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Questions to the Castle

***New Reservoir to Serve
Sandy Bay with Treated Water***

MV Helena - Sailing Away Into the Sunset



Christmas Has Started!



New Reservoir to Serve Sandy Bay with Treated Water

A proposal to build a new reservoir at Taglate, Levelwood and enlarge the existing adjacent reservoir will be decided on Monday at the meeting of the Land Development Control Authority (LDCA). The reservoir will serve the people of Sandy Bay with treated water. The Planning Officer's report to members of the LDCA points out, "Sandy Bay has historically only been supplied with untreated water from natural sources found within the area. The supply for treated water in the Sandy Bay area aligns with the decision taken by Executive Council in 2011, that all areas across the island should be supplied with treated water."

The existing Levelwood reservoir can store 3,877 cubic metres of water. This reservoir will also be enlarged to create a total water storage capacity with the new reservoir of 17,550 cubic metres, more than three times more than is currently available. A bulk water supply line has already been installed between the Levelwood Water Treatment Works and Sandy Bay.

Diagram 3: Photograph of Existing Reservoir



The new reservoir will be built on land previously owned by Solomon's and bought by Connect in 2019. Solomon's used the land for cattle grazing. While in the Green Heartland it is not in an ecologically sensitive area but is non-compliant with one of the Green Heartland policies in the Land Control Development Plan. The Planning Officer's report explains, "However there are material considerations including social, economic and environmental benefits for allowing this development." It was also explained the development application is compliant with other sustainable development policies.

Other sites were investigated for a new reservoir to supply treated water to Sandy Bay including Sharks Valley and Deep Valley. Despite being plentiful and reliable sources of water the construction of a reservoir in Shark's Valley would also require additional works. The Planning Officer's report said, "it would be necessary to develop an access road with storm water management to mitigate road erosion from heavy rain-fall, as regular weekly access would be required. A pump house with electrical supply will need to be installed along with a new pipeline to connect the raw water to the existing treatment plant at Taglate. In addition, there are other logistical considerations when creating a remote network to any new site, which will lead to time constraints. Ultimately the cost to complete the additional requirements to achieve an opera-

tional catchment/reservoir at Sharks Valley would exceed an additional estimated sum of £250,000 – excluding the day to day operational cost for pumping, staff support and travel, effectively having an adverse effect on the cost to the consumer."

By contrast, "The current location at Taglate has minimal added costs associated with the proposed site, other than the cost to establish the additional reservoir. In fact it offers cost savings and practical rewards in that the earth moved will not create additional costs of being transported away from the site, as it is intended to be used to expand the capacity of the existing reservoir therefore the current proposed site will have a twofold advantage."

The Planning Officer recommends to LDCA members that the development application is approved.

Yacht Club Verandah and Balcony Proposal Decided on Monday

The development application submitted by the St Helena Yacht Club for a verandah in front of the club building with balcony above will be decided at the Land Control Development Authority's monthly meeting on Monday. The report to members of the Land Control Development Authority states, "The intention is to provide first floor outdoor catering space and protection to the ground floor area below it, in use for the same purpose. It will be constructed of timber, with traditional details including criss-cross balustrades reflecting St Helena tradition, and will stand clear of the wharf road carriageway, behind the line of existing concrete bollards."

It is also explained in the Planning Officer's report. "The proposal has two elements, firstly the installation of a replica of the former small balcony outside the first-floor central doorway, secondly construction of a free-standing larger balcony/verandah, accessed from the smaller balcony."



STEP ONE – reinstate the balcony which existed at the front of the building until the 1970s. It is believed the balcony was removed because of the dangers of rocks falling onto it from above.

Describing the freestanding verandah/balcony the Planning Officer says in his report, "The platform will extend about 4.25m from the front of the Yacht Club building. When considered in

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the wider context of the wharf, the platform would extend out over the wharf beyond the line of the surrounding buildings. The platform itself would be of a similar height to the eaves of the surrounding buildings and the railings would be higher. However, the proposal is essentially a lightweight timber structure of low mass compared to the surrounding stone buildings. Taking this into account, the scale of the proposal is considered to be appropriate in the context of the setting of the listed buildings and the character of the conservation area."



STEP TWO – construct a freestanding verandah with a larger balcony above. The reinstated original balcony will give access to the larger balcony.

The Planning Officer's assessment includes, "The free-standing platform has been designed taking into account St Helena tradition being constructed of timber with criss-cross balustrades. The front elevation shows the new structure is narrower than the Yacht Club building itself and is considered to be in scale and proportion with the building in this respect."

One of the public consultation responses to this development application includes:-

The development of the Yacht Club building offers the opportunity to provide:-

1. A place where people can have coffee or a light meal when other catering outlets which cater for the Jamestown lunch-time trade or weekend entertainment are closed
2. A much improved social venue for yacht crews, divers and people who enjoy other marine activities
3. A much needed facility for residents as well as for tourists where diving and other marine pursuits are becoming established as the main tourism attraction/activity
4. A more attractive focal point for the Cape Town to St Helena Yacht Race, the World ARC Rally and the Oyster Rally where the visiting yacht crews can gather
5. An important addition to the facilities available for all visiting yacht crews; a segment of the tourist market which is recognised as requiring improved facilities
6. A place to relax and socialise at a prime site in James Bay.

Thank You

The Family of the late Arthur Edward David Clarke, MBE, JP, would like to thank all who supported them during the illness and passing of David.

Special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses who cared for him during his illness at the General Hospital; also tanks to Ross and Staff at the CCC who gave him love and nursing during his 18 months in your care.

Also a warm thank you to Mr Ian Rummery for his support and warm compassion during this difficult time.

Thanks are also extended to Bishop Dale for conducting the funeral service and Mrs Joy George who led the hymns from the organ; to Envoy Coral Yon for the Reading and Miss Elaine Benjamin for reading the Eulogy.

Also thanks to Roy Williams and his team and to all of you who attended the funeral, sent messages of condolence and in any way supported our family in this time of hardship. You efforts are all warmly appreciated.

***Wonderful Memories Woven in Gold
This is A Picture We Tenderly Hols
Deep in Our Hearts, A Memory is Kept
To Love, To Cherish, Never to Forget***





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Editorial

I must be feeling slightly spiritual right now or fancy myself this week as doing a passable imitation of the Wise Man of the Mountains. Or maybe I've gone a bit doolally after rushing around all day in the sun and heaving boxes here and there – dehydrated and hungry. In case you haven't heard the word doolally before, I don't think I've heard the word used in these parts, it means temporarily deranged or feeble-minded. Anyway, enough of that; I came across these sayings printed below. They are attributed to Saint Seraphim of Sarov. That's Sarov in Russia not the one in Azerbaijan. Although by the time he was 17 he was in what is now Ukraine seeking out famous people with holy reputations. Maybe you have not come across Saint Seraphim; he was of the Eastern Orthodox Church.

Saint Seraphim prayed a lot, meditated even more and he wrote all sorts of things. He wrote these one-liners below. It could be all good advice but I haven't tested any of them.

1. Drink where the horses drink, the horse never drinks bad water.
 2. Put your bed where the cat sleeps, it loves calm.
 3. Plant your tree where the mole digs, for that is fertile land.
 4. Build your house where the snake sits to warm itself, for that is the stable ground that does not collapse. *(I won't test that one)*
 5. Dig to find the water where the birds hide from the heat. Wherever the birds stand, the water hides.
 6. And go to sleep and wake up at the same time with the birds - that's the quest for success.
 7. Eat more vegetables-You will have strong legs and a resistant heart like jungle animals.
 8. Look at the sky as much as possible and your thoughts will become bright and clear.
 9. Be calm and silent, and peace will come to your heart, and your soul will be at peace.
 10. Stay in the shade if you can find any, drink plenty of water and don't skip your meals. *(that one is mine)* Finally, they say diplomacy is the art and science of maintaining peaceful relationships between nations but many people have their own definition or description, here's one or two.
1. I have discovered the art of deceiving diplomats. I speak the truth, and they never believe me.
 2. To say nothing, especially when speaking, is half the art of diplomacy.
 3. Diplomacy is the art of letting somebody else have your way.
 4. A diplomat is a man who always remembers a woman's birthday but never remembers her age.
 5. Diplomacy is like carrying frogs in a wheelbarrow

Enjoy the weekend
Vince

Martin Squibbs Passed Away



It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Martin Squibbs who passed away in the UK on Tuesday 13th January 2022.

Martin, who was Head of the Water Division for Public Works and Services for almost 4 years left the Island in 2013 and retired back in the UK.

On top of his job, he was a fit and active outdoors person and would well be remembered for his interest in Cricket but more so for setting a new record of five ascents of Jacobs Ladder (and four descents) in a time of one hour, 14 minutes and 4 seconds.

Martin has been suffering from a long illness and passed at the age of 73 survived by his wife Denise, son Steven, daughter Sarah and grandchildren.

Apologies to Jonathan The Tortoise

Dear Jonathan

My sincere apologies to you, last week I posted a web source close up photo of you which turned out to be a fake pointed out to me by Teenie Lucy HOWEVER I would also like you to know the reference to ET was not made by me but by the publisher.

I hope this photo of your proud moment receiving your birthday cake will be enough to placate you.



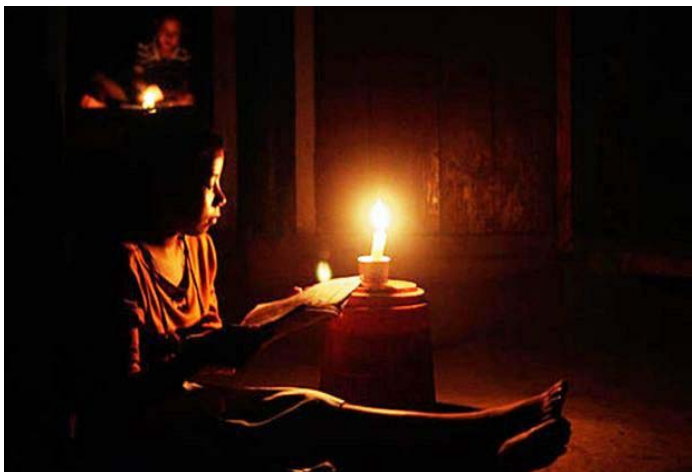
Your humble servant, Tammy Williams

South Africa's Utility Tariff Increase Stays on Hold

While no-one is above criticism it is almost certain we would love Connect if we had to suffer the service provided by Eskom, South Africa's biggest supplier of electricity. Famous for power outages, careless use of money and a range of other epic deficiencies, Eskom applied to the state regulator in June last year for increases in the standard tariff of 32% in 2023 and 9% in 2024.

It seems the application from Eskom for huge price hikes was short on detail. The National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) is still sitting on the application because "additional time was needed to fill in all the gaps that are missing" - a careless use of words - if a gap is missing it does not need to be filled. Even so, the administration of vital South African industries and services staggers onwards.

On Wednesday the Chief Executive of Eskom, André de Ruyter, resigned in the face of outrageous criticism from the president and ministers in South Africa's government. News 24 said De Ruyter's resignation follows a spate of public attacks led by Mineral Resources and Energy Minister Gwede Mantashe. De Ruyter did not receive public support from either President Cyril Ramaphosa or Public Enterprises Minister Pravin Gordhan. Last week, Mantashe accused Eskom of "actively agitating for the overthrow of the state" as it continues to implement load shedding. These comments were "frankly reckless" and undermined De Ruyter and his colleagues by nearly accusing them of "borderline treason".



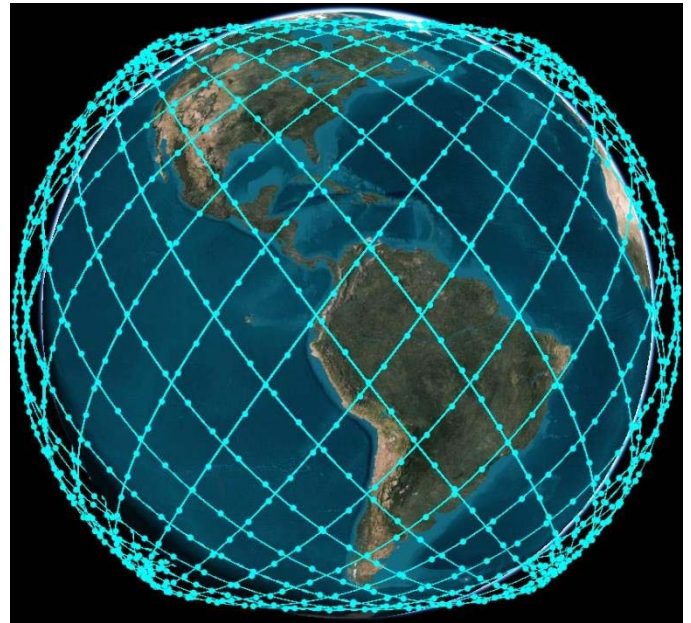
Another Eskom power cut – another mushroom

De Ruyter joined Eskom in January 2020 and was seen by independent industry analysts as a dedicated, intentional pair of hands at the helm of a monster which was intent on fighting him from within, around, and above. The tolerance for escalating load shedding in recent months arose from a belief that there was some leadership at Eskom who had the intent to make decisions and set the ship right.

One critic in the financial sector said "Instead of being focused on ensuring the Eskom Board and management have all the support they need to get Eskom working again, it seems our politicians are more attentive to political side-shows and possibly the protection of vested interests." The Rand dipped against other currencies when the news of de Ruyter's resignation was broadcast but recovered later.

Starlink Data Speeds Slowing Down and Unlimited Data Ends

Starlink is an Elon Musk business which is starting to leak discouraging news similar to the news about Twitter since Musk took it over. As one of the satellite communications companies launching a network of satellites into orbit around the Earth, Starlink is ahead of OneWeb in getting its network established. As such Starlink has more users than OneWeb but it seems the data volume zipping through the satellite constellation to Earth is taking its toll.



Starting this month Starlink satellite Internet subscribers in North America will have a limit placed on the amount of data they can use. Subscribers who exceed the data limit will have to pay more.

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Year of Opportunity

There are just 16 days to go. The year 2023 is already fixed as a Landmark Year for St Helena. There are momentous transformations happening in 2023. It will be an historic year. All those involved in making this happen will be celebrated in the history of this Island as the people who really did move St Helena from its sleepy colonial past to a bright new future. Low wage, low value jobs will be replaced by a range of high value, important, satisfying careers. This important change will be the bedrock for vastly improved productivity which in turn results in higher salaries and wages and a much improved standard of living.

This manifesto describes how the new opportunities soon to be available can be used as the foundation for St Helena's Bright New Future.

Faster, High Quality Communications

The Equiano Cable will be operational in 2023. Before 2023 passes into 2024 a new high speed fibre-optic network will cover the whole Island, offering new opportunities to every individual as well as all businesses and government services. The opportunities offer the potential to improve a wide range of services from home entertainment to fast, efficient and secure commercial and financial transactions. 2023 will be the year when maximising the benefits of 21st century communications is the first priority for everyone.

St Helena's Sustainable Economic Development Plan

2018 - 2028

St Helena Government

End of Year Progress Report – March 2021

Banking Services

The Bank of St Helena grew from the Government Savings Bank. There have been several improvements in the services offered but our national bank is still a long way from being a financial institution which meets the demands of 21st century financial transactions.

A major transformation is needed in the computer and associated security systems used by the Bank of St Helena to make the range of financial transactions offered and the speed and security of those transactions equal to today's fast moving demands. The ability to offer services which compare with international banks is part of the secure foundation needed for meaningful economic development in St Helena.

The St Helena Government is the sole owner of the Bank of St Helena. In recognition of this, the government should include as a financial and political priority bringing the Bank of St Helena up to present day international standards. The service upgrades required will cost significant money. In recognition of this, the government should include the funding of these improvements as a major part of its Economic Development Investment Programme. Also in recognition of the importance the services the Bank has in promoting economic development the government should, as owner, become more involved in the strategic aims of the Bank.

At the same time as transforming the Bank of St Helena into a financial institution which meets today's demands, the government should continue with extra effort to find a partner or owner for the Bank among the established international banks. Improving the capabilities of the Bank of St Helena to meet the demands required from modern financial institutions should improve the chances of finding a suitable owner or finding an overseas international bank which will enter into a partnership of some sort; such as the Bank of St Helena linked to an international bank by operating on an agency basis.

At present The Bank of St Helena has an agreement whereby Lloyds TSB International Services is used as a staging post for international transactions. There was also mention almost 3 years ago that the Gibraltar International Bank (GIB) "supports St Helena with international banking services". How this works in practice is unclear and unexplained as the announcement in March 2020 also states, "there would be no legal relationship between the bank account holder and SHG or between SHG and GIB. SHG is not promoting GIB and does not warrant in any way the services offered by GIB." The Bank of St Helena was notable by its total exclusion from this announcement.

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The requirement today is for the progress of international money transfers to be visible to the person transferring money. After the button is pressed for an on-line transfer the movement of money from one account to another can be checked as the transfer passes through different stages. This transfer is done by the account holder transferring the money and does not involve the bank where the account is held apart from using the bank's computer system. This is the kind of service to be aimed for by the government in collaboration with the Bank of St Helena. Security measures for these transactions is constantly evolving and improving; the Bank of St Helena requires modern computer software with these capabilities to improve its own cyber-security as well as make on-line money transfers more customer-friendly.

Reaping the benefits of high speed electronic communication in this way is equally as important as the benefits envisaged for health, education and businesses where existing practices can be improved and extended using high speed data links.

Renewable Energy

The wind turbines have, over time, increased from three to six and then to twelve. At one time all twelve could be seen to be generating power but the current position is that only four or five are used – possibly six on exceptional occasions. The turbines on Deadwood Plain are now openly discounted as old and inefficient.

St Helena Island 10 Year Plan 2017-2027

Six Month Review

As the existing wind turbines increasingly declined in value the PASH renewable energy agreement stagnated over a number of years, eventually to collapse. This was followed by discussions with the reserve bidder which started in February 2022 "in order to determine next steps on the Renewable Energy Project."

Since February 2022 oil and gas prices have soared for everyone, everywhere. Since February 2022 there has been no public announcement on the progress or otherwise of the much needed expansion in renewable energy generation.

Early in 2023 the government should require Connect to conclude a renewable energy agreement with a contractor to increase renewable energy generation to at least 80% of Island-wide requirements and before the end of 2023 the contractor should be at least mobilising to undertake the work required.

The St Helena Government is also the sole owner of the utilities company Connect St Helena. The government should also involve itself more in the strategic aims of Connect. The current pause in expansion of private solar power generation should be resolved early in 2023 and Connect should con-

tinue to operate alongside private power generation. The strategic aim should be for Connect to reduce electricity charges to an extent where it is no longer advantageous for private investment in solar power.

2030 Vision & Infrastructure Plan

SHG Capital Programme (2020-2030)

Island Security

Increasing power generation using renewable resources is a main factor in strengthening island security as well as stabilising utility charges and making St Helena's economic environment more attractive for development.

Achieving the 80% power generation from renewables insulates St Helena from the erratic prices in the oil market, reduces the cost of energy to all types of users of electricity and gives stronger assurance for both supply continuity and price stability. That so many years have passed with no progress in achieving the valuable benefits claimed at the outset is not a characteristic restricted to renewable energy.

A Climate Change Policy for St Helena

Our Island. Our Environment. Our Responsibility.

For many years we have also been told of efforts to improve and expand local food production. There is wonderful sentiment in the regularly recurring 'Buy Local' campaigns but when there is no fish or tomatoes, eggs, potatoes and/or a range of other fresh food available in the shops, buying local is impossible. The government and the farmers who remain commercially active should have robust plans finalised in 2023 to implement an infrastructure and production plan which significantly improves the supply of locally produced food. This will include a raft of changes which improves reliability and efficiency of production. This too can be an integral part of the Economic Development Investment Programme. Fresh produce fits well with improving the diet and health of residents as well as reducing the need for imported food.

On 21st July 2021 SHG announced:-

Her Majesty's Government have agreed an allocation of circa £4.0 million for the EDIP budget 2021/22. The budget for the programme as set out in the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is £15 million over a four-year period.

£1.5 million of this year's budget will be used to settle existing contractual commitments from the previous year and the remaining £2.5 million will be used for the following projects:

• All works related to the rehabilitation of Side Path road only (excluding signage)

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- Concrete works for the Main Container yard and Freight Station yard in Rupert's Valley
 - Erection of the Port Control Building and Container Freight Station buildings in Rupert's Valley
 - Commissioning of the internals for the Port Control Building and Container Freight Station buildings in Rupert's Valley.
- Approval has also been given for development of a Water Security Project.

Most of the major projects listed as investments in economic development are concerned with the importation of goods. Imports are and will always be not only necessary but essential and indispensable. In 2023 the government should give equal emphasis to actions designed to make St Helena more secure by reducing reliance on imports where it is possible to do this. Changing the emphasis in this way will bring more direct and personal benefits to people on this Island. A change in emphasis will also produce additional Island-wide economic benefits; notably by keeping some money in St Helena instead of handing it over to South African suppliers for inferior and increasingly more expensive frozen foods.

A Change in Mindset

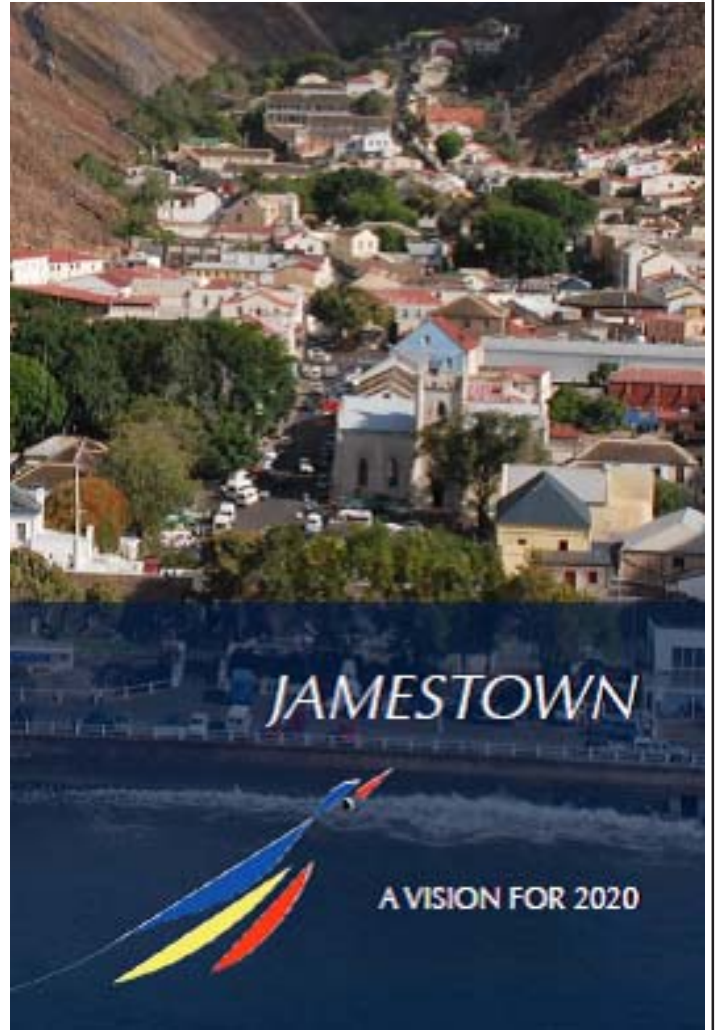
This manifesto gives examples of projects and proposals that have been talked about for years with little or nothing resulting from the effort, time and money expended on them.

There are also the ongoing negotiations with OneWeb and the vital ship cargo service which has lapsed, leaving St Helena in an insecure position. The fishing industry is still struggling despite the talk, the words, the time, money and effort which has been invested in finding a better way to put fishing on a stable economic footing.

There are plenty of other examples, large and small, important or not so important and complex as well as more straightforward. So often it takes years aiming to achieve so many things which result in years getting nowhere.

In 2023 the government should vigorously promote a results

driven culture throughout all departments of government. The focus should be on reducing all projects and proposals to a series of actions and putting a time limit on when each individual action should be completed. Team meetings should focus almost entirely on achieving time limited completion targets, assessing why some targets are not met and skillfully employing flexible thinking and problem solving for introducing alternative measures to get the actions back on schedule. **St Helena Government Gets Results** is a slogan which should be a credible and proud boast before 2023 drifts into 2024.



LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO GO INTO RECESS

Legislative Council will go into recess from Saturday, 17 December 2022, to Monday, 2 January 2023. Normal business will resume from Tuesday, 3 January 2023.

During recess Legislative and Executive Council will not meet to conduct business unless of an urgent nature.

Constituents needing to discuss urgent matters can contact the Council representative in their district during this time.

Elected Members would like to thank all constituents in advance for their cooperation and take this opportunity to wish everyone happy holidays and a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Legislative Council
9 December 2022



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

Today, 16th December marks the 349th anniversary of 1673 Charter of Charles II that established St Helenians as Free Denizens of England and British Citizens; and which is set in stone in the porch of St James.

"And Our Pleasure is, and We do for us and Our heirs and successors declare by these presents, that all and every ye persons being our Subjects which do

or shall inhabit within the said Port and Island and every of their Children and posterity, which shall happen to be born within the precincts & liberties thereof shall have and – enjoy, all liberties franchises immunities capacities and abilities of free Denizens and natural Subjects within any of our Dominions to all intents and purposes as if they had been abiding & born within this Our Kingdome of England, or in any other of Our Dominions."

On the strength of this evidence as presented to the United Nations by the Citizenship Commission, the British Government restored British Citizenship to St Helenians on 21st May 2002, the quincentenary of the Island's discovery.

Next year will mark 350 years.

Charles II



Charles II in his coronation rig but still not looking very happy

**Best wishes
Andy Pearce**

POLICE LAUNCHES FESTIVE SEASON DRINK DRIVE CAMPAIGN

The Royal Saint Helena Police Service launching their yearly drink drive campaign on Thursday, 8 December 2022, and will conclude on Sunday, 8 January 2023.

This year the theme is: 'ARRIVE ALIVE, DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE'.

At Christmas time, people understandably want to celebrate with friends and family. Many people do this by having a night out on the town or enjoying an alcoholic drink as part of their celebrations.

Alcohol affects your judgement and therefore your ability to drive safely.

It goes without saying that if you are driving your vehicle, you are responsible for your own life and the lives of others. This is not just those in the vehicle with you, but other drivers and pedestrians.

If you are suspected of committing a drink drive offence, or suspected of being the driver of a vehicle involved in a road traffic accident, a police officer may require you to do a roadside screening (breath test).

During the road side screening you will be asked to provide a sample of breath by breathing into an approved device.

Failing, or refusing to provide a specimen of breath without reasonable excuse, is an offence carrying the same level of sentencing as the drink drive offences themselves.

The prescribed drink drive limit in St Helena is 50mgs of alcohol per 100ml of breath.

If the roadside screening indicates you are over the prescribed limit you are liable to be arrested and then asked to provide a further evidential breath sample. Ultimately you are liable to be to appear in court.

If you plead guilty or are found guilty at court your sentence will include a mandatory driving ban for at least 12 months. If this is your second offence within five years you will be disqualified from driving for at least three years. Your sentence may also include:

- A fine
- A community sentence or
- A prison sentence

Remember, having a driving licence is a privilege, not a right.

Here's a few tips on how to prevent drink driving:

- Abstinence: Abstain from consuming alcohol when you know you are driving a motor vehicle.
- Designated driver: If you are in a group, select a designated driver.
- Catch a lift: Phone a friend, a family member or a taxi to collect you or catch a lift.

Police officers are not there to catch you out, or "get you". They are there to protect you, and other members of the public, in order to protect and preserve life and property.

So remember to drive responsibly and have a safe and happy Christmas.

#StHelena #DrinkDriveCampaign #AltogetherSafer

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Questions to the Castle

A series of questions about topical issues were emailed to the Castle last week. This week answers have been received this week.

Question

Traffic Management – In view of the re-opening of Side Path Road and the move of all the wharf operations to Rupert's Valley, the centre of Jamestown we will see a considerable increase in traffic in Jamestown, especially in Napoleon Street. Is there a traffic management plan in place and how does this plan look? 'No parking' signs and barricades are not really sustainable traffic management instruments.

Answer

Improvement works to Side Path Road and Field Road (the R2 Project) are being undertaken in light of the fact that both roads have come to the end of their maintainable lives. Doing so will also feed into, and help to facilitate, the wider strategic project to move cargo operations to Rupert's Wharf. With this in mind, rehabilitation works have also taken into account the estimated change in traffic patterns predicted due to port operations being moved.

A condition within the approval notice for the R2 Project was for a Traffic Management Plan to be developed to ensure that the access road into Jamestown is not obstructed during peak hours, in order to enable safe movement of traffic and to ensure pedestrian safety. This needs to be developed within 12 months of the completion of the R2 Project, and implemented within 12 months of Port Operations commencing in Lower Rupert's Valley, in view of the increased traffic flow that will result on that route following the move to Rupert's.

Whilst it is welcome news that Side Path Road will shortly reopen to traffic, significant further works need to take place before cargo operations will fully transfer to Rupert's. This includes the rest of the R2 Project, which comprises works on Field Road.

As such, it is currently forecast that the transfer of cargo operation will take place in Q4 of 2023. This will also include the transfer of container unloading facilities, meaning all containerised freight will be unloaded in Rupert's port, so there will be no full containers running up Field Road and/or down Side Path into Jamestown.

The present temporary parking restrictions in Jamestown have been put in place to effectively manage the increase in traffic associated with the festive period. These are unrelated to the

reopening of Side Path Road and will be removed as soon as is practical.

Question

Banking – It is envisaged that the fibre optic cable will be rolled out on the Island at the end of 2023. We are told that this will bring huge benefits to the Island through better connectivity. However, most services on internet are pay services and without international debit/credit cards they are not accessible to people without these payment facilities.

Will international bank card facilities be available on the Island before the end of 2023 for payment and receipt from overseas? This is an integral part of the cable project.

It is recognised that Bank of St Helena is a SHG parastatal but the sustainable development of the Island is a matter for SHG directly. Therefore the question is directed to SHG who has the ultimate responsibility.

As a simple example, it is highly likely that the terrestrial television service will disappear when the cable is fully commissioned but to get access to the cable service we will need a bank card to pay for it. How is envisaged that this should work? What plans are in hand, after all, it is only 12 months until this can be reality.

Answer

Since 2020 St Helena residents and businesses have been able to open bank accounts with Gibraltar International Bank (GIB). These accounts have a UK account number and sort code. GIB bank accounts provide access to a debit card that can be used for online purchases/payments and used abroad in the same way that UK debit cards can be used. GIB bank accounts can also be used for payment transfers (in/out), linked to a card payment terminal to accept international debit and credit card payments here on island, opened in various currencies to facilitate foreign transactions and can be administered entirely through online banking. Residents and businesses interested in opening an account with GIB should contact GIB directly through their website, by telephone or by email. www.gibintbank.gi - gibraltar@gibintbank.gi – general enquiries

Question

Company Registry – “The UK Government has announced that all inhabited UK Overseas Territories (OTs) have committed to adopting publicly accessible beneficial ownership registers.” When and how will this become a reality in St Helena?

Answer

In line with UK Government requirements, St Helena has committed to implementing a publically accessible beneficial ownership register by the end of 2023. Work on this project commenced in October 2022 and is being led by the SHG Sustainable Development Team in consultation with the Attorney Generals' Chambers and international non-profit organisation Open Ownership.

The publically accessible beneficial ownership register will be administered in conjunction with the existing Company Registry function. Implementation of a publically accessible

beneficial ownership register will require the drafting and passing of new legislation along with the development of a database system and operational policies and procedures. Work on all of these aspects has already commenced.

Further communication with the public and companies will take place when the project is at a more advanced stage and prior to the implementation of the beneficial ownership register.



Legislative Council Meet Today – Twelve Questions for Ministers to Answer

Questions

1. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care:

Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, what items of essential equipment will his Portfolio be procuring against the recently announced £878,000 additional funding provided by the FCDO and what health concerns are the pieces of essential equipment intended to address?

2. The Hon Rosemary Bargo to ask the Hon Chief Minister: Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this House, what has been the outcome of the collective review of social impact assessments resulting from the MOU reforms?

3. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council what proposals are the St Helena Government considering that will benefit a continued air service to and from St Helena?

4. The Hon Karl Thrower to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development tell this Council, what are the main stages and the implementation time frame for getting high speed internet connections to people's homes and businesses?

5. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development explain to this House why plots at the Bottom Woods Comprehensive Development Area have not yet been made available for purchase by the public for house building?

6. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Chief Minister: Will the Honourable Chief Minister tell this Council, what progress has been made towards enabling the development of a temporary work placement scheme, as raised in this

House on 29th March 2022?

7. The Hon Rosemary Bargo to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development tell this House, why has the Project Completion Report for the Fish Processing Factory not yet been provided to Elected Members?

8. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development tell this Council what is the situation with regards to maintaining a regular shipping service for St Helena?

9. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs: Will the Honourable Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs tell this House what are the next steps required to finalise the Immigration Policy and get any necessary changes made to primary legislation, and by when is it envisaged that this process will be completed?

10. The Hon Robert Midwinter to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care: Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council, what key areas of health concerns were identified by the UK HAS Team during their recent visit and how does his Portfolio intend to address these?

11. The Hon Ronald Coleman to ask the Hon Minister for Health and Social Care: Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care tell this Council what improvements have been made within St Helena's Health Service since the approval of £13.9m in this year's budget?

12. The Hon Dr Corinda Essex to ask the Hon Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development: Will the Honourable Minister for Treasury, Infrastructure & Sustainable Development update this House regarding what has transpired since August 2022 and next steps relating to construction of a new prison?

Other Council Business Today

Six motions will be put to Legislative Council; each one asked for a decision of some sort to be made.

The first one is from Martin Henry the Minister for Health who will ask Legislative Council to approve in principle an amendment to the Drugs, Prevention of Misuse Ordinance so that medicinal cannabis oil can be imported and sold in St Helena and to refer the matter to Legislative Council for debate.

The next three motions ask that the Ministerial Code of Conduct, the Standing Orders for Legislative Council and the Code of Conduct for Members of Legislative Council be approved.

Finally, Cllr Corinda Essex asks members of Legislative Council to support her proposal for a comprehensive review of the 2009 Constitution. If supported this will raise important issues and take time, talk and tedium.

R2 Project – Side Path Road Update

SHG wish to inform the public that the Contractor has completed all concrete road panels, as well as the bituminous sections of road at the junctions at the top and bottom of Side Path Road.

It is expected that the panels will have sufficiently cured, and all other works to Side Path Road completed, for the road to be reopened to all road users on 20 December 2022. Monitoring and assessment of the road surface will take place over the next week, and a further announcement providing the exact date and time when the road will reopen will follow.

The finished road surface will have a reflective white broken longitudinal centreline being 100mm wide, with 2m long markings and 4m gaps between the markings. This indicates that vehicles may cross or straddle the broken line, but may only do so when it is safe.

There remains a 20mph speed limit on the road and cycling is not permitted. A 20mph speed limit sign and a no cycling sign will each be installed at the top and bottom of the road.

To improve safety of road users, particularly pedestrians, an 80m long section of the historic wall on Side Path Road above Seales Corner Road has been increased in height, using local stone and lime mortar.

Upon reopening, as per the provisions of the Road Traffic Ordinance, all road users must adhere to the road signs and continue to use Side Path Road in a safe manner.

The public are thanked for their understanding and cooperation during the road closure.

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UPDATE ON ISLAND'S CARGO SHIPPING SERVICE TENDER

On 10 November 2022, it was announced that the current MV Helena service would not continue beyond February 2023 and that discussions had begun with several interested parties to provide a 12 month interim service whilst a longer term solution was put in place.

Proposals for an interim service were submitted in early December and are currently under consideration by the evaluation team. Interested parties have also been asked include an add-on service to Ascension as part of their proposals. Once fully evaluated, SHG officials will provide advice to Executive Council to inform their decision-making process.

We therefore expect to be in a position to provide an update on this matter by the end of December.

In the meantime, SHG has had discussions with importers on how to minimise disruption to their supply chains due to the change in service provider. As such, we are confident that adequate supplies of food and goods will be available to the public following the final voyage of the MV Helena, and ahead of the first voyage of the new interim service.

As the interim service is due to operate until January 2024, a tender for a substantive replacement service will be issued shortly. It is hoped that this will attract a number of robust proposals. This will enable thorough assessment of the options received, including potential new service models, with a view to obtaining the best option for St Helena and Ascension in the longer term.

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BANK OF ST HELENA LTD AWARDED BEST BANK FOR FINANCIAL INCLUSION BY WORLD COMMERCE REVIEW

World Commerce Review is pleased to announce that the Bank of St Helena Ltd has been awarded the WCR Best Bank for Financial Inclusion 2023.

The judges observed the commitment to detail and customer care provided by the Bank of St Helena. The awards panel examined the key initiatives put in place by the bank and its executive team to improve financial outcomes and opportunities for its customers. The team were particularly impressed with the ongoing product improvement and commitment to customer partnerships shown. They were impressed with the skill, knowledge and awareness of their management and staff, who have demonstrated a sophisticated approach to sustainability for their human capital and clients. The judges commend all those shortlisted and our winners for excellence of operation and standards during these unprecedented times.

The World Commerce Review awards celebrate achievement, innovation and excellence across several fields of endeavour. Our award programs are tailored to provide a comprehensive analysis of the very best in each market. The World Commerce Review awards are recognised as the principal indications of professional conduct and excellence. The selection panel took into account product innovation, on-going customer support and best practice criteria as well as a continuing commitment to deploying the best possible solutions for the benefit of their clients.



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About Bank of St Helena Ltd

The Bank of St Helena has a vision to be known as the financial cornerstone from which their customers can confidently build a sustainable and prosperous economy for the Island of St Helena. Their mission is to develop and deliver banking products and services that are appropriate, affordable and accessible to all to enable sustainable development.

For their continued diligence and excellence in this field, and in recognition of their innovation, expertise and services, WCR is proud to award the Bank of St Helena the WCR Best Bank for Financial Inclusion 2023.



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SAFETY ADVICE FOR SWIMMING IN THE OCEAN

Summer is here and the festive season is fast approaching. During this time many of us enjoy participating in ocean-based activities, with swimming being one of the most popular amongst all ages.

The Sea Rescue Service would like to give the following safety advice for swimming in the ocean:

- Do not go swimming alone
- Take some time to observe the ocean before entering. Waves and swells come in sets, building in size and strength. If there are signs of a swell you can then decide if the swell is too big before you enter the water
- Take note as to where the life rings are located in the area in which you are swimming
- Life rings are for use in an emergency situation only. Do not remove the life rings for any other purpose, as an emergency situation may then arise when someone really needs them.


If you get caught in big swells:

- Do not swim back to shore as this will be unsafe
- Swim away from the big swells and remain there until the swells have passed
- If you cannot return to shore due to the swell, signal to shore for help.

If you happen to see a person fall into the water, or experience difficulty in the water:

- Throw in a life ring or any form of floatation device
- Raise the alarm, Call 999 and ask for the Sea Rescue Service
- Stay on the line with the 999 operator and give as much information as possible.


The Sea Rescue Service wishes everyone a safe festive season and a Happy New Year.



P

PREPARE


Pack a bag for your swimming trip, prepare a safety plan so you know what to do if something goes wrong.



L

LOOK

Look out for waves, big swells, slippery rocks and speeding boats. Try to swim in the safe swimming areas to avoid boats. Never turn your back on the ocean.



A

ASK

Ask an adult to watch you when you swim. Always tell an adult where you are going to swim and when you will return.




N


NEVER

Never swim alone.

#SeaRescue #Swimming #OceanSafety
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TV's

Toshiba 43" HD TV with USB Playback	£299
Toshiba 32" HD Ready TV with USB Playback	£215
Samsung 32" HD TV with USB Playback	£235

Q Acoustics Surround Speaker Set - one of the best systems <£2000 £999

1x Q3060s Active Subwoofer - Graphite ex display	
1x Q3090C Centre - Matte Grey ex display	
2x Q3010i Bookshelf Speakers - Graphite	
2x Q3020i Bookshelf Speakers Graphite Grey	
Marantz NR1506 Home Cinema Amp – Used	£250

Laptops, Printers and Tablets

Asus 15.6" Laptop Intel i3, Full HD, 8GB RAM, 256 SSD, Win 11 64 Bit	£499
Lenovo 14" Laptop 530s-14ikb I7-8550u 8/512GB	£699
Asus 11.6" Laptop Celeron N3350 4 GB RAM 64 GB eMMC	£225
Cannon Home Printer / scanner	£99



Huawei Tablet 9.6" 2GB RAM, 32GB ROM, SD Card slot	£150
Children's Huawei Tablet 9.6" 2GB RAM, 32GB ROM, SD Card slot	£185



CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

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



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	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 <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>	9am-1pm	9am-1pm <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>
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 <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>	9am-1pm	9am-1pm <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>
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 <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>	9am-1pm	9am-1pm <i>BREAD ON SALE</i>
Jamestown 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-12noon	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

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Festive Season Opening Hours



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



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 the overall aviation fuel depot operations and into plane refuelling services on behalf of any contracted Principals.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have 3 years' experience in a Management/Supervisory 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 and experience will also be considered.
- Be knowledgeable of risk management principles
- Knowledge of HSSE Health & Safety practises and product 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.

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

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) ☎ 22523 📧 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 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:

- ☛ Pension Contributions
- ☛ Attractive Leave Packages including annual leave, sickness absence leave, maternity/parental leave
- ☛ Staff Discounts



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT VACANCY NOTICE

Health and Safety Officer

Salary of £16,250pa plus allowances and benefits worth up to an additional £13,000pa plus relocation costs.

Two-year fixed term contract

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26 -34°C). Ascension is part of the wider British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha. It is situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and it is 800 miles from its nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live in an incredibly small community.

To ensure our on-going compliance with H&S practices and further develop a strong culture of health & safety, we're looking for an experienced Health and Safety professional to lead on the development and on-going management of our H&S systems, policies and practice. This role will be responsible for developing improvement strategies and plans, advising staff and managers on all aspects of H&S matters in the workplace and ensuring safe working practice and standards across all of AIG's functions.

We're looking to recruit an experienced professional, to lead this critical function of AIG's operations. We welcome applications from a qualified H&S professional (eg NEBOSH) who has significant practical experience of working in a similar role, within the context of an ISO certified operation. Experience of delivering this role in either construction, engineering or a similar operational setting is essential. With experience of managing a small team of people, you'll also have the knowledge, credibility and communication skills to effectively influence and engage internal and external stakeholders in building a strong QHSE culture across all aspects of AIG.

The role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with Accompanied status electricity and water allowances)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £6,700 per annum
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependent children

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing Date: 12 January 2023

Interviews: 19 January 2023 (by Skype if off island)

For more information, job descriptions, and to apply visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

If you have any questions about the role please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ag

Applications must be submitted via the Ascension Island Government recruitment portal via

<https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/vacancies>



**St Helena
Government**

Assistant Logistics Coordinator

Casual position on a 6 months fixed-term contract within *Safety, Security & Home Affairs Portfolio*.

Are you a highly self-motivated individual with good organisational skills? Do you have the ability to use your own initiative in making confident decisions? We are looking for you to support with the safe movement of cargo and goods on the Jamestown Wharf and Ruperts Jetty. This is a casual role on a fixed-term bases that will assist the team with ensuring St Helena's Port's are managed in accordance with relevant Ordinance and in a safe and efficient manner.

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

- **Functional skills Literacy Level 1**
- **Driving Licence Classes A, B, C, D, E, F, H3 and J3**
- **Considerable experience of Wharf Management, Harbour and Cargo Operations and Port Security duties.**

We offer the following:

Salary: £8,613 per annum

Further information about the duties of the post and a copy of the job profile, interested persons should contact: Steve Kirk, Harbour Master on telephone number 22750 or email: steve.kirk@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: 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 by no later than **4pm on Friday, 30th December 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.

DISTANCE LEARNING CO-ORDINATOR

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

Would you like to make a difference in the lives of our future generations by supporting them with their learning? If so, this exciting and important role is the perfect opportunity for you! By leading, managing and implementing a comprehensive distance learning programme, you will be responsible for providing guidance and care to all students undertaking this form of studying. Excellent organisational skills are required with the ability to plan ahead and prioritise workload to meet the varying demand. You will be required to communicate effectively both verbally and written with a wide range of stakeholders including overseas organisations.

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

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

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

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 Camilla Thomas, Trainee Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail 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

Application forms are available from:

Central Human Resources or the SHG website at: 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 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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**CHRISTMAS
SPECIAL**



**The Elf on the Shelf will have
some Great Xmas Specials !!**



**ALL DAY SUNDAY
OPENING**

18TH DECEMBER: 10AM - 5PM

PHILIP JOHN'S SHOP – ST. PAUL'S

GOODIES JUST UNPACKED

Including

- Childrens Toys
- Bicycles
- Frozen Meats
- Christmas Gift Sets
- Other Christmassy Items
 - Rugs
- And loads more.....

**SANTA will arrive at 3pm
with a gift for the Kiddies**



There will be WALK-IN Hair cuts available.....

No appointments necessary...

Just Pop by – if you fancy a Trim,
just in time for xmas!! ☺

Limited only to Ladies Cuts, Blowdry and Straighten,
Gents cuts, and Kiddies Cuts.

Ladies/Kids with long hair will be required to wash their hair and leave wet prior to arrival.

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 23rd 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 elainelorimar@gmail.com



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Operating dates and times below:

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
19th Go Karting Private booking	20th Go Karting 11 - 6pm	21st Go Karting 11-10pm Private Booking with space for additional sessions	22nd Go Karting 11-10pm Private Booking with space for additional sessions	23rd Go Karting Private booking	24th Closed	25th Closed
26th Watersports 12 - 5pm	27th Closed	28th Go Karting 11 - 10pm	29th Go karting 11 - 10pm	30th Go Karting 11 - 6pm	31st Go Karting 11 - 6pm	01st Watersports 12 - 5pm
2nd Go Karting 12 - 6pm						

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens

There was a lot of Pain, Tears and Tantrums in the Quarter Finals of the World Cup as the shocks continued.

The favourites Brazil was the first to crash out as they lost on penalties to Croatia.

Neymar put the Brazilian's ahead at the end of the first period of extra time only for Petrovic to equalise with 3 minutes to go.



The anguish on the faces of Brazilian fans after being the favourites and going out of the World Cup

The second match on Friday saw Argentina won through on penalties against the Netherlands in a seesaw match that was again decided on penalties.

The only downside to this match was the unsavoury scenes of ill-discipline by both sets of players in various stages of the match



One of the few bust-ups in the Argentine v Dutch match

The biggest upset in the Quarter Finals saw Morocco beat Portugal 1-0 to become the first African team and Arab Nation to reach the World Cup Semi-Finals.



Portuguese great Cristiano Ronaldo left the pitch in tears as they is surely his last chance of winning a World Cup



African joy as Morocco goes through to the Semi final



Ronaldo upset as Portugal crash out of the World Cup

World Cup holders France beat England 2-1 after Harry Kane blast his penalty over the bar.

For most of the second half England were the better team but France proved more clinical in front of goal

I felt England had a fairly good tournament and can't fault the efforts of the players. The future is bright with this talented English team.



Me; last Sunday morning

Messi got another chance to win a World Cup after Argentina beat Croatia 3-0. Messi shone in this match and personally I hope he goes on to lift the World Cup which will in turn label him as one of the World greatest alongside Pele and Maradona.

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Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Messi on the verge of immortality

Holders France beat the brilliant Moroccans 2-0 in the other Semi-Final and could become the second team to lift back to back World Cups. The last was Brazil; 1958 and 1962. Morocco had a brilliant World Cup and is a credit and inspiration to all African and Arab footballers

So Sunday final will see the old dog Messi face up to potential World best player Mbappe.

The final will take place at 3pm on Sunday with the third place playoff on Saturday also at 3pm



France beat brave Morocco to reach the World Cup Finals

Presentation Day 2022

Saturday saw the 2022 Football Season reach its conclusion with a number of friendly matches and three Knock Out Cup Finals.

In the 6-11 year old Cup Final the Predator beat the Young Bellboys 6 Goals to 1.

In the 11+ Cup Final Natural Disasters beat the Daredevils 10 Goals to 2

In the SHFA Knock Out Cup the Rovers beat the Wirebirds 3 goals to 1.

Predators; Natural Disasters and Rovers finished the season unbeaten.

Prior to the Presentations of Cups and Trophies by the Sponsors and Miss St Helena the Chairman of the SHFA thank Secretary Liam Yon for organising the Adult league, he thanks Gareth Johnson and Owen Richards for helping him referee the majority of the Junior League Matches. He thanked Sponsors Nigel George, Ian Williams and Merrill Lawrence. He also thanked Johnny Isaac, Ryan Backhouse and Mike E Williams and their teams for setting up for Presentation Day. Final thanks went to the Coaches and the Parents of the Junior Football Teams who always turn up in great numbers to support our Young Football Stars.

The day was very successful with hundreds of people in attendance; many stayed on to enjoy the live Band and Big Screen Football late into the night.

Results Junior Football

Friendlies: Hungry Sharks 8 v Young Raiders 6

G/S Hungry Sharks: Kayden Leo 3, Warren Jenson 2, Scott Constantine 3

G/S Young Raiders: Lamar Peters 2; Oscar Markham –Young 2 & Jamal Yon 1

POM: Kayden Leo & Jamal Yon

Young Rebels 3 v Parents Team 10

G/S Young Rebels: Dillon George 1, James Lawrence 1 & Hayden Fowler 1

G/S Parents: Merrill Lawrence 1, Callum Young 3, Nick Stevens 3, Jane Duncan 1, Shane Williams 1 & Deon Yon 1

Futsal Cup Final:

Predators 6 v Young Bellboys 1

G/S Predators: Lebron George 2, Levi Williams 2, Cruz Williams 1 & 1 own goal

G/S Young Bellboys: Kayden-Scott Clingham 1

POM: Lebron George



Predators and Young Bellboys

Futsal Cup Final 11+:

Natural Disasters 10 v Young Daredevils 2

G/S Natural Disasters: Blaze Baldwin 4, Riley Yon 3, Taylon Phillips 2 & 1 own goal

G/S Young Daredevils: Kenon Bargo 1 & Ryan Stevens 1

POM: Blaze Baldwin



Natural Disasters and Young Daredevils

Armchair Supporters View by Nick Stevens



Rovers and Wirebirds line up prior to kick-off

SHFA Knock Out Cup Final

Rover 3 v Wirebirds 1

G/S Rovers: Rico Benjamin 1; Ronan Legg 1 & Gary Benjamin 1

G/S Wirebirds: Shane Stroud 1

MOM: Brett Isaac Rovers

37. Top Scorer

Rico Benjamin

Rovers 50 goals

38. Young Player of the season

Travis Yon 7 YPOM

39. Player of the season

Tyler Benjamin 7

MOM

List of Awards

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| 1. Medals for Primary school teams (Young raiders & Hungry Sharks) | |
| 2. Futsal K/O cup Runners up | Young Bellboys |
| 3. Futsal K/O Cup Winners | Predators |
| 4. Player of the Match: Ball | Lebron George |
| 5. Futsal League Runners Up | Young Bellboys |
| 6. Futsal League Champions | Predators |
| 7. Best Goal keeper | Oscar Markam-Young |
| 8. Top Goal Scorer | Levi Williams |
| 9. 9 aside Runners up | Rebels |
| 10. 9 aside champions | Predators |
| 11. 9 aside top scorer | Dirk Peters |
| 12. Future Stars x 4 | Noah Hayes & Luton Yon, Scott Constantine & Jacob Benjamin |
| 13. Most Improved Player: | Jace Moulding |
| 14. Most promising players x 2 | Cruz Williams & Leo Crowie |
| 15. Best Female player | Bethany Bennett |
| 16. Player of the season | Levi Williams |
| 17. Futsal K/O cup Runners up | Young Daredevils |
| 18. Futsal K/O Cup Winners | Natural Disasters |
| 19. POM: Ball | Blaze Baldwin |
| 20. Futsal League Runners Up | Young Daredevils |
| 21. Futsal League Champions | Natural Disasters |
| 22. Best Goal keeper | Toure Osborne |
| 23. Top Goal Scorer | Blaze Baldwin |
| 24. 11 aside runners up | Young Daredevils |
| 25. 11 aside Champions | Natural Disasters |
| 26. 11aside top scorer | Blaze Baldwin |
| 27. Player of the season | Taylon Phillips |
| 28. SHFA K/O runners up | Wirebirds |
| 29. SHFA K/O Winners | Rovers |
| 30. Man of the match Brett Isaac | |
| 31. District Runners up | St Paul's |
| 32. District Champions | Jamestown |
| 33. District top scorer | Rico Benjamin, Tyler Benjamin, Selwyn Stroud & Shane Stroud |
| 34. League Runners up | Wirebirds |
| 35. League Champions | Rovers |
| 36. Goal keeper of the season | Anelka Leo |

There are just two more weeks to go before the SHFA Grand Raffle. Tickets are still on Sale at New Horizons, the Tourist Office and most shops and we hope to have SHFA members out selling tickets over the festive period.

Make sure you buy a ticket for just £5 to be in with a chance to win the GOAT oh and the Scooter. Scooter has a market value of £2500...spend £5 and you could profit £2495



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St Helena Singers...and Friends

SATURDAY 17TH DECEMBER 2022

Carols and Christmas Songs

Catholic Church, Upper Jamestown

*Including: St Helena Singers,
St Paul's Primary Musicians, Ivy Ellick,
Kerry Lawrence & Lisa Joshua*

Free Entry. Donations Welcome

refreshments available afterwards



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St Helena Veterans Association – 2022 Update

Since January we have held regular monthly meetings which have been well attended. The interaction at these meetings contributed to the success we continue to achieve. We have a lot to be proud of, such as;

- Making significant strides in affirming the Militaries stance on recruiting St Helenians.



Kayleigh (centre and proudly wearing her SHVA polo shirt) with Members

- Various fundraising events for the Association;
- A stall at the Feb Fest event in the Mule Yard.
- A sponsored cycle ride around the Island in March.
- A Grand Easter Raffle.
- An old style "Sing and Dance" at Rosie's in June.
- A stall at the Cancer Awareness Carnival in October.
- A stall at the Remembrance Service after event in the Mule Yard.
- A stall at the Plantation House Christmas Market.
- Participating in a ceremony at Signal House to celebrate the erecting of a new flag pole.
- Donating a bench to provide accessibility at the HTH Clinic and be recognized as supporting positive mental health, to commemorate those St Helenians that served during the Falkland Island's Conflict in line with the 40th Anniversary of the same.



Maureen (SHVA Member) and Derek (Director of Health) testing the bench

- Participating in the Queens Platinum Jubilee Parade.

- Purchasing our logoed event gazebo to raise awareness of the Association.



Two former Soldiers under canvas (probably looking for the Mess Tent)

- Participating in the Remembrance Service Parade and with Members performing official wreath laying roles for the Royal Navy, Royal Air Force, Merchant Navy and the Association.

Aside from the aforementioned events we have also socialised after monthly meetings to increase our camaraderie.



Members with Governor Rushbrook – the Associations first 'Patron'

We have a Members Christmas lunch planned for the 18th December at Anne's Place.

We acknowledge the contribution by those Members that regularly attend meetings and planned events, without your ongoing commitment and support the Committee's endeavour would be unachievable. We look forward to your continued support as we strive to grow and work towards furthering our objectives, whilst positively contributing towards the island community.

We also acknowledge with grateful thanks the monetary and other donations made to the Association from businesses and the public in support of our fundraising, with special thanks extended to the Bank of St Helena who funded our event gazebo.

Contributed by; **2022 Committee;**

Chairperson – Rawena Delaney; Secretary – Jason Sparks (Jan to Aug) and Mike Durnford (Sept to Dec); Treasurer – Paul Gasteen

What's happening at New Horizons?

With the Junior Football completed and Christmas activities coming to an end New Horizons staff looks forward to the Christmas break.

Food parcels have all being delivered and we are currently sorting out gifts for Christmas Eve.

New Horizons will be opened for business as follows:

Monday 19th December 9am-2pm (Holiday Programme for all ages) office opens from 7.30am

Tuesday 20th December 9am-12 noon

Wednesday 21st December 9am-2pm

Thursday 22nd Closed

Friday 23rd Closed

Saturday 24th Christmas Eve ride around....members interested in helping us deliver gifts to meet at New Horizons by 11.30am

25th December – 3rd January Closed.

Holiday programme recommence on Wednesday 4th January.



Last Boot Camp for 2022



New Horizons Food bank is another success

Raffle in Aid of the St Helena international Football Team Guernsey 2023



Star Prize: 125cc Sym Scooter



2nd Prize: Flat Screen TV



3rd Prize: Staycation at Mantis



4th Prize: A Goat



5th Prize: St Helena Football Kit

Come Support the Boys!!!

Tickets just £5

Draw to be made on New Year's Eve

Tickets are on Sale at New Horizons and most shops. Squad members also have tickets to sell

Asylum plans condemned as ‘deeply disturbing’ and against international law



A statement from the UK prime minister on Tuesday said many things about immigration and illegal entry in particular. Sunak said “Mr Speaker... It is unfair that people come here illegally.” and “above all, it is unfair on the British people who play by the rules... ..when others come here illegally and benefit from breaking those rules.” The statement was received in some quarters as ‘weird’, others thought his words were biased and often superficial.

Vatican News reported on the UK prime minister’s immigration statement, “Four people drowned on Wednesday in the English Channel when a small boat, laden with migrants, capsized in the icy waters between Britain and France. 43 people were rescued, with more than 30 of them pulled from the sea. The tragedy took place the day after British Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, announced new plans for laws to prevent migrants from claiming asylum. He even spoke about imposing blanket refusals on Albanians seeking asylum and said that those arriving in the UK illegally would be swiftly detained and sent back. As Jesuit Refugee Service UK told Vatican Radio, the announcement is the latest in a string of developments aimed at punishing refugees for how they travel, creating barriers to asylum and deepening the hostile environment migrants and refugees are met with.”

The Refugee Council UK published their response to the statement of the same day the statement was published. Their statement included, “It is simply wrong to say all those crossing the Channel do so without good cause. All the Home Office figures show that in fact the vast majority are desperate women, men and children doing everything they can to protect their families by fleeing war, conflict and persecution. Without safe routes, they have no choice but to take dangerous journeys. The Prime Minister failed to set out any concrete plans to expand these routes through a resettlement programme or an expansion in family reunion visas.

“Instead, this government wants to treat people who come to the UK in search of safety as illegal criminals. This is deeply disturbing and flies in the face of international law and the UK’s commitment as a signatory of the UN Convention on Refugees to give a fair hearing to people who come here in search of safety and protection. Many people from Albania face real danger and persecution – we must not turn our backs on them or any other nationality seeking asylum.

“We need a fair, orderly and efficient asylum system that doesn’t leave 150,000 people in limbo waiting months and years for a decision. In his statement, the Prime Minister offered very little in terms of concrete steps to reduce the

massive backlog of asylum claims and we remain concerned that his commitment to clear it by the end of next year will not be delivered.”

The UK is already heavily criticised by the United Nations because of its intention to send immigrants to Rwanda pending the processing of their applications. Further accusations of breaking international law followed the prime minister’s statement on Tuesday.



Property for Sale at Hutt’s Gate



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St Helena Coffee Still Commanding a Top Price in Overseas Markets

In a Spears, a magazine devoted to wealth management and luxury fine foods, St Helena coffee from the Wrangham Estate features in their list of the world's top ten coffees. Click through on the website feature for more details and you are connected to Sea Island Coffee, a company that specialises in rare coffee beans from small islands with big reputations.

With Wrangham Estate Peaberry there is also Bamboo Hedge Estate Peaberry on the Sea Island Coffee website. Both are sold at top of the range prices, starting at around £60 and rapidly going upwards for a 125 gram bag. Peaberry is the name for the type of bean found in the cherry. This bean is only found in about 5% of the world's coffee. Peaberry coffee is sought after by many people and commands a higher price than the usual flat bean. Sea Island Coffee also sells St Helena coffee in gift sets and as pods for Nespresso machines.

People who really love their coffees talk about them and describe them in the same way wine lovers describe the taste of their favourite wines. Here's what Spears magazine had to say about Wrangham Estate Peaberry.



Wrangham Estate Peaberry, St Helena

If it's good enough for Napoleon, it's good enough for us – after all, post exile to this isolated volcanic island in 1815 he opined 'the best thing about St Helena is the coffee!'.

This British overseas territory lies in the South Atlantic Ocean, where the Green Tipped Bourbon Arabica varietal was introduced by The East India Company in 1733.

Made from a naturally occurring mutation of the regular coffee cherry, the peaberry features only a single bean and is characterised by its sweetness and robust flavour, with notes of citrus, honey, berry and stone fruits.

Combining history, heritage and prestige with more modern methodologies, this elegant drink is well-deserving of its punchy price tag.

Shop Wrangham Estate Peaberry coffee, £125 per 250g
[click here](#)

And Ofcourse There is Always the Grand Daddy of Them All



St Helena Single Origin Rosemary Gate Coffee - £150 for a 250 gram bag. Available at Harrods. How many bags would you like?

Also available at the St Helena Coffee Shop at £10 for a 125 gram bag.

Following closely behind is Alex Oberem's Hunt's Vale coffee. The newest coffee plantation on the island; just a few more years and the Hunt's Vale name will be up there with the rest.



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***Join Saint FM Live from the Market
Square in Jamestown on Xmas Eve
afternoon....to send Season's Greetings to
loved ones near and far....watch for the
'Raving Reporter'...***

From a 'Love Island Star'

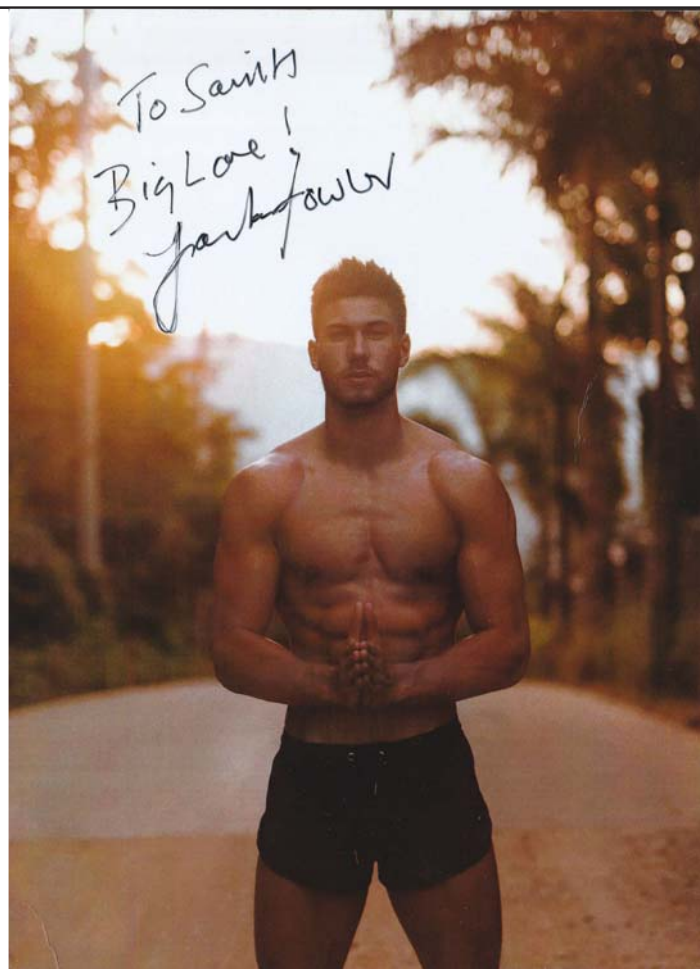
The attached photo was signed and sent to St Helena from Jack Fowler – star of TV show 'Love Island'. It was brought here by his dad Mr Raymond Fowler who is currently on the island visiting for the first time himself and is also the first of all of his brothers to make the trip. Raymond will be leaving for the UK again tomorrow and was said to have a brilliant time here with family and friends. He also appeared on Mr Johnny Carter's radio show on Saint FM on Wednesday night. Everyone would like to thank him for the visit and to say safe travels back to the UK.

The story in brief is that Raymond's dad (Jack's grandad) went to the UK from St Helena with the 100 men (just after the Windrush) and was followed shortly afterwards by his wife and they went on to have several sons. Raymond met Jack's Mum, an East Londoner and they have two sons, one of whom is Jack.

Jack has worked as a semi-professional footballer before appearing on Love Island. He is best known for appearing on the fourth season of the reality dating series and was a fan-favourite from the start – winning the hearts of thousands of adoring fans.

Jack has been known to state that he is proud of his roots – always have been and always will be. Recently Jack was approached to find out whether he would be interested in supporting the St Helena Football team at the Island Games in Guernsey next year and apparently, his first question was "Can I play?"

It is hoped that with Jack's support and connections, a healthy sum might be raised to finance the team's participation at



the Island Games and we look forward to hearing more from Jack on this topic in the near future.

Thanks to family and friends who provided information and a copy of the photo that Jack sent to the 'Saints'.

.....Contributed.....



Pastor Reuben Oliphant from the **Seventh-day Adventist Church**

**will be holding services at the Church on
Christmas day as follows:**

10 am English service

12 Noon Afrikaans service

**This will be followed by a Bring and Share
Potluck lunch at the Church Hall.**

All are welcome.

**For further information, contact Pastor Reuben
on Mobile No 51932**



Following a successful charity walk from MPA to Stanley on Saturday 5th Nov 22, to raise funds for the Cancer Support & Awareness charities of both **Falklands** AND **St. Helena** the total sum raised through donations was an amazing **£4,536:70**, which will be split 50/50 between the two charities.

Out of total of 24 participants: 10 people started from MPA, 1 started from Fitzroy & 13 others started from near Mt. Kent. The group was made up of about 6 different nationalities from UK, Falklands, St. Helena, Kenya, South Africa & Pakistan, and which consisted of ladies & gents.

**Tony Peters
Walker & co-organiser**

Golf Report for Sunday 11th December

Contributed by: SHGC

On Sunday 11th December 2022 the club hosted the last turkey and ham competition of the year. The event which attracted a decent field of 21 players was played in the cross-country stroke play format. Three players Ms. Eileen Wallace who was playing in the first competition since she got back from overseas, Mr Gerald George and Mr Ashton Benjamin tied on top of the leaderboard with net 69. On a countback over the last three holes Mr Ashton Benjamin had 12 strokes to emerge the winner of the Turkey and Mr Gerald George had 13 to win the Ham. Ms. Eileen Wallace had 14 on the last three holes which unfortunately didn't win her any prize. It was raining birdies in the two-ball pool category with a total of six 2s. Both Mr Hensil Beard and Mr Jason Hopkins birdied the 3rd, Mr Jeffrey Stevens, and Mr Douglas Augustus the 10th, Foxy was back again for a birdie on the 14th and Mr Peter Johnson finished strong with a birdie on the 18th. Congratulations to the winners. All winners of turkeys and hams will be notified when the prizes are ready for collection.

The last official competition of the year will take place on Sunday 18th December 2022 tee off 12:00. This will be a novelty player and non-player choose your partner Stableford Texas Scramble competition. This is a perfect opportunity for beginners to be introduced to the wonderful game of golf. There will be a meal of plo for £2.50 followed by music by DJ



KJ. Registration for the competition closes on Saturday 17th December at 3pm. For catering purpose kindly indicate if you will be having a meal by Friday at 3pm. Get in touch by simply leaving a message and your name on 24421.

Happy swinging.....

Jamestown Swimming Pool Public Opening Times: Sat 17th December 2022 - Monday 16th January 2023



Christmas Eve - Saturday 24th Dec – 8am – 4pm
Christmas Day - Sunday 25th Dec – Pool Closed
Boxing Day - Monday 26th Dec – Pool Closed
New Years Day - Sunday 1st Jan '23 – Pool Closed
Public Holiday - Monday 2nd Jan '23 – Pool Closed

Monday	8am – 10am Adults only	10am - 6pm Open to all
Tuesday	8am - 10am Adults only	10am - 6pm Open to all
Wednesday	8am – 10am Adults only	10am - 6pm Open to all
Thursday	8am – 10am Adults only	10am - 6pm Open to all
Friday	8am - 10am Adults only	10am - 6pm Open to all
Saturday	8am – 11am Youth swim club's training sessions Youth swim training can only be booked via the clubs	11am - 6pm Open to all
Sunday	10am – 6pm Open to all	

All swimmers are kindly asked to be out of the water 15 minutes before session ends to allow time for changing.

Bennett's Ltd would like to wish the public a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FOOTBALL PRESENTATION 2022

Photography - Craig Williams

