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Daylight Robbery Say Others

How do we take account of these key system-specific factors?

Unavoidable Annual Real Losses 'per day' equation (1999)

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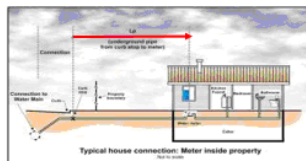
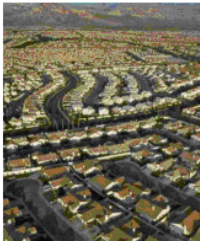
Main length km

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Length of underground private supply pipes, property line to meter (km)



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Commonwealth Day 2021 – Did you Notice it?



Pancake Maestro in Action



How Much Water is Stolen? World Thinking Day



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Last Friday SHG announced agreement had been reached on a 10 year lease of the fish processing factory to the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC). Another agreement was concluded with PQ Trading, (the South African investors' registered company in St Helena) on the relationship and working arrangements between SHG, STC and PQ Trading.

The Saints Tuna Corporation was formed on 12 January this year. The Articles of Incorporation were signed by seven local fishermen and Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout, the father in the father and son team of investors in the Island's fishing industry. STC is linked to PQ Trading by having the same directors in both companies.



Friday's announcement from SHG proclaimed, "STC will undertake commercial fishing, processing, marketing and supply chain activities with the prime objective of establishing a sustainable and environmentally friendly fishing industry that makes a significant contribution to the local economy, by producing high quality products for sale to the local market and for export." SHG has also sealed the agreement which allocates £500,000 to STC for upgrades to the fish processing factory. The plan is for the upgrade to make the factory compliant with HACCP (Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point), a widely recognised method for identifying and preventing hazards that may render food unsafe. The Articles of Incorporation for Saints Tuna Corporation also requires ISO certification; this demonstrates the management systems, manufacturing processes and documentation procedures are at recognised and acceptable standards. Any additional certifications required to trade fish with European and South African customers will also be met.

When the fish processing factory upgrades are completed SHG will no longer provide a subsidy for the operation of the factory. The subsidy runs to £20,000 a month at present. Apart from saving the subsidy, SHG look forward the profitable export of fish and the new money the exports will bring to St Helena.

While agreement has been reached on a ten year lease to STC of the fish processing factory the lease still remains to be signed to formally conclude the process. As things stand, SHG and PQ Trading / STC are not eager to give detailed information but both sides agree the first and most important thing is to get the fish processing factory upgraded. Not much else can happen until this is completed. Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout told the *Independent*, "The first order of business is to get the facility repaired so that we would be able to export again." Offshore fishing cannot start until the upgraded fish processing factory is fully operational. However, throughout the works to upgrade the factory the local fish supply has to be maintained. SHG told the *Independent* the start and finish times will be made clearer after the lease is signed but are still very much dependent on availability of materials and contractors. It is expected the 'first phase' of the upgrade

might be completed in about three month's time. However, what is included in the first phase has not been made clear. SHG further explained the upgrades are designed to meet health and safety standards for licensing the factory and exporting fish. Asked whether the upgrades will include making fish processing a viable commercial operation, SHG's response was that the STC business plan forecasts a profit.

Another important factor is that PQ Trading has changed a main feature of their plan by switching from three fishing vessels to two. Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout said, "The change in vessel planning is due to the implications of the Research Programme together with the reduction in Offshore yellowfin tuna by ENRP. It's not possible to commercially fish the offshore territory and conduct the research as requested by ENRP. We will therefore supply a bigger vessel that has the space to house a holding room of adequate size and will result in achieving the goals better than that of smaller ice vessels." Instead of the three ice vessels originally planned, two larger fishing vessels with adequate fish storage facilities will stay at sea for longer periods in order to accommodate the uneasy dual role of commercial fishing and marine research. Further discussion seems unavoidable on the fish quotas; particularly yellowfin tuna. Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout explained that up until April last year St Helena had an unlimited quota for yellowfin tuna authorised by ICCAT (the international body controlling total allowable catches of tuna species in the Atlantic) but this changed when research data collected by ENRP meant the total allowable catch was set at just 300 tonnes per year. Johann-Marais believes this to be a true reflection of the inshore total allowable catch but not for the entire 200 mile Exclusive Economic Zone. "The result is that we are not able to catch BET (big eye tuna) and YFT (yellowfin tuna) on the day when we are fishing Offshore. To mitigate this we plan to have extended fishing trips" said Johann-Marais who concluded by saying. "It is a bit early to give a correct reflection of the next steps. What is important is that the outcome of the EXCO meeting was very positive and we are ever closer to officially starting with the refurbishment of the facility. This is the 1st step towards us starting with fishing operations."

The two new fishing businesses

Early last year PQ Trading registered a company in St Helena after being endorsed by Exco as the investor to undertake fish processing operations on St Helena through a co-operative approach. In January this year Saints Tuna Corporation was also registered as a company in St Helena. Both are Private Limited Companies. Both companies have the required Articles of Incorporation which govern how the company is run and demonstrates the Article of Incorporation complies with local legislation – The Companies Ordinance 2004. The Articles of Association are similar to the Constitution which gives direction on how the various St Helena Government activities are conducted.

PQ Trading

The company has a share issue limited to one hundred shares, none of which are for public sale. Inspection of accounts is only possible if authorised by the company directors. Direc-

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tors are indemnified against any act of negligence, default, breach of duty or trust unless in an act of bad faith. The limit of liability is restricted to the amount paid for shares held. There has to a minimum of two directors and no more than six. The Articles of Incorporation cover one-and-a-half pages; the most detailed clauses cover the appointment of a proxy and the revocation of that appointment. The Articles of Incorporation are signed by the father and son Bezuidenhout.

The Saints Tuna Corporation (STC)

The Articles of Incorporation extend to nine pages and are signed by seven local fishermen and John-Maraiz Bezuidenhout. The share issue is limited to two hundred shares. There are two types of share; there are one hundred ordinary shares and one hundred preferential shares. Being a private limited company neither type of share is available for public sale. The directors of PQ Trading take ownership of the preferential shares while the seven local fishermen own the ordinary shares. Ordinary shareholders can be involved with decisions on a change in the business of STC, approval of the annual budget and declaration of dividends. Preferential shares have been allocated to PQ Trading. Preferential shareholders select and appoint the directors of STC. A minimum of three directors must be appointed by PQ Trading although ordinary shareholders can nominate one non-execu-

tive director. The first directors of The Saint Tuna Corporation are Johann-Maraiz Bezuidenhout, Johan Bezuidenhout and Dorian Caswell. All are executive directors. Decisions are made by a majority vote.

Other clauses in the nine page Articles of Incorporation state that STC must purchase the catch of all fishermen subject to quality, time limits and quantities and at a price specified by the directors. PQ Trading is also obliged to provide STC with management expertise, operational systems and 'know-how' for the effective and profitable running of the fish processing factory. Operational services will include blast freezing fish to -45C followed by containerising the fish in reefers at -45C while awaiting export shipment which is planned to be only a monthly basis when both the factory and the two new fishing vessels are fully operational. Weekly fresh fish exports are included in the operational arrangements, subject to the reinstatement of weekly flights. Sufficient holding capacity for fish allocated to the local market is specified as well as provision of ice for all shareholders fishing boats and for fish processing in the factory. Providing the required certifications to demonstrate fish processing and transportation of fish comply with international standards is also specified in the Articles.

(Also see articles and letters on pages 9-11)

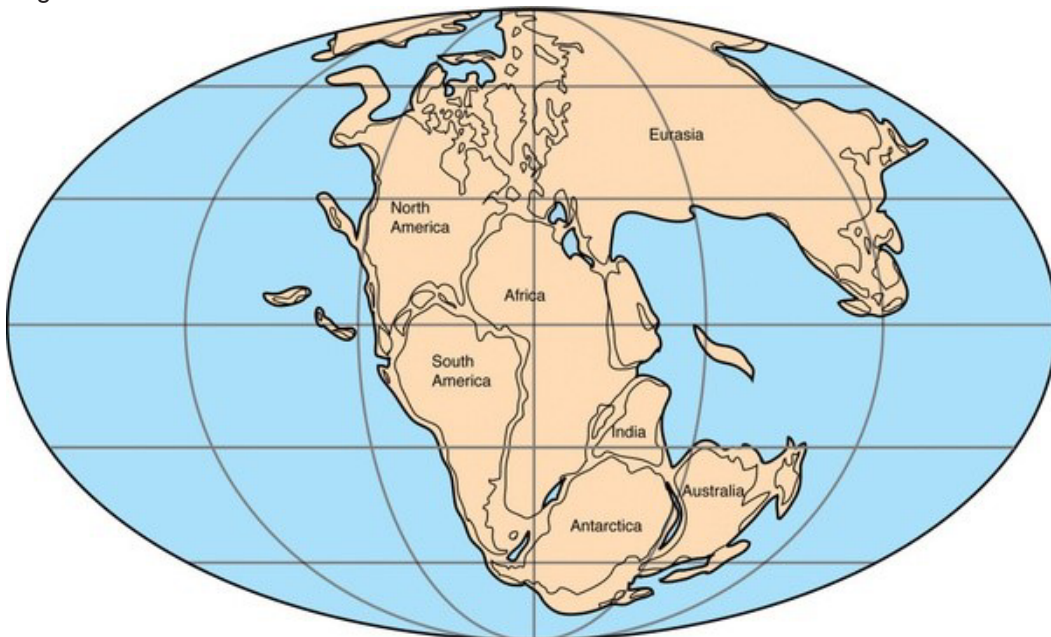
A Quick History of the Atlantic Ocean

A Marine Awareness Week Special

Vince Thompson

Two hundred million years ago and beyond there was one main landmass on the Earth. It was called Pangea by the German meteorologist who in 1912 introduced the now com-

monly accepted theory that the Earth's landmasses are slowly but consistently moving and gradually changing shape.



Two Hundred Million years ago Africa and the Americas were part of the same landmass

The Atlantic Ocean did not exist until about 180 million years ago. What is now North America separated from the newly forming Africa to create the North Atlantic Ocean Basin. A

further mega-rift happened about 40 – 50 million years ago when the rest of Africa and South America parted company.

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Editorial

When mobile phones first started they were as big as a carton of 2% milk and expensive. When the price dropped and the size of the phone shrank I had already decided I was not going to have one – ever. For people who travel to work by train to London the time on the train is precious. Using that time to full advantage is an important contribution to any individual's overall well-being. Anyone with any sense uses that time to catch up on sleep. The mobile phone wrecked the best advantage travelling by train offered everyone.

Picture a crowded train; all seats taken with some poor wretches having to stand. Those with a seat are normally dozing off nicely within 10 minutes of the train wheels starting to turn. All is well and God is in his heaven, until, a mobile phone rings. At least half the carriage is woken up and the person whose phone is ringing always looks mightily embarrassed. The one side of the phone conversation that can be heard in the carriage usually ends with something like "I'll have it ready for you in the morning". It's the damn Boss! Incapable of organising what's needed for the following day, the Boss phones some poor sucker and says "Something's come up". The person the Boss is phoning has been running around all day dealing with an unending stream of things that have come up and is now completely knackered. Knowing he will be expected to help in the kitchen when he gets home and get the children to bed, the precious 30 minute nap provides the urgently required energy boost; until the Boss wrecks the domestic plans by demanding a report on his desk the following morning in time for a 10am meeting. It often happens that the urgently required report turns out not to be needed after all; the expected discussion on whatever it is just does not happen. With some Bosses, their best skill is causing chaos.

All of this neurotic running around without rhyme or reason is all in the cause of attempting to push up the Gross Domestic Product a notch or two. Gross Domestic Product, what's that? Never mind the detail, just know it is a simple and clumsy way to measure whether 'the economy' is improving or not. It's a simple, clumsy and inaccurate measurement but governments and all sorts of organisations and businesses still use it to guide important policies which affect us all.

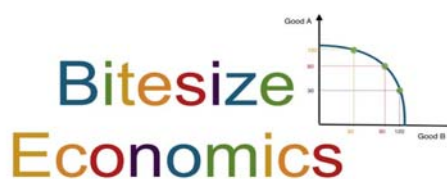
The Gross Domestic Product (GDP) can show a healthy increase but wages are still low, house prices are unaffordable, life expectancy has stopped increasing and the Earth continues to heat up. GDP can increase but the calculation gives equal value to fossil fuel and tobacco prices as it does to farming and manufacturing. At the same time no value is given to unpaid personal care and volunteering. Treating GDP as the main economic indicator means applauding a 'healthy' tobacco market while hospitals creak under the strain of lung cancer patients. Oil, gas and coal are doing fine while the latest assessment on climate change condemns our grand-

children to a life of uncertainties. GDP prioritises short-term growth over long-term sustainability. The UK Office of National Statistics has been collecting and releasing official wellbeing statistics for a while now. Yet wellbeing evidence is not widely used.

New Zealand has been using a Wellbeing Index in preference to just a simple profit and loss GDP assessment for a few years. In addition to the calculation which tells you whether the £ is up and not down other factors which have value but have been previously ignored, are included. Social and environmental considerations are taken into account. On the plus side these could include the value of household labour and volunteering as well as public expenditure on health and education. On the loss side would be localised pollution, use of non-renewable resources and loss of open spaces and natural habitats. Social cost taken into account could include crime, divorce, unequal income distribution and travelling long distances to work by car, bus or train. The health costs of road and workplace accidents can also be included on the loss side.

Wellbeing acknowledges that everything has a value which could be beneficial or detrimental. The main areas where Wellbeing values are assessed centre around human, social, natural and financial value. In 2015 the small and little noticed Welsh Government introduced a Well-being of Future Generations Act. This Act places a legal requirement on public bodies in Wales to think about the long-term social, cultural, environmental and economic wellbeing impact of their decisions. The Guide to the Act, published at the time the Bill became Law list seven goals for the Wales of the future. The goals tell us Wales is aiming to be a prosperous, resilient, healthier, more equal country with cohesive communities, a vibrant culture, thriving Welsh language and conscious of its global responsibilities. Now where have I heard that kind of thing before? Ah yes! Altogether wealthier, healthier, greener . . . What is the name of that plan? You can hear more about a better way to assess whether our lives are improving or not.

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On Thursday 18th March on Saint FM at 10am.

Have a good weekend

Vince

How well does the AstraZeneca vaccine work? An expert reviews the current evidence

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When the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine was first authorised by the UK Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency, it was hailed as a milestone in turning the tide on the coronavirus.

But in the time since, this highly efficacious vaccine has suffered a lot of reputational damage. In January, the German press and French president Emmanuel Macron falsely claimed that it is largely ineffective in people over 65, despite there being no evidence to support this.

Yet concrete evidence on how protective the vaccine is in older people has been lacking, leading some European countries to restrict the vaccine to under-65s. Together, these factors appear to have created high levels of scepticism in Europe and low levels of uptake.

Thankfully, though, more information on how well the vaccine works is arriving all of the time – and seeing the vaccine's positive effects, some countries are now reversing their restrictions on giving it to over-65s. Here's what we know so far about the vaccine's effects.

Is the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine as protective as the others?

Trials suggested it's a bit less protective than other vaccines. Pfizer's, for example, prevented symptomatic disease 95% of the time in testing, whereas the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine did so 70% of the time.

But recent real-world data from the UK suggests that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine might actually be a bit better than Pfizer's at preventing serious disease and hospitalisation. However, these studies haven't been set up to avoid outside biases affecting results. For example, the Pfizer vaccine was rolled out first, so might have been given disproportionately to more vulnerable people. Also, these studies are preprints, meaning they haven't been checked by other scientists yet. So whether the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine is more or less effective than others at preventing COVID-19 isn't clear yet. The important thing to remember is that all the authorised vaccines are safe and offer very good levels of protection against COVID-19. If you're offered any vaccine, you should take it.

Does the vaccine work in older people?

An early stage of testing – a combined phase 1 and 2 trial – strongly suggested that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine would offer protection to older people. It showed the vaccine generated just as strong an immune response in older participants as younger ones.

However, as we don't know to what extent different parts of the immune response act against the virus, this alone didn't prove that the vaccine would be effective in this age group. And in the final phase of testing – phase 3 trials – which are designed to prove that a vaccine is protective, there weren't enough people over 55 to give a reliable estimate of protection for this group.

Exactly how protective the vaccine is in older people remains uncertain. But a recent preprint suggests it works very well. A single shot of the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine appears to re-

duce the chances of people being admitted to hospital with COVID-19 by 80% after the first dose.

Does the vaccine protect against new variants of the virus?

It depends on the variant. A preprint suggests that the vaccine may be as effective against B117, the variant that has arisen in the UK, as it was against the earlier forms of the coronavirus.

But against the variant circulating in South Africa, B1351, a preprint suggests it may be much less effective at preventing mild to moderate disease than it was against previous forms of the virus. It's believed this is because of a mutation called E484K, which changes the virus's exterior so that existing antibodies to SARS-CoV-2 are less able to bind to it. Sarah Gilbert, lead researcher on the Oxford Vaccine Development Programme, believes that the Oxford/AstraZeneca vaccine will still protect against severe disease when facing these variants. However, this has yet to be proven.

Variants circulating in New York (B1526) and Brazil (P1) also have this E484K mutation. We don't yet have data on how well the vaccine works against these variants, but it's plausible that it may struggle against them too.

In the meantime, the vaccine's developers have confirmed that they can tweak it to handle these mutations. They estimate an updated booster could be ready by autumn.

Will the vaccine give me bad side-effects?

You might experience some, but they shouldn't be severe or last long. Common side-effects include a sore patch where the needle went into your arm, a temperature, aching, tiredness and feeling sick. These aren't necessarily bad, because they're a sign that your immune system has noticed the vaccine and is responding to it.

In France and Germany, reports of healthcare workers experiencing flu-like symptoms after receiving the vaccine – at rates of 40% of people or higher – have worried people. However, these effects were also seen in the vaccine's combined phase 1 and 2 clinical trial. Researchers found that taking paracetamol helped, and that these effects had largely subsided after seven days.

Is delaying the second dose risky?

The intervals between doses have been a bit controversial, since the 12-week gap that's being left between them in the UK is different from the dosing schedule that was submitted for regulatory approval by the manufacturer.

However, it looks like delaying the second dose to 12 weeks after the first is actually a good idea. The protection from the first injection seems to last, and if you have the second vaccine 12 weeks later, rather than four weeks as originally proposed, that seems to generate a stronger immune response.

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The 2020 report does not make happy reading. Each country is rated by giving a score from one to a hundred. The average score is 43 – well below halfway. Twenty-one of countries scoring below the average score of 43 are Commonwealth countries. The table showing how Commonwealth countries performed in the Transparency International assessment is shown separately.

Amnesty International also produces a wide range of reports, mainly on human rights abuses. One of the more comprehensive reports is a Profile for each of the many countries they oversee. Most reports start with an overview; for many Commonwealth countries the aims of the Commonwealth of Nations are a world away from reality.

For Botswana, one of the higher rated African countries the report says; “Freedom of expression remained restricted. The government appealed against a groundbreaking High Court ruling decriminalizing consensual same sex relationships. Botswana’s income inequality is one of the highest in the world.” Ghana hit the average score of 43; being average is miserable. The report summary for Ghana included, “The Right to Information law increasing accountability was adopted. The President commuted death sentences to life imprisonment, but courts continued to hand down death sentences, and prison conditions remained deplorable. Attacks against journalists were reported; one journalist was killed and others were arbi-

Commonwealth Day was on Monday, 8th March. So was International Women’s Day. News and features about International Women’s Day were all over the TV and radio from days before the actual Day. Commonwealth Day came and went without a whisper or whimper.

St Helena officially observes Commonwealth Day in a way even the UK does not. A nice touch this year was having the CEOs of the Bank of St Helena and Sure St Helena speak at the Commonwealth Day Assembly at Prince Andrew School. Their words of wisdom were reinforced by the female half of *What the Saints Did Next*. Featuring some of the many female leaders in St Helena society linked very appropriately with International Women’s Day.

The Commonwealth of Nations, to use the full name, has 54 members (Overseas Territories are not members) and a network of more than 80 organisations support the central Commonwealth Secretariat. The main overall aims are protecting the environment, boosting trade and developing economies, supporting democratic principles, the rule of law and good governance. Giving support to small states, mainly through the Commonwealth Fund for Technical Co-operation, gets a special mention. Another main aim is gender equality. Work in this field fits well with the aspirations of International Women’s Day and the efforts of the two organisations complement each other.

How well do the members of the Commonwealth of Nations achieve the aims they have set themselves? One way to find out is to see what other organisations have to say.



Transparency International and Amnesty International are two organisations that assess the governments and institutions of many countries for the standard of their governance and human rights. Investigations, reports and assessments are made concerning corruption in governments and businesses, the use of torture, violence against women, discrimination against women, racial and cultural minorities and LGBTI people; everything really.

Every so often Transparency International assesses a range of countries for their performance in meeting widely recognised good governance and human rights standards. The most recent assessment included 180 countries; 44 of them were members of the Commonwealth of Nations. The 10 Commonwealth countries not included were small island states in the Caribbean and Pacific.

The assessment is called the Corruption Perception Index.

Country	Score	Rank	Region
New Zealand	88	1	Pacific
Singapore	85	3	Asia
Canada	77	11	Caribbean & Americas
United Kingdom	77	11	Europe
Australia	77	11	Pacific
Seychelles	66	27	Africa
Barbados	64	29	Caribbean & Americas
Botswana	60	35	Africa
St Vincent & The Grenadines	59	40	Caribbean & Americas
Cyprus	57	42	Europe
Saint Lucia	56	45	Caribbean & Americas
Dominica	55	48	Caribbean & Americas
Rwanda	54	9	Africa
Mauritius	53	57	Africa
Grenada	53	52	Caribbean & Americas
Malta	53	52	Europe
Namibia	51	57	Africa
Nigeria	51	57	Africa
Malaysia	51	57	Asia
South Africa	44	69	Africa
Jamaica	44	69	Caribbean & Americas
Maldives	43	75	Asia
Vanuatu	43	75	Pacific
Average score			
Solomon Islands	42	78	Pacific
Lesotho	41	83	Africa
Guyana	41	83	Caribbean & Americas
India	40	86	Asia
Trinidad and Tobago	40	86	Caribbean & Americas
Tanzania	38	94	Africa
Sri Lanka	38	94	Caribbean & Americas
Gambia	37	102	Africa
Ghana	37	102	Africa
eSwatini	33	117	Africa
Sierra Leone	33	117	Africa
Zambia	33	117	Africa
Kenya	31	124	Africa
Pakistan	31	124	Asia
Malawi	30	129	Africa
Brunei Darussalam	30	35	Asia
Uganda	27	142	Africa
Papua New Guinea	27	142	Pacific
Bangladesh	26	146	Asia
Cameroon	25	149	Africa
Mozambique	25	149	Africa

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trarily arrested. Women and girls continued to suffer discrimination and violence. LGBTI people continued to face discrimination in law and practice.”

In Kenya police use excessive force against protesters, In Malawi there were increased attacks on human rights defenders. In Namibia, eight prisoners of conscience have been held for 14 years without trial. In South Africa “Profound inequalities remain in the country, further undermining economic, social and cultural rights, including health services with shortage of medicines like ARVs for people living with HIV/AIDS. Drought, exacerbated by climate change, continued to threaten the right to livelihoods for millions, as food prices, driven by fuel increases, continued to rise throughout the year.” And then there is Uganda where “The government continued to target political dissidents subjecting them to intimidation, harassment and arbitrary arrest and detention. Added to that is restrictions on the rights to freedom of expression, association and peaceful assembly of political opposition members, journalists, human rights defenders and students.” There is more.

In Asia, Bangladesh has restricted freedom of speech, violence against women and extrajudicial killings. India has persecution based on religious, gender, caste and ethnic identity. Pakistan has imposed further measures restricting the



right to freedom of expression; there are many ‘disappearances’ and the government has failed to fulfil its commitment to legislate against torture. There is widespread violence against women and girls.

Singapore is ranked Number Three in the Transparency International rankings but Amnesty International still point to further measures stifling freedom of expression and government critics being imprisoned. Singapore still has the death penalty.

New Zealand, ranked Number One, is found lacking by Amnesty International on Children’s Rights, the Rights of Indigenous People and gender based violence. Canada too, ranked 7th equal with Australia and the UK, has not taken action on a long-promised report and new laws in connection with missing and murdered indigenous women and girls. In the UK Amnesty International point to counter-terrorism laws restricting personal rights and freedoms. Australia is criticised for its harsh immigration policy.

Amnesty International has itself been assessed, often by governments and organisations it has criticised. Some of the criticism is based on Amnesty International applying Western ideologies to other cultures without taking into account that different ways of life can be a mitigating factor. There is also criticism that maintaining public safety with additional counter-terrorism laws is not taken into account in their assessments.

Despite Amnesty’s perceived narrow view of some issues the general trend in good governance and improvement in human rights is not encouraging. This report focuses on Commonwealth countries; add to these, Myanmar, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Yemen, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Brazil, Venezuela, Egypt, Libya and more; there is plenty of bad news which needs balancing with more encouraging trends.

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Pancake Breakfast Drifts into Pancake Brunch

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The first pancake and coffee breakfast at the Yacht Club organised by the Fantom family proved to be outstandingly popular and, for a first attempt, was a roaring success. Leading the Fantom Four was James, the Master Pancake Maker assisted by mother Debbie who arranged the delicious pancakes with one of a choice of mouth-watering toppings as works of art. James' partner Jess was kept busy taking the orders and the cash while Fantom father, Neil, was on hand to help as required. He was seen taking a bin bag full of used food containers to the wheelie bin but offers of help to James were quietly declined as the pancake supremo concentrated on maintaining a consistent quality standard for all the 267 delicious pancakes he cooked as breakfast time turned to brunch.

Around 15 to 20 people were seated throughout at the tables enjoying the pancakes while more people arrived as others left. The demand for pancakes was three times more than expected. It is planned to have pancake breakfasts at the Yacht Club as a regular event. The next opportunity to enjoy a pancake breakfast will be on Saturday 20th March.



Total concentration as James cooks another batch of pancakes

Another star attraction was the locally grown and produced Wranghams coffee. About 400 coffee bushes at Wranghams have been nurtured back to peak condition, producing a bean which makes an excellent cup of coffee. The popular brew eventually ran out but supplies of French coffee were on hand to take the place of the superior local coffee.

James Fantom told the Independent, "On Saturday we opened the Kind Café (Our name) for the first time down at the Yacht Club. We couldn't have asked for a better day as the sun was shining, the sea was sparkling, and air was buzzing. We opened for a morning of thick fluffy American-style pancakes with various toppings and locally grown coffee, courtesy of Neil and Debbie Fantom out at Wrangham's, Sandy Bay. In total, made and sold 267 pancakes, about 3 times as many as anticipated! We are donating a percentage of all profits to the Yacht Club to aid them in their roof restoration and other works. It's pleasing to see the Yacht Club becoming a more

popular venue; I really hope that trend continues. It was great to be able to take advantage of such a beautiful location. Big thanks to everyone for coming out and enjoying the morning with myself, Jess, Debbie, and Neil (big shout out to each of them too; you rock!)."



Debbie Fantom prepares another serving of pancake. This one is the sweet option

Social events at the Yacht Club are becoming more regular and include some new ideas to attract people who want to meet, chat and enjoy good food and drink. The Yacht Club is in a prime location for many types of first class social events and is leading the way in transforming the Wharf area into a location for leisure activities. Some of the people enjoying a pancake breakfast had been diving or swimming first. An excellent combination of sport and leisure facilities is developing on the seafront and wharf area.

A Date for Your Diary



Pi Day is on March 14, and any day that combines fun, education, and pie is a day worth celebrating! Pi, also known by the Greek letter "p," is a constant value used in math that represents the ratio of a circumference of a circle to its diameter, which is just about 3.14....15...9265359... (and so on). Not only that, but the fourteenth of March is also Albert Einstein's birthday, so all together it's nothing short of a mathematician's delight.

Fishing Back in the Limelight Again

SHG TAKE A SIGNIFICANT STEP TOWARDS SECURING A POSITIVE FUTURE FOR THE ISLAND'S FISHING SECTOR

Author - St Helena Government

At their meeting on Tuesday, 2 March 2021, Executive Council gave approval to take forward the signing of a 10 year Lease between St Helena Government (SHG) and Saints Tuna Corporation Limited (STC) to lease the Fish Processing Factory located at Rupert's, and to enter into an Agreement to help govern the relationship with the parties (together with the locally registered investors PQ Trading (STH) Limited (PQTSH)).

STC is a recently established St Helena registered company which includes eight local commercial fishermen as shareholders, together with PQTSH. STC will undertake commercial fishing, processing, marketing and supply chain activities with the prime objective of establishing a sustainable and environmentally friendly fishing industry that makes a significant contribution to the local economy, by producing high quality products for sale to the local market and for export.

PQTSH is also a St Helena registered company, incorporated in December 2019, whose shareholders, Mr Johan Bezuidenhout and Mr Johan-Marais Bezuidenhout – a Cape Town based father and son team with long experience in related industries and markets – are also shareholders in STC. PQTSH is a fishing company that plans to operate two locally registered ships that will specialise in fishing the offshore 'sea mounts' within the St Helena Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).

STC supports the concept, strategy and plans pursued by the Blue Belt Programme, specifically its attentions and involvement in the St Helena Marine and Ecological environments, as well as the International Pole and Line Foundation (IPNLF) initiatives. STC will fish using one-by-one fishing methods, will promote effective use of the commercial fishery and plans to create an operation that will directly benefit and provide opportunities for local commercial fishermen. STC

plans to develop sustainable offshore fishing at the sea mounts, including exploratory fishing at Cardno, in order to develop a profitable enterprise so that fish processing will no longer require an annual government subsidy to operate.

Under the Agreement with SHG, STC will focus strongly on the protection of juvenile fish and bait fish species resources around the Island and the various offshore seamounts. STC commits to contributing to SHG's Fisheries Science Programme and will work with SHG's Marine Team to continually improve science and experience to inform sustainable catch limits for our tuna fisheries. STC also commits to purchasing fish from all commercial fishermen and will ensure the supply of ice for the same.

SHG has agreed to invest up to £500,000 to upgrade the Fish Processing Factory to a standard acceptable for the export of fish and fish products, including the purchase of assets to lease to the Company. As a part of this upgrade, STC will also replace the R22 gas with a refrigerant that is more environmentally friendly.

The planned-for effect of this exciting new arrangement is that - after the refurbishment works are completed - SHG will no longer provide subsidy to the fishing sector as it has done for a significant number of years. It will also mean that SHG will no longer need to spend £20,000 per month operating the processing facility. The profitable exportation of fish will serve to improve St Helena's economy by bringing in new money to the Island. Furthermore, by conducting a science programme alongside fishing at the sea mounts, SHG can get a more comprehensive sense of the availability and replenishment of tuna fish stocks in our waters.

SHG
5 March 2021



Open Letter to the Members of Executive Council

Members of Executive Council
The Castle
Jamestown
10th March 2021

Dear Members of Executive Council,
Request to meet urgently

We the undersigned commercial fishermen are taking the unusual step of contacting you by way of this hand delivered letter and also by submitting a copy for local press publication.

The reason is simply that without public involvement there is some doubt that you will give fair consideration to our request for a meeting. We wish to hear your concept of where the future of our industry lies and ask relevant questions that

concern all of us. Whether we signed up to the promoted STC option or held back seeking further clarification, all of us have unanswered questions. The silence is deafening.

It is all too easy to pass legislation and hand control of the island's only fish processing facility and the "exploitation" of our natural resources to South African commercial interests. However, you did give a public undertaking that all our businesses would be safeguarded by "airtight" clauses in any licenses or legislation. Nothing in your Press Release of Friday, 05th March 2021 or indeed the STC Articles of Incorporation indicates that undertaking was actually honoured. Perhaps we are simply mistaken, and if so now is the time to grant us an audience for full and frank discussion on all relevant matters especially the safeguards you have put in place.

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Fishing Back in the Limelight Again

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Another Yellowfin Tuna peak season inshore has rolled around with numerous fish in the 30kg bracket at present. Prime fish that are the foundation our businesses were built on and our hope for future prosperity. You took that prosperity away a year ago and the responsibility to replace it lies at your door. The challenge is to get it right this time and regenerate some confidence amongst those of us that risk our lives to put fish on your table and contribute

to the flourishing economy that has been promised for many a year. Pick a date and location, but make it

soon.

Yours Sincerely,

Yours sincerely,

Peter Benjamin
 Arman Duncan
 Leroy Young
 Ke Johnson
 Dion Thomas
 Brian Thomas
 Colin Thomas

Michael Sim
 Rico Benjamin
 Clayton Benjamin
 Gordon Murrell
 Colin H Thomas
 Ross Beard
 Raymond Benjamin

WATSON THOMAS
 Nigel Gwede
 Richard Sim
 Andrew P. Aja

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The SHCFA still awaits evidence from SHG that confirms the steps they have taken will secure a positive future for ALL commercial fishers

The SHCFA read with great interest the Press Release issued by SHG on Friday, 05th March 2021, where it confirmed that Executive Council had given approval to take forward the signing of a 10 year lease between St Helena Government (SHG) and Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) to lease the Fishing Processing Factory located at Ruperts. Furthermore, it advised that SHG would enter into Agreement to help govern the relationship with the parties, namely PQ Trading (STH) Limited (PQTSH).

What this declaration failed to mention is the continued exclusion and lack of communication with other essential and

interested parties – the local commercial fishermen, who have yet to express an interest in STC or indeed the community of this island who have shown a great deal of interest in this fishery process. In public forums members of Executive Council and SHG Officers promised that additional information would be provided, but to date this has not been forthcoming from SHG at what would be considered an acceptable level, given the change envisaged.

As the Press Release revealed, STC is a recently established St Helena registered company. We can confirm this to be true, as the company was registered on 12th January 2021. What is pertinent however, is that this did not become known to the SHCFA until the 16th February 2021 and more than likely was unknown to the majority of the general public until last week when the SHG made this announcement.

By way of a brief timeline, we will recap.

In February 2020, SHG issued a Press Release advising us that PQTSH had been endorsed as the investor to undertake fish processing operations in St Helena and it was their proposal to develop a Co-Operative called the St Helena Fisheries Co-Operative (SHFCO). No further substantive information was shared until a 3-page outline proposal was published in the local media in August 2020, entitled "Outline Proposal for St Helena Fisherman's Co-Operative (SHFCO)". This proposal was printed at the same time that an advert was released by the SHFCO, calling ALL involved in the fishing industry who were passionate and wanted to be a part of the expansion of the fishery to become a part of the SHFCO. Two proposed meetings

ensued and were well attended by local fishermen, but due to insufficient information and a number of other **key** issues, some local fishermen decided not to commit at that time. In December 2020, a Director of PQTSH visited the island, but unfortunately he refused to meet with the SHCFA when we requested to be included in his proposed meetings with commercial fishermen who had already expressed an interest in joining the SHFCO. No further communication was received from PQTSH or SHFCO until the 16th February 2021, therefore we were not aware that the proposed SHFCO approach had been altered to that of a STC.

This communication was an invitation sent from a Director of STC informing us that STC had extended the period for local commercial fisherman to join the Corporation until the 26th February 2020 – extended? We were not even aware that STC existed. The invite requested that we attend a meeting to engage with STC during which the Articles of Incorporation would be shared. A number of requests were made for the Articles to be shared prior to the meeting, but this was declined.

Due to the refusal, the SHCFA requested copies of the Articles of Incorporation via the Companies Registry to enable all our members to sight the document. Unfortunately however, we have not had the opportunity to discuss its content with STC as once they learnt that we had obtained copies of the document they postponed meeting with us, claiming that there was no need to do so until they are back on island. (Their estimated arrival date is currently unknown).

The STC Director's invite to join the STC

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(if the invite still exists) will obviously be considered by our members once adequate information is shared. However, the obvious question needs to be asked – how and when did the Co-Operative approach which underpinned PQTSH's proposal and "impressed" the evaluators and ExCo alike in February 2020, get ditched and replaced by STC?

Noting that Executive Council have approved STC and made a decision regarding the future of our fishery, we wish to highlight that to date the only formal information that the majority of local commercial fishermen have sighted (to include some members of STC) are the Articles and SHG's recent Press Release. It is for these reasons that we remain cautious as we have not had access to key information that will aid us in making an informed decision whether to become shareholders of STC or to remain independent. At this point in time we do not know what will be the consequences of either decision. We do not know:

1. What is STC's proposed pricing structures? Within reason - what can we expect to get paid for our fish? What can the community expect to pay for their fish?
2. What is STC's proposed costs for services i.e. cost of ice, processing, packaging etc.?
3. Has STC been obligated by SHG to process fish for non-shareholders to ensure that all the island's local fishermen will have the ability to continue with their businesses? SHG has encouraged an open local market throughout the extended interim measure, it will be highly suspicious if this comes to an end once STC takes up residence in the factory.
4. What are SHG's medium – long term management plans for tuna quota allocation? This is a critical question and one that Elected Members should be asking questions about now to en-

sure maximum benefit for the island.

5. What does Section 10 entitled "Business Arrangements" actually mean in respect of non-shareholders? What guidelines are being referred to when speaking of quality, quantity, timing and species?
6. What specific cold storage facilities will be provided for the local, inshore fleet? It is noted that for offshore vessels blast freezing to -45°, containerising in reefers and holding at -45° until export shipment abroad is offered. There is no detail regarding this for the local, inshore fleet.
7. In the Articles the provision of ice is referenced for **all** shareholders' fishing boats, what will be the provision being made available for non-shareholders? We note the SHG Press Release suggests that ice will be supplied to all commercial fishermen but this is not consistent with STC's Articles.
8. How are shares being allocated? Who will have the majority of control of STC? Currently it would seem that this is PQTSH. This is not a criticism, but an observation made directly from sighting the STC Articles.
9. What will be the size of the two locally registered PQTSH ships, noting that the prime objective of STC is to establish a sustainable and environmentally friendly fishing industry? SHG have imposed a 30m restriction on vessels fishing within the island's Marine Protected Area (MPA) – this was done to ensure low impact, non-industrial harvesting of fish resources which is aligned with the MPA objectives. We are assuming these ships are compliant with the size restriction.
10. Will these PQTSH ships also fish outside of St Helena's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) and if so, using what methods?
11. Emphasis is being placed on the

protection of juvenile fish, what size restrictions, if any, will be placed on our fishery over and above those already imposed by SHG?

12. SHG have agreed to invest £500k of public money, what is the expected return on their investment? How will this investment benefit our existing local commercial fishermen and any future new entrants? How will the investment benefit the island?
13. What plans are in place for the continuation of our fishery when refurbishment works commence?
14. What are the proposed timelines for the refurbishment works to include the replacements of the R22 gas?

These are just a few of the questions that have been raised since becoming aware of Saints Tuna Corporation, and SHG's decision to approve a 10 year lease on the Fish Processing Factory. Other questions have and will be asked however, they are not appropriate for the public domain at this time.

SHG describes the new arrangement with PQTSH and STC as "exciting"; due to lack of information and therefore walking into the unknown, some of us will not be so quick to jump to this conclusion.

Members of the SHCFA

You are invited to our
Mothering Sunday
service

@ the Rock, Unit 3 Longwood Enterprise Park,
 14th March 2021, 11am

**THE GOD
 WHO
 NURTURES**

**THE ROCK
 CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP**

*"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you;
 and you will be comforted over Jerusalem." Isaiah 66:13*

Your Opinion Counts

THE CONSTITUENT

Consultative Poll – Have Your Say Dear Resident,

In the current system of local governance, all elected representatives do not have proper political involvement and oversight in the decision-making that impacts the local community. This disjointed and isolated method of working by stakeholders at the highest level of the local government should not be allowed to continue. Indeed, the Charter of the United Nations places an international obligation on the United Kingdom to promote, to the utmost, political, economic, social and educational advancement for the people of St Helena.

We live in a democratic society. Therefore, democracy and democratic procedures and processes must have the primary role in local government.

The current system of local governance is not altogether based on democratic principles and, as a consequence, is just not working in the very best interests of the people of St Helena.

I will provide an example: recently a working group, set up and tasked by a Committee to carry out specific work, was abruptly dissolved by SHG officials because SHG officials wanted their input to have precedence in the decision-making process. Now, that is not democracy at work and being led by a committee established according to the Constitution; that is SHG officials entertaining dictatorial aspirations within local government and a democratic society. Clearly, democracy must be strengthened, and the roles of the stakeholders at Council level must be properly defined.

The painfully slow progress in reaching objectives within the current governance system is another serious problem. The slow progress can hold up community development and even have prolonged negative impacts on our vulnerable people.

Example: the Social Security Ordinance, implemented in 2011, and supposedly designed to provide financial assistance for our vulnerable people, has never been entirely fit for purpose. After a review was carried by a professional consultant from the United Kingdom in 2013, the Sainsbury report with recommendations for improvements was presented to the St Helena government. Yes, as St Helena is heavily reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom, there will be serious financial constraints to implementing improvements. However, here we are seven years on and the related work on Social Security is still ongoing.

The bottlenecks within the various sections of St Helena Government are a serious hindrance to elected representatives determined to progress legislation and priority objectives. Indeed, the work on updating and modernising legislation such as the Road Traffic Ordinance, the Immigration Ordinance and the Land Development Control Plan has been ongoing now for many years.

The current system of local governance is clearly not working in the very best interests of the island and is therefore unacceptable and should not be allowed to continue.

In just five days' time the people of St Helena, including Saints Helenians on Ascension and the Falklands, will have the opportunity to vote and decide the future system of governance for St Helena. I cannot over emphasize that complacency and apathy must not become an option in that important process.

Amongst the most important aspects of St Helena are the local population, the

needs of the local population and the ongoing development of democracy for the local population.

The future system of local governance, in some way, shape or form, will impact every individual woman, man and child, every family, the local community in general, the island of St Helena itself and future generations for years to come.

On Wednesday 17th March, the people of St Helena will have arrived at **one** of the most, if not **the** most, defining days in the life of St Helena. Each individual who is eligible to vote in the consultative poll will have the opportunity and the option to have their say, through the ballot box, in deciding the future governance of St Helena.

Whether we choose to vote or choose not to vote in the consultative poll, it is the people of St Helena who will be responsible for deciding the future governance for the people of St Helena. The true significance of such individual responsibility should be given serious consideration by those who are eligible to vote.

Democracy can only be developed by the people it serves.

All those who are eligible to participate and vote are encouraged to make a special effort on Polling Day to have your say in the future democratic governance of the island.

(Cllr C Leo)



CODE OF CONDUCT FOR CORONERS

A Code of Conduct for Coroners has been prepared by the Coroner's Office.

If any person wishes to inspect this Code of Conduct they can do so at the Coroner's Office, Judicial Services, Grand Parade, Jamestown, during normal working hours.

Alternatively, a copy can be requested via email:

amelia.gough@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG, 9 March 2021





DESIGN COMPETITION

BADGE OF ST HELENA

Enter our competition to design a new Badge of St Helena with the prospect of winning £100.

Executive Council agreed on 3 November 2020 to introduce a Badge of St Helena to recognise exceptional services by non-St Helenians. It is intended that the Badge be awarded to such individuals or businesses who make significant contribution to St Helena by supporting and/or enhancing social, cultural, economic, and environmental improvements and/or understanding of St Helena internationally. This new award will complement the existing Badge of Honour which is only available for St Helenians or others who have been resident on St Helena for 10 years or more.

The competition is open to all persons residing on-Island and will close on 26 March 2021.

Designs can either be submitted electronically or in hard copy and should preferably include pictorial and/or symbolic images relevant to St Helena for both obverse and reverse of the Badge.

Designs should preferably not exceed A4 quarter page size as they will need to be reduced to fit the size of the Badge which will have a diameter of 3.5cm. A picture of the existing Badge of Honour is shown below as an example.



Designs should also be accompanied by a narrative to explain the thinking behind the design.

It should be noted that SHG reserves the right to edit the selected designs.

Entries should be submitted to the Secretary of the Honours Committee, Linda Benjamin, at the Castle. Hard copies should be placed in a sealed envelope marked “Design Competition – Badge of St Helena”. E-copies should be addressed to linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION MEETINGS

TRADE WIND OCEAN VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT

Following receipt of revised Environmental Impact Assessment and Environmental Management Programme documentation to support the development application for the Trade Wind Ocean Village Development, Horse Pasture, Thompsons Hill, the Planning Department is now seeking the views of the public through a consultation on the proposed development with the revised supporting documents.

The proposal is to build 150 high-end residential homes, together with tennis court, swimming pool, eight acres of public country park/picnic/camping area and associated hiking trail, as well as a log-type adventure children's playground and associated public car park.

Two Public Consultation Meetings will be held as follows:

Venue	Time	Date
Jamestown Community Centre	7pm	Tuesday, 23 March
Kinghurst Community Centre	7pm	Wednesday, 24 March

The aim of the Public Consultation Meetings is to give the wider community the opportunity to view the details of the proposal and the supporting information and to let the Planning Officer know of your concerns and/or support for the proposal which will be incorporated into the Officer's report for the consideration of the Land Development Control Authority.

Before the submission of the development application, the applicants - Saint Helena Development Limited - organised pre-application consultation meetings during January 2020 where members of the public had the opportunity see the draft proposals and put forward their views. The views expressed at these meetings have been incorporated into the design proposal.

To enable the wider community to express their views on the proposed development following the Public Consultation Meetings, the closing date for consultation will be 4pm on Friday, 9 April 2021.

SHG, 9 March 2021

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



VACCINATION PROGRAMME UPDATE

The Island wide vaccination programme has been open to all eligible members of the public since Monday, 1 March 2021.

The total number of people who have received doses of the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine between 1-5 March are 1024. The remaining 97 persons who received their first dose in January were among these, receiving their second dose, and thus becoming fully vaccinated front line workers.

Date	First Dose	Second Dose	Total Doses administered
26 - 28 January	107	107	
26 February	10	10	
01 – 05 March	927	97	1,024
			1,141 Total

The total number of first and second doses administered on-Island so far is 1141.

These numbers indicate that approximately 30% of the Islands eligible population have been vaccinated.

SHG continues to encourage you to become vaccinated in order to protect yourself and the wider community.

#StHelena #COVID-19 #VaccinationProgramme

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COORDINATED COMMUNITY CLEAN UP EVENT SATURDAY 20TH MARCH

To end St Helena Government's *Marine Awareness Week 2021*, the Saint Helena National Trust will be hosting a Community Clean Up event on Saturday the 20th of March.

There will be a central clean up effort on the Jamestown Wharf, starting at 10:00
Meet at the Honeymoon Chair

In addition, a number of local partner organisations will lead on 'satellite' cleans at various sites around the island – any and all citizens are encouraged to take some time to collect litter in an area close to their hearts or homes.

For more information on any of the cleans currently being arranged, or to update us on your own plans, contact the Saint Helena National Trust at james.wylor-owen@trust.org.sh, or call **22569**

CONSULTATIVE POLL ON GOVERNANCE REFORM

POLLING DAY AND HOW TO VOTE

St Helena goes to the polls next week on Wednesday, 17 March 2021, after Legislative Council unanimously agreed that a Consultative Poll on Governance Reform be held on St Helena.

The Poll will ask the public if the current Governance System should be changed, and if so, whether it should be changed to a Revised Committee System or a Ministerial System.

Polling Day

On Polling Day, 17 March, Polling Stations will open from 10am until 7pm and will be located as follows:

Polling Station	Presiding Officer	Asst Presiding Officer
Alarm Forest (St Mary's Church)	Brenda Thomas	Deborah Knipe
Blue Hill Community Centre	Diana Williams	Belinda Piek
Half Tree Hollow Community Centre	Karen Yon	Merlin George
Jamestown Community Centre	Olive Williams	Joan Yon
Levelwood Community Centre	Brenda Stevens	Angela Francis
Longwood (Harford Community Centre)	Cecily Bateman	Priscilla Isaac
Sandy Bay Community Centre	Phyllis Coleman	Delphia Stevens
St Paul's (Kingshurst Community Centre)	Jackie Moyce	Patrick Young

Voters must vote in the Electoral District in which they are registered, unless they have had an application approved by the Registration Officer to vote in a different Electoral District to which they are registered for reasons such as convenience due to their working location.

Upon arrival to a Polling Station, the voter should proceed to the Assistant Presiding Officer's desk who will ask their name and address. Voters will then be asked by the Presiding Officer if they know how to cast their vote and will explain the process if necessary. The Presiding Officer will issue the Ballot Paper to the voter. Voters can then cast their vote in secret.

How to Vote

Consultative Poll on Governance Reform - 17 March 2021
BALLOT PAPER

No.
Ballot Paper
Counterfoil
Voter's Serial
Number:

1) Do you want the current system of governance to be changed?
(Indicate either 'yes' or 'no' by placing an 'x' in the relevant box)

Yes ☐
No ☐

2) If the public will is for a change to the current system of governance, should the
governance system be changed to:

a) a revised Committee system of governance; or ☐
b) a Ministerial system of governance ☐

(Indicate which system is your preference by placing an 'x' in the relevant box)

Figure 1 - Sample Ballot Paper

There are two questions included on the Ballot Paper.

Question One asks whether or not the Current System of Governance should be changed. Voters to indicate 'yes' or 'no' by placing an 'X' in the relevant box. If a voter places an 'X' in both the 'yes' and 'no' boxes, the votes will be invalid and not counted.

Question Two asks, if the public will is for change, whether voters' preference is for a Revised Committee System or a Ministerial System of Governance. Voters can place an 'X' against either box

a) Revised Committee System or box b) Ministerial System. If a voter places an 'X' in both box a) and b) the votes will be invalid and not counted.

If a voter votes for no change in Question One, they can still cast a vote in Question Two so that their view is counted if the majority of voters vote for a change of system.

If a voter places a mark on a Ballot Paper by which he/she can be afterwards identified, the Ballot Paper will be void and will not be counted.

If a voter is blind, incapacitated or illiterate and is therefore unable to mark the Ballot Paper his/herself, the Presiding Officer will mark it for him/her if requested to do so by the voter.

Voting by Proxy

Those wishing to vote by Proxy are reminded that they must obtain advanced permission from Registration Officer, Carol George, at the Castle by completing and returning the relevant application form by no later than 10am on 15 March 2021.

Application forms are available from Registration Officer, Carol George, via email: carol.george@sainthelena.gov.sh and are also available on the SHG Website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

If you wish to vote by Proxy, your Proxy must be on the current Register of Electors, or have applied to have their name included on the Register since it came into effect in July 2020 or be on the Supplemental List of Individuals and registered in the same Electoral District in which you are registered.

An elector cannot be Proxy for more than one person.


#StHelena #GovernanceReform #ConsultativePoll #PollingDay #HowToVote

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VACANCIES

The St Helena National Trust has the following vacancies:

HISTORIC ENVIRONMENT REGISTER (HER) PROJECT OFFICER
Seeking applicants to lead a new pilot project for St Helena's Historic Environment Register. Must have an interest in preserving our built heritage, have knowledge of IT, fieldwork, project management experience, and excellent communication skills. Role is full time for up to six months.
For further information on this post please contact Mike Jervois, Director on 22197 or email mike.jervois@trust.org.sh.

VERTEBRATE PROJECT MANAGER
Seeking a Manager for our Darwin Plus funded Vertebrate Project. This role will include both office and fieldwork, leading a small team, and managing a budget. Applicants must be well organised, highly motivated and have an understanding of project delivery, preferably in a management role. Role is full time until March 2023.
For further information on this post please contact Martina Peters, Head of Conservation on 22307 or email martina.peters@trust.org.sh.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation conserving St Helena's built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset that we have.
Job descriptions can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the Trust office, Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 26 MARCH 2021

UNACCOUNTED FOR WATER PERFORMANCE INDICATORS

The key in developing a strategy for management of non-revenue water (NRW) is to gain a better understanding of the reasons for NRW and the factors which influence its components. The components of NRW can be determined by conducting a water balance analysis as explained last week. The International Water Association (IWA) provides a water balance calculation that gives guidance to estimate how much is lost as leakage from the network (physical losses), and how much is due to non-physical losses. In addition the IWA has also established the Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI), a performance indicator for comparisons of leakage management in water supply systems. ILI is a more appropriate approach to use than the percentage of system input volume.

There are more performance indicators but within this article we will focus on two:

- There is the basic performance indicator which is the – NRW as a percentage of water supplied.
- We have also started using a more detailed indicator – The Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) which is derived from the structural and operational characteristics of the network. ILI gives a relationship of losses to unavoidable losses.

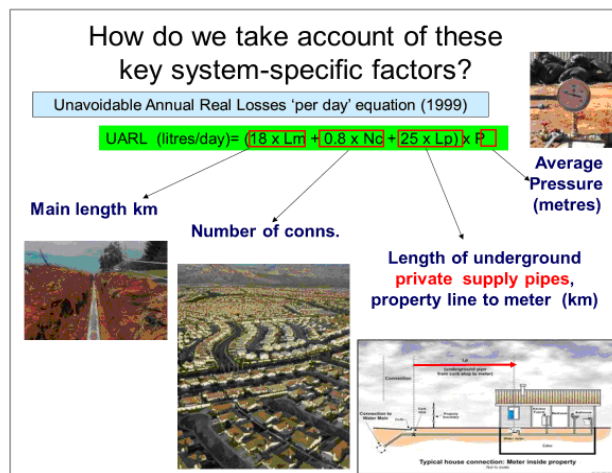
ILI is calculated as follows:

Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI)

- Calculation for ILI is;

$$\frac{CARL \text{ (Current Amount Real Losses)}}{UARL \text{ (Un-Avoidable Real Losses)}}$$
- CARL = physical losses includes overflow, burst, and leaks
- $$UARL = (18 \times L_m + 0.8 \times N_c + 25 \times L_p) \times P$$

For every network there are unavoidable losses which are influenced by the factors in the following equation:



The NRW is a financial performance indicator that does not provide for the actual physical condition of the water network. However, Infrastructure Leakage Index (ILI) has proved to be an effective technical real loss performance indicator for well-planned and maintained water utilities in developed countries. With the work carried out to date, we are comparable to water companies in Europe and this will be in the article for next week.

10 March 2021



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

Operational Supervisor

Within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket

Job Outline
To be responsible for overseeing the daily operations within the Business Unit and to provide continuous strategic support to Management.

Interested Persons Should:
Ideally have experience working in a retail environment
Possess good leadership skills and Supervisory experience
Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
Have experience in Stock Management
Be experienced in Cash Handling & Security
Possess excellent Customer Service skills
Have GCSE Maths & English at grade C or above or equivalent
Possess RSPH Level 2 Food Safety or equivalent

Salary for the post will start at **£9,272.28** per annum (£772.69 per month)

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

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh and should be completed and returned to Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources Officer, Solomons Office, Jamestown, by **23 March 2021**



St Helena Government

VACANCY

FEMALE SUPPORT WORKERS (CHILDREN'S RESIDENTIAL HOME)

Fixed Term: 1 year within Health & Social Care Portfolio

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career? Do you have the ability to provide quality care and protection for children of all ages? If so, and because of the need of the service, Children's Services is seeking to recruit a female to work as part of their team!

We offer the following:

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of experience:

- Functional Skills Entry Level 1 in Maths and English or equivalent experience
- Valid Drivers' Licence (and access to own vehicle for work purposes)
- Experience of working with vulnerable adults, young people and children

Salary: £6,722 per annum as per the Social Care cadre
Leave: 25 days per annum
Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
Paid Sickness Absence
Flexible working hours scheme

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Shanade Bedwell, Acting Children's Residential Home Supervisor on telephone number 23312 or email: shanade.bedwell@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from: Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Wednesday, 24 March 2021**.

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

Our vision: 'Working together to promote the wellbeing and safety of vulnerable children and adults in the community of St Helena.'



SOCIAL CARE VACANCIES

Care Assistant's—Community Care Centre

Contact: Michelle Clingham

Tel: 23090

Email: michelle.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh

Care Assistant's—Ebony View

Contact: Deborah Baldwin

Tel: 23312

Email: deborah.baldwin@sainthelena.gov.sh



Support Workers—Cape Villa & Deacons Centre

Contact: Gillian Brooks

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Email: gillian.brooks@sainthelena.gov.sh



You don't need to have qualifications but if you have previous experience in this field – we're happy to work with you to help you become an excellent care worker. Why not contact us if you are:

Experienced in supporting individuals who are no longer able to live at home.

Able to work well as part of a team

Positive, friendly and have a friendly proactive attitude

Closing Date: 4 pm

Friday, 26 March 2021

Able to be flexible and adaptable to meet the needs of our residents

- * Salary: Grade B £6,890 per annum as per the Social Care Cadre
- * Leave: 25 days per annum
- * Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- * Paid Sickness Absence
- * Flexible working hours scheme
- * Training opportunities

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

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Cricket - RMS T20 Cup

Week 4 Cricket Results

Saturday AM

Allstars 114/2 (12 Ov)

Ralph Knipe 38*

Patrick Crowie 1/11

Cobras 112/10 (20 Ov)

Patrick Crowie 32

Clayton Leo 2/12

Saturday PM

Pirates 147/7 (20 Ov)

Matthew Benjamin 42

Andrew Yon 2/16

Challengers 153/0 (12.2 Ov)

Andrew Yon * 71

AJ Bennett 0/22

Sunday AM

Jamestown Heat 111/1 (11 Ov)

Dax Richards 55

Tristan Thomas 1/37

Woodpeckers 70/8 (20 Ov)

Jamie Ellick 31*

Jason Thomas 3/18

Sunday PM

Lions 98/9 (20 Ov)

Brendan Hunt 22

Barry Stroud 3/26

Mustangs 145/8 (20 Ov)

Antonio Green 43

Tyrone Cansick 2/20

Fixtures

13/03/2021 - Saturday

10am - Heat Vs Pirates

Umpires – Allstars

1.30pm – Challengers Vs Cobras

Umpires – Mustangs

14/03/2021 - Sunday

10am – Lions Vs Woodpeckers

Umpires – Cobras

1.30pm - Mustangs Vs Allstars

Umpires – Pirates

Download the cricheroes app or follow live scores online via the link

- <https://cricheroes.in/tournament/217836/RMS-T20-TOURNAMENT>

From the St Helena Golf Club

Contributed by: SHGC

Golf Report for 7th March 2021

Warm Sunday afternoon, scattered clouds, seventeen players and fast greens. That was the situation last Sunday in the medalford competition. In this hybrid format the first nine holes were stroke play and the second nine holes stableford.

The final score was the difference between the strokes of the first nine holes minus half of the handicap and the points of the second nine holes. Mr Peter Johnson playing off 18 handicap returned the lowest score of 14 taking the solo lead and winning the first prize followed in second place by Mr Larry Legg who scored 15 to win the second prize. There were no two ball pool winners. The prizes were presented by the ladies' captain Mrs Helena Stevens. Congratulations to the winners.

Next Sunday 14th March the club will be hosting the Annual Flagg Challenge Cup stroke play competition sponsored by Mrs Patsy Flagg. Normal tee off at 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 13th March at 15:00.

Happy swinging.....!



I gave my team Manchester United no chance against their high flying neighbours Manchester City last Sunday. However United put in a brilliant tactical performance and defeated the League leaders 2-0. I thought Scott McTominay and Fred dominated the midfield; Henderson looked assured in goal and Rashford; Martial and James was a constant threat to City's defence. The score line in fact could have been much greater if United had taken all their chances.

Surely Manchester City will go on to win the league as they are so far ahead. But if other Premier League teams adopt United's blueprint in how to play against Pep's team they could drop more points.



Bale has scored 6 goals in his last 6 games

Chelsea manager Thomas Tuchel is yet to taste defeat since he joins the Stamford Bridge club. Chelsea defeated Everton 2-0 in a game that both teams wanted to win to enhance their bid to qualify for next seasons Champions League.



An own goal and a penalty game Thomas Tucel's Chelsea all 3 points against Everton.

In other matches; West Ham's good form continues as they beat Leeds United 2-0.

West Brom drew 0-0 with Newcastle, a result that was no good to both teams.

Arsenal push to salvage at least European Football next season suffered a setback as they drew 1-1 with Burnley.

Southampton finally got back to winning ways as they defeated the bottom club Sheffield United 2-0.

Aston Villa and Wolves drew 0-0

Leicester City beat Brighton 2-1 at the Amex stadium to remain in 3rd place.



Leicester City march on as they beat Brighton and boost they chances of gaining a place in the Champions League



Bruno Fernandes scoring from the spot to give Manchester United a crucial lead against neighbours Manchester City.

It goes from bad to worse for Liverpool after lowly Fulham defeated them 1-0 at Anfield. This was the current Champions 6th home defeat in a row. For me this was the worse I have seen Liverpool play in 2 seasons as although it was a narrow win for Fulham they totally deserve all 3 points. As an attacking threat Fulham forwards were much better than Liverpool's. Mario Lemina scored the goal and picked up the man of the match award; however I was impress with former Everton player Ademola Lookman who terrorise the Liverpool defence.

This win for Fulham, moves them level on points with Brighton and 1 point behind Newcastle having played a game more. Fulham is currently unbeaten in 8 away matches.



Anfield is no longer a fortress.

Spurs fans would have being delighted to see Gareth Bale return to form as he scored 2 goals in his sides 4-1 defeat of Crystal Palace. Harry Kane scored the other two.

This win for Spurs moved them to 7th place on 45 points just 5 points behind Chelsea in 4th place having played a game less.

Fixtures

FRIDAY 12TH MARCH

• 20:00 Newcastle United v Aston Villa

SATURDAY 13TH MARCH

• 12:30 Leeds United v Chelsea

• 15:00 Crystal Palace v West Bromwich Albion

• 17:30 Everton v Burnley

• 20:00 Fulham v Manchester City

SUNDAY 14TH MARCH

• 12:00 Southampton v Brighton & Hove Albion

• 14:00 Leicester City v Sheffield United

• 16:30 Arsenal v Tottenham Hotspur

• 19:15 Manchester United v West Ham United

MONDAY 15TH MARCH

• 20:00 Wolverhampton Wanderers v Liverpool



Update from SHFA

On Monday 3 goalkeepers attended the training at Francis Plain. Goalkeeping training will take place with Keith Yon every Monday from 4.30pm and all Goalkeepers are welcome to attend.

On Thursday 18th March a meeting for all SHFA Committee members and Captains will be held at New Horizons from 6pm. It is essential for all Captains who are entering teams for the 2021 season to be in attendance.

JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE

SKITTLES SEASON – 2020/21

RESULTS

DATE: 1 st . March:			Bt	Youngstars - 408	
Strugglers - 504					
Lady's H Sc.	Emerald Newman-Yon	68		Rebecca Young	42
Gent's H Sc.	David Thomas	71		Brett Isaac	68
Lady's H. Sp	Emerald Newman-Yon	23			
Gent's H Sp.	Dancel Yon	16		Brett Isaac	14
	David Thomas	16			

DATE: 3 rd . March:			Bt	Extractors - 443	
Guys & Dolls - 461					
Lady's H Sc.	Kedall Lawrence	55			
Gent's H Sc.	Neil Joshua	60		Gary Joshua	62
Lady's H. Sp.	Marilyn Joshua	12			
Gent's H Sp.	Neil Joshua	14		Luke Johnson	13
				Gary Joshua	13

Upcoming fixtures:

Monday, 15th. March :- Strugglers v Extractors
Wednesday, 17th. March: Youngstars v Never Readys



**Thorpes Grocery shop
will be closed for stock
take on Tuesday 16th
March 2021**

**Any inconvenience
caused is very much
regretted.**

AGM

The Arts & Crafts Association will be having their AGM on the 25th March 2021 at the Canister conference Room.

Starting at 6.30 pm.

All Board Members and Crafters are requested to attend.

Vacancy - Chef

NAAFI at MPA, Falkland Islands, has a vacancy for a Chef. Hours of work is 55 per week based on a six day working week.

The successful person will need to undergo medical, dental and security screening prior to start of employment.

Travel costs will be met by the Company.



For further information and a job description please contact Del Hopkins on Island, on tele no: 22956. CV's can be sent to dhopkins@naafi.co.uk.

15th March – 20th March

Blue Belt - Tomorrow's Ocean Today

What's on...

Marine Awareness Week

A week dedicated to the marine environment, showcasing the work supported by the Blue Belt Programme.

Exhibitions

Come and see the displays and exhibitions on the various work areas currently being undertaken by the project.

**Open all week
(Mon – Fri)
9am – 7.30pm**

Presentations Night – Monday, 15th

Come and listen to a series of presentations:

Presenter	Title	Time
Elizabeth Clingham	An Introduction to the Blue Belt Programme	6.35 pm
SHNT Marine team	The role of an NGO in local marine research and conservation.	6.55pm
Joachim Naualaerts	St. Helena Fisheries Science - Assessing inshore species.	7.15pm
Leeann Henry	St. Helena Shallow Inshore Habitat Monitoring and Biodiversity surveys	7.35pm
Rhys Hobbs	Site Fidelity of Yellowfin Tuna	7.50pm



Wednesday, 17th | Anne's | 6.30pm



Community Clean Up

Saturday, 20th

Join in with the National Trust and others stakeholders.

Details coming soon...

To find out more contact the National Trust via email:

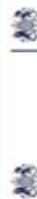
James.wylor-owen@trust.org.sh

We'd like to introduce all the team working on the Blue Belt Programme from our delivery partner organisations. Stay tuned to our local radio stations and keep an eye on our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/sthelenaconservation>

Like us

Join us at Anne's Place



Marine Management Organisation



Centre for Environment Fisheries & Aquaculture Science



UK Government



St. Helena Government

Learn about
Our Marine Protected Area.

The science behind local fisheries management.

New policies and legislation.

The compliance and enforcement of law.

The need for conservation of the marine environment and more...

For further information please contact
Elizabeth on 25393 or email
Elizabeth.clingham@fcd.sh
o.gov.sh

Or Leeann on 22270 or email
leeann.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

NEW YEAR HONOURS 2021: OVERSEAS LIST

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office invites nominations for the 2022 Queen's New Year Honours List.

Persons wishing to submit nominations for the 2022 New Year Honours are reminded that the overriding principle is that Honours are awarded on merit for exceptional achievement or any service recently carried out over and above what normally is expected. This can include making a difference to their community or field of work, innovation and entrepreneurship, improving life for people less able to help themselves and displaying moral courage. Where possible, nominations should place emphasis on voluntary services and the service must be recent.

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

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

Nomination forms for the New Year Honours, are available from Corporate Services at the Castle or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Executive Secretary, Honours Committee', by Monday, 12 April 2021.

SHG 24 February 2021

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



CERTIFICATE AND BADGE OF HONOUR AND ACTS OF BRAVERY AWARDS 2021

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

Furthermore, nominations are also invited for the Acts of Bravery Award. Nominations for this award should ideally be made to recognise Acts of Bravery that have taken place since the last call for nominations in April 2020.

Nomination forms for both the Certificate and Badge of Honour and Acts of Bravery awards are available from Corporate Services, at the Castle, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh. **It is important that nominations are kept confidential and that nominees are not made aware that they are being proposed for award of an Honour.**

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Executive Secretary, Honours Committee', by Monday 12 April 2021.

SHG 24 February 2021

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Festival of Running 2021



Despite only a short time frame to organise the 2021 Festival of Running, the National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) was pleased to be able to put on a reduced version of the ever so popular annual running event. It was great to see so many people turn up to take part in the four events that NSASH organised.

On Wednesday afternoon 30 people took part in the Jacobs' Ladder Challenge with James Fantom finishing first.

On Saturday the Trail run took place with 9 runners climbing the steady ascent from the Seafront to the top of Diana's Peak. James Wylon-Owen finished in 1st place.

Sunday we had the 3km and 10km Fun Runs. 52 people took part in the 3km Fun Run with 8 year old Joel Peters finishing as the overall winner.

32 people took part in the 10km Fun Run with James Fantom finishing as the overall winner.

There was some miscommunication in regards to the start time for the 10km and 3 runners turned up late. The NSASH

Jacobs Ladder Challenge Record - 5:16:78 (Graham Doy 2013)					
Number	Name	Male / Female	Child Age	Time	Position
8	James Fantom	M		6:35:37	1
28	Joshua Herne	M		6:37:94	2
11	Jamie Wylon-Owen	M		6:39:66	3
23	John Wollacott	M		7:25:84	4
13	Vontray Thomas	M		8:02:16	5
10	Nigel Leaver	M		8:14:50	6
3	Alan McMonegal	M		8:46:03	7
12	Jorden Johnson	M		8:49:69	8
17	Jeremiah Tsungo	M		9:21:91	9
30	Phil Sharman	M		9:26:94	10
19	Derek Pedley	M		10:15:69	11
21	Chris Bargo	M		10:31:31	12
9	Jess Wilson	F		8:20:68	1
18	Peggy Osterman	F		9:32:63	2
22	Emma Weaver	F		10:12:50	3
20	Tara Wortley	F		10:31:24	4
5	Maggie Banks	F		10:48:28	5
1	Jasmine Clark	F		12:14:15	6
16	Judith Kanjanda	F		12:55:62	7
19	Derek Pedley	M		10:15:69	11
21	Chris Bargo	M		10:31:31	12
9	Jess Wilson	F		8:20:68	1
18	Peggy Osterman	F		9:32:63	2
22	Emma Weaver	F		10:12:50	3
20	Tara Wortley	F		10:31:24	4
5	Maggie Banks	F		10:48:28	5
1	Jasmine Clark	F		12:14:15	6
16	Judith Kanjanda	F		12:55:62	7
14	Stefan Thomas	M	15	7:04:56	1
6	Finlay McMonegal	M	11	7:39:06	2
29	Joel Peters	M	8	8:41:18	3
24	Blane Bennett	M	13	9:09:50	4
27	Jacob Herne	M	11	9:49:16	5
2	Tristan Clark	M	13	10:20:81	6
4	Innes McMonegal	M	6	10:48:28	7
15	Aisan Marlow & Dad	M	7	11:22:81	8
7	Nina McMonegal	F	9	8:46:03	1
25	Georgia Bennett	F	10	10:46:98	2
26	Bethany Bennett	F	10	11:36:10	3

Trail Run Record - 0:56:55 (Martin Collins 2016)					
Number	Name	Male / Female	Child Age	Time	Position
4	James Wylon-Owen	M		01:12:14	1
8	Sergio Villatoro	M		01:16:17	2
11	John Wollacott	M		01:23:26	3
9	Alan McMonegal	M		01:24:26	4
7	Dan Marlow	M		01:29:44	5
1	Chris Bargo	M		01:34:19	6
5	Kate Heneghan	F		01:38:46	1
10	Finlay McMonegal	M	10	01:20:45	1
6	Blane Bennett	M	13	01:28:40	2

committee agreed that these 3 runners could start at the later time on a different clock.

NSASH would like to thank Enterprise St Helena's Tourist department for sponsoring the medals and collateral for all 4 events; we would also like to thank the Health Promotion sector of the St Helena Health Directorate for sponsoring the entrance fees for all children taking part and for providing the water. Thanks also to all those who helped with marshalling the events; special big thanks to Danielle Marlow who was our first aider for all the events. Thanks to Peggy Osterman who provided the non-fume environmental friendly support vehicle for Sunday's Fun Runs.

Personally I would like to thank the NSASH Committee of Anthony Thomas; Tina Yon-Stevens, Ryan Benjamin, Martin Henry, Christine Caswell and Olive Williams for giving up your time and ensuring that the events ran as smooth as possible. Special thanks to committee member Michielle Yon who did

3KM Record - 16:07 (Aiden Yon-Stevens 2018)					
Number	Name	Male / Female	Child Age	Time	Position
4	Alan McMonegal	M		26:33	1
45	Derek Pedley	M		29:32	2
21	Anthony Bennett	M		30:03	3
27	Edward Whitton	M		30:26	4
50	Frazer Stone	M		35:30	5
39	James Kellett	M		43:54	6
2	James Venning	M		56:48	7
46	Tom Wortley	M		1:09:43	8
51	Michelle Stone	F		28:12	1
22	Danielle Anthony	F		28:50	2
14	Merle Peters	F		30:24	3
6	Georgia Bedwell	F		40:14	4
28	Kelly Whitton	F		40:14	4
29	Jasmine Clark	F		41:44	5
47	Tara Wortley	F		42:57	6
40	Victoria Kellett	F		43:54	7
42	Kimberley Peters	F		44:07	8
36	Justine Green	F		44:36	9
44	Jane Roberts	F		44:41	10
35	Maria Thomas	F		47:05	11
11	Jackie Moyce	F		55:09	12
10	Cheryl Bedwell	F		55:11	13

Under 16's

20	Bethany Bennett	F	10	28:30	1
17	Brooke Yon	F	15	29:32	2
19	Georgia Bennett	F	10	29:58	3
34	Coral Marlow	F	5	30:28	4
8	Rachel Braaf	F	13	34:01	5
52	Joyce Stone	F	7	35:30	6
7	Leah Bedwell	F	14	40:16	7
31	Eban Clark	F	6	41:44	8
1	Sadie Herne	F	11	42:45	9
37	Quie Green	F	10	42:56	10
43	Misha Peters (in push chair)	F	1	44:07	11
24	Ava Thomas	F	12	46:52	12
3	Grace Venning	F	5	56:48	13
49	Laura Wortley	F	3	1:09:43	14
15	Joel Peters	M	8	21:03	1
18	Stefan Thomas	M	15	21:06	2
16	Riley Yon	M	12	25:51	3
9	Edson Stevens	M	13	25:59	4
13	William Caswell	M	12	26:02	5
12	James Stone	M	9	26:03	6
5	Innes McMonegal	M	6	26:33	7
23	Tyler Anthony	M	10	29:24	8
33	Aiden Marlow	M	7	30:25	9
26	Hugo Richards	M	8	31:04	10
25	Jacob Herne	M	11	31:05	11
32	Zac Thomas	M	10	41:44	12
48	Leo Wortley	M	6	42:17	13
30	Kainan Clark	M	8	43:40	14
41	Isaac Kellett	M	4	43:54	15
38	Dallas Green (in push chair)	M	2	44:41	16

Festival of Running 2021



the majority of the administration work and was crucial to the success of the 2021 Festival of Running.

I would also like to acknowledge the Yellow Fins Swim Club who did a brilliant job in organising the Triathlon which was included as part of the Festival of Running.

New records were set for this event as the course was slightly longer than the old course. A big well-done to the team of Peggy Osterman; James Wylon-Owen and James Fantom who would have smash the old record and now sets the new record for the 2021 Triathlon course

Finally I would like to thank the public for turning up to support all the events, without your participation the Festival of Running wouldn't have being as successful as it was.

Nick Stevens

Chairman

National Sports Association of St Helena

Triathlon TEAM Record - 00:54:36 (OLD ROUTE)			
Number	Name	Time	Postion
6	Peggy Osterman	53.08	1
6	Jamie Wylor-Owen		NEW
6	James Fantom		RECORD
8	Derek Pedley	55.03	2
8	Rhys Hobbs		
8	Jooachim Nowlaerts		
1	Vivienne Ponsford	59.53	3
1	Stefan Thomas		
1	Josh Herne		
2	Brooke Yon	60.05	4
2	Raymond Young		
2	Dane Wade		
3	Kate Heneghan	1.10.31	5
3	Dan Marlow		
3	Maggie Banks		
7	William Caswell	1.11.51	6
7	Blaze Baldwin		
7	Blane Bennett		
4	Steven Coats	1.13.29	7
4	Sandie Coats		
4	Michelle Stone		
9	Keira Francis	1.16.06	8
9	Kyle Francis		
9	Bradley Petersen		
5	Merle Peters	1.23.39	9
5	Thomas Hickling		
5	Josephine George		

10km record - 42:22 (Jean-Peal Van Belle 2001)					
Number	Name	Male / Female	Child Age	Time	Position
4	James Fantom	M		0:49:22	1
9	Jamie Wylor-Owen	M		0:51:04	2
2	Joshua Herne	M		0:53:44	3
18	Jeremiah Tsungo	M		0:56:07	4
10	Alex Williams	M		0:57:04	5
22	Angelo Stevens	M		1:04:30	6
32	Adam Sizeland	M		1:05:13	7
6	Chris Bargo	M		1:06:57	8
3	Kevin Ryder	M		1:06:59	9
24	Dr Sergio	M		1:07:23	10
19	Pastor Paul Millan	M		1:15:27	11
20	Rodney Braaf	M		1:22:53	12
26	Daniel Leo	M		1:39:43	13
5	Jessica Wilson	F		1:03:55	1
11	Maggie McMonegal	F		1:08:23	2
1	Dianne Venning	F		1:11:47	3
15	Yvonne Williams	F		1:17:52	4
7	Natasha Bargo	F		1:22:34	5
8	Shelby Bargo	F		1:22:35	6
14	Helena Bennett	F		1:23:08	7
16	Shayla Ellick	F		1:27:27	8
17	Tracey Williams	F		1:27:27	9
31	Cara Joshua	F		1:28:43	10
23	Jessica Young	F		1:58:36	11
28	Zedella Young	F		1:58:36	11
29	Shelley Magellan-Wade	F		1:58:36	11

Under 16's

12	Finlay McMonegal	M	11	0:55:00	1
30	Blane Bennett	M	13	1:07:24	2
25	Jacob Williams	M	14	1:10:22	3
27	Colby Richards	M	15	1:10:23	4
33	Tristan Clark	M	13	1:19:27	5
13	Nina McMonegal	F	9	1:08:22	1

Triathlon INDIVIDUAL Record 1:01:46 (OLD ROUTE)			
Number	Name	Time	Postion
1	Sergio Villatoro (Male)	1.08.53	1 NEW RECORD MALE
2	Johanna Barclay (Female)	1.17.50	2 NEW RECORD FEMALE
3	Frazer Stone (Male)	1.43.41	3

Lay Advocates Needed

The Public Solicitors Office is urgently in need of Lay Advocates to serve the people of St Helena. Lay Advocates are supported by the Public Solicitor and Assistant Public Solicitors and receive a competitive monthly payment based on work done, Residential Silver Broadband internet allowance, additional fees for each court and police station appearance and travelling and other expenses. Training will be given in all aspects of the role.

If you would like further information please contact the Public Solicitors Office on Telephone 23008, or email papublicsolicitor@helanta.co.sh.

Should you know of anyone else who you think could make a good Lay Advocate please encourage them to make contact.

If you think you could be a Lay Advocate, please send expressions of interest to papublicsolicitor@helanta.co.sh by no later than **4pm on Friday 2 April 2021**.

PROPERTY FOR SALE

3 Bedroom detached bungalow Colt Sheds, Longwood

This bungalow sits on approx. 0.20 acres (1,983 sq.m)

House is approx: 15m x 10m (150 sq.m) – including large bay.

The house is situated in a northwest-facing plot overlooking Millfield and Deadwood. Offering a pleasant sunny view, including the Flagstaff to the north. The plot is virtually flat.

The room layout is on two levels, with a step down into the Dining Room, lounge and Conservatory area.

Main features:

- Master bedroom with En-Suite
- Bathroom with Toilet
- Guest Toilet
- Solar Panel
- Large garden area
- Double Garage

5-minute walk to main grocery store in Longwood

10-minute drive to local Airport

Interested persons can contact

Marvin and Michelle via email, for more information

marvinandmichelle2909@gmail.com

POA – negotiable



St Helena
Government

LAND FOR SALE

**The Property Division of the
Infrastructure & Transport Directorate
has two residential sites for sale, these
are:**

Site 1: Parcel Number 50, within the Ball Alley registration section (known as Cow Grass Flat), measuring 0.42 acres.

Site 2: Parcel Number 529, within the Silver Hill registration section, measuring 0.46 acres

Closing date for bids are 12 noon, Wednesday
14th April 2021

Please contact: Gina Henry, Crown Estates Officer on email
address: gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh, or on
telephone number: 22270, or you could collect particulars
from Essex House, Jamestown.

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A Quick History of the Atlantic Ocean

A Marine Awareness Week Special

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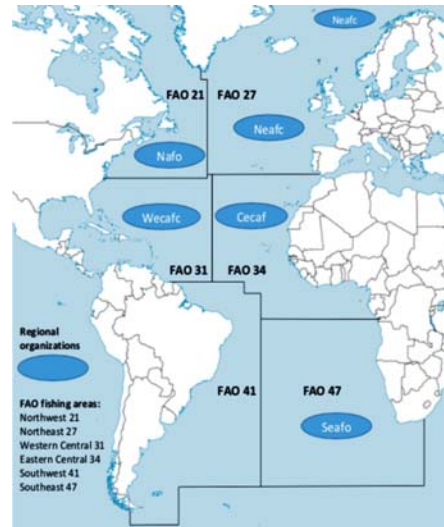
This created the South Atlantic Ocean Basin. Mega-movement did not stop there. Volcanic activity is centred on and around the cracks in the Earth's crust. Below the crust is magma, a hot liquid which flows and forces its way between the cracks; the start of volcanic action. The cracks also rise and fall with the flow of magma and drift apart or exert tremendous pressure as they push against each other. Mountain ranges are formed by the Earth's crust being forced upwards by this pressure.

The Mid-Atlantic Ridge runs more or less centrally through the North and South Atlantic from Iceland to the Southern Ocean. It is a crack in the Earth's crust which causes submarine volcanic activity. Movement along this Ridge is constant and the Atlantic is still growing as a result. You are older than some of the changes caused by movement along the Mid-Atlantic Ridge.

As the Basins gradually formed 180 and 40 million years ago, they slowly filled with water from rivers and rainfall. Eventually the Basins held large bodies of water the wind started to move the surface water causing the pattern of ocean currents to form that we are familiar with today. The wind, the ocean currents, the different temperatures at the equator and the Polar Regions all play a part in forming the weather patterns with cause our seasons to change as well as drought, floods, hurricanes and glaciers. The ocean currents are on the surface of the oceans; in the deep ocean the movement of water is due to heat and salt. One by-product of the surface movement and weather patterns is the Atlantic being slightly saltier than the Pacific. But the extra salt, or salinity, makes the Atlantic the driving force in ocean circulation. Warm surface water moved by the wind to the north and south becomes colder and as a result, more dense. This causes the cooler, saltier water to flow down to the ocean floor. Having descended as cooler, heavier water the water flows along the ocean floor back to the warmer regions from where it came. The circular movement then starts again.

The heavier saltier waters take with them surface organisms. The decomposed organisms taken to the bottom of the oceans provide essential nutrients in the deep ocean. The deep ocean currents and the volcanic activity along the fault lines in the Earth's crust combine to form some of the Atlantic's richest fishing grounds. The nutrient rich deep water currents 'hit' sea mounts and islands forcing the water to rise and bring with it the nutrients which attract many shoals of fish. The migratory habits of fish are often based on these nutrient rich water movements.

Much about the Atlantic remains to be discovered, especially in a changing climate. Will rising carbon dioxide levels and resulting ocean acidification disrupt marine food chains? How will a warmer ocean affect circulation and hurricane intensity? What we do know is that the Atlantic's winds, currents and sea life are intricately connected, and disrupting them can have far-reaching effects.



There are six production areas in the Atlantic Ocean designated by the UN Food and Agriculture Organisation. St Helena is in FAO 47.

In the 1950s the Atlantic accounted for 52% of the worldwide catch. From 1960 to 1980 the Atlantic share of the worldwide catch dropped by 10%. Since 1990 one quarter of all sea-

food production is caught by fishing fleets operating in the Atlantic. 60% of seafood production now comes from the Pacific and 15% from the Indian Ocean.

The FAO production area which includes St Helena, FAO 47, produced more than 2 million tons of fish on the 1970s and 1980s. This was 10% of all Atlantic catches. Since 1990 the catch volume has reduced but is stable at about 1.5 million tons. It is the least diversified region in the Atlantic with 160 species monitored by the FAO. Mackerel, hake and anchovy make up 59% of the total catch volume in FAO 47.

At a time when scientific research predicts that all living marine resources will be exhausted by 2048, a new fisheries approach is required to avoid new tragedies, like the one that befell the cod populations in the north-western Atlantic. In 1968 the fishing grounds off the coast of Newfoundland yielded 1.9 million tons of cod. Five years later the catch volume reduced to half that. In 1992 the Canadian government introduced a ban on cod fishing to allow cod stocks to recover from over-fishing. In 2018, 57,000 tons of Atlantic Cod was caught out of a total catch volume of all species in the area amounting to 1.68 million tons.

Protecting ecosystems has become a priority. The growing acknowledgment of the impacts of fishing is a direct result of the successful work undertaken by ecological and social science researchers since the 1970s, who placed the concept of resilience at the heart of their studies. This new ecosystem-based management approach, now inscribed in law in Europe and Canada, has been positive. A similar U.S. policy was revoked by President Donald Trump, but likely will be restored by incoming President Joe Biden. However, there is still work to do to tackle the main challenge – making this approach a reality in all Atlantic fisheries.

The information in this article is based on a report published by Professor Suzanne O'Connell, Earth and Environmental Sciences, Wesleyan University, Connecticut.



WORLD THINKING DAY 2021

LET'S STAND TOGETHER FOR PEACE



INTRODUCTION

World Thinking Day (WTD) is a day when Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Rangers and their Leaders, Guide Council, Trefoil Guild – in fact all members of Girlguiding St Helena - think about and celebrate with their guiding family all over the world. This is a special day which falls each year on 22nd February, and is the joint birthday of the Founders of the Movements, Lord and Lady Baden Powell. It is a day that is dedicated to the Girl Guide and Girl Scout Movements (WAGGGS) to celebrate, meet challenges, and above all, to enjoy and have fun together. The international theme for WTD 2021 is PEACE. This theme continues through the guiding calendar year as we think about, understand and experience what it means to be part of an exciting Movement that strives to be peace builders through living out our Promise, within the communities of our Island and with the World in general.

WELCOME AND OPENING

This is how WTD 2021 unfolded at this year's venue – Harford Community Centre in Longwood – where girls from around the Island gathered with their Leaders to be hosted by Longwood Girlguiding Units for the Day. It began with a Welcome and Opening Speech by Ranger and Guide Leader, Winnifred Thomas, who warmly greeted all:



"It is so good to see so many of you here to join us in our celebration of World Thinking Day 2021. We extend a special welcome to any member who is attending their first WTD celebration, and we hope you find it a rewarding experience. Later on, we are looking forward to our outgoing Commissioner, Miss Heather Cowdry, joining us, and other members of the Association arriving at different times throughout the day. Our thoughts go out to those members of the Association who may not be well enough to be with us, and we wish them a speedy recovery. We also remind ourselves of those who are not celebrating with us because they have other commitments; we hold them in our thoughts, and wish all of them a happy and peaceful WT Day, whatever they are doing. This year is not only a celebration of PEACE through our coming together for WTD. It is also an important year of celebration, commemoration and opportunity to highlight the grand achievement of ONE HUNDRED YEARS of GIRLGUIDING on St Helena. This is indeed a great feat for our small Island, and we owe gratitude and thanks to our Founders Canon and Mrs Ida Walcott who started the Scout and Guide Movements in the 1900s. In particular for us, we celebrate all of those Leaders and members who have kept the Girl Guide Movement going throughout **100 years** of fun and friendship from 1921, to this year's BIG GIRLGUIDING BIRTHDAY in 2021! What a fantastic achievement this has been. We raise our

hands in a huge Guide 3-THANKYOU APPLAUSE to everyone, past and present, for this amazing achievement. (Thankyou, Thankyou, Thankyou Everyone!)"



(photo showing a superb collection of photographs displayed at the Centre highlighting the grand occasion of our GIRLGUIDING ST HELENA 100th ANNIVERSARY (now displayed in the Tourist Centre window at The Canister)

WHAT IS PEACE?

Leader Winnifred then brought everyone back to the present, continuing her speech with...

"As we are all aware, the international theme for today, and the rest of the guiding calendar year, is **PEACE!** With this theme in mind, we have planned activities that relate to this important theme, as well as displayed graphics around the Centre which remind us of the importance of PEACE in our everyday lives. We aim to share this theme through a variety of activities for your interest and enjoyment; these fall under three elements of the Peace theme, which the girls will now explain."

At this point, a group of girls from the four Guiding sections of Longwood explained the three elements and how these activities to follow later, would help everyone engaged in them, to better understand the concept of Peace-building:

- Young Leader Marcella Mittens explained: 'Under the first aspect which is **STAND STRONG**, the activities will help us to: '**Understand** what peace-building means'; '**Explore** the issues and actions that can lead to conflict and those that lead to peace'; and '**Empower** ourselves to be peace-builders'.

- Ranger Taelah Crowie was next to explain: 'Under the second aspect which is **STAND UP**, we will '**Explore** conflict situations from different perspectives'; '**Practise** adapting our behaviour to resolve conflict and build peace'; and '**Explore** the link between discrimination, exclusion, and peace'.

- Brownie Kaelize Thomas concluded with the third explanation: 'The third aspect which is **STAND TOGETHER** will enable us to '**Make** choices rooted in our values'; '**Consider** the ripple effect of our actions, and how they may impact different groups'; and thirdly, '**Take** action towards creating a more welcoming and peaceful society'.

- Brownies Qhi Green & Tori Clingham, and Rainbow Annalyn Williams rounded up all three aspects with a general clear message: '**LET'S STAND TOGETHER FOR PEACE!**' Leader Winnifred concluded the Opening by wishing everyone a 'peace-loving and happy day'.

PEACE-BUILDING ACTIVITIES

Following a Snack Break, and splitting the girls into groups within age-related Sections, activities under the three elements began, inside and out, under very good weather conditions. The girls were encouraged to get involved to work together to understand how thoughtfulness, caring, helpfulness, kindness, encouragement, consideration and support for each other

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would inspire teamwork, and enable them to explore mind-boggling and challenging ways to help work through and overcome challenges whilst striving towards becoming peace-builders. Leaders ensured that each activity created a time for reflection and conversation, in particular about dealing with the reasons why people fight and how supporting people to manage their differences and conflicts in a non-violent way can lead to peace-building. The pictures below show some of the activities in action such as **Calm Sphere** (using different coloured sands and relating them to thoughts), **Turn it Around** (finding and seeing similarities between what they had to do to turn the tarp around), and **Peace Rhythm** (connecting with others using the rhythm of moving pebbles), which helped girls to understand why people are different and why this is valuable and important, and helps us all to live in harmony.



Lunch followed activities, and a chance for all to sit, chat and reflect on what had taken place in groups, pairs or individually. By the end of this, we were delighted to welcome more (adult) members, past and present, to the event. It was great to have them join us. Making themselves comfortable, these members, who had organised and run WT Days in the past, watched with interest, the afternoon's goings-on, one of which was **Our Global Promise** whereby everyone had to renew their Promise and commitment to building peace and shaping a positive future. As Girl Guides and Girl Scouts we share a set of unique values that help us to live with purpose to make the world a better place. By keeping our Promise, we help to shape a positive future where everyone can thrive. By keeping our promise alive every day, we make a commitment as peacebuilders.

CLOSING CEREMONY

The afternoon's closing ceremony began after a light tea, and involved everyone coming together indoors to see girls **making Promises** and being enrolled into Rainbows, Brownies and Guides by outgoing County Commissioner, Ms Heather Cowdry, while others were **'moving-on'** from one section to another to joyful clapping and singing, to start a new, but continuing journey as Brownies, Guides and Rangers.



Following this were **award presentations** to winners for **'Guide of the Year'** (Feb 2020 to Jan 2021) from each sec-

tion, who were selected on merit having produced interesting and well-presented Journals reflecting what they had enjoyed over the past year.



Here we see Daisy Andrews (Rainbow of the Year- Jamestown), Kaelize Thomas and Qhi Green (Brownies of the Year- Longwood) and Gilneal George (Guide of the Year- Jamestown) receiving well-earned awards which were presented by newly elected County Commissioner, Miss Rosemary Mittens. Certificates were also presented for the same award to Jamestown and Longwood Brownies who had made a good effort with their journals, and given recognition for their efforts, while Guide Ashlyn Yon of St Pauls received a special mention in this regard, for her continuing commitment and efforts to a variety of activities in Community work. Ms Joyce Williams, Leader of Sandy Bay Units, received her service award for all her years in girlguiding. We extend a big well done to all recipients. A collection of Thinking Day 'shiny' coins was done.

Short speeches brought the afternoon closer to a close! There is always a lot of thanks and praise to be given on WTD, so Mrs Ivy Ellick, GG President, addressed the assembled Units and welcomed our new County and Division Commissioners, Miss Rosemary Mittens and Mrs Pamela Ward Pearce to their new roles, and extended special thanks to Ms Heather Cowdry, outgoing County Commissioner, for her invaluable work in Girlguiding over the past three years. Ms Cowdry will support the new Commissioners as well as stay in touch with our Units until she leaves the Island. And, finally, Miss Mittens thanked everyone for joining us at Longwood, and everyone set off for home after a group photo was taken - and so ended WTD 2021!



For Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to a wonderful Mum, Eileen Anthony of Barracks Square

We hope you have an extra special day; a day that you deserve

Wish we were there to spend it with you.

Thinking of you always and missing you loads

Sending you lots of love

From your daughter Angela and son in law Glen on Ascension

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To our Nanny Eileen Anthony of Barracks Square, Happy Mother's Day!

We hope your day is as wonderful as you are

Lots of love from your grandsons Deon and Karl, and great grandsons Louie and Tommy and not forgetting Noleen and Leoni

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To all our Sisters, Sister in laws, Nieces and Great Nieces, Happy Mothers Day!

We hope you all have a lovely day

Thinking of you all

Lots of love from Angela and Glen Yon on Ascension

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To a very special Mum, Noleen Fowler

Happy Mother's Day to you!

Thank you for giving us our two amazing grandsons Louie and Tommy,

We hope you have a wonderful day that you deserve,

Love and miss you

From mummy Angela and Daddy Glen xxxxx

Sure Appoints New Chief Executive Officer

Sure has appointed a new Acting Group Chief Executive Officer ahead of the departure of its current head at the end of the month.

Alastair Beak will be replacing current CEO Ian Kelly, who will be returning home to Australia after four years in the role.

Mr Beak joined Sure in 2017 as Chief Marketing Officer and became Chief Business Officer and CEO of the Group's South Atlantic and Diego Garcia operations in 2020. As Acting Group CEO he will oversee Sure's business across seven jurisdictions and will be based in its Guernsey headquarters.

"I am really proud to have been named as Acting Group CEO and am looking forward to serving the communities that we operate in around the world," he said.

"Ian's leadership over the past four years has been incredible," said Mr Beak. "He leaves Sure with the best wishes of the entire team, whose respect he earned through his hard work and personable approach – which was especially in evidence over the past year during the covid-19 pandemic."

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The White Horse Tavern will hold a 6 hand Euchre Tournament in the afternoon of the 14th March at 2.30pm.

Entrance fee is £15 per team.

Call 22843 or 23416 to enter your team.

St Helena is in the Red Sea

