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Seamount To Be Named After Captain Rodney I.J. Young MBE



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Expected Arrivals This Weekend With Busy Schedule Ahead



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Legal Team Arrive Tomorrow – Weather Permitting

Key members of the Hugh James Solicitors, Clinical Negligence team arrive here on Saturday.

Lead by Ruth Powell, the head of the Hugh James Clinical Negligence Team they will be here for the rest of the month.

Already plans are being made in case the plane arrives on the following Tuesday due to weather conditions.



Ruth Powell (right) and Gemma Osgood (left) arrive tomorrow.

Eleanor Phipp (centre) will provide support from the Hugh James central office. Also arriving tomorrow will be Isobel Summers as on-island paralegal support.

The team from Hugh James Solicitors say they are expecting a busy time while they are here.

The original intention to visit for one week was soon seen as unworkable as interest in their offer of independent legal advice on claims arising from Dr Sergio Villatoro's clinical criminal negligence continues to grow.



On Wednesday, 27th September they have organised a public discussion at the Museum starting at 7pm.

They will be explaining the independent representation they are offering, what is involved and why they are offering it.

They welcome anyone with any questions about the Sergio claims issue to come to the meeting and talk through any queries they may have.



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 £5.00	 £5.00	 £5.00	
 £10.90	 £9.00	 £5.00	 £3.00

The First Saint Sea Captain of the RMS St Helena

Named for Seamount



The proposed name has been submitted to the International Hydrographic Organisation for their consideration and approval. SHG announced a naming competition just two weeks ago in the *In-Independent*. Sharon Wade suggested naming the seamount after Rodney Young and it will undoubtedly be a very popular choice.

When giving her reasons for naming the seamount after Captain Young, Sharon wrote on the application, "to remember the person who had portrayed the best about our Island to all who had travelled on the RMS St Helena whilst he was Captain - his hard work, dedication, professionalism, courtesy, compassion with a great sense of humour.

He possibly had navigated the area of the new seamount many times without even knowing it existed. It would be fitting that we should remember someone who had been inspirational to others and their name will forever be seen on nautical charts."

In the announcement naming Sharon as the winner of the naming competition SHG added, "The late Captain Rodney Young, the first St Helenian Captain of the Island's service ship, the RMS St Helena, was an active mariner.

He was well loved and respected by the local community and was instrumental in the development of many maritime careers."

The last seamount to be discovered followed a similar naming procedure. The International Hydrographic Organisation confirmed Mia Henry's suggestion that the seamount named in February 2019 should be called the Charlie Boar seamount, after her grandfather, life-long mariner and very popular local figure.

Mia's entry was chosen out of a total of 42 submissions. In her reasons for why the seamount should be named 'Charlie Boar', Mia said, "Charlie Boar was the nickname of Mr Charles Henry who died in February 2018, the same year of mapping the seamount.

Charlie Boar was a legend when it came to the many sea activities that were his life. A seaman in every right including Fisherman, Boatman, Merchant Navy Sailor and a wealth of knowledge on our local waters, who, in his senior years, many people of many nationalities would consult with when wanting specific information or a general 'chit chat' about the nature and history of our sea.

In his prime, Charlie Boar was denied the opportunity of leaving with the 100 Men, as his role of fisherman was so important to St Helena, that officials would not allow him to leave and required him to continue fishing to supply the Island.

Charlie Boar is our very own famous fisherman who outlived the rest of his generation. The present generation of fishermen are venturing to the seamounts for a 'good catch', and some may even be using skills passed down from Charlie Boar's time and before..."

The Charlie Boar seamount was first mapped by the RRS James Clark Ross in April 2018. Mia's

suggested name for the seamount was proposed to the [International Hydrographic Organisation](#) exactly one year after Charlie Boar's death.

There is no reason to believe Sharon's suggested name for the second new seamount in recent times will not be confirmed by the International Hydrographic Organisation. It will be another very suitable local name for a local nautical feature



The International Hydrographic Organization works to ensure that all the world's seas, oceans and navigable waters are surveyed and charted, thereby supporting safety of navigation and the protection of the marine environment. It coordinates the activities of national hydrographic offices and sets standards in order to promote uniformity in nautical charts and documents. It issues survey best practices and provides guidelines to maximize the use of hydrographic information.



Editorial

Everyone rejoice! The Maria da Paz has been, unloaded the cargo, and gone. They somehow managed to leave the dairy produce behind, and the eggs, but let's not be picky. We'll just put lots of fizzy drinks down our throats instead. We'll have rotting teeth and an extra few inches around the waist with all that sugar but we have Sarah Mattinson to sort all that out for us afterwards. Sarah has three very helpfully timed 'Diabetes and Me' sessions lined up for next week. Two on 21st September at the Jamestown Community Centre; one at 11am, the other at 7pm. Then at HTH Community Centre on 29th September there is another session at 11am. All sessions should last about an hour-and-a-half. So, if you substitute fizzy drinks for milk or chocolate for cheese Sarah has some well-timed 'drying out' sessions to pull you back from the brink.

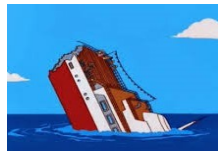
Anyway, back to the old rust-bucket that brings some of our cargo, sometime or other.

According to the Meihuizen schedule



the Maria Da Paz should be back with us again on 25th September with the September cargo shipment and whatever it left behind from the August shipment. The ship left Rupert's on Thursday morning so there are 10 days and a bit more for the Maria Da Paz to get back to Walvis Bay, load all the cargo that will be on the dockside ready and waiting and then steam straight back here again. There is plenty of time for that.

What could possibly go wrong?



Staying in the South Atlantic for a little while longer, the submarine cable breaks, off the West African coast, are worse than first thought. On the 6th August it was known the West Africa Cable System (WACS) and the South Atlantic 3 (SAT-3) had been badly damaged by a rockfall in the submarine Congo Canyon. Somehow, no-one seemed to notice immediately (or did not want it known) that the Africa Coast to Europe (ACE) cable had also broken apart and an Angola domestic service cable.

Completing the WACS cable break took a month. SAT-3 repairs are now underway and repairs to the ACE cable will follow that. I hope our government have a rock-solid contingency plan for the repair to our connection to the Equiano cable just in case solid rocks decide to fall onto it.

A quick turn-around to the other side of the South Atlantic and we find Argentina's politicians perform-

ing all sorts of mental and verbal gymnastics in advance of their general election on 22nd October. A certain lady who hopes to be the foreign minister if her party wins enough votes, got herself into very hot water at home after saying in an interview with the British Daily Telegraph that, "decisions can no longer be imposed" on residents of disputed islands. She was talking about the Falkands of course and also said, "the rights of the islanders will be respected." She went further, "no decision can be imposed on other people, not on Argentines or anybody. This has to stop." All of this caused a political thunder storm in Argentina where, since 2007, Cristina Fernández de Kirchner became president and was a real pain in the backside about the Falklands being British and not Argentinian. De Kirchner is one of those people who, if looks could kill, she could do it. I never did understand why she did not go to the Falklands and face her enemy by herself.



Cristina de Kirchner on the rampage again

And lastly. . .



"The capital of Holland is 'H.'"

Vince

Seamount naming competition.....

The St Helena Independent asked Sharon Wade for a comment on successfully having her entry chosen for the naming the seamount.

“It was quite a surprising and emotional time to learn that my entry had been selected.

Even though many other sea-going names came to mind including my late Grandfather Charles ‘Boot’ Wade and Step-Grandfather John ‘Bosun’ Hopkins, I can only speak of what I learned and saw for myself in my adult life.

The late Captain Young and I were known to not see ‘eye-to-eye’ on several things at sea, but I personally witnessed the teachings, inspiration and effect that he had on many lives, whether it was through quiet words of wisdom or humour that could either shock or soothe.

Thank you for the inclusion into the maritime history books of St Helena.”



Sharon remembering the late Captain Rodney Young in naming the seamount and their friendships with the late Sharon Wainwright.

A word of thanks

Dear Sir,

I would like to thank the Gibraltar Government for its invitation to representatives of the St Helena Government to attend events during National Day Week - during my visit to the island earlier this year I had the pleasure of meeting both the Financial Secretary Dax Richards and Treasury Minister Mark Brooks, and the Rock came up in conversation in relation to various topics, from Gibraltar International Bank to cryptocurrency.

For the record, I am glad they were able to get there in time, as the only flight out of the island to Johannesburg was delayed by a day, though despite the smear campaign against the airport, these are not that common.

Unfortunately, while the predicament of the Falklands is well known in Gibraltar because of the war in 1982, the role of St Helenians in it is not sufficiently recognised, despite being the workforce on the Ascension, home to a British and US military presence.

As the Conservative MP Sir Bernard Braine said at the time, ‘without Ascension we could not have mounted the Falklands rescue operation, and without St. Helenian labour we could not maintain Ascension.’ Indeed, watching a documentary about St Helena made not long after that war, it was nice to hear the island described as ‘equidistant’ be-

tween Gibraltar and the Falklands - as it happens, the three came under a single ‘Gibraltar and South Atlantic Department’ in the Commonwealth Office before its merger into the Foreign Office, which of course, lumped them with neighbouring foreign countries. And it was particularly poignant to see a woman show her St Helena British passport, in which the words ‘Holder has the right of abode in the United Kingdom’ struck out, a right not restored until 2002 - at least those holding Gibraltar ones had them replaced with ‘Holder is United Kingdom national for Community purposes’.

Arguably, had it not been for the war, the Falklands would have had to wait that long as well.

While it is customary for Gibraltarians to sneer at the invitation of UK politicians as a waste of their money, I wish they would be a bit less cynical about the invitation of those from other British Overseas Territories, especially those less developed ones like St Helena. In the light of a general election in Gibraltar just being called, I hope links between No 6 Convent Place and the Castle in Jamestown will be strengthened irrespective of who occupies the former.

Yours sincerely, Ken Westmoreland

R2 PROJECT: REHABILITATION OF FIELD ROAD – UPDATE

Further to the Press Release issued on 30 August 2023, the Highways Authority has now approved the closure of Field Road from Monday 18 September 2023. This closure is to enable the rehabilitation works to begin.

Field Road will be closed to all vehicular and pedestrian traffic, including emergency vehicles, until the works are completed. This is expected to be in approximately nine months' time. Access to Rupert's Valley will be via the Haul Road for the duration of the Field Road construction works.

Further updates will be issued as the works progress, and will include advance notice of any short-term closures of Side Path Road. Such closures may be occasionally required to ensure the safety of road users when excavation works are being undertaken above Side Path.

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The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 17th September 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter

The Parish of St James

Sunday 17th September 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St John
	Thursday 21st September	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 17th September 2023 – Twenty-fourth Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	Barnabas, Levelwood
	Tuesday 19th September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

'MY DIABETES AND ME' SESSIONS

Dietitian, Sarah Mattinson, will be holding 'My Diabetes and Me' education sessions during September 2023.

These sessions are a chance for people living with Type 2 Diabetes to understand complications of diabetes and get advice for improved blood sugar control through diet, lifestyle and medications.

Those attending daytime sessions will have the opportunity to have a health check (weight, BMI, blood pressure) and receive a healthy eating handbook.

For those people who work during the day, there will be the opportunity to attend an evening session, but unfortunately there will be no health check available at these.

The sessions will take place as follows:

Thursday 21 September at Jamestown Community Centre from 11am - 12.30pm

Thursday 21 September at The Museum at 7pm

Friday 29 September at Half Tree Hollow Community Centre from 11am - 12.30pm

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11 September 2023



St Paul's Cathedral The Island of St Helena

MUSIC FOR A WINTER'S EVENING

with

Bishop Richard Fenwick (Organ)

**and the Cathedral Choir
directed by
the Cathedral Organist
Mrs Joy George**

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**Friday 15th September 2023 at 7pm
- in aid of church funds**

The French Do It Differently

Should the Brits Have Closer Relationships?

Ties between the French government and its Overseas Territories are much closer than between the UK government and the British Overseas Territories. Should the Brits be more closely involved with the internal issues of its overseas territories? Especially territories like St Helena which rely heavily on the 'mother country' for financial aid and specialist support.

The French Interior Minister visited some French Overseas Territories in the Pacific recently. He didn't just go to 'show the flag', he had a definite purpose. He toured French Pacific Islands. Taking with him a clear message and a plan for action. He told the Pacific Islanders "There are too many economic monopolies in the overseas territories in general and in French Polynesia". During a three-day visit to Tahiti he announced on television, "We're going to propose to President Brotherson (of Tahiti) that we tackle these monopolies together, because where there are monopolies, prices are very high and where prices are very high, it's everyday Polynesians who struggle to get by,"

The French Parliament has already held a formal inquiry and called for drastic action to tackle runaway prices in the French Overseas Territories. Réunion, French Guiana and Martinique are all singled out as having prices, especially for food, which are around 40% higher than in France.

British Foreign Secretary Visits Gibraltar but Keeps His Distance - Relations with Overseas Territories – British Style

Gibraltar celebrates its National Gibraltar celebrates its National Day on 10th September every year. Why 10th September? Because on 10th September 1967 Gibraltar voted overwhelmingly to keep its ties with Britain and not transfer to Spanish rule.

The British Foreign Secretary, James Cleverly, was present at this year's Gibraltar National Day celebrations. Cleverly, was on a private visit to the Rock with his family, followed the celebrations from a balcony in Casemates, (the main square) but did not take part in the official events.

It is the first time that, even on a private visit, a British Foreign Secretary has been in Gibraltar for its National Day, which was also attended by members of a delegation of UK parliamentarians and a representative group of British Overseas Territories leaders including Mark Brooks and Dax Richards representing St Helena.



French Interior Minister Gerald Darmanin visiting the island of Tahiti in French Polynesia, President Moetai Brotherson stands behind him.



British Foreign Secretary James Cleverly (extreme left) in Gibraltar on Sunday

Look! It's Me, Aren't You Pleased?



Population Falling for Last Five Years

The number of permanent residents living in St Helena has fallen every year for the last five years. People living here temporarily are not included in the figures, nor are tourists.

Total On-Island St Helenian Population in July Each Year						
Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Population	4,244	4,136	4,123	4,111	3,981	3,879
Trend	0	-108	-121	-133	-263	-365

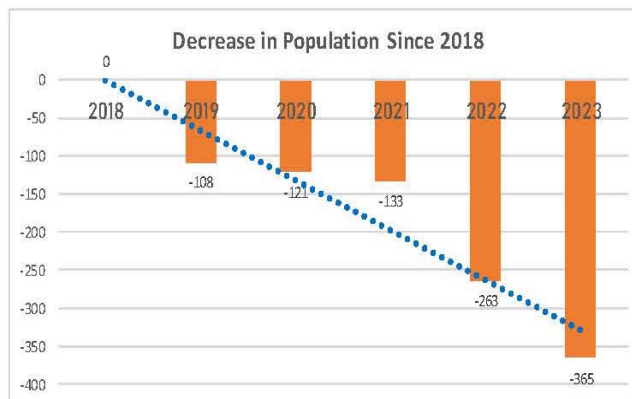
Over the last 14 years, the resident Island population was at its highest in 2018 with 4,244 people living here in July. The population estimates for July are used for every year so a direct comparison can be made with the latest population figures issued by the Government Statistics Office, giving us a population estimate for July 2023.

The high point in 2018 may have had something to do with airport construction. In 2019 the number dropped, with 108 residents leaving. In 2020 and 2021 the decrease was only 12 and 13 but in the last two years there have been many more people leaving; 130 in 2022 and 102 this year. In the last two years we have seen the population drop by nearly 6%.

The dotted line in the chart indicates the extent of the declining population trend. The chart shows the population is now 365 less than at the high point in 2018; that's a decrease of almost 9%. It is a staggeringly awful figure.

If people continue to leave the island at the current rate there will be around 2,000 people left here in 2050. In 2050 we are, or were, hoping to have around 600 tourists coming here every week. That's a nice thought, but 2,000 people who are mostly old and possibly vulnerable or not fully functional in some other way will not be able to provide what is required to meet the expectations of visitors who have paid a lot of money to get here.

Suggesting there will be 2000 people here in



The trend figure shows the reduction in population compared with 2018

2050 if things carry on as they are is a simple 'straight line' calculation. As more people leave, things will get worse and even more people will decide it is time to go. The numbers leaving will increase over the years and we can start to wonder how many will be left on the island in 2030 or 2035.

The roads do need some serious maintenance or a complete rebuild in many cases. There does need to be a new prison because not only is the old one a good example of what the whole Island could be like in 2050, it's because the prison population is increasing – another sign of decline. Yes, build new roads and a new prison and new bus shelters and improve the public toilets as well. But why is it these new things are paid for from a supposed Economic Development Fund? A new bus shelter has nothing to do with economic development nor does a new Side Path.

Pulling in OneWeb with the fibre-optic cable is more likely to bring economic benefit to St Helena as will greatly reduced telecom charges across the board from phones to television via the internet. Renewable energy will be, and should already be, a big pillar of support for a real economy in St Helena but still we don't have it, and don't expect it any time soon. Despite living in the middle of the South Atlantic there is no fish in the shops again at this time of year. The fishing industry is still in a mess and agriculture is even worse. Will we wake up? Or sleep-walk to our doom?

Ten Years, One Month and One Week Ago...

... Executive Council decided to go ahead with the project to build a new prison – on 6th August 2013, to be precise. The new prison was to be at Sundale. The notes of the meeting tell us, "A new prison would cost at least £2.5 million compared to the cost of converting Sundale, which is estimated in the region of £750,000." Sundale did not happen. At the time, HM Prison Jamestown was "believed to be around 180 years old", now it's around 190 years old.

Five years after the Sundale decision, two sites at Bottom Woods were discussed through public consultation. The Goat Pen site was chosen but still, not one row of concrete blocks has been laid.

This week, SHG issued a press release outlining the measures taken to keep the Jamestown Prison going.

It involves time, effort and money. Delays always cost money.

Recently SHG announced expressions of interest had been invited for a design and build contract for the new prison at Bottom Woods. This week the Programme Management Unit told the *Independent* that expressions of interest has been received and this month they will be moving on to the next stage in the process. The next stage will involve

obtaining details from the chosen contract bidders to take the tendering process further.

As discussions on details progress it will become clearer when we can expect the new prison to rise from the goat pen site at Bottom Woods.



DISABLED PERSONS AID SOCIETY
Registered No. 7 under the Charities Ordinance

Income & Expenditure Account

St Helena Persons Aid Society - Account No 13524002
Financial Year 1 June 2022 - 31 May 2023

Opening Balance 1 June 2022		3242.36
Income		
Membership Fees	22.00	
Donations	1324	
SHG Contribution	1500.00	
Refunds from Clients	188	
Raffle	544.20	
Interest BOSH	4.34	
Total		3582.54

Expenditure

Laptop Repairs	22.00	
Financial Assistance	1124.10	
Donation CCC	200.00	
Printing Costs	111.38	
Advertisements	152.50	
Xmas Vouchers	2619.93	
Total	4229.91	

Surplus/Deficit for the Year -647.37

Closing Balance at 31 May 2023 2594.99

Represented by:
Cash in Bank 2594.99

Prepared by Pat Williams - Treasurer

Signature *[Signature]* Date 21.06.23.

Checked & Verified by Desmond Wade - Auditor

Signature *[Signature]* Date 21/6/23

SEPTEMBER REMOTE BANKING



Wharf Kiosk

Thursdays	09:00 - 14:30
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Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Monday, 25 September	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday, 27 September	09:30 - 14:00



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST SHERIFF OF ST HELENA

Expressions of Interest are being sought for the position of Sheriff of St Helena.

The duties of the Sheriff, as set out in the Sheriff of St Helena Ordinance 1969, are as follows:

- Execute all writs, summonses, rules, orders, warrants, commands and processes of the Supreme Court, and make return of them, together with the manner of their execution, to the Supreme Court
- Receive and detain in prison any persons committed to the custody of the Sheriff by the Supreme Court or the Magistrates' Court
- Do and perform any other acts, functions, matters and things relating to the Office of Sheriff as are prescribed by any law in force in St Helena.

The Sheriff of St Helena is nominally responsible for enforcing Court Orders, and also responsible for summoning Jurors when a Jury is required, either in the Supreme Court or for a Coroner's Inquest. The most conspicuous public role of the Sheriff is the swearing in of Governors.

The appointment term is from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024, but there is provision in the Ordinance for re-appointment.

The Expression of Interest form to register an interest in serving as the Sheriff of St Helena can be downloaded from the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the St Helena Government website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/> or alternatively, the form can be obtained from the Information & Research Support Officer, at the Castle, via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information & Research Support Officer by close of play on Friday, 22 September 2023.

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12 September 2023



Overseas Observers Are Amazed We Are So Pleased

By Vince Thompson

Feedback from last week's *Independent* was a bit different than usual. More often than not the feedback is complementary. Sometimes it motivates someone to write a letter. After last Friday the feedback was more of amazement. Amazement that in St Helena we are so relieved to have the burden of small data allowances, high package prices and low data speeds improved – in most cases by a big margin.

It seems *Independent* readers overseas are comparing what we will get on 1st October with what they have now. We compare what we will get with the what we have got now and are pleased with a lightening of the load when it comes to paying the bill. That's good news.

One bit of feedback was along the lines of, 'look what they have in Gibraltar, that's an Overseas Territory'. We can also look at Sure Falkland Islands charges. To take just one example, the Falkland 'Large' package costs £110, there is a (big) limit in data usage, while the new L+ is unlimited, the download speed is 7 MB a second (compared to 20 with the new L+) and there is still a charge of 7p for each MB over the data limit.

The Gibraltar charges are something we can compare with when the full fibre-optic set up is in place. That includes OneWeb contributing to revenue, a new licencing agreement and of course, the fibre-optic upgrade operating across St Helena.

Gibraltar Telecom have some wonderful packages. Every kind of telecom device you are ever likely to use for one inclusive price - £65 per month. That's the All-In-One bundle. A range of other packages/bundles and offers are always available.

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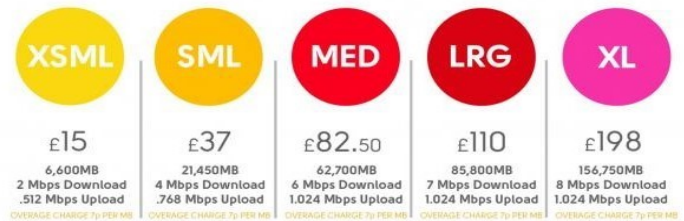
From just **£65** /month

Icons for mobile phone, internet, telephone, and TV.

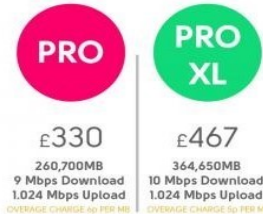
From left, mobile phone, internet, telephone and TV – all for

Connecting to Equiano and Launch of Enhanced Data Services

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Broadband Data Boosters



In their press release, Sure St Helena point out: - This enhanced connectivity is a **key milestone** in transforming St Helena's digital landscape and the whole community will benefit from much faster download speeds, greater reliability, and enhanced capacity. Unlimited data plans will also be introduced for the first time, starting from only £67 per month.

So, we can expect more, and the sooner the better. But, with Sure's licence extended by 18 months, the 'more' we can expect will require patience on our part.

Details on the new mobile phone tariffs from 1st October are available on the Sure website but the rates are still expensive. TV charges are not changing and start at £40 per month after set up fees have been paid. When fibre-optic is fully installed across the Island we should start to get used to paying something similar to what Mark Brooks and Dax Richards have been enjoying in Gibraltar for this last week- £65 per month for everything- mobile, internet, landline phone and television.

Our government need to sort out the Maestro mess pronto. We all know money is tight, Meihuizen are taking us for a ride and despite Sure plugging into the Equiano cable there are still telecom charges that are staying far higher than is reasonable – especially on the low wages which continue to exist because economic development has produced nothing very meaningful so far. Our government should be feeling some real pressure to achieve some more Big Wins. There is a 6-year gap between the airport receiving the first scheduled flight and Sure connecting to the Equiano cable. We cannot wait 6 years for the next bit of good news.

Pay As You Go Mobile Plan

1 October 2023



£16.50 (£10 credit included)

National Calls per min	11p
International Calls per min	94p
National Text	11p
International Text	26p
Out of Bundle Data charge	£2 per GB (pro rata)
Data Bundles- 5GB	£10.00
Data Bundles- 10GB	£20.00

All rates include 10% SHG service tax

£10 and £20 Top Up cards can be purchased from Sure or various vendors on-island (see our current vendor listing)

Pay Monthly Mobile Plans 1 October 2023



SURE 25

£10/PM

- Connection fee – £10
- Bundled national minutes 25
- Bundled national SMS 25
- Bundled data allowance (GB) 5
- Local calls per minute 10p
- International calls per minute 80p
- National SMS (text message) 10p
- International SMS 20p
- Over Data charge £2 per GB (pro rata)
- Payment method Monthly bill

SURE 100

£20/PM

- Connection fee - £10
- Bundled national minutes 100
- Bundled national SMS 100
- Bundled data allowance (GB) 10
- Local calls per minute 10p
- International calls per minute 80p
- National SMS (text message) 10p
- International SMS 20p
- Over Data charge £2 per GB (pro rata)
- Payment method Monthly bill

SURE 200

£30/PM

- Connection fee - £10
- Bundled national minutes 200
- Bundled national SMS 200
- Bundled data allowance (GB) 15
- Local calls per minute 10p
- International calls per minute 80p
- National SMS (text message) 10p
- International SMS 20p
- Over Data charge £2 per GB (pro rata)
- Payment method Monthly bill

SURE 400

£50/PM

- Connection fee - £10
- Bundled national minutes 400
- Bundled national SMS 400
- Bundled data allowance (GB) 25
- Local calls per minute 10p
- International calls per minute 80p
- National SMS (text message) 10p
- International SMS 20p
- Over Data charge £2 per GB (pro rata)
- Payment method Monthly bill

Free connection for PAYG customers transferring to Pay Monthly service.

All rates exclude SHG 10% Service Tax

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST TO SERVE ON STATUTORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

Central Support Service is once again in the process of updating its register of persons who are interested in serving on statutory and bona fide Boards and Committees.

The register records previous experience and current interests together with any training undertaken - this proves useful when selecting individuals for appointment to any of the Boards or Committees; a list of which can be found the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

It should be noted that registering does not mean that a person will be automatically appointed as this will depend very much on specific statutory requirements and the individual's background experience and interests and of course, whether there is a vacancy.

However, there is an immediate need for a Member of the Immigration Control Board and therefore Central Support Service would like in particular to hear from persons who are interested in serving on this Board.

The Immigration Ordinance, 2011 provides for an Immigration Control Board comprising of a Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Members who are all appointed by the Governor. The role of the Board is to exercise and perform powers and functions conferred upon it by the Immigration Control Ordinance, 2011. This includes processing applications for long term entry permits, work permits, immigrant employment certificates and immigrant landholding licences.

Members appointed to the Immigration Control Board must have St Helenian Status. Justices of the Peace, Immigration Officers, and members of the Legislative Council are not eligible to be members of the Board.

For serving on the Immigration Control Board, the Members will receive a remuneration of £600 pa plus a mileage allowance for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Board meetings, which are generally held once per month.

For further information about the duties of a Member of the Immigration Board, persons who may be interested can contact Mr Merlin George, Chairman, Immigration Control Board, on tel no: 24913 or via email: GEORGES.MH@helanta.co.sh.

The relevant form to register for a Member of the Immigration Control Board, together with interests in other Boards may be obtained from Miss Linda Benjamin, Information & Research Support Officer, at the Castle on tel no: 22470, via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information and Research Support Officer by Friday, 22 September 2023.

SHG
12 September 2023



St Mary's Ascension Island celebrates its 180th Anniversary on 3rd September 2023



St Mary's Church Ascension Island was celebrating the 180th Anniversary of the laying of the cornerstone by Mrs Dwyer, on the 6th of September 2023. Lay Minister and Church Warden Mr Alan Nicholls made contact with the bishop of St Helena Bishop Dale Bowers and after looking at the Airlink flight schedule it was decided that Bishop Dale would travel to Ascension on the 2nd September 2023 to conduct the service of thanksgiving on the 3rd September at 10.00 am. However, due to the flight being rescheduled to Sunday morning 3rd September, the service was rescheduled to 6.30 pm Sunday 3rd September 2023. With the rescheduling of the service this meant that some of the people who could not attend the service at 10.00 am due to working the ship and the flight on Sunday were able to attend the service in the evening.

The service was well attended with seventy three people consisting of the Administrator Simon Minshull, RAF Squadron Leader Andrew Hilton, US Base Commander Major Nettles, members of the Girl Guides, Brownies, Rainbows, Scouts, Cubs and Beavers and members of the community of Ascension and visitors to Ascension.

Bishop Dale celebrated the Holy Eucharist assisted by Lay Minister Alan Nicholls. He preached that tonight is more than just commemorating an historical event in the life of St Mary's Church as a building. After preaching in a nutshell salvation history and how God has redeemed humanity from the power of sin and death through His Son Jesus Christ, and poured out His Holy Spirit into the lives of all believers to carry out His mission in the world, God has also set aside sacred space to feed His people in word and sacrament, where we as sons and daughters of God receive the life of our Saviour Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to carry out that mission. That is what we are giving thanks tonight to God for.

After the sermon Lay Minister Mr Alan Nicholls read a message from His Grace The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba Archbishop and Metropolitan of

ACSA. His concluding paragraph reads 'As you celebrate this anniversary, I encourage you to redouble your efforts to play your full part in meeting our societal challenges in your Diocese, our Province, and our world. Bishop Dale and the Saints, congratulations on the 180th Celebration!! May God bless you richly as you embark upon the next years of mission, ministry, and evangelism.'



Bishop Dale then presented to Lay Minister and Church Warden Mr Alan Nicholls and the oldest worshipping congregant of St Mary's Parish Mr Mervyn Isaac a Certificate of Congratulations from His Grace The Most Reverend Dr Thabo Makgoba Archbishop and Metropolitan of ACSA which reads:

'We Congratulate you on the One Hundred and Eighty (180th) Anniversary of the Parish. May God continue to bless you and your vocation. May the Parish prosper to the Honour and Glory of God, and the building of His Kingdom.'

"We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3

Bishop Dale also used his time on Ascension to meet all who support the Parish of St Mary thanking them for all they do in the building of God's kingdom in this part of God's vineyard.

Bug Club

Do you want to know more about the fascinating world of bugs?
Why not join our bug club to learn more about the bugs on St Helena?

A session takes place every school holidays for half a day.

For ages 8 to 11 years

You will be able to:

- Practice the different bug sampling methods of different locations.
- Learn about the different bugs on St Helena, from endemic to invasive, including our globally important cloud forest bugs.
- Learn how to use a microscope and keys to identify bugs.
- Create your own St Helena bug collection.
- And lots more!

For more information or to sign up, contact the St Helena National Trust on 22224 or email christyjo.scipioodean@trust.org.sh



Apply for a Chevening Scholarship

Applications for Chevening scholarships have now opened and will close on 7th November 2023.

Chevening offers a period of one year's study in the UK for a Master's degree. Candidates can choose any course at a UK university but must clearly define in their application how their course choice fits with their career aspirations and the context of their home country.

The programme is aimed at leaders and positive change makers. All costs are fully paid including tuition fees and return travel. There is also a monthly stipend to cover living costs in the UK.

Chevening offers individuals a chance to grow academically, personally and professionally. Through a bespoke programme of scholar events, it exposes individuals to British culture. Individuals are able to make valuable connections with fellow scholars, the FCDO and other UK institutions and organisations, developing useful skills and knowledge.

To be eligible for a Chevening Scholarship you must:

- Be a citizen of a Chevening eligible country (St Helena, but includes Ascension & Tristan da Cunha)
- Have completed an undergraduate degree that will allow entry into postgraduate study at a UK university.
- Have at least two year's work experience.
- Must not have previously studied in the UK through a UK Government funded scholarship.
- Must return home at the end of your study for a minimum period of two years.

For further information on the programme and how to apply, please visit www.chevening.org or contact Chevening Officer, Kerry Lane on 22308, email Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk.

**Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha
12th September 2023**



VACANCY NOTICE

AERIAL MAINTENANCE SUPERVISOR

Job Description

Located at English Bay, Encompass Digital Media is seeking to recruit an Aerial Maintenance Supervisor. The post holder will lead and supervise the team responsible for all rigging aspects of the Atlantic Relay Station assets. They will ensure implementation of corrective and preventative maintenance work on equipment, in compliance with the health and safety policy, and regulations.

Requirements

- People Management and supervision experience
- Experience in managing health and safety systems at team leader level
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures, particularly with Radio Frequency and related work at height hazards
- Recognised climbing qualification
- Proven experience with working at heights (including rescue techniques)
- Proven experience in corrosion control techniques
- IT literate, particularly in the use of office 365 applications (Microsoft Word, Outlook and Excel)
- Ability to communicate well, both verbal and written, with internal and external customers
- Good organisational and time management skills
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy, and to use one's own initiative
- Full Driving Licence
- Competent use of hand and power tools, and workshop machinery

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two-year contract on either Single or Accompanied status. The salary is dependant on experience, starting at £20,500 (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A food allowance of £3905 (or £7329 if joined by eligible dependants)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle.
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal and professional vetting, valid travel documents as well as a satisfactory medical assessment.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administration Officer, Krystal Phillips, via KPhillips@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **September 29th 2023**. **Applications received after September 29th will not be considered.**

VACANCY ADVERT



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit an **IT & CNS TECHNICIAN**

Applicants must be in possession of:

- COMPTIA A+
- COMPTIA N+
- A comprehensive understanding of software and operating systems
- A comprehensive understanding of computer networks
- Five years' experience within the IT field
- Excellent attention to detail
- Good communication skills, and a strong customer focus
- The ability to prioritise your workload
- Strong problem-solving skills, and the ability to think logically
- The ability to work well in a team

With Cyber Security, Web development experience and experience within CNS operations being desirable.

Salary for this post is Band C.

For more information, please contact Scott Stander, IT & CNS Specialist, on email scott.stander@sthelenaairport.aero or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 139.

If you think you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, and would like to receive the job description and application form please contact Elaine Hopkins at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 0 or email address recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero

The closing date for this position is 30th September 2023.

Vacancy

Labourer/Driver

Salary for the post will commence at £9,145 per annum (£176 per week)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within Warrens Wholesale for a Labourer/Driver.

As the Labourer/Driver you will provide an efficient service preparing and distributing goods to customers and company outlets.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be competent in English & Maths
- Be customer focused and committed to providing excellent customer service
- Be highly motivated with a can-do attitude
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment with the ability to use own initiative
- Be knowledgeable of, and able to carry out manual handling duties
- Be able to perform maintenance and minor repair works
- Ideally have cash handling experience
- Have a valid drivers' license, including Class D and ideally Class H3 (Forklift)

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

Paul Gasteen, Wholesale Manager, via ☎ 22408 📧 paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **26 September 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

Vacancy

Accounts Clerk



Salary for the post will commence at £8,676 per annum (£723 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Finance Department for an Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors).

As the Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors) you will be responsible for ensuring a reliable and efficient service is provided for the costing of all goods imported for the Company, and processing of data into the Company's Finance data file.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent and desirably an Accounting qualification
- Be experienced in the use of Microsoft Office applications and desirably Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Be analytical, with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Have excellent communication skills and an ability to liaise effectively with staff on all levels
- Be able to work independently and to use own initiative

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

Jolene Stevens, Finance Manager via ☎ 22380 ✉ financemanager@solomons.co.sh

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JOB VACANCY TALLY CLERKS

AS PART OF THE STEVEDORE OPERATION ON A PART TIME BASIS

Interested Persons Should:

- Have a basic level of numeracy and literacy
- Display a high level of vigilance and accuracy and demonstrate attention to detail
- Be able to work in a fast-paced environment while remaining safety-conscious
- Be prepared to work outside of usual working hours and weekends when necessary

Hours of Work

Hours of Work whilst the ship is in Port are usually
06:00 - 18:00

Rate of Pay

Wages will be paid by the hour at the rate of
£4.79
Premium Time & Overtime is paid when applicable

Contact Us

For further information or to register your interest, please contact:
- Kerry Yon, Telephone: 22523 Email: shipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh or
- Anthea Joshua, Telephone: 22523 Email: asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh
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NAIL EXTENSIONS

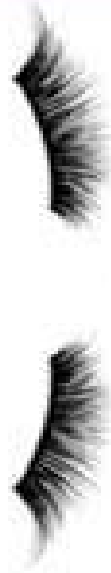
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St Helena
Government

Programme Manager (£18,508 - £22,988 per annum)

Are you interested in making a positive impact for our community? Do you have experience of being a programme or project lead? If so the Programme Management Office (PMO) is seeking a Programme Manager to join our team. This is a key role required to deliver strategically important transformational change at a national level. Working across a number of diverse programmes you will ensure the benefits of each are realised through effective leadership.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on 22270
Closing date: 18 September 2023

Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View) (£9,605 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual with experience in working with service users with challenging behavior to be a Senior Care Assistant at Ebony View. You will have strong leadership skills with the ability to mentor junior staff. You could also be required to work within other areas within Social Care at the same level.

Enquiries: Jay Espinosa on 23343
Closing date: 19 September 2023

Assistant PAYE Officer (£7,341 per annum)

The Treasury section is looking for an individual who has an interest in working with Tax. The individual will have the opportunity to work with the day to day management of the PAYE system, auditing the Tax data for individual employee, tax payers and dealing with tax queries ensuring all PAYE taxes are collected in line with the Income Tax Ordinance.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Gillian Knipe on 25880
Closing Date: 25 September 2023

Benefits

Leave – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

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How to apply

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Budget Assistant (£7,341 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress career?

The Treasury Directorate is seeking to recruit a Budget Assistant. In this role you will support Budget Holders and Accounting Officers in the completion of budget reports, and variance and trend analysis to support decision making. You'll be an effective communicator and willing to learn and deliver SHG's internal financial processes.

Enquiries: Joanne Jonas on 22470
Closing date: 26 September 2023

Portfolio Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Central Support Service is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual to provide a high quality personal administration service to the Portfolio Director and Minister for the Economic Development Portfolio which supports the smooth running of Portfolios and delivers a high quality, customer focused service.

Enquiries: Damian Burns on 22470
Closing date: 26 September 2023

Senior Human Resources Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Key areas include recruitment and selection, leavers, contractual changes and employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on 22470
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May Night Sky

Sharon Wade



What's in the sky this May? (With assistance from the WorldWideWeb....)

Apologies for the late Night Sky this far into the month, but the Indy was full to overflowing last week.....Peak viewing season for the giant planets continues. Saturn is visible all night, at its best in the late evening. Jupiter rises later and dominates the early morning. Neptune reaches opposition near a 5th-magnitude star — grab binoculars to catch the best view of 2023. Uranus hovers between the Pleiades and Jupiter, offering good opportunities to catch this distant giant. Venus grows to greatest brilliancy before dawn — you can't miss it — and Mercury comes up to join it later in September.

Mars is slowly approaching its November solar conjunction. It is a challenging object low in the western sky after sunset and the observing window is very narrow. By evening, you can spot Mars West of the very thin, two-day-old Moon. The Red Planet soon dips out of view as it heads for the Sun.

Saturn is at its finest in early September and is visible all night in Aquarius. You'll find the ringed planet low in the Southeastern sky after sunset. A bright gibbous Moon lies just below Saturn on Tuesday 26th September.

This is the best month of the year to spot **Neptune** when it is due to reach opposition on Tuesday 19th. Through a telescope, Neptune spans 2" and glows with a bluish hue

Jupiter - the best views of the giant planet are in the early-morning hours, when it stands high in the southern sky. Jupiter is a favourite of observers because of the wealth of detail in its atmosphere: dark equatorial belts, the Great Red Spot, and an ever-changing view as new features regularly appear, given its fast rotation period of less than 10 hours.

Uranus stands Southwest of the Pleiades star cluster and Northeast of Jupiter - it has started its retrograde path westward. It moves slowly early in the month and picks up the pace later. While you've got Jupiter in your telescope, remember to swing east just a few degrees to view this distant planet. When William Herschel spotted the greenish-hued disk in 1781, it was the first planet ever discovered with a telescope.

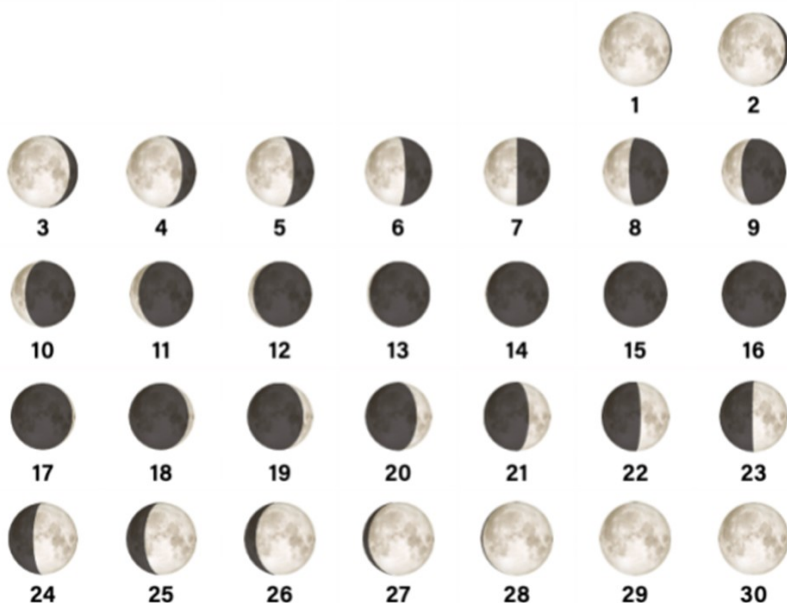
Venus dominates the morning sky, shining brilliantly in the hour before dawn. The planet is in Southern Cancer.

The best morning view of **Mercury** in 2023 occurs this month. The tiny planet hops into the morning sky after its Sept. 6th inferior conjunction and continues to brighten as the month wears on.

That world is a dramatic object in the sky before sunrise as Venus, high above, watches over it.

SEPTEMBER 2023

SUN. MON. TUES. WED. THURS. FRI. SAT.



The September equinox is the moment the **Sun crosses the celestial equator**—an imaginary line in the sky above Earth's equator—from **North to South**. This happens on St Helena on **Saturday 23rd September at 0650 hrs GMT**.

Meteor Watch: Ecliptic glow

There are no major meteor showers in September. As the bright planets beckon early-morning observers, be on the lookout for the zodiacal light in the predawn sky. It's visible only from very dark locations. The distinctive cone-shaped brightening extends from Leo through Cancer and into Gemini. This glow is from meteoritic dust that pervades the inner solar system.

Watch for the zodiacal light in the third week of September around New Moon. Venus will be embedded in the faint light and can help guide your eye along the ecliptic.



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report & Stats by Mikee Williams & Leigh Richards

ROVERS BOUNCE BACK

The first game of week seven saw Rovers bounce back from last week's defeat to Bellboys with a comfortable win against Harts.

Harts would score first, but couldn't contain the Rovers attack. Tyler Benjamin quickly got the equaliser and then put his team ahead. Ronan Legg made it three-one just before have time. First Half Rovers 3 v 1 Harts

Rovers would go on and score five goals in the second half with four coming in a fifteen-minute spell.

Final score Rovers 8 v 1 Harts

Goals for Rovers - Tyler Benjamin 4, Ronan Legg 2, Rico Benjamin and Blaise Baldwin

Goal for Harts - Matt Stoten

MOM - Tyler Benjamin of Rovers

YPOM - Jaydee Caswell of Harts



SHARING THE POINTS

The first game on Sunday saw the Ballerz and Axis play out an entertaining two all draw.

Axis took the lead when Kenon Bargo ran on to a nice through ball and slotted it home to give Axis the goal against the run of play.

Ballerz continued to stroke the ball about nicely and got a deserved equaliser. Ballerz goalie Jerome Peters delivered a dangerous free-kick into the Axis box. Toure Osborne was on marked at the far post a fire a brilliant shot to give Scott Crowie no just in goal. Both teams were playing some nice football at this stage, but it was Ballerz, with the wind at their backs, took the lead with Macoy Williams with a nice finish. Half time Ballerz 2 v 1 Axis

The second half started a bit scrappy with players given no time on the ball. Both keepers were kept busy to keep the score at two-one. Axis was rewarded a free-kick out on the left wing. Owen Richards stepped up and brilliantly converted the free-kick into the top corner. Both teams went out for the win, but time eventually ran out to give Axis their first point of the season.

Final score Ballerz 2 v 2 Axis

Goals for Ballerz - Toure Osborne, Macoy Williams

Goals for Axis - Kenon Bargo, Owen Richards

MOM Evan Constantine of Ballerz

YPOM Toure Osborne of Ballerz



ONE HAND ON THE TROPHY

The final game of the weekend was the best game of the season so far, with top place Bellboys taking on second place Chop Shop.

With both teams separated by only three points, it was going down as a title deciding game.

Bellboys started brightest and was playing some great football. Chop Shop's backline was finding it difficult to deal with Tyler Brady's movement up front. It would be Brady who'd break the deadlock with just eight minutes played. A cross from the right wing found Brady and, with a touch to control, buried it into the bottom right-hand corner to give Bellboys a deserved lead.

Chop Shop were all over the place and couldn't find any rhythm within themselves. Bellboys continued to press the Chop Shop back and were rewarded a free-kick just outside the left corner of the box. Inform striker Tyler Brady stepped up and found the top corner with a brilliant free-kick to double Bellboys lead with just twelve minutes played. The game could have easily been done and dusted in the first half, with Bellboys dominating the game with multiple chances to score. Chop Shop goalie Deon Yon kept his side in the game with a fantastic one on one save from Joey Thomas, diving to his left with a one-handed save.

First half Bellboys 2 v 0 Chop Shop

In football, you always hear that a two goal lead is a dangerous lead. An it was to be. With seven minutes played, Chop Shop won a corner. The delivery was low and landed right at the boot of Ryan Backhouse, who was there to tap in from three yards out to give his team some hope. Chop Shop came alive for the first time in the game, and now we had a real battle. Chop Shop clawed their way back into the game and was a totally different team. A through ball from Shane Stroud gave Sean Lee Thomas to chase down. Sean Lee outpaces the Bellboys defensive and toe poked the ball past the rushing goalie to give Chop Shop the equaliser.

From two-nil down and out off it in the first half, Chop Shop was right back in the game. At this point, Bellboys had gone back in their shell, and Chop Shop was the team in control. Chop Shop were rewarded with a free-kick, pretty much identical, where Bellboys had scored their's. Chop Shop's talisman Shane Stroud stepped over the ball and whipped in a dangerous free-kick that caused havoc in the Bellboys penalty area. The ball was on its way in, Sanjay Clingham tried his best to clear it away, but only could put it into his own goal. Wild celebrations followed with Chop Shop coming from two-nil down, now leading three-two. Chop Shop chef, Julian Borb even broke his soup spoon in the process. But with twenty minutes remaining, it was still anyone's game. Chop Shop had a golden opportunity to double their lead when Sean Lee was one on one with Andrew Yon, but this time, Yon pulled off a superb save. Another shot from Sean Lee narrowly missed the top corner what could have won the game. Bellboys were on the rope, reeling, but never gave up, knowing there was plenty of time left in this match. Bellboys won a corner with ten minutes remaining in the game. The corner was well defended, with Bellboys winning a second corner. The second cross saw the ball pin pong about in the box, with shouts of hand ball from Chop Shop players. The ball was half cleared to the edge of the box. Weston Clingham controlled it on his chest then unleashed a venomous shot into the top corner to equalise for Bellboys at three-all. Both teams went out to win the game, but it was Bellboys who'd grab the win late in the game. A free-kick from thirty-five yards out was buried in the bottom corner by man of the match Weston Clingham to give Bellboys all vital three points, and one hand on the league trophy.

Goals for Bellboys - Tyler Brady 2, Weston Clingham 2

Goals for Chop Shop - Sean Lee Thomas, Ryan Backhouse, own goal

MOM - Weston Clingham of Bellboys



FIXTURES

Saturday 16th 2pm— Axis vs Harts

Sunday 17th 1:30pm— Bellboys vs Ballez

Sunday 17th 3:30pm— Chop Shop Boys vs Rovers



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Continued.....

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Bellboys	7	7	0	0	31	7	24	21
Chop Shop Boys	7	5	0	2	18	11	7	15
Rovers	7	4	0	3	32	10	22	12
Ballez	7	2	2	3	7	31	-24	8
Harts	7	1	1	5	8	20	-12	4
Axis	7	0	1	6	6	24	-18	1

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Tyler Brady	Bellboys	11
Shane Stroud	Chop Shop Boys	10
Tyler Benjamin	Rovers	10
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	9
OG		8
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	7
Ronan Legg	Rovers	7
Jordan Yon	Bellboys	4
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	4
Blake Peters-Benjamin	Chop Shop Boys	3
Toure Osborne	Ballez	3
Owen Richards	Axis	3
Lars Williams	Axis	2
Kyle Shoesmith	Harts	2
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	2
Alex Osborne	Bellboys	2
Sean-Lee Thomas	Chop Shop Boys	2
Weston Clingham	Bellboys	2
Sid Benjamin	Bellboys	1
Sanjay Clingham	Bellboys	1
Sam Collins	Harts	1
Ryan Benjamin	Bellboys	1
Ricardo Williams	Chop Shop Boys	1
Nico Benjamin	Rovers	1
Marc Williams	Chop Shop Boys	1
Ethan Harris	Ballez	1
Dodi Williams-Peters	Harts	1
Dane Wade	Chop Shop Boys	1
Christopher Owen	Harts	1
Brett Isaac	Rovers	1
Alistiar Buckley	Rovers	1
Ryan Backhouse	Chop Shop Boys	1
Kenon Bargo	Axis	1
MaCoy Williams	Ballez	1
Matt Stoten	Harts	1



- Goalkeeper** - Andrew Yon of Bellboys
- Centre Back** - Weston Clingham of Bellboys
- Centre Back** - Alex Osborne of Bellboys
- Centre Back** - Marc Williams of Chop Shop Boys
- Left Wing** - Ronan Legg of Rovers
- Midfielder** - Evan Constantine of Ballez
- Midfielder** - Clayton Benjamin of Rovers
- Midfielder** - Tyler Benjamin of Rovers
- Right Wing** - Owen Richards of Axis
- Striker** - Toure Osborne of Ballez
- Striker** - Tyler Brady of Bellboys

PLAYERS WITH THE MOST MAN OF THE MATCH AWARDS

Shane Stroud	Chop Shop Boys	3
Ryan Benjamin	Bellboys	3
Sam Collins	Harts	2
Weston Clingham	Bellboys	2
Tyler Benjamin	Rovers	2
Rieedwaan Richards	Rovers	1
Rico Benjamin	Rovers	1
Tyler Brady	Bellboys	1
Ronan Legg	Rovers	1
Matt Stoten	Harts	1
Jason Williams	Axis	1
Evan Constantine	Ballez	1
Edson Stevens	Harts	5
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	4
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	2
Toure Osborne	Ballez	1
Blake Peters-Benjamin	Chop Shop Boys	1
Eureeze Peters-Stevens	Ballez	1
Jaydee Caswell	Harts	1
Blaine Bennett	Axis	1



LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report & Stats by New Horizons

Rumblers	17	Megalodons	1
Cruz Williams	6	1	Kaiden Leo
Dirk Peters	5		
Joshua Crowie	3		
Talem Francis	2		
Brydon McDaniel	1		
MOM	Joshua Crowie	Luton Yon	MOM
Troopers	8	Hurricanes	5
Zach Francis	2	2	Jude Jacobs
Ryan Stevens	2	2	Lewis Thomas
Lebron George	1	1	Levi Williams
Lucas Robbertse	1		
Tyler Anthony	1		
Ephem Stroud	1		
MOM	Zach Francis	Nolan George	MOM
Falcons	6	Young Rebels	7
Hugo Richards	5	3	Dillon George
Joel Peters	1	2	Jamal Ward-Peters
		2	Louie Yon
MOM	Hugo Richards	Dillion George	MOM



TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Guardian FC	4	4	0	0	35	19	16	12
Young Rebels	4	2	0	2	34	16	18	6
Rumblers	4	2	0	2	32	18	14	6
Falcons	4	2	0	2	22	30	-8	6
Megalodons	4	0	0	4	6	56	-50	0

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Next week fixtures

Sunday 17th September

9am— Falcons vs Guardian FC

9am— Hurricanes vs Troopers

10am— Megalodons vs Young Rebels

TEAM	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
Troopers	3	3	0	0	16	8	8	9
Terminators	3	1	0	2	10	8	2	3
Hurricanes	4	1	0	3	13	21	-8	3

LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

Kayden Scott Clingham	Guardian FC	25	Lebron George	Troopers	10
Dillion George	Young Rebels	18	Zach Francis	Troopers	8
Hugo Richards	Falcons	17	Lukas Robertsee	Troopers	5
Jamal Peters	Young Rebels	14	Lewis Thomas	Terminators	5
Joshua Crowie	Rumblers	12	Ryan Stevens	Troopers	5
Dirk Benjamin-Peters	Rumblers	12	Riley Yon	Hurricanes	4
Talem Francis	Rumblers	9	Levi Williams	Terminators	3
Cruz Williams	Rumblers	9	Jude Jacobs	Terminators	3
Joel Peters	Falcons	7	Callum O'Dean	Terminators	2
Louie Fowler	Young Rebels	7	Om Fowler	Hurricanes	2
Own Goal		3			
Kaiden Leo	Megalodons	3			
Alexis Williams	Rumblers	2			
Kaiden Glanville	Guardian FC	2			
Brydon McDaniel	Rumblers	2			

Player of the Season
Leaderboard

1	Joshua Crowie	3
2	Kayden Scott	3
3	Hugo Richards	2
4	Dillion George	2
5	Ellis Mcdermott	2
1	Zach Francis	2
2	Lebron George	2
3	Riley Yon	2
4	Nolan George	1
5	Om Fowler	1



International Football

By Leigh Richards

The weekend so No Premier League matches but their were European Championship Qualify matches for your soccer fans and World Rugby for the Rugby fans amongst us.

Premier League matches will resume again this weekend , fixtures can be seen below:

FIXTURES - WEEK 5

Saturday 16th September

11:30 Wolverhampton Wanderers vs Liverpool

14:00 Aston Villa vs Crystal Palace

14:00 Fulham vs Luton Town

14:00 Manchester United vs Brighton & Hove Albion

14: 00 Tottenham Hotspur vs Sheffield United

16:30 Newcastle United vs Brentford

Sunday 17th September

13:00 AFC Bournemouth vs Chelsea

15:30 Everton vs Arsenal

Monday 18th September

18:45 Nottingham Forest vs Burnley



LEAGUE TOP SCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Erling Haaland	Manchester City	6
Evan Ferguson	Brighton & Hove Albion	4
Bryan Mbeumo	Brentford	4
Taiwo Awoniyi	Nottingham Forest	3
Jarrod Bowen	West Ham United	3
Solly March	Brighton & Hove Albion	3
Son Heung-min	Tottenham Hotspur	3
Odsenne Édouard	Crystal Palace	3
James Maddison	Tottenham Hotspur	2
Mohammed Salah	Liverpool	2
Darwin Núñez	Liverpool	2
Moussa Diaby	Aston Villa	2
Rodri	Manchester City	2
Julián Álvarez	Manchester City	2
Bukayo Saka	Arsenal	2
Dominic Solanke	AFC Bournemouth	2
Callum Wilson	Newcastle United	2
Hwang Hee-chan	Wolverhampton Wanderers	2
Lyle Foster	Burnley	2
Luis Díaz	Liverpool	2
Eddie Nketiah	Arsenal	2
Alexander Isak	Newcastle United	2
Michail Antonio	West Ham United	2
Yoane Wissa	Brentford	2

Team	Played	Won	Drawn	Lost	For	Against	GD	Points
1 Manchester City	4	4	0	0	11	2	9	12
2 Tottenham Hotspur	4	3	1	0	11	4	7	10
3 Liverpool	4	3	1	0	9	3	6	10
4 West Ham United	4	3	1	0	9	4	5	10
5 Arsenal	4	3	1	0	8	4	4	10
6 Brighton & Hove Albion	4	3	0	1	12	6	6	9
7 Crystal Palace	4	2	1	1	5	4	1	7
8 Brentford	4	1	3	0	8	5	3	6
9 Nottingham Forest	4	2	0	2	6	6	0	6
10 Aston Villa	4	2	0	2	6	11	-5	6
11 Manchester United	4	2	0	2	5	7	-2	6
12 Chelsea	4	1	1	2	5	5	0	4
13 Fulham	4	1	1	2	4	10	-6	4
14 Newcastle United	4	1	0	3	7	7	0	3
15 Wolverhampton Wanderers	4	1	0	3	4	8	-4	3
16 AFC Bournemouth	4	0	2	2	4	8	-4	2
17 Sheffield United	4	0	1	3	4	7	-3	1
18 Luton Town	4	0	1	3	2	9	-7	1
19 Burnley	3	0	0	3	3	11	-8	0
20 Everton	3	0	0	3	2	8	-6	0



Table as
it stands
after
Week 4
matches

#RWC2023

Last Friday saw the start of the World Cup Rugby and I'm not sure if many are like me but don't follow this sport close enough to know the ground rules of it..

I have with the help of the world wide web and family and friends abroad over the last few weeks educated myself a bit more to the sport to allow me to report and understand it.

Unlike being a Manchester United fan I don't have a favourite Rugby team but have being told "Follow my roots and sport the Springboks, so guess I will be following my roots."

I've put together a few statistics from the first week matches but if there is a particular country or game you'd like me to report on drop an email to indy.accounts@helanta.co.sh or call 22327.

Leigh

RESULTS



POOL	DATE	TEAM	VS	TEAM
A	Friday 8th September	France	27 VS	13 New Zealand
A	Saturday 9th September	Italy	52 VS	8 Namibia
B	Saturday 9th September	Ireland	82 VS	8 Romaina
C	Saturday 9th September	Australia	35 VS	15 Georgia
D	Saturday 9th September	England	27 VS	10 Argentina
B	Sunday 10th September	South Africa	18 VS	3 Scotland
C	Sunday 10th September	Wales	32 VS	26 Fiji
D	Sunday 10th September	Japan	42 VS	12 Chile

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POOL	DATE	TEAM	VS	TEAM
A	Thursday 14th September	France	VS	Uruguay
A	Friday 15th September	New Zealand	VS	Namibia
B	Saturday 16th September	Ireland	VS	Tonga
C	Saturday 16th September	Wales	VS	Portugal
D	Saturday 16th September	Samoa	VS	Chile
B	Sunday 17th September	South Africa	VS	Romania
C	Sunday 17th September	Australia	VS	Fiji
D	Sunday 17th September	England	VS	Japan
A	Wednesday 20th September	Italy	VS	Uruguay
A	Thursday 21st September	France	VS	Namibia

TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	BONUS	PTS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	BONUS	PTS
POOL A										POOL B									
Italy	1	1	0	0	52	8	44	1	5	Ireland	1	1	0	0	82	8	74	1	5
France	1	1	0	0	27	13	14	0	4	South Africa	1	1	0	0	18	3	15	0	4
Uruguay	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Tonga	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	1	0	0	1	13	27	-14	0	0	Scotland	1	0	0	1	18	-15	0	0	0
Namibia	1	0	0	1	8	52	-44	0	0	Romania	1	0	0	1	8	82	-74	0	0



TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	BONUS	PTS	TEAM	P	W	D	L	F	A	D	BONUS	PTS
POOL C										POOL D									
Australia	1	1	0	0	35	15	20	1	5	Japan	1	1	0	0	42	12	30	1	5
Wales	1	1	0	0	32	26	6	1	5	England	1	1	0	0	27	10	17	0	4
Fiji	1	0	0	1	26	32	-6	2	2	Samoa	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	Argentina	1	0	0	1	10	27	-17	0	0
Georgia	1	0	0	1	15	35	-20	0	0	Chile	1	0	0	1	12	42	-30	0	0



News from the islands



It has been a very cold and snowy week. Last Friday there was lots of hail and rain. The snow could be seen at the 'Castles'. Snow rarely reaches the settlement although it does tend to creep down the side of the mountain.

Islanders are getting ready for the arrival of the SA Agulhas which is departing Cape Town this week. Everyone gets excited to see the SA Agulhas, especially the children who enjoy seeing the helicopter



The Coronation of King Charles III

On 6 May 2023, at the age of 73, King Charles III became the oldest monarch to be crowned in British history.

Prince Charles Philip Arthur George was born at Buckingham Palace on 14 November 1948 and became heir apparent (next in line to the throne) at the age of 3 in 1952. He was the first heir to see his mother crowned as Sovereign and went on to become the longest serving Prince of Wales.

He was also the first heir to the throne to earn a university degree. He studied archaeology and anthropology in his first year at the University of Cambridge, switching to history for the remainder of his degree. He also spent a term at the University College of Wales at Aberystwyth (April to June 1969) learning Welsh.

His Majesty obtained his RAF wings as Flight Lieutenant Wales in August 1971 and commanded HMS Bronington in 1976, while serving in the Royal Navy.

As Prince of Wales, His Majesty became President or Patron of over 800 charities and initiatives including more than 20 charities that he established himself. Perhaps the most well-known of these is The Prince's Trust which he started with his Navy severance pay of just over £7000 in 1976. The charity has now supported over one million young people.

He has been a champion of environmental issues for over 50 years, first speaking publicly about his concerns on pollution and plastics and their impact on the natural world in 1970.

His Majesty is an author and a keen painter; having had a watercolour displayed in the Royal Academy's 1987 summer exhibition, after it was submitted anonymously. In 1975, His Majesty became a member of the Magic Circle, and has been a keen equestrian throughout his life, playing polo until 2005.

Her Majesty The Queen Consort, Camilla Rosemary Shand, was born on 17 July 1947. The King and The Queen Consort married in a civil ceremony at the Guildhall in Windsor on 9 April 2005. Following her marriage to The King, The Queen Consort has become Patron or President of over 100 charities.

King Charles III succeeded to the Throne on 8 September 2022 upon the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, the longest-reigning British monarch. He was crowned on 6 May 2023 in Westminster Abbey, with The Queen Consort being crowned beside him. Westminster Abbey has been the setting for every Coronation since 1066, when William the Conqueror was crowned on Christmas Day. His Majesty was the 40th Sovereign to be crowned at Westminster Abbey. It was the first time since 1937 that the coronation included the crowning of a Queen Consort.

Whilst the setting for the Coronation has remained unchanged for nearly 1000 years, the form of the Coronation ceremony has varied slightly through the ages. The contemporary form dates from 1902, when King Edward VII was crowned. The main events of the day included a procession from Buckingham Palace (aboard the Diamond Jubilee State Coach) to Westminster Abbey, the Coronation service itself, a procession back to Buckingham Palace, and an appearance by the King and Queen, with other members of the royal family, on the palace balcony for a flypast by the

Royal Air Force.

The King was crowned in St Edward's Chair, made in 1300 for Edward I and used at every Coronation since that time. Equally steeped in history and tradition, the St. Edward's Crown, made in 1661 for the Coronation of Charles II and used at every coronation since, was placed on the head of The King. It weighs about 2.2kg, and is made of solid gold.

The King and Queen returned to Buckingham Palace in procession aboard The Gold State Coach, an enclosed eight-horse-drawn carriage used by the Royal Family on grand state occasions, such as coronations, royal weddings, and the jubilees of a monarch. It has been used at the coronation of every British monarch since George IV.

Inaugurated by Edward VII and Queen Alexandra in 1902, the finale of Coronation Day has been a balcony appearance from the new monarch and other members of the Royal Family.

"We now rededicate our lives to serving the people of the United Kingdom, the Realms and Commonwealth." A Coronation message from His Majesty The King 8 May, 2023





Administrator Simon Minshull on off island leave

Administrator HH Simon Minshull will depart Ascension Island on Sunday 10 September 2023. During his absence the Head of the Administrator's Office, Carl Mackerras, will be fulfilling the duties and functions of Administrator.

Carl was appointed Acting Administrator by the Governor acting in accordance with the provisions of s147 of the Constitution read with s183(3), and was sworn in by Simon Minshull this afternoon.

Carl will be undertaking the role of Acting Administrator until Simon Minshull returns to the island at the end of October 2023.



Montane Mist Region



Ascension Island's cloud forest zone, or mist region, is confined to the summit slopes of Green Mountain. The area is frequently enveloped by cloud banks, resulting in perpetually damp conditions. Although the ecosystem shares many of the features of a

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true cloud forest, the original vegetation of this zone was treeless and dominated by ferns and bryophytes, including several endemic species.

Most of these native habitats have been replaced by a novel ecosystem of introduced species like yellow boy, guava, ginger and bamboo. However, isolated pockets of native vegetation still survive on the most exposed slopes and outcrops. The mist region remains the centre of botanical diversity within the Territory, supporting populations of 15 out of the 18 known endemic plant species, such as purple fern (*Ptisana purpurascens*), hedgehog grass (*Sporobolus caespitosus*) and moss fern, (*Stenogrammatis ascensionensis*). The native fauna is composed of a limited number of invertebrate species, vastly outnumbered by introduced counterparts. One unique resident of this ecosystem is the endemic moth, Gray's fungus moth (*Erechthias grayi*). This moth has evolved smaller wings so that it does not get blown away off Green Mountain and has evolved to hop instead of fly.



The montane mist region is Ascension Island's most restricted bioclimatic zone, confined to an area of less than 1 square kilometre. This region encompasses the summit ridge and uppermost slopes of Green Mountain. Due to the lack of detailed habitat mapping and climatic data, an elevation range between 660 and 870 meters is generally used to describe the mist-affected area. However, it's important to note that the prevailing south-easterly trade winds likely create some variations in conditions between the wind-



ward and leeward slopes.

Invasive species pose the most immediate threat to the ecological integrity of the mist zone; these introduced species have already smothered large tracts of prime native habitat. The impact extends to Green Mountain National Park, where invasive growth obstructs footpaths and hinders panoramic views of the Island.



Climate change presents a potentially significant, but unpredictable, long-term threat. Global trends suggest rising temperatures and reduced low-level cloud cover could displace many high-altitude cloud forests. In the case of Ascension Island, even a minor increase in the altitude where clouds form could mean that Green Mountain would lack its characteristic mist region for a significant part of the year. This would fundamentally alter both the hydrology and ecology of this unique montane ecosystem.

Preserving this rare and delicate bioclimatic zone remains a high-priority conservation goal for Ascension Island, especially in the face of immediate invasive threats and the longer-term uncertainties posed by climate change.

WHAT IS LOVE?

By Leigh Richards

The problem is; We look for someone to grow old together, While the secret is to find someone to stay a child with! (Charles Bukowski)

What does Love mean to 4-8 year old kids?

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds, 'What does love mean?'

The answers they got were broader, deeper, and more profound than anyone could have ever imagined!

'When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore...

So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too.

That's love.' **Rebecca - age 8**

'Love is what makes you smile when you're tired.'

Terri - age 4

'Love is when my mommy makes coffee for my daddy and she takes a sip before giving it to him, to make sure the taste is OK.'

Danny - age 8

'Love is when your puppy licks your face even after you left him alone all day.'

Mary Ann - age 4

'During my piano recital, I was on a stage and I was scared. I looked at all the people watching me and saw my daddy waving and smiling.

He was the only one doing that.

I wasn't scared anymore.' **Cindy - age 8**

'When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different.

You just know that your name is safe in their mouth.' **Billy - age 4**

'Love is when Mommy gives Daddy the best piece of chicken.' **Elaine - age 5**

'I know my older sister loves me because she gives me all her old clothes and has to go out and buy new ones.'

Lauren - age 4

'Love is when a girl puts on perfume and a boy puts on shaving cologne and they go out and smell each other.'

Karl - age 5

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy smelly and sweaty and still says he is handsomer than Robert Redford.'

Chris - age 7

'Love is when you go out to eat and give somebody most of your French fries without making them give you any of theirs.' **Chrissy - age 6**

'Love is when Mommy sees Daddy on the toilet and she doesn't think it's gross...'

Mark - age 6

'When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you.'

(what an image!) **Karen - age 7**

'If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate.'

Nikka - age 6

'My mommy loves me more than anybody.

You don't see anyone else kissing me to sleep at night.' **Clare - age 6**

'Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and just listen.'

Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)

'Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well.' **Tommy - age 6**

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbour was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife.

Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said, 'Nothing, I just helped him cry.'

(this made me cry!)

'You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot.

People forget.' **Jessica - age 8**

'Love is when you tell a guy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day.' **Noelle - age 7**

Land for sale at Woody Ridge,
Levelwood. Size 0.18 acres.
Has a good view of the airport.
Interested persons please contact
William O'Conner on Tele: 23181,
Nr Harlyn, Half Tree Hollow



Saints Motocross Club

would like to formally thank the Bank of St Helena Ltd for granting £1000.00 towards the installation and connection of metered water at Bradley Motocross Track through the Community Projects Fund, and a special mention to Connect St Helena Ltd for the installation works and the sponsorship voiding the connection fee.

It is also reminded that there are some members who have not yet paid their membership fees.

£20 Adults and £5 Kids, BoSH Account No – 20965002

**Watch this space for details on the
Motocross Competition - December 2023**

PERSONS AGED 50+ ENCOURAGED TO TEST FOR BOWEL CANCER

The Health Services Directorate is offering free testing for bowel cancer for anyone aged 50+ until Friday, 29 September 2023. Those who wish to take the test can call Grace Richards or Anna Bowers on tel: 25818 who will arrange for a test sample kit to be made available to you.

Everyone offered a test is strongly encouraged to take one. Early detection through testing helps to ensure you stand the best chance of receiving successful treatment where needed.

If you are not sure whether you wish to take the test, we suggest that you request the home sample kit and read the materials that come with it before deciding if you wish to take it. A short video with instructions on how to take the test is also being televised on the local TV Promo Channel. Results from your test will be provided within four weeks, and you may be called in to speak to a doctor about these if necessary.

If you have any questions about this campaign please call the Hospital by tel: 25888. Alternatively, please speak to your GP.

SHG
13 September 2023



11 SEPTEMBER 2023

Tax Timeline

To all Self Employed Businesses, Companies & Individuals who have already submitted a Tax Return for the year 2022/2023, your return was also a self assessment therefore the tax has already been calculated for you. Please check the calculation table for the amount you should pay.

This tax must be paid by the
30 September 2023

If you are unsure about the amount of tax you should pay please do not hesitate to contact the tax office on telephone number 25880 or email using the addresses below.

Audits are currently being conducted on the 2022/2023 Tax Returns and if any amendments are made to your tax payable you will be notified by the tax staff.

Failure to make payment of this tax by the 30 September 2023 will result in a penalty of 10% of the tax not paid and additional 1% of the tax payable for every month it remains outstanding.

Income Tax Office Contacts

Email: gillian.knipe@sainthelena.gov.sh (Gillian Knipe)

Email noleen.phillips@sainthelena.gov.sh (Noleen Phillips)



HOLIDAY ACCOMMODATION

If you operate short-term holiday accommodation on St Helena, then consider getting your property listed on the Travel St Helena website.

Tap into the global travel industry by joining our digital marketing platform and accepting online bookings & payments from anywhere in the world.

Earnings paid directly to your BOSH account. Contact us to get listed.

TRANSPORTATION FOR VISITORS

At Travel St Helena we redirect enquiries for hire drives, airport transfers, taxis and tour services. If you're interested in having your services promoted on the Inside St Helena app, and to Travel St Helena customers, contact us.

Darrin & Sharon Henry, Travel St Helena Ltd

E: info@travelsthelena.com

MAKING IT EASIER TO VISIT ST HELENA

At Travel St Helena, we are producing a short, help video, to assist visitors planning a trip to St Helena.

Feedback from customers during Travel St Helena's first 9 months of operations has revealed common concerns and questions about visiting the island. From booking a flight to reserving a room, and from entry visas to airport transfers, most people have very similar questions.

We are therefore engaging with key groups to help us produce the best possible video guide that will, hopefully, help relieve travel stress and encourage more visitors to book a trip to St Helena. We are coordinating with St Helena Airport, Immigration, Customs, Bio-Security, Sure SA and the Bank of St Helena. We have already received good support from Airlink.

If you have ideas of what we should consider including, please contact us. Let's make it easier for visitors to plan their trip.

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Church Notices

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 16th September at 8:30am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Praise and Worship service

Sunday 17th September 11:00am
Longwood Avenue
~ Guest Speaker: *Pastor Takesure from Campus Crusade* ~
Kid Zone (Sunday School) at 11:00am

Cell Meetings

- Tuesday 19th September 2023 at 7:00pm
1. Jamestown
(Contact: Catherine on 64352 for details)
 2. The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 6:00pm
(Contact: Tav on 51727 for details)
 3. Residence of Anthony & Elaine Hopkins, Sapper Way at 7:30pm

Christian Gift/Bookshop & DVD Rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) will be open this week on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday from 9.00am to 2:00pm
For further information phone 25324 or 64521

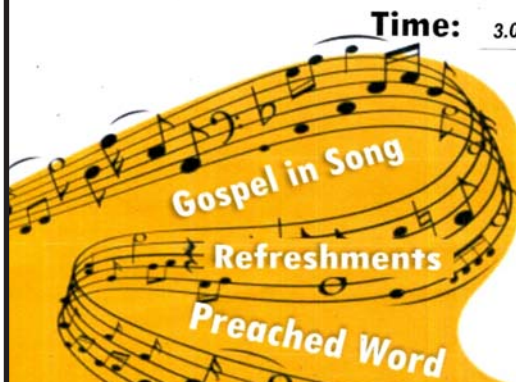
Baptist Church Gospel Outreach



sing!
When: Sunday:
17th September 2023

Where: Kingshurst Community Centre

Time: 3.00 pm



sing!

From the St Helena Golf Club

Submitted by SHGC

Golf Report for 10 September

In the past couple of weeks, it is not only flights that have been disrupted by the weather. Golf club events also bore the brunt of the less than friendly weather conditions which led to cancellation of some of our events. It was therefore great seeing our events resume with a stroke play competition last Sunday. A decent turnout going by the recent numbers. Other than the gale force winds which were bothering the pilots at Prosperous Plain the players remained dry through the round. Finishing top on the leaderboard fresh from holiday was the Captain Bramwell Bushuru who shot an impressive net 65 to win first prize. He was followed in second place by the Vice Captain Mr Martin Buckley who scored 68 to settle for second prize. Mr Ashton Benjamin shared the balls in the two-ball pool with Mr Peter Bagley. Prizes were presented by the ladies' captain Mrs Helena Stevens.

Coming up on Sunday 17th September is a Greensome choose your partner competition. Tee off 12:00. Registration closes on Saturday 16th September at 3pm.

As the weather continues to get more friendlier the club will be hosting some major annual events starting with a 2 day Bank of St Helena sponsored challenge Cup. Date to be announced shortly. We look forward to seeing more members at the club.

Happy swinging



WE ARE **HIRING** Mantis St Helena

We are inviting applications for a **FRONT OF HOUSE HOST/HOUSTESS** to join our vibrant team at Mantis Saint Helena.

A Mantis Saint Helena Front of house host/hostess will possess a beaming smile, positive energy and a can-do attitude. You will be our guests' first impression and the face of Mantis Saint Helena. Greeting, seating, maximising covers and ensuring guests have everything they need for a fabulous time with us.

YOU WILL ALSO FULFIL DUTIES OF A HOTEL RECEPTIONIST WHICH INCLUDES:

- Greeting customers with a friendly and approachable manner
- Maintain and operate reception area to hotel standards
- Booking and reservations for meals, accommodation
- Processing all outgoing mail
- Provide the relevant departments with daily information i.e. bookings, resident count or any relevant changes or amendments
- Ensure all opening procedures and security are adhered to for the protection of staff and property and customers as a whole
- Promote and sell the hotel and its products with a friendly and helpful manner

Previous experience in hosting is required. Joining us isn't just about a job; it's about becoming part of a dynamic team that's all about creating unforgettable memories. You will be required to work early and late shifts, including public holidays and weekends. If you're excited about delivering outstanding experiences, then step inside and discover Mantis Saint Helena. Bring your enthusiasm, share your skills, and be a part of transforming the ordinary into something truly special.

**ALL INTERESTED CANDIDATES PLEASE EMAIL YOUR CV TO
GENERAL MANAGER IAN WILLIAMS (IAN.WILLIAMS@MANTISCOLLECTION.COM)**