be this hard...” - Richard Brown*

*by Mike Olsson*

*We all want to see direct flights from St Helena to London at reasonable prices, people in general are reluctant to accept Johannesburg as the hub for air traffic to and from St Helena. The St Helena Independent is taking a brief look at the possibilities of flying direct, with only a technical stop, to London on a regular basis. St Helena Independent does not claim to be any expert on aviation but are in contact with people more familiar with the air service industry.*

*The world is currently facing the Covid-19 pandemic which has to a great degree stopped tourism development around the world. In this article we are looking beyond the end of the pandemic where we hopefully will have some kind of normality.*

Back in 1999, St Helena Leisure Corporation (SHELCO) launched a bid to build an airport on St Helena, also to run an air service and a major leisure complex. The concept introduced by SHELCO, the ‘Three –legged Stool’ is still relevant to the problems St Helena is facing.

SHELCO proposed to use a Boeing 737 BBJ Business Jet for their air service. The plane could land in St Helena and fly more or less to any destination in the world without problems. However, the small number of seats available would have made this luxury flight quite expensive.

‘The three-legged stool’ concept was introduced to enable all parts of the puzzle were ready for operation at the same time. Build the airport, start the airline and open the Leisure facility, all at the same time. None of the three components would be viable without the support of the other.

After SHELCO’s proposal was turned down in 2004, the reality still remained, all the components have to be in existence before St Helena could develop any tourism economy and also provide reasonably priced access for Saints here and overseas.

DfID consultants decided that St Helena should use Johannesburg in South Africa as a hub to reach UK and the rest of

the world, unfortunately neither Saints nor wealthy tourists were impressed. Everybody still wanted to fly directly to UK or at least to a destination in Western Europe.

To be able to have any success in flying to Europe we need a certain number of passengers and a certain amount of freight, otherwise it will not be viable for any commercial airline to take up the route.

At the same time, we are limited to a fairly short runway at St Helena airport which is preventing large, wide-bodied aircrafts to land. As we know, any aircraft used must have a considerable range to be able to reach UK with only one technical (refuelling) stop on the way. As second stop would be too costly.

The problem for St Helena now, in 2020, is to find an airplane with the capacity, the range and the capability to land on a short runway. At the same time we have to find people to fill up the airplane with paying passengers and cargo on a weekly basis.

Recently, we have seen two successful landings by Titan Airways’ Boeing 757-200, which is an excellent airplane for the European flight and can take almost 200 passengers (dependent on configuration). The two flights from UK have not been commercially viable but have been subsidised by DfID. This has partly been the fault of the Covid-19 pandemic and the shortage of quarantine space but even under normal circumstances it would have been difficult, if not impossible to fill the plane with passengers and cargo to make it into a profitable operation. Somebody has to pay for the shortfall, it does not appear that DfID would be willing to pay.

Even if somebody would be willing to pay for this service, the Boeing 757-200 is a more than 20 years old plane and most western airlines are selling them off to buyers which I doubt anybody in St Helena would look forward flying with.

Most expertise has ruled out the Boeing 757-200 as a plane to use for a future connection to UK due to its age and high fuel consumption. As said before, it is also a big question mark over how we can attract enough passengers to pay for the journey.



**Airbus A319 in Qatar Airways Livery**



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**A Baltic Air Airbus A220**

Our current Airlink flight to Johannesburg, using an Embraer 190, can carry its own costs according to SHG, obviously this was before the Covid-19 outbreak but it is hard to believe that it is a very lucrative operation.

The Embraer 190, which is used by Airlink is hardly suitable for the long journey to UK and offering high paying tourists to fly the distance in such a small plane would most presumably be futile.

Most people in the aviation industry only have two suggestions for aircraft which can do the distance and land on St Helena, they are the Airbus A319 and the Airbus A220 (former the Bombardier CS100). The most likely one being the A319, which can take 134 passengers in normal configuration.

Both these aircraft types could theoretically take on the route from St Helena to UK but the question is still – at what cost? Most likely to cost would be prohibitive for most Saints and where should the potential tourists stay and do on the Island? Mantis, or other hotels and accommodation options cannot cater for the tourists who are most likely to be attracted by a very expensive destination.

If we are looking at flying to the UK, or at least Europe we are missing two and a half of the legs on the three-legged stool. We don't have an airline (airplane), we don't have suitable leisure facilities to cater for the amount of people we need to make air service and the runway is too small to accommodate aircraft which potentially could be suitable. It is not an easy solution to this problem.

Nobody, it has been tested, want to invest in a hotel without

air service to Europe and nobody can start an air service to Europe without a big hotel to look after the passengers when they are on the Island.

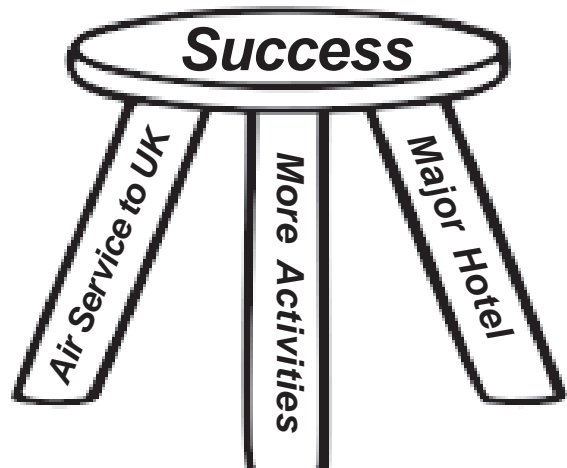
Some aviation buffs have looked at many different solutions to our problems, maybe by servicing other destinations than St Helena to fill up the plane and create a route system maybe with Cape Town, Brazil or destinations in Africa. Nobody have so far been able to come up with an idea which would be viable for the airline operator and the needs of St Helena.

As far as we can assess the situation, people should be careful in putting too much hope into the possibility of reasonably priced regular air service to Europe in the near future.

We should not be too gloomy as there might be other possibilities to develop the Island. There might be opportunities in the wake of the submarine cable and improved electronic access. For an Island as remote as St Helena the internet link will be one thing which put us on par with the rest of the world. Hopefully we are wise enough to grasp this opportunity even if it does not give us air access to UK, at least not in the short to medium term.

We can also hope that Mr O'Sullivan has success in finding investors for his Broad Bottom project, but as Covid-19 is still ravaging the world and it will make it difficult for any high risk tourism development to attract money for many years to come.

Next week we will look at some interesting ideas and prospects for the Island to make some 'sustainable development'.





# MOONSHINES

## ENTERTAINMENT THIS WEEKEND

SUNDAY AFTERNOON:

ENJOY SOME LIVE MUSIC BY ALEX & DESMOND FROM 4pm

Thank you to all our valued customers who came and supported us on our special 1st year anniversary of the opening of BREW & CHEW. Thanks for all the lovely comments and will look forward to your continuing support for the upcoming year ahead.

If you're interested in joining the team for upcoming vacancies, express your interest now.

## SOMERVILLE STORE HOLIDAY WEEKEND SPECIALS BOTTLE CASTLE LITE £1.25

**ALSO FURTHER REDUCTIONS  
OTHER GROCERY ITEMS**

**LIMITED AMOUNT OF  
GUINNESS, FOSTERS, HEINEKEN  
BUDWEISER AVAILABLE**

**ALSO FOR SALE IS A NEW  
LEC FRIDGE/FREEZER  
21W x 49H x 22D ins**

**OPENING HOURS 8AM-7PM  
FRIDAY, SATURDAY, SUNDAY & MONDAY**



## Annual General Meeting Kingshurst Community Centre

**7:00pm Friday 11th September 2020**

Support everyone achieve family fun  
help together wellbeing  
make children enjoy change hearts provide  
Memories giving Volunteer Service local

Please come and support  
to keep the centre operating!



Join Pilling Primary School for their monthly  
car boot on Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> August 2020

Time: 10am – 12noon

Venue: Pilling Primary School playground



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

