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***Governor Nigel Phillips being interviewed on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December via live stream link-up with first lady Emma Phillips***



***A tender moment: Jonathan is presented with his birthday cake, a delicious mix of salads and fruit, fit for a world famous tortoise!***



***Putting it altogether: "You're such a rock star today" says Jonathan's long-time friend David. Listening in on the conversation are Head of SHG's Marketing, Emma Weaver and Danni Thomas plus Mikhail Harris in the background, Creator of the Jonathan Animate***



***A birthday cake for all the humans at Jonathan's birthday bash, the first cut by members of SHAPE***



***I am old but wiser now***



***Children at Pilling doing a 'Jonathan' race to celebrate Jonathan's 190<sup>th</sup> birthday (Contributed)***

# Jonathan: More than a tortoise

Tammy Williams

Since the announcement of Jonathan's birthday international press has exploded around the world. Never has one being done more for St Helena in the short space of a weekend than our Jonathan. CNN, USA Today, BBC and BBC breakfast, ABC including the Guardian newspaper and German press have jumped onto the coverage with CBS news joining in on Monday. Jonathan's fame and mass appeal even outweighed Napoleon as this weekend he went viral. How is this possible you may ask? Maybe it's because Jonathan has enjoyed a certain immortality that we all long for, that cosmetic companies would kill for, that scientists and medical stand in awe of. Or maybe it's about how we approach life as American musician Christopher Tait said after writing and recording a song about Jonathan, he said *"Reading about Jonathan's perseverance helped me move forward, embrace change, and see that the world is infinitely bigger than I can possibly imagine"* Or just maybe Jonathan's own mantra of living life as laid back as possible and not making too much of a fuss leaves us envious of a life that we all crave.

Whatever you may think, he is a special animal hitting rock star status at the weekend, right up there with Jimmy Hendrix, Jonathan is also the face or rather the flipside of our five pence coin, in addition a series of commemorative stamps were unveiled to mark his 190<sup>th</sup> birthday.

On St Helena plans were afoot some months ago led by the St Helena government's head of marketing, Emma Weaver and St Helena tourism. *"The idea was celebrating Jonathan locally, putting spend into the local community to the private sector keeping the money on island for these activities and for the celebration which seems right to me and then through that we've got amazing exposure for St Helena. Jonathan is such an incredible creature, when we were choosing winners for the art completion we could see how deeply connected St Helena is to Jonathan as our national treasure"* Emma told Saint FM.

Plans for Jonathan's birthday party included bringing the community from across the island together at Plantation House in a three day long celebration which included a birthday cake for Jonathan and a cake for humans too. On Saturday a live stream link-up was in place at the paddocks, Jonathan's home that he shares with other tortoises. The live stream provided an interactive opportunity for the island's media and invited guests to share their personal memories of Jonathan plus a rare chance to get up close and personal. Well, when it was my turn to speak, Jonathan seemed far more interested in my bag and its' contents and 'chased' me around a bit, obviously a camera and a recorder are hardly edible delights, Jonathan expressed his disgust with a loud harrumph and pulled his head back in.

Governor Nigel Phillips also voiced delight at being a part of the celebrations, *"I think it's the fact that the world's media has shown such interest in Jonathan which gives you the sense of what an incredible thing it is to have the world's oldest tortoise but on top of that he is placing St Helena on*

*the map, there's so much more to St Helena but the tortoise gives you that way in. It's just fantastic that on our front lawn, for the period we have the privilege of being here we have these incredible animals and you feel a real responsibility to look after them and make sure they're cared for. It's team effort, Joe Hollins who has been working with him for such a long time, the Plantation House team and the work they do to keep the paddocks in the right shape for them, your listeners will know there are circles of grass that are allowed to grow a little longer because the animals prefer to eat there"* He added with a chuckle *"As Governor you have this handover brief which didn't exactly mention the tortoises but as soon as you arrive you become aware of them and very quickly you realize how fantastic it all is"*

Jonathan's birthday bash came to an end at the Christmas Fair on Sunday, other highlights included an animated video about his life created by Mikhail Harris. All of those who attended the celebrations were recipients of a special edition certificate, 500 hundred of which had been individually signed by Governor Phillips. The certificate holds the first ever image of his footprint

Describing Jonathan's charm first lady Emma Phillips said *"On days when it's a bit busy and you're stuck inside doing paperwork and you just need some fresh air, he's a great chap to come and talk to, little easier walking him than walking the dog, he makes you feel good"*

There are now plans for a public holiday later this year and already an application is underway to make a national holiday in honour of Jonathan.

Throughout his life time he has watched more than 30 Governors come and go and I bet if he could talk he would have a few tales to tell, he has seen the human race transition from one extreme end of the spectrum to another, from riding horses to arriving on the moon.

Vet Joe Hollins tells everyone that Jonathan's interest remains the same, "sleeping, eating and mating". In a world that seems to have gone mad, Jonathan's ethos of only doing what is absolutely necessary seems all the advice we'll ever need.

*"Jonathan Tortoise, what can I say Have we all let you down at the end of the day?... Were we all busy staring at our little screens? Did the sun disappear as we turned up the heat? Have you seen the world slow to a stop in defeat. Does it move as fast for you as for me?" (Christopher Tait)*

**ET Phone Home . . . or maybe Jonathan?**



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# Editorial

I mentioned to someone in the Castle that the news coming from SHG this week was, well, a bit lightweight. There's been announcements for road closure and a beach closure plus another national day for something or other. The situation changed a bit at 3:30pm yesterday afternoon when a press release announced a Drug amendment Bill will be presented to Legislative Council. The Bill "proposes amending legislation to allow for the import, sale and supply of cannabis hemp and cannabidiol (CBD) products with THC levels of no more than 0.2% in St Helena." The next bit of the explanation is unexpected, to me anyway. "Allowing the import etc of cannabis hemp means "this will allow people to purchase goods such as clothing and personal care items which may have such levels in them, but are currently illegal in St Helena."

However, if you do not want to cannabis as a hat or face mask the next bit in the announcement may eventually lead to some easing of any aches and pains you may have. "It is proposed that an exemption regulation be created which would take certain products out from the main drugs control regime. This would apply to products with a negligible or ineffective THC level, permitting such products to be lawfully to imported, sold and possessed in St Helena." After saying it will not be possible to get a 'high' from these products the press release states such products will only be sold to people aged 18 years and over. Why? Is the first word that came to my mind. Unfortunately SHG press releases don't often answer questions beginning with 'why'.

You can complain about the cost of living as much as you like, and rightly so. Some new statistics from the Economist Intelligence Unit tells us the title of most expensive place in the world is jointly held by Singapore and New York. Best not to go there. In the United States, Los Angeles and San Francisco are also in the global top ten for places that will empty your purse fastest. Switzerland appears twice in this top ten – its best to give Zurich and Geneva a wide berth. Tel Aviv, Hong Kong, Paris, Copenhagen and Sydney complete the list. The cheapest places to take a holiday are in Syria, Libya and Iran and that is probably because nobody in their right mind would want to go anywhere near those places at the moment. Tunis is among the bottom ten, meaning price inflation has not shot up as much there as most other places. Tunisia had 2 million tourists in 2020 when Covid was gathering speed as it spread around the world. Before Covid Tunisia would attract between 7 and 9 million tourist in a year. Moscow and St Petersburg are the biggest movers up the ranking on the past year while Stockholm and Luxembourg are the two cities which have dropped down the ranking most. Manchester is in that group too, having dropped 12 places in the last 12 months. And finally, just be thankful you do not live in Venezuela where the inflation rate is 132%

The main reason prices have increased so much is ofcourse the price of oil (not CBD oil) which has increased by a global

average of 22%. Now it's not exactly funny I should mention that because the UK fuel price watchdog issued a report this week which says, in a nutshell, oil prices at the pumps rise very quickly when the market price start to rise but when the market price of oil drops, the price at the pumps falls more slowly. This is describing a global situation, not what happens in St Helena. The Royal Automobile Club joined in by saying "Yeah, too right" or words to that effect. The RAC said the same thing happened in 2018, 2019 and 2020. In a nutshell, it happens all the time. An RAC spokesman said, "When wholesale prices trend down for weeks at a time drivers should see pump prices do the same at a similar rate - unfortunately our data shows that this is not often the case." He added, "Wholesale diesel has "plummeted" 33p since the beginning of October, but pump prices have only fallen 8.4p. Meanwhile, the wholesale price of petrol has fallen from 130p a litre to 109p - a drop of 21p, he said. But the average price of unleaded petrol has only fallen 8p." For oil companies life is not worth living unless they are ripping you off.

This is part of the reason why we who have had our children are to those that follow behind us a world which is a much worse state than when we arrived here – bawling our heads off. It is not only the many and varied threats and insecurities of climate change, it is also other important and very necessary considerations such as how old will I be before I can buy a house? "Those in younger age groups are much less likely to be living in their own home by their thirties than their parents. This has significantly restricted younger people's prospects for future social mobility" says a research economist. The kids we leave behind could be just a few years from getting their pension before they can afford to have a place of their own.

But that's not all. Income inequality is still a big issue. And there is wealth as well as income. If you own your own house you have some wealth and the value of that wealth increases as price of everything goes up. Property values can increase faster than the prices of other things. One example is, since 1995, average house prices in the UK have risen from £56,000 to over £290,000 by August 2022. This huge growth has far outpaced general price inflation. But, a sizeable minority of the UK population do not own property or other assets and have no wealth at all. Since the mid 1990s, average earnings (adjusted for inflation) grew by around 37%, while average house prices grew by 188%, meaning they almost tripled in value. These are UK statistic again; I don't think St Helena statistics will show this kind of detail but something similar is very likely happening here. Most parents like to have something to pass on to their kids or the grandchildren but we live in a time when more and more of the older generation will have nothing to pass on to help their family have just a bit of wealth. It will all end in tears.

**Vince**

## ***What is Better Than No Parking Signs, Cones and Gutter Clutter?***

There is something somewhere in UK law which says all traffic signposts and other forms of obstruction, such as litter bins and post boxes, should be a certain distance from the edge of the road. Not in St Helena. Roads and pavements (where there are any) are even narrower now as drivers and pedestrians avoid all the 'traffic management' which is lying in the Jamestown gutters. How does a pedestrian cross the road to use some sections of pavement in Napoleon Street now it is closed off?

Many people are clearly thinking it is time to lift our minds from the gutter and strive to think some original thoughts about how to solve the Jamestown car parking problem. Here's one idea; a jack-up barge or two in James Bay!

A jack-up barge is a barge on stilts. It can be raised or lowered according to the depth of water. They come in all sizes; the jack-up barge shown in the photo is small. The barge certainly does not need to be new; it can be in the autumn of its life so long as the structure is sound. The deck can be cleared; there is no need for the machinery and deck buildings. The railings around the edge should stay! With a ramp giving access from the seafront, a barge or two of this kind would have a few uses. One would be extra parking spaces at busy times such as Christmas. Surely the fish will not mind?

When there are big social events in Jamestown – St Helena's



***A jack-up barge with a ramp from the seafront will give access to new parking areas***

Day or a Carnival - the whole of the Grand Parade could be cleared of cars and used for community use. The jack-up barge can be available to take the strain for parking cars.

When not being used to park cars some fundraisers might like to use the barge as a location for an event instead of the Grand Parade or Mule Yard. The barge could also be used for some of the local marine activities and attract tourists to St Helena. Or it can be just as place for a summer Sunday afternoon picnic?

No other car parking area has the potential to be used for so many different activities.

## ***Job Done – The Side Path Concrete Top is Complete***



The end of the line; the contract for rebuilding Side Path and finishing it off with a concrete top ends here.

In advance of concrete laying starting, fifteen sample mixes were tried out by Isaac Construction before the mix with the best strength was decided upon. The concrete can cure sufficiently in seven days to take road traffic. While there is time now for a short break and a sandwich more work on restoration of the side wall lies ahead.

The last section of road will be covered with bitumen when the last of the preparatory work is finished. This section is

part of a future phase in the Side Path and Field Road improvements which is an upgrade of the turning from Side Path into Field Road.



# ***From Ascension Island***

## ***Legal Fight Follows Wideawake Repair Contract***

Schuyler Line Navigation is the US Company is that won the contract to ship stone from Newfoundland on Canada's north-east coast to Ascension for the runway repair at Wideawake. The offloading of stone from ship to shore was a contractual responsibility given to Schuyler Line and they are responsible for the safe and timely procedure for doing the job. The offloading of stone in Clarence Bay was beset with problems throughout. Extensive delays were common. These delays are seen by many as a main reason why the cost of the runway repair spiralled out of control.



Last week it was reported Schuyler Line are suing the main contractor the Flour Corporation, another US company, for £1.8 million in detention and demurrage charges; they are blaming Flour Corporation for the cost of delays. Schuyler Line is claiming its ships were held up five times for more than a month in total due to Fluor's delays.

Eye witness accounts say it should have taken about 11 days to offload stone from a Schuyler Line ship but in practice it took as much as four times as long to complete the operation. The ship with the first delivery of stone took five months to get the stone from ship to shore. There were several occasions when no stone was transferred by barge to the pier when there was hardly any swell in Clarence Bay. The perception gained by observers on Ascension is the delays were due to failures in the methods used by Schuyler Line to offload stone rather than problems at Wideawake causing deliveries of stone not being accepted. Schuyler Line charged the Wideawake Runway Repair Project about £82,000 for each day one of their ships was in Clarence Bay. It is expected Flour will file its own lawsuit, suing Schuyler Line for avoidable or unnecessary additional costs. Schuyler Line's Wideawake contract is now finishing and it is thought they are filing their own lawsuit as they now have nothing to lose and in anticipation of legal action by the main contractor against them. The whole saga of stone delivery to Wideawake is seen as a shambles.

### **Ascension Residents Directly Affected by Legal Dispute**

The legal fight between two US companies is also giving residents on Ascension considerable problems. As Schuyler Line withdraw from Ascension they gave local boat owners just 3 days notice they will be withdrawing the ferry service their contract obliged them to provide over the last 30 months.

The method chosen by Schuyler Line to offload stone included

a large barge located at the end of Clarence Pier which was used as an intermediary offloading point before the stone was finally deposited on land. Before the barge could be put in position all small boats moored close to the pier had to move further out in the Bay. Often this meant moving the mooring at least 100 metres further into the Bay. It was no longer possible to paddle or swim to the small boats and a ferry was required to gain access to all the local boats as small boats were previously used to ferry people to the larger boats.

With the three-day notice given by Schuyler Line of the withdrawal of the ferry service local boat owners cannot get to their boats for fishing, diving or boat maintenance until the usual mooring arrangement is reinstated. For the more energetic boat owners, swimming over 100 metres into Clarence Bay to get to a boat is not a sensible option due to the presence of sharks.

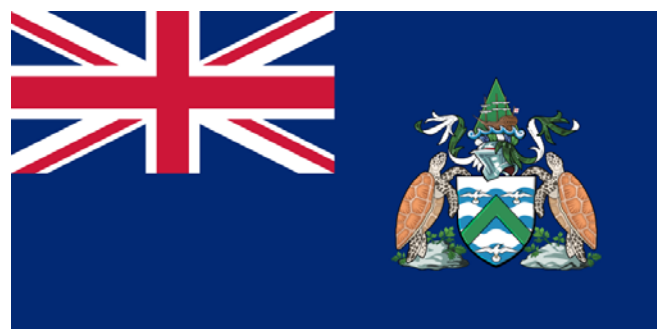
### **Soaring Costs**

The cost of the Wideawake Runway Repair Project has increased in stages from the \$170 million first mentioned to \$281 million in March this year and now \$309 million in the latest communication. The Wideawake project is jointly funded by the UK and US governments.

Airbridge flights from Brize Norton were suspended in April 2017. Originally Wideawake was supposed to re-open in 2019-20. The latest estimated re-opening date is in the first half of next year.



***Ascension 1982 – HMS Hermes and escorts - mobilisation for the Falklands War did not cause the problems Schuyler Line had unloading stone***



## ***“A Truly Amazing Experience” and “I encourage all young people on St Helena to be involved in public affairs”***

Isaac Greentree and Marcella Mittens have spoken about their experience at the 11<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Parliament (CYP) held in Port of Spain, Trinidad towards the end of November. Isaac said. “It was an absolute honour to represent St Helena Island at the 11th Commonwealth Youth Parliament in Trinidad and Tobago. To be in the presence of young delegates from across the Commonwealth is truly an amazing experience. It is always said the youth is the future of our world, and I can honestly say the future looks extremely bright.”

Marcella added, “As the St Helena Island delegate, I applaud all participants at the 11th Commonwealth Youth Parliament, who validated the importance of youth’s voice - indeed, we are the future, and that future is now!” She pressed her point home by saying, “I encourage all young people on St Helena, and worldwide, to be more involved in public affairs... and, I also encourage governments to listen to their youth, because we have a lot to say!”

The Commonwealth Youth Parliament is organised by the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) and is one of their most popular events. It brings together participants aged 18-29 representing the nine CPA Regions. Youth representatives from more than 50 states and territories gathered in Port of Spain to debate a fully prepared piece of legislation as part of a three day programme. The Youth Parliament met in the Red House, the parliament building in Trinidad and Tobago.

The CYP is seen as a key development opportunity for young people from the Commonwealth with ambitions of public office and is designed to demonstrate to potential future young parliamentarians the fundamentals behind the processes of Parliament. The CPA describes the event as a Pan-Com-

monwealth experience and a hugely valuable networking opportunity with other participants from across the Commonwealth as well as with current Members of Parliament from different jurisdictions who act as mentors throughout the week. The CYP offers participants an opportunity to experience one of the key institutions which underpin democracy and good governance. Marcella and Isaac are clearly in agreement with that.



***This is just part of the group photo taken at the CYP. Marcella has a prominent position on the front row (3<sup>rd</sup> from right) while Isaac is at the back with the taller ones (back row extreme left), just managing to get most of his face to camera.***



### ***Question in the House***

***Andrew Rosindell MP Conservative, Romford***

#### **Question**

To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, how many times a Minister from his Department has visited St Helena in each of the last 10 years.

#### **Answer**

David Rutley Parliamentary Under-Secretary (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office)

There has not been a visit by a Minister from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office to St Helena in the last 10 years. St Helena is one of the most remote inhabited islands in the world and travel to St Helena was restricted during the Covid-19 pandemic. Lord Goldsmith met with St Helena’s Chief Minister in London on 2 November 2022.



# ***Discovery completes scientific mission around St Helena***

## ***A Centre for Environment, Fisheries and Aquaculture Science bulletin***

***8<sup>th</sup> December 2022***



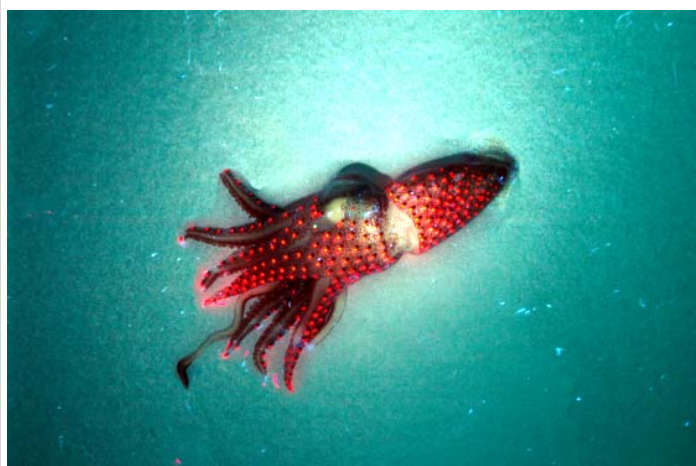
***Royal Research Ship Discovery***

From bioluminescent squid to the deployment of autonomous vessels, it has been a busy 9 days for DY159 within the St Helena Marine Protected Area (MPA).

This six-week long expedition has surveyed the marine environments of Ascension and St Helena, growing scientific understanding and conducting research in areas never previously explored.

As Discovery begins its journey to Montevideo with the remaining crew, find out below what DY159 achieved during its time in St Helena, and what comes next...

### ***Surveying the deep***



***Jewel Squid under Ultra-Violet Light***

At locations across the St Helena MPA, DY159 has been surveying the biodiversity present within the water column by fishing for specimens at depths between 300 and 1000 metres.

More exciting specimens have emerged during this leg of the expedition, including a jewel squid, whose light-producing organs (photophores) become clearly visible under UV light.

Many marine species of the deep ocean produce light (bioluminescence) to communicate in the pitch black, and it is used for a variety of functions – from finding a mate to ambushing prey.

Other specimens collected have included a number of species of angler fish (pictured) and a lightfish. The specimens collected will become available for analysis and study at the Natural History Museum (UK) in 2023.

### ***Supporting sustainable fisheries management***

During DY159, research has been undertaken to support the St Helena Government's sustainable fishery. Work has mainly focused on the various bait-species that local fisher's use for catching Tuna.

This began by conducting fisheries acoustics, which involves bouncing sound pings from the Discovery that reflect off shoals of bait fish, such as mackerel and bigeye scad, to determine their location. The team on DY159 then sent this location to local fishers, who then collected a sample of the bait species from each location, which were subsequently analysed by scientists on DY159.

Data from each fish was collected, including their sex and maturity, as well as length and weight. Understanding more about the life history of these bait fish species will allow the St Helena Government's Marine Section to better understand population trends and help to ensure sustainable quotas are put forward.

### ***Autonomous vessel completes mission***

Autonaut, an Uncrewed Surface Vehicle (USV), was trialled around St Helena. This autonomous vehicle was brought along to test its feasibility for the UKOTs as a data gathering tool. During its deployment, the Autonaut collected fisheries acoustics data, as well as other information such as water temperature and oxygen content.

It was given a pre-determined route to complete over 3 days, before being collected back onto Discovery. The data will now be analysed, as well as a review into the practicalities of using autonomous vehicles within the context of the Overseas Territories.

### ***Sharing the specimens and findings with the local community***

After an exciting period of scientific deployments around the St Helena MPA, DY159 returned to Jamestown on 4th December.

Before returning home, the scientific crew presented some of the amazing specimens collected during the expedition to the St Helena Government Marine Section.

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# ***St Helena Parliamentary Group has New Chair and More Members***

***Vince Thompson***

After being appointed the Minister for Development under the new Prime Minister on 25<sup>th</sup> October, Andrew Mitchell had to resign as Chair of the St Helena All Party Parliamentary Group (APPG). The latest edition of the regularly updated APPG Register was published on 30<sup>th</sup> November showing the Rt Hon Amanda Milling MP, previously Minister with Responsibility for the Overseas Territories, was elected as the new Chair. Four other MPs and Lords joined as new members. The previous group members all remained with the St Helena APPG apart from Lord Jones of Cheltenham who died recently. Nigel Jones was a longstanding and stalwart supporter of St Helena's interests in the Palace of Westminster.

Also involved with the St Helena APPG is St Helena's representative in the UK, Kedell Worboys. Kedell is the 'Public Enquiry Point' for the St Helena APPG. She can be contacted by email at [shgukrep@sthelenagov.com](mailto:shgukrep@sthelenagov.com). or by phone on number 020 3818 7610.

In order to use the title All-Party Parliamentary Group, a Group must be open to all Members of both Houses, regardless of party affiliation, and must satisfy the rules agreed for All Party Parliamentary Groups. All APPGs are governed by a set of rules which set minimum standards and processes for election of officials, conducting and recording meetings, any financial aspects, contact points and non-parliamentary interests. APPGs consists of Members who join together to pursue a particular topic or interest. The St Helena APPG members have, in the past, provided strong and vocal support for the proposal to build an airport and raised questions in Parliament the UK Government's stance on issues and topics which are important to people in St Helena. The MPs and Lords who are members of the St Helena APPG promote St Helena on the main issues affecting the Island but do not get involved in the more personal issues which Legislative Councillors take up on behalf of constituents.

## ***The New Chair - Amanda Milling MP***



While a minister at the FCDO with responsibility for Asia and the Middle East Amanda Milling was also responsible for the

Overseas Territories. She held this post for seven months to 7<sup>th</sup> September this year.

Chief Minister Julie Thomas said, "Having worked with Amanda Milling when she was a Minister, I am impressed with the passion she holds for the Overseas Territories family, and the deep interest she has in seeing our Island and community prosper. I look forward to meeting all new members of the group when I am next in London on business. When in the UK last month I was fortunate to meet with existing members of the APPG, who were equally as passionate and sincere about building and maintaining relationships to ensure that our Island is always well represented and not forgotten within the UK political arena "

## ***Some Members of the St Helena APPG***

### ***Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton***



Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton entered the House of Lords in September 2020 after serving as Mark Lancaster MP for Milton Keynes since 2005. He has worked with Andrew Mitchell both in opposition and later in government when Andrew Mitchell was Secretary of State for International Development. He has visited St Helena and was instrumental in getting support for the airport project from his Conservative Party.

### ***Sir Graham Brady MP***

Sir Graham Brady is a central figure in the governing Conservative Party. He is chairman of the 1922 Committee which is the Conservative Party's voice for the backbenchers. The chairman of the 1922 Committee is a key post which Graham Brady has held since 2010. It is an influential position and never more so than during the recent rapid changes of prime

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minister. The BBC described him as the man “whose visits to No 10 have spelled the end for the UK’s most recent prime ministers.” It is Brady’s job to assess how unhappy the Conservative Party backbenchers are and to give a succession of prime ministers an assessment on whether they have enough support among MPs to continue as leader. Often recently the answer has been ‘NO’ which is just one step away from saying “it’s time you resigned”.

Because Brady is so influential he is a very important member of the St Helena APPG. A quick skip through his House of Commons records does not reveal a long and lasting interest in St Helena but now he is a member of the St Helena APPG it is an ideal time to gain his attention.

**Lord Randall of Uxbridge**



Lord Randall is a Director and Trustee of the UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum and a Member of Council (Trustee) for the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB). He is therefore very familiar with St Helena. Among several other responsibilities he is Vice-President of Fauna and Flora International and other national and international environmental bodies. He also has an active interest in history and is Director, Trustee and Vice Chairman of the Human Trafficking Foundation. Lord Randall obviously has many interests and is very energetic; another good ally to have on our side.

## Full List of Members – St Helena APPG

### St Helena

<b>Title</b>	St Helena All-Party Parliamentary Group
<b>Purpose</b>	Group focuses on St Helena.
<b>Category</b>	Country Group

Officers		
Role	Name	Party
Chair & Registered Contact	Amanda Milling	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Foulkes of Cumnock	Labour
Vice Chair	Stephen Doughty	Labour (Co-op)
Vice Chair	Lord Randall of Uxbridge	Conservative
Vice Chair	Dame Margaret Hodge	Labour
Secretary	Andrew Rosindell	Conservative
Vice Chair	Kelly Tolhurst	Conservative
Vice Chair	Sir Graham Brady	Conservative
Vice Chair	Lord Lancaster of Kimbolton	Conservative
Vice Chair	Paul Holmes	Conservative



The Gettogethers Orchestra will be holding their  
**Christmas programme**  
**‘Let the People Sing’**  
**at the Mule Yard on Sunday**  
**11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 7.30 pm.**  
**Come along and join in with your favourite**  
**christmas carols and songs.**

**Entrance is free but a collection will be taken in aid of Orchestra funds.**

# Your Opinion Counts

**Dear Editor,**

What is all this talk about fish for export? I have been "home" nearly a month after a few months away and have not been able to buy any fresh fish whatsoever. What about the local market, which is supposed to have priority?

Come to think of it, I have not been able to buy any tomatoes either. There are usually plenty of local ones. And pep-

pers and aubergines. Are they being exported too?

So much for the recommended diet of oily fish once a week and "five a day" for fresh stuff! Little wonder that so many people have health issues here. I worry about scurvy too.

**Yours sincerely,  
Edward Baldwin**

**Dear Editor,**

My wife and I have recently returned home from yet another wonderful visit to St. Helena.

Over the past 14 years we have got to know the island and it's beauty. We have also monitored it's modernisation and fi-

nancial hardships. What we do marvel at is the friendship of the people.

Wherever we went we were greeted with a smile, "Hi" or a wave. These things are sometimes missed in the UK. So the "Thank you's". To all of the Islanders, the Staff at The Mantis for a delightful Service and food at the Remembrance Day lunch, the Staff at Tasty Bites for the lovely evening meals and the Staff at the Jamestown Swimming Pool for professional Lifeguarding. Last of all our family for looking after us. Well done all and we look forward to our next visit.

**Thank you**

**Chris Durnford, Salisbury UK.**

## Public Consultation on Draft Immigration Process Proposal

The Immigration Department would like to thank the public for attending our consultation across November 2022 over proposed updates to the draft Immigration Policy.

During the month of November 2022, Government officials, accompanied by Ministers held the following public consultation meetings on the Draft Immigration Process Proposal. A total of 177 people attended.

Date	Venue	Attendees
Monday 7 November	Jamestown Community Centre	21
Tuesday 8 November	Chamber of Commerce	12
Wednesday 9 November	Half Tree Hollow Community Centre	17
Thursday 10 November	Prince Andrew School Student Council	24
Monday 14 November	Blue Hill Community Centre	2
Wednesday 16 November	Kingshurst Community Centre	28
Monday 21 November	Sandy Bay Community Centre	16
Wednesday 23 November	Harford Community Centre	18
Thursday 24 November	Silver Hill, Levelwood	8
Monday 28 November	St Marys Church, Briars	25
Wednesday 30 November	St Michael's Church, Rupert's	6



The draft proposed the following areas for change:

- Simplifying processes by having only two types of visa: Work and/or Entry
- Separating St Helenian status to those who were born as Saints or via decent
- Providing a new Permanent Residence status for those who weren't born as Saints. They would have the same rights and privileges as those with Saint Status, but without the actual name.

As well as:

- Reminding the public of Sustainable Developments proposed Fast Track service for Permanent Residency via the routes of Skills Shortage Occupation lists or High Net Worth individuals.

The public are reminded that views or comments on any of the above proposed changes can still be submitted to Head of Immigration Emerald Newman-Yon by the end of December 2022 via email: [emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The feedback from the consultation will now be collated and a frequently asked questions and updated draft document will be published in due course.



St Helena's Butterfly Monitoring Scheme

# Have you seen this butterfly?

Have you seen the **African Monarch** anywhere? If so, let us know by submitting a record to iRecord St Helena, and you stand the chance to win a prize!

Earn prizes like a customised t-shirts or mugs by being the first to submit a record or by submitting the most records!

## How do I enter the competition?

Scan the QR code or visit <https://irecordsthelema.edu.sh/> and register an account, submit a record by clicking the 'Records' tab and selecting 'Enter a casual record'. From there you will be asked to enter all the necessary information. Don't forget **you must submit a photo** with your record!



For more information contact Selene Gough on 22607/[selene.gough@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:selene.gough@sainthelena.gov.sh)

## Did you know?

The African Monarch (*Danus chrysippus*) is poisonous to predators by storing toxins from the milkweed plants that they eat. Milkweed contains toxins called cardenolides, making them distasteful to predators.



# House For Sale

For sale is a bungalow currently known as Ashton Cottage, Near Longwood Road situated on approximately 1/3 acre of freehold property.

The bungalow which has an adjoining garage was recently upgraded consists of a spacious lounge with an enclosed patio, fully fitted kitchen/diner with locally made kitchen cabinets, 2 bedrooms and a bathroom which contains a bath and separate shower.



The bungalow is fully furnished and has solar heating.

The property is currently owned by Mrs Sylvia Isaac who resides in the UK.

For further information/details on the sale of this property, please contact Brenda Thomas on telephone No. 24402.

# *A & D'S MINIMART*

## *CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS*

**Take Out  
and Save  
Your  
Christmas  
Opening  
Hours  
Insert**

FRIDAY 23 <sup>rd</sup> DECEMBER 2022	9 am - 7 pm
SATURDAY 24 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	9 am - 5 pm
SUNDAY 25 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	CLOSED
MONDAY 26 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	CLOSED
TUESDAY 27 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	CLOSED
WEDNESDAY 28 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	9 am - 1 pm
THURSDAY 29 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	9 am - 1 pm
FRIDAY 30 <sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022	CLOSED
SATURDAY 31 <sup>st</sup> DECEMBER 2022	9 am - 1 pm
SUNDAY 1 <sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2023	CLOSED
MONDAY 2 <sup>nd</sup> JANUARY 2023	CLOSED
TUESDAY 3 <sup>rd</sup> JANUARY 2023	NORMAL OPENING 9 am - 7 pm

***Anthony and Diana along with staff would like to wish their customers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.***

## **SURE SA LTD**

### **Festive Season Opening Hours**



DATE	TIME
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sat 17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 12:30pm
Fri 23 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 12:30pm
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> , Tues 27 <sup>th</sup> Dec	CLOSED
Wed 28 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 3:00pm
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 3:00pm
Fri 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec	9:00am – 3:00pm
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec	9:00am – 12:00pm
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup> Jan 23	CLOSED
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 23	Normal hours resume 9:00am – 3:00pm

**\*Directory Enquiries** will be available during opening hours and  
**Faults** can be logged 24/7 on tele **121**

**SURE SA LTD wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season!**





Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

[www.sainthelenabank.com](http://www.sainthelenabank.com)

## *Festive Season Openings*

Date	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	Accounts & Payments	Lending
Saturday, 24th December	09:00 - 12:00		Closed	
Monday, 26th & Tuesday, 27th December	Closed			
Wednesday, 28th December	09:00 - 13:00			
Thursday, 29th December	09:00 - 13:00			
Friday, 30th December	Closed			
Saturday, 31st December	09:00 - 12:00	Closed		
Monday, 2nd January	Closed			

**Please Note: International Remittance Services will be accepted up to an hour before closing on 28th and 29th December 2022.**


**Normal Bank opening times will resume on Tuesday, 3rd January 2023.**

**Bank of St Helena Ltd takes this opportunity to wish all our customers a Happy Festive Season and a Prosperous New Year.**





# CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS



DEC 15

**Giving You more Time to Shop**  
**Our Extended Opening Hours will start:**

	Thu 15-Dec	Fri 16-Dec	Sat 17-Dec	Sun 18-Dec	Mon 19-Dec	Tue 20-Dec	Wed 21-Dec	Thu 22-Dec	Fri 23-Dec	Sat 24-Dec	Wed 28-Dec	Thu 29-Dec	Sat 31-Dec
The Star	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-1pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Greenlands	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-4pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	9am-7pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
DIY Store	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	9am-1pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	8am-7pm	8am-5pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
Special Orders	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	8am-1pm	8am-4pm	8am-4pm	9am-1pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Warrens Wholesale	9am-4.30pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-12.30pm	CLOSED	9am-4.30pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-1.30pm	9am-12.30pm	9am-12.30pm	9am-12.30pm
Half Tree Hollow Supermarket	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-5.30pm	10am-1pm	9am-6pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-7pm	9am-7pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-1pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Half Tree Hollow Hardware	8:30am-6pm	8:30am-6pm	9am-5.30pm	10am-1pm	8:30am-6pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-7pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
Silver Hill Shop	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-5.30pm	10am-1pm	9am-6pm	9am-5pm	9am-5pm	9am-6pm	9am-6pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE	9am-1pm	9am-1pm BREAD ON SALE
Jamesstown Fuel Station	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	9am-1pm 6:30-8:30pm	CLOSED	8am-5pm	8am-5pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	8am-7pm	9am-2pm 6:30-9pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
Half Tree Hollow Fuel Station	8:30am-6pm	8:30am-6pm	9am-5.30pm	10am-1pm	8:30am-6pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-5pm	8:30am-7pm	8:30am-7pm	9am-4.30pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm	9am-1pm
Cash Office	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon
Shipping & Travel	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	8am-3pm	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am-12noon	CLOSED
Insurance Agency	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	CLOSED	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon	9am-12noon

**All Outlets will be closed during the Public Holidays; Monday 26 and Tuesday 27 December 2022 and Monday 2 January 2023 and also on Sunday 25 & Friday 30 December 2022 and Sunday 1 January 2023**

**Normal Opening Hours will resume on Tuesday 3 January 2023**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHG SERVICES OPENING AND CLOSING TIMES CHRISTMAS/NEW YEAR 2022/23**

All SHG Portfolio's/Services will be closed on 26 and 27 December 2022 and 2 January 2023. The following table provides details of opening hours between 24 and 30 December 2022. Normal business will resume on 3 January 2023.

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
Central Support Service	Central Support Service, the Castle	The Castle will open from 8.30am to 12 noon on 28, 29 and 30 December 2022. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
	Judicial Services	The SHG Archives will close at 4pm on 23 December until 8.30am on 3 January 2023. Closed from 12.30pm on 23 December to 8.30am on 3 January 2023.
Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development	Post & Customer Service Centre	Opening hours will be 8.45am – 12 noon on 24, 28, 29 and 31 December. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
	Income Tax	Closed 24 December 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive.
	Social Security	Closed 23 December 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive.
	Civil Aviation	Civil Aviation can be contacted on +290 22477 until 9 December 2022, after which please contact a member of the Sustainable Development team on +290 22470 until 23 December. The office will be closed from 24 December until 2 January 2023. Throughout this period, the officer on call can be contacted on mobile number: 51461 in the event of an emergency.
	Housing	The Housing Office in Jamestown will be closed from 24 December and will reopen on 4 January 2023. During this time on call services will be provided for emergency repairs only that are the Landlord's responsibility (as specified in tenancy agreements).
	Tourist Office	The Tourist Office will be closed on 24 and 25 December 2022 and 1 January 2023, but will open from 8.30am – 12 noon on 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 and 31 December 2022 and 2 January 2023. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
Education, Skills & Employment	St Helena Community College	The St Helena Community College will close from the week commencing 19 December 2022 and reopen on 3 January 2023. Enquiries during the festive period can be made to Mrs Angela Benjamin on tel: 24544 or mobile: 62331.
	Public Library	Closed from 23 December and will reopen on 3 January 2023.
	St Helena Research Institute	Closed from 19 December and will reopen on 3 January 2023.
	Schools	All schools will close for the Christmas holidays from 19 December 2022 and will reopen on 16 January 2023. The first teaching day will be on 17 January 2023 as 16 January is a Staff Development Day.
	Career Access	Will close from 23 December and will reopen on 3 January 2023.
	Administration	For the period 28 – 30 December, enquiries can be made to Mrs Angela Benjamin on tel: 24544 or mobile: 62331.
Health & Social Care	Mental Health Services	28, 29, and 30 December 2022 – Normal Working Hours
	Dental Department	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Open from 8.30am to 12 noon. <b>[Note:</b> On each of these days the Dental Clinic will be open for emergencies from 8.30am to 9.30am, and for pre-booked appointments from 10.30am to 12 noon].
	Environmental Health	Closed on 28, 29 and 30 December 2022. <b>[Note:</b> Staff on-call can be contacted via the Hospital Switchboard on tel: 22500].
	Community Nursing Services	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Community Nurses will operate from the Jamestown Outpatient Clinics, open from 8.30am to 12 noon. <b>[Note:</b> Essential Community Nursing Services which include home visits and Palliative Care will be conducted throughout the festive period, as required].
	Pharmacy	24 December 2022 – Closed 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Open from 9am to 12 noon.
	Laboratory	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Open from 8.30am to 12 noon. <b>[Note:</b> Staff on call for emergencies].

SHG Directorate	Service	Details
	General Hospital - Emergency Department	Open 24 hours a day for Emergencies only.
	Doctor's clinics Jamestown Outpatients ( <i>pre-booked appointments</i> )	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Doctors Outpatient Clinics open 9am to 12 noon. <b>[Note:</b> The Medical Records Office/Appointments will be open from 8.30am to 12 noon on each of these days. Normal Outpatients Services will resume on Tuesday, 3 January 2023. In the event of an emergency please attend the General Hospital].
	Administration	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Closed. <b>[Note:</b> Staff on-call can be contacted via the Hospital Switchboard on tel: 22500].
	Children's Social Care	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Normal Working Hours.
	Adult's Social Care	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Normal Working Hours.
	Probation	28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – Normal Working Hours.
Environment, Natural Resources & Planning	Essex House	Closed from 4pm on 23 December 2022 to 2 January 2023. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
	Scotland	From 4pm on 23 December 2022 to 2 January 2023 will see most operations and the Offices closed. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
	ANRD	Veterinary Emergency calls: 62039 or 26162 Forestry Services call: 24432 or 62701 or 24791 or 64024
	Waste Management Services	All domestic and commercial waste collection and disposal services throughout December 2022 – 2 January 2023 will remain unchanged. For Waste Management issues please contact Waste Management Services Supervisor, Anthony Henry, on mobile: 66380 (AM only).
	Marine Centre	Closed from 4pm on 23 December 2022 to 2 January 2023. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
	Marine Enforcement	Closed on Public Holidays. Open on 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 from 9am to 1pm. Please call: 64642 outside of opening hours. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023.
Safety, Security & Home Affairs	Royal St Helena Police Service	Normal policing and emergency response maintained throughout the holiday period. For any emergencies call telephone number 999, for non-emergencies call 22626.
	Fire Service	The Fire Service will operate as normal for Emergency response on telephone 999. The Station will operate on the 28, 29 & 30 December 2022 from 8am to 12 noon.
	Prison	HM Prison remains open and operational over the festive and New Year period, however there will be no social visits on 25, 26, and 27 December or 1 and 2 January 2023.
	Immigration	Opening 19 to 23 December 2022 between 8.30am and 4pm. 28 December 2022 to 2 January 2023 - Closed. Normal opening hours will resume on 3 January 2023 from 8.30am. Please contact the Police Office at Coleman House on tel: 22626 should you have an Immigration query outside of the opening hours stated above.
	Emergency Planning	Open on 27, 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 - 8am to 12 noon. For an Emergency response please contact the Emergency Control Centre on tel: 999.
	Sea Rescue	Open on 27, 28, 29 and 30 December 2022 – 8am to 12 noon. For an Emergency response please contact the Emergency Control Centre on tel: 999 or Saint Helena Radio on VHF channel 16.
	Customs	Closed from 24 December 2022 – 2 January 2023. An Officer will be on-call during this time. Normal opening Hours will resume on 3 January 2023 at 9am.
	Port Control	Closed 24 December 2022 to 3 January 2023 inclusive. The Harbour Master can be contacted in an emergency on VHF channel 14/16 or mobile numbers: 67383 or 61827 or home tel: 24817 during the Festive period, also via the Police Control Room on tel: 22626.

We would like to thank you for your custom, we hope you enjoy the holidays and we wish you all the best for the Festive Season.

Susan O'Bey  
Chief Secretary



# Application Cut-Off Date

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2022 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by no later than **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 2022.**

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until January 2023.

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email [service@sure.co.sh](mailto:service@sure.co.sh) for further information



## THE ANCHOR SHOP

**SITUATED AT KUNJIE FIELD:**

**OPENING HOURS: MONDAYS –**

**SATURDAYS: 4:30 PM -6:30 PM**

**AND**

**SITUATED OPPOSITE SEALES**

**CORNER**

**OPENING HOURS: THURSDAYS AND**

**FRIDAYS: 09:00 – 2:00 PM**

**SATURDAYS: 09:00 – 1:00 PM**

**HAPPY CHRISTMAS**

**SHOPPING!!!**



## THE QUEEN MARY & VICTORIA SHOP OPENING HOURS

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> December Open till 3.00pm then  
evening opening from 6.30pm till 9.00pm

Closed 25<sup>th</sup> 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup>

Open until 1.00pm on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 29<sup>th</sup>, and  
Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December (no evening opening)

Normal Opening hours from Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

The Management & Staff of the Queen Mary, Victoria shop  
& Barracks' Warehouse would like to thank all their  
customers for their support during 2022 and we wish  
everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy & prosperous

New Year!





**W.A Thorpe & Sons Ltd.**

*A family business since 1865*

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS 2022

	Grocery Shop	Tinkers	Wholesale Store	Emporium
Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4 pm	9 am - 8 pm
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8 am - 5 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 8 pm
Saturday 24 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 3 pm	9 am - 3 pm	9 am - 3 pm	9 am - 3 pm
Christmas Eve	7 pm - 9 pm	7 pm - 9 pm		7 pm - 9 pm
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Closed			
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Closed			
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Closed			
Saturday 31 <sup>st</sup>	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Jan 2023	Back to normal			

*We wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year!*

## CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

**PHILIP JOHN'S SHOP - ST. PAUL'S - 24555**

TUESDAY 13<sup>th</sup> DEC

WEDNESDAY 14<sup>th</sup> to SATURDAY 17<sup>th</sup> DEC

SUNDAY 18<sup>th</sup> DEC

MONDAY 19<sup>th</sup> DEC & TUE 20<sup>th</sup> DEC

WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> DEC

THURSDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> DEC

FRIDAY 23<sup>rd</sup> DEC

SATURDAY 24<sup>th</sup> DEC (XMAS EVE)

SUNDAY 25<sup>th</sup> DEC (XMAS DAY)

MONDAY 26<sup>th</sup> DEC (BOXING DAY)

TUESDAY 27<sup>th</sup> DEC

WEDNESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> DEC

THURSDAY 29<sup>th</sup> DEC

FRIDAY 30<sup>th</sup> DEC

SATURDAY 31<sup>st</sup> DEC (NEW YEARS EVE)

SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JAN (NEW YEARS DAY)

MONDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> JAN

TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> JAN

**CLOSED**

**9am to 5pm**

**10am to 5pm** (WALK IN HAIR CUTS AVAILABLE)

**9am to 5pm**

**9am to 6pm**

**9am to 6pm** (WALK IN HAIR CUTS AVAILABLE from 11am)

**9am to 4pm**

**9am to 4pm**

**CLOSED**

**CLOSED**

**9am to 5pm**

**9am to 1pm**

**9am to 5pm**

**9am to 1pm**

**CLOSED**

**CLOSED**

**10am to 12pm**

**9am to 5pm** (NORMAL HOURS RESUME)



*The Management & Staff of PEAKS Enterprises would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our customers for your support during the Year, and wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Healthy New 2023.*



# Festive Opening Hours 2022

	Rose & Crown Shop	The Hive	Longwood Supermarket	Longwood Hardware	The Arch Shop
	Tel: 22427	Tel: 22468	Tel: 24679	Tel: 24462	Tel: 22728
<b>Saturday Christmas Eve 24th Dec 2022</b>	9.00 - 20.30	9.00 - 20.30	9.00 - 18.00	08.00 - 17.00	9.00 - 20.30
<b>SUNDAY—CHRISTMAS DAY—CLOSED</b>					
<b>MONDAY —BOXING DAY—CLOSED</b>					
<b>Tuesday 27th Dec 2022</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00 - 13.00	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Wednesday 28th Dec 2022</b>	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00
<b>Thursday 29th Dec 2022</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00 - 13.00	9.00 - 13.00
<b>Friday 30th Dec 2022</b>	9.00 - 13.00	9.00 - 13.00	9.00 - 13.00	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Saturday 31st Dec 2022</b>	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00	9.00 - 15.00
<b>Sunday 1st Jan 2023</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Monday 2nd Jan 2023</b>	CLOSED	CLOSED	9.00 - 13.00	CLOSED	CLOSED
<b>Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023 (Normal Hours)</b>	9.00 - 17.00	9.00 - 17.00	9.00 - 18.00	8.00 - 17.00	8.00 - 17.00

## EXTENDED OPENING HOURS DURING DECEMBER



**ROSE & CROWN SHOP & THE HIVE OPEN EVERY FRIDAY UNTIL 7PM.**

**THE HIVE OPEN FROM 9AM— 8.30PM EVERY SATURDAY**

**LONGWOOD SUPERMARKET & LONGWOOD HARDWARE OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK.**

**Thank you for your custom during 2022.**

**We look forward to providing good quality products and services to you again in 2023.**

**May your holiday period and New Year be filled with good health, laughter and prosperity.**

# SHG VACANCIES

## Health Care Assistant (Health & Social Care Portfolio)

The Health and Social Care Portfolio is looking to recruit a highly motivated individual with a caring and empathetic nature to support our Nursing team in providing direct patient care in a highly pressured working environment. The role involves **assisting** nursing staff with out of hours nurse-led emergency care (evenings, nights and weekends) for patients attending hospital or contacting via telephone, as well as **assisting** nurses as part of the ambulance team when called out of the hospital for emergencies. Good verbal and written communication skills with a keen eye for detail and accuracy is essential for this role.

**Further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact:

**Nova Norrie, Chief Nursing Officer** on telephone number 22500 or email: [nova.norrie@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:nova.norrie@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](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies). Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Camilla Thomas, Trainee Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm on Tuesday, 20 December 2022**.

## PRISON CATERING OFFICER

### *(within Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio)*

*Her Majesty's Prison in Jamestown is looking to recruit an individual to take on the responsibility of ensuring meals are planned and prepared for the entire Prison. The Individual will need to take on the responsibilities of ensuring menus are produced taking into account any dietary requirements for the prisoners and supervise Prisoners who are keen to learn a skill to help them earn a qualification to aid in securing future employment*

**Further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact:

Linda Fuller, Deputy Prison Manager on telephone number 22541 or email: [linda.fuller@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:linda.fuller@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Application forms** are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies). Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than **4pm GMT on Friday 30th December 2022**

**To be considered for these roles, 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.**

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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.

## Vacancy Lifeguard/Pool Attendant

(Jamestown Swimming Pool)



Jamestown Swimming Pool C/O Bennett's Ltd. has a vacancy for a full-time **Lifeguard/Pool Attendant**.

The post holder will form part of a small team responsible for providing a high level of service to the public at one of the Island's unique leisure locations.

**Salary for the post: £8,160 pre-tax (Take home pay £654.87/month)**, working on a shift basis including weekends.

Interested persons should ideally have;

- Excellent organisational, communication, and public relation skills.
- Awareness of Health & Safety issues, including emergency First Aid Response.
- Previous cash handling & shop operations experience.

Desirable;

- NPLQ Lifeguard Certification

Job Profile and an Application Form can be collected from the Swimming Pool or requested via the email address below.

**The closing date for applications is by 5pm on Friday 16th December 2022.**

Applicants subject to full vetting disclosures and a physical swimming test.

For further details, please contact Elaine Bennett on Telephone 22650 between 8-5pm or 61363 or via email [elainelormar@gmail.com](mailto:elainelormar@gmail.com)

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(Permanent post within *Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio*)

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**Further information** about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact Isabel Andrews, Deputy Head Teacher on telephone number 24290 or email: [isabel.andrews@princeandrew.edu.sh](mailto:isabel.andrews@princeandrew.edu.sh)

**Job Profile** and **Application forms** are available from: Corporate Human Resources or the SHG website at: [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies). Applications should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Anya Richards, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) by no later than 4pm GMT on Tuesday, 13 December 2022

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

## Driver/ Packaging Assistant

Within the Bakery

### Job Outline

To undertake slicing and packaging and delivery of bakery products, providing an excellent standard of customer service, whilst ensuring adherence to an effective cleaning program of the equipment and facilities.

### Interested Persons Should

- Ideally possess knowledge and experience in food production, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness
- Possess a clean and valid Class D drivers' licence and have excellent practical driving skills and road safety awareness
  - Have basic numeracy and literacy
- Be able to carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks; have good time management and organisational skills
  - Be competent with operating production equipment as required
  - Be able to undertake cash handling duties during deliveries
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
  - Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team
  - Be committed to work unsocial hours and meet tight deadlines

Hours of work will be 33 hours per week

Salary will start at £7,318 per annum, (£609 per month)

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact  
Mr Roy Richards  
Bakery Manager  
on telephone number:  
23770  
or via email address:  
bakery@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Reception Desk, in the Main Office Building, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via e-mail address: [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and should be completed and returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer Solomons Office, Jamestown, By 15 December 2022.

## Vacancy

## Aviation Depot Manager

Salary for the post will commence at £17,885 per annum (£1490 per month)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Agencies Department for an Aviation Depot Manager.

As the Aviation Depot Manager, you will be overall responsible for into plane refuelling services on behalf of any contracted Principals.

### **Interested Persons Should:**

- ✦ Have 3 years' experience in a Management role, with strong interpersonal and organisational skills and the ability to lead and develop a team.
- ✦ Preferably have proven experience working in an aviation refuelling environment & knowledge of fuel facilities operations and maintenance. Persons with appropriate technical aptitude will also be considered.
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- ✦ Knowledge of HSE Health & Safety practises and quality assurance procedures for safe handling of fuels or hazardous products will be preferred.
- ✦ Be committed to continuous learning and self-development.
- ✦ Be computer literate and confident with all Microsoft applications.
- ✦ Hold a valid drivers' licence in classes A & C (J4 desirable).
- ✦ Be available to work additional hours to attend unscheduled or emergency aircraft.
- ✦ Be comfortable to work in a potentially hazardous environment.

### **For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:**

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) ☎ 22523 ✉ [GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh](mailto:GM-Agencies@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **21 December 2022**. Please note candidates will be contacted in January 2023.

### **Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:**

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# ROAD CLOSURE

Construction of all concrete road panels on Side Path Road have been completed by the Contractor. The remaining phase of works to the historic wall will now begin.

Therefore, as per the previous road closure, the Highways Authority has given permission for the section of Napoleon Street above the laundrette, the Brow, and Seales Corner Road up to Carnarvon Court entrance, to be reclosed from tomorrow, Thursday 8 December 2022, to Tuesday, 20 December 2022.

During this closure, only emergency services will be granted vehicular access. Pedestrians will be allowed access, but are asked to be mindful of their surrounding and vigilant of work underway in this area. Appropriate signage will be in place.

Other road users are asked to use the access from the Market Street entrance through Seales Corner.

For any queries, Site Supervisor, Mr Chris Williams, can be contacted on mobile no: 67424 or the Contractor, Mr John Isaac, on mobile no: 62466.

The public are thanked in advance for their understanding and cooperation.

**SHG**

**7 December 2022**

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# POPPY APPEAL 2022

Central Support Services would like to extend sincere thanks to all who supported this year's fund raising in aid of the Poppy Appeal Fund.

The sum of £460.46 was raised this year and will be sent on behalf of St Helena Island to The Royal British Legion's Poppy Appeal in the UK.

Your continuing support to the Poppy Appeal Fund is greatly appreciated.

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# APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2022/88:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Covered Area and Verandah**, Longwood Road on Parcel LWS0386. Applicant: Dean Osborne.
2. **Application 2022/89:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a One Bedroom Loft Dwelling**, Deadwood on Parcel DW0201. Applicant: Matthew Joshua.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Portfolio Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email [Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh) stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Representation Closing Date

4pm – 23 December 2022

Shane Williams, Planning Officer



## ***Vacancies for Temporary Workers***

Saints Tuna Corporation has started its frozen fish export operations and are now inviting part time factory workers, mostly for fish processing and related activities

The vacancies include :

- Fish processors, with previous experience of fish cutting
- Porters, vacuum packers, and weighing and labelling assistants
- General workers

Interested parties should be :

- Older than 18 years
- Male or Female
- In good physical health (basic medical tests and examinations will be arranged)

The company offers a market related salary linked to part time and casual work, as and when needed. As the position at this time is casual, no other employee benefits are offered, except transportation on a prearranged basis will be considered.

Interested parties should contact STC on 22333 or e-mail : [info@saintstunacorp.com](mailto:info@saintstunacorp.com) for more related information and interviews arranged.

**07 December 2022**

# Golf Report for Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> December

Contributed by: SHGC

The first competition of the last month of the year took place last Sunday. The December monthly medal competition attracted just enough players to make it an official competition. Top on the leaderboard with net 66 playing off 9 handicap was the captain who scored a total of 4 birdies two in each nine returning 37 in the first and 38 in the second nine total 75 gross. In second place 16 handicap Mr Gerald George is still in the winner's circle. He scored net 67 to win the second prize. There was no two-ball pool winner. Prizes were presented by the ladies' captain Mrs Helena Stevens.

On Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2022 we are providing our players an opportunity to play a different course. It will be the last Turkey and Ham competition of the year and it will be played in the Cross-Country stroke play format. Tee off 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> November at 3pm.

Lastly the committee of management is pleased to inform members that with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022 Mr Philip Francis has joined the committee as the Honorary Treasurer and Mr Ed Oyewo as the Honorary Secretary. We wish to thank the two gentlemen for volunteering to serve in the two respective roles and we look forward to working with them and we have no doubt that you will all give them your support.  
**Happy swinging.....**



ST. HELENA  
GOLF CLUB

## Discovery completes scientific mission around St Helena

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These specimens will be displayed in the brand-new marine lab, which was opened earlier this year. They will also be available for researchers on St Helena and around the world.

Members of the team were also excited to present some of the findings from the expedition to the local community and school children through a series of events over the following days, answering questions about DY159 and how it has advanced our understanding of the St Helena marine environment.

### What happens next?

With the expedition now concluded, all of the data collected throughout the trip – from the deep-sea camera footage to the biological specimens – will now be returned to Cefas, MMO, NHM, and other organisations where they will be further analysed and written up into scientific journals, or in response to specific advice requests from the UKOT Governments. Much of the data is also set to become freely available to other researchers.

All of the information collected will be a valuable resource for the Governments of Ascension and St Helena in their continuing work to sustainably manage and protect their marine environments.

After a successful expedition across these incredible Marine

Protected Areas, the Blue Belt Programme would like to extend our thanks to the teams from Ascension Island and St Helena Government's for their work and support onboard DY159. It was invaluable to have local experts onboard and the Programme looks forward to continuing to work together on the findings from the survey and future research.

## The Japanese Leave a Big Impression of a Different Kind

This is how the Japanese Men's team left the dressing room after their win at the World Cup yesterday... In 2018 they did the same thing and left a thank you note for the hosts in 3 languages... On top of this... photos have emerged of large groups of Japanese fans staying behind after the game to clean all of the stands. This isn't just a clean dressing room; it's a clear demonstration of values. It's a statement about respect, gratitude and attention to detail. The small things are the biggest indicator of the big things - your values. Huge respect to the Japanese national team and their wonderful culture, values and people.





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# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

For me personally I have really enjoyed this World Cup. From a fans point of view it seems like Qatar has done a grand job as organisers.

In the last sixteen matches it is the two countries that speak Portuguese that put in the most outstanding performances. Brazil put in an outstanding display as they beat South Korea 4-1. They have now got to be odds on favourites to reach the final and may even go on to lift their 6<sup>th</sup> World Cup.

The only downside for me is the dancing celebrations... a bit over the top. Roy Keane said it was like watching 'Strictly Come Dancing'.



## ***Were Brazil's dancing celebrations disrespectful to their opponents?***

Brazil will now face Croatia in the Quarter Finals after Croatia beat Japan on penalties

Portugal was the other team that put in a brilliant performance despite having their talisman Ronaldo dropped from the starting line-up.

Ronaldo's replacement Goncalo Ramos justifies his selection as he scored a hat-trick in his team's 6-1 defeat of Switzerland.

Portugal coach Fernando Santos dropped Cristiano Ronaldo to the bench. Santos expressed his displeasure at gestures made by Ronaldo when he was substituted in the last group game against South Korea and it was the first time in 31 games stretching back to 2008 that he had not started in a major tournament.

It is sad to see that this fall out with managers is becoming a common theme for the Ronaldo as his glittering career is coming to an end.



## ***Ramos upstaged Ronaldo as Portugal trash Switzerland***

Portugal will face Morocco who overcame Spain in a penalty shoot-out. Morocco became just the fourth African team to make it through to the Quarter Finals of the World Cup.

To have an Arab team in the Quarter Finals is huge and their support is now greater than any other team left in the World Cup.

It was Hakimi who was born in Madrid to Moroccan parents who stepped up to score the winning penalty.



## ***Hakimi winning penalty sparks great celebration all over Africa and in the Arab World.***

World Cup holders France had a comfortable 3-1 win against Poland and will now face England who also had a straight forward 3-0 win against Afcon Champions Senegal.

Personally I don't think England have anything to fear and is more than capable of winning this match. In Kylian Mbappe France has possibly the best player in the tournament whereas England has one of the strongest squad. It should be a very interesting match



## ***France v England 7pm Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December***

Lionel Messi playing in what is likely his last World Cup scored on his 1000<sup>th</sup> career appearance as Argentina beat Australia 2-1 to reach the Quarter Finals where they will meet the Netherlands.

The Dutch beat the USA 3-1 and are some people's dark horses to go on and lift the Cup for the first time.

Van Gaal has been over this before with the Netherlands, when he guided them to a World Cup semi-final in Brazil in 2014, only to lose on penalties to Argentina after a goalless draw in Sao Paulo.

# Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

And his vast experience means they cannot be under-estimated here as they set up a last eight meeting with their 2014 conquerors Argentina.



**Can Van-Dyke stop Messi as Netherlands face Argentina?**

## St Helena Football Association

### Junior Football (Futsal) Results 2022 by Owen Richards

#### Age 6-11 KNOCK OUTS

Thursday 1st December Preliminary Round

Predators 11 – 1 Young Rebels

Goal Scorers: Predators – Cruz Williams 3, Lebron George 3, Hugo Richards 2, Levi Williams 2, Own Goal 1

Goal Scorers: Young Rebels – Dillon George 1

Player of the match

Predators – Cruz Williams

Young Rebels – Elijah Young



#### Saturday 3rd December SEMI FINALS

Predators 17 - 1 Young Raiders

Goal Scorers: Levi Williams 5, Cruz Williams 4, Hugo Richards 3, Alexis Williams 2, Lebron George 2, Own Goal 1,

Goalscorer: Young Raiders - Oscar Young-Markham 1

Player of the match

Predators – Levi Williams

Young Raiders - Kylen Piek Williams

Young Bellboys 10 – 2 Hungry Sharks

Goal Scorers: Young Bellboys – Kayden Scott 7, Joshua Crowie 1, Alisha Crowie 1, Own Goal 1,

Goal Scorers: Hungry Sharks – Scott Constantine 1, Warren Jenson 1

Player of the match

Young Bellboys – Kayden Scott

Hungry Sharks – Tom Krutzke

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## Presentation day 2022

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10am	(Friendly match (Pitch 2) Rebels v Parents team
11am	Futsal Cup Final (Pitch 1) Predators v Young Bellboys
11am	Futsal Cup Final (Pitch 2) Young Daredevils v Natural Disasters
12noon	SHFA Friendly 11-a-side: Ballez v SHFA XI
2pm	SHFA Knockout Cup Final Rovers v Wirebirds
4pm	Presentation of Cups and Trophies

**Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December**

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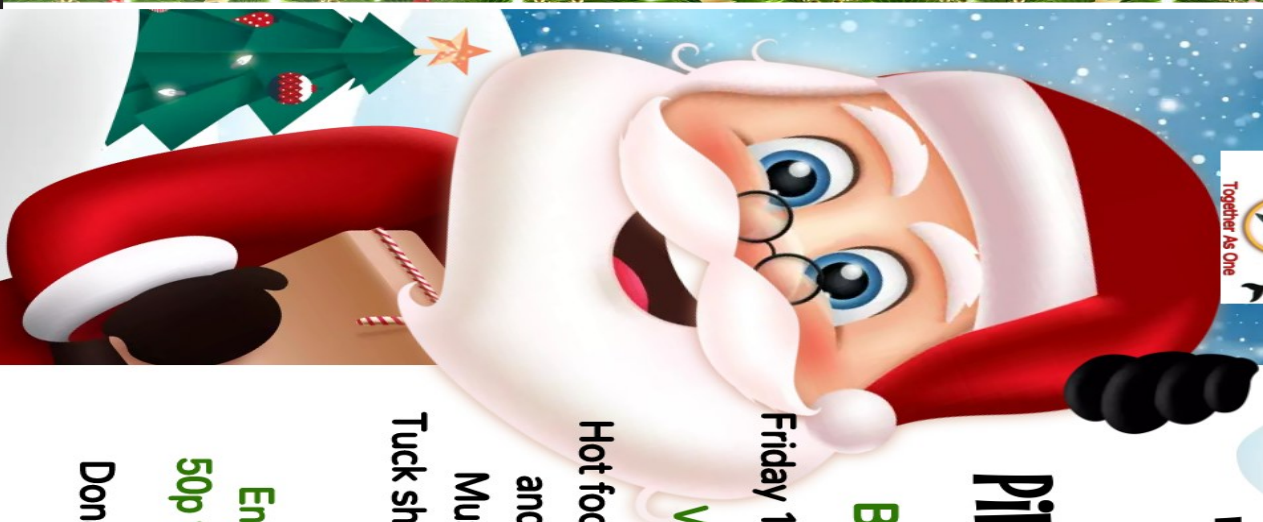
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# 'Family Christmas' with

## Pilling Primary School

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# Football on Francis' Plain

Louis Barnikel

## SHFA Cup Semi Final Wirebirds vs Lakers

Wirebirds will play league champions Rovers in the 2022 SHFA cup Final on Saturday 10<sup>th</sup> December having overcome a tenacious Lakers side in a tightly fought Semi-final.

Lakers went into the game on the back of a good run of results and with overseas Saints returning to island for Christmas, the starting 11 was bolstered considerably.

One of these players was Jamie ET Thomas who, having arrived on Saturdays flight made an instant impact within the first 10 minutes by pouncing on a mistake by the Wirebirds goalkeeper.

**1-0 Lakers and at this point it was one way traffic.**

Lakers with the wind behind them, kept pouring forward and should have been more than a goal to the good hitting the bar twice in the first half as well as having a stone wall penalty turned down.

But, against the run of play, it was Wirebirds who would score the next goal. A long ball forward caught the Lakers defence out of shape and the pace of Tyler Benjamin meant he could race away and tuck home to level the scores.

**1-1**

Lakers thought they had re-taken the lead through Sean Lee Thomas but no sooner than the celebrations start did the linesman's flag get raised.

The second half was as dramatic as the first with both sides creating numerous chances to win it.

The game was on a knife edge but no team could find the crucial winner.

Extra time was a slog for both teams and it felt like a game that was heading for penalties.

With 5 minutes left Wirebirds were awarded a dubious free kick.

The ball was swung into the box and placed on a silver plate for the Wirebirds attacker to head home.

**2-1 Wirebirds**



But it wasn't over because with 2 minutes left, Lakers had a glorious opportunity to level... only to be denied by the save of the season from Wirebirds goalkeeper Rick Zoley at point blank range.

Pandemonium for the Birds.

Heartbreak for the Lakers.

Full Time AET

**Wirebirds 2-1 Lakers**

The second Semi Final was a non-contest with Rovers defeating the ballers by a handsome margin. As has been the case all season, the power and aggression from the indomitable Rovers sent the Baller boys to the clinic. This sets up a fascinating final between the league's top two teams and a repeat of last season's cup final. Wirebirds will be desperate to atone for their league campaign results against the Rovers whilst Rovers will hope to continue their unbeaten season and claim a league and cup double.

A prayer must go to Callum Fry and Alex Torchy of the Wirebirds who put their bodies through brick walls for the black and whites. Both suffered season ending injuries in the win over Lakers. We are all praying for you boys.

## SHFA Cup Final

**Wirebirds Vs Rovers @ 2.00PM on  
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