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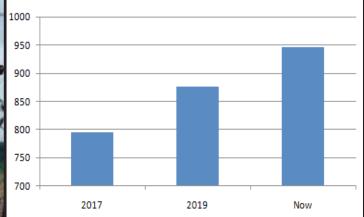
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So Far - 2,110 Booster Vaccines Administered

Well Done!!

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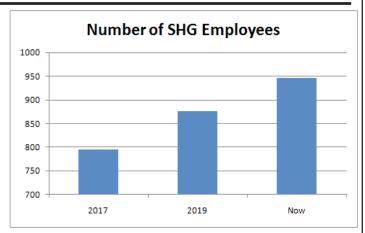
# Number of Government Employees Increase

Vince Thompson

The St Helena government provided the number of government employees in response to a request from the *Independent* for this information. The chart below shows an increase of 160 employees since 2017.

After further enquiry it was explained that two additional posts have been created as a direct consequence of the change to ministerial government. Both posts involve support to Legislative and Executive Councils. There are also five additional posts that provide some support to ministers as part of the responsibilities. Each minister shares a *Portfolio Assistant* with the Portfolio Director. The additional posts were funded by savings elsewhere.

It was planned last week to have a discussion with the Chief Secretary on the increase in government employees over the last four years however it was not possible to arrange a time and date. We know that portfolio directors have been appointed and that existing directors continue in post. It was assumed that the number of high profile and very technical work involved with major projects such as the Equiano cable connection, the tendering process for a replacement to Sure at the end of this year and the attempts to increase renew-



able energy generation may have meant additional technical people needed to be recruited; however this may not be the case.

The *Independent* considers it important that the reasons for the increase in government employees year on year are explained so that our readers do not get the wrong impression from just seeing the numbers. It is hoped there will be adequate information available for publication next week.

# Cable Ship Recorder Takes Over From Teliri

Last Saturday the CS Recorder left Praia in Cape Verde to continue laying the Equiano cable along the West African coast. On Tuesday the ship was midway between Praia and the coast of Senegal travelling a very slow speed with 'restricted manoeuvrability' indicating cable laying is either in progress or preparations are being made to do so.

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The CS Recorder's position on Tuesday, close to the northern end of the Equiano cable which was so far been laid

It seems most likely the Recorder will lay cable in a northerly direction, towards Portugal; the CS Teliri laid the Equiano cable from where the Recorder is now positioned to the edge of South Africa's exclusive economic zone. The Teliri completed its part of the cable laying last October, there has been no explanation from Google why there has been a three month period when no cable was laid.

St Helena is still the only country with a connection to the Equiano cable. The CS Recorder is close to the location of the branching unit for Nigeria which was the first connection

to be announced by Google. Maybe the Nigeria connection will be the Recorder's first job. The *Independent* will monitor progress with the Equiano cable.



The route of the Equiano cable laid by the CS Teliri is shown by the lines extending from Senegal in the north together with the St Helena connection. This snapshot was taken as the Teliri was laying the branching unit to Namibia. Cable laying then continued further south to the boundary of South Africa's exclusive economic zone.

# Bicentenary Beats the Pandemic

Vince Thompson

The original plans for the Bicentenary of Napoleon's death included the arrival of a cruise ship with 600 passengers aboard who would be on the island for three days. In addition to that it was estimated between 3,000 and 4,000 people would visit St Helena during 2021 because of the Bicentenary. The coronavirus pandemic completely changed these plans. No cruise ship and no Airlink flights to bring in the extra visitors. The schedule of bicentennial commemorative events continued as originally planned but the presence of the local community at the commemorations was the only possibility. International involvement was limited to live streaming of events.

Continuing with the original schedule of events meant the costs of the commemoration remained the same at just under £18,000 but the originally anticipated revenue to Saint Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd – the local charity behind the event - was severely affected. Revenue for other beneficiaries such as restaurants, bars and taxi drivers was also reduced to nothing. Paying for the events became a real challenge. The Fondation Napoléon in Paris contributed a one-off £4,500 grant but there was still a long way to go. Neither the French nor the St Helena Governments made a financial contribution to the bicentennial events.

The banners placed beside the path to Napoleon's tomb are an example of everything provided for the bicentenary being carefully made from high quality materials.

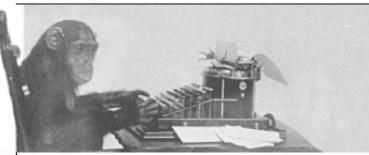
The gap in the revenue was bridged by sales through the online shop at *napoleonsthelena.com*. A big seller was the personalised small bouquets of everlasting flowers placed on Napoleon's tomb. The annual accounts for Saint Helena



Napoleonic Heritage Ltd are now finalised but remain to be audited. However it is clear the cost of bicentenary commemorations was covered by revenue. Unfortunately, it is estimated a further £70,000 in revenue would have come from overseas visitors for Saint Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd alone – with additional extra revenue for island businesses. The accounts for Saint Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd will be posted on the *napoleonsthelena.com* website when they have been audited.

# Looking to the Future

In May last year the idea gained favour for another commemoration of Napoleon's death this year. It would be the Bicentenary plus one. The pandemic has again put paid to any international involvement. Undaunted Michel Martineau told the *Independent*, "We have decided to change totally our approach and will soon come back with a full new way of commemoration."



Every now and then we will include some news from other South Atlantic islands. Tristan seems to be more 'newsy' than Ascension and there is often something happening in the Falkland's, especially with Argentina just next door. We mentioned South Georgia when the 2,300 square mile A68 iceberg weighing 1 trillion tonnes broke off from the Larsen-C Antarctic ice shelf and drifted towards South Georgia in 2017. By early last year this massive iceberg which started life covering an area of ocean 50 times bigger than St Helena was no more; it had melted away. During the height of its melting phase A68 was depositing 1.5 billion tonnes of fresh water into the South Atlantic every day; that's 150 times the amount of water used daily in the UK. There were fears at the time that A68 would get stuck in shallow waters off the South Georgia coast and cause extensive disruption and damage to marine life. It was a close call but it did not hapTel: [+290] 22327 Email: independent@helanta.co.sh http: www.independent.sh

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pen. When the iceberg was close to South Georgia it is thought the iceberg's keel did touch the sea bed; a bit of it broke loose and the 'berg changed direction.

A team from Leeds University has been studying the life of A68 to assess the effect big icebergs have on the ocean around them. They conclude the massive volume of freshwater flowing from the melting iceberg will alter local currents and all the iron, other minerals, and even organic matter picked up through from the Antarctic floor and then dropped into the ocean will seed biological production. I could go on but this is not what I intended to write about.

South Georgia is 100 miles long and 20 miles across at its widest point. There are no permanent residents but 20 or so

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scientists and maintenance workers stay on South Georgia during the southern summer. It's not strictly true that there are no permanent residents on South Georgia; there are millions of them. None of them are human; which is probably why life on the Island is generally quite orderly, calm and quiet. There are penguins, elephant seals, albatross, and some very rare endemic birds. There are around 450,000 pairs of king penguins, 1.1 million pairs of yellow-crested macaroni penguins and thousands of long-tailed Gentoo and black-banded chinstrap penguins. It is estimated about 5 million fur seals call South Georgia their home – that's 95% of the global population of fur seals. Add to that South Georgia is the world's most important seabird breeding site with an estimated population of well over 10 million birds. There are 78 known bird species on South Georgia, including half the world's population of Antarctic prions and 250,000 albatross of different species.

All this is very encouraging, especially when you remember South Georgia was THE place for whaling in the first half of the last century. 175,250 whales were killed in factories across South Georgia (1904-1965). The largest ever blue whale (33.58 metres) was recorded at Grytviken, the main whale processing centre on South Georgia. Whale hunting did not stop until there were so few of them it was not worth continuing. Humpback, fin and blue whale populations were decimated but research by the British Antarctic Survey, reported in 2020, shows the whale populations show encouraging signs of recovery. All of this indicates nature is best when left to look after itself. Although the intervention of humans to eradicate rats and mice was successful and helped the native bird populations to thrive.

Having said all that, the thing I really wanted to say is that South Georgia has its own museum once again. A converted villa, it was once the manager's house in the whaling era. It was closed because of the pandemic but the South Georgia government, based in the Falklands, has allowed it to re-open.



The centre of Grytviken, as seen on approach. There is also accommodation along the shore at King Edward Point

Why have a museum on an island at the end of the Earth? In pre-pandemic times South Georgia welcomed about 10,000 cruise ship visitors a year during the summer months. Cruise ships are calling again but not yet in the numbers they were before. South Georgia cannot claim to have the remotest museum in the world. There is a museum at the British base at Port Lockroy on the Antarctic Peninsula and another at Pitcairn; another British possession. South Georgia also has a Heritage Trust, a church which is in use, a cemetery which is well cared for and a post office and shop. South Georgia also has Jayne Pierce the museum curator who travels from Scotland every southern summer with a small team of assistants. Jayne says the effect of the pandemic on visitor numbers is a great shame because 2022 is 100 years since the death of South Georgia's most famous son. Sir Ernest Shackleton famously reached the island in 1916, after an epic escape from the icy grip of the Antarctic, and died while docked in Grytviken on 5 January 1922. The famous explorer lies in the well cared for cemetery. The Chief executive of the Heritage Trust is quoted saying "South Georgia is a British Overseas Territory, and it's actually a jewel in terms of wildlife. It's got the greatest concentration of seabirds on Earth. Whale populations are recovering. Native birds are recovering thanks to the work we did to eradicate rats and mice. The fur seals, the elephant seals, are back to pre-hunted numbers. This is a good news story, and it's to a very large extent down to the fact it's being looked after by the UK. The island, and the museum, may just be specks at the bottom of the globe but they both have something important to say about the world"



An elephant seal pup in front of South Georgia's museum in Grytviken

# **Correction**

In the article from Connect St Helena on page 17 the telephone number to the Billing Co-Ordinater is incorrect. The telephone number to the Billing Co-Ordinator should be **22341** and not 23341 as printed in error.



# Reburial of Rupert's Valley excavated human remains is imminent!

The Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) is pleased to inform the community that, following last week's announcement of reallocation of government funds, the reburial of the excavated human remains from Rupert's Valley is being progressed.

In 2008, 325 human remains and disarticulated scatter were exhumed from Rupert's Valley as part of development works for the St Helena Airport. The remains were Africans 'liberated' from slaver ships and housed within the Rupert's Valley Liberated African Establishment, which was in operation during final years of Britain's abolitionist campaign.

In late 2017, the current LAAC was formed in order to "provide a peaceful and respectful final resting place for the disturbed Remains currently housed in the former Pipe Store in Jamestown"; and in 2020 the LAAC's Master Plan for reburial and memorialization was approved.

Following discussions with officials and stakeholders, a revised reburial plan has been adopted; and the reallocation of monies from St Helena Government (SHG) means this revised reburial plan is now being realized.

The Diocese of St Helena has partnered with the LAAC to provide a small plot of St Michael's Church land, and SHG has re-parceled the plot of land directly behind St Michael's Church (immediately south); in combination now providing an area ready for imminent and respectful reburial of the human remains.

The LAAC through consultation with the local community is carrying out the reburial in accordance with the funeral customs of St Helena, and therefore each person unearthed will be reburied in a casket/coffin. The coffins will be made by St



Helena's secondary school Vocational Education Programme students, led by instructor Jeffrey George, assisting with this poignant heritage mission. The funding allocated from SHG will purchase the materials required for the coffins.

The coffins will be placed in a mass grave. The Diocese of St Helena has donated the 'red' steeple stone from the original steeple on St James Church for the tomb slab (headstone).

Once coffin production is underway and a completion timeline is calculated, the LAAC will announce next steps in preparing for actual reburial. At this stage the LAAC will look to the community to collaborate on this momentous event. The LAAC thanks everyone who has helped reburial and memorialization of this globally important site get to this stage.LAAC Secretary Shelley Magellan-Wade commented: "It has been a long road with a lot of work happening in the background, but it is so extremely pleasing to be at this stage and that reburial is now finally in sight!"

Liberated African Advisory Committee 18 January 2022

# SHG Announcement Received With Joy

It is not often an official government announcement is received by many people with elation and joy. This did happen when it was announced last Friday "A decision has therefore been taken by the Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development to defer the refurbishment of Bishops Bridge until 2022/23. It is not expected that there will be any significant deterioration of the Bridge as a result of the delay and the Bishops Bridge Refurbishment Project will commence as soon as Side Path Road is reopened.

To ensure that funding is not lost, the monies will be used for the production of coffins for the skeletal human remains of Liberated Africans, currently being stored in the Pipe Store building, Jamestown."

Helena Bennett who has chaired the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) over a long period and through many stages and re-workings of plans was quoted in the press release saying, "The news was received with excitement by the LAAC. Reburying the excavated 325 persons who died under such tragic circumstances is finally happening. Thank you, St Helena Government and everyone who has helped us to this stage."

Helena Bennett, who has recently been appointed Director of the St Helena National Trust (SHNT) will continue as chair of the LAAC. Also closely involved is Adam Sizeland, Curator of the St Helena Museum who is also a member of the SHNT Council and Shelley Magellan who is working on an SHNT project to preserve endangered archives by digitising the East India Company records held in The Archives at the Castle with Peter Crane. Shelley is the secretary at the LAAC and is now liaising with SHG to purchase the materials for making the coffins. With the close connections between the SHNT and the Liberated African reburials, the £25,000 project to rebury the Liberated Africans is being brought within the leadership of SHNT.

Peggy King Jorde has been an energetic advocate for the reburial of the remains and the provision of a "world class memorial and interpretive centre". Peggy set up a Facebook page called Global Call to Action to promote the respectful reburial and remembrance of the 8,000 souls who perished in Rupert's Valley and Lemon Valley. The Facebook Group has attracted 715 members. Peggy said she was "elated to learn this news"

# Regulator Issues 8th Report on Connect

# Falling trees, lack of investment in water and sewerage systems and 'Legacy Issues'

Vince Thompson

The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) issued its report this week on the quality of services provided by Connect St Helena for 2020-21 – year ending March 2021. The main purpose of the report is to assess the performance of Connect against targets set and to inform the public on the level of service being offered by Connect St Helena.

The main issue raised in the URA report is lack of new investment in water infrastructure funded by SHG. There are several references to this in the report; one of them states "capital investment will have to be sourced through SHG. It is appreciated by the URA that Connect have sought grant payments which have not been forthcoming, except for £68,177 for the Rupert's sewerage treatment plant. The URA is satisfied that Connect is taking what action it can, indeed its investment in capital works for water infrastructure was £496,479 compared to £47,228 last year."

Government sources state the original intention in 2013 when Connect took over from direct government control of utilities was that government subsidies would be phased out over 4 years. The subsidy to Connect in 2013-14 was around £800,000. The Connect subsidy has not been phased out, the subsidy for the year reviewed by the URA is estimated to be £681,000 in the government's Budget Book. In the third year of Connect's operations it was agreed that In return for continuing the subsidy it was agreed that Connect would pay for asset replacements from their own financial resources. Asset replacement is more on the maintenance side, replacement of worn out equipment and different from new capital investment.

Connect's accounts for 2020-21 are not available on their website. The accounts for 2019-20 include the statement, "At the time of divestment the business plan required SHG to replace depreciated assets. Against the backdrop of reducing subsidy, Connect now funds for worn out asset replacement, with over £0.106 million invested last year."

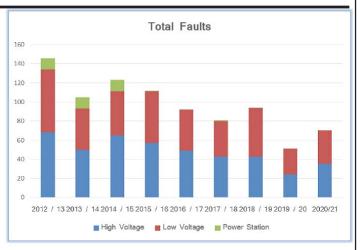
Part of the problem may be that SHG and Connect have slightly different versions of what has been agreed.

### **Electricity**

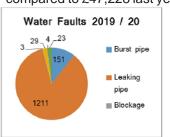
In an overview of Connects electricity generation and distribution The URA note that 25% of electricity generated is from renewable energy sources and that the collapse of the Power Purchase Agreement with PASH will delay the hoped for increase in power generation from renewable sources. The URA also point out there has been an increase in unplanned power outages which is in line with the increase in trees falling on to high voltage (HV) power lines. The incidence of trees falling on low voltage (LV) power lines has decreased but infrastructure faults for both HV and LV lines have increased.

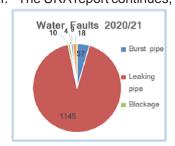
# Water

The poor service offered before 2013 when electricity genera-



tion, distribution and connection were under the direct control of the government and the effect this has on present day utility services are called 'legacy issues'. The same applies to water collection, treatment and distribution. The URA report says legacy issues are felt most in the water network. Water losses through leakages or burst pipes across the distribution network have reduced but are still high. The method for reducing water losses is to target specific areas and where this has happened significant progress in reducing water loss has been made. The target is to reduce water loss by 255 within 5 to 7 years and the URA maintains this is an achievable target. There were 1,202 reported water distribution faults due to leaks and burst pipes in 2020-21, a reduction of 160 on the previous year. Where specific area are targeted to reduced water loss the volume of water supplied to the targeted area after leaks and burst have been rectified can reduce by between 30% and 74%. The URA notes that "at present ascertaining how much water is actually lost from the system due to leaks and faults as opposed to it simply being used but unbilled is problematic. Water loss can only be truly measured and reduced with accurate data collection and leak management through investment in the infrastructure." The position on investment in the water distribution network seems reminiscent of the reasons why there are still legacy issues from 8 years ago. The URA report states, "Given that funding of the necessary works cannot be from tariffs, capital investment will have to be sourced through SHG. It is appreciated by the URA that Connect have sought grant payments which have not been forthcoming, except for £68,177 for the Rupert's sewerage treatment plant. The URA is satisfied that Connect is taking what action it can, indeed its investment in capital works for water infrastructure was £496,479 compared to £47,228 last year." The URA report continues,





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"It can only be hoped that with the publication of the Water Resource Strategy SHG, who own the Strategy, will consider the need to fund the necessary infrastructure. As is recognised by the need for a strategy, water security is a matter not only for providers but governments. In times of drought water loss is felt more acutely and addressing infrastructure defects is part of the process for ensuring water security."

Sewerage

The familiar lack of investment in the sewage systems in Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown make resident living in other parts of St Helena consider themselves blessed with their cess pits. The URA report on sewerage is short but damning. "Apart from normal maintenance activity there has been no further investment in the sewerage systems for Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown. Outline planning development permission was granted some time ago to install a system for both areas but there has been no funding available, as a consequence the permission has lapsed.

Connect and the URA recognise these sewerage problems as a priority. In times of heavy rainfall untreated sewage enters the sea bringing risks of impact upon health and environment. Connect are concerned at the proposal by SHG to make them responsible for storm water in addition to sewerage on the basis of a technical assessment for Half Tree Hollow that they consider deficient. Whatever the circumstances sewerage provision for Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown must be urgently resolved."

# Investment in Utility Assets

The URA include a table in their report showing investment expenditure (Capital Works) and what works were funded by SHG and what was paid for by Connect St Helena.

# **Capital Works**

Capital comes from two sources, either in the form of Capital Grants from SHG or from finances generated by Connect themselves. The table below shows how the capital was spent: grant funded indicates funding from SHG.

ASSET CLASS	Grant Funded (£)		Connect Funded (£)	Total (£)	
Electricity Infrastructure				115,183	115,183
Equipment				9,737	9,737
Land and Buildings				175,020	175,020
Water Infrastructure	68,117 sewerage)	(for	Ruperts	496,479	564,656
TOTAL	68,177			796,419	864,596

This investment is a significant increase on last year where £106,352 was spent.

In the Conclusion to their report the URA state, "Reliability of the water network continues to be an area of real concern. Water security is essential to any community and given the isolation of St Helena self-sufficiency is required. Investment is urgently required to firstly halt the degeneration of the system and secondly to reduce water loss. Investment from SHG last year was at zero. None was forthcoming this year to

improve the network. Connect cannot raise sufficient money to improve the network through tariffs which customers find a heavy financial burden. The URA believes that the efforts that Connect have made in the last year show a significant commitment to improvement on their part.

Sewerage again continues to be a problem and is a priority that must be addressed. Connect's income from sewerage is insufficient to allow for investment in the new systems required."







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# COVID-19 BOOSTER VACCINATION UPDATE DECEMBER 2021 – JANUARY 2022

The Island-wide Booster Vaccination Campaign for all eligible members of the public commenced on Monday, 10 January 2022.

The total number of Booster vaccinations administered between 10 and 15 January 2022 is 1,350.

The total number of Booster vaccinations administered since December 2021 (which includes those in prioritised groups) is 2.110.

Date	Pfizer – 12-17 years – dose 1	Pfizer – 18 +years – dose 1	Pfizer  -  18 +  years dose 2	Pfizer – 18 + years – booster	Total Doses Administered
10-15 January 2022	4	7	4	1,350	1,365
December 2021	201	10	2	760	973
Total	205	17	6	2,110	2,338

We encourage you to receive your booster vaccination to protect yourself and the wider community.

#StHelena #COVID-19 #BoosterVaccination

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SHG

20 January 2022





Keep an eye on your bill to spot leaks.

If your water bill spikes suddenly, there's a good chance that a leak is the culprit. Call in a plumber to check your lines to save water and money!



# INVITATION TO TENDER AD-HOC ROAD IMPROVEMENT SERVICES

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract:

Ad-Hoc Road Improvement Services on the Access Road leading from Black Gate to Diana's Peak National Park (DPNP) and Stiches Ridge.

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from: Miss Tiffany Lawrence, Procurement Officer

Essex House, Jamestown Telephone No: 22270 or

email: tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh



A site visit to view the works will take place on Thursday, 27 January 2022, at 9.30am, meeting at Black Gate.

Should you require any further details, please contact Forestry Officer, Myra Young, on telephone: 24724 or email: myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 3 February 2022.

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

SHG, 19 January 2022

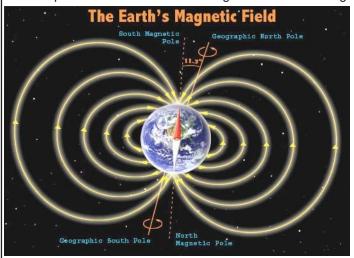
# Airport Runway to be Re-Designated

Vince Thompson

# $20/02 \rightarrow 19/01$

St Helena airport has two designations for the runway and both need altering. The change will involve a big paint job on the airfield itself as well as changing IT systems and documents. Approaching the runway from a southerly direction means a plane is about to land at runway 02. Landing from the opposite direction means a plane is approaching runway 200. The numbers are the number of degrees from magnetic north – 200 degrees or 20 degrees, depending on which end of the runway the approach is from. The numbers are due to be changed by one degree next month.

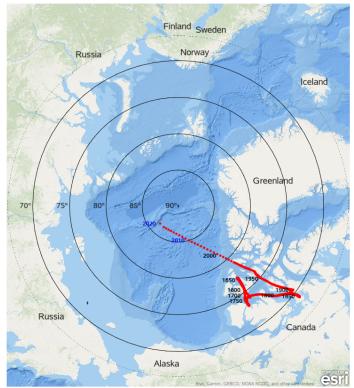
All this is fine as far as it goes - but it could go anywhere. True north, used on maps is a very dependable version of north. It stays in the same place and is always where you expect to find it. Magnetic north, used to get a compass bearing, tends to go walkabout. This is because magnetic north depends on what the Earth's magnetic fields are doing.



The Earth's magnetism extends from the iron and nikel (both magnetic) 5,200 °C core and out into space. It might be possible to see the magnetic field diagram shows an 11 degree difference between the True (or geographic) North Pole and its magnetic counterpart. This 11 degrees may have been correct when the diagram was created but it is probably different now. Also, the diagram shows the Geographic North Pole next to the Magnetc South Pole while at the other end of the Earth, Geographic South Pole is at the same end of the Earth as Magnetic North Pole. Pilots using this system surely don't know which way to turn.

The map looking down on the Geographic North Pole show a squiggly line which indicates the movement of Magnetic North (or South?) since the 17<sup>th</sup> century. For 350 years the Magnetic Pole wondered aimlessly around the Polar Regions of northern Canada. From about 1950 onwards Magnetic North showed a more definite sense of purpose and headed off, in almost a straight line, in the vague direction of the Geographic North Pole.

Shift in magnetic north pole (yearly position, 1590-2020)



Data source: https://www.ngdc.noaa.gov/geomag/GeomagneticPoles.shtml

Some who spend much of their lives researching the Earth's magnetic fields think the magnetic poles may be about to reverse, or 'flip'. This happens about every 300,000 years, so they say. The Magnetic North Pole parts company with the Geographic South Pole and joins the Geographic North Pole - or gets somewhere near it. The Magnetic South Pole does a similar flip and joins the Geographic South. The last time the magnetic poles flipped there were no planes flying through the air. However birds migrating from one part of the Earth to another probably got mightily confused. There is a period of time while north decides to go south and south packs its bags and heads north. During this transition magnetic poles are expected to appear in many different places in a chaotic manner. When this happens the big paint job at St Helena airport will be never-ending and pilots will navigate by looking out of the window.



# CONTRACT AWARDED FOR ROAD SURFACING OF SIDE PATH ROAD

Following an open procurement exercise conducted in October/November 2021, St Helena Government (SHG) has entered into a contract with Isaac's Contractors Ltd, to undertake the Road Surfacing of Side Path Road for the total sum of £209,390.00 (two hundred and nine thousand and three hundred and ninety pounds).

The Contract was signed on Monday, 10 January 2022, and will include constructing bituminous road surfacing layers over a new granular crushed rock road base. This is the fourth contract in the major rehabilitation programme of Side Path Road with the remaining work packages relating to safety measures and including the signage and netting which will be tendered for shortly.

This Project is being funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP).

The public is reminded that Side Path Road remains closed. Drivers are thanked for their patience during the implementation of this Project.

SHG 14 January 2022



# ST HELENA POLICE REPORT 10 – 16 JANUARY 2022

For the week Monday, 10, to Sunday, 16 January 2022, Police dealt with a total of 39 reports, resulting in four arrests. One person was arrested for cultivating a controlled drug and failed to answer their bail by a set date. This person was subsequently charged to appear before the Magistrates Court. One person was arrested for theft and, as a result, was charged to appear before the Magistrates Court.

One person was arrested for witness intimidation and was bailed to return to Police.

One person was arrested for assault but this later resulted in no further Police action.

Other incidents reported related to criminal damage, driving without a valid Drivers Licence, driving a motor vehicle in a dangerous or reckless manner, and reports of concern for safety.

Police also carried out a number of community engagements as well as serving summons.

Until next week, keep safe!

SHG 18 January 2022





# FOR SALE

The Property Division of the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio has one residential site for sale:

Parcel Number 49, within the Ball Alley registration section, measuring 0.29 acres. Location: Near Horse Ridge, Blue Hill.

Closing date for bids are 12 noon, Monday 20th February 2022.

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





# Contributing to our Island Community

Bank of St Helena Ltd contributes to the social development of St Helena by funding community activities through the Community Projects Fund, covering community activities in the following areas:

# Developing St Helena's Young People

The youth are the future of St Helena. They will be the managers and workforce of the growing economy; therefore, their development is vital to the economic and social future of St Helena.

# **Developing St Helena's Environment**

It is possible that the pressure on the economic development can result in the destruction of St Helena's very special environment. Appropriate environmental management can allow businesses to thrive without risking environmental damage. It is therefore appropriate that the Bank, being strongly committed to economic development, support projects to achieve constructive environmental management.

# **Developing St Helena's Arts and Culture**

The arts are an important part of life, and St Helena's arts and culture are part of what makes the community special. The Bank therefore wishes to support the development of local artistic and cultural activities.

Bank of St Helena are also happy to receive requests for raffle donations from charities and organisations.

# Interested in applying for the Community Projects Fund?

Contact us on 22390 or <u>info@sainthelenabank.com</u> and provide details of your organisation, activity or event for which you are seeking funding; what the organisation does, or what the event or activity will achieve, relating this to the above categories, and the amount you are requesting.

# VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR A COPY OF THE COMMUNITY PROJECTS FUND GUIDE



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# St Helena Birdwatch, 28 - 30 Jan 2022

We'd love to see what birds you have in your area and how many!

Please join us on our bird watch. To take part in our first St Helena Birdwatch 2022, simply watch the birds in your garden, or a local area for half an hour (30 mins) at some point over the three days the bird watch is taking place.

Your assistance will help to record the birds across the island providing a vital snapshot of which species are thriving or struggling, and perhaps provide clues as to why, and how they can be protected or be deemed as an invasive species. Held at a similar time every year, results can be compared with previous years. Why not try as a fun family activity? Become a citizen scientist!

All you need to do is observe what birds visit the location you are at. We've described some features to distinguish between similar looking birds and included photos of male and females for some species males tend to have more colourful feathers, whereas females are more camouflaged for nesting.

Make a tally of the birds that you see during that time III then record the total. Only count the birds that land, not the ones flying by.



**Common Mynah** 



**Feral Pigeon** 



Peaceful Dove



**Java Sparrow** 

Juveniles are greyish-olive and duller bills.

Tally: Total: Tally: Total: Tally: Total: Tally: Total:



Madagascar (male)

Madagascar fody



Yellow canary



Avadavat/common waxbill

Breeding males. A yellow form rarely occurs.

Non-breeding males, females and juveniles. Heavily streaked upper parts.

Males - yellow brow band. Females are greenish-grey, pale streaked

breast. Juveniles similar to females.

Juveniles have dark bills and no pink tint.

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# St Helena Birdwatch, 28 - 30 Jan 2022



Pheasant (Female)

Tally: Total:



Pheasant (Male)

Tally: Total:



Wirebird

Tally: Total:



Chuka Partridge

Tally: Total:



Chicken

Tally: Total:



Goose

Tally: Total:



Duck

Tally: Total:



Turkey

Tally: Total:

Name(optional):....

Date: 28th Jan | 29th Jan | 30th Jan | Location/area: .....

If you would like to provide extra information, circle below:

Time: am | midday | pm Weather: hot | clear | cloudy | drizzle | rain | windy

**Vegetation/plants present:** grass | flowers | vegetables | wild flowers | weeds | other.....

Thank you for your time!

You can pop your completed sheets into the return box at St Helena National Trust, Broadway House by 4th February. Alternately, you can email your results to **dennis.leo@trust.org.sh** 

Participants will be entered into a lucky draw for a lovely reusable bag.

If you have any bird photos that you've captured during this time and would like to share, we'd love to see them!















# Invasive invertebrate project – Ant Trialing

The St Helena National Trust, Darwin Plus Invasive Invertebrate team would like to inform the public that as part of the Project, **bait stations** will be set at selected locations across the island.

Sites are as follows: Fishers Valley, Weather Station Ridge, Pipe Path and Horse Pasture.

Bait stations will be set between the 18 to 24 January 2022.



These stations are a part of the contro method to suppress the invasive big-headed ant. The two products are Antforce and Maxforce which both contact the active ingredient Hydramethylnon.



Please **DO NOT TOUCH** these stations.

The appropries signage will be displayed at all sites. When present at the next intioned sites, ensure that children and animals are supervised as peoplets will cause adverse effects if ingested.



email o F r more information contact Natasha Stevens on 22224 Thank you for your cooperation. natasha.stevens@trust.org.sh





# **Information Security Manager**

Commencing at £18,792 per annum

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of Information Security Manager.

The Information Security Manager (ISM) will be responsible to the IT Manager for establishing and maintaining the Bank's vision and strategies to ensure information assets and technology are adequately protected. The ISM will be responsible for the ongoing implementation and development of the International standards for Security Management; be responsible for the Bank's cyber security risk management and compliance; ensure information regulatory compliance, and manage all information security assurances required by the Bank.

This position will require the successful candidate to have the ability to lead and deliver change; to be self-motivated, have a keen eye for detail, maintain confidentiality and have good understanding of information security management standards and cyber security risk management. They should have the ability to work independently as well as part of the wider Bank Team.

Skills and experience candidates should have for this role includes:

- Information Security certifications (desirable) or must be willing to work towards
- Project Management qualification or experience
- A good knowledge of international information security standards (i.e. ISO 27000 series, GDPR, PCI DSS)
- Understanding of and practical experience in applying Data Protection principals and other related legislations, standards and codes of practice

Interested persons can contact Kim Francis, IT Manager on <a href="mailto:itmanager@sainthelenabank.com">itmanager@sainthelenabank.com</a> or (+290) 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources and Customer Services Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to <a href="https://example.com/hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com">hr.csm@sainthelenabank.com</a>.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 11 February 2022.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.



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# Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a Vacancy for a

# Financial Services Manager

# This is a high profile, leadership position as a member of the Company's Corporate Management Team.

The **Financial Services Manager** will be responsible for the overall management and development of all elements of the Finance function and to oversee the accurate provision of financial services advice at all levels of the Company's operations in line with the Company's agenda and Purpose & Values.

# **Interested Persons should have:**

- The following knowledge and experience:
  - o 5 years professional experience in a financial field
  - 3-5 years' experience in financial management and control, including financial planning and project management experience
  - Professional knowledge of maintenance of all accounting systems, internal controls and relevant accounting procedures.
  - o Experience of preparation, analysis and reporting on monthly, quarterly and annual financial information
- CCAB qualification or recent equivalent level of experience
- Financial Leadership/Management certification/accreditation.
- Strong financial and strategic planning skills including technical budgeting, forecasting and analytical skills
- Financial Risk assessment and risk mitigation skills and abilities
- Financial technical skills and abilities and able to train and develop accounting technicians and the wider finance team
- Access Dimensions skills and abilities
- Delegation, planning and organisational skills
- Excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- A high degree of integrity, maturity and professionalism with the ability to lead effectively in a demanding, fast paced team environment

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Mandy Peters,
Chief Executive Officer, on telephone number 22380, or via email: CEO@solomons.co.sh
Application forms can be collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, an electronic copy can be requested via email address: <a href="https://hradmin@solomons.co.sh">hradmin@solomons.co.sh</a>. Completed application forms should be submitted to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, or via email address: <a href="https://hradmin@solomons.co.sh">hradmin@solomons.co.sh</a> by 1600hrs,

Monday, 31 January 2022



# **UTILITY BILL PAYMENT REMINDER**

**DID YOU KNOW?......** that you can arrange to pay your utility bills either by:

- Cash, Cheque or Bank transfer Bills can be paid at the Bank of St Helena (BOSH) by cash, cheque or bank transfer.
- Salary/Pension Deduction Your employer or pension provider may allow you to have deductions made that are paid directly to us.
- Standing Order for fixed amount You may set up a monthly Standing Order at the BOSH for a fixed amount. A regular amount is paid towards your bill each month. When your meter is read and the actual amount of your quarterly bill is known, you may have under or over-paid. If you have underpaid, you will need to pay the shortfall when you receive your bill. In the case of over-payment, you may carry the credit forward to future bills or apply for a refund.
- Direct Debit You may complete a Direct Debit Mandate form available from our Connect Office which
  must be completed and submitted to the BOSH. The full amount owing will be debited from your BOSH
  Account on the 29<sup>th</sup> of the month the bill is due.

For full details, see the back of your utility bill.

A reminder that bills for customers in the Longwood, Sandy Bay, Blue Hill and Levelwood areas should be paid by **Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2022**.

For any billing enquiries, please contact our Billing Coordinator on 23341 or enquiries@connect.co.sh.

18 January 2022







# St Helena Community College Expression of Interest For Adult Mental Health First Aider and Youth Mental Health First Aider

The St Helena Community College of the Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio are offering a 2 day course for those persons who are interested in becoming a Mental Health First Aider for adults and/or youths.

You will gain a internationally recognized certificate and reference manual.

The cost of the course is £40.00 per person. Your manual is inclusive in the cost.

For further information, or to register your interest please contact Miss Carley Peters, Support Officer (Training Coordination) at the St Helena Community College on telephone number 22607 or e-mail <a href="mailto:carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh">carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh</a> by no later then Friday, 04 February 2022.

# St Helena Cloud Forest Project Vacancy

The St Helena Cloud Forest Project is an exciting, highly collaborative project working to up-scale cloud forest restoration activities for biodiversity, water security and socio-economic benefits on the Island.

The Cloud Forest is situated within the 'Peaks National Park' and holds at least 250 unique species that are found entirely or almost entirely within the Cloud Forest fragments. Fragmentation and pressure from invasive species means this important biodiversity is under significant threat. The Cloud Forest habitat is also very important for the Island's water security with almost 40% of the Island's water sourced from water catchments within the central Peaks area, 60% of this water being derived by the process of mist capture from the Cloud Forest.

# **VACANCY - St Helena Cloud Forest Project Support Co-ordinator**

Through the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), the St Helena Cloud Forest Project has a vacancy for a **Project Support Co-ordinator** for a six month contract.

The post holder will work with the Project partners to deliver the Island's collective vision for the future; to restore St Helena's iconic Cloud Forest for wildlife, water security and for people.

Further information about the role as well as details on how to apply can be found via the links below.

- https://app.vacancy-filler.co.uk/salescrm/Careers/CareersPage.aspx?
   e=LMo8nnTwYNbu\_NpgBRhrlMJd0iSoaEu3MOMFHncuTeU0vxNK0Sd-zzZFOX3zZIYFEZuwqdE5r38&iframe=True
- https://www.rspb.org.uk/about-the-rspb/about-us/rspb-job-vacancies/vacancies-listing/

The closing date for applications is Sunday, 30 January 2022.

For further information please contact Kirsten Pritchard (RSPB) via: <u>Kirsten.Pritchard@rspb.org.uk</u> or tel +290 23187 or +290 51857

RSPB 11 January 2022

































# **VACANCY FOR HEAD OF MARINE CONSERVATION (PROJECT MANAGER ROLE)**

An exciting opportunity to join the St Helena National Trust to manage our marine conservation team in line with our new strategy. We are seeking a highly organised person to build on our past achievements in marine awareness and education, research (including whale sharks) and fisheries management/policy stakeholder input. You must have proven experience in managing staff/personnel, projects, and budgets as well as experience of fundraising and generating revenue. An interest in St Helena's marine environment, and excellent communication skills are required. Role is full time for up to three years (salary £16,000 pa).

For further information on this post please contact Helena Bennett, Director on 22197 or email <a href="Melena.bennett@trust.org.sh">Helena.bennett@trust.org.sh</a>. The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation conserving St Helena's built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are our greatest asset. Job descriptions can be obtained from Amanda Constantine, Office Manager at the St Helena National Trust office, Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email <a href="mailto:amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh">amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh</a> or call 22190. Applications should be in the form of a CV and cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description and sent to the Office Manager.

**CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 4 FEBRUARY 2022** 



# VACANCY

# **HANDYMAN/DRIVER—Community Care Complex**

(Fixed-Term, 3 month contract within Health & Social Care Portfolio)

Do you have an eye for assessing a problem quickly and determining the most effective way to solve it? If you are physically fit and enjoy driving and maintenance duties, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Social Care Directorate.

The post-holder will have a vital role to play in making the environment safe and comfortable.

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

- Valid Driving License classes A, B, C, D
- Good Handyman skills with the ability to undertake minor carpentry, plumbing and electrical tasks
- Awareness of Health and Safety procedures, Service Standards and safe working systems

We offer the following:

Salary: £6,890 per annum

Leave: 25 days per annum (pro-rata)

Paid Sickness Absence

Flexible Working Hours Scheme

Further information about the duties of the post, interested persons should contact:

Rosalie Brown, CCC & Residential Development Manager on telephone number 23090 or email: rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh

Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources & Organisational Development or the SHG website at: <a href="www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies">www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies</a>. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail <a href="mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh">recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh</a> by no later than 4pm on Monday, 24 January 2022.

To be considered for this role, you must complete our application form. Failure to do so will mean that your application will not be considered. Please do not submit your CV.

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.

# Job Vacancy Ascension Island

# Service Provisioning & Mechanical Technician, Ascension Island Would you like to be a part of a diverse team delivering telecom services to a small island community? Sure is looking for

a Technician to work within the Service Provisioning Section, installing and maintaining the telecommunication network for all Outside Cable Plant and distribution and internal customer installations and faults.

# Qualifications and experience:

- Proven experience in telecommunications technical role, covering all aspects of Outside Cable Plant.
- Technical knowledge and experience required in copper and fibre transmission; distribution systems and maintenance of mechanical systems is essential, includes but not limited to: satellite antenna maintenance, preventative maintenance on external structures and fixtures, maintenance of small plant, station generator set maintenance.
- Electrical experience is essential. Experience of building maintenance including replacement of fixtures and fittings.
- MS Office proficient and must be able to adapt to working in a small team.

Salary is dependent on qualifications and experience.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a Satisfactory Police Disclosure.

Join us and you will enjoy some of the many benefits that Sure offers.

For more information contact Morgan Gilbert on T: +247 66559, E: Morgan.Gilbert@sure.com. Application form and copy of the Job Description may be obtained from Obinna Okali on T: +247 66802, E: obinna.okali@sure.com. Applications should be submitted to Obinna Okali on the above email by **4pm 31 January 2022.** 



# **VACANCIES**

# SENIOR CARE ASSISTANTS

Permanent Posts—Community Care Centre, Health & Social Care Portfolio

The Social Care Directorate is seeking to recruit Senior Care Assistants with a good sense of responsibility and commitment to deliver a high quality health and social care service to individuals within Community Care Complex, that enables them to live full and active lives. If you are seeking a career change or to progress your career, then here is an opportunity for you!

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

- Must have completed the St Helena Nursing Assistant / Getting Started in Care Training or the NVQ level 3 Health and Social Care Course
- Must have a qualification in English and Math at Grade C or above or Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 3.
- Previous experience in working with elderly people for 1 or more

### We offer the following:

Salary: Grade C commencing at £9,043 per

annum as per the Social Care Cadre

Leave: 25 days per annum

Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Paid Sickness Absence

Flexible Working Hours Scheme

**Training Opportunities** 

For further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Michelle Clingham, Head of Care on telephone number 23090 or email: michelle.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh

### Job Profile and Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources & Organisational Development or the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies. Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Sharina Williams, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 25 January 2022.

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



# VACANCY

# CARE ASSISTANTS

Permanent Post—Community Care Centre, Health & Social Care Portfolio

Are you able to provide high quality, holistic care, directly to frail older people in full time residential and day care? Are you seeking a job where no two days are the same? Then here is an opportunity for you to join our team as a Care Assistant at the Community Care Centre!

We offer the following:

Applicants should have the following qualifications and/or equivalent level of Salary: Grade B commencing at £6,890 per experience:

- Functional Skills Literacy and Numeracy at entry level 1
- Willingness to engage in appropriate training to enhance skills and knowledge in caring for the elderly
- Genuine interest in care of the elderly

annum as per the Social Care Cadre

Leave: 25 days per annum

Pension: 15% pension contribution into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Paid Sickness Absence

Flexible working hours scheme

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# St Helena Cricket Association News

The St Helena Cricket Association 35 over tournament at Francis Plain this past weekend saw another 2 high scoring matches with Sandy Bay Pirates posting 288 against Levelwood Allstars and Challengers scoring 379 against Western A Mustangs.

AJ Bennet led the Pirates with an unbeaten 134 of 104 balls, batting the entire innings hitting 21 fours and 3 sixes. AJ coupled that with 4 wickets of 6.3 overs for 15 runs.

Having won the Toss on a bright Sunday morning Levelwood Allstars elected to field and got off to a good start when Ashton Benjamin was bowled LBW by Brendan Leo for just 4 runs. Captain Brett Isaac joined AJ at the crease and they quickly racked the score to 191 before Brett was caught by Weston Clingham for 66 in the 26<sup>th</sup> over. Brooklyn Fowler and Matt Benjamin 28 and 29 respectively before the overs ran out with AJ on 134 and Matt on 29.

Brendan Leo, Dane Leo and Stefan Leo took 1 wicket each. The Allstars started poorly and lost 4 wickets for just 27 runs. Nathan Knipe made a slow scoring stand of 7 runs of 32 balls and spending 43 minutes at the crease. Dane Leo was dismissed for a duck before Stefan Leo, Brendan Leo and Clayton Leo contributed 52, 26 and 25 to see Allstars reach 161 all out in 31.3 overs.

AJ Bennet led the bowlers with 4 for 15 and Ashton Benjamin grabbed 3 for 19.

Player of the Match - AJ Bennett - Pirates

### Other Games

Cobras 114/10 – Patrick Crowie 31 and Michael Bedwell 34. Jason Thomas – 3/8 and Damian Burns 4/28 Jamestown Heat 118/2 – Damian Burns 36 and Gavin George 50

Perry Leo 1/21 and Mark Anthony 1/27 Player of the Match – Damian Burns - Heat



Challengers 379/7 – Andrew Yon 67, Sean-Lee Thomas 78, Scott Crowie 36, Jordi Henry 22Rhys Francis 90 and Tyrell Ellick 34

Kyle Bennett 4/61, Gareth Johnson 1/57 and Chris Owen 1/54

Western A Mustangs – 156/10 – Chris Owen 35 and Ben Dillon 29.

Tyrell Ellick 4/24, Jordan Yon 2/35, Jordi Henry 1/26, Joey Thomas 1/13, Cliff Richards 1/16 and Scott Crowie 1/16 Player of the Match Tyrell Ellick - Challengers

# This Weeks Fixtures

Saturday

13.30 – Allstars v Mustangs – Org. – Lions Sunday

09.00 – Heat V Pirates – Org. - Challengers 13.30 – Lions V Cobras – Org. – Mustangs

"My first bat was shaped of a coconut branch and from that day, all I wanted to do was to be a cricketer." – Brian Lara



# FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for sale by tender a LDV Maxus Bus formerly registered as vehicle number 3255.

This vehicle will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied. For further information and viewing, interested persons can contact Eric Henry, Deputy Auto Shop & Transport Supervisor on telephone 22638 or email: autoshop@solomons.co.sh

Offers, no less than £1000.00, should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Friday 4 February 2022.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" a Honda CBR 500R Motorcycle, formerly registered as vehicle number M/C 597.

This vehicle has been damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Monday 24 January 2022 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Wednesday 26 January 2022.

20 January 2022



# Premier Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens 🚳



Manchester City's march to this seasons' Premier league title gathered momentum as they defeated one of their challengers Chelsea in a tight match at the Eithad Stadium. It took a moment of individual brilliance from Kevin De-Bruyne who scored the only goal of the game. This win put City 13 points clear of Chelsea.



Kevin De-Bruyne was the match winner in the top of the table clash between City and Chelsea.

Chelsea's title hopes took another dent on Tuesday night as they could only draw with Brighton. In my opinion a draw was the least Brighton deserved as for long periods they were the better team.

Liverpool moved up to second place as they beat Brentford 3-0. Liverpool is now 11 points behind City having played a game less.



Fabinho scored in the 44<sup>th</sup> minute to finally break down a stubborn Brentford side.

Manchester United played their best first half of football for a long time against Aston Villa however we the fans still ended up disappointed as United let a 2 nil lead slip to draw 2-2.



Philippe Coutinho scored the equaliser for Villa against Man-

chester United having joined on loan from Barcelona. United had led the match 2-0 with 13 minutes of the match to go. In contrast Manchester United had a terrible first half in their match against Brentford on Wednesday night and had David De-Gea to thank as they went into the break all square. United played much better in the second half and end up winning the game quite comfortably 3-1.

Fred had become a swear word in my house; how can he be still playing for our team. You can't take away the fact he tries his hardest and he did assist two goals in two games but the amount of times he loses the ball in every match is unbelievable. Strangely Fred is now playing in the number 8 role which surely Donny Van De-Beek or Jesse Lingard can do better.



### The only Fred that should be at Old Trafford

In other weekend matches Newcastle conceded late against Watford to draw 1-1 in a match they should have won.

Wolves beat Southampton 3-1. Highlighted of the match though would have being James Ward-Prowse brilliant free kick for the Saints.

Norwich surprisingly beat Everton 2-1. As a result Everton sacked their manager Rafa Benitez.

Leeds beat West Ham 3-2 in a thrilling match. Bowen had a chance to equalise for the Hammers in the final seconds but he chested the ball at the open goal instead of using his head.

Jack Harrison scored a hat trick for Leeds.

Brighton drew 1-1 with Crystal Palace last Friday night. Brighton had now drawn 11 of their 21 matches.

With 94 minutes of the match gone Leicester City was beat-



Steven Bergwijn scored two goals in 80 seconds to earn all 3 points for Spurs against Leicester.



# Premier Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens Premier League



ing Tottenham Hotspur 2-1. 80 seconds later Spurs had scored two goals and end up winning the match 3-2.

This was the latest time in Premier League history that a team was losing a match and end up winning. This beat Manchester City record when they clinch the title beating QPR 3-2 in 2012 having been trailing 2-1 with 91 minutes of the match

This weekend fixtures are the last round of Premier matches to be played before the dreaded International break.

### FRIDAY 21ST JANUARY

- 20:00 Watford v Norwich City SATURDAY 22ND JANUARY
- 12:30 Everton v Aston Villa
- 15:00 Brentford v Wolverhampton Wanderers
- 15:00 Leeds United v Newcastle United
- 15:00 Manchester United v West Ham United
- 17:30 Southampton v Manchester City

### SUNDAY 23RD JANUARY

- 14:00 Arsenal v Burnley
- 14:00 Crystal Palace v Liverpool
- 14:00 Leicester City v Brighton & Hove Albion
- 16:30 Chelsea v Tottenham Hotspur

Just a reminder that on Mondays' New Horizons will open for Primary aged members from 3.30pm-5pm. In addition on Mondays' the New Horizons Athletics club will be on at Francis Plain from 4pm-6pm. On Monday we had 5 people in attendance. For those athletes who have sign up for the Island Games in Guernsey 2023 it is essential that you should be training as of now.

Additional athletics training at Francis Plain 5.30am Fridays' and 7.30am Sundays' (non this Sunday though)

Boot Camp numbers on Wednesdays' is great as we had 21 last Wednesday and 24 this Wednesday. We only had 8 in



Boot Campers in action at New Horizons...join us on Saturdays' 8am and Wednesday at 4.30pm for just £1

# What's happening at New Horizons?

We had 84 members attending New Horizons last Friday night. This was a welcome start to 2022.



# Golf Report for 15-16th January 2022

Contributed by: SHGC



The Captains Challenge Cup 2022 edition, the first big event of the year took place last weekend in beautiful golfing weather conditions. This well sponsored 36-hole stroke play event attracted 17 players. On Saturday 15th which was day 1 of the event the players struggled. There was only one score in the 60s, all the other scores were 73 and more. Day two which was Sunday 16th came with a lot of surprises with a lot of movement in the top ten on the leaderboard. At the end of it all Mr Arthur Young who had scored net 78 on Saturday returned an impressive 5 under par net 63 on day 2 to win the top prize which was composed of the trophy, a bottle of Glenfiddich whisky and £50 cash. The captain and sponsor of the event Mr Bramwel Bushuru, Mr Gerald George and Mr Tony Green tied in second place with total 150. This led to a playoff of the 18th in which the captain as the sponsor opted not to take part in. Mr Tony Green scored par to win second prize of £30 and a golf glove against Mr Gerald George who



bogeyed the hole to settle for 3rd prize of £20 and a golf cap. The longest drive gents on the 4<sup>th</sup> fairway prize was won by Mr Jeffrey Stevens aka Foxy and nearest to pin gents on the 5th was won by Mr Peter Bagley. The ladies' prizes will be contested for at a later stage. There was only one two ball winner over the two day and that is Mr Neil Joshua who birdied the 16th. Congratulations to all the winners.

The captain would like to appreciate the following for their support and contribution; Prime Risk and Advisory Services which donated the bottle of whisky, Mr Tinashe Ndonde for his cash contribution, another cash contribution from an African brother who opted to remain anonymous and Thami Simelane who donated the ladies' prizes.

The ladies captain Mrs Helena Stevens thanked the captain and his friends for the generous sponsorship.

Coming up on Sunday 23rd January is a Texas Scramble strokeplay choose your partner competition. Tee off 12:00 noon. Registration closes on Saturday 22nd at

Happy swinging.....!

# Nuclear Ship Dumps Reactive Cargo in St Helena Bay Next Destination – St Helena

The NS Qingdao was ordered away from Durban Port in October because there were large volumes of fumes, described as 'toxic' coming from her holds. The South African Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA) described the cargo as "problematic water-reactive cargo". After leaving Durban the Marshall Islands flagged NS Qingdao sailed 850 miles to St Helena Bay on the Atlantic coast of South Africa. SAMSA's original disposal plan for the 'problematic cargo' was to process the water reactive cargo to neutralise the chemicals and then organise safe burial ashore. Now, the plan is to dump 1,500 tonnes of the ship's cargo at sea.

The ship is carrying sodium metabisulphite; magnesium nitrate hexahydrate; caustic calcined magnesite; electrode paste (a calcined mixture of asphalt and coal); monoammonium phosphate; ferrous sulphate monohydrate; zinc sulphate monohydrate; dicalcium phosphate; sodium sulphite (anhydrous); and calcium chloride. The chemicals being dumped as sea would normally be used for a variety of purposes ranging from fertilisers, animal feeds and cement production to medical purposes. SAMSA announced recently that 1,000 tonnes of the water contaminated cargo had been taken out of the holds and it is expected the remaining water



The cargo damaged by water and giving off 'toxic fumes' is emptied from the holds of the NS Qingdao

reactive cargo will be removed by 15<sup>th</sup> March. The Marine Traffic website which tracks the movement of ships shows the NS Qingdao, currently at anchor in St Helena Bay. Details of the ship's movements on the Marine Traffic website include Jamestown St Helena as the next port of call.



# Vacancies - NAAFI Falkland Islands

We have vacancies for a Customer Services Assistant to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC.

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

Hours of work are 48 per week and travel costs for the successful individual to home country will be paid for by the Company.

For further information and terms & conditions please contact Delemarie Hopkins 0050076460 during normal working hours.

CV's can be emailed to dhopkins@naafi.co.uk

# BOTTOM WOODS WEST COMPREHENSIVE DEVELOPMENT AREA (CDA) UPDATE

St Helena Government (SHG) would like to notify residents in the Bottom Woods area and members of the public that trenching and road construction related works will shortly take place at the Bottom Woods West Comprehensive Development Area (CDA).

The SHG Technical Section would like to remind all that the construction site is closed to members of the public and entering the site at this stage is prohibited.

Members of the public will be informed when construction works are completed and through access is allowed. For further information, please contact Civil Engineer, Christopher Peters, on tel: 22270.

### SHG

20 January 2022



# Most Teams Take Something from Afcon Group Stage

Vince Thompson

Nigeria, ranked No. 5 in Africa and 36<sup>th</sup> in the world rankings came top of the pile at the end of the group stage of the Africa Cup of Nations. The only team not to drop a point, they play their Round of 16 game on Sunday.

Senegal ranked No. 1 in Africa could only manage one win and two draws in a group where the next highest ranked team took the No.15 spot in Africa. Algeria (No.3) who won the Afcon last time in 2019 managed only a draw with Sierra Leone (No. 25) and lost to Equatorial Guinea (No.28) and Ivory Coast (No.10).

Most of the weaker teams came to the Afcon party with every intention of having a good time while several of the top ranked teams forgot to bring their bottle. The world's media made a lot of noise when Comoros Islands (No.38) beat Ghana (No.8) but lowly Gambia (No.46) also had their first hour of glory when they took all three points against Mauritania (No. 23). Gambia earned more glory in the final minutes of the final match of the group stage. They beat Tunisia (No.4) who had several players down with COVID. Ethiopia (No.40) managed to come away with a draw against Burkina Faso (No.11). Sierra Leone (No.25) seemed to pick up neutral support from the watching international media; they left the pitch with well deserved draws against Algeria and Ivory Coast but fell at the final hurdle, losing to Equatorial Guinea. Zimbabwe (No.31) started to get into their stride for the final group match, beat-





Ahmed Mogni scored for a second time to seal victory for Comoros against Ghana. The result dumped Ghana from the Afcon while first time contenders Comoros moved on to the Round of 16 to play against host nation Cameroon. This photo was taken just after scoring the winner and just before he was buried under

a pile of bodies.
ing Guinea (No.15). Egypt (no.6) who has won Afcon the most times lost to Nigeria (No.5). Mauritania was the only team to leave without taking any points.

# The Round of 16 fixtures:-

Date	Time (GMT)
Sunday 23rd January	16:00 Burkina Faso - Gabon
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	19:00 Nigeria - Tunisia
Monday 24th January	16:00 Guinea - Gambia
Monday 24th January	19:00 Cameroon - Comoros
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	16:00 Senegal - Cape Verde
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	19:00 Morocco - Malawi
Wednesday 26th January	16:00 Ivory Coast - Egypt
Wednesday 26th January	19:00 Mali - Equatorial Guinea

Quarter Finals will be on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January



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# Should We Change Andrew from a Prince to a Saint The Debate Continues

Last week the *Independent* reported on the difficult position Prince Andrew is now in and the honorary military titles and royal patronages he has had to relinquish as a result. We asked if consideration should be given to changing the name of Prince Andrew School in view of the civil law suit filed against Prince Andrew in the United States.

It is understood two ministers have the view that any change of name should only be considered when the outcome of the legal proceedings in the US is known. One suggestion which seems to be gaining popular support is to change the name of the school from Prince Andrew to Saint Andrew.

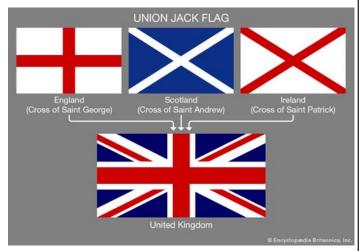


Saint Andrew was crucified for his beliefs by the Romans. Tradition says he chose to be crucified on a diagonal cross as he felt unworthy of being crucified in the same way as Jesus Christ.

Saint Andrew was the first disciple called by Jesus Christ. When called he brought his brother Simon with him. Jesus eventually renamed Simon, calling him Peter – Petros in Greek meaning Rock. When renaming Simon, Jesus Christ told him, thou art Peter and upon this rock I will build my church. Andrew's brother was then known as the first apostle. Saint Andrew therefore has the highest, unimpeachable credentials.



The Man in Question



The Scottish flag, the Saltire, is derived from Saint Andrew's diagonal cross and also forms part of the Union flag of the United Kingdom.

He was also a fisherman and is the patron saint of fishermen. Saint Andrew has other patronages and has an impeccable record as a patron. In 1320 Saint Andrew became the patron saint of Scotland. Saint Andrew is also patron saint of Russia and the highest civilian honour in Russia is the Order of Saint Andrew. The tradition that Saint Andrew was crucified on a diagonal cross did not originate until the Middle Ages and is therefore doubtful. Accounts of the life of Saint Andrew are few and vague. A situation which Prince Andrew probably wishes now applied to him. Two of Prince Andrew's many royal patronages which he has now had to relinquish are the South Atlantic Medal Association and the St Helena National Trust

# A Prince Andrew School to Change Name

Prince Andrew High School in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia is to change its name, according to Canadian media reports. The school was named in Prince Andrew's honour in 1960 soon after his birth. An official announcement said the re-naming will be made in order to "continue to build our identity as a positive, supportive and respectful community, with a name to match." A committee has been formed to recommend a new name for the school.

Anyone in the Dartmouth community can send a suggestion

for a new school name to the committee. All suggestions will be evaluated and then put to a vote. The vote will involve all the schoolchildren in the choice of a new name. The final stage will be to send the three names with the most votes to the Regional Centre for Education in Halifax, Nova Scotia where the final decision will be made.

Prince Andrew High School has been considering changing the name of the school for the past two years. Prince Andrews's character started to be maligned in March 2011 due

# A Prince Andrew School to Change Name

to his involvement with sex offender Jeffrey Epstein. Prince Andrew helped to arrange for Epstein to pay off £15,000 of Sarah Ferguson's debts. Ferguson is Prince Andrew's exwife however they have retained a close relationship since the divorce. Since then it has been downhill all the way for Prince Andrew. His Twitter profile has been deleted and his Instagram made private. His Facebook page is also being taken down.

It is reported that two ministers here say they will wait for the outcome of the civil law suit before making any decision on re-naming our Prince Andrew School. The outcome of the civil action may be unsatisfactory and not a guide to making such a decision. It is often the case that a civil action is dropped when the accused agrees to pay the accuser a sum





of money. If obtaining a sum of money from Prince Andrew is the motivation behind the civil action it is likely the accuser will take the money and run. In these circumstances the outcome gives no indication of the extent of innocence or guilt on the part of Prince Andrew.

The Queen has already made one decision for St Helena. When stripping Prince Andrew of his honorary military titles and royal patronages, Prince Andrew immediately was no longer the Patron of the St Helena National Trust. The Prince's ties with the South Atlantic Medal Association were also severed.

On a related subject, a UK newspaper reports a school named the Prince Charles School will be re-named the King Charles School when the Prince takes the throne.



# THANKS FROM ST PAUL'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

St Pauls Primary School PTA would like to first of all wish everyone a happy New Year! Thank you all for your contribution towards our festive events which were all successful and enjoyed by everyone. The following monies were raised over Christmas 2021.

Advent Service: £317.04 with £50.00 donation to the St Pauls Church Fund Sponsored Walk: £2278 Christmas multi Raffle: £1585.94 Festive Parade: £660

St. Pauls Primary School Christmas 2021 Raffle Winners

Prize		Item
No		
1	Karen Isaac	Plant Stand donated by Phillip Constantine
2	Matthias Young	£72.50 Meat Voucher, Stevens Butchery from PTA
3	Cindy Yon	£72.50 Meat Voucher, Stevens Butchery from PTA
4	Rosemary Mittens	Food Hamper donated by Mylyn Walton
5	Thelma Thomas	Christmas Cake from Sonia Lawrence
6	Ryden Stevens	£25 Voucher, Blue Lantern
7	Christine Clingham	Chocolate & Dessert Hamper donated by staff
8	Alan Richards	3 Piece Pyrex Set donated by Bank of St Helena
9	Peter Williams	£20 Voucher from Sure
10	Callum Fowler	Garden Ornament donated by Hugh Constantine
11	Danielle Caswell	Bottle of Wine donated by Mule Yard
12	Antonia Ward-Andrews	£15 from Connect
13	Kissha Thomas	Full Pedicure, Essence Beauty Salon-Noleen Fowler
14	Natalie Lawrence	£10 Voucher, Moonbeams
15	Jessie Robinson	Plant donated by Prudie Joshua
16	Owen Richards	Bliss Voucher –Natalie Lawrence
17	Eddie Bowers	Girls Gift Bag donated by Philip Johns Shop
18	Abby Thomas	Boys Gift Bag donated by Philips Johns Shop
19	Anna Yon	Heroes Chocolates donated by A & D Mini Mart
20	Sandra Sim	Bathroom Mat Set donated by Queen Mary
21	Roberts Family	£10 Voucher for Gel Nails, Beauty Spot

Sincere thanks go out to those organisations/businesses who so generously donated towards our multi raffle. This was much appreciated. After expenditure over the Christmas period for our children's party and presents, some of this money will then be used to develop our school library and upgrading reading material for our children, buying recorders to teach lessons and contribute towards improving our school environment. Thank you once again for your support!





# **Church Notices**

# **Prayer Meeting**

We invite you to unite with us in 'Our **Prayer Campaign'** to be held from Monday24th January to Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2022 commencing at 7pm each evening at The Rock Christian Fellowship (Unit 3 Longwood Enterorise Park).

We warmly invite you to join us for:

### Praise and Worship service

Sunday 23rd January at 11am No. 3, Longwood Enterprise Park Kid Zone (Sunday School) will meet in Unit 7 at 11am

### **Prayer Meetings**

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January at 7pm
Prayer focus for the Youth.
Wednesday 26th January at 7pm Ladies Prayer Night.
At No. 3. Longwood Enterprise Park

# Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) will be open on Saturdays from 10am to 12 noon.

For further information phone 25324, 62552 or 23249





# The White Horse Tavern

will hold a Euchre Tournament on Friday Night, 28th January starting at 8pm SHARP.

Entrance fee is £15 per team.

To enter your team call 22843 or 23416



# **PRAYER MARGINS: PRAYER WEEK**

24th - 31st JANUARY 2022

# PRAYER PROGRAMME

Day 1: Monday 24th January at 7pm Day 2: Tuesday 25th January at 7pm Facilitator: Anthony Hopkins Facilitators: Rhombi and Cassidy Praying for St Helena and all of the churches on the island where the gospel is Praying for our youth. Pray for our preached. Praying for missionary work Educators and all schools on the island and throughout the world. for all Youth organisations and their Key verse: 2 Chronicles 7 v 14 Key verse: Ecclesiastes 12 v 1. Day 3: Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 7pm Day 4: Thursday 27th January at 7pm Facilitator: Lawrence Facilitators: Priscilla and Jamie Ladies Prayer Meeting. Men's Prayer meeting. Praying for all ladies and their role within Praying for all men for their role within the the church, family and our Community. Church, family and within our Community. Kev verse: Proverbs 31 v 27-28. Kev Verse: Psalm 37 V 23

Day 5: Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 7pm
Facilitators: Delia and Richard
Praying for our environment, that we may
have a desire to care for God's creation.
Pray for climate change: that we may
endeavour to create an awareness of global
warming. Key verse Genesis 1 v 11

<u>Day 6: Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January</u>
Facilitators: Anthony and Gareth
Prayer Walk through the town starting at
the <u>General Hospital at 8am</u>.

Key Verse: 1 Timothy 2 v 1

Day 7: Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January at 10:00am Facilitators: Elaine, Cathrine and Thandeka Forest adventure for children. Walk through Plantation Forest. Proverbs 22 v 6 Finale: Praise and Worship at 11am at Unit 3 Longwood Enterprise Park.

Anthony Hopkins 'The power of prayer.'

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Global Prayer Meeting via Zoom.

All are welcome. For further information contact 62552 24224 51672

Day 8: Monday 31st January 5pm.