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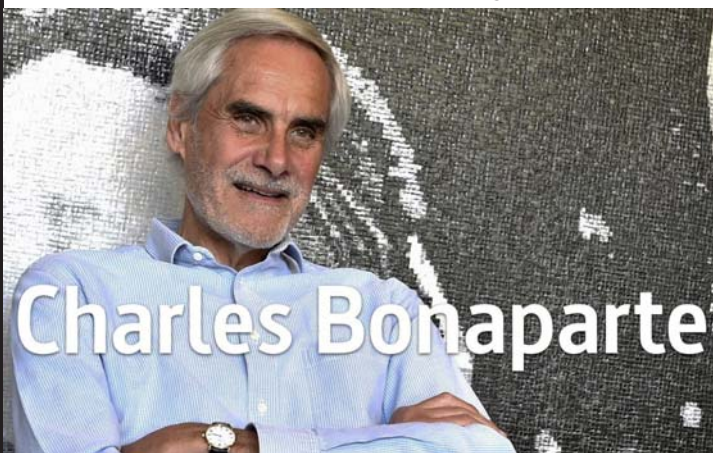
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First, there were Invitations to Tender (ITT) advertised on Monday this week. Contractors interested in the work have until Friday 28th May to register their interest. Hillside excavation along Side Path is one of the three ITTs; the other two are excavation and concrete work at Lower Rupert's for the Port Control & Biosecurity Building and for the Container Freight Building at the same location. The deadline for all submissions is 28th May.

Also on Monday smaller projects funded from the Capital Programme – now called the Economic Development Investment Programme – were announced by the Programme Management Unit – now called the Capital Programme Office. There are three projects moving forward with others to follow. The car park for hospital staff in Maldivia Road is one of them. Half Tree Hollow "Water Investigation and Immediate Mitigation" is another. And Embankment Stabilisation Works on SHG land at Scotland is the third.

And then, on Wednesday, SHG announced confirmation has been received from the UK Government that a financial aid settlement of £31.79 million has been agreed for the 2021-22 financial year which started on 1st April. It is a one year settlement which means discussions, questions and answers, negotiations and post-mortems will start again in the hope of agreeing a three year settlement from 1st April 2022 so that SHG can plan things a little more than a few weeks, or maybe months, ahead.

The financial aid settlement for the last financial year was £28.3 million and was described at the time as 'core budget support'. A further £6million was allocated for airport operations and Covid-19 preparedness. It is not known from the information given in Wednesday's SHG announcement whether additional financial support is provided by the UK Government for the airport or for any further additional costs in the current financial year related to the coronavirus pandemic.

Wednesday's announcement states, "Further details on the Budget will be published in due course as part of the Financial Secretary's Budget Speech."

Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, appears pleased with the outcome, particularly in these pandemic times when the UK and most other countries have racked up massive debts. The

latest figure available for UK Public Sector debt is £2,131.2 billion as of February. This is equivalent to 97.5% of the UK's gross domestic product. This level of debt has not been seen since the 1960s.

Dax Richards said, *"This is a very good outcome for St Helena given the current economic climate in the UK and recent announcements of a reduction in the UK Aid budget. SHG would like to thank the UK Government for its continued investment in and support to St Helena. Special thanks are extended to all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to achieve this positive result for the Island."*

Wednesday's announcement from SHG describes this year's £31.79 million aid settlement as "a flat line budget in cash terms when compared to the core financial aid budget for the 2020/21 financial year." Flat line in this case appears to mean the aid settlement for this year is the same as or similar to last years. This year's aid settlement is almost £3.5 million more than last year which is more than a 10% increase on last year before allowing for inflation.

Confusion occurs because it is difficult to compare like with like when comparing the announcements on last year's and this year's aid settlements. Last year's £28.3 million was described simply and precisely as 'core budget support'. This year's £31.79 million is called 'the core financial aid budget'. Core financial aid is not a budget; the description is less precise and more confusing. Can the readers of or listeners to these announcements compare like with like? Last year, in addition to the core budget support there was a further £6 million for specific purposes. Are the financial arrangements the same or similar this year? If airport operations and further pandemic expenses are to be paid for from this year's £31.79 million it puts the core budget support almost 10% down on last year instead of more than 10% higher.

Using words and phrases which are currently 'trendy' does not help either. Flat line as used in the announcement is assumed to mean 'the same or similar'. But flat line has another, probably older and more commonly used meaning. Originating from the visual display on an electrocardiogram or electroencephalogram, flat line also means 'giving no indication of life' or 'ceasing to function'. Is that what the SHG announcement meant by flat line? (See *Financial Aid Settlement* on PAGE 7)

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The Land Development Control Authority (LDCA) will meet on Monday to discuss the development of 150 luxury holiday homes, communal facilities including a pool, club house tennis court, parking area and electric golf carts for use within the development. Also on site is proposed a manager's house, reception and laundry together with stores and maintenance facilities. The first phase of the development, if permitted, will be a public area providing camping and picnic sites, BBQ

areas, children's play area, nature trails, washing and toilet facilities.

The LDCA will discuss only the Trade Winds Ocean Village development application on Monday. On Wednesday they will be back again for the usual monthly meeting to determine the other applications due for a decision.

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The Horse Pasture development site extends over 105 acres; 5 acres within the site are identified as pasture land. The land slopes increasingly steeply towards the north and west boundaries. The development is seen as an opportunity for economic growth for St Helena. The infrastructure includes energy efficient electrical fittings powered by renewable energy and the water supply being provided within the development and independent of the Island's water distribution network.

Details of the Development Floorspace

TYPE	Bedrooms	Bathrooms	Internal m2	Open Patio m2	Covered Patio m2	GROSS m2
A1	4	4	155.02	36.84	6.81	198.67
A2	4	4	178.44	25.29	50.37	254.10
B	3	3	180	0	105	285.00
C	3	3	152.75	21.56	39.32	213.63
D	2	2	112.25	27.49	48.79	188.53
E	2	2	123.18	14.5	39.32	177.00

On the issue of water collection for use by Ocean Village residents the Chief Planning Officer (CPO) points out, "The applicant recognises that the anticipated average annual rainfall is relatively low and in certain months of the year it is estimated that the proposed system may be challenging and therefore this can be compensated through creating sufficient on site bulk storage. The applicant has calculated potential demand based on the occupancy level of development. Although, a number of scenarios have been presented in the enclosed documents, however there is a shortage of detail provided for the provision of in the operation of the development. There are also no details of the proposed dam or its location as one option and the picture is the same for the desalination plan as another option."

The recommended solution from the CPO for the shortage of detail on water collection /provision is "this can still be dealt with as a condition requiring full details of how the provision of the water supply will be met before construction of the residential development commences. Any proposal for the construction of a dam or a desalination plant will require a full development application before any such development can be construction and depending on the location of these developments, it would need to meet all requirement for supporting studies and documents with a development application." Waste water is also treated on site using a bio-digestive system. Final details of the waste water treatment need to be provided and the CPO suggests the provision of the details could be covered by a further condition requiring the details to be finalised before construction starts.

Connect St Helena comment in their consultation response that the applicant has stated in documents that a connection to the island water supply is sought but Connect have not been approached on this matter. Referring to the water and sewage system proposed for the development Connect question the use of tiger worms with regard to bio-security.

The National Trust raises several issues relating to safeguarding Wirebird habitats, disposal of feral cats, requirement for an invertebrate baseline survey, satisfactory vegetation management, the waterhole requires protection during construction from damage and pollution, two ruins mentioned in the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) do not have management actions. Several other shortcomings are listed.

The Heritage Society is particularly scathing in the objections they raise. The EIA is lambasted for being completely flawed, the development is at odds with Housing and Coastal Zone policies, there is no Social Impact assessment in the EIA, proposed buildings are alien to St Helena and the project emulates South African scheme with no roots in St Helena. Proceeding further on the house designs the Heritage Society state "proposed buildings are bungalows on stilts, present a front elevation the size of Plantation House, houses are completely out of scale with traditions of the island; walking along the site access roads will mean looking up at two storeys of exposed foundations and sewer pipes.

In response the CPO sates the Chief Environmental Officer (CEO) "reviewed the original EIA report and raised number of issues concerning its content, relevance to St Helena regulations, locally based information, baseline information and the form of assessment. The issues raised, together with those of the other stakeholders were conveyed to the applicant and a revised EIA report was submitted in support of the proposed development. The general view of the CEO on the revised EIA report is that some of the issues raised previously have been addressed." However the list of shortcomings remains extensive leaving the CEO to recommend that the inadequacies of this EIA report are noted and that these are addressed by way of an addendum to the EIA report rather than a rewrite and resubmission of the entire EIA report.

In his conclusion and recommendation the CPO advises the LDC Authority, "It is concluded that there is considerable development plan policy support for the proposed development as set in the report. Whilst it is considered that further details design and construction details, including information contained in the EIA report, however it is considered there is sufficient justification in the number of other development plan policies to support the proposed development. The proposed development will have effect on the ecology of the area because this is a greenfield site which has had little development activity in recent years other than through camping, picnic and trekking across these grounds, as is very much the case for large parts of Island, except for those areas that have already been developed. And that development application is supported to promote and enable future investment that will encourage economic growth and prosperity particularly in the tourism industry."

Monday's meeting of the LDCA will be at the St Helena Community College and starts at 10am.



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Editorial

A book I ordered came by the last ship. I picked it up yesterday along with eight other boxes; half of them were dog food ofcourse. The book recounts the life of a reporter for a local paper; the local paper happens to be the one in the town where I was born. The headline in the latest edition of this local paper is "Councillors grant permission for football club to hold car boot sales". It seems nothing much has changed; but it certainly has.

The young reporter started his career in July 1965; he recalls living at that time in a different universe from the one we live in today. As the writer must be just a little older than me, I too recall the same universe. He describes that universe; "Consider, if you can, a pre-motorway twilight when – even on a Saturday – the world and his wife were tucked up well before midnight; an era when it seemed that everyone over the age of 14 years smoked tobacco, the fumes from countless pipes, cigars and cigarettes turning the air bright blue in homes, factories and offices across the land; when men wolf-whistled without shame or censure at women, drank endless pints of mild beer and wore collar and tie when digging the garden." He continues, "Much of the sexism, racism and ageism that we now rightly condemn were commonplace to such an extent that it might not just go unreported but invariably allowed to let pass without comment, let alone condemnation."

This description is just the tip of the iceberg. Peoples' awareness, perceptions and common understanding of so many things was so limited – it makes me cringe thinking about it. It was all so foreign to what we are used to now. Sex before marriage was almost a hanging offence, an unmarried pregnant girl brought shame to all her family. But a blind eye was turned to child abuse, bullying was widespread and ignored, wife beating and all other types of related abuse was also kept quiet by the whole community – the police insisting they did not get involved in 'domestics'. For LBGTs life must have often been hell.

For most people who are of similar age to the author of this book and myself I think it can justifiably be claimed we have gone through a Second Age of Enlightenment. This claim may be difficult for perhaps many people to swallow because in the 'big world' there are now child-grooming gangs in big cities (and elsewhere) far more murders and even acid attacks. Child knife crime is staggering. Anyone still in their young teens is a child, no matter what that child may think. For most of us, who just use a knife in the kitchen and have travelled the distance from ignorance to tolerance and understanding, I think we can be allowed a little self-satisfaction in making that journey.

All of that brings me to the main point I wanted to make. We all swim in the tide of our times to a greater or lesser extent because we are limited by the boundaries of our experiences

and knowledge. I remember writing a short poem 'Against Racism' for the school magazine when I was 15 or 16. I did not have any black friends, I may only have seen one or two blacks in a whole year – don't remember exactly. I wrote the poem because I strongly believed racism was cruel, against natural justice – unnatural. On the other hand the kids comics I read had picture stories of cannibals boiling up white explorers, 'gollywogs' and more besides, but I didn't turn a hair. That was just entertainment, not life up close and uncomfortable. That seems more than strange now, but perfectly reasonable then.

Swimming in the tide of our times means, among many other things, trying to understand the great figures in history by understanding the tide they swam in. Napoleon cannot be judged by the standards we live by today. When trying to understand history we also have to try to understand the culture, influences and standards that absorbed the people of that time; whatever time it happens to be.

It's fashionable today, especially for Brits, to condemn the British Empire for persecution, oppression, exploitation and all things evil. First, there was more than one British Empire; the first covered North America, the second went out East instead of West. There were also different phases and stages of Empire from expanding trading routes to start with and then the continual expansion and influence of the East India Company to the British Government finally but reluctantly deciding it had better take over.

There is no doubt the British Empire was guilty of persecution, oppression, exploitation, massacres and much else. But the real test is to compare the British Empire with the Belgian, French, Spanish, Portuguese or German Empires. Records written at the time of the Empires often suggest that people living under the rule of the Belgians, French, Spanish, Portuguese or Germans who were in a position to make a comparison often expressed a preference for British rule – if ruling themselves was not an option.

And, before people of today take the moral high ground when comparing modern life and standards with 200 or 400 years ago, they should remember the slavery, torture, oppression, mass starvation, intolerance and exploitation which exist across the world today. All of this is not going on in the back yards of today's over-critical pseudo-intelligentsia with misplaced morals, but – in about 70 or so years time the people living then may well wonder why we today did not have better international government systems to cope with these problems - something like that.

Have a peaceful weekend
Vince



Brian William Isaac

23.02.1958 - 10.04.2021



A thank you message from the family of the late Brian William Isaac who passed away on the 10th April 2021 after he fought a tough battle with cancer. Brian managed to keep a positive attitude and his humorous character right to the end. We are really grateful to all the staff at Public Health Department for their care and support.

To all of the Religious Denominations on island for their visits and calls. Bishop Dale and his Clergy for conducting the funeral service including the Anglican choir and Father Allen for his unconditional support.

Massive thanks to Linda Richards & Patrick Robinson for helping Brian with everything, even though you were medivac patients yourselves.

Wendy Benjamin for playing the organ, Councillor Ellick for the music at the graveside, Councillor Thomas for reading the eulogy and Johnny Green for the Scripture reading.

Millie Stopforth for the wreaths, Roy and his team, and all those kind people that donated flowers.

Our thanks go out to everyone who attended the funeral service, sorry if you couldn't get into the church and for those here and overseas who sent cards and messages of condolences to support us during this difficult time.

Extended thanks goes to Mum & Dad, Brother Geoffrey, Thomas & Greentree Families for all your help, care and for always being there.

Thank you also for the organisation of the wake and those people that helped in anyway.

Lastly but no mean least, thanks to all those kind people who gave so generously to the church collection plate in supporting our church, St Matthews.

There are so many people whose lives he has touched. We miss him greatly – but he leaves a legacy which can inspire us all.



**I heard the voice of Jesus say come unto me and rest
Lay down thou weary one lay down thy head upon my breast.
God Bless you all.**



TITAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHTS

JUNE AND AUGUST

St Helena Government (SHG) is now able to confirm the dates of Charter Flight operations by Titan Airways in June and August 2021.

June

The Titan Airways Charter Flight is scheduled to depart Stansted Airport for St Helena, on 21 June. The full flight schedule is listed below:

Date	Flight No	Departure Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
21 JUN 21	ZT9651	0015 UTC 0115 Local	London Stansted EGSS / STN	Accra DGAA / ACC	0715 UTC 0715 Local
21 JUN 21	ZT9651	0800 UTC 0800 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	St Helena FHSN / HLE	1210 UTC 1210 Local
22 JUN 21	ZT9652	1000 UTC 1000 Local	St Helena FHSN / HLE	Ascension Island FAW / ASI	1210 UTC 1210 Local
22 JUN 21	ZT9653	1410 UTC 1410 Local	Ascension Island FAW / ASI	St Helena FHSN / HLE	1620 UTC 1620 Local
23 JUN 21	ZT9654	0900 UTC 0900 Local	St Helena FHSN / HLE	Accra DGAA / ACC	1300 UTC 1300 Local
23 JUN 21	ZT9654	1345 UTC 1345 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	London Stansted EGSS / STN	2055 UTC 2155 Local

August

The Titan Airways Charter Flight is scheduled to depart Stansted Airport for St Helena on 9 August. The full flight schedule is listed below:

Date	Flight No	Departure Time	Departure Airport	Arrival Airport	Arrival Time
09 AUG 21	ZT9661	0015 UTC 0115 Local	London Stansted EGSS / STN	Accra DGAA / ACC	0715 UTC 0715 Local
09 AUG 21	ZT9661	0800 UTC 0800 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	St Helena FHSN / HLE	1210 UTC 1210 Local
10 AUG 21	ZT9662	1000 UTC 1000 Local	St Helena FHSN / HLE	Ascension Island FAW / ASI	1210 UTC 1210 Local
10 AUG 21	ZT9663	1410 UTC 1410 Local	Ascension Island FAW / ASI	St Helena FHSN / HLE	1620 UTC 1620 Local
11 AUG 21	ZT9664	0900 UTC 0900 Local	St Helena FHSN / HLE	Accra DGAA / ACC	1300 UTC 1300 Local
11 AUG 21	ZT9664	1345 UTC 1345 Local	Accra DGAA / ACC	London Stansted EGSS / STN	2055 UTC 2155 Local

Restrictions in South Africa

Ongoing COVID-19 restrictions in South Africa, such as curfews, and restrictions on travellers entering the UK from South Africa remain in place. Both SHG and Airlink are in agreement that these restrictions continue to make it impractical for the scheduled Airlink service to resume at present.

Planning for the Future

SHG continues to focus its efforts on planning for the future and the public is reminded, the Regulations restricting entry to St Helena were repealed with effect from Thursday, 1 April 2021. This means that individuals can now enter St Helena by land and sea, subject to normal Immigration Laws and requirements of the Public Health Coronavirus Regulations.

TITAN AIRWAYS CHARTER FLIGHTS

JUNE AND AUGUST

COVID-19 preventative measures remain in place on St Helena which include testing on arrival to St Helena, mandatory 14-day quarantine on arrival and a negative test result being required before the mandatory quarantine period is deemed to be complete.

The Incident Executive Group (IEG) has previously agreed and approved the introduction of a 'travel corridor' between St Helena and Ascension, whereby passengers travelling to St Helena from Ascension, and vice versa, would be free from the mandatory quarantine requirements on both Islands – subject to certain conditions that travellers must adhere to. This will be live for the Titan Airways May charter flight.

Flights to St Helena from London will continue with a maximum of 96 passengers because this aligns with the Island's COVID-19 testing and quarantine security system capacity.

Travel Requests

Travel requests for the June and August flights are still being accepted and the closing dates for bookings are as follows:

June flights – Monday, 17 May

August flights – Wednesday, 30 June

Availability of both inbound and outbound seats on these Charter Flights will continue to be assigned on a priority basis but passengers should note the new entry rules as advised above which will allow Islanders and visitors to make travel plans to the Island once more.

Travel requests should be submitted to the SHG Civil Aviation team via email: christina.plato@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone: (+290) 22477.

For those based on Ascension Island, or wishing to travel to or from Ascension Island, please contact the Shipping and Travel Office via email: flight.bookings@ascension.gov.ac.

Customers wishing to book commercial or government airfreight for carriage on the June and August charter flights are advised to use an appropriate freight forwarding agent to make the necessary arrangements.

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FINANCIAL AID SETTLEMENT 2021/22

St Helena Government (SHG) has received confirmation of a Financial Aid Settlement of £31.79 million from the UK Government (UKG) - a flat line budget in cash terms when compared to the core financial aid budget for the 2020/21 financial year. This is a one-year settlement for the financial year 2021/22 and is Year Three of the three-year Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) signed with the UKG for 2019/20-2021/22.

Commenting on this year's Settlement, Financial Secretary Dax Richards said:

"This is a very good outcome for St Helena given the current economic climate in the UK and recent announcements of a reduction in the UK Aid budget. SHG would like to thank the UK Government for its continued investment in and support to St Helena. Special thanks are extended to all those who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to achieve this positive result for the Island."

SHG Directors and senior officials will now work with Elected Members to reprioritise the Budget based on the Settlement to prepare a 'balanced' budget, after which the draft Budget will be presented to Executive Council and Legislative Council for approval.

Further details on the Budget will be published in due course as part of the Financial Secretary's Budget Speech.

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Supreme Court Rules on Fishermen's Application for Judicial Review

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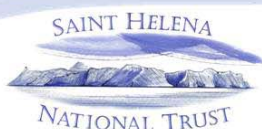
The St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) made an application to the Supreme Court for leave to apply for a judicial review of events arising out of St Helena Government's decision to appoint PQ Trading as the preferred investor for taking on and developing St Helena's fish freezing and processing plant at Rupert's Bay. The Attorney General acted on behalf of the St Helena Government and a ruling was made by Chief Justice Charles Ekins on Tuesday this week.

The SHCFA argued that the process which led to PQ Trading (PQT) being appointed as the preferred bidder was biased. It alleged PQT were given the opportunity to negotiate with SHG, an opportunity denied to local bidders and that PQT was offered a £500,000 grant to modernise the processing plant whereas other bidders were not. It was also maintained that the SHCFA, in its dealings on these matters, were getting advice from officials who were in favour of PQT.

The SHCFA also submit that the process which led to PQT's appointment is also flawed by SHG's failure properly to consult. Also, there are aspects to PQT's proposals which have the potential, at least, of actively harming the future of the fishing industry should PQT ultimately be allowed to fish stocks which ignore scientific advice and contravene St Helena's Sustainable Development Plan.

In a complicated situation Judge Ekins referred to the "evolving nature of the Applicant's application" and that it was not clear what the main target was if it was not to quash a decision made on 25th February 2020. In his Ruling Judge Ekins said, "I had originally thought that the principal target was the alleged failure of SHG to provide sufficient information to the Applicant upon which individual fishermen could make an informed decision as to whether to join the co-operative proposed by PQT. However, Ms Khan, on behalf of the Applicant made it plain that despite the Applicant's concession not to seek to quash the decision of 25th February 2020, the Applicant nevertheless was still seeking leave primarily to review judicially the process by which that decision was reached with a view to establishing that SHG had acted unlawfully; obtaining a declaration to that effect; and was seeking leave to secure an order of mandamus requiring SHG to revisit the whole process by which the decision was taken. Ms Khan submitted that this was not an endeavour by the Applicant in effect to secure an order quashing that decision; but if SHG, in compliance with an order of mandamus, reviewed the decision to appoint PQT and then reached a different decision that would not be an outcome which the Applicant would regret."

The Solicitor General acted on behalf of the Attorney General;



SAINT HELENA NATIONAL TRUST
MARINE TEAM

HELP NEEDED – RESEARCH EQUIPMENT LOST AT SEA

The National Trust Marine Team are seeking your help to find our lost camera unit. The camera unit is bright neon yellow in colour, with dark grey and bright neon pink ends. It is approximately 30cm from end to end (see left), and should be floating at the surface.

The unit was last seen near Devils Eye and Smooth Rock, (GPS: S 15°59.690' W 005°47.451') near South West Point, 5 days ago (Thursday 22nd March). However it will of course have drifted considerably on the currents, and may have covered some distance.

We ask the community to keep an eye out, both on the water and along the rocky coastline of St Helena.

The reward for the safe return of this unit is £250.00

Please share with colleagues and friends. For further information or to report a sighting/retrieval, please contact the Marine Team on 22569.

****Please note, a VHF signal may also be 'pinging' at regular 2 second intervals from the device at a frequency of 150.000MH. If any 'pinging' is received, please also inform the Marine Team of the time, date, and location(s), to inform further search efforts.**

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in response to the application the Ruling stated the Solicitor General "submitted that the application for certiorari was always doomed as it had not been brought within the three-month time limit in which such applications must be brought. She submitted that the Applicant's revised approach was no more than a badly disguised attempt to get by the back door what could no longer be obtained by the front door and for that reason alone the application to amend should be refused. Furthermore, and in any event, to the extent that the Applicant sought to review SHG's actions prior to 25th February and in connection with the decision to appoint PQT as the preferred investor, leave should be refused on the basis of undue delay on the Applicant's behalf." Matters became even more involved when the Solicitor General "questions the standing of the Applicant to bring this application at all. It is not suggested that the Association so-called has not in the past been recognised as a vehicle through which the views of fishermen could be solicited; it is more a question of whether the Association has any recognisable legal persona enabling it either to bring proceedings or to be sued." This point was the source of more discussion which concluded with Waylon Thomas being the Applicant with the required legal persona if the SHCFA did not have the required persona. Judge Ekins concluded the SHCFA as Applicant did have a legitimate interest in bringing this application.

Judge Ekins then went on to say, "Where I have difficulty with the application if amended is that it presents this contradiction" The contradictions were explained by Judge Ekins and revolved around what the SHCFA actually wanted if they did not want to quash the decision which elected PQ Trading and start the process again. Judge Ekins continued, "Frankly, those respective contentions are so contradictory as to amount to a nonsense. If the process were declared unlawful, it would have the inevitable consequence in effect of quash-

ing the decision. No responsible government could stand by a decision reached by a process declared to be unlawful. It would have to begin the process entirely afresh. The Applicant would, I am satisfied, have achieved by the back door an outcome it could not achieve by the front door, a process which I consider amounts to an abuse of the process of the court."

Judge Ekins further pointed out, "Although the factual nature of the application may not have changed and to that extent SHG is not prejudiced, to allow the Applicant to seek to get by the back door what it could not have obtained by the front door is, I am satisfied, a matter of considerable prejudice to the Respondent. A time-limit is imposed to enable those charged with taking decisions to know that certainty will prevail once the time-limit for challenge has expired; and that the process initiated by the decision can be progressed. To require SHG now, over a year after the initial decision was taken, to re-undertake the process from scratch would be a matter of considerable prejudice to SHG; and frankly would very probably cause substantial hardship to PQT, would certainly prejudice the rights of PQT and those who have decided to join the cooperative and would be extremely detrimental to good administration as the Applicant itself seems implicitly to acknowledge".

Judge Ekins continued, "For the reasons given above, I am satisfied that it would not be appropriate to permit the Applicant to amend its application." Judge Ekins concluded, "In the circumstances, leave to amend the application is refused alternatively leave to seek judicial review on the amended application is denied. No basis for seeking leave has been advanced on the application as originally drafted, and for the avoidance of doubt, therefore, leave to seek judicial review on that application also is denied."

Where Will Old Batteries from Electric Cars Go to Die?

Electric powered cars are a wonderful addition to the armoury in the war against climate change – but the car batteries inside them are a big problem when they reach the end of their useful lives. The European Union are hoping there will be 30 million electric vehicles on European roads by 2030. As with solar energy it is a rapid change and behind that rapid change will be a mountain car batteries, each made up of hundreds lithium-ion cells containing hazardous materials. It is likely the European Union will make car manufacturers responsible for the disposal of old car batteries and the manufacturers are already starting to find workable solutions.

Volkswagen and Renault are specifically mentioned in reports as trying different ways to extend the life of batteries and then recycle them. Volkswagen has opened a car battery recycling factory which can handle 3,600 batteries a year during the pilot stage. Many different materials can be recovered from car batteries; cobalt, nickel, lithium and manganese among them. After being dismantled and separated the materials are sold to established recycling streams. Renault is

also recycling through waste management companies.

Farming without disturbing soil cuts agriculture's climate impact

It is thought agriculture accounts for as much as 26% of all greenhouse gas emissions. Tractors use fossil fuels, fertiliser produces nitrous oxide and cattle expel methane from their guts. Ploughing also adds to the problem when the carbon in previously buried soil is exposed to the air and microbes convert the carbon to CO₂.

New research based on results from participating farms across the UK shows that greenhouse gas emissions from crop production could be cut by almost one third if drilling replaces ploughing. Now called 'no-till farming' the technique does not disturb the soil nearly as much. Seeds are placed in drilled holes in the soil. With fully mechanised farming, one machine is used just once to drill the holes. Ploughing also means using machines to harrow, sow and firm in the seed. It could be that drilling instead of tilling would suit St Helena's steep slopes.

Napoleon Bicentenary The Way The World Sees It

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Northam - Devon

St Margaret's Church in Northam, Devon had its 15 minutes of fame when it won the Best Devon Churchyard Award last year. Not satisfied with those 15 minutes, Northam churchyard is back in the news again because it is the resting place for Benjamin Rogers of the 66th Berkshire Regiment of Foot which Rogers joined in 1806 at the age of 19.

On 5th May 1821 Benjamin Rogers was a member of the Guard of Honour at Napoleon's funeral. Before that Roger's fought in the Peninsular War with the Duke of Wellington and survived several battles across Spain, Portugal and Southern France. Rogers was one of more than 2,000 soldiers of the St Helena Regiment, the Berkshire Regiment, the St Helena Artillery, the Royal Artillery and cavalry whose job was to repel any attempt to rescue Napoleon from captivity. In addition there was a naval force led by the sixty-gun flagship HMS Newcastle. Benjamin Rogers was married with two daughters. Now, the Northam History Group is searching for any surviving descendants.

Ballyheigue – County Kerry

A notable member of the Cantillon family of Ballyheigue also had 15 minutes of fame because of his unsuccessful attempt to assassinate the Duke of Wellington when the Duke rode his horse through Paris in a victory procession. Marie André Cantillon was tried for attempted murder but as the bullet was never found it could not be proved Cantillon has ever fired a gun at anything. Napoleon did not forget Cantillon's unproductive action and bequeathed him 10,000 francs (£500) shortly before he died in a codicil to his last will and testament. Other Napoleonic connections with Ireland include a meeting with Irish independence freedom fighters (The United Irishmen) in 1798 led by the famous Wolf Tone. Tone's widow was given a pension by Napoleon. Another Irish freedom fighter, Napper Tandy, was saved from execution by Napoleon when he threatened to cancel peace talks with Britain if Tandy's execution went ahead.

A few years later Napoleon formed an Irish Legion, originally a light infantry battalion which was later expanded into a four battalion regiment. The Irish Legion gained a reputation for itself in battles during the Peninsular War but the Battle of Trafalgar put paid to aspirations to invade Ireland. If an invasion had been successful Napoleon intended to abolish the monarchy in Ireland and the House of Peers (Lords). Persecution of Catholics would have ended and the vast Irish lands owned by the British aristocracy would have been redistributed among Irish farmers and small-holders.

Barry O'Meara, Napoleon's doctor in St Helena for some years, was born in Blackrock, Ireland and Hudson Lowe, St Helena's Governor at the time of Napoleon's exile was born in Galway. Some of Napoleon's family married Irishmen and women.

Geneva – Switzerland

The peace treaty of 1802 between Britain and France was agreed and signed. The British heeded Napoleon's threat to

pull out of negotiations if Napper Tandy was executed. Napper Tandy's life was saved but Peter Roget, one of the most famous 'men-of-words' ever born, suddenly found himself in severe difficulty. The peace treaty lasted just one year; it was the only period of peace in Europe between 1793 and 1814. When the treaty fell apart Napoleon declared all British citizens in French territory were now prisoners of war.

Roget was in Switzerland. He appealed to officials and attempted to leave Geneva which was under French control at the time. All were unsuccessful. Peter Roget's father was born in Geneva but lived in London as a young man. Roget tracked down his father's birth certificate and after a little bribery managed to quickly obtain documents showing he was a Swiss citizen. Despite further complications Roget eventually got back to England where he pursued a career in medicine and as an inventor. After retiring at 70 he started a massive project. A dictionary gives the meaning of words. Roget compiled a *thesaurus* which gives a word and then lists other words of similar meaning – an indispensable tool for writers ever since. Today, a thesaurus has about 1,000 pages.



Napoleon – sketched by a British Officer in 2016

Fort-de-France – Martinique & Guadeloupe

In February 1794 the French revolutionary government freed all slaves and made them French citizens. In 1802 Napoleon re-established slavery and everyone in the French West Indies knows it. There is a discussion about whether Napoleon just let slavery continue rather than actively re-introduce it but for people of the French West Indies this point of detail does not matter.

It wasn't just slavery that was abolished. "It is often forgotten, but the new Constitution of 1795 also put an end to the colonial regime and made Guadeloupe, Guyana and Santo Domingo state *départements*, subjected to the same law as the French mainland," recalls Frédéric Regent, a historian of ancestry in Guadeloupe and a lecturer at the University Paris. Napoleon restored colonial status and specific laws in 1799. The French colonies had to wait until 1946 for the status of French *departments* to be restored.

The French Caribbean islands remember a series of events in 1802 when Napoleon decreed that "slavery will be main-

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tained in accordance with the laws and regulations prior to 1789. This also applied to the Réunion and Mauritius in the Indian Ocean. French military forces were sent to the Caribbean to enforce this order; in Guadeloupe around 6,000 resistance fighters were killed.

"It is as if there were two Napoleons, one in the overseas territories, and another in metropolitan France," says a doctoral student in history at the University of the Antilles in Fort-de-France. "Even when you create a hero, you also have to learn to talk about his flaws and his story as a whole."

Some Views from a French Historian

The Civil Code

One of Napoleon's undoubted successes was the civil code, which became the basis of many legal systems. Promulgated in 1804, it made all people equal before the law. In so doing, he crowned one of the achievements of the French Revolution, bringing feudalism to an end. But it was equality, except for women. Napoleon was "one of the biggest misogynists" to walk the Earth, according to France's Equality Minister Elisabeth Moreno. The civil code enshrines the power of the man of the house over his wife and children, and lays down that the wife must obey her husband. And under an 1810 Napoleonic law, a man could not be punished for murdering his adulterous wife if she was caught in the act at home.

The French Republic

Opponents of Napoleon also question whether modern-day France should be celebrating the man who sounded the death knell for the country's first attempt at republicanism after the revolution. The military coup that brought Napoleon to power led to the proclamation of the French Empire in 1804. But supporters argue the coup safeguarded the achievements of the revolution, and that while Napoleon's style was authoritarian, he was backed by popular votes.

Inspired Dictators

Historians also debate whether Napoleon was a model for 20th-century dictators such as Hitler, Stalin, Mao and Mussolini. "His authoritarianism... his sense of a strong state, his contempt for the parliamentary system, his imperialism and also his genius for propaganda all lead us to believe this," Tulard writes. But, the historian adds, Napoleon "did not have the same murderous ideology nor the racist fervour of (some of) those touted as his successors."

Re-established slavery

The revolution abolished slavery in the French colonies in 1794 but Napoleon re-established it in 1802 when Britain handed back the Caribbean island of Martinique where the practice remained in place while it was in English hands. It is the heaviest stain "against Napoleon's memory", writes historian Jean Tulard, while arguing that slavery was still rampant everywhere else and that Napoleon acted for economic reasons.

Prince Napoleon Regrets – He is Too Busy

After making enquiries through various channels the *Independent* eventually managed to make contact with Jean-Christophe, Prince Napoléon. Jean-Christophe is the great-great-great-nephew of Emperor Napoleon I (who has no legitimate direct descendants) through the emperor's youngest brother, Jérôme, King of Westphalia. Through his mother, he is a descendant of King Louis XIV of France and through his great-grandmother, Princess Clémentine of Belgium, he descends from Leopold II of Belgium, William IV, Prince of Orange, Charles III of Spain, Frederick William I of Prussia, George II of Great Britain and Louis Philippe I, King of the French, who was the last king to rule France, while his great-great-grandfather was Prince Napoléon Bonaparte, the cousin of the Emperor Napoleon III, France's most recent monarch. The point is, Jean-Christophe is the descendent of Emperor Napoléon I and head of the former Imperial House of France.

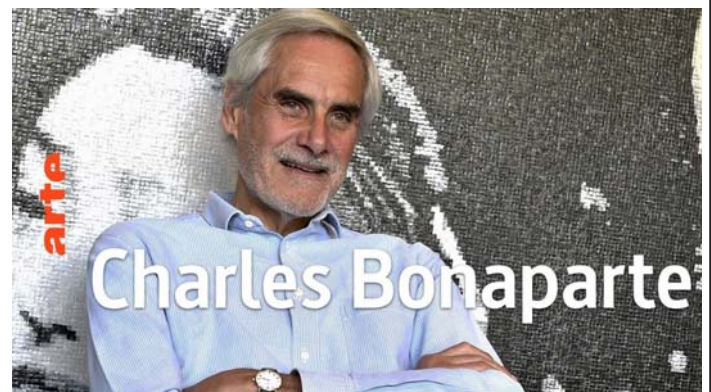
We asked Prince Napoléon if he would send a short message to be published in the *St Helena Independent* to mark the bicentenary of Emperor Napoleon I. Alternatively a voice recording could be sent for broadcast on Saint FM on 5th May at the time Napoléon died at Longwood House 200 years ago. While we at the *Independent* were delighted to get a reply, the response was less delightful.

"Thank you very much for your kind message and proposal. I would have been happy to participate, but unfortunately I

need to turn it down, as I am extremely busy organising the events around the bicentenary and attending other media invitations. I wish I had more time, but this is not possible unfortunately. Thank you for your understanding.

Sincerely,

Jean-Christophe Prince Napoléon"



Charles Bonaparte is Jean-Christophe's father. Charles was disinherited by his own father – Louis, Prince Napoléon, – because of his republican sympathies and married without the consent of Prince Louis. Jean-Christophe therefore succeeded his grandfather while his father still lives. Despite being disinherited, Charles Bonaparte stated "there will never be conflict" between him and his son over the imperial succession.

Rest in Love and Peace



It is with great sadness we announce the passing of Mrs Norma Moyce who passed away in England, on Monday 29 March 2021.

Norma was the Daughter of the Late Louis and Rose Benjamin of Near Half Tree Hollow School.

Norma is survived by her two Sons and their wives and two Grandchildren in the UK, and her brother Maxwell Benjamin and family in St Helena and other family in the UK and St. Helena.



Norma will be laid to rest in her hometown in Aldershot on Tuesday 27 April.



Church Service

In 1659 on 5 May Captain John Dutton arrived on St Helena with the first Colonist which is the birth of our Community as a people.

The Community of St Helena also played a vital part in the eradication of the Slave Trade and Slavery during the 19th Century.

A service to commemorate the birth of our Community as a people and to give thanks to God for our participation in the eradication of the slave trade and slavery during the 19th Century will take place at

St Michael's Church, Ruperts on Sunday 9 May at 3.30pm"

All members of the public are welcome.

Farewell Mum Vilma



In the early hours of the morning on Saturday 24th April 2021 we lost our dear Mum Vilma Dawson-Goodey (maiden name Vilma Neilson daughter of Beryl & Harold Neilson) who was born on the Island of St Helena on the 17th June 1930.

Mum had 5 children Peter, Judy (who passed away on the 14th April 2003), Paul, Andrew and Emma-Jane. She also had 13 grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren and another great grandchild due to be born on the 1st or 2nd May 2021.

Mum & Dad returned to the Island on three occasions, Mum remained in contact with family on the Island.

Mum taught all her children and a number of her grandchildren how to cook several of the St Helena dishes (cooking was always close to her heart). We will all miss the stories that she used to tell us about St Helena (even though we have heard a number of them many times over the years).

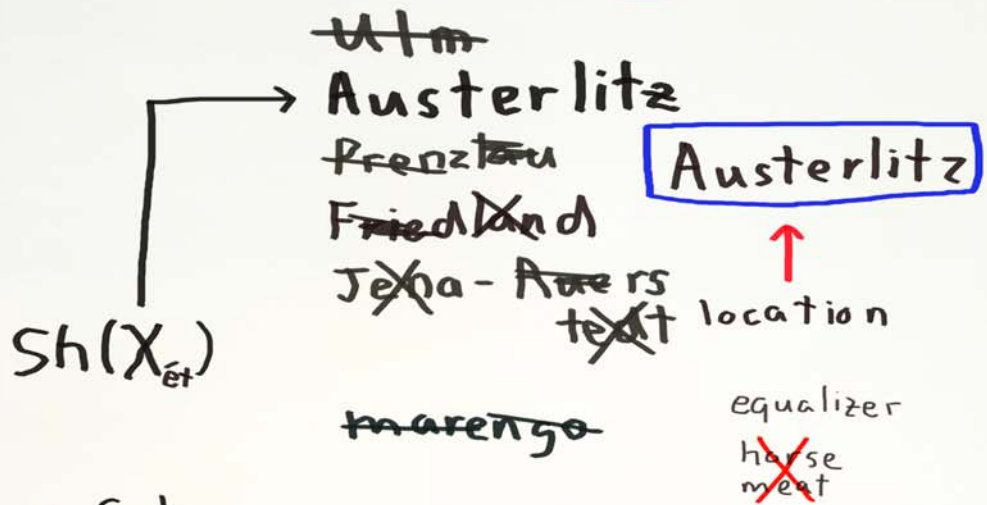
There is no greater love than that of a dear Mother, unconditional and timeless.

We thank you Mum for your Love, Kindness, and Patience and for all you have done for us.

God bless you Mum. X



War and Peace



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Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

In last week's newspaper there was a letter regarding the statistics on sunnyportal from the PV Solar Farm at Ladder Hill from David Yon. I would be grateful if you could kindly pass on our thanks to David for bringing this to our attention and to advise that the technical issue in relation to connectivity has now been fixed.

**Many thanks
Clare**

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THE CONSTITUENT

Cllr Leo

Dear Residents,

Following the recent meeting of the Incident Executive Group and the SHG press release, headlined 'Yachting Visitors to the Island', concerns were raised by some elected representatives. The concerns were mainly related to possible gaps in the Port Control procedures and processes that Covid-19 and variants could penetrate. Elected members wanted to be directly informed by SHG officers in order identify potential risks and thereby help to reduce or eliminate the threats to the local population.

On Friday 23 April, the Chief of Police, Harbour Master and Director of Public Health attended an informal LegCo meeting, on request, to talk through the Port Control procedures, processes and guidelines that are being applied to visiting yachts and crews. Accordingly, each of the SHG officers provided detailed information and responded to various questions raised by elected mem-

bers. Serious concerns were raised about the risks to the local population of yacht crews not adhering to the rules and guidelines provided to them on arrival by Port Control. As non-quarantined and quarantined vessels are moored in the same dedicated area, concerns were also raised on the unlawful movement by crews between yachts. 24/7 policing of the moorings has been indorsed. It was stressed to the three officers that enforcing the quarantine guidelines and procedures must be efficiently applied in practice by the local security service.

The SHG officers were told that "the priority is to protect the local population from Covid-19 and variants." The global pandemic started in January 2020, and fifteen months on St Helena's local community status remains Covid-19 free. All present were reminded that the Chief Medical Officer told elected representatives some months ago: "We will not be able to cope with a community outbreak of Covid-19."

Over the last fifteen months the Incident Executive Group, St Helena Government officials, officers and staff, supported by the UK Government, have clearly made a massive contribution to keeping the people of St Helena safe and free from Covid-19. The work included concentrating on the island's social and economic requirements and executing St Helena's international obligations to the Safety of Life at Sea Convention (SOLAS). Appreciation was extended to the three officers to be conveyed to all concerned.

In an effort to reinforce the collective

determination to maintain St Helena's Covid-19 free status, a presentation was also delivered. It included the following two comparison templates, based on the last fifteen months.

GLOBAL

COVID-19 + VARIANTS

- ILLNESS – SEVERE!
- DEATHS – BRUTAL!
- LOCKDOWNS!
- INTERRUPTIONS!
- RESTRICTIONS!
- FAILURES – Including medical services
- BUSINESSES – Drastically failing
- UNEMPLOYMENT – Increasing significantly
- DEVASTATING impacts on communities

ST HELENA

COVID-19 + VARIANTS

- ILLNESS – Nil
- DEATHS – Nil
- LOCKDOWNS - Nil
- INTERRUPTIONS - Nil
- RESTRICTIONS - Nil
- BUSINESSES – Reasonably sustained
- EMPLOYMENT – Reasonably sustained
- SOCIAL & ECONOMIC ACTIVITIES - Stable
- ACCESS AND SUPPLIES - Essentially maintained
- LOCAL COMMUNITY - Largely calm and content



St Helena League of Friends AGM

The Annual General Meeting of the St Helena League of Friends will be held on Wednesday 5th May 2021 at the Baptist Schoolroom Jamestown, at 4.15pm.

The Chairperson and Treasurer will present their reports and officers of the committee will be elected. This will be followed by any other business and refreshments.

All are welcome to attend

COMMEMORATION OF THE DEATH OF NAPOLEON ON ST HELENA

LOCAL EVENTS

Napoleon, Emperor of the French, died on St Helena on 5 May 1821, five and half years after his exile to the Island in 1815.

To commemorate the Bicentenary of the French Statesman's death, a calendar of events specifically involving St Helena is taking place in France and in Belgium. Although local events are on a smaller scale than originally planned due to current travel restrictions, resulting from the COVID-19 Pandemic, the initial arrangements at Longwood House and the Tomb Valley have been maintained in full. Only the audience has changed, instead of the 800-1000 visitors by cruise ship or charter plane, the audience will be virtual.

Events are being organised by the St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Society with support provided by St Helena Government, the Fondation Napoléon, Creative St Helena, the Catholic Church, Sure, Triple Six Photography and John Isaac's contractors.

The death of Napoleon

On Wednesday, 5 May 2021, mini wreaths/flower bouquets will be laid on the Tomb's slab on behalf of overseas organisations and members of the public. Over 400 people from Germany, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, Canada, China, Denmark, Spain, United States, France, Great Britain, Israel, Italy, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Czech Republic, Russia, Ukraine, Sweden and Switzerland have participated in this initiative through purchasing flowers online to be laid on The Tomb on this day.

At 5.15pm (at the exact last hour of the Emperor's life in 1821) a ceremony will take place at Longwood House to include a two-minute silence, the playing of the Last Post and various readings and pieces of music, half-masting of the flag and the Telegraph signals announcing Napoleon's death. Members of the public are able to attend and there will be a late opening of the gardens which will be specially illuminated for the occasion.

Please note: like in 1821, no one will be authorised to go inside the Emperor's apartments.

The burial of Napoleon

On Sunday, 9 May, a ceremony, marking the Bicentenary of the Emperor's burial will take place at The Tomb, starting at 2.50pm. The ceremony will include readings, various pieces of music and songs from Island musicians and singers, a two-minute silence followed by the playing of the Reveille, and laying of the wreaths to accompany the mini bouquets from the public which should have already been placed on 5 May.

This important occasion in St Helena's history is being marked by other events such as a Catholic Church mass on Thursday, 6 May. French Consul, Michel Dancoisne-Martineau has also taken part in various interviews with international TV channels and magazines. He will also attend in person a number of exhibitions and shows on the Bicentenary in France and Belgium.

It is planned for local events to be broadcast live via Social Media. To follow the latest news on upcoming events please visit: www.napoleonsthelena.com/

The full Calendar of events can be viewed here: <https://fondationnapoleon.org/en/>. Details of local events and commemoration programmes are available via: <http://napoleon200.sh/> or <https://www.napoleonsthelena.com/en/>.

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UPDATE ON KEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK STREAMS

During the current round of Constituency Meetings, Elected Members have been asked to provide updates on various key work streams.

Below is an update on a number of key work streams that fall under the remit of the Economic Development Committee:

Fibre Optic Cable Project

Work is progressing well with the new Fibre Optic Cable Project which aims to provide the Island with faster internet connectivity. The proposed high speed fibre cable would offer opportunities for private sector development, distance learning, tele-medicine and e-commerce.

Latest activities/milestones under the Project

- Two engineers from American Manufactured Structures and Services (AMSS), arrived on 26 February 2021 to facilitate the installation of the Modular Cable Landing Solution (MCLS)
- Engineers from Marine Contractors and Consultants (MCC) arrived on 23 March 2021, to carry out the following tasks in conjunction with the Project:
 - Undertake assessments of the near shore infrastructure
 - Liaise with potential sub-contractors
 - Determine if the sub-contractors have the right equipment at their disposal, which will facilitate the landing of the Equiano Cable System
 - Assess the subsea cable pulling procedures
 - Assess the emergency evacuation plans
- Two Engineers from Alcatel Submarine Networks (ASN) will arrive in May 2021, to undertake the installation of the Power Feed equipment and all associated telecoms equipment
- Eight engineers from MCC, along with four members of Alcatel's Submarine Networks (ASN) Installation and Testing Team will arrive in June 2021
- Equiano's shore end landing will be undertaken in August 2021*
- Testing of the MCLS's Power Feed Equipment will commence in August 2021*
- The station's completion date is forecast for September 2021*.

**Note these dates are subject to change*

The Project is currently on schedule with the cable set to go live in early 2022. The landing of the cable will bring many benefits to the Island including encouraging investment opportunities in the construction of satellite ground stations on the Island and increased use of internet-based technology and delivery through, for example, digital financial transactions.

Communications Networks and Services

The Communications Networks and Services Policy was endorsed by Executive Council in October 2020. The Policy can be found at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>

The procurement of the Public Communications Networks and Services licence holder has started, with announcement of the preferred bidder due in the second half of this year.

Ships Registry

Since the endorsement of the new Ships Registry Policy, a Maritime Compliance & Policy Officer (MC&PO) has been appointed, with a view to establishing a Maritime Authority. The Authority will lead on developing Maritime policy and regulation as required by the International Maritime Organisation's (IMO) Instruments Implementation Code (IIBC).

UPDATE ON KEY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT WORK STREAMS

St Helena is a member of the Red Ensign Group (REG), which is responsible for the UK Ship Registry, and as such can expect to be audited alongside the UK, by the IMO. Procedures to be adopted for Ship Registry services, and meeting the requirements of the IMO audit (no confirmed date as yet) are in progress.

More on Ship Registry can be found on the SHG website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/registry>

Company Registry

The Company Registry Policy was endorsed by Executive Council in December 2020. Drafting of the appropriate legislation is awaited.

A new post will be recruited to drive the Company Registry work forward, including the work to modernise the anti-money laundering checks, and include more information on beneficial ownership - this post is likely to be advertised in the first half of this year.

More on Company Registry can be found on the SHG website at: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/public-services/registry>

Sugar Tax and Imports

Since the introduction of the Sugar Tax in 2018, in general there have been decreases in the import of products subject to the higher level of duty (e.g. high-sugar soft drinks, fruit juices) and increases in the imports of healthier alternatives (e.g. water, low-sugar drinks) subject to a lower level of tax. This suggests that the tax is having the intended impact. By reducing the import cost of healthier food and beverages when compared to high-sugar options, the tax makes it easier for merchants to provide a wider variety of healthy options to their customers.

#StHelena #EconomicDevelopment #Update

SHG, 27 April 2021



CUSTOMER INFORMATION



Has your information been updated?

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to remind customers if any of your contact details have been changed (i.e. name, address, email etc), it is your responsibility to update your information with the Bank.

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WHY LOCAL FOOD IS BETTER FOR ALL OF US

We benefit from the global market in food but it is not perfect. Shipping food around the world provides us with a wide variety of food we desire but has many negatives.

This article, produced jointly by the Health Services Directorate and the Agriculture & Natural Resources Division (ANRD), will explore a few of the good reasons to eat local produce, and why choosing local will be better for all.

Climate Change

Shipping food is hugely energy consuming. Fresh produce has to be flown, other food has to be chilled or frozen to transport it large distances.

Think of a fish finger. The cod is caught in the North Atlantic, chilled and bought ashore. It is hauled in a container lorry to the factory where it is processed using preservatives and E-numbers and frozen and packaged in cardboard made from trees and plastic made from oil.

The boxes are then driven to a distribution centre, then again to a port. Packed in a reefer put on a ship and sailed to Cape Town. It is then transhipped in Cape Town, bought here on the MV Helena, unpacked, put in a freezer in the shop, before we buy it, take it home and put it in our freezer.

Huge amounts of fossil fuels are burned to make, freeze and move this box of fish fingers. An alternative? Buy a freshly caught wahoo or tuna, cover it in bread crumbs and bake it. A relatively tiny amount of energy.

Environment

In many parts of the world huge amounts of land are being cleared to make way for farming. This destroys natural habitats. It releases millions of tonnes of carbon into the atmosphere. Land is used for grazing livestock and growing crops; both to feed animals and humans. The crops use pesticides and fertilisers that can further harm the environment. By adding to the global demand for food we are all contributing to this devastation.

On St Helena our food is produced from existing farmland; and production can be increased without using any more land from precious natural habitats. We grow our food using sustainable practices to minimise the impact on the environment.

Safety

Countries around the world have different standards of food production. The EU/UK has some of the highest standards around the world. The Americas and Africa are less exacting. In South Africa (SA) farmers are permitted to feed their cattle growth hormones to make them grow faster. Due to the potential damaging effects of these chemicals getting into the food chain the EU banned them many years ago, and does not even

permit imports of meat from South Africa (or the US).

On St Helena our livestock is raised in a very traditional way using no growth enhancers, and only medicines for animal welfare. In systems overseas 'high intensity' livestock production feed antibiotics to animals as a preventative treatment. These could be getting into the food chain and adding to antibiotic resistance.

Quality

Local fresh produce tastes better. In high output production systems in Europe and SA vegetables are grown on a huge scale. Machines are used to plant, spray and harvest the crops and they are often grown in very sandy, 'inert' soils so that every aspect of production can be controlled. This results in a dull, flavourless and low nutrition product. To get here in good condition they are packed with preservatives.



Fresh veg can be grown all year round on the Island. But farmers need the confidence that their produce will sell. It's our responsibility as customers to buy local where we can.

The same is true of meat; beef in SA is often kept in huge 'feedlots', fed corn and silage, with limited room to move, so they grow as fast as possible with no time to develop flavour.

All over the world 'grass reared' beef and lamb is considered a delicacy. This is how we rear livestock on St Helena. The varied diet from grazing, outdoor living, and natural growth rates mean that the meat has much more flavour, is more nutritious and has better quality fat and protein. If the meat is 'hung' for 28 days as is in the UK it is some of the best meat in the world.

Economy

Producing and buying local food benefits the economy of the Island. By increasing *demand* for local food *supply* will increase (look at the production of potatoes since imports haven't been available). An increase in production will lower the cost to produce, making it cheaper to buy.

Because the farmer is producing more he is also becoming more profitable. Profits can be used to invest in the business to reduce costs further.

The merchant can make more money by selling more, using profits to invest in better displays and cooling facilities.

The shopper is saving money due to cheaper produce and getting a better product.

It is a rare situation in economics where everyone can be better off: normally someone has to 'lose' so others can win. In this scenario the only 'loser' is the overseas exporter.



St Helena has the potential to grow all the fresh produce it needs.

Nutrition and local produce

It is well evidenced that a diet rich in a variety of fruit and vegetables is good for our health. They are an excellent source of vitamins, minerals, phytochemicals and fibre, which can help to maintain a healthy gut, reduce our risk of developing chronic diseases such as diabetes, heart disease and certain cancers, as well as strengthening our immune system; there's lots of truth in the proverb 'an apple a day keeps the doctor away'.

As well as being nutritious, fruit and vegetables are delicious and attractive; they add colour and texture to our plates which is especially important as we eat with our eyes first. Research has shown that phytochemicals, the natural pigments that give fruit and vegetables their colours, can work as antioxidants to protect the body from harmful substances that can cause disease. Local produce from St Helena provides us with the perfect opportunity to eat a wide variety of different coloured fruit and vegetables and to 'eat a rainbow'. Some examples of different coloured

fruits and vegetables grown on-Island that can be incorporated into our daily diets include:

- Red: tomatoes, red peppers, radishes
- Green: broccoli, leeks, celery, lettuce, spinach, green beans, green peppers, courgette and cucumber
- Yellow/orange: carrots, squash, pumpkin and mango
- Blue/purple: beetroot and aubergine
- White/beige: onions, garlic, cauliflower and potatoes.

The nutrient levels and bioavailability (how readily nutrients can be used by the body) of fruit and vegetables decrease once they have been harvested, and continue to decrease throughout their storage, so it is preferable to eat fresh produce as close to its harvest time as possible. This is easily possible on St Helena due to how quickly farmers can harvest their produce and sell it to you at the market, in their shops, in their vans or in your weekly salad/vegetable bag.

Exposure to heat, light and oxygen further increases the loss of nutrients and the quality of the produce, which is why we preserve food, through traditional and modern preservation techniques (drying, chilling, freezing, canning, etc.). This means that we can prolong the shelf life of our local produce but also have access to a wider variety of produce throughout the year on St Helena. While tinned, dried and frozen fruit and vegetables make an important contribution to our diet on St Helena, there is no denying that the taste, quality and nutritional profile of freshly picked produce from the Island, cannot be beaten!

Summary

Some people prefer imported produce, seeing it as 'better' than local. However a straight clean carrot in a plastic bag is inferior to one grown locally. Imported produce has lower nutrients as it has high food miles and lots of pesticides applied.

Often local produce seems more expensive than imported. This will change if we all eat more local food; farmers will produce more and prices will reduce.

We should make an effort to buy local produce whenever it is available, and should always prefer it to imported food. If there is something that you want but can't get locally then ask a farmer; there is very little that cannot grow on St Helena.

Sometimes there will be shortages of a certain product, but it is rare that there is no alternative. In the long run supporting local producers will lead to more consistent supply, better value and healthier food. In this scenario everyone wins.

As always you can contact ANRD to discuss anything agriculture related: Tel: 24747 or email: Edward.whitton@sainthelena.gov.sh

WORLD IMMUNIZATION WEEK

World Immunization Week was first endorsed by the World Health Assembly in 2012, it has since been an annual, global public health campaign by the World Health Organization (WHO), to raise awareness and increase rates of immunization against vaccine-preventable diseases around the world. It takes place each year during the last week of April.

On St Helena a range of vaccines are available to our community; from new born to pre-school, school age and adulthood. On-Island, vaccines now offer more children than ever before, the opportunity to live healthily, and free of vaccine-preventable diseases. The current routine vaccinations available on-Island and what you need to know about vaccines can be found appended to this Press Release.

The impact of vaccines extends beyond public health. For example, healthier children are likely to have improved educational performance, and this in turn can lead to increases in household income and ultimately greater economic growth for the Island. These are prime examples of the benefits of a consistent approach to immunisation, as well as ongoing education, particularly educating parents in order for them to give their child the opportunity to be vaccinated against these diseases.

In 2019 and 2020, 100% of babies that were registered on-Island, received the necessary vaccinations needed. As of April 2021 there has been a 100% uptake of the vaccination against tuberculosis within children under the age of 18 years old. Similarly, 98% of children eligible to receive their HPV (Human papillomavirus) vaccination have done so.

The threat or impact of these diseases aren't unique to St Helena, but being a small, remote island with limited resources, options and choices of health delivery, immunisation helps to protect our community from the risks of illness.

World Immunization Week could not have taken place at a more significant time for St Helena, as 24 April, marked the end of the roll-out for the second dose of the Oxford AstraZeneca Vaccine on-Island. St Helena has been very fortunate to be able to offer all persons 18 years and over, the vaccination against COVID-19. Preliminary data shows that close to 95% of the eligible population has been vaccinated. The vaccine has been proven to reduce the severity of COVID-19 symptoms and is of immense benefit.

The current global COVID-19 vaccination programme, in conjunction with the other preventative measures and protocols should help to reduce and eventually stop the spread of the virus worldwide.

Immunizations or Vaccinations work by training and preparing the body's immune system, to recognise and fight off the viruses and bacteria they target. After vaccination, if the body is later exposed to those disease-causing germs, the body is immediately ready to destroy them, preventing illness. Large numbers becoming immunised within communities, also creates a form of protection for persons within those communities who are not able to receive vaccinations; this is called 'herd' or 'community' immunity.

Vaccines are one of science's greatest innovations and have provided protection for over two centuries, saving millions of lives each year. The last century has seen vaccines providing protection from many diseases, this has resulted in the eradication of smallpox in the 1980s and the world now close to being free of polio. The continuous advancement and development of vaccines means we are also near to being free from diseases such as tuberculosis and cervical cancer. Vaccinations against vaccine-preventable diseases such as measles, tetanus and whooping cough, now allows people to live healthier lives by providing protection against such. *(Adapted from WHO – World Immunization Week Campaign)*

#StHelena #WorldImmunizationWeek #VaccinesWork

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ROUTINE VACCINATIONS ON ST HELENA

Age due	Diseases protected against	Usual site
At birth	Tuberculosis	Upper Arm
Eight weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough), polio, Haemophilus influenzae type b (Hib) and hepatitis B	Thigh
	Rotavirus gastroenteritis	By mouth
Twelve weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B	Thigh
	Pneumococcal (13 serotypes)	Thigh
	Rotavirus	By mouth
Sixteen weeks old	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis, polio, Hib and hepatitis B	Thigh
One year old (On or before the child's first birthday)	Hib and MenC	Upper arm/thigh
	Pneumococcal	Upper arm/thigh
	Measles, mumps and rubella (German measles)	Upper arm/thigh
Three years four months old or soon after	Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis and polio	Upper arm
	Measles, mumps and rubella	Upper arm
Twelve to thirteen years	Cancers caused by human papillomavirus (HPV) types 16 and 18 (and genital warts caused by types 6 and 11)	Upper arm
Fourteen years old (school year 9)	Tetanus, diphtheria and polio	Upper arm
	Meningococcal groups A, C, W and Y disease	Upper arm
65 years of age and older (or persons considered high risk)	Influenza	Upper arm

Above: Table showing routine vaccinations available on St Helena

Things you need to know about vaccines:

They DO

- ✓ protect you and your child from many serious and potentially deadly diseases
- ✓ protect other people in your community – by helping to stop diseases spreading to people who cannot have vaccines
- ✓ undergo rigorous safety testing before being introduced – they're also constantly monitored for side effects after being introduced
- ✓ sometimes cause mild side effects that will not last long – some children may feel a bit unwell and have a sore arm for 2 or 3 days
- ✓ reduce or even get rid of some diseases – if enough people are vaccinated

They DO NOT

- cause autism – studies have found no evidence of a link between the MMR vaccine and autism
- overload or weaken the immune system – it's safe to give children several vaccines at a time and this reduces the amount of injections they need
- cause allergies or any other conditions – all the current evidence tells us that vaccinating is safer than not vaccinating
- contain mercury (thiomersal)
- contain any ingredients that cause harm in such small amounts – but speak to your doctor if you have any known allergies such as eggs or gelatin.

Extracted from www.NHS.uk

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New and Exciting Opportunities We are hiring - Apply now

The Falkland Islands Company Limited invites applications for the following positions:

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- * Wholesale (Warehouse)
- * Procurement Officer (Warehouse)
- * Warehouse Assistant
- * Property Manager
- * Mechanic (4x4)
- * Cleaners

Construction

- * Joiners
- * Plumbers
- * Electricians
- * Bricklayers
- * Groundworkers
- * Plant Operators
- * Labourers

More details can be found on our website:

<http://www.the-falkland-islands-co.com/careers/job-opportunities/>

Positions remain open until a candidate has been selected

INVITATION TO TENDER HILLSIDE EXCAVATION OF SIDE PATH ROAD

Reference: CS-0473-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road in connection with the approved plans for the R2 Project.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Hillside Excavation of Side Path Road.

A site visit will be held on Thursday, 13 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at The Brow, Jamestown. Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-Procurement system.

Any questions in the interim should be addressed to the Procurement Office for the attention of Deputy Head of Procurement, Nicola Young.

E-mail: nicola.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

The deadline for submissions is 12.00 GMT on Friday, 28 May 2021.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE PORT CONTROL & BIOSECURITY BUILDING

Reference: CS-0450-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation and Concrete Works of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and fencing of the Port Control & Biosecurity Building Yard at Lower Rupert's.

A site visit will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at the No. 1 Building, Rupert's.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

EXCAVATION AND CONCRETE WORKS FOR THE CONTAINER FREIGHT STATION BUILDING AT LOWER RUPERT'S

Reference: CS-0452-SHG

St Helena Government is seeking Invitations to Tender for the Excavation and Concrete Works of the Container Freight Station Building Yard.

The successful entity will be responsible for the Excavation, Concrete Works and Fencing of the Container Freight Station Building Yard at Lower Rupert's.

A site visit will be held on Tuesday, 11 May 2021, at 10am, meeting at the No. 1 Building, Rupert's.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena> following registration on the system.

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For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Kevin George,
Manager, BFI
on telephone number: 22332
or via email address:
BFI@helanta.co.sh

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from Solomons Reception Desk, in
the Main Office Building, Jamestown
or alternatively an electronic copy
can be requested via e-mail
address: hadmin@solomons.co.sh
and should be completed and
returned to Miss Daryl Legg
Human Resources Officer,
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 06 May 2021

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

Assistant Manager

within the Bulk Fuel Installation

Job Outline

To assist the Manager with the day to day running of the Bulk Fuel Installation, and to deputise for the Manager in their absence

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working within bulk fuel storage, distribution and handling or similar environment, and related Health & Safety knowledge
- Ideally have GCSE Maths & English or equivalent at Grade C or above
- Have good leadership skills and experience in managing a team
 - Have strong interpersonal & organisational skills
- Have excellent IT skills and be able to communicate effectively
 - Have the ability to multi task & work under pressure
 - Be in possession of a valid driver's license

Salary for the position is £ 1,142.70 per month, (£13,712.40 per annum)



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

Bread Production Foreman

Job Outline

To be responsible for leading the Bakery's Bread Production team, to ensure agreed production is met and quality standards are achieved.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have 5 years proven baking experience within a commercial environment
 - Possess RSPH Level 2 Food Safety or equivalent
 - Have Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
 - Be competent in Microsoft Office applications
- Possess good leadership skills and Supervisory experience
- Have excellent organisational skills and ability to prioritise to meet deadlines
 - Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
 - Be attentive to detail with a strong level of accuracy

Salary will start at £12,000 per annum, (£1,000 per month).

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Dean Okali,
General Manager (Production)
on telephone number:
22380 or 23770
or via email address:
gm-productions@solomons.co.sh

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Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 06 May 2021.



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

Fuel Attendant

Within the Jamestown Fuel Station

Job Outline

To assist with the day-to-day operations of the Jamestown Fuel Station ensuring maximum performance and quality service is delivered on a safe, consistent and timely basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience in Cash Handling
- Ideally possess Health & Safety awareness in a high risk environment
- Have the ability to undertake physical and manual handling duties
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Be self-motivated, flexible with a positive attitude, and able to work well in a team environment

Salary for the position is £7,462.44 per annum, (£621.87 per month)

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Paul Gasteen
Fuel Stations Manager
on telephone number: 22523
or via email address:
fuelstations.manager@solomons.co.sh

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be completed and returned to
Miss Daryl Legg, Human Resources
Officer
Solomons Office, Jamestown,
By 06 May 2021



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc
has vacancies for

General Assistants (Bread Production)

Job Outline

Become a vital part of the day-to-day bread production and help to ensure quality standards are achieved.

Basic Applicable Skills include:

- Be able to carry out and understand basic measurements and follow written recipes
- Operating production equipment as required
- Packaging and delivering products
- General cleaning

Further details contained in job description

Interested Persons Should:

- ✓ Have basic numeracy and literacy
- ✓ Possess knowledge and experience in this field, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness

This position will be for a fixed-term period of 2 years in the first instance.

Salary will start at £9,240.00 per annum, (£770.00 per month).

For further information,
including the Company's
attractive benefits package,
please contact
Dean Okali,
General Manager (Production)
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VACANCY

EXPORT, TRADE & INVESTMENT MANAGER

Permanent post - *Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio*

Working as part of our new Sustainable Development Team to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by proactively assisting the growth of key export sectors and ensuring that the mitigation actions within the Sustainable Economic Development Plan (SEDP) are being completed, that barriers to investment are reduced (through policy or legislative reform where necessary), and that Public Service processes (such as company registry, tax, immigration and land) are clearly mapped and communicated.

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

- A Bachelors or Masters degree in business studies, economics, banking, marketing or related field or equivalent level of demonstrable attainment or experience
- At least 3 years of business development experience within the Private Sector
- Demonstrable experience of assisting the growth of a business or developing a sector to target customers in export markets.
- Well-developed overseas contacts in logistics and commerce businesses

We offer the following:

Salary: £23,209 per annum
Leave: 30 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:

Damian Burns, Head of Sustainable Development on telephone number 22470 or email: damian.burns@sainthelena.gov.sh

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 Dianne Venning, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than **4pm on Monday, 10 May 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.



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Agriculture and Natural Resources
Division

ANRD wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2021

- Arable land at Ex ADA Fields
- Arable land at Ropery Field
- Covered Production Units at Ostrich Field and Ex ADA Fields
- Tree Nursery- Ex ADA Fields

Application forms can be collected from the Reception at ANRD Office or by contacting the Farmers Support Officer, Mr. Fred Green or the Agricultural Development Officer, Miss Andy Timm on telephone 24724 or email frederick.green@sainthelena.gov.sh or andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh respectively.

Closing date for applications is 1600 hours on 14 May 2021

ST HELENA DARK SKIES

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ORDINANCE

In 2015, the idea to introduce legislation to reduce light pollution to enable St Helena to apply for International Dark Sky Community status was supported. This is now being progressed through proposed amendments to the Environmental Protection Ordinance, 2016 (EPO) which will see new sections inserted to make provision for the regulation of the use of artificial light at night.

The proposed amendments to the EPO provide for:

- Protection of natural environment and night sky from uncontrolled use of artificial light
- Reduction of energy waste and carbon emissions
- The development or adoption of a code of practice to regulate use of artificial light and provide educational information
- Exemptions for certain types of lighting such as lighthouse and navigation lighting
- Prohibition on importation and sale, installation and use of non-compliant lighting
- Lighting zones to be specified in a development plan under the Land Planning and Development Control Ordinance with details about controls and levels of lighting for different zones, etc
- Light reduction at prescribed times
- Exemptions from light reduction
- The Chief Environmental Officer to grant permission for non-compliant temporary lighting
- Light readings to be taken
- The Chief Environmental Officer to issue abatement notices to rectify non-compliant lighting
- Penalties for offences - failure to comply with abatement notices
- Regulations to be made regarding the installation and operation of artificial lighting, and for forms, fees and procedures to be adopted to give effect to the requirements within the Ordinance.

A copy of the draft Bill for an Ordinance to amend the Environmental Protection Ordinance can be viewed on the SHG Website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-consultation/>. Alternatively, a hard copy can be obtained from the Environment, Natural Resources & Planning Portfolio, Scotland Offices, St Paul's, by contacting the receptionist on tel: 24724. If you require further information about the draft Bill please contact

Chief Environmental Officer, Isabel Peters, on tel: 24724 or via email: Isabel.Peters@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Proposed amendments to the EPO will be taken into consideration and reported back to the Environment & Natural Resources Committee (ENRC), following which, the draft EPO Amendment Ordinance will be taken to Executive Council for approval to publish and present as Government business at a formal sitting of Legislative Council.

Written comments can be sent to the Secretary of the ENRC, Nicky Lawrence, via email: nicky.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than Friday, 7 May 2021.

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Annie Lennox fears having to stack shelves at Tesco

A letter has been sent to the Prime Minister, Boris Johnson by Annie Lennox and former front-woman for the Eurythmics. As the music, film and theatrical world continues to feel the pinch of Covid-19, Lennox has turned her focus to the loss of revenue caused by online giants like Spotify and Apple Music.

Lennox said, "We must put the value of music back where it belongs, in the hands of the music-makers".

She cites streaming platforms, record labels and other internet giants as the real profit-makers and the law lags in protecting the interests of the people who spend so many hours creating music.

With a net worth of sixty million dollars, Annie has plenty to worry about, could she potentially be seen stacking shelves in Tesco in 2022?

With music-makers receiving fifty percent of radio revenues and fifteen percent of streaming revenue, she wants the Copy-

right, Designs and Patents Act 1988 revised to attend to the shortfall in streaming revenue.

Lennox is no stranger to controversy. She failed to fully recognise the depth of 'Strange Fruits' in a cover of the song originally written by Billie Holiday about slavery and oppression in the US.

The UK has a wonderful alliance with music; music is used in all instances of life and often replaces spoken communication between people. It is true that without music, we would have a very lifeless existence; however, it is wondered with businesses closing on every street corner and a mass of redundancies whether the PM's focus would be on Lennox's earnings, even if she refers to indirect benefits to the NHS and other stoic British institutions through these legal amendments.



From the St Helena Golf Club

Contributed by: SHGC

Golf Report for 25th April 2021

Last Sunday's monthly medal got underway in warm cloudy conditions. Twenty players battled to get their hands on the top prize and medal for April. Topping up the leaderboard with an impressive net 4 under was Mr Jeremy Clingham playing off 15 handicap who scored 64 followed in second place by 13 handicap Mr Paddo Johnson with net 66. Both players had their handicaps adjusted downward for their impressive performance. Mr Leon Crowie birdied the 5th and Mr Larry Legg the 7th to share the balls in the two-ball pool. The prizes were presented by the ladies' captain Mr Helena Stevens.

The following players made it to the 3rd round which is the semifinal of the match play competition and will therefore play as follows.

- Douglas Augustus against Paddo Johnson
- Ron De Reuck against whoever wins between Helena Stevens and Nicholas Stevens

On Sunday 2nd May the club will host modified stableford competition. Normal tee off at 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 1st May at 15:00.

For details of our events visit and like our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh or simply search St Helena Golf Club from your Facebook App

Happy swinging.....!



SHCA District T20 League Cup

Week 1 Cricket Results

Saturday PM

HTH 162/5 (20 Ov)

Cliff Richards 56

Ralph Knipe 2/40

Longwood 140/9 (20 Ov)

Weston Clingham 38

Ashton Benjamin 3/25

Sunday AM

Sandy Bay 126/7 (20.0 Ov)

Brett Isaac 47

Aj Bennett 1/12

St Pauls 128/7 (16.5 Ov)

Dax Richards 39

Ronan Legg 4/26

Sunday PM

Levelwood 147/6 (20.0 Ov)

Shavone Leo 46

Jason George 4/38

Jamestown 150/1 (13.1 Ov)

Makyle Fuller 71*

Greg Coleman 1/31



Fixtures

01/05/2021 - Saturday

1.30pm – St Pauls Vs Levelwood

Umpires – Jamestown

02/05/2021 - Sunday

10am – Sandy Bay Vs Longwood

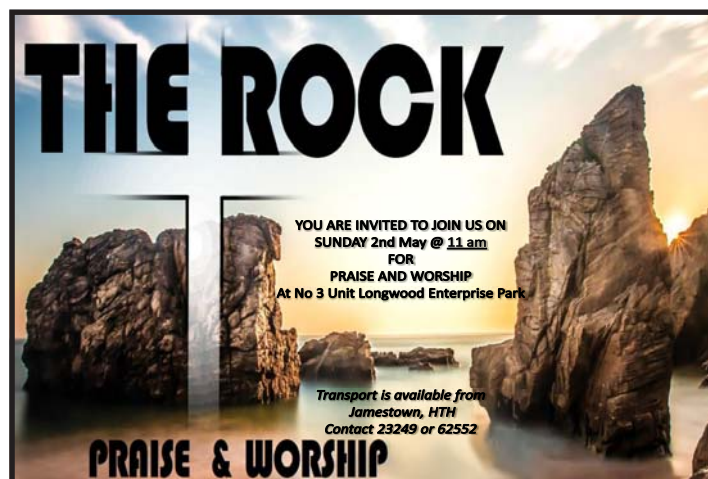
Umpires – St Pauls

1.30pm – HTH Vs Jamestown

Umpires – Levelwood

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

- <https://cricheroes.in/tournament/254114/T20-District-2021>



Well the first piece of domestic silverware was decided in England last Sunday when Manchester City beat Tottenham Hotspur 1-0 in the League Cup Final. Personally I think that this was close to a 1 nil trashing as you would get, in the first half Spurs hardly got to touch the ball. Spurs had just 2 shots at City's goal compare to 21 shots registered by the Manchester club.

Surprisingly it took until the 80th minute for Laporte to come up with the winner as he scored with a header from a corner. Most of City's chances fell to Sterling but his goal scoring touch has gone at the moment. City now has two more chances of Silverware as they should pick up the League Championship and are in the semi-finals of the Champions League.

I feel for Spurs fans as it is quite amazing how much their standard of Football has dropped since Mauricio Pochettino left the club. 5 seasons ago Spurs was on par with City and was one of the few teams that was capable of beating them on a consistent basis. Now with virtually the same squad they look like a mid-table team.

Son Heug Min was reduce to tears at the end of the final apparently not because he lost the match but because Hugo Loris had more touches than him.



Manchester City's record equalling 8th League Cup Final win

In the Premier League Manchester United only manage to close the gap at the top on Manchester City by just one point after they could only draw 0-0 with Leeds. I was expecting a Man U win especially after the way Leeds played at Old Trafford. Leeds put up a brilliant defensive display; although going forward they barely threaten Dean Henderson goal. Leeds had just 6 shots at United's goal with United registering 16 shots.

Personally I think Ole should have rest Bruno; there is a sign he is on burn out. It would have being the ideal game to replace the Portuguese midfield player so that he is fresh for the next few busy weeks.

After some indifferent results in the league in the last few matches, Leicester City came from behind to beat Crystal Palace 2-1 and move a step closer to securing Champions



Leeds continue to protest about the European Super League

League football for next season.

This win puts Leicester 7 points clear of 5th place West Ham with 5 games left.

West Ham was replaced in 4th place by Chelsea, who beat them 1-0 at the London stadium. In this match VAR assisted the referee in sending off West Ham's Baluena. It was never a sending off. The West Ham defender cleared the ball and his follow through caught the Chelsea player. Of course it would look worse in slow motion that is why the referee should have viewed the incident when instructed to do so by VAR in real time.

Liverpool only has themselves to blame after failing to close the gap on the teams in the Champions League places when they fail to beat Newcastle United. Liverpool dominates the match, especially in the first half; they took an early lead after a brilliant strike from Mo Salah. Woeful finishing by Liverpool's forward meant Newcastle went into the final stages of the game with a hope of savaging a point. In the 92nd minute, Newcastle harshly had a goal rule out by VAR for hand ball. However with virtually the last kick of the game Joe Willock's deflected shot game Newcastle a deserved point.



Joe Willock's last gasp equaliser for Newcastle against Liverpool left Jurgen Klopp in shock

In other matches, relegated Sheffield United beat Brighton 1-0. Burnley eased their relegation worries with a 4-0 win against Wolves. Aston Villa scored late on to earn a point against West Brom in a 2-2 draw.

Arsenal sits in 10th place after losing at home to Everton 1-0.

A terrible mistake by Arsenal's goalkeeper Leno gifted the 'Toffees' all 3 points. Incredibly Arsenal has just won 13 out of their 33 league matches this season.



Primary school goalkeeping error by Leno cost his team a point against Everton

In the champions League, Chelsea goes into next week's semi-final second leg at Stamford Bridge as favourites to reach the final after drawing 1-1 in Spain.

Manchester City came from behind to beat PSG 2-1 in Paris. In the first half PSG was so dominant and deserve their 1 nil half time lead. City who was poor in the first half was a differ-

ent team in the second half and turn the game in their favour with 2 goals from De Bruyne and Mahrez.

These semi-final results points to an all English Final in Istanbul.

Fixtures

FRIDAY 30TH APRIL

- **19:00 Southampton v Leicester City**

SATURDAY 1ST MAY

- **11:30 Crystal Palace v Manchester City**
- **14:00 Brighton & Hove Albion v Leeds United**
- **16:30 Chelsea v Fulham**
- **19:00 Everton v Aston Villa**

SUNDAY 2ND MAY

- **13:00 Newcastle United v Arsenal**
- **15:30 Manchester United v Liverpool**
- **18:15 Tottenham Hotspur v Sheffield United**

MONDAY 3RD MAY

- **17:00 West Bromwich Albion v Wolverhampton**
- **19:15 Burnley v West Ham United**

THE ADVENTURES OF THE CAPED CRUSADER



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Tenders Catholic Church, Jamestown Front Wall & Windows

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Jamestown

Tenders are invited for submission for restoration & painting of plaster of the front wall and one side wall of the said church.

Specs on application.

Submit your tender to Father David; final decision to be made by small panel of qualified persons.

Closing date 30th June 2021.

Catholic Church, P.O. Box 77, Jamestown Tel. 22535

Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Jamestown

Tenders are invited for submission for the restoration of the three large front wooden-frame windows and re-glazing and front door of the said church.

Specs on application.

Submit your tender to Father David; final decision to be made by small panel of qualified persons.

Closing date 30th June 2021.

Catholic Church, P.O. Box 77, Jamestown, Tel: 22535



TIP OF THE WEEK

Regularly defrost your freezer.

Frost build up increases the amount of energy needed to keep the appliance at its proper temperature.

Insanely cheap solar energy continues to shock the world

The UK Guardian newspaper started a recent article with "In the year 2000, the United States International Energy Agency (IEA) made a prediction that would come back to haunt it: by 2020, the world would have installed a grand total of 18 gigawatts of photovoltaic solar capacity. Seven years later, the forecast would be proven spectacularly wrong when roughly 18 gigawatts of solar capacity were installed in a single year alone." Over the last two decades, estimates of growth in renewable energy have been consistently under-estimated while continued use of coal and oil has been massively over-stated.

The Guardian article quotes a leading analyst in transition to renewable energy, "When I got this job in 2005, I thought maybe one day solar will supply 1% of the world's electricity. Now it's 3%. Our official forecast is that it will be 23% by 2050, but that's completely underestimated." The analyst explained that calculation methods (or models) are not designed to cope with the transformational changes now taking place. "Every time you double producing capacity, you reduce the cost of PV solar by 28%." Said the analyst, it is a massive incentive to switch to solar quickly and by as much as possible.

The rapid reduction in the price of PV solar is a story about Chinese industrial might backed by American capital, fanned by European political sensibilities and made possible largely thanks to the pioneering work of an Australian research team.

Royal Navy and RAF combine efforts to deliver vaccines to world's most remote Overseas Territory

Ministry of Defence

UK Armed Forces have transported coronavirus vaccines to the Overseas Territory of Tristan da Cunha – the most remote inhabited island in the world.

For the first time, the Royal Navy assisted the RAF and Strategic Command in a 6-day operation this month to the isolated South Atlantic island community.

An RAF Voyager aircraft made the 8,000 mile trip from RAF Brize Norton to the Falkland Islands, via Dakar in Senegal to refuel, before HMS Forth sailed the 2,000 mile voyage to Tristan da Cunha.

Delivered on behalf of the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office and Crown Agents, enough doses of the Oxford-AstraZeneca vaccine have now been delivered to the island to cover the entire adult population.

Minister for the Armed Forces, James Heapey said:

"This operation to transport vaccines to one of the most remote parts of the world, reaffirms our commitment to the people of our Overseas Territories.

"The Armed Forces take great pride in supporting our people, at home or abroad, whenever and wherever needed. I am immensely proud of all Royal Navy and RAF personnel involved in this mission and the role they have played in helping to deliver vaccines to the people of Tristan da Cunha safely and quickly."

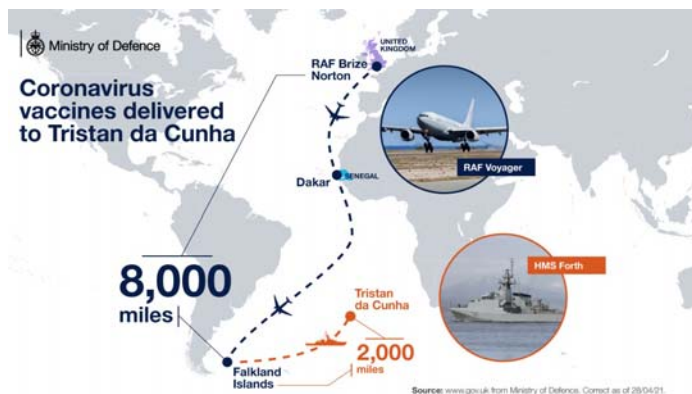
Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Minister, Lord Ahmad of Wimbledon said:

"I am proud of the support the UK has given its Overseas Territories during a horrendous year.

"In total the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office has delivered over three million items of medical equipment to the Overseas Territories since March last year. They have organised delivery of lifesaving vaccines to all of the inhabited Overseas Territories. This has been no small logistical, physical or diplomatic feat and I have been incredibly impressed by the work of local administrations in rolling out our world-leading vaccination programmes. In these difficult times we have seen the very best of our people."

The remote volcanic island has fortunately had no confirmed cases of Covid-19. However, with a population of just over 200 and with its nearest neighbour over 1,500 miles away, the island would have faced a variety of challenges should Covid-19 have hit.

The delivery, which arrived on 21 April, will ensure the island's entire adult population who wish to can be immunised against coronavirus.



Bryan Richmond, Covid Response Lead at Crown Agents, said:

"We are immensely proud to have been part of the team to have made this mission possible. Delivering Covid vaccines is a delicate matter: They have to be stored at specific temperatures throughout their journey- remote destinations are especially difficult since the vaccines travel 10000 miles by air, ship and road and are exposed to significant climatic temperature changes. The team has achieved this, and it is Crown Agents' mission to continue to ensure that isolated communities such as TDC are not left behind in the fight against Covid-19."

The operation was a huge logistical challenge, made more complex by the need to store and transport the vaccine at an ambient temperature so that the vaccines remained at between 2p C and 8p C throughout its transfer.

Vaccines were stored in specialised fridges on board HMS Forth, with the temperature checked regularly by the crew. They were then moved from ship-to-shore inside a temperature controlled container, before being safely stored in the fridges at Tristan da Cunha hospital.

This is the first time the Royal Navy has assisted with the transportation of vaccines, ensuring the vital doses were onboard the ship within 90 minutes of the RAF aircraft touching down in the Falklands.

Commander British Forces South Atlantic Islands, Commodore Jonathan Lett said:

"The entire operation has been a great team effort from start to finish. I am hugely proud of every member of the BFSAL team involved in all elements of this epic journey".

HMS Forth is currently deployed in the South Atlantic, and has patrolled the Falkland Islands, South Georgia and Tristan da Cunha during the course of the last month.

Earlier this year, the RAF transported vaccines to Gibraltar, the Falkland Islands, Ascension Island in support of the FCDO's vaccine rollout to the Overseas Territories.

Tristan da Cunha belongs to the most remote groups of inhabited islands in the world. The island itself has a long-standing connection with the UK Armed Forces dating back to World War Two, when the whole island was commissioned by the Royal Navy as a U-Boat monitoring outpost and a signals intelligence station named HMS ATLANTIC ISLE.

Wreck 2 Wreck Challenge 2021

Mike Olsson

30 swimmers took part in this year's wreck to wreck challenge in James' Bay organised by the Yellowfin Swimming Club. A large crowd of participants, helpers and spectators enjoyed a sunny and warm afternoon at the Wharf in James-town.

The main event, the individual wreck to wreck Challenge, starting at the main steps, to the White Lion, Darkdale, the Papanui and the Spangereid and into the middle steps attracted 30 participants.

This, the second edition of the event gave a new record of swimmers.

After an exciting finish Stefan Thomas, youth swimmer for the Yellowfin swimming Club with a time of 30 minutes and 49 seconds, just one second ahead of this Club-mate William Caswell. The both beat their trainer Derek Pedley who was the fastest adult swimmer who was half a minute behind. Fastest female youth swimmer was Vivienne Ponsford who came fourth on a time of 34.11,

The fastest non-club swimmer Doctor Nigel Lever came in an impressive fifth place on 39.22.

Fastest adult woman was Peggy Osterman who came sixth on a time of 39.43.

The oldest swimmer, Bill Bolton, who is 80 in just over a month's time who also had the biggest supporter team in place came in on a time of 1 hour and 30 minutes to the great excitement of his dedicated followers on the wharf. Bill also had a support swimmer, Sally Hickling who guided Bill around the over a mile long track.

The main event was followed by a kiddies swim competition and a relay race where five teams participated.

Thanks were extended to all the helpers and boat owners who made the event safe and successful. Food was available and the Yacht Club was available for eats and refreshments throughout the afternoon.



At the Start



William and Stefan after the race



The really close



The fastest girl - Vivienne Ponsford

Wreck 2 Wreck Challenge 2021

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The oldest swimmer Bill Bolton with Guide Sally Hickling after the race and below the supporter team



Dr Carlos Soto recovering after his hip injury

Wreck to Wreck 2021 - individual race

	Name	Male / Female	Youth Age	Time
1	Stefan Thomas	M	15	30.49
2	William Caswell	M	12	30.50
3	Derek Pedley	M		31.23
4	Vivienne Ponsford	F	15	34.11
5	Nigel Leaver	M		39.22
6	Peggy Osterman	F		39.43
7	Joachim Naulaerts	M		40.08
8	Morgan Morice	M		43.28
9	Steve Coates	M		43.35
10	Lourens Malan	M		43.40
11	Tom Wortley	M		44.55
12	Theo Meij	M		44.59
13	Francisco Milia	M		46.12
14	Johanna Barclay	F		46.40
15	Keira Francis	F		46.40
16	Amy Bokota	F		46.46
17	Nola Henry	F		47.03
18	Emma Dee	F		47.31
19	Aldhelm Garner	M		48.13
20	Brendon Hunt	M		49.18
21	Tara Wortley	F		50.38
22	Marianne Hopkins	F		52.02
23	Kate Heneghan	F		53.04
24	Alison Curran	F		59.22
25	Carlos Soto	M		59.31
26	Danielle Marlow	F		59.31
27	William Bolton	M		1.30.41
28	Sally Hickling	F		1.30.41
29	Alex Adams	M		1.31.05
30	Frazor Stone	M		Retired

APPLICATION FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2021/37: FULL Planning Application for Proposed Fuel Station, Convenience Store with Instore Café and Supporting Services to include Office, Staffroom and Storage Rooms with Environmental Impact Assessment, Bottom Woods, Longwood on Parcels LWN0494 and LWN0501.**
Applicant: Crown Central Limited

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

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Application should make them in writing within 28 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date:

4pm – 28th May 2021

Shane Williams
Planning Officer



Covid Means NHS Funding Promise is Kept – sort of



One of the messages used by the 'Leave' campaign during the 2016 EU referendum in the UK was to use the money saved through not having to pay the UK's share of EU funding to boost the National Health Service. The campaign message claimed the UK pays £350 million each week to the European Union. That's £18.2 billion in a year. Has the UK Government honoured this campaign pledge made by the 'Leave' campaigners?

Recent official figures state that £150.4 billion was the planned spending for the Department of Health and Social Care in England in 2019-20. In 2020-21 this rose to £212.1 billion. That's a whopping increase of almost £62 billion. But, the increase includes £60 billion in extra funding for the demands

of the pandemic on the health budget. The real increase was therefore £1.7 billion; a long way from the £18.2 billion suggested by the EU referendum 'Leave' campaigners. Official figures also point to a five-year funding deal for the NHS announced in July 2018 which would see NHS funding increase to £33.9 billion by 2023-24. This is calculated to be lower than the long term average for NHS funding increases and takes no account of inflation, excludes capital investment and education and training of staff. The British Medical Journal reported on figures published by NHS England about two weeks ago showing 4.7 million patients are awaiting treatment, the highest number since records began in 2007. Nearly 400,000 people have been waiting over a year for routine operations. In December 2020 the waiting list for routine operations, although the highest at the time, was much lower at 225,000. There are big problems brewing for the NHS.



***WILL BE HAVING A MUSICAL
EVENING ON FRIDAY 30TH APRIL AT
THE HALF TREE HOLLOW
SALVATION ARMY HALL AT 7.30PM.***

ALL ARE WARMLY WELCOME.

Autism Awareness Fun Day on Sunday

The Au-Some Parent Support group would like to thank all who came along to their "Autism Awareness Fun Day".

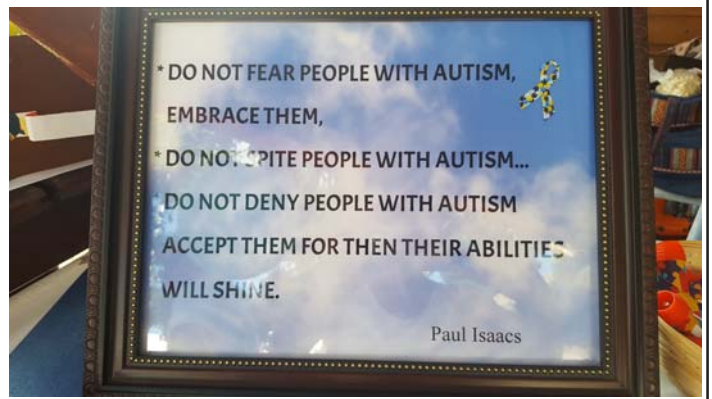
The event was opened by Donna Harris, who was instrumental in starting the group 4 years ago. Donna mentioned how the group started with it being "just an idea" & how proud she is that the group is still continuing.

The day consisted of various activities such as side shows, novelty sports, bingo, hot food ...

& the 3 S's providing the entertainment for the afternoon. It was felt that the interest in promoting autism was successful and the response received was very positive, raising further awareness within our community.

Thanks once again for all your support

"Autism is not a disability, it's a different ability"



Pictures: Sharon Wade



Women's sports association would like to advise all Ladies from ages 13 who are interested in playing Volleyball we are starting a league soon, if you like to register a team please contact the following committee members:

Tanisha Benjamin on 66957/ 23147 or Sinead Green on 51305/ 23766



From St Paul's Primary School Summer Fair



Extreme E on the move for the Ocean X Prix

Yesterday marked one month until the start of Extreme E's second event – the Ocean X Prix due to be held in Dakar, Senegal on 29th and 30th May. Following a successful Desert X Prix in Saudi Arabia, some of the biggest names in motorsport including Formula One World Champions Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg are again set to field teams of a male and female driver as a motorsport world-first. The international competition will take place on the banks of the Pink Lake in Dakar, which once marked the finish line to one of the most iconic rallies in the world. Extreme E's floating centrepiece, the 'St Helena' is en route to Senegal carrying the championship's freight including its fleet of all-important electric SUV's and various motorsport personnel. Marine Traffic website last night showed the 'St Helena' moored at Valencia in Spain with her next scheduled stop at Gibraltar on Monday 3rd May.

The CEO and Founder of Extreme E said they are all very excited to be headed to Senegal, bringing motorsport back to the region and they are quite sure of another incredible show there. More than that he said, Extreme E is using its platform to highlight the climate realities of the area, from rising sea levels to plastic pollution. He added that they will also be making a positive and lasting difference through various Legacy Programmes in the country, including planting one million mangroves and supporting local communities.

To minimise local impact, Extreme E races are not open to spectators, but fans are instead invited to follow the racing through live TV broadcast and social media. It is hoped that our local TV channel 15 will provide live coverage of the Ocean X Prix. Those following the races might have seen in the Desert X Prix that the team Rosberg X Racing currently tops



EXTREME E

From Ascension Island - COVID-19 Response Level Reduced to Level 1 AMBER

One recent arrival, who was in compulsory isolation when testing indicated a positive result for COVID-19, has subsequently tested negative for COVID-19.

Results indicate no virus and the individual is therefore deemed to be negative.

The Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER. On Thursday 15 April 2021 a positive COVID-19 test result was returned following routine testing of individuals currently subject to compulsory isolation measures. As a consequence of the positive test result, the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level was escalated to Level 2 RED. This escalation was in line with the Response Level Protocol and is a precautionary measure which alerts authorities and the public to an increase in the potential level of COVID-19 risk.

As per the Georgetown Hospital protocols, subsequent tests were conducted on the individual whilst they remained under monitor from medical staff. Results from a test done on Friday 23 April 2021 indicated no virus present in the individual and they were therefore deemed to be negative.

Due to this subsequent negative test result, the Ascension COVID-19 Response Level has been reduced to Level 1 AMBER as of this afternoon.

As with the previous escalation of the Response Level in December 2020, AIG will review the Response Level Protocol in light of this escalation and will report any changes to the protocol that result from this.

As ever, anyone who develops a new persistent dry cough, a fever or experiences unexpected shortness of breath should go home, self-isolate and telephone Georgetown Hospital on 66252 for further advice.

26 April 2021



For Sale

Black and red scooter for sale, 125cc with helmet, £1400 ono
Recently MOT'd, road taxed – 12 months

To view the vehicle please call Debbie Peters on 23914 / 64267

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PROGRAMME 2021/22 MICRO PROJECTS

The Capital Programme Office (previously known as the Programme Management Unit) is pleased to advise that the following micro projects, funded through the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), have been approved for 2021/22:

- Maldivia Parking
- HTH Water Investigation and Immediate Mitigation
- Embankment Stabilisation Works on ENRP Controlled Land, Scotland

Repairs to Bishops Bridge have also been prioritised, along with refurbishing the remaining Public Toilets, but these can only be implemented once detailed costings are developed in the next two to three months.

The approval of these micro projects is the result of a prioritisation exercise by Elected Members in early April 2021.

Project works will now progress during this financial year.

Background:

In 2019, Executive Council gave approval for an annual budget of £150,000 under the Economic Development Investment Programme for 'micro-projects', or those projects that can be implemented relatively quickly with a low total cost (i.e. £50,000 or less). This budget is intended to support projects that may not have easily quantifiable benefits, but do directly support strategic economic development goals (e.g. increasing tourism, promoting a green economy, etc) or have the potential to improve future infrastructure investments.

#StHelena #EDIP #MicroProjects

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British Business Wants UK Government to Work with EU

Since 31st January when Britain left the European Union British business has been struggling against the trade barriers that have been erected in every direction. A recent survey of small businesses, which do not have the resources to grapple with the new mountain of bureaucracy, found that two-thirds of them want the UK Government to work with the EU on making trade between The UK and EU easier, and on foreign policy and climate change. Only 7% of businesses taking part in the survey think Britain should avoid co-operating with the EU altogether.

Larger business groups and political parties opposed to Bojo's Conservatives are increasing the pressure on the UK Government to remove trade barriers with the EU. The survey also reveals that 60% of business leaders who voted in the 2016 referendum for Britain to leave the EU now demand that Britain has closer trading links with Europe.

Never Gone

A Tribute to all who left us so suddenly

'Suddenly', the words trickle from my lips,
Thoughts do flips,
Tick tock, tick tock
Turn back the clock.

The unknowing,
Tears flowing,
You beckon me, I cannot follow
Words, I cannot swallow.

Silence, a refuge in this storm,
No thoughts even take form.
'Lightening bolts' urge me awake,
Strength for their sake.

To others who are strong,
This is where this might belong,
Not to me,
I am not ready for this destiny.

You do not understand,
Hush just hold my hand,
There is nothing to say,
The pain won't go away.

Mine to bear,
Don't stare,
Mine to bear,
Say a prayer.

And if I derail?
With the hammering of every nail,
Try to understand,
Washed away like footprints in the sand.

For I love so much,
I felt as such,
The grief so raw
Yet the love so sure.

In my dreams you are there,
You whisper in my ear,
How can this be?
You feel so close to me.

You ask that I let you go,
That I acknowledge our love in full flow,
That I believe in the presence of One,
Who never leaves even when they are gone.



Megan Peters in Miss Atlantic Beauty Pageant

On Saturday 24th April was the finals for the Miss Atlantic Beauty pageant. The rounds included Fashion wear, swimwear and evening wear.

One of the questions we were asked was, 'What does it mean, to be a woman in today's society?' - Today women and girls can create the kind of life they wish to lead and become independent.

More women are entering the male-dominated sectors such as politics, the legal system, management roles etc. For example, Kamala Harris is the first female Vice President of the USA. She is, however, determined not to be the last and this encourages more women to put themselves out there and make a difference.

I was born on St Helena Island and decided to leave the island at the age of 17. There weren't many career opportunities on the island and I wanted to have an adventure and experience many things in the UK.

My parents said to me before I left, is to just be myself and fight for my dreams. It was hard for their little girl to go out in the big world but without my parents and my boyfriend I wouldn't have got to where I am today. Leaving my family and friends was one of the hardest things I have ever done, but I am proud to say that I have accomplished being independent and happy. Unfortunately I didn't win the title this year, but it was an incredible experience and I have made great new friendships. I decided to enter the Atlantic beauty pageant next year because it's a great system that fundraises a charity that is close to my heart and my director (Romy Simpkins) have supported me throughout the year.

When I joined the pageantry system it changed my life around. I am more happier, motivated and determined to make a difference. I have many plans coming up this year and I am super excited to share it with you all. If you want to make a difference, if you want to help your community and be a part of something.



Think about entering the next Miss St Helena pageant, you'll never know, you could be the next winner. If you're told you're not good enough, show them that you are worthy and you can make a difference.

Megan Peters - Miss Hampshire Atlantic finalist 2021/22