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IPTV SCAMS

BE MORE CLEVER ABOUT YOUR VIEWING PLEASURE

WHAT ARE IPTV SCAMS?

IPTV stands for **internet protocol television** and delivers television content over the internet. It allows users to stream both live TV channels and on-demand content on various devices. Legitimate IPTV providers can offer free streaming services with ads but other providers often require a subscription fee to access their content. Scammers exploit this by offering seemingly attractive deals that are illegal and can lead to financial loss through stolen credit or debit card details. IPTV scams could also leave victims open to other cyber security risks like malware infection.



HOW TO SPOT IPTV SCAMS



UNBELIEVABLE PRICES/OFFERS: If a service provider promises access to hundreds, even thousands of channels at a really low cost, it's more than likely illegal and/or a scam. Legitimate providers pay hefty fees for content rights, which is usually reflected in the pricing of their services.



RESEARCH AND REVIEWS: Before subscribing to an IPTV service, do thorough research and read customer reviews using reputable review websites or online forums. Look for what others have said about service quality, channel availability, customer support, and their overall satisfaction.

DON'T Click!

UNPROFESSIONAL WEBSITES: Legitimate IPTV service providers invest in well designed, easy to navigate websites, with clearly displayed information. Scam websites are the opposite, they are difficult to navigate, have grammar & spelling mistakes and have odd layouts.



NO TRIALS OR MONEY BACK GUARANTEE: Legitimate IPTV providers are confident in the quality of their service and often offer trial periods or money-back guarantees. Scammers, however, avoid these assurances as they don't intend to provide a good service or give your money back!



UNUSUAL PAYMENT METHODS: Scammers often request payment methods that make it difficult to track where funds are sent to avoid apprehension by law enforcement. So IPTV services requesting payment via gift cards or Bitcoin for example, is a sure sign of a scam.



POOR QUALITY CONTENT: Legitimate IPTV providers supply stable, hi-res streaming and give subscribers access to advertised content. Illegitimate providers, however, will have unstable, low quality streaming, with much buffering. Content will also be a fraction of what was advertised.



QUICK TIP:

It's understandable to want to save money with free or low-cost streaming. Just make sure you use a legitimate streaming service. There are many legit and safe streaming services out there but always do some online research before you sign up to any.



CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2024





Editorial

This editorial is a bit different, well, very different. It's about what my elder brother and sister and younger brother did this week. To my mind, it's quite amazing. It all started with my elder sister deciding to visit the country of her birth and meet family, friends and see places she used to know well. She has been living in Canada now since the 1960s. Travel plans were made, not only for England and Scotland but to visit family in other European countries too. She is a few years older than me; I don't know how she does it all. One of the places to visit was Snettisham, a village on the north Norfolk coast. This visit was made earlier this week.

Why Snettisham? Because, on Saturday 31st January 1953, the East Anglian coast was struck by one of Britain's greatest peacetime disasters when three elements joined forces in a fatal combination. High spring tides and low atmospheric pressure prompted water levels to rise at a remarkable pace and ferocious northerly gales swiftly brought the sea raging inland.

As it funnelled into the narrower areas of the North Sea the great wall of water grew higher, surging almost eight feet above normal level and unleashing its fury on England's unsuspecting East Coast. Sea defences were swept aside as the waves came roaring in, smashing homes, flooding farmland, and destroying everything in their path. The disaster struck so swiftly the devastated areas received little or no warning; on that fateful evening whole families were wiped out and thousands of lives changed forever.

When the storm finally subsided, it was revealed 307 people had died in England, 24,000 properties were damaged, more than 32,000 people were evacuated and 46,000 livestock had drowned. In Norfolk exactly 100 people were killed, with the stretch of coast between Hunstanton and King's Lynn facing the full force of the surge. At Snettisham there were several major breaches in the sea walls and more than 150 beach bungalows were smashed to smithereens. Whole buildings were lifted like toys, torn to pieces, and carried away, leaving battered remains strewn across the sand.

In one of the beach bungalows at Snettisham three of our aunts had lived, until the night of Saturday 31st January 1953. All three drowned in the flood.

My elder brother, who researches family history like a dog with a bone, wanted to find a Snettisham resident, David Bocking. He not only survived that awful night he survives to this day. He is now 89 years old. True to his reputation, elder brother found him, contacted him and arranged to meet him. David Bocking was also among the brave young men called out to assist in the crisis. He'd been at a farewell party in King's Lynn, as he was preparing to leave for the army, and returned home with his family to find their farm submerged in

salt water and over 100 livestock perished.

"We tried to get down to the beach on our bikes, but the wind was so powerful we kept being blown off and had to abandon them and go on foot," he says. "It was pitch dark and the weather was horrific— we were drenched within minutes and frozen to the core."

Upon arriving at Snettisham beach, David and his companions were met with a scene of panic and chaos and instantly set to work pulling victims to safety. "I carried a young girl out from a broken bungalow and waded through the water to take her to higher ground," he remembers. "It was a frightening situation, but you didn't think about the danger – you just focused on helping others."

25 people drowned in Snettisham on that dreadful night, but countless lives were saved due to the amazing acts of courage performed by valiant villagers.

Anny, Jinny and Kitty Thompson remembered on a memorial in Snettisham. The names on the memorial indicate other families perished that night

When talking to David, my elder brother, elder sister and younger brother had a vivid description of what happened to our three aunts that January night in 1953. Elder sister summed up what happened. David (who she described as a very special man) had just had a farewell party in nearby Kings Lynn because he had been called up to serve in the army and was leaving the next day. On the way home to Snettisham the bus driver told him that he should secure the hay stacks on his father's farm because of high winds. When he arrived, the water was very high so he went to help people. When at Shepherds Port (in Snettisham) he went to see how 'the Miss Thompsons' were. He climbed to the top of the shed and got into the house (a policeman, who David said saved many people that night, helped him) To his horror they were dead. One of them on the stairs and the other two downstairs. It happened around tea time.

The deaths of the three aunts has remained strong in the collective family memory throughout the following decades. After 71 years, finding an eye-witness to this disaster is something I find amazing and for my brothers and sister must have been quite emotional. With the help of David Bocking, they were able to find the location of the aunt's home; now long gone.

Vince

Bank of St Helena Open Again from Today

After two days of major disruption, the Bank of St Helena will be open as normal from today.

At around 11am on Wednesday the Bank of St Helena notified customers by email and posted announcements on Facebook that they were experiencing an outage across all services which affects the Bank Branches on St Helena and Ascension which closed. Online Banking, St Helena Pay and Local Debit Card Services were also affected.

About four hours later, the situation looked a little less grim. The Bank announced, "Following our earlier update we can confirm Online Banking, St Helena Pay and Local Debit Card Services are now available. Please note our St Helena and Ascension branches are still closed and you may continue to use your cards and online portal for banking needs at this time until we reopen. "

Later it was announced the Ascension branch would open at 8:45am on Thursday and remote banking locations would open for about five hours. The main Bank in Market Street would remain closed on Thursday.

Later, on Thursday it became known the crisis had passed



The Notice on the Door – due to unforeseen circumstances.

and the Jamestown Bank would open as normal from today. However, Due to the remote banking sites at the Half Tree Hollow supermarket and Longwood being open on Thursday, remote Banking for today at Half Tree Hollow and on Monday at Longwood have been cancelled.

Price Inflation on the Rise Again

The package of retail prices the SHG Statistics Office use to monitor price changes in the retail sector showed an increase of 1.8%. This reverses the downward drift in the rate of price rises which continued for most of last year.

Compared to a year ago, prices in most categories increased, especially in Clothing, Household Energy and Housing. Household Energy and Housing were affected by price increases to the electricity and water tariffs introduced at the beginning of the year by the utility company, Connect St Helena Limited.

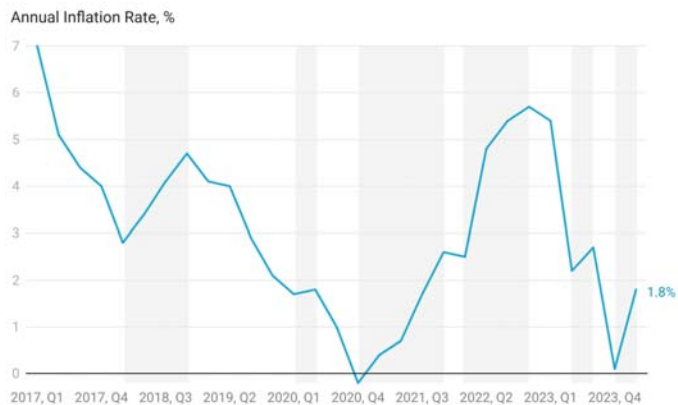


Chart: SHG Statistics Office • Created with Datawrapper

Percentage change, Q1 2024 compared to Q1 2023

Clothing (1.1)	23.3
Household energy (7.5)	14.1
Housing (11.6)	9.2
Alcohol and tobacco (6.3)	4.5
Food (34.4)	3.6
Transport (13.2)	3.5
All items (100.0)	1.8
Household goods and services (6.5)	1.3
Miscellaneous goods and services (13.1)	1.2
Communications (6.3)	-44.1

The share of average household expenditure spent on each category of goods and services in the base year is given in parenthesis.

Source: SHG Statistics Office • Created with Datawrapper

Clothing prices often fluctuate because of relatively high stock turnover in outlets, but the category has a relatively small weight in the index. However, in the overall average index many of these increases are partly offset by the drop in the price of broadband internet and mobile phone connections introduced by the telecommunications company (Sure), in October 2023.

Message of thanks

The Chapel Warden and Sides-persons of St Helena & The Cross church in Blue Hill, would like to express appreciation to all who supported their Country Gospel Show that took place on Saturday 13th April at the Blue Hill Community Centre. A big 'thank you' to all who so generously donated to the teas and Raffle prizes. It turned out to be a great success, and the weather was really kind to us to allow the 'Open air' show to go ahead. The amount raised was £751.40. Again thank you one and all for your help and support and God Bless!

Justification for Increased Utility Charges Riddled with Uncertainty and Doubt

Utility prices were increased in on 1st January and are due to go up again on 1st July. The Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) stated the six month increase was a temporary measure “to allow Connect to provide an updated tariff proposal. The Authority believed that there was more work to be done on tariffs to give consumers certainty as to how external forces will impact on costs and to ensure that Connect is financially secure. This will enable Connect to plan for the future in the knowledge that incomes will be at a certain level.”

The main ‘external force’ that pushes up prices is the cost of fuel. But as the UTA makes clear, “Neither Connect nor the Authority have any control over fuel costs or the subsidy provision, however both are capable of ensuring that the fixed costs of production do not exceed that which are reasonable.”

The costs the URA refer to, they give in the table below. The fixed costs are all costs except the cost of fuel which depends on international market prices. With fuel prices taking the lion’s share of all cost categories, the URA is conceding it can only influence 42%, less than half, of the costs that decide what the charges will be for utility services. Where the money goes on what you pay for one unit of electricity

Fuel Costs	33p
Employee costs	5p
Maintenance costs	7p
Depreciation	5p
Administration costs	7p
Total	57p

Connect have worked out one unit of electricity costs 57p to generate and distribute. Domestic customers currently pay 35p per unit while commercial and government users pay 53p per unit. There is no future in selling at a unit of electricity at a 22p or a 39% loss. The questions have to be asked, how has Connect got into this financial position?

The government have watched the subsidy paid to Connect increase by £1.4million over just two years. Have they tried taking any measures to rescue at least some of this sorry situation or shrugged their shoulders saying it’s down to external forces, beyond our control? Even after the government subsidy, Connect are over £400,000 short of balancing the books. Those who manage utility finance have got us into a perilous position.



In other parts of the world, they have already been through the pain of soaring energy bills and now have their bills reducing as the price of crude oil has dropped by about \$35 a barrel since 2022. Here, prices have not changed for years – until this year. Connect tell us before this year electricity charges remained the same since 2016. Water charges have remained the same since 2021. This is one of the many reasons why Connect and SHG are in the pickle they are in now. The writing was clearly on the wall; did SHG just go for the ‘do nothing’ option. Did the URA raise concerns about the apparent lack of action?

At the same time development of renewable energy has not happened. Worse than that generation of renewable energy in St Helena has gone backwards in recent years. Even worse than that again, the URA have joined with Connect to tell us renewable energy does not have the advantages for St Helena that were originally anticipated. In their consultation document published this month on the proposed increases in utility charges from 1st July they tell us, “It must be noted that although renewable energy may not be any cheaper it does come with the advantage of not being susceptible to variations in fuel prices.” Why has there been this change of opinion? Will it ever be explained why the hopes pinned on renewables have disappeared to almost nothing. It is not even said the cost of electricity will become relatively cheaper over time because the price should remain stable.

Only a few months ago an expert in energy and sustainability told readers. “With new wind and solar now cheaper than existing fossil fuel generation, it is only a matter of time before they fully replace all new energy demand first, and replace existing fossil fuels after – even in fast-growing economies.” He adds, “However, as the UN report shows, this process needs to be significantly sped up to avert catastrophic warming.” Compare the attitudes. An independent view is that renewables are cheaper and the pace of conversion to renewables needs to quicken to help keep the worst of global warming at bay. Here in St Helena, converting to renewables is something that has to be done but don’t expect any advantages from it. Who is pushing this attitude in St Helena? And why?

There is nothing in the URA consultation paper to confirm or deny whether the fuel Connect use is bought at the best prices because of the method they use to buy the fuel. Do they anticipate market prices and buy when the price is lower, or do they just pay up when it’s time to get another supply in?

What does the fuel cost at 33p for every unit generated include? Does it include pumping the fuel from ship to shore and for storage at Rupert’s. Pumping and storage are fixed costs and if included in the 33p per unit generated why can they not be within the fixed costs over which the URA say they can exert some influence?

Has Connect or SHG ever brought in any expert advice on

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how best to get out of the financial mess we are all now in? Have specialists been brought in to see if the way Connect do things can be improved? There is no business in the world that cannot find improvements that can be made or make efficiencies that have been overlooked.

The URA have not mentioned any of this, have they the authority to recommend a specific course of action? In this month's consultation report they write. "The Authority is considering putting in place a tariff structure whereby it can influence the costs not associated with fuel prices through regulation and tariff setting." Following the theme of focussing on fixed costs, they continue, "The Authority would have to be approached to increase the fixed cost element of the unit price but the cost of the fuel element would vary according to market forces beyond the control of Connect." The URA then add, "Further, time limiting tariffs for 1 year would allow the URA through regulation to put downward pressure on the fixed costs and reduce them where possible."

Connect's Total Expenditure – actual, budget, estimated and proposed

Operating Expenditure	2022/23 Actual	2023/24 Budget	2023/24 Latest Estimate	2024/25 Proposed Budget
Administrative costs	519	329	337	357
Employee costs	1,255	1,209	1,222	1,402
Premises costs	195	212	196	266
Fuel	2,890	1,927	3,074	3,162
Maintenance	926	826	880	1,267
Depreciation	1,118	1,135	1,135	1,139
Contracts	115	108	118	149
Expenditure	7,018	5,746	6,962	7,742

Having a tariff review every year also opens up the opportunity to review electricity charges in line with fuel prices on the international market. This should mean if the trend in the fuel price is down, will we see Connect's electricity charges fall? We have not seen that happen yet. Will the URA only focus on the 42% of costs which are fixed costs and leave Connect and SHG to sort out variations in fuel costs in the same way they have sorted them out before?

The consultation period stated this week and finishes on Friday 31st May. The *Independent* will have more on the proposed increase in charges next week.

Festival of Walking - Thank you



St Helena Tourism would like to say huge congratulations and well done to everyone that participated in the Festival of Walking 2023/24.

Thank you to the walking guides who led the way, sharing their stories and knowledge of the walks to 255 walkers. We know you enjoyed the diverse landscapes, history of St Helena, making friendships and exploring the island.

Please bring your Festival of Walking Post Box Tracker or Little Feet Tracker to the Tourist Office to record your participation for the opportunity to win a prize! Deadline: Tuesday, 30 April 2024.

If you have images to share then we can further promote the walks on St Helena, please contact us at visit@sainthelena.gov.sh



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor

I appreciated the anonymous opinion piece from the mother of a young girl on the autism spectrum particularly as girls are less likely to be diagnosed than boys, though it is supposedly because they are better at covering up its traits. (By the way, it's 'Asperger Syndrome', not 'Asperger autism', but the term's been ditched, just as well, Hans Asperger, working as he did in 1940s Vienna, might well have been Nazi!)

Of course, one thing such people are known for is directness, telling it is even if it embarrasses or hurts others, but that is one also found in different cultures - the Dutch tell it how they think it is, but the trade-off is that when they do pay a compliment, they actually mean it.

And a willingness to speak your mind in public is a trait Saints are badly lacking in, and in dire need of, which is why I think this 'unapologetically refreshing' young lady might go on to be the best Chief Minister, or UK Representative, St Helena will ever have. However, I fear that she will be the best Chief Minister, or UK Representative, the island will never have, if not because of having a brain that works differently, then because of the kind of place St Helena is, and always will be.

Yes, there is no shortage of friendliness and kindness on the island, and I am a grateful recipient of both, but the trade-off about living in a small close-knit community means that you have to watch what you say about whom; as I've heard it said, it's not what you know, or who you know, but what you know about who you know. This is incredibly wasteful as well as damaging in a place with such a small talent pool.

But then again, there are signs of change. After all, who could not be impressed by SHG's written evidence to the House of Commons Procedure Committee inquiry into the Overseas Territo-

ries, described by one Committee member as 'strident'? Or Julie Thomas's oral evidence before it, in which she set out in no uncertain terms how SHG felt about Westminster parliamentary representation, and left its members in no doubt as to its reasons before adding 'was that strident enough for you'?

Oh sorry, silly me, that wasn't Julie Thomas, that was Teslyn Barkman from the Falklands! While she and other members of FIG get fed up with having to say again and again that the Islands do not want to join the UK and/or send an MP to Westminster, the fact that people in the UK consider them a candidate for this is a backhanded compliment, and a small price to pay for the support they get in the UK, especially when the alternative is the ignorance and hostility that St Helena gets.

In response to an email in which I chided her and her colleagues for failing to give evidence to that and the Public Administration and Constitutional Affairs Committee inquiry ('is it laziness, cowardice, stupidity, immaturity, or a combination of all of them?') the Chief Minister told me that she and the Minister of Health 'did appear before PACAC and the Foreign Affairs Committee (FAC) when we were in the UK attending the JMC in November of last year.... these meetings provided us, along with other Overseas Territories leaders who took the opportunity to speak frankly about a number of different issues pertaining to the relationship between the UK and their [sic] territories.'

But who were these leaders who took the opportunity to speak frankly? And while the Chief Minister had the right to give evidence before any parliamentary committee in private, just as any other witness, if she did so, it would have been thoroughly bad form. In fairness, PACAC has not published the transcripts of any oral evidence given to it by anyone, SHG or otherwise, on its website, but the point still stands; there is a world of difference between sharing home truths with MPs in private and appearing before those same MPs in a committee room - and in public.

Incidentally, it is a pity that Derek Thomas, along with other former councillors I met on island and/or since corresponded with, did not submit their own written evidence to either committee; even if your

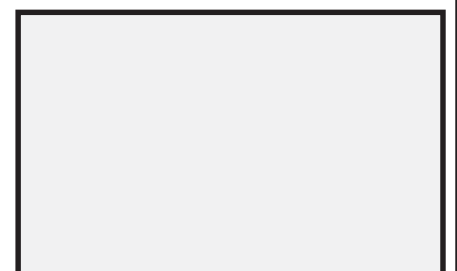
successors don't know where to begin, you of all people do. As for Saints in the diaspora like Darrin and Sharon Henry, if you don't know where to begin, you should have learned by now after living in the UK for so long.

Next month, the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's British Islands and Mediterranean Region conference will be held in St Helena, but while I do not share the cynicism about this expressed by others, I do feel that there is a lot more that could be done both in a 'pan-British' framework and a wider Commonwealth one; St Helena should be able to learn from Niue, in free association with New Zealand, and Norfolk Island, once in a similar relation with Australia before being stripped of its self-government.

To return to the young lady mentioned in that opinion piece, I wish you every success in your professional life, but even more importantly, every happiness in your personal life, because being 'neurodivergent' means that yours is the horse with the heavier jockey, at least in your social life. However, I think that your skills and gifts will be wasted in St Helena, at best ridiculed and at worst resented, and at least in the UK you will have greater privacy and personal space, though even 'neurotypical' Saints feel the same way, feeling undervalued, and leaving the island never to return.

If you think I have sought to lord it over Saints intellectually all these years, please rest assured that has never been my intention. I don't want to talk at you, much less talk down to you, and far from inflating my ego, I have found it very depressing to be told by Saints in the UK 'we need people like you to speak out!' Even if you do, you shouldn't. And what is most depressing is not the denials and self-justification from SHG, which I find amusing, but having Saints laugh and tell me 'you're right!'

**Yours ever,
Ken Westmoreland**



The Next International Conference to be Hosted Here

There is just three weeks to go before a Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) conference kicks off in St Helena. Delegates from ten parliaments from the CPA British Islands and Mediterranean Region (BIMR) will attend. The CPA website tells us “We are looking for a diverse delegation of up to four parliamentarians with knowledge of and an interest in engaging with other parliaments in the region.” There could be 36 delegates to this conference plus however many from St Helena’s Legislative Council either attend or observe. The BIMR members countries of the CPA are Gibraltar, Falkland Islands, and St Helena as Overseas Territories. Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man as Crown Dependencies. The Scottish, Welsh and Northern Irish devolved parliaments and Cyprus, the UK and Malta. From the information provided it appears Jersey and Malta will not be represented.

As requested by the *Independent*, the CPA has provided information on what topics will be discussed. These will include: -

1. Digital reforms and artificial intelligence
2. Decentralized finance
3. Climate emergency
4. Tourism development
5. Green energy solutions
6. Improving agriculture productivity
7. Benefits of a youth parliament

The first topic on the list was fully discussed at the Overseas Territories Speakers Conference held earlier this month in the Turks and Caicos Islands. Speaker Gunnel from St Helena attended. He returned with some items on his ‘To Do List’ covering this very topic. Secure and reliable modern communications systems is growing in importance and urgency.

In the same ‘importance and urgency’ category are issues connected to climate change, which is number three on the list. Decentralized finance covers new technology which allows one company or individual to conduct secure financial transactions directly with another. This can avoid the necessity to use a bank or other institution as a ‘middleman’. This area involves cryptocurrencies, blockchain technology, and software that allows people to transact financially with each other. Because it is new technology it is generally considered there are areas of it which should be treated with caution.

The other items up for discussion are topics the St Helena representatives can clearly contribute to, or learn from the experience of other delegates.

The programme will also include the BIMR’s Annual General Meeting and a Commonwealth Women’s Parliamentarians (CWP) session to which a small group of St Helena women are invited to attend. In addition, delegates will be able to participate in the St Helena Day celebrations and enjoy excursions of their choice.

This is the first international conference of this type to be hosted in St Helena since the COVID pandemic. A few more conferences like this one will provide a welcome boost to the tourism figures.

The main title for the conference is ‘Addressing Challenges to Sustainable Development in Times of Global Uncertainty’. A big subject which can get as big as anyone involved wishes to make it.

Here are five global risks (or global uncertainties) picked by the Economist Intelligence Unit. At least two are directly related to topics for discussion on the CPA St Helena conference agenda.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LEAGUE OF FRIENDS

8th May, at 3.30pm at the Baptist Schoolroom, Jamestown.

All are welcome.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to everyone who supported our Easter Raffle the sum of £312 was raised, the results as below. This will go towards purchasing a portable Vein Finder for the Laboratory, at the General Hospital, which will enable blood to be taken from patients, with difficult to locate veins.

Fruit Hamper	Mavis De Mato	New Ground
Vegetable Hamper	Jason Thomas	Hutts Gate
Chocolate Hamper	Gay Marr	HTH
Miscellaneous Hamper	Gary Rowe	Blue Hill
Dessert Hamper	Sarah Thomas	Golf Club
Breakfast Hamper	Jacob Bowers	St Pauls
Morning Coffee Hamper	Sharon Johnson	Hutts Gate
Afternoon Tea Hamper	Joey Thomas	Blackfield

Subject

Subject	Probability	Global Impact
The return of Donald Trump to the US presidency disrupts global trade and security alliances	Very High	Very High
A green technology subsidy race becomes a global trade war	Moderate	High
Extreme weather events caused by climate change disrupt global supply chains	Moderate	High
China moves to annex Taiwan, forcing a sudden global decoupling	Low	Very High
The Israel-Hamas war escalates into a regional conflict	Moderate	High



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The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 28th April 2024 – 4th Sunday after Easter

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & the Cross

The Parish of St James

Sunday 28th April 2024 – 4th Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	St James
	Thursday 2nd May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 28th April – 4th Sunday after Easter

6.30 p.m.	Patronal Festival	St Mark
	Tuesday 30th April	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

Happy Birthday

Sending very special birthday wishes to my darling daughter Regan.

Hope you have a lovely day and will be thinking of you.

With lots of love & hugs from daddy on Falklands & Dianne at home xx



Fr Clarence Roberts' Graduation

Fr Clarence Robberts and his wife Pamela left St Helena for South Africa on Sunday 14th April, 2024. Part of his visit to South Africa was to attend his graduation.

Fr Clarence did his theological studies with the Theological Education by Extension College (TEE College) which he did over three years. The graduation took place on Saturday 20th April at S.W.E.E.P Life Church, Cnr Swartgoud and Burger Streets, Suideroord, Johannesburg.

The ceremony started at 10.30 am. Fr Clarence was also invited to give a testimony regarding his study journey with TEE College. He then received the Higher Certificate in Theology, gaining a distinction grade. His wife Pamela also accompanied him at the graduation. Refreshments were served to all after the ceremony as all graduates celebrated their academic achievements with friends and family.

On behalf of the Diocese of St Helena we congratulate Fr Clarence on his achievement in his studies and am very proud of him. We would also like to thank his wife Pamela for all her support to him.



Autism & Me

A little introduction: My name is Ella and I am nineteen years old. I was born in London to Saint parents, and lived on St. Helena from the age of eleven until fourteen. My special interests are languages, Lego and Harry Potter. When Mama invited me to this group, I thought it would be an opportunity to share my journey as a late diagnosed autistic and my experience of living on island, behind a mask.

From a young age, I always knew I was different. My parents always told me that I was “mature for my age”, my teachers too. I was over achieving academically since nursery, a reading age years ahead of expectations, so my lack of social skills didn't seem to pose an issue. Yet, I didn't have an imagination, I didn't play. I rarely made eye contact and never cried. Was this the “maturity” they referred to? I feel like I slipped under the radar, an unfortunately common occurrence for female autistic children.

Before moving home in 2016, my life had been relatively simple - living in the same area, same school, same shops, same routine. I like routine. Then, within a short period of time, everything changed. It took me well over two years to settle into my new life. My friendship circles seemed to constantly change because I could not read people, until it was too late - I had no sense of danger.

My brain could not comprehend why everything kept getting worse, no matter who I turned to. I began to hit a wall academically and my mental health declined. I was then assessed and approved by PAS for extra time in exams due to processing delays. By this point, I began to have my suspicions.

After an unfortunate series of events, I became unwell and my parents and I were forced to leave our home and move back to the UK in 2019. It seemed typical, as soon as I began to settle, everything was upturned, yet again. With all the stress and change, my self-harming behaviours became worse and my routines more and more repetitive/time-consuming. Not long after starting my new secondary school, I stopped going. I was referred to CAMHS where I was diagnosed with low mood, social phobia and was prescribed antidepressants. I underwent Cognitive Behavioural Therapy, to try and reintroduce myself to society by changing my “black and white” thinking, but it did not work. I found this interesting as later on I read a study that showed CBT is less effective on autistic people, simply because our brains are wired differently!

The meltdowns increased as I went on to start my A levels, it seemed no one noticed I was getting worse until I ended up in A&E. Perhaps, my mask was too strong for my own good? Still undiagnosed, I learned to self soothe with singing, a hobby which was later recognised as vocal stimming. My brain continued to surprise me as I got older, I still cannot completely comprehend how someone with minimal communication tolerance in English could talk for England in french! Languages gave me a way to express myself without inhibitions, it gave me a voice I could use without fear of judgement - I was good at it too! By the age of 15, I could memorise over 60 abstract french words in under 10 minutes.



Following my discharge last year, I was sent to a psychiatrist who gave me an informal diagnosis of Borderline Personality Disorder and had to have Dialectical Behavioural Therapy to stabilise my moods. In addition to this, I was still referred to Adult Autism Services as my therapists were convinced that autism was the root of my difficulties and the BPD was the consequence of my stunted emotional development - so they did not want me to be misdiagnosed.

It is now 2024 and I have finally got my autism diagnosis. These last 5 years have been a rollercoaster, but I feel that I am finally getting back on track. I have officially been discharged from mental health services and am looking forward to starting my Mental Health Nursing degree in September!

I wanted to write this post to raise awareness of the struggles of not only living with autism, but the other conditions like BPD and depression that can come as a bonus! Since leaving the island, we have been very private about my health issues, as there's always been such a stigma about mental health back home. But, I've grown to realise that hiding who I am has done me more harm than good. So, hopefully, me sharing my story will help in some way to shed light on life as a “high-functioning” autistic.



Through the Lens

Helping Your Teen Succeed in High School.

Written by: Ed Oyewo

From study habits to social media, they need your support.

High school is a critical time for teenagers, filled with new challenges and experiences. Parents who are involved and supportive play a key role in their child's success. It is important to help teens with study habits, time-management, planning for the future, and overall well-being. Joining the school's PTA can provide valuable resources and opportunities for family engagement to support your child's education and strengthen your bond with them. Take advantage of this chance to assist your teen and help them thrive in high school.

Don't miss out on the chance to support your teen's success and strengthen your bond with them through active participation in their education.



Here are some proven ways to help your teen succeed in high school.

High school is a crucial time for teenagers to cultivate essential skills that will benefit them throughout their lives. From mastering time management and problem-solving to building perseverance and achieving work-life balance, high school provides a foundation for success. It is

important to instill the following habits in your teen to ensure they are well-prepared for the future.

Get enough sleep: It is alarming to note that two out of three high school students are not getting the recommended eight hours of sleep per day. This is a significant issue that should not be taken lightly. Insufficient sleep can lead to a myriad of problems such as weight gain, lack of physical activity, substance abuse, depression, and poor academic performance. To ensure the well-being of your teen, it is crucial to establish a consistent bedtime routine. Encourage them to go to bed at the same time each night and avoid staying up late to watch TV or use electronic devices. Prioritizing sleep is essential for their overall health and success.



Start the day right (Including breakfast!): Empower your teenager to be proactive and organized. Encourage them to take a few minutes each evening to carefully plan out their schedule for the following day. By preparing in advance and gathering all necessary materials, such as homework, supplies, and equipment, they will set themselves up for success. This simple habit will not only help them be punctual for their first class, but also ensure they start the day feeling calm and ready to absorb new knowledge.

Develop good time-management and study skills: High school presents higher academic expectations and heightened competition. Your teenager may need to put in more effort to succeed compared to their time in primary school. It is not uncommon for students to receive their lowest grades in year 7, but they often see improvement as they become familiar with the expectations and learn to effectively manage their time. As a parent, your support and guidance can make a significant difference in your teen's academic success. The following skills have proven to be helpful:

- Teach your teen to use a day planner or an app to keep track of assignments and other commitments.
- Create a permanent workspace in the bedroom or around your home setup.
- Make sure any study resources your high school student needs are at home.
- Talk to your teen about procrastination.
- Teach them to ask for help.

Take advantage of the internet for study support:

Discover valuable resources for enhancing your teen’s study skills at www.skillsyouneed.com. This site offers tips tailored to various learning styles, along with strategies for improving test-taking abilities, forming study groups, and effective note-taking techniques. The abundance of resources available today far surpasses what was accessible during your own school years. Take advantage of the wealth of information online by exploring with your teenager to address specific areas of need. If further assistance is required, don't hesitate to reach out to their teacher for guidance.

Start teaching work/life balance: Homework should always be the top priority for high school students. However, if your teen is finding themselves working late into the night or struggling to balance their studies with other activities, it is crucial to collaborate with the school to develop a plan for managing their workload effectively. While it is important to encourage participation in extracurricular activities, it is equally important to ensure that your teen does not overbook themselves to the point where they have no time for rest and relaxation. Strike a balance that allows for both academic success and personal well-being.

Encourage diligence and perseverance: It is crucial to begin instilling in your teenager the value of perseverance, diligence, and attention to detail when it comes to their academic responsibilities. Encourage them to work hard, never give up, and approach their schoolwork with conscientiousness and care. These qualities will not only benefit them in their current studies but also set them up for success in their future endeavours. Start teaching your teen these essential skills now to help them thrive academically and beyond.

Very Important: Teach them the same skills for managing high school that they’ll need to manage life.



Don't mess with stress

Today's teenagers are facing increasing pressure from rigorous academics, overwhelming homework loads, high-stakes testing, and fierce competition for college admissions, leading to detrimental effects on their emotional and physical well-being. It is crucial for parents and teens to effectively manage stress and demonstrate healthy coping mechanisms. Regular exercise, engaging in joyful activities, and limiting social media use are essential for combating stress. Parents should educate themselves on issues like cyberbullying and social media addiction, and have open discussions with their teens to promote a healthier balance in their lives. By taking proactive steps, parents can help their teens navigate the pressures of today's digital world with resilience and confidence.

Plan for the Future

Teens should embrace their high school experience without fear of hindering their future success, but it's crucial to recognize that classes, grades, and activities are important in shaping their path. Balancing present enjoyment with future planning (college, career, etc.) is key. Research shows talking about aspirations influences young people, so parents should encourage conversations about goals and help their teen establish a plan. Consulting teachers or career pathways’ counsellors can help understand how choices impact college acceptance or job opportunities. Setting high expectations and fostering a supportive environment can help teens navigate high school with confidence and purpose.

Stay Involved

Show your unwavering support for your teenager's education by actively participating in school events, such as PTA meetings and parents’ nights. Utilize these school meetings for important information and don't hesitate to ask questions to best support your child. Remember to love them unconditionally during the transition to high school, acknowledging their fears and anxieties.

In conclusion, engage in open and frequent conversations with your teenager, help them maintain a healthy perspective, and celebrate both their major milestones and small victories during this crucial period in their lives. Your support and encouragement will make a world of difference as they navigate the challenges of adolescence.

Ascension Island Government



Invitation to tender

Painting and refurbishment of AIG properties in Two
Boats Village

August 2024

Background

The Ascension Island Government seeks a registered company to provide maintenance services as described in the enclosed contracts.

The project is a fixed term contract.

The successful company will have qualified scaffolders and scaffold inspectors.

Information to be submitted by tenderers

If you believe that your company is able to sufficiently deliver against the responsibilities previously outlined kindly respond stating:

- Experience
- Availability
- Pricing
- High Level Construction Plan
- Business Financial Statement for the last three years
- Current References (within the last three years)
- Evidence of appropriate Insurance

The Ascension Island Government requests interested parties to respond with an initial full proposal no later than **03 May 2024**, the format of which may be determined by the tenderer.

Instructions and information for tenderers

Tenders must be submitted by email to Frikkie Myburgh no later than **24 May 2024**.

Tenders received after the date for receipt of tenders set out above may, at the sole discretion of the Ascension Island Government, be disregarded and returned.

If tenderers have any queries or requests for further information they should be submitted directly to Frikkie Myburgh.

The Ascension Island Government does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

Contact details

The point of contact within the Ascension Island Government for this tender is Frikkie Myburgh, Project Manager.

Email Frikkie.myburgh@ascension.gov.ac
Telephone (00 247) 66215

Join us!
We are recruiting...



**St Helena
Government**

**Human Resources Support Officer
(£7,341 per annum)**

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Human Resources Support Officer, responsible for undertaking a range of important financial and administration duties. This includes setting up and maintaining spreadsheets for expenditure accounting of our budgets, producing documents to support reporting and decision-making, and HR payroll administration, Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Delma Stevens on Tel No 22470 or Email delma.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 08 May 2024

**Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary)
(£5.00 per hour) 18 years +**

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team. The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.
Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on Tel No 25215 or Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh or mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 30 April 2024

**1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School)
(£7,823 per annum)**

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.
Enquiries: Carolyn Yon on Tel No or Email Carolyn.Yon@princeandrew.edu.sh
Closing date: 30 April 2024

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number 22470 or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

Join us!
We are recruiting...



**St Helena
Government**

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Senior Staff Nurse (£13,146 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is looking for an individual to deliver high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Senior Nursing Officer. The Senior Staff Nurse will support the Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and will be responsible for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. Please contact us for further discussion

Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email
marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 08 May 2024

Deputy Head of Maritime – Fixed Term until 31 March 2025

(£14,585 per annum)

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in Maritime. As the Deputy Head of Maritime you will improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by providing a support role to the Head of Maritime. The Deputy Head of Maritime will ensure that they can assist the Head of Maritime in systems and processes required to adhere to international and national maritime obligations and to the standard required to satisfy the obligations. In addition the Deputy Head of Maritime will provide a supporting role to other SHG officials in the design and delivery of the desired systems and processes where necessary. This will include direct support to the development of policy across the services, oversight of policy performance and review as necessary. Please contact us for further discussion

Enquiries: Mia Henry on Tel No 25970 or Email
mia.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 07 May 2024

Cloud Forest Project Conservation Technician (£7,341 per annum)

The Conservation Technician will assist with the delivery of project objectives under the CSSF funded Cloud Forest Project through innovative invasive plant management techniques. You will be responsible for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email
myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 08 May 2024

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

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Vacancy

Grocery Sales Assistants



Salary for the post will commence at £8,340 per annum (£695 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket for Grocery Sales Assistants.

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of the Supermarket and ensure a high standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge and skills of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Be able to perform general cleaning duties
- Be available to work weekends, including alternate Sundays.

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

Marilyn Joshua, Grocery Manager (Country Outlets) via ☎ 25989/23559 ✉ HTH-manager@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 Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **07 May 2024**.

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

Vacancy

Mechanic



Salary for the post will commence at £10,572 per annum (£881 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Auto Shop Department for a Mechanic.

As a Mechanic you will be responsible for ensuring that all work is completed by specified deadlines, and that the quality of the work carried out meets the required standards on a consistent basis.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess at least 3 years proven experience in the automobile mechanical field and be able to carry out mechanical repairs and maintenance tasks on a variety of vehicle types including welding and body work repairs
- A proven track record of working on Heavy Goods Vehicles
- Be in possession of a diagnostics certification and/or have recognised industry software diagnostics competence
- Able to perform manual handling and physically demanding duties
- Be competent in Maths, English & ICT
- Possess health and safety awareness when working in a high risk environment
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent customer service skills
- Have good problem solving skills and the ability to use own initiative and work independently
- Have a clean, valid driver's license
- Be flexible to work outside of normal working hours as and when required

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

Denis Rainbow, Auto Shop & Transport Manager via ☎ 22638 ✉ autoshop@solomons.co.sh

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VACANCY – INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL TECHNICIAN

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Instrumentation & Control Technician.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and maintenance of instrumentation, control and electronic systems within Connect Saint Helena Ltd and will provide these services across all areas of the Company (Electricity, Water, and Wastewater).

Applicants for this position should possess a HND qualification in Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering or Control and Instrumentation Engineering. Applicants should have experience within a utility company environment, with wind turbine maintenance, SCADA (or similar), Telemetry and PLC control systems and a Class A drivers licence. Applicants must also be computer literate and have good verbal & written communication skills; have an awareness of, and comply with, safety rules and procedures when working on HV/LV systems or when testing or operating electrical equipment and systems, and be able to work at heights.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Other benefits include 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 25 days annual leave.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Geoffrey Augustus on +290 22255 or email Geoffrey.Augustus@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by 9:00am Friday, 24 May 2024.

To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.



Vacancy

Operator Fixed Term Contract

Salary for the post will commence at £12,276 per annum (£1,023 per month)



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Aviation Fuels Department for an Operator.

This position is for a fixed-term contract.

As the Operator you will provide into plane refuelling services which includes regular fuel quality checks, as well as periodic inspection and maintenance of all associated equipment in accordance with Puma Energy (Aviation) SA policies and procedures.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths, English & Science, or equivalent
- Be computer literate and familiar with all Microsoft Applications
- Possess experience and knowledge of handling fuels
- Be in possession of a clean and valid drivers' licence, desirably in Class J4
- Have undertaken training in Manual Handling and Health & Safety
- Be able to undertake general administrative duties
- Be able to work additional hours including weekends, to attend scheduled, unscheduled and emergency aircraft
- Be able to work in a fast paced and potentially hazardous environment
- Be available to undertake further training as required
- Be able to undertake general housekeeping duties as well as maintenance of tools and equipment
- Be able to undergo the necessary background checks

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

Carlos Soto Gallardo, Aviation Depot Manager ☎ 25662 📧 Aviationmanager.solomons@helanta.co.sh

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VACANCY FOR CLOUD FOREST INVERTEBRATE FIELD ASSISTANT

We are seeking an individual with an enthusiasm for St Helena's natural environment with a particular interest in invertebrates, who is willing to learn, enthusiastic and a reliable team member. This exciting opportunity exists to join the Trust's Invertebrate team whom has led invertebrate conservation and science on island for over a decade. Work includes ecological monitoring and research, managing threats to endemic species and conservation planning.

The Cloud Forest Invertebrate Field Assistant will support the St Helena Cloud Forest Invertebrate team in delivering the Trust's outputs for the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) funded project "Restoring St Helena's Internationally Important Cloud Forest for Wildlife, Water Security and People". This project delivers the Peak's National Park Management Plan to rehabilitate the Cloud Forest, safeguard an internationally important wildlife hotspot, increasing water security and supporting the sustainable development of the island through eco-tourism. The Trust aims to deliver these objectives, through habitat and invertebrate species identification and monitoring, and trial invasive control methods.

A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190. For further information please contact Martina Peters on 22307 or email martina.peters@trust.org.sh. Applications should be in the form of a CV and cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and our built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on team-work and collaboration and believe that our staff are the greatest asset.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 3 May 2024

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners



Rate of pay will be £5.60 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc have vacancies for Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners to join the team at St Helena Airport.

The Aircraft Cleaners will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal during operational days and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training.
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure

For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via  22523  agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh

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Vacancy

Deputy DIY Manager



Salary for the post will commence at £12,828 per annum (£1,069 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a Deputy DIY Manager.

As the Deputy DIY Manager, you will assist the DIY Manager with the day-to-day running of the DIY Store. You will provide support for the strategic planning and forecasting, ensuring maximum sales opportunities are captured and take responsibility of the BOU when the DIY Manager is away from the business. Assist with compiling, reviewing and updating shop operating procedures and give support, direction, advice and training to Supervisors as well as assist with managing resourcing, workplace inductions and staff development & performance.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have 3 years' experience in a Supervisory position and/or relevant staff management position, with strong leadership skills and the ability to lead and develop others
- Demonstrate proven experience of working in retail or a similar environment, with the ability to multitask and problem solve in a fast paced environment
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English, or equivalent
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and ideally Access Dimensions & Point of Sales software
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess experience with administration and be able to analyse and identify sales trends and facilitate sales recommendations
- Be knowledgeable of Stock Management
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills
- Be knowledgeable of health & safety within the workplace including manual handling procedures

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

Colin Bargo, DIY Manager ☎ 22104 ✉ diy@solomons.co.sh

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SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC



JOB VACANCY

SHIP-SIDE LABOURER

AS PART OF THE STEVEDORE OPERATION ON A PART TIME BASIS

Interested Persons Should:

- Be able to undertake physically demanding duties
- Have a general understanding of safe manual handling practises
- Be able to work in a fast-paced environment while remaining safety-conscious
- Be prepared to work out of hours

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
£4.50
Premium Time & Overtime is paid when applicable

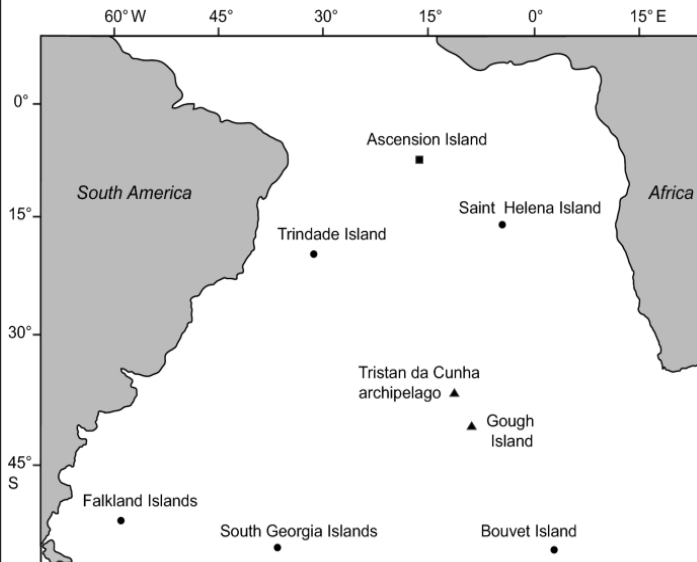
Contact Us

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
By Tuesday, 30 April 2024

Around the South Atlantic Islands - and Back

Tristan's Blue Park Award for Outstanding Conservation Value

Tristan won the Blue Park Award for Outstanding Conservation Value. Awarded earlier this month by the Marine Conservation Institute at their conference in Greece, only two other marine protected areas received this award this year.



The event highlighted contributions toward the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework's target to protect 30% of marine and coastal areas by 2030, showcasing the Blue Park Award winners as outstanding examples of effective biodiversity conservation in Marine Protection Areas.

With this award, Tristan da Cunha receives US \$8,000 and joins a growing network of 30 awarded Blue Parks around the global ocean that have met the highest science-based standards for conservation effectiveness.

"Our long-term goal has always been to help ensure that the unique biodiversity of our archipelago is protected," said James Glass, Chief Islander and Tristan da Cunha's Director of Fisheries, "not only for the future of our younger generation, but for the future population of the planet."

"On behalf of all the community, we are delighted to receive this Blue Park Award in recognition of Tristan da Cunha's Marine Protection Zone," said Janine Lavarello, Marine Protection Zone Officer of Tristan da Cunha. "It is essential that marine protected areas are designated to help preserve our wonderful wildlife and ecosystems, and we are thrilled that this award recognizes our hard work over the last few years. We are committed to maintaining these high standards to ensure Tristan's waters are protected now, and for future generations."

The Blue Park Awards are supported by Blue, the Blue Endowment Fund. The Blue Park Award recognizes outstanding



efforts by national governments, nonprofit organizations, MPA managers, and local communities to effectively protect marine ecosystems now and for the future. The award has been given annually since its launch in 2017. The 2024 Blue Parks join the Blue Parks Network, made up of some of the world's most outstanding marine protected areas and ocean champions.

The Blue Endowment Fund is separate from the Blue Marine Foundation (both call themselves 'Blue' for short) which has worked with St Helena in the past on marine conservation.

Argentina Gunning for Falklands with Long-Term Plan

Last week there was news that Argentina was trying to make an international incident out of Falklands Tourism exhibiting at the *World Travel Market – Latin America* held in Sao Paulo, Brazil. The governor of Tierra del Fuego province, which is separated from the Falklands by just 840 miles of ocean, sent letter of protest, repudiating this 'latest British provocation'. This kind of posturing is the usual kind of thing, but Argentina's new president has a long-term agenda to strengthen Argentina's position on Falklands sovereignty.



Also this month it was announced Argentina has signed a £240 million deal with Denmark to buy 24 F-16 Falcon fighter jets. These are used planes. A new F-16 Falcon fighter costs around £50 million. Argentina got either a good deal or a lot of maintenance coming their way.

Argentinian defence minister Luis Petri said purchasing the used F-16s was the "most important military aeronautical acquisition since 1983", referring to Argentina's 1982 military

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defeat. He added, "These aircraft, equipped with cutting-edge technology, represent a milestone in the modernisation of our air force and underscore our unwavering commitment to protecting our sovereignty." Another reference to the dispute over the Falklands.

The present mainstay of the Argentine Airforce is the A-4AR Sky Hawk a renovated version of the A-4 Sky Hawk which was in use during the 1982 Falklands war. The last A-4 Sky Hawk came off the production line in 1979. Whatever the situation maybe, Argentina upgrading its air force is something to watch. The F-16 Falcon first rolled out of the hangar in 1978 but is still being produced; no doubt after several upgrades. It remains in service with several countries, including the United States.

According to the Danish ministry of defence, the decision to sell the Danish jets to Argentina had been "carried out in close collaboration with the American government, who has approved the sale of the US-produced aircraft".

US involvement with Argentina is developing on other fronts. The LatinAmerican Post reported Argentina's new president announced plans to establish a United States military base in Tierra del Fuego in a move that underscores Argentina's dramatic foreign policy shift. This decision is seen as a strategic manoeuvre to bolster Argentina's claim over the Falkland Islands. President Javier Milei's announcement has reverberated across Latin America. The United States is not the most favoured country for some South American countries. Despite that, a US military base on Argentine soil 'right next door' to the Falklands is another military message from Argentina's 'Chainsaw' President'



President Javier Milei used a chainsaw as a publicity stunt during his election campaign. Milei was unknown in the world of international politics before he stood for election. Now, he has a reputation for being 'unpredictable'.

From deep in the South Atlantic, Argentina has formally requested to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO). Also known as the North Atlantic Alliance, Argentina has taken the first step to become a 'global partner'.

The Deputy Secretary General said, when the formal request was announced last Saturday, "Argentina plays an important role in Latin America, and I welcome today's request to ex-

plore becoming a NATO partner. NATO works with a range of countries around the world to promote peace and stability. Closer political and practical cooperation could benefit us both."

No doubt the UK Ministry of Defence will see it as a backdoor move to apply further pressure on the UK over Falklands sovereignty.

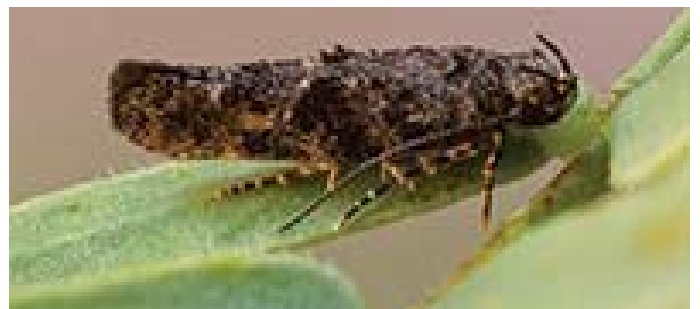
Send 'Em to The Falklands

While all this is going on, the UK government continues to thrash around on the immigration issue. One of the several Home Secretaries the UK has had in recent years, (six in six years to be precise) was Suella Braverman. After the Rwanda Immigration Bill finally completed its tortuous passage through both UK Houses of Parliament, she revealed she wanted to send asylum seekers to the Falkland Islands - but was thwarted by a lack of enthusiasm from the Foreign Office and military. St Helena and Ascension were already known to be on her fairy-tale hit list. Braverman gave a talk at a *Popular Conservatism* meeting last week when she said had proposed using Ascension Island and Saint Helena in the South Atlantic for "offshoring purposes". Ms Braverman, who was sacked by Rishi Sunak in November, said she was desperate to get thousands of people away from the UK mainland. She said sending them to British Overseas Territories could have been a solution. In your dreams Suella!

She also claimed the latest Rwanda Bill won't work. She claimed during an online event hosted by the right-wing *Popular Conservatives* group that support within Whitehall "wasn't forthcoming". Not so popular then?

Ascension Tries a New Way to Control Mexican Thorn

After two years of risk assessments to check whether the Evippe moth will cause damage (also known as biocontrol) to vegetation other than Mexican thorn, the introduction of the moth to Ascension has been cleared... for take-off, it could be said. AIG explain, the next stage of the project is to transport the cultured moths from the UK to Ascension to a culture facility already established in One Boat. Moths will be released at suitable sites around Donkey Plain and a monitoring program will begin to measure the impact of the moth along transects from the release sites. A Monitoring and Evaluation Plan has been drafted and will be published on the AIG website when finalised.



An Evippe moth munching on Mexican thorn leaves

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Why introduce the Evippe moth? Again, it is explained, the Evippe moth has been successfully used for this purpose in Australia and South Africa, demonstrating a significant reduction in the growth and spread of the Mexican thorn. As a result, Mexican thorn plants in Australia where Evippe has become established rarely produce much foliage. Repeated defoliation has contributed to the very low seed production and growth rates observed since 2000. If this can be repeated on Ascension, long-term control of Mexican thorn may be possible. This would reduce the need for costly and time-consuming cutting and spraying efforts to protect Ascension's native or endemic plants and animals, as well as the island's infrastructure.

Different Take on Tourist Write-Ups About St Helena

David Murray is an associate editor of a leading UK current affairs magazine. He has written about his recent stay in St Helena for his magazine which has a publication date for tomorrow. Here are some extracts from his article.

The Consulate Hotel on the main street running down to the sea is run by the lovely Hazel and is a warren of rooms and memorabilia relating to the island. A lifesize statue of Napoleon Bonaparte stands on the balcony overlooking the street. It takes a few days to get used to him being over your shoulder as you take a morning coffee or the first drink of the day. Exploring the hotel, I found a grand piano and put my fingers to work. While playable, it was slightly out of tune. I enquired whether this could be fixed and it was explained that the island's piano tuner is in jail.

I asked her whether it would be possible to spring the piano tuner from the local chokey even for a few hours. She told me that St Helena's prison is at capacity. Even on holiday this is the sort of thing that interests me. I learned that there is one murderer on the island, happily now free, but that most of the inmates were there for the sort of sex offences that regrettably happen in small, remote communities where people are related.

As we were having this conversation, I became aware of a local drunk looking at us. I occasionally darted a look to check he wasn't overhearing. He was, and sloped towards our table. 'I ain't no paedophile,' he said. 'I don't believe I said you were,' I replied. 'I ain't sold no children,' he went on. 'You was looking at me whole time you have that talk.' Slipping into the fascinating local patois, my friend managed to talk him down. We avoided further crowding the prison and parted with a reassurance from me that I agreed he had never sold his daughters.

Of course, the most famous prisoner to have been on this island was Napoleon. One night we had a glorious dinner at his island abode – Longwood House – which has been magnificently restored. The view from Napoleon's quarters is one of the best on the island, which is saying something. It is like a mini world out there, with vast mountain crops, lush greenery and of course thousands of miles of empty ocean.

People are no longer brought up to believe in the Great Man view of history, but you cannot doubt it here. There is a startling aura about the place. The idea that this man required battalions of British troops to be stationed on the island, forts on every hilltop and a fleet of British ships surrounding it, just to keep him confined is testament to the fact that whatever else he got wrong, he was a great man.

I have been unfair to the local inhabitants. Most of the 'Saints' (as they are known) are superlatively lovely people. During the Sunday morning service, the 'sign of the peace' bit involved meeting the whole congregation. They are also a genuinely diverse people with a DNA pool which is as mixed as any on Earth. And they are proud of their British status, without any of the concomitant guilts forced on us at home.

Today, neither credit cards nor debit cards work on the island, phones barely do, and the wifi is patchy. To get money you have to go to the only branch of the island's bank, show plenty of ID and sign many forms. With my £50 (plus commission) I can stand drinks for several nights. This is the sort of solitude I seek. I catch up on a pile of books, swim in the harbour and say hello to people I haven't seen for hours.

Down by the ocean is a memorial to the dead of the island from the two world wars and also a memorial to the crew of RFA Darkdale, which was torpedoed at anchor off St Helena in the early hours of 22 October 1941. The rollcall of the dead includes a 30-year-old Neil McMillan from Stornoway and 27-year-old John Macleod, 2nd Radio officer, from the Hebridean village my father grew up in. Like many a previous inhabitant of the island, I walk away reflecting that even when you come to the uttermost parts of the Earth, home follows you.



Douglas Murray

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NEW RECRUITS TO THE ROYAL ST HELENA POLICE SERVICE— PASSING-OUT RECEPTION AT PLANTATION HOUSE

Last Tuesday evening saw a gathering of very proud family and friends to witness the presentation of Initial Training Certificates to five new recruits to the Royal St Helena Police Service. Police Constables Jordana Peters, Kerisha Francis, Jamie Peters, Elton Kingston and Karl Boulet recently completed a six-week long Initial Police Training course which covered Officer Safety Training, Taser Training, Attorney General's Office and Law input, Crime Scene Management, File-building (including those for the courts), Prisoner Handling and Arrests.

Family members and friends were present to congratulate the new Police Constables upon receiving their certificates from His Excellency Governor Nigel Phillips and the Chief of Police Mr David Price at a reception hosted at Plantation House. Inspector Mark Coombe delivered the training to the five new recruits and he was assisted on some aspects by Support Officer – Firearms & Procurement Garry Henry.



At Plantation House on Tuesday night, His Excellency the Governor made the opening speech in which he welcomed everyone to recognise and celebrate recent achievements. He said that the Royal STH Police service is massively important as policing is part of an important element in the fabric of life - the general rule being that people feel confident when the law is being upheld and they are the men and women who have to do that. He added that he is very grateful for all that the Police do.



Other members of the Police service received awards of recognition for their achievements of progression through the ranks and several were presented with commemorative photographs for their performance during the visit of HRH the Duke of Edinburgh earlier this year. The photograph was taken on the steps of Plantation House with the Duke. PC Jordana Peters made some closing remarks on behalf of the new recruits at the end of the presentation. The group will now undergo tutorship for 12 weeks with an experienced officer, to learn the ropes of working on the street along with community engagement. A final written exam was not required of them as they were assessed and given periodic knowledge checks during the 6 weeks training. A fitness test will be introduced for them to complete by March of next year. The new Constables are eager to serve the community of St Helena and continue training to be able to protect, understand, help and listen to people as they progress within the service. We wish them all the best as they embark on new chapters in their law enforcement careers.



SHARON L. WADE—Saint FM

Something Is Killing Saint Helena's Cloud Forest

Hakai
magazine
Coastal Science and Societies



A deadly water mould—a relative of the pathogen that causes potato blight—is devastating what's left of the South Atlantic island's endemic trees.

Rebecca Cairns-Wicks looks up at the branches of a black cabbage tree. It's growing at the edge of a grassy road along a sinuous ridge leading up the misty slopes of the cloud forest on Saint Helena Island. Umbels of small flowers, like bunched-up daisies, drape over the tree's flat, leathery leaves, and a mat of ferns, lichens, mosses, and other organisms coat its trunk, giving it a strikingly black appearance.

"This tree is iconic," says Cairns-Wicks, a plant geneticist and head of the St Helena Research Institute. Saint Helena—part of the British overseas territory Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha, which lies more than 1,800 kilometres off the coast of West Africa, between Angola and Brazil—is known for its rare and beautiful cloud forest ecosystem, which is anchored by a variety of endemic cabbage trees with names such as whitewood, he cabbage, and she cabbage.

The first Portuguese sailors who landed on Saint Helena in the early 1500s found an island crowned with green, from its mist-covered peaks to its rocky shoreline. But 500 years of forestry, intensive farming, and destruction by introduced goats have wholly altered the island's ecosystem. Two-thirds of the island is eroded and barren, and several species of endemic birds, invertebrates, and plants have gone extinct. At higher elevations, less than one percent of the island's original cloud forest remains. And now, one of the world's most feared plant pathogens, an invisible and deadly *Phytophthora*, seems intent on finishing it off.

Also known as water moulds, many species of *Phytophthora* are killers. They thrive in waterlogged soils and can lurk for years until plants become stressed enough for them to strike. The world's most notorious outbreak triggered the Irish potato famine of the mid-1800s. Another *Phytophthora* outbreak is currently threatening the global banana industry.

Although the pathogen is most obviously afflicting the island's

native trees, including the various cabbage trees, it's affecting the whole forest ecosystem, says Cairns-Wicks. Any tree loss has a big effect, she says, not just on the landscape but also on the canopy cover. Already, "the canopy is shrinking. It's affecting the light. It's affecting the humidity and the temperature of the whole of the peaks."

The stakes could not be higher says Rob Reeder, a plant pathologist with CABI, an international nonprofit organization focused on biodiversity conservation and sustainable agriculture projects. The trees dying on Saint Helena are, in some cases, among the last of their kind still growing in the wild. "All of the endemic trees on the island seem to be suffering," he says. The risk of extinction is very real.

Over the past two years or so, scientists have been tracking how the *Phytophthora* is running through Saint Helena's trees. Nobody's quite sure how the pathogen got onto the island. But having evolved in isolation over millions of years, many of these trees—47 species found nowhere else on Earth—have no resistance to *Phytophthora* species, says Reeder. The water mould attacks the trees at their roots. While some trees simply melt into the landscape, others leave behind pale skeletons of leafless wood reaching for the sky.

So far, the grand old black cabbage tree that Cairns-Wicks pointed out, which may be 200 years old, has been spared. But researchers with CABI have found the *Phytophthora* throughout the cloud forest. Perhaps more concerning, they've also found it in the island's living seed bank and native plant nursery, where seedlings are grown by hand to be replanted on the peaks. Given how widespread it already is, eradicating the *Phytophthora* is nearly impossible, Reeder says. Once it enters the soil, "there's no real means of getting rid of it. The only way of managing this thing is to stop it from spreading."

While the tree die-off was first noticed two years ago, Reeder says the *Phytophthora* may have been lurking on the island for as long as a decade. Once it got established, he says, the water mould could have slowly spread around in surface-



Councillor Robert Midwinter will be hosting a drop in Constituency Surgery for all residents living within the St Paul's electoral area. This will be held at Guinea Grass Community Centre on Wednesday 1st May, starting at 3pm, and 30 minute slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to meet with him on this occasion, please call 51500 to make an appointment, or send him an email via: cllr.midwinter@helanta.co.sh

Something Is Killing....

water runoff. There's also the possibility the water mould was inadvertently spread by foot traffic, wildlife, or even the plant nursery.

Despite the difficult odds, Reeder says saving Saint Helena's cloud forest is as crucial for the world's botanical diversity as it is for the island's cultural identity and tourism. And the local government is taking the problem very seriously. To protect the trees and prevent further *Phytophthora* spread, government officials have quarantined the island's remaining cloud forest. It's a decision that's come at a cost to the island's tourism industry, says Reeder.

CABI experts are also analysing soil samples to understand just how widespread the water mould is, and using DNA analysis to try to identify the specific species of *Phytophthora* at play. If they can do these things, it might reveal other pathways to stop the pathogen's spread.

Vanessa Thomas-Williams, who manages the island's native plant nursery, says the nursery has also changed how it prepares its potting soil to prevent inadvertently spreading the pathogen even further.

Born on Saint Helena, Thomas-Williams refuses to accept defeat. "If I can get fertile seeds put into the [seed] bank, at least we can save them from extinction if the trees die," she says. "This is what I'm dedicated to. I can't let them die—not under my watch."



St Helena
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10 May 2024

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PLANTATION HOUSE



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High value items have reserved prices and will be sold to the highest bidder on the day.

Cash sales only for priced items.

Come along and have a browse to see if anything takes your fancy!

For more information contact: Debbie Yon on 61883



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Applications should be submitted by hand or by e-mail to the Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown no later than **9am on Monday 13th May, 2024.**

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Utilities Regulatory Authority

On the 11th December 2023 The Utilities Regulatory Authority set tariffs for the provision of services by Connect St Helena for the period 1st January 2024 until 30th June 2024. The Utilities Regulatory Authority has received tariff proposals from Connect

St Helena to come into effect on the 1st July 2024. The Authority is now consulting upon these. The Authority wishes to receive responses from as many people as possible on the tariff proposals and the consultation is open to all.

The consultation period is from the 22nd April 2024 until the 31st May 2024.

The consultation document can be obtained from Judicial Services tel 22340 or by email from Pat Williams - patricia.williams@judicialservices.sh It is also available on the Connect St Helena website. Responses should be sent or delivered to Yvonne Williams at Judicial Services or by email to - yvonne.williams@judicialservices.sh



From the Cricket Pitch

Results from the weekend:

Saturday

Cobras 200/2 (20 overs)
 Michael Bedwell 65
 Scott Crowie 62
 Patrick Crowie 55 not out
 Robert George 1/22 (4 overs)

Mustangs 165/3 (20 overs)
 Chris Owen 46 not out
 Alaisdair Bain 38
 Robert George 36
 Mark Anthony 2/27 (3 overs)
 Man of the Match Scott Crowie

Sandy Bay Pirates 192/8 (20 overs)
 Greg Coleman 56
 Brett Isaac 41
 Ronan Legg 38
 Rieedwaan Richards 2/20 (3 overs)

Lions 30/9 (10 overs)
 Owen Richards 7
 Cruyff Buckley 6
 Rhys Francis 4/12 (4 overs)
 Man of the Match Rhys Francis

Sunday

Levelwood Allstars 178/6 (20 overs)
 Clayton Leo 43
 Stefan Leo 22
 Perry Leo 2/22 (4 overs)

Levelwood Rebels 181/2 (18.3 overs)
 Delroy Leo 84 not out
 Weston Clingham 62

Aiden Leo 1/24 (4 overs)
 Man of the Match Delroy Leo

Jamestown Heat 157/4 (20 overs)
 Dax Richards 52
 Jamie Essex 38
 Trystan Thomas 4/29 (4 overs)

Challengers 159/2 (13.1 overs)
 Sean-Lee Thomas 80 not out
 Andrew Yon 71 not out
 Damien O'Bey 2/26 (4 overs)
 Man of the Match Sean-Lee Thomas

Fixtures this weekend:

Saturday 27th April 1:30 pm
 Levelwood Allstars v Mustangs (Umpires Dax Richards and Damian Burns)

Sunday 28th April 8:00am
 Cobras v Sandy Bay Pirates (umpires Trystan Thomas and Andrew Yon)
 11:00am – Challengers v Lions (Umpires Matthew Benjamin and Aiden Leo)
 14:00pm – Jamestown Heat v Levelwood Rebels (Umpires David Price and Brett Isaac)



MINISTERS QUESTION TIME TUESDAY 30 APRIL 2024

The eleventh meeting of Ministers Question Time will take place on Tuesday 30th April 2024 at 10:00 in the Council Chamber. This meeting is open to the public and will be broadcast live via SAMS Radio 1.

The topic for this meeting is 'The Draft Immigration Policy'.

A copy of the Order Paper will be published on the SHG Website on Tuesday morning, and can be accessed via www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislative-council/order-papers/.

Legislative Council
24 April 2024



English Football

RESULTS

English FA Cup Semi-finals 20th April 2024
Manchester City 1 v Chelsea 0

English Premier League 20th April 2024
Luton Town 1 v Brentford 5
Sheffield United 1 v Burnley 4
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 v Arsenal 2

English FA Cup Semi-finals 21st April 2024
Coventry City 3 v Manchester United 3
(After extra time, Manchester United win 4 - 2 on penalties)

English Premier League 21st April 2024
Everton 2 v Nottingham Forest 0
Aston Villa 3 v AFC Bournemouth 1
Crystal Palace 5 v West Ham United 2
Fulham 1 v Liverpool 3

English Premier League 23rd April 2024
Arsenal 5 v Chelsea 0

English Premier League 24th April 2024
Wolverhampton Wanderers 0 v AFC Bournemouth 1
Everton 2 v Liverpool 0
Manchester United 4 v Sheffield United 2

English Premier League 25th April 2024
Brighton & Hove Albion 0 v Manchester City 4

Highlights

Manchester City bounced back from the disappointment of the Champions League quarter-final exit to Real Madrid as Bernardo Silva's late goal sunk Chelsea at Wembley to seal a place in the FA Cup final.

It was redemption for Silva after his poor spot-kick played a key role in City's loss on penalties to Real.

The Portuguese midfielder turned in the winner at the far post from Kevin de Bruyne's cross six minutes from time.

Chelsea will regret missing a host of chances, nearly all falling to striker Nicolas Jackson, as they suffered another agonising Wembley experience after the extra-time defeat on penalties against Liverpool in the Carabao Cup final.

And Chelsea also feel they were victims of an injustice as they were infuriated that they were not awarded a second-half penalty when Cole Palmer's free-kick struck Jack Grealish's hand in the wall, only for the video assistant referee to rule no offence had taken place.

Arsenal put their Champions League disappointment firmly in the past to beat Wolves at Molineux and move back to the top of the Premier League.



Having blown their chance to leapfrog Pep Guardiola's side six days ago by losing at home to Aston Villa, then been knocked out of the Champions League by Bayern Munich on Wednesday, it was a welcome triumph for Mikel Arteta's men. Leandro Trossard's strike in the last minute of the opening period may not have been the most eye-catching of the Belgian's career but it was perfectly timed.

It came at the end of a half where Arsenal seemed to have got stuck after a bright start and nearly fell behind to Gary O'Neil's injury-ravaged side.

The visitors dominated the second half too but were unable to carve out the clear chances that would have allowed them to take the game out of reach.

Captain Martin Odegaard added the second deep into stoppage time at the end of the game, turning in from a tight angle after his initial cross had been blocked.



Liverpool put a frustrating fortnight behind them to reignite their Premier League title bid with a welcome win at Fulham. Trent Alexander-Arnold, making a first league start in more than two months following a knee injury, curled a fabulous first-half free-kick into the top corner to put them ahead.

Timothy Castagne steered Fulham level before the break but Ryan Gravenberch's perfectly-measured 20-yard effort flew in off the post to restore the Reds' advantage.

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Diogo Jota sealed the points with an accurate low finish past Bernd Leno from Cody Gakpo's through ball and the margin of victory could arguably have been greater.

Regardless, it was an accomplished and largely trouble-free display from Liverpool that will reassure boss Jurgen Klopp they could yet end his nine-year reign with a second Premier League crown.

Dropped points in a draw at Manchester United and a shock Anfield defeat by Crystal Palace - with a disappointing Europa League exit to Atalanta sandwiched in between - had threatened to derail hopes of further trophies to add to the Carabao Cup they have already collected this season.

But victory at Craven Cottage lifts Liverpool back up to second in the table, level on points with leaders Arsenal - but behind the Gunners on goal difference - and a point above third-placed Manchester City, who have a game in hand.

However, Everton moved closer to Premier League survival and put a huge dent in Liverpool's Premier League title challenge with an outstanding win at a thunderous Goodison Park. Jarrad Branthwaite's first-half goal and a towering header from Dominic Calvert-Lewin after the break gave Everton their first Merseyside derby win at home since October 2010 in a victory that could assume huge significance.

Liverpool knew a win over the rivals they have dominated so often would put them level on points with leaders Arsenal but Jurgen Klopp's side never recovered from an opening period when they were overpowered by Everton, Branthwaite's close-range finish a deserved reward.

Everton then needed England keeper Jordan Pickford to keep them ahead as he saved from Darwin Nunez, Luis Diaz and Andy Robertson - but on this night, in a fiercely hostile atmosphere, the Toffees were not to be denied.

And victory was effectively sealed when Calvert-Lewin, a constant threat, rose at the far post to head home from Dwight McNeil's corner at the far post, just before the hour.

Liverpool had plenty of possession but, with Everton's defence resolute and Pickford so impressive, there was no way back as Klopp tasted defeat at Goodison Park in his final Merseyside derby.

Thursday Night Match



Manchester City moved to within one point of Premier League leaders Arsenal by thrashing Brighton 4-0 at Amex Stadium. The visitors took the lead through Kevin de Bruyne's excellent diving header in the 17th minute.

Phil Foden scored a second from a free-kick before doubling his tally, capitalising on defensive errors to give City a 3-0 half-time lead.

Julian Alvarez completed City's scoring midway through the second half after fine work from full-back Kyle Walker.

The result means City leapfrog Liverpool to go second in the league table, having played one game fewer than the Reds and leaders Arsenal.

English Premier League Fixtures 27th April 2024

West Ham United v Liverpool kick off 11.30

Fulham v Crystal Palace kick off 14:00

Manchester United v Burnley kick off 14:00

Newcastle United v Sheffield United kick off 14:00

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Luton Town kick off 14:00

Everton v Brentford kick off 15:30

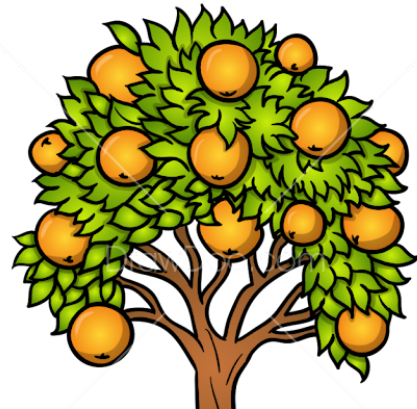
Aston Villa v Chelsea kick off 19:00

English Premier League Fixtures 28th April 2024

AFC Bournemouth v Brighton & Hove Albion kick off 13:00

Tottenham Hotspur v Arsenal kick off 13:00

Nottingham Forest v Manchester City kick off 15:30



The Orange Tree Oriental Restaurant is seeking the services of an Assistant Waiter or Waitress to work on a full-time basis during the lunch and dinner meals.

The successful applicant will be expected to start work as soon as possible.

Interested persons can contact Daisy Terry on 23370 or 22126.

Golf Report for Sunday, 21st April 2024

Report by SHGC

KJ Sponsored 18-hole Stroke Play Competition (April 21, 2024):

On a warm and cloudy Sunday afternoon, eighteen golfers participated in the KJ-sponsored 18-hole stroke play golf competition.

The top spot on the leaderboard was claimed by Larry Legg with a net score of 67. In a close second place, tied with net 68 were Nick Stevens and the sponsor himself, Keith Joshua. A countback was necessary to determine the final placement, which went to Keith Joshua. Keith Joshua opted to hand over his prize to the third placed Nick Stevens.

Additional prizes were awarded during the event: Master Asa Bushuru won the longest drive on the 13th fairway, while Mr. Pat Henry took home the nearest to pin prize on the 16th green. Prizes were presented by the sponsor Keith Joshua who thanked the members for taking part in the event.

There weren't any twos recorded during this competition, and the balls will be rolled over for next week's competition. The next event is the monthly medal scheduled for April 28, 2024, with tee-off at 12:00 PM. Registration for this competition closes on Saturday, April 27, at 3:00 PM.

An upcoming "six hand" Euchre tournament is also announced on Saturday, May 11, 2024. The fee for each team is set at £15. Interested members are encouraged to register their teams with Mr. Keith Joshua by contacting him at either 63698 or 25771.

Happy swinging.....!



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St Helena Launches New Investor Prospectus

Director of Economic Development, Damian Burns, travelled to Cape Town last week to represent St Helena at the Tourism Investment Forum Africa (TIFA).

The investment forum, which formed part of the World Travel Market (WTM) Africa, took place from 10 April to 12 April 2024.

Damian delivered a presentation on the first day of the forum. His presentation included a locally-produced 'Invest in St Helena' video, followed by a talk on the investment and commercial opportunities available in St Helena.

The talk also saw the official

launch of the St Helena Investment Prospectus 2024. The prospectus provides potential investors with details on the opportunities available in St Helena, and the government's vision to make St Helena a great place to live, work, visit and invest.

