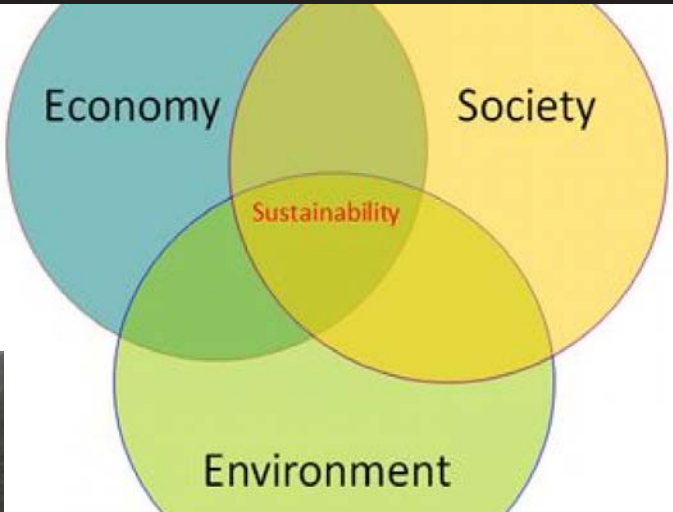


## ***What is Happening to Our Island?***

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# What Does Sustainable Mean?

We see a lot from St Helena Government mentioning the word 'sustainable'. Do they actually know what it means? Sustainable means 'able to be maintained at a certain rate or level'. What has SHG done in recent years to make anything sustainable? We have a dilapidated fuel farm – is that sustainable? We have an airstrip which is crumbling and a jetty at Rupert's which is getting undermined – all this at tax-payers expense at almost £300 million, is this sustainable?

Where is the sustainability in our recent Sustainable Economic Development Plan? It will cost more to implement than any revenue can possibly give to the island. We need to start from the beginning and make the island able to feed itself. Fantasies of a prosperous future are not possible at this time. Sometimes I feel like our government is living in cloud cuckoo-land. We need the essentials on the island to work first, before we can enter any escapades to do what we envisage for the future. What has been missed is the pure fundamentals on the island, such as agriculture, fishing and tourism. These areas were deemed to be the pillars of the St Helena economy - they have all failed so far. There are hardly any tourists on the island, the fishermen have been limited to one tonne of fish in total per week by the Government-funded STC, with payment of £1 per kilo, which means between four of them, they could take home £250 per week, per boat, and this cannot be even called a fishing industry.

When it comes to agriculture, it has fared slightly better where it is much easier now to get your salad together than it was 20 years ago, but the agricultural sector need to sort themselves out as it would appear that all farmers are trying to grow the same crop at the same time. The sector is in desperate need to co-operate with each other and the local merchants. Most people on the island have not seen a potato for several months and we have a Government Economist who says that we do not need to grow potatoes. No wonder that this island is in deep trouble, which appears not to be recognised by our government. We are lucky that South Africa has lifted the ban on exporting eggs, so we might look forward to more omelettes in the future.

Coming back to the issue of sustainability, how can any of this be able to be maintained at a certain rate or level? You don't really know if you should laugh or cry. St Helena is dominated by two very important principles – one being the Peter Principle, which is a concept in management observing that people in a hierarchy tend to rise to 'a level of respective incompetence'. To expand on this it means that employees are promoted, based on their success in previous jobs until



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they reach a level at which they are no longer competent, as skills in one job do not necessarily translate to another. Another principle widely adhered to on St Helena is what is known as Parkinson's Law, which originally was written as a joke, but is very true. The observation of Parkinson's Law states that "Work expands so as to fill the time available for its completion." In other words, things become harder to complete when more time or more staff is given to complete them as the build-up to the task becomes stressful and daunting.

The island has been saturated with these concepts for the last 50 years, which has led to its demise. This is partly why people are leaving. It is not simply more pay which could keep Saints on the island – it is also motivation and aspiration. This is the part which is missing in today's St Helena.

On the Tuesday afternoon Rockshow with guests Ivy Ellick and Tony Brooks plus two visiting Councillors, it was apparent that the island is frustrated and frustration often leads to desperation. Desperation often leads to people leaving the island. SHG's new approved policy suggests that we should import foreign people to replace the Saints which have been despaired by bad policies and decisions made by our government in the first place, dating back several years.

As we noticed in the lead-up to the St Helena's Day celebrations, the theme of which was 'What makes St Helena, St Helena?' culture and traditions were at the forefront of much of the STH National's Trust's plans – the same culture and traditions that are being placed in jeopardy by St Helena Government policies. If I can explain a little further – St Helena is a very delicate community where a large number of people from overseas (non-Saints) coming in large numbers at this point in time could destroy the fabric of what makes St Helena 'St Helena'.

What we all need to do is to make St Helena truly sustainable. We would need some assistance from UK or elsewhere to help us out, but we cannot waste the money allotted to us – we have to use it sparingly and be responsible for what is coming in to our little money chest. At the moment this is not happening. Any ideas or comments are warmly welcome.

**To be continued.....**



# Hugh James Lawyers Visit Next Week with Important Mission

Two representatives from the Hugh James Clinical Negligence Team arrive next Saturday. They will be here for one week only but want to contact all claimants for compensation due to Sergio Villatoro's or Dr Soto's negligence. One of the representatives, Gemma Osgood, has been here at least twice before. She will be accompanied by Tom Clements who will be making his first visit here.

Saints with claims registered with Hugh James Solicitors can contact Lina Knipe on email [Lina.Knipe@hughjames.com](mailto:Lina.Knipe@hughjames.com) to make an appointment. Gemma Osgood can be contacted directly on [Gemma.Osgood@hughjames.com](mailto:Gemma.Osgood@hughjames.com) from next Saturday afternoon, 8<sup>th</sup> June. These two representatives will have offices in the Consulate Hotel; a similar arrangement was made for the last Hugh James visit.



**Gemma Osgood and Tom Clements**

There will also be an opportunity to find out the latest information on what has changed with compensation claims at a public meeting scheduled for Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June at the museum, starting at 7pm. The meeting will be in the usual room used for public meetings. This room is now called 'The Nick Thorpe Room' as a very appropriate memorial. There will also be a radio interview on Saint FM on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June between 2 and 3pm.

## **Why is This Visit So Important?**

Ruth Powell, Head of the Hugh James Clinical Negligence Team, explained to the Independent, "Despite the Attorney General's office stating that that they would be represented by Weightmans Solicitors and would be at arm's length from the scheme, they have become directly involved. We were making slow but steady progress on agreeing terms until the end of March when representatives from the Attorney General's office attended a meeting and proposed radical amendments to the draft scheme." Ruth went on to say, "Hugh James and Weightmans have been unable to agree the terms of the compensation scheme which was announced by the Attorney General and SHG back in September last year. That effectively meant that all the months of work between Hugh James and Weightmans was completely wasted."

The result of SHG's intervention means Hugh James have rejected the proposals put forward in March this year when SHG decided to go back on their stated intention to take a back seat and let Weightman's Solicitors do their job. Hugh James believes the different scheme put forward by SHG after six months of negotiation between Hugh James, the solicitor who represent claimants, and Weightman, solicitors representing SHG, is unacceptable and not in the interests of Hugh James' clients.

Ruth Powell said, "The new draft scheme proposed by the Attorney General will not, in Hugh James's view, properly and fairly compensate the victims of the two doctors employed by SHG. We have therefore rejected the draft scheme as it currently stands, and instead intend to investigate each and every claim individually, litigating them in the Courts as appropriate."

This is why the two representatives of Hugh James who visit St Helena next week want to meet all their clients to explain how this unwelcome development affects how their claims are processed.

In previous communications, Ruth Powell has said that investigating and litigating each claim individually will take longer and will be more expensive. The additional expense is expected to fall on SHG (and public funds) as each case is decided.

## **What Does This Tell Us About SHG?**

On 22<sup>nd</sup> September last year, SHG made an announcement on the claims for clinical negligence against Sergio Villatoro (aka Dr Bran). The announcement included, "an **independently operated compensation scheme** will be established to process and manage claims associated with previous treatment delivered by Dr Bran. **SHG have therefore engaged an external law firm with significant experience in these matters to develop and manage the scheme, which will be operated entirely independent of SHG.**"

There is clear evidence SHG intervened and interfered with the development and management of the scheme in March this year. Going back on their word appears to be an institutional and cultural flaw in how SHG conduct discussions, arrangements and negotiations with outside parties.

In their September 2023 announcement, SHG also said, "In providing for a dedicated, experienced and independent team to deal with claims, it is hoped that claimants are able to get justice and **achieve a fair outcome in the most cost and time effective, and least stressful, way possible.**" The intervention by SHG in March appears to change everything, making the litigation process costly, inefficient and stressful. SHG have effectively admitted they are guilty of performing U-turns which cause a waste of time, money and reputational damage. The Economic Development Plan has a section called "Better government — Make St Helena Government a facilitator of business". In that section SHG claim "SHG will work to improve its internal processes and its interface with customers and businesses; including by establishing clear criteria and timelines for decisions." The Economic Development Plan was published only recently but is dated 2023 to 2033. There is no evidence that any improvement has yet been achieved. The same section also includes, "SHG should not shy away from ensuring that the island's rules and policies — which are designed to promote the welfare of the island — include compliance activities, where required." We have to ask if the welfare of the island includes its people. And if SHG always acts in the interests of the people they govern, or sometimes act in their own interests — to the cost of the people they govern.



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# Editorial

## **What is Happening to Our Island?**

Simple, We All Have a One-Way Ticket to Poverty and Depopulation

### **The Depopulation Problem**

It is very likely many people look upon the depopulation of St Helena as a St Helena problem. It is not. Depopulation and reducing birth rates are happening right across the world. The Cook Islands leads one set of numbers showing population decline during last year, followed by three other small islands and then five small European countries.

St Helena does not appear on the list. Government statistics indicate our population drift away from the Island is not as bad as many other islands and larger mainland countries. In January 2010 the Saint population resident on-island was 3,875. In February 2024 it was 3,864. The highest Saint resident population was 4,235 in January 2018. Even in January 2018 SHG had to take money from reserves to cover over-spends, the low number of tourists worried many people and shipping freight was due to cost more. Having 370 extra Saints resident in St Helena in January 2018 is set against the usual economic background which causes Saints to seek their fortunes somewhere over the ocean.

But that is not the end of the story; it is hardly the beginning. The reasons why different countries populations are going down and not up are often due to very different reasons. This means different solutions have to be found for different situations. Here is another problem. A country that finds a solution to declining populations and birth rates is hard to find. The Cook Islands has seen population decline since 1996 as residents emigrate to New Zealand or Australia for education and employment opportunities. That sounds familiar but the Cook Islands does have a better economy than we do. Agriculture employs 25% of the working population. Tourism creates around 75% of the economic activity. There is some manufacturing and oyster fishing to collect black pearls for export.

American Samoa is second on the list of declining populations. It is reported, American Samoa's population has fallen from around 56,000 in 2010 to less than 50,000 in 2020, according to US census data. This is due in part to younger people moving to the US mainland and having children there. Subsistence farming is the main economic activity and provides little encouragement to stay.

The disadvantage for most small islands is they all have small economies. The economies are usually weak and undeveloped. Why is American Samoa still trying to survive mostly on subsistence farming? How much effort has the United States expended on this small island to improve the lives of residents? The Cook Islands is self-governing and seems to

have an association with New Zealand similar to the relationship between Jersey, Guernsey and the Isle of Man with the United Kingdom. New Caledonia is now featured in international media due the French government's continued unsympathetic handling of the indigenous Kanak population. New Caledonia too, has a declining population due to low birth rates and people leaving.

### **Falling Birth Rates – Birth Control**

There are two main reasons for falling birth rates. First, birth control has released women from the dull daily routine of washing the laundry, cooking the meals and cleaning the house; while at the same time holding a squawking baby. The birth control pill was first available in the United States in 1957. In the UK it was available from 1961. General availability and easy access to birth control came a few years later. Choosing when to have a baby has allowed women to follow a career, develop their skills and ensure the family budget will pay for a child when the time comes.

As this new way of life for women has evolved in recent decades, it has become increasingly common for some women to choose a career before having a baby. In other situations, 'waiting for the right time', be it a bigger household budget or after the mortgage is reduced, has meant the 'right time' has come and then gone. Statistically, 10 women of child-bearing age need to give birth, between them, to 21 babies if the population is to remain stable. In many countries this number has fallen below the critical 21, contributing to population decline.

### **Falling Birth Rates – Infertility Increase**

The second main reason for falling birth rates is increasing infertility. A Google search reveals a range of reasons for infertility. The result of one search informs us, "Ovulation disorders are the most common cause of infertility in people with ovaries." People with ovaries! Is it now sexist to say women have ovaries? Other Google searches offer obesity, strenuous physical labour, excessive exercise, substance use, heavy drinking, smoking, high blood pressure, diet and increased exposure to endocrine\*\* disrupting chemicals, such as those found in plastics and pesticides, and age. It is reported men will generally see a 52% decrease in fertility rate between their early 30s and their mid-to-late 30s. It was usual for couples to have children in their early to mid-twenties. Waiting to pay off the mortgage or pursuing a career that bit longer can reduce the odds for conception.

\*\* Endocrine is a tissue that makes and releases hormones that travel in the bloodstream and control the actions of other cells or organs.

### **Where Does All This Leave St Helena?**

To start with, St Helena is a small island with a small population and a small, weak and undeveloped economy. Nothing



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will change the fact that a small population will only ever produce a small economy. In other words, the resident Saint population can only ever have a small private sector which will produce a limited number of jobs and a restricted amount of wealth, resulting in a permanently low standard of living and quality of life.

Tourism may break this vicious circle. If tourists come in sufficient numbers. Developing tourism will take a few more years. Tourism is not and cannot be an overnight sensation. So many people still do not know this island exists. Those that do, often cannot find it on a map. For St Helena, the wonderful thing about tourists is they come, stay for a week or two, spend money while they are here and then go. So long as we do not get too many of them, that sounds great. But we need more than that. It is dangerous to rely only on tourism. Who knows what might happen in the future to turn tourism development plans upside down. The COVID pandemic gave us a taste of that kind of upheaval.

The most recent Economic Development Plan puts tourism at the top of the list for targeted development. Next on the list is 'products uniquely Saint'. This includes selling commemorative stamps and coins, arts and crafts and souvenirs. Nothing new here; this stuff has been on sale for years. Maybe it could be marketed more professionally and the Economic Development Plan suggests selling these items on the internet. It may work. If it does, we will not notice much difference to the Island's economy. Suggesting this as a targeted development only emphasises how weak St Helena's economy is. Also suggested is selling the domain name. That's the 'sh' in [helanta.co.sh](http://helanta.co.sh). Information from the Independent's contacts tell us use of 'sh' is already popular, notably by internet hacks. Next and last on the 'uniquely Saint' list is promoting St Helena as a film location. It is more than possible the cost of getting all the people and equipment to St Helena would bust the producer's budget.

Other targeted sectors are satellite ground stations, fisheries, high value agriculture, professional and remote working and financial services and company law modernisation. When OneWeb started to show interest in locating a ground station here, their usage and the revenue from it was seen as an important contribution to the running costs of the Equiano cable connection. Now, the revenue is often described as 'not that much' or 'not that important'. In the same way, Connect now talk down the benefits of renewable energy to our utility bills. Fisheries are in a big mess again and need to be sorted out, again. High value agriculture appears to mean coffee beans or maybe the finished roasted, ground and packaged product. There is no mention of food security for all of us in the Economic Development Plan. Food is likely to become increasingly insecure as the years pass. The remaining targeted sectors are small activities which may bring

in small amounts of revenue. This is economic development up to 2033.

The floodgates will surely open and people will come pouring through. Hundreds of them will take advantage of the tinkering with the Immigration Policy so they can catch fish, grow coffee beans and take full advantage of the unfinished, unmentioned and seemingly forgotten full fibre technology.

## The Questions

1. Why are so many people leaving the Island? Answer - Surely, it's obvious.
2. Why is the government accused of allowing hundreds of people to emigrate here? Answer - Relax, they are scaring them away.
3. Why is no-one making sense? Answer - Someone pressed the self-destruct button.

Vince

## NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St Helena Heritage Society Ltd  
Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June  
Museum of Saint Helena @ 6.30pm

### Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Chair's report
3. Financial report
4. Museum report
5. Elections
6. Any other business
7. Presentation by David Taylor on  
Railways of St Helena





# Why Are We Still Talking About This?

In August last year The Independent reported on the latest in a series of applications by Connect St Helena to the Regulatory Authority for an increase in utility charges. In the application, which was published in the public domain, Connect gave much useful detail. This included how many customers used how much electricity. The application proposed two options for increased charges. Introducing a £45 flat rate standing charge was part of the complicated proposals.

We produced a table showing customers who used the least electricity would suffer the largest percentage increases if the standing charge was given the go-ahead.

Max. Consumption Per Quarter in kWh	Number of Consumers	% age of all Customers	Impact Per Quarter	Options 1 & 2 Compared	
200	601	23.05%	£10.00	£35.00	Saving with Option 2
400	689	26.43%	£20.00	£25.00	
600	580	22.25%	£30.00	£15.00	
800	379	14.54%	£40.00	£5.00	
1000	216	8.29%	£50.00	-£5.00	Option 1 Costs Less
1200	73	2.80%	£64.00	-£19.00	
1400	31	1.19%	£78.00	-£33.00	
1600	20	0.77%	£92.00	-£47.00	
1800	7	0.27%	£106.00	-£61.00	
2000	5	0.19%	£120.00	-£75.00	
2200	2	0.08%	£134.00	-£89.00	
2400	2	0.08%	£148.00	-£103.00	
2600	1	0.04%	£162.00	-£117.00	
2800	0	0.00%	£176.00	-£131.00	
3000	1	0.04%	£190.00	-£145.00	
2607 TOTAL - All Customers					

We added, It is Connects view that the tariffs should be transparent and equitable. Yes, all domestic users pay the same standing charge, as do all commercial users, but is that being fair and even-handed? For users who want to keep their electricity bill to the lower rate of 30p and are careful not to use more than 1,000 units, the £45 standing charge is a 15% increase on what they previously paid. For someone who can afford to be not so careful and uses 1,500 units, the £45 standing charge is only 8.5% more on the bill. As so often happens, it can be argued the less well-off are hit hardest.

On Tuesday's Saint FM Rock Show, among the many dispiriting subjects discussed was the latest proposal from Connect for increases in utility charges. Councillor Karl Thrower mentioned the large number of Connect's customers who use the least number of kWh every quarter and the big impact the standing charge would have on the total bill if the standing charge was permitted by the URA.

How long is all of this going on for? Life is short; everyone who is over 25 realises that with increasing awareness as each year passes. There is a strong whiff from the extremely lengthy process that no-one is sure exactly what to do. Connect have big problems to resolve, in which ever direction they wish to look. Problems that will take years to sort out. If resolving what the utility charges should be takes as long

as it does, Connect will still be sorting out the problems they have now when we are all six feet under.

## UK Water Regulator Delays Decision on Big Price Rises

The water company regulator for England and Wales will delay decisions on applications for increased charges from the 16 water companies that operate in the two countries. Announcements will be made after the 4<sup>th</sup> July UK general election, on 11<sup>th</sup> July.

Britain's biggest water monopoly company, Thames Water, which serves more than 16million customers in the London and Thames Valley region, faces nationalisation unless it can attract vast quantities of fresh capital. It has requested bill rises of 59% – after accounting for inflation – from the regulator.

Southern Water has requested the highest increase in bills among the utility companies of 91% to £915 a year, while Wessex Water has requested a 50% increase to £822 a year. Thames Water's is the second highest request for an increase in percentage terms, at 59% to £749, according to figures from the Consumer Council for Water.

The water regulator is expected to refuse most water companies' requests to ratchet up consumer bills, with some getting as little as half of what they have asked for. Thames Water is grumbling that delay and uncertainty adversely affects the company's ability to raise capital at a time when they are £15 billion in debt.

It seems the water supply industry in England is in a bigger pickle than St Helena.



The massive amount of raw sewage pumped into rivers and seas by UK water companies has become an issue in the general election.



## St Matthew's Church Parish Council

The Parish Council of St Matthew's Church would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to everyone who supported our Parish Fete on the 20th of May.

We are pleased to announce the winners of our main raffle:

### First Prize (Microwave Oven):

Sheet 10, Ticket number 8 - Paul Gasteen

### Second Prize (Sandwich Maker):

Sheet 24, Ticket number 18 - Sarah Furniss

### Third Prize (Toaster):

Sheet 24, Ticket number 10 - Thorpes Wholesale Store

### Fourth Prize (Set of 3 Containers):

Sheet 22, Ticket number 10 - Zoe Moyce

### Fifth Prize (Electric Iron):

Sheet 8, Ticket number 13 - Mandy Thomas

Thank you once again for your support and participation. God Bless you all.



## DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

### The Parish of St Paul's

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – Ninth Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter

### The Parish of St James

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – Ninth Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael

#### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
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#### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
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### The Parish of St Matthew

#### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024 – Ninth Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</b>	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist/Cell Group	St Mark



The Congregation of St Andrew's Church would like to thank the donors who wish to remain anonymous, for the kind donation of £500 for the repairs to St Andrew's Church roof. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.

*May God continue to bless you all.*

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Due to unforeseen circumstances the  
**"How to deal with how you feel"**  
 seminars by Margery Herinirina,  
 scheduled to take place at the SDA  
 church hall, from 2<sup>nd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> June has been  
**postponed until further notice.**



# Your Opinion Counts

***A letter to Lawson Henry, from Jack Horner, sent to the Editor***

***Good afternoon, Lawson,***

I read with interest Mike Olsson's editorial article and the letter in last week's 'Independent' submitted by you and other former Exco colleagues. I do not have their email addresses but please feel free to pass this on to them if you think it appropriate.

Regarding your article, I have to say that it would have helped and made a bit more sense for readers to be informed as to exactly what the complaint is, as there was no mention of it in any detail. However, I can appreciate this could possibly be sub-judicial, but, if not it needs to be aired.

That said, the whole episode seems to be an almighty 'cock-up' of injustice and cover-up by various government officials which smacks of corruption and a great lacking of transparency and democracy.

Furthermore the current Speaker of the House, who claims not to have been aware of your complaint, is certainly very aware of it now and therefore should be taking the matter forward as a priority and without any further delay.

There are too many disappointing examples of poor governance during the last couple of years and this matter adds to that unsatisfactory state of affairs.

On a separate issue the proposed new Immigration Policy seems to be yet another example of the tail wagging the dog instead of the other way round. That is how it seems to me and I know many others in the community.

As has been said many times recently, our government particularly the ministers need to be more assertive and positive in addressing matters such as the decline in population, especially those

working islanders who are leaving. Every bit as important they need to address developing and supporting our young people in meaningful employment and further education and I mean not just in words but positive action. At the moment there seems little incentive for them to start a career let alone develop one. (Eventually there could be no 'saints' left who are capable of changing an electric plug, doing some essential carpentry or even changing a water tap washer).

Currently, what is not happening on St. Helena does not auger well for our future and one can only hope that come the next General Election it will not be too late to change things for the betterment of the island.

Lord Ashcroft, the highly respected billionaire, stated that it takes far too long for things to happen on St. Helena. He is absolutely right and so are you Lawson together with your colleagues in drawing the electorates' attention to this particular incident.

Personally, I could say I am now too old to worry about or be involved in such matters but I'm afraid I am and I passionately care for the islands future. With that Lawson, I will pen off wishing you, as ever, all good wishes,

***Jack Horner***

***Dear Editor***

Getting to the end of the culture month of May, we must not forget to celebrate two important anniversaries: the 350<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of the Royal Charter and the building of the Jamestown Community Centre.

The Royal Charter, signed by King Charles II on 16<sup>th</sup> December 1673, established the foundations of St Helena as a British Island and the people as British Citizens in perpetuity. We are within 12 months of when the charter was signed, so the cultural month of May would be a good time to commemorate this important anniversary.

The significance of the Royal Charter is demonstrated in the case that the Canadian lawyers from Toronto University took to the United Nations (UN) in 2001, on behalf of the Anglican Church Citizenship Commission, to restore British Citizenship to St Helenians. One of the law-

yers, Professor Hudson Janisch, is a descendant of an Island born governor. The case did not only deal with citizenship but also under international law which Britain is signatory to stated that "all peoples have the right to freely determine their political status and freely pursue their economic, social and cultural development". Reverend Nicholas Turner, first chair of the Citizenship Commission on St Helena and Chair of the UK Branch, made copies of these documents available to the public.

The other significant anniversary is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the building of the Jamestown Community Centre in 1824. St Helena's strategic position was vital to the East India Company in its trade with the Far East, making it one of the most wealthy and influential global companies the world has known. However, it wouldn't have happened had it not been for the people of St Helena. St Helena was not only providing provisions, it was also a fortress. During this period of almost two centuries, there were about 1000 men in the garrison. Islanders contributed to building fortifications and other fine buildings on the island during this time. Ten years before they left, the East India Company wanted to leave a monument to represent this significant contribution by islanders in the form of a building, and so arranged for the construction of the Jamestown Community Centre, originally a school. Records show it was built "by free men of colour". It is a testament to the high level of skilled island craftsman and is one, if not the, finest example of stone masonry on the island.

It is also important to remember our military inheritance. There are two monuments that remind us of this: the Cenotaph and the Bridge Clock, remembering St Helenians who fought and lost lives in the two world wars. Our military connection goes back to when the island was first settled. It was taken possession of by the English and run as a company island by the East India Company. Soldiers were here from the outset. The military formed an integral part of island life. This military connection with the UK has continued to the present day with St Helenians serving in the British armed forces. They have been involved in active service with one St Helenian, Alwyn Stevens of



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Longwood, receiving the CGC (Conspicuous Gallantry Cross), one of highest awards for bravery. During the Falklands War our island ship the RMS St Helena was commissioned by the Admiralty to take part in the war. The St Helenian crew including three women volunteered to serve.

From these major sources of settlers, slaves, soldiers, and sailors (our maritime connections) we have come to be the people and culture of today: we play cricket, eat plo, have a rifle club, and 'killick' when we go fishing from a boat.

*Culture is about sharing.  
Those special moments  
Whispers to sing and share  
For live is but a whisper  
In the eternity of time*

From one of my poems "Troughs at Sea"

**Regards**  
**Basil George**

## ROYAL AIR FORCE VISITS ST HELENA

Last week, the Royal Engineer Lead Air Support Team visited St Helena and conducted a comprehensive survey of the airport runway. The survey confirmed the runway remains in excellent condition, and the team also provided valuable capacity building and support to airport staff.

Building on this successful visit, the Royal Air Force (RAF) have identified an opportunity to showcase their capabilities. An A400M military transport aircraft will conduct a training flight between St Helena and the Falkland Islands and will take place from Sunday 2 June to Monday 3 June 2024.

This provides a valuable training opportunity for the RAF and will confirm the route in case St Helena ever needs any humanitarian support and if a short landing or take off capability is ever required.

Whilst here, the visiting team is hoping to get out and about to experience the island's natural wonders and hopefully spend some time meeting the island's youth.

Beyond the training mission, the RAF are also committed to engaging with the St Helena community. To foster connection, the RAF and St Helena Airport will host a special visit for children of all ages at the airport on Sunday 2 June from 13:00 to 15:00.

Parents who wish for their child or children to participate can register their names by contacting Stephen Thwaites at [stephen.thwaites@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.thwaites@fcdo.gov.uk). Please note that children must be accompanied by an adult and transportation to the airport is not provided.

This visit by the RAF underscores the strong partnership between the UK and its Overseas Territories.

**SHG**  
**30 May 2024**



## INFLUENZA (FLU) SEASON ADVICE

The annual influenza (flu) season in South Africa started in April 2024, and there has been a steady rise in the number of cases across the country. This year there are three main strains of flu causing illness in South Africa, all of which are included in our current flu vaccine. We have also seen an increasing number of cases of flu on St Helena, which is not surprising given the regular movement of people to and from South Africa.

In most people, flu causes an unpleasant but fairly mild illness, with fever, cough, and headache. Some people may also get nausea and diarrhoea. Occasionally the illness can be more severe, causing pneumonia and severe breathing problems. In most cases there is no need to go to the hospital or to see a doctor, rest and simple treatments like paracetamol are enough, and you should recover within a few days.

Children usually get only a mild illness with flu, although those with other breathing problems (such as asthma) may become more severe and will require medical attention. For most children, treatment with suitable infant or child painkillers such as Calpol, along with rest and plenty of fluids, will be enough and there is usually no need to see a doctor.

Flu is spread through coughs and sneezes, but also from picking up the virus on your hands from contaminated surfaces. Hand washing or hand gels are important in preventing spread. The flu vaccine is also useful. It may not always stop you catching the virus, but will make the symptoms less severe if you do, especially for those who suffer from other lung problems. Many people have already taken up the offer to receive flu vaccine, but there are still some available.

If you would like to receive the vaccine, you can drop in at your local outpatient clinic during routine clinic hours. The public are encouraged to do this as soon as possible for the vaccine to be effective during the peak of the flu season.

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**28 May 2024**  
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# St Helena Cloud Forest Project update: January - March 2024

The St Helena Cloud Forest Project is a highly collaborative multi-year project working to implement the Peaks Management Plan for St Helena's 'Peaks National Park'; a globally significant area for biodiversity which is also vital for St Helena's long-term water security. Key actions across the first four years of the project include monitoring and research to inform and secure the island's water security and climate change adaptation efforts; improving, restoring and creating cloud forest habitat to increase areas for mist capture and ensure the conservation of associated species; and supporting the sustainable development of St Helena by developing opportunities through ecotourism, education, sustainable land use and conservation training.



## What happened under each pillar?

### Biodiversity

- The teams at EMD continued to be busy with maintenance of gene banks and restoration sites at Taylors and Wells - with over 1,600 ferns and understory plants planted at Taylors in March. Work also continued in this quarter to track and record tree health and pathogen spread. In addition:
  - ◊ The team began refurbishment of the Peaks nursery, in order to upgrade the facility in line with new phytosanitary protocols;
  - ◊ Soil sampling for pathogen testing was carried out at Girlings gene bank before planting;
  - ◊ Seed collection, banking and sowing continued;
  - ◊ Soil sterilising for sterile growing medium continued;
  - ◊ A standardised rodent baiting programme is in place as part of on-going rodent control methods.
- At Scotland's endemic nursery, the team had some issues with germination in cloud forest species; however, there was some success with several key endemic species, as well as through the use of cuttings. Also:
  - ◊ As part of a capacity-building visit, Miriam Bazzicalupo from Royal Botanical Gardens, Kew, visited and supported the team in the micropropagation lab. The team continue to make steady progress with micropropagation of critically endangered ferns.
- At the St Helena National Trust, important invertebrate monitoring, control, and assessment work continued. These include:
  - ◊ Monitoring of the rare endemic Golden Sail Spider; with both day and night surveys carried out;
  - ◊ Invasive control efforts, including surveying for control trials on the Big-headed Ant, and deployment of control for the Common Wasp at Blue Hill and Sandy Bay;
  - ◊ Completing the first draft of the Y2 Annual Invertebrate Report;
  - ◊ Drafting Red List Assessments for 106 endemic cloud forest invertebrate species for the IUCN Red List.

### Water security and climate change

- Regular water and climate monitoring by Connect Saint Helena and the Bottom Woods Met Office continued throughout this period.
- International project partner Ben Sansom, of Arctium, visited to conduct further fieldwork in January and review datasets and undertaking interpretation.
- The team drafted reports on the island's water resources and water balance using data collected over a number of years. These reports will be finalised in Q1 of year 4.
- Connect Saint Helena procured telemetry equipment to upgrade the water monitoring network which will increase monitoring efficiency and reduce footfall in sensitive areas.
- A successful Water Pillar Outreach Day was held for Years 9-11 at Prince Andrew School to educate and involve students in some of the skills and techniques being used to assess the island's water resources and geology.
- Monthly climate data from automatic weather stations and mist and rain gauges was collected, and maintenance carried out on equipment. Water level and flow monitoring continued.
  - ◊ Real-time data from the automatic weather stations can be accessed via: <https://wow.metoffice.gov.uk/> (pan to St Helena).
- Steve Palmer - an expert Meteorologist supporting the Project – archived historical meteorological data for St Helena.
  - ◊ This data has been made available via: [https://data.ceda.ac.uk/.../images/metobs/atlantic/ST\\_HELENA](https://data.ceda.ac.uk/.../images/metobs/atlantic/ST_HELENA)



### Socio-economic

- A Focus Group was held by St Helena National Trust's Education & Outreach Officer with Year 10 female students at Prince Andrew School discussing barriers to females joining conservation related roles.





# St Helena Cloud Forest Project update: January - March 2024

- The Project funded training on Geographic Information Systems (GIS) for staff from SHG, SHRI, Connect, SHNT, the MET Station, & RSPB which covered an introduction to QGIS, as well as Advanced GIS Training.
- Work continued on drafting material for the Cloud Forest Secondary Education Pack
  - ◊ Following research in Quarter 3, procurement of a 3D Island Model was made to support the project's education and outreach work
- Work began on aerial surveying of priority cloud forest compartments, a vital tool in assessing cloud forest habitat whereby multispectral data on the land surface is collected and collated in order to analyse factors such as tree health, the spread of pathogens, and track habitat expansion. The surveying will be completed in Quarter 1 of Year 4.



Drone image from aerial mapping

## Update on Pathogens

- The St Helena Government prohibited public access to critical areas of the Peaks National Park including the cloud forest from 11 April until December 2023 to help to prevent the further spread of the pathogens.
- Following the precautionary principle, the closure of sensitive areas of the Peaks was extended to March 2024 in the first instance pending further testing and monitoring. A process to grant authorised access through EMD remains in place. During this period the CABI team were on island (project DPLUS157) for further testing, training and to commence inoculation trials. An update on their work to March 2024 can be viewed here: [https://youtu.be/z\\_b-gxrg17Q](https://youtu.be/z_b-gxrg17Q).

## What's coming up April to June 2024?

- A capacity-building visit for Robert George to undertake further training on geophysics surveys in the UK and the Netherlands.
- Propagation of cloud forest species for living gene banks and restoration work is ongoing, and germination trials of cloud forest species will be undertaken.
- Maintenance of restored habitat, invasive clearance works, and infrastructure repairs will continue on the Peaks, at living gene banks and the Scotland nursery.
- A knowledge sharing call on various workstreams researching the genetics of Peaks plant species.
- Ongoing water and climate monitoring.
- Completion of invertebrate survey reports; and commencing Y3 annual surveys (delayed from Q4 in Year 3).
- Completion of aerial mapping of cloud forest habitat to assess tree health, pathogen spread and habitat expansion.

## Project Outreach

- In January, the Cloud Forest Project and our ongoing conservation efforts was presented to HRH the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Edward, during his visit to St Helena.
- Social media coverage continued, including Int. Day for Women & Girls in Science, Invasive Species week, Int. Women's Day, Int. Day of Forests, and World Water Day.
  - ◊ Support, through followers and engagement, continues to grow – see QR codes below for Facebook and Twitter
- The RSPB published two stories, where the work of the project was featured, including for:
  - ◊ Int. Women's Day: Carrying out conservation on a global scale – celebrating our team on Int. Women's Day ([www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk))
  - ◊ Int. Day of Forests and World Water Day: How cloud forest restoration on St Helena is bringing back wildlife and boosting water security ([www.rspb.org.uk](http://www.rspb.org.uk)).
- The Natural History Museum published a blog on the new pirate spider species discovered on the island through work funded by the St Helena Cloud Forest Project: <https://ow.ly/vOiQ50RZPgT>
- In March, then Project Manager, Kirsten Ellis, gave a presentation of the SHCFP to Birdlife South Africa in Johannesburg during her return to the UK from St Helena
- Kirsten was also interviewed for an article in SA's Getaway Magazine on the role of Tour Guides and Tourism in supporting conservation efforts within the Cloud Forest on St Helena
- On St Helena, during Quarter 4, a further two public talks were held by the SHCFP:
  - ◊ Amy Webster (University of Birmingham) and Jayne Crozier (CABI) gave an update on tree disease and plant pathogens threatening St Helena, filmed by WTSDN and made available on YouTube: [https://youtu.be/z\\_b-gxrg17Q](https://youtu.be/z_b-gxrg17Q)
  - ◊ Dr Mark Nicholson, during a self-funded trip to St Helena, discussed the methodologies, challenges, successes and failures after a quarter of a century restoring Brackenhurst's native forests, as he linked the work on St Helena to the cloud forest restoration work being done as part of a Darwin Project in Kenya's Taita Hills.

For more information please contact: [shayla.ellick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:shayla.ellick@rspb.org.uk)

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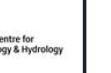
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# Property For Sale



## Commercial Property Ladder Hill £400,000

- ▶ Currently used as a bar and restaurant
- ▶ Internal area 258m<sup>2</sup>
- ▶ Great location with large parking area and facilities which benefits with ocean views
- ▶ Property could be converted into a retail outlet or residential apartments subject to planning permission
- ▶ An investment property which will provide good Return on Investment



## Residential Property Gordons Post £119,950

2 Bedrooms

Stunning views of High Knoll Fort

Further details available at DPS, The Market,  
Jamestown, St. Helena, STHL 1ZZ or email  
[derek@dps.co.sh](mailto:derek@dps.co.sh) or Telephone 00 290  
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# We're looking for a **HOTEL MANAGER** to join our team

Mantis St Helena  


## **QUALIFICATIONS**

**Work Experience:** Previous experience as a hotel manager or in an equivalent role, preferably with island experience.

**Education:** Diploma or Degree preferably in hospitality or a related field, with a commitment to ongoing learning.

**Communication Skills:** Fully proficient in English, with excellent communication and presentation abilities.

**Sustainability Passion:** Dedicated to sustainability, environmental care, eco-tourism, and creating unforgettable experiences.

**Leadership:** Proven leadership, organizational, and people skills, along with strategic thinking and excellent presentation abilities. Demonstrated ability to lead effectively, promote positive employee relations, and maintain a harmonious workplace.

**Business Acumen:** Focused on results, with a commitment to quality guest service and team building. Familiarity with budgeting, forecasting, profit and loss analysis, and a creative and innovative approach.

**Profile:** Projects a professional demeanor and strategic outlook, highly organized with an entrepreneurial mindset. Engaging, friendly, and charismatic, with a natural ability to connect with guests/colleagues. Performs well under pressure, analyzes and resolves issues, and exercises sound judgment.

REPORTING TO THE VICE PRESIDENT OF OPERATIONS, THE HOTEL MANAGER WILL LEAD STRATEGIC PLANNING, ENSURING THE SUCCESSFUL OPERATION OF THE HOTEL. THE ROLE ENCOMPASSES FOSTERING A CULTURE OF EXCELLENCE, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION AMONG STAFF, PRIORITIZING EXCEPTIONAL GUEST EXPERIENCES, AND DRIVING FINANCIAL GOALS. HIS/HER LEADERSHIP EXTENDS TO COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT, MAINTAINING STRONG RELATIONSHIPS WITH LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS, SHAREHOLDERS, AND SERVING AS A BRAND AMBASSADOR FOR MANTIS. HE/SHE WILL CHAMPION SUSTAINABILITY AND ECO-TOURISM INITIATIVES, INTEGRATING RESPONSIBLE PRACTICES INTO OUR OPERATIONS. THE AIM IS TO ACHIEVE OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE, ENSURE GUEST SATISFACTION, PROMOTE ENVIRONMENTAL CARE, AND SET A BENCHMARK IN THE HOSPITALITY INDUSTRY.

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# We're looking for a **FINANCE MANAGER** to join our team

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**Work Experience:** Previous experience as a finance manager or in an equivalent role, preferably with an island experience or remote locations.

**Education:** Diploma or degree preferably in finance or a related field, with a commitment to ongoing learning.

**Communication Skills:** Fully proficient in English, with excellent communication and presentation abilities.

**Systems:** Excellent knowledge of Symphony, Opera, and Sun.

**Financial Acumen:** Excellent experience with budgeting, forecasting, profit and loss analysis, and a creative and innovative approach.

**Profile:** Engaging, friendly, and charismatic, with a natural ability to connect with guests/colleagues. Performs well under pressure, analyzes and resolves issues, and exercises sound judgment.

REPORTING TO THE HOTEL MANAGER, THE FINANCE MANAGER IS RESPONSIBLE FOR SUMMARISING THE CURRENT FINANCIAL STATUS BY COLLECTING INFORMATION, PREPARING BALANCE SHEETS, PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENTS, BUDGETING, FORECASTING, AND ANY OTHER REPORTS REQUIRED BY THE OPERATOR/OWNER.

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## **Chemotherapy Unit Nurse (£14,585 per annum)**

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to employ a Chemotherapy Unit Nurse to join their team. The Chemotherapy Unit Nurse will be responsible for providing safe and quality oncology nursing care to all the patients diagnosed with cancer and ensuring patient safety including conducting pre-chemotherapy assessments. This role will require doing on call and working outside of normal hours which includes home visits to ensure all patients are catered and cared for. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Busisiwe Ramaru on Tel No 22500 or Email  
[Busisiwe.ramaru@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Busisiwe.ramaru@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 2024

## **Emergency Medical Technician (£14,585 per annum)**

The Emergency Medical Technician is responsible for the provision of an effective emergency service under the direction of the paramedic team or other senior qualified practitioner, working unsocial hours and supporting on-call duties to provide a 24/7 response. Working independently when not under direct supervision and managing the Emergency department as the lead clinician until relieved by a Senior/Sister. Ensuring that every patient contact counts by providing a high standard of care, promoting well-being, providing lifestyle advice, and making referrals to other health and social care professionals, when appropriate. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Rae Dickie Clark on Tel No 22500 or Email  
[rae.dickie-clark@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rae.dickie-clark@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 2024

## **Trainee Mechanic ( Fixed term – 2 years) (£7,341 per annum)**

## **Mechanic ( Fixed term - 2 years) (£9,197 per annum)**

The Transport Division is seeking to recruit a Trainee Mechanic and a Mechanic to join their team. If you are a motivated individual who has the ability to work independently when required and have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with good attention to detail this could be a good opportunity for you. The role requires you to be fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services ensuring that the vehicles and heavy plant equipment are maintained in a safe operational condition. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Nicholas George on Tel No 23643 or Email  
[vehicle.fleet@helanta.co.sh](mailto:vehicle.fleet@helanta.co.sh)

**Closing date:** 04 June 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**

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## Head of Communications (£30,224 per annum)

Are you a confident leader with advanced written and verbal communication skills? Do you have the ability to multi-task across a wide range of news and communications channels? Can you plan and manage multiple communications projects and have an in-depth knowledge of public sector media handling? The Central Support Services currently has an opportunity to head the Communications Hub. In this role, supported by a small team, you will coordinate and lead the entire portfolio of St Helena Government communications as well as proactively support and advise the Chief Secretary, Portfolio Directors, senior officials and Ministers on all communications and media matters. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Gillian Francis on Tel No 22470 or Email [gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 2024

## Emergency Care Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Health Services, Emergency Services team are seeking to recruit an enthusiastic individual to undertake an exciting development post as an Emergency Care Assistant, to join the team in providing an Emergency Ambulance and Emergency Department service under the direction of the Paramedics. The role will see the successful applicant undertake the Level 3 and Level 4 QA First Response Emergency Care qualifications (A UK recognised and regulated course), receive training in emergency driving, and on-the job mentorship and training. The role will require participation in an on-call rota to provide an efficient, responsive, and reliable emergency service. Contact us for more information.

**Enquiries:** Rae Dickie Clark on Tel No 22500 or Email [rae.dickie-clark@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:rae.dickie-clark@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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## Pest Control Operator (£7,341 per annum)

The Environmental Health section are seeking to recruit a Pest Control Operator to operate predominately in the Sandy Bay and occasionally in the upper St Pauls areas. In this role you will be responsible to the Senior Works Supervisor (Pest Control) and will assist with providing an efficient and effective pest management service against those pest of public health significance throughout the island. This will involve carrying out the day-to-day activities of the Pest Control Unit of the Environmental Health Section, Health and Social Care Portfolio.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Georgina Young on Tel No. 22713 or Email  
[georgina.young@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:georgina.young@sainthelena.gov.sh)

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

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Key areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Sharina Williams on Tel No 22470 or Email  
[sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 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  
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## Community Nurse (£11,542 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? If so, The Health & Social Care Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their team. The Community Nurse will manage a caseload of patients under the direction of the Sister or Community Nursing Officer. Working within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Will support the Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. The occasional out of normal working hours will be expected for clients at home needing palliative care and end of life care. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Jackie Henry on Tel No 22500 or Email [jackie.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:jackie.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 2024

## Auto Spares Stock Controller (£7,662 per annum) (Fixed term – 6 months)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? If so, The Central Support Service Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their team. The Auto Spares Stock Controller will be responsible to the Senior Transport Manager for the efficient and effective management of all auto spares held by the transport division by managing all auto spares stock using the access database and subsequent inventories. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Nicholas George on Tel No 23643 or Email [vehicle.fleet@helanta.co.sh](mailto:vehicle.fleet@helanta.co.sh)

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## Fixed Term 1:1 Teaching Assistants (St Paul's Primary) (£7,823 - £8,114 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are looking 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:** Patricia Williams on Tel No 24737 or Email [patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh](mailto:patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh)

**Closing date:** 10 June 2024

## Meteorological & Scientific Observations Officer (Fixed term – 1 year) (£7,341 per annum)

The Meteorological & Scientific Observations Officer will help to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by assisting in a shared capacity with staff in completing routine meteorological scientific observational monitoring activities, to ensure production and delivery of observational data from the St Helena Meteorological Station at Bottom Woods in line with the UK Meteorological (Met) Office requirements. This role is being offered on a shift basis with occasional Sunday work & public holidays paid as overtime. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Lori Bennett, Meteorological Station Manager on Tel No 24785 or Email [metoffice.901@helanta.co.sh](mailto:metoffice.901@helanta.co.sh)

**Closing date:** 12 June 2024

## Cook (CCC) (£7,341-£8,946 per annum)

Do you enjoy cooking? Are you able to cook quality nutritious, appetising and well-presented meals and bakes for large numbers of people? If so, the Community Care Centre is seeking to recruit a Cook to provide these meals for all their residents, including Patients at the Hospital and other services within Health & Social Care in line with assured safe catering practices and ensure the maintenance of an organised, hygienic kitchen.

**Enquiries:** Michelle Clingham on Tel No 23090 or Email [Michelle.Clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:Michelle.Clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh)

**Closing Date:** 11 June 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](http://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](mailto: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.

# 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](mailto:agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **13 June 2024**.

# Vacancy

## Part-Time Ramp Handlers



Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

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 in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

### For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via ☎ 22523 ✉ [agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:agencies.admin@solomons.co.sh)

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## VACANCY – TECHNICAL MANAGER (WATER)

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to lead the Water, Wastewater and Projects Sections within the Company. This is a senior management position responsible for leading design and development as well as overseeing operations in these sectors.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:

- BSc in Civil Engineering and registration as a chartered/professional civil engineer.
- Over 10 year's previous experience in the utilities sector.
- Experience in project/programme management and delivery in the utilities sector.
- Excellent written and verbal English skills.
- A Class A Drivers licence.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offers a competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience. Other benefits include 15% pension contribution of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Lawrence Muranganwa on (+290) 22255 or email [Lawrence.Muranganwa@connect.co.sh](mailto:Lawrence.Muranganwa@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](mailto:Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh) by 9am on **1 July 2024**

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



## EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

### TRUSTEE OF THE ELIZA MARY LLOYD TRUST

Expressions of Interest are being sought to fill the position of Member (also referred to as Trustee) of the Eliza Mary Lloyd Trust (EMLT). The EMLT is an agricultural estate.

The role of the Trustee is to administer and manage the Eliza Mary Lloyd Trust which was established by the 1961 Eliza Mary Trust Ordinance. The Trust is responsible for recommending a management plan for the EMLT property at the Harpers estate to the Governor for approval.

For further information about the duties of a Trustee, persons who may be interested can contact the Trust Chairperson, Miss Andrea Timm, on tel: 24724 or via email: [andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh).

For serving as Trustee, an attendance allowance of £35 per meeting is paid, along with a mileage allowance when using personal vehicles to attend the Trust meetings. Meetings are generally held every two months but can be more frequent if need be.

The relevant form to register an interest may be obtained from Information and Research Support Officer, Miss Linda Benjamin, at the Castle, on tel: 22470 or via email: [linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh) or on the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/>.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information and Research Support Officer by Friday, 21 June 2024.

**SHG**

**30 May 2024**



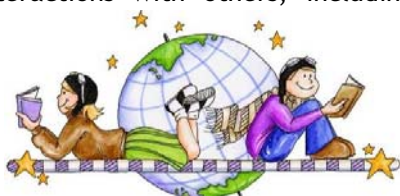
Learning is a complex and multifaceted process that involves the acquisition, processing, and retention of information. While the ultimate goal of learning remains the same for all individuals, the methods by which we learn can vary significantly. Learning styles refer to the unique ways in which individuals process and retain information, and understanding one's learning style is crucial for academic success. By recognizing and catering to individual learning styles, students can adapt their learning strategies to maximize their potential, leading to improved academic performance, enhanced learning experiences, and increased confidence and motivation.

## Understanding Learning Styles

### Definition and Types of Learning Styles

Learning styles are the distinct approaches individuals use to perceive, process, and retain information. The most widely recognized learning styles are the Visual, Auditory, and Kinesthetic (VAK) styles, which are often used as a foundation for understanding individual learning preferences.

- **Visual Learners:** These individuals process information best through images, diagrams, and written text. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a visual format, such as charts, graphs, and pictures.
  - **Auditory Learners:** Auditory learners process information most effectively through sound, including lectures, discussions, and audio recordings. They often remember information better when it is presented orally.
  - **Kinesthetic Learners:** Kinesthetic learners process information through hands-on experiences and practical applications. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a tactile or experiential manner.
- In addition to the VAK learning styles, there are several other learning styles that are also recognized:
- **Verbal Learners :** These individuals process information best through words, both written and spoken. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a linguistic format.
  - **Logical Learners:** Logical learners process information through patterns, logic, and reasoning. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a systematic and organized manner.
  - **Social Learners:** Social learners process information best through interactions with others, including group discussions and collaborative



projects. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a social context.

- **Solitary Learners:** Solitary learners process information best through independent study and self-reflection. They tend to remember information better when it is presented in a quiet, individualized setting.

### Importance of Identifying Learning Styles

Identifying one's learning style is essential for academic success. By understanding how they process and retain information, individuals can adapt their learning strategies to maximize their potential. The benefits of identifying learning styles include:

- **Improved Academic Performance:** By using learning strategies that cater to their individual learning style, students can improve their academic performance, leading to better grades and increased academic achievement.
- **Enhanced Learning Experience:** When students learn in a way that is tailored to their individual learning style, they are more likely to be engaged, motivated, and interested in the learning process.
- **Increased Confidence and Motivation:** When students understand how they learn best, they are more likely to feel confident and motivated, leading to a more positive and productive learning experience.

In the following sections, we will explore strategies for students, parents, and teachers to identify and cater to individual learning styles, providing a comprehensive guide for unlocking the power of learning styles.

To be continued...

*Till Next Time, Keep Well!*

# British Overseas Territories and the British General Elections

The first and most important effect the UK prime minister's announcement that an election had been called was that 3 or 4 special Overseas Territories inquiries fell by the wayside. These were inquiries into different aspects of the UK government's relationship with the Overseas Territories. All uncompleted business government, including Bills going through parliament, is stopped soon after a general election is called. Maybe one or two of the inquiries will be resurrected when the new government starts its term. This is by no means certain, and the inquiries would have to start again from the beginning.

For every election each political party produces a manifesto. This is a declaration of what actions they think are important, what actions they would take and the reasons why. Manifestoes of this kind would be very useful if published by candidates for St Helena's general election. It is not often the British Overseas Territories get a single mention in the UK manifestoes.

The main political parties have organisations based overseas. For the 2024 election the importance of the overseas organisations has increased. This is because a recent change to UK electoral law means anyone of voting age who is a British citizen can register to vote in a UK general election. The Conservative, Labour and Liberal Democrat overseas organisations have been making big efforts to persuade Brits who are resident overseas to register to vote. The deadline for registering to vote in time for the 4<sup>th</sup> July UK general election is 23:59hrs on 18<sup>th</sup> June. Applications for a proxy vote need to be sent before 5pm on 26<sup>th</sup> June.

Registering to vote is surprisingly easy. It is done on-line by completing a short and simple form giving details of where the applicant is now and the last permanent address in the UK. Almost within minutes, auto-confirmation of receipt of the application comes from the Electoral Services of whichever local council is involved. Included is the unique identification number. It seems the post code is used to send applications directly to the staff at the council responsible for processing the application. Confirmation of registration normally follows a day or two later.

Living overseas means voting in person is impossible. Postal votes are unreliable. Proxy voting, where the applicant registers someone in the UK to vote on their behalf, is the only realistic method of voting. Another form is completed for this and it works in a similar way as the registration to vote. Again, it's quick and easy with a personal reference number for the application together with an acknowledgment followed by confirmation. The only extra thing required is to get agreement from the person the applicant would like to cast a vote on his or her behalf.



The overseas political organisations have different arrangements for letting the Party Headquarters in the UK know their views on issues which affect Brits overseas. Mostly, this

appears to be done by sending a document or by informing the central organisation of the result of a vote.



Liberal Democrats Overseas have a 24-page policy document covering the main issues affecting Brits living permanently overseas. The issues include, unfreezing state pension, access to healthcare in the UK, access to UK universities, citizenship and nationality rights and the UK relationship with British Overseas Territories.

Here are some of the Overseas Territory issues the Liberal Democrats Overseas support: -

1. The OTs should be treated as partners within the UK government and not foreign countries, and it should be identified if the UK's direct relationship with the OTs should move from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) to another area(s).
2. It is essential for the Government to ensure sustainable funding for the OTs. This requirement is aggravated by the effects of Brexit (reduced EU financial support) and climate change.
3. The British Nationality Act should be amended, to enable fathers with BOTC to pass it on to their children born outside the OTs between 1948 and 2006, if they were not married to the child's mother at the time of birth. In May 2018, the Joint Committee on Human Rights described this anomaly as an unacceptable form of discrimination.
4. The Government should remove quotas on the number of people in the OTs that can access NHS services in the UK when their own health systems cannot provide the care and treatment they need. As a result of current quotas (Anguilla's quota is currently 4 referrals per year), a British citizen's life chances could be diminished simply by residing in an OT.
5. All OTs should legalise same-sex unions (as in England, Scotland and Wales), and should fulfil their international obligations on the issue of LGBT equality.

**“When in doubt,  
look intelligent.”**

**GARRISON KEILLOR**



# They Make It Up As They Go Along

After the first week of election campaigning there has been the usual combination of amusement, boredom and total confusion. The different political parties continually claim that life will be better if you vote for them and not the other lot. The Northern Ireland minister (until the day after the election) was amazingly truthful this week, saying that during election campaigns, policy "is decided by the leader supported by political advisers unknown." Candidates are not involved and even relevant secretaries of state are taken by surprise when policy is announced. After expecting for months that an election could be called anytime this year, the party leaders make it up as they go along. All the policy decisions made at conferences and by committees sometimes count for little or nothing. Inevitably, the logic follows that claims and promises made during an election campaign also count for nothing. What a way to run a country.

Why did the Northern Ireland minister admit that how the UK is run depends on the mood of the prime minister when he has his morning coffee? Last weekend prime minister Sunak announced he would bring back National Service for 18-year-olds. The alternative to national service would be to undergo a kind of community service at monthly intervals. This was a surprise to everyone; almost as much of a surprise as calling a general election for 4<sup>th</sup> July. Surprising too, because very recently one of Sunak's defence ministers dismissed the idea because unwilling, untried kids mixed in with Britain's professional armed forces would demoralise military men and be a waste of money. The defence minister also affirmed there were no plans to bring back national service. Strange too, because when Sunak was Chancellor of the Exchequer, he slashed the budget for the National Citizen Service by 33%. This service is very similar to the kind of community service Sunak is now proposing as an alternative to national service. Why has Sunak Changed his mind so much and so quickly? A favourite theory is he thinks it is a way of attracting his supporters back who have strayed off to a new extreme right-wing party called Reform UK. The founder of the new Reform UK party has been increasingly sniffing and licking around Donald Trump like a dog in heat.



***The strong links between Reform UK and Donald Trump are very evident***

People likely to support Sunak's national service proposal and possibly drift back to Sunak's Conservatives from Reform UK will do so because they think it is an excellent way

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to get the unwashed young time-wasters off the streets. It will also give them a well-deserved taste of proper discipline and force them to accept some responsibility. The national service is only for a year but at least they will come out with a decent haircut and more likely to get a proper job.

Meanwhile, the Institute of Fiscal Studies found it necessary to issue a statement about the money the UK government does not have. This was after just a few days of politicians campaigning for votes and making the usual promises about what they will do if elected to form the next government.

The Institute said: -

The next government effectively has three options.

1. It can implement the spending cuts baked into existing plans – cuts that will inevitably be painful.
2. It can implement tax rises – over and above those already in the books.
3. Or it can borrow more – something that is highly unlikely to be consistent with a promise to stabilise debt as a share of national income.

*The parties might well be reluctant to tell us which of these they would opt for upon taking office. That doesn't mean that we should refrain from asking them.*

The Leader of the Opposition, Labour's Keir Starmer, promises to recruit 13,000 more police officers. This will be paid for by cutting down on wasteful contracts. Believe that, believe anything. Cutting waste is used at every election as a painless way to pay for something extra; and the waste multiplies.

Starmer also plans to recruit 6,500 new teachers. That's an average of 4 more teachers for every school. Starmer will raise the money by removing tax breaks which private schools benefit from. Believe that when it happens.

The third national political party, the Liberal Democrats, hope to take many seats off the Conservatives in southern England. How ever well they might do, they will not win enough seats in parliament to form a government. They have used a clever way to get around the caution the Institute of Fiscal Studies want to see about what is promised to voters. The Liberal Democrat leader said at his campaign launch, the Lib Dems are "not putting a ceiling on our ambitions". The difference between 'ambition' and a 'promise' can be as far apart as you want them to be.

After the recent comings and goings of previous prime ministers, there is a ring of truth about the Lib Dem ambition to mend something. "The British political system is broken. I think we've all seen the last few years that unless we transform our political system, we won't get the changes in our health service and our economy and the environment that we need" said Ed Davy the Lib Dem leader.

## ***Early South Africa Election Results Indicate ANC will Lose Total Control of Government***

Going into the 2024 elections, the ANC still had a majority just below 58% nationally and governed eight of nine provinces. However, ANC support reached its peak in 2004 with just shy of 70% of the national vote and has declined steadily since then as new opposition and breakaway parties – some short-lived – chipped away at its support.

Once, the ANC symbolised hope, but in the last years, party membership has dropped by over 30 per cent. High-ranking party politicians, including a former and current president and the speaker of parliament, have been connected to a series of corruption and mismanagement scandals.

For 30 years the African National Congress (ANC) has lived off Nelson Mandela's name and reputation, enjoying an outright majority in the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces. In recent years the popularity ANC has enjoyed has gradually weakened. The results already in for Wednesday's general election in South Africa show, this time, the ANC is likely to lose overall control. The most likely outcome is the ANC will need to share government with another political party if they want to stay in government.

After 5,264,000 votes have been counted, the ANC has 42% of the vote. The Democratic Alliance has 24% of the vote while the Economic Freedom Fighters and Jacob Zuma's uMkhonto we Sizwe (Spear of the Nation) both have less than 10% each. Just under 40% of the votes have been counted

according to South Africa's Electoral Commission. Vote counting is expected to be completed over the weekend.



***South Africa's polling stations closed at 9pm local time on Wednesday. People already in the queue were allowed to vote after 9pm. Some polling stations did not close until 3am.***

## ***From Slaughterhouse to Guinness Book of Records***

Named Romeo, this steer stands 1.94 metres tall and was officially recognised this week in the Guinness Book of Records as the tallest living animal of its kind. At 10 days old, Romeo was marked down to be a steer rather than grow up to be a bull. His future prospects included castration and a short life in a veal crate where he would hardly be able to move. Veal crates were made illegal in the UK in 1992 and in the European Union in 2006. He was destined eventually for the slaughterhouse and then as veal on someone's plate, he was saved by the owners of an animal sanctuary in Oregon (US).

Romeo has been at the animal sanctuary for six years. His daily diet now is 45 kilograms of hay and 6 kg of grain; all washed down with a bath tub of water.

Announcing the new record, the Guinness Book of Records reported, "don't let his size fool you, Romeo is a big softie who loves nothing more than having a cuddle." Saved by Misty and Robert Moore, Romeo found a new and better life at their Welcome Home Animal Sanctuary when 10 days old. Misty said: "We received a call from someone who had rescued him from the harsh reality of a dairy farm, where his fate was sealed to a veal crate. You see, in the dairy industry, male calves like Romeo are often deemed as mere byproducts, their destinies predetermined by profit margins.



Romeo earned his name due to his deep affinity for love. He delights in both expressing affection and receiving it. Additionally, his striking combination of handsomeness, intelligence and sensitivity made the name an ideal fit."

# Your Opinion Counts

## Dear Editor,

It is with a heavy heart that I write this email to you but I feel that there is a need to inform you both of the personal financial struggle that me and my family have been experiencing.

Due to financial struggles, we usually credit our monthly groceries, it has only been two weeks since we paid our last bill with the shop and already it has reached £600, with another two weeks to go. This is not normal.

Without sugar coating it, I can hand on my heart say that we use this to purchase grocery items. How are we supposed to manage for the next two weeks?

I feel that both my spouse and I have quite good jobs and would really like to continue them, and if we are experiencing this, how about the people that

are paid less than us. How are they managing?

There is now the threat that the connect bills will be increasing further, meaning once again we'd have to find extra money in order to accommodate this.

There is not another way to put this other than we are truly struggling! We have to pay the loan for our house, crèche and the other bills that come with it, we even have to ask for people to wait for us to be able pay them back in a few months, which we really cant keep doing and really dont like.

These are all increasing and our salary doesn't allow to accommodate this. While a suggestion might be that we find another job part time, our current roles just don't allow for that. This is exactly the reason why there are so many young families that have decided to leave St Helena.

We want skilled working class people to used the skills we have gained here, for what to live in debt? The cost of living is draining our purses and soon the island will be left with elderly and immigrants. We want to be here! We want to work here.

Lots of us, people in general, are choosing to stay at home weekends and on special occasions, like St Helena's day, simply because they can not afford to join in. They need to consider costs of getting to such events for example entrance fees, fuel costs. This then leads to the community spirit dying.

Leading on to mental health issues, that unfortunately can not be helped by our mental health team as it's money issues that we have.

This is also the reason that people are limiting the number of children they are having, they can not afford it. This hinders our Island too.

I appreciate that there is something in the pipeline to help, but We are truly struggling now, we need the help now. I would like to use this email to not only speak for myself but for others who are in the same boat.

At this point, I'm begging for help, not only for me, but others too. I have reached the point where I honestly don't know what to do.

I don't know what you would be able to do in order to help me, but I truly hope that you are able to do something with in your powers.

**Your Sincerely, ANONYMOUS**

Please join us at the Museum of St Helena for a special talk by geochemist Dr Zoltán Taracsák:

## **“Why is St Helena an interesting place to visit as a geochemist?”**

The focus of the talk will be St Helena Island and what makes it one of the world's fascinating volcanic ocean islands. The talk will introduce some fundamental ideas of geochemistry, and explain why St Helena is a well-known location to geochemists.

Zoltan is a Leverhulme Trust Early Career Research Fellow and Junior Research Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn the unique geological features of St Helena from an expert in the field.

Date: Thursday 6 June 2024

Time: 18:30 – 19:30

Location: Jamestown Museum

For more information, please contact SHRI at 22607.





## Golf Report for Monday, 26th May - Report by SHGC

On Sunday, May 26, sixteen players participated in the Monthly Medal Competition at the golf course. The format of the competition was Stroke play, where each player's total number of strokes taken over the entire round is counted towards their final score.

### Results:

- **Larry Legg and Eddy Bowers:** Both players shot an impressive round of net 68. However, on the count back rule, Larry Legg secured first place while Eddy Bowers settled for second place.

- **Patrick Henry, Nicholas Stevens, Peter Bagley, and Asa Bushuru:** These four players finished with a net score of 70. After applying the count back rule to determine the rankings, Asa Bushuru claimed third place.

- Only 2 Twos were recorded, **Bramwell Bushuru and Peter Bagley** had the share of the two ball pool.

Overall, it was a competitive event with some excellent scores posted by the participants. Congratulations to the winners and all those who took part in the competition.

Next week's competition is the "Fox Motors Furrows" sponsored by Jeff Stevens aka Foxy. To enter the signup sheet is posted on the club's notice board or call on telephone 24421/25848 to leave a message.

*Happy swinging.....!*



We the Saint Helena Football Association gathered together for a meeting to discuss the upcoming season.

The season will start on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June or 23<sup>rd</sup> June depending on number of teams which will be confirmed this coming Wednesday at the captains meeting which will take place at New Horizons Youth Centre at 7pm where team sheets will be handed out and last chance to enter a team or interested in playing.

Entrance fee for the season will be £20 per player.



St. Helena Cricket Association

# Presentation Day 1 June 2024

Uncle Borbs Ice Cream Van

Music Throughout the Day

Skips Bar & Grill & Ice Cream

Fireworks @7.30pm

Live Bands, after awards presentation



8 AM

Plate/Spoon Final  
Rebels V Mustangs

11 AM

Youth Cricket

1 PM

Knockout Final  
Pirates V Challengers

4:30 PM

Awards Presentation

Amphibians Bar & Grill



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# **Cricket Presentation 2024**

**At Silver Hill Bar**

**saturday 1st june**

**TUNEZ BY THE BOOMBANGS!**

**8pm - Late**

**CELEBRATING THE ALLSTARZ**

**&**

*Levelwood District Champs*



*Good VibeZ*