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Demy Herne, SAMS

It's October already which can only mean one thing...Christmas is closer than it was before and its time now to start spending your money on gifts! Now you may be thinking why should I start Christmas shopping in October instead of November... Well let's see, it makes it easier for when the month of December hits and you know that you don't need to worry and rush around to find gifts and it also helps you save your money during Christmas time which you can use for drinks and food, especially all those Christmas goodies! Celebrations and Heroes to name a few.

The benefits of the new internet speed seems to be improving things at SAMS, not only for doing research for articles and getting music for shows, but also for posting constantly on our Social Media platforms to promote our Radio Station and Newspaper. Other than SAMS, I'm guessing a lot of people have now got accounts for Netflix and Spotify, and distance learning and tutoring has become much better in Schools and even at home for students and teachers.

Halloween is just around the corner also and I know that on St Helena we don't celebrate this holiday as much as some other countries, but I will be celebrating by having a horror movie marathon night with my cousin. Now I know some people don't like horror movies but there are some alternatives such as cartoons, for example Tim Burtons Nightmare before Christmas or you can even watch comedy/horror movies such as the Scary Movie franchise which I have to say is absolutely hilarious!

Anyway, that's all from me this week and here's a riddle just to get your brain juices pumping: Who makes it, has no need for it. Whoever buys it, won't use it. Who uses it, won't care. What am I?

Answer: A casket.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

We thank The Sentinel for the invitation to comment on the latest Press Release from the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC), which notified the public that the tariff for their fresh tuna would have to increase.

Three primary reasons were given to justify this increase. Of the three, the SHCFA can only confidently comment on the matter which involves a so called "interim period" (sale of whole tuna directly to the public).

Given the content of their multiple press releases on the subject, STC appear to believe that this "interim period" was being allowed only until the factory refurbishment in Rupert's was complete. We cannot speak to whatever agreements/ assurances SHG gave STC, as these were all negotiated behind closed doors. What we can assure the public is that in June 2021, as a result of what we believed to be unnecessarily high fish processing rates introduced by STC, we took action to ensure that the sale of whole tuna direct to the public was not exclusively attached to any agreement STC may have had with SHG.

The further destabilization of the fisheries sector at this time resulted in the SHCFA successfully achieving Political/Competent Authority support in respect of direct whole tuna sales.

Members of the public who listened to the first hearing of Scrutiny Committee 1 a short while ago will have noted that, when the Competent Authority was being questioned on this very topic, the viewpoint given was not very dissimilar to that of ours. Indeed, SHG's Competent Authority found it difficult to even refer to the direct sale of whole tuna as an "interim period" measure.

We acknowledge that it is now for SHG to determine whether the practice of selling whole tuna directly to the public should continue and, if so, we look forward to the implementation of clear regulations to ensure maximum protection for the public's health.

The other two reasons given by STC as being influential in their decision to increase tuna prices to the public are connected to offshore vessels – namely, the locally owned Extractor and STC's own vessel/s.

The Extractor's owner has placed a letter in this very paper last week which has cast doubt on STC's understanding of the situation between the Extractor/SHG/STC in respect of the process needed to be undertaken to facilitate the licensing of the vessel. The owner appears to acknowledge that his vessel requires a full hull survey, whilst STC in their press release make reference to a "check list"... perhaps greater clarity will be forthcoming in due course?

In relation to STC's own vessel/s, the following allegation was made, quote: "*STC are still struggling with opposition from a minority element within SHG, to allow our offshore vessel/s to be cleared for research purposes*". What does this actually mean? With no supporting evidence to substantiate this claim and currently no comment from SHG, it is simply impossible to determine whether such "opposition" actually exists. What we know is that the vessel/s are not here and this is negatively impacting on STC's ability to remain competitive in the local market. It also leaves them exposed in respect of achieving one of their primary objectives – which is providing additional catching capacity to the fishery. Even if the Extractor became operational tomorrow, this will not alleviate STC's obligation to provide additional catching capacity to the local fleet.

The one important factor which most assuredly has had an impact on the local market since June 2021, is the licensing and continued operation of the other Regulated Unit – Happy Days Fishmongers (HDF). Just how much tuna is processed for the local market by HDF in a week? Why hasn't this factor even received an honorary mention in STC's press release? In a year, we suspect HDF will contribute significantly to the local market – which in turn will mean a significant reduction in STC's contribution when compared to their predecessors.

HDF is STC's biggest competition within the local market dynamics – which brings us to the crux of the matter - STC simply did not inherit the monopoly that their predecessors enjoyed. They will therefore need to accept this and deal with it as best they can.

Healthy competition should ensure that the community will end up with the best 'boat to plate' price at most times. One company increasing their tariff for fresh fish does not act as a trigger for everyone to follow suit.

SHCFA (St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association)

ST HELENA NEWS



Blame it on the Weatherman

Safety issues due to poor weather causes numerous delays to Airlink Flight, now expected tomorrow, weather permitting

Liam Yon, SAMS

Once again, unfavourable weather conditions on St Helena have affected the arrival of the weekly Airlink flight (Flight 4Z131) from OR Tambo in Johannesburg.

The flight originally due to arrive on Saturday was postponed for Sunday due to bad conditions at St Helena Airport. Then, on Sunday, following more poor conditions, the flight was further postponed to arrive on Monday. However, at around 10am on Monday, the flight was seen on a flight tracker to have turned around, heading back to Johannesburg. This was confirmed by St Helena Airport Ltd to be, again, due to poor weather forecasted on the flights arrival time, and afterwards, on St Helena. It was later advised the flight would be postponed to arrive on Wednesday. On Wednesday morning, there was more bad news for passengers in Johannesburg and their family and friends on St Helena, with the flight once again having to be postponed due to unfavourable conditions on-Island.

The flight has now been rescheduled to arrive to St Helena on Friday, weather permitting, with the normal check-in and departure times remaining the same.

The latest postponement will see Airlink and St Helena Airport pray for good conditions in order for the flight to finally arrive safely on Friday, with another flight still due to arrive as normal on Saturday.



STC Article Clarification

In The Sentinel article published last week titled "This decision would not be necessary" regarding the claims made by STC in a Press Release announcing the need to increase their price for local tuna sales, it was stated that 'Although the General Manager at STC could not confirm what exactly the new price per kg would be, he did explain that the new price will be calculated by taking the total cost of procurement, processing and packaging of the tuna and adding 15% to this cost'. General Manager for STC, Christian Castell, would like to make it clear that he "is not responsible for price structuring or any decisions made on company policy, especially pricing." Christian adds that he "did not discuss how any prices will be calculated" and that "that information was in the Press Release which was written by the Directors."

Flight Uncertainty Changes Supreme Court Plans

Chief Justice returns to the UK to conduct matters on St Helena via live video link



Liam Yon, SAMS

With a number of delays to the latest Airlink flight – including being postponed on Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Wednesday – Chief Justice, Rupert Jones, has made the decision to return to the UK, after initially beginning his journey to St Helena to conduct matters of the St Helena Supreme Court in person on-Island.

It was on Saturday that Judicial Services indicated that, pending his arrival to the Island, Supreme Court would be formally opened on Monday of this week. "Chief Justice Jones is due to arrive this weekend for one week of Supreme Court," they said at the time. "Providing the flight arrives tomorrow, the Formal Opening will be held at the Court House at 10am on Monday, 9 October."

In addition, Judicial Services also informed how "Chief Justice Jones will deal primarily with civil cases, but will also be sentencing in the case of The Crown v Rick Thomas."

However, because of uncertainty around the recent flight to St Helena, the Chief Justice has had to alter his plans, and will now conduct his duties from the UK via video link, as confirmed by Judicial Services on Tuesday. "Unfortunately, because of the uncertainty with the flights, the Chief Justice took the decision to return to UK," they explained. "However, we will be linking in via Skype for the sentencing in the case of R v Rick Thomas on Friday morning at 9am."

In addition, Judicial stated that "other matters" to be dealt with by Chief Justice Jones "will also go ahead via live link."

Luckily, with SURE SA Ltd having rolled out their new faster speed broadband on 1 October, conducting matters of the Supreme Court via video link can now be done much more effectively than has been the case on previous occasions, including most recently in the sentencing of Sergio Villatoro-Bran where a slow connection at the time did cause some minor issues during court proceedings.

To the Theft, To the Theft

Police issue public appeals as two recent thefts currently being investigated



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Royal St Helena Police Service are currently investigating two thefts which occurred recently on St Helena and have asked for help from the public to apprehend the culprits.

The first incident involves an investigation into a burglary the occurred in the Lemon Tree Gut area sometime during the day, between 6.45am and 7pm, on Tuesday, 3 October. It was said that "a variety of items were stolen" during this theft.

Furthermore, another investigation has been opened for a theft of "life-saving equipment" from a vital piece of emergency service equipment. In this instance, a person, or persons, stole rope from the Sea Rescue Vessel moored in James Bay.

Police suspect that this offence occurred sometime between 2.30pm on Monday, 2 October, and 5.30pm on Wednesday, 4 October.

The Sea Rescue Service is an integral part of the Island Emergency Services with SHG explaining that they "perform a vital and highly valued 24/7 role in keeping all that use the waters around our Island safe."

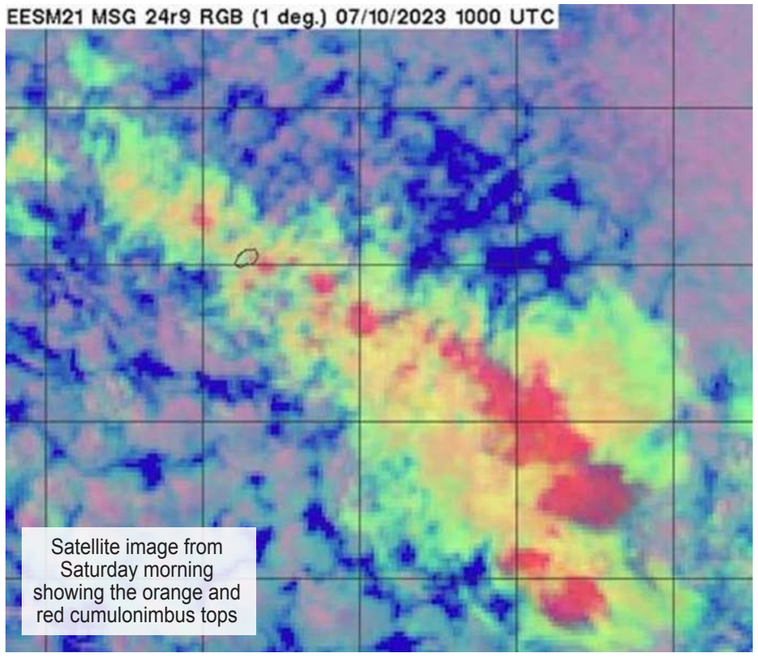
"The equipment on board these vessels is essential for the service to be able to successfully perform their role," commented SHG. "The vessels carry this equipment so that service members are equipped to respond to a variety of emergencies and incidents. The removal and theft of this directly puts the public in danger, especially if the theft is not identified prior to the service being deployed in a live rescue scenario."

In a thread on Facebook, Sea Rescue Manager, Simon Wade, said he was "disgusted" by the blatant disregard to the importance of the equipment, needed by the service to save lives if and when the situation arises.

With regards to both criminal offences, St Helena Police are urging anyone with any information on this theft to contact them regardless of how minor the information might seem.

Thunder, Feel the Thunder

Weekend weather brings rare thunderstorm to St Helena



Satellite image from Saturday morning showing the orange and red cumulonimbus tops

Liam Yon, SAMS

Many on St Helena were shocked on Saturday to hear rumbles of thunder and the odd strike of lighting out to sea, in a rare occurrence here on St Helena.

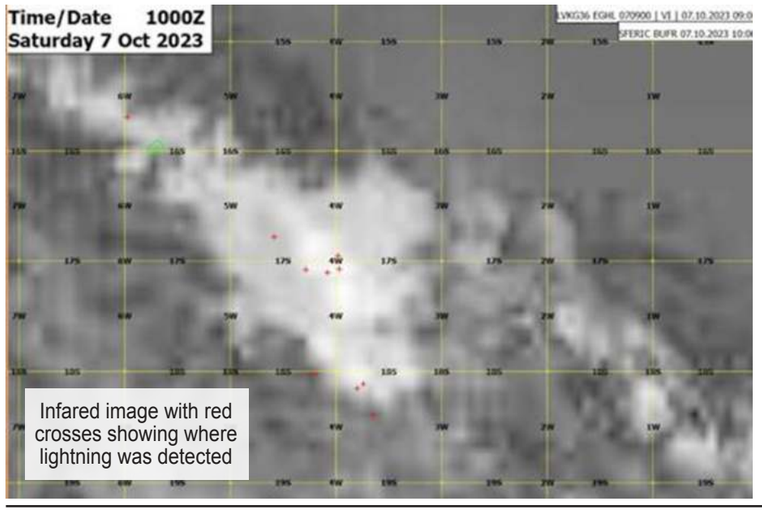
According to Senior Operational Meteorologist for St Helena Airport, Ella Knowles, "there was a short-wave trough moving eastwards over the Island," on Saturday Morning.

She explained that "this can be thought of as a wave in the upper atmosphere, which encourages upward movement of the air, which can generate convective cloud if there is enough moisture." Ella admitted that it is "fairly rare" to see a trough like this so far North, which also coincided with another rarity, that being moisture in the upper atmosphere above St Helena, which is usually "very dry."

These occurrences combined resulted in the development of a cumulonimbus, or thunderstorm, cloud - which is why lightning could be seen, and thunder could be heard, on and around St Helena.

Those who were lucky (or unlucky) enough to witness the rare weather phenomenon on St Helena, would have done so prior to 12 noon when the trough had overrun the Island, moving the risk of lightning further to the Southeast.

As is usual, the weather around St Helena is hard to predict. In the past week alone we have experienced sunny days, showers of rain, and wind speeds gusting up to 60kts – typical for our little Island in the South Atlantic.



Infared image with red crosses showing where lightning was detected



Lighting strikes out to sea caught on camera by St Helena's Bruce Peters

Destination Number Eighty-Two

First hydrogen-powered zero-emission vessel, Energy Observer, visiting St Helena today



Liam Yon, SAMS

Arriving to James Bay on Tuesday afternoon was the Energy Observer - the first hydrogen-powered, zero-emission vessel to be self-sufficient in energy.

The aesthetically appealing, Energy Observer, was launched in 2017 and is on a round the world expedition, visiting countries all over the globe to find concrete, innovative, and successful solutions in favour of energy transition.

"To begin with, Energy Observer is the name of the first hydrogen-powered, zero-emission vessel to be self-sufficient in energy, advocating and serving as a laboratory for ecological transition," read the 'About Us' section of their official website. "Now an organisation that combines expeditions and innovations, Energy Observer is exploring and developing solutions that prove that another future for energy is possible, an optimistic future, which is more respectful of the planet and those who live here."

Starting in France in 2017, the floating laboratory has travelled to countries in the Mediterranean, including Italy, Spain and Greece in 2018; Northern Europe, including the UK, Norway, Denmark and Sweden in 2019; the Atlantic, including the Caribbean in 2020; the Pacific, including the US states of San Francisco and Hawaii, and New Caledonia in 2021; Asia, including Singapore, Vietnam, Thailand and India in 2022; and Africa, including Mozambique and ports of Southern Africa along the South coast including Durban and Cape Town this year. The innovative vessel's last port of call was at Walvis Bay, Namibia, and she has now travelled to St Helena, the 82nd destination on her exciting and ambitious six-year expedition.



The Sentinel will look to find out more about the exciting project of the Energy Observer when our very own, Hannah Braaf and Demy Herne, joins the team onboard the vessel during her stay in James Bay.

Going Down On Us

Population estimates drop by near 200 people in a year



Liam Yon, SAMS

According to recent estimates released by the Statistics Office, at the end of August 2023, there were a total of 4,080 people on St Helena - a near 100 drop from the 4,181 people estimated to have been on-Island at the end of July 2023.

When compared to one year ago, a population of 4,080 in 2023 is 174 less than population estimates made at the end of August 2022, when the Stats Office reported a figure of 4,254 people on-Island.

According to the Statistic Office, "the downward trend is partly explained by the difference between births and deaths."

In twelve months from September 2022 to August 2023 there were 60 deaths on-Island, compared to just 16 births. Additionally, they report that for August 2023, flight timings and delays around the end of July resulted in an unusually large number of departures compared to arrivals.

With that said, there is however a trend being identified that more residents are leaving the Island than are arriving, especially among younger age groups.

"The number of on-Island residents under 65 at the end of August 2023 was estimated to be 2,875, 216 lower than the year before," reported Stats. "But, the estimated number of on-Island residents aged 65 and over increased slightly, from 1,088 at the end of August 2022 to 1,112 at the end of August 2023."

These estimates - released regularly by the Statistics Office - continue to confirm St Helena's issue of being able to retain residents of working age on the Island. This is something SHG often earmarks as a critical area to address.

Lost in the Mist

Walkers unhurt after becoming lost in the High Peak area on Friday



Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Friday afternoon, Emergency Service sirens - including Police, Fire and Ambulance - could be heard heading to the Eastern side of the Island. This emergency callout occurred not long after 4pm.

It was later found that they were responding to an incident where three walkers who had been walking in the High Peak area, became lost, with weather conditions playing their part.

"Emergency services responded to a report that three walkers were having difficulty locating the correct path in conditions of very poor visibility in the High Peak area," confirmed SHG on Monday. "The walkers, and their two dogs, were located by staff from the Fire and Rescue Service and escorted back to safety. They were all unhurt."

Select Committee 2: Asset disposal

A look at the "regulatory framework"

Hannah Braaf, SAMS



On Thursday, 5 October, the first Select Committee 2 hearing occurred, at which the focus was the disposal of government assets, excluding land and buildings. Select Committee 2 comprises of Chairperson Cllr Dr Corinda Essex and members Cllr Karl Thrower and Cllr Andrew Turner.

At the beginning of the hearing, Cllr Dr Essex stated the areas of focus would be "the Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio and the Safety, Security and Home Affairs Portfolio," in particular, the "regulatory framework" for asset disposal and "processes and procedures." Four more specific areas were also included in the agenda: disposal of information technology equipment and consumables, disposal of transport division vehicles and associated parts, disposal of ex-Basil Read assets and ex-RMS St Helena assets.

The key witnesses at the hearing included Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, Deputy Chief Secretary, Gillian Francis, Information Technology Section Manager, Jeremy Roberts, and Senior Transport Manager, Nicholas George. Chief Minister, Julie Thomas, and Minister for Finance and Economic Development, Mark Brooks, were also invited to join.

The opening questions were posed by Cllr Dr Essex and were directed to Dax. The first question concerned the general framework for asset disposal.

"In terms of the way the St Helena Government manages and governs the disposal of its assets, it's done through three particular ways," Dax stated. "The overarching document for managing finances in St Helena is the Constitution of St Helena, which sets out... the appropriation process for authorising funds to be spent from the Consolidated Fund. It also talks about other details, financial regulations."

"Flowing out of the Constitution of St Helena then is the Public Finance Ordinance," Dax further stated. "The ordinance, under Section 5, makes the option available for the generation of further regulations to be used to govern and manage the expenditure and revenue for the St Helena Government. The financial regulations then go further and details that within the financial regulations there shall be procurement regulations, which is used to manage the procurement of activities on behalf of the St Helena Government. There are certain thresholds that relate to the procurement and when the procurement rules come into effect. But, within the procurement regulations... (the latest version being 2018), there is a section in there on asset disposal, which is Section 41."

"Within the procurement regulations, similar to what is talked about for the procurement of assets, the regulations only really come into force for procurement of items over £5000," Dax continued. "The procurement regulations though does set out the process for disposal of assets and... it goes into a bit more detail... It does set out quite clearly in there the levels of disposal and how you should determine each of those. So, for example, as it stands at the moment, if an item is less than... £500, then the accounting officer shall determine the most appropriate way to dispose of that asset. If the monetary value of the asset is more than £500, but less than £5000, then the accounting officer shall sell the item to the highest bid received from either an advertisement or through a public auction. And then, finally, for items that are deemed to be valued at more than £5000, the accounting officer must agree with the Financial Secretary [as to] the method of disposal."

"The SHG asset register will then be updated to reflect the disposal that has taken place," Dax continued.

Cllr Dr Essex then inquired as to how compliance to Section 41 of the procurement regulations and Section 19 of the financial regulations is ensured.

"Outlined within the financial regulations themselves is the responsibilities of the accounting officers... who have their own personal responsibility for the management of public funds," Dax responded. "Under those responsibilities of public officers, in terms of finance, they are required to ensure that they follow procurement regulations and that they're teams are also implementing and following the guidance as issued by either the financial regulations or the procurement regulations."

"As the Financial Secretary, I depend heavily on the role of the accounting officer to inform the treasury function as to when assets have been disposed of," Dax stated. "So in the case of some other areas that we're going to discuss later today, for example, the Senior Transport Manager will usually get in contact with myself to put forward his proposal as to how he deems he would... dispose of certain assets, if the value of those are over £5000. We agree on a methodology as to how that disposal with take place and then between himself and my team in the treasury, they will update the SHG asset register where appropriate to do so."

Cllr Dr Essex posed further questions about any difficulties experienced when applying the relevant regulations.

"One of the challenges for us can be determining what fits into which bucket," Dax stated. "Sometimes we might think that the value of an asset is lower or higher than what the market is actually willing to pay for... There is a level of judgement that needs to be applied by the accounting officer and myself as the Financial Secretary, based on the advice that I get from those who are actually working with the assets to determine what value those assets [hold]."

Another question was put forward by Cllr Dr Essex as to the frequency at which reviews of regulations take place.

"We're currently going through a review of the procurement function and, in particular, there's been a recent update of the procurement regulations, which hasn't necessarily been brought into force at the moment because it literally has only been completed a few weeks ago," Dax explained. "My anticipation is that some areas... within the procurement regulations will be looked at. As I said, the review hasn't been completed at this point in time and I am awaiting an update from the head of procurement as to when we expect the amendments to...come into force."

"There will be a session that will be held with the Senior Leadership Team of the government to talk through those amendments," Dax concluded. "But we aren't quite there yet."

General Improvements to Island Districts

Councillors approve £500 designation to each district for improvements



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

A recent SHG Press Release confirmed that £500 has been designated to each of St Helena's districts. This has been agreed upon by Councillors and is intended for general improvements. The public is urged to attend the upcoming constituency meetings and present ideas on how this money should be used. As always, these meetings are also available for the public to air any other issues with district representatives.

"The £500 was actually allocated as a part of the budget settlement, so that each district could have £500 to do something to address a need within that district," stated Cllr Dr Corinda Essex.

Both Cllr Dr Essex and Cllr Andrew Turner held constituency meetings on Monday, 9 October, in the Briars and Sandy Bay, respectively, and received feedback on what their constituents would like to see the money spent on.

"People were very firm that it should go to the community centre," Cllr Turner commented on the response from his constituency meeting. "There's a need to replace, for example, the fire extinguishers, a lot of the safety stuff there to get it ready for their big events, which of course is normally Bonfire Night."

"One of the key areas of concern for some months has been the fact that one of the solar lights on Constitution Hill Road has not been working," stated Cllr Dr Essex. "It's now been established that it can't be repaired and also that it's not Dark Skies compliant anyway."

"Because of the very, very tight budget within the Roads Section, they cannot guarantee that they will be able to provide a replacement," Cllr Dr Essex further stated. "In fact, the one that they very kindly put at the top of Constitution Hill Road by the bus shelter, they took from another area."

"A number of residents were suggesting that it would be a good idea to utilise the £500 to actually get a unit for that lamp, which could be ring-fenced specifically for that particular installation," Cllr Dr Essex continued.

"Another suggestion that came forward was... that there is a need for more signage in the Alarm Forest area," Cllr Dr Essex concluded.

Although not a huge amount of money, £500 will improve aspects of each district, and will be welcomed by community members.

Big C Awareness

Raising awareness and funds for Cancer Support during October



Demy Herne, SAMS

It is now October which means it's that time of year again when the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity (CS&AC)here on St Helena will be hosting their annual events to help raise awareness and money for those who are battling, and have battled, cancer.

The first event was held last Thursday, 5 October, at the front of The Canister, Jamestown, where members of the CS&AC had a miscellaneous stall where cakes were sold to raise money - this was opened from 10:30am.

The next event will be held on Saturday, 21 October, from 10am. This is the ever-popular coffee morning at the Jamestown Community Centre. Tickets for this event are priced at £2.00 per person and can be collected from either one of the members of the CS&AC. People are kindly asked to bring their own mugs on the day, miscellaneous stalls will also be on display on the day and a raffle and bingo will also take place - donations for eats and prizes are warmly welcomed.

The last event which the CS&AC will be hosting will be a healing service held on Thursday, 26 October, at St John's Church. This will start at 7pm and is for everyone that has been affected by cancer – those who are currently battling cancer, those that have had cancer, and even those who have had to take care of cancer fighters and survivors. In fact, even if you haven't had a connection with cancer, you are still invited to attended and support others.

The CS&AC was first set up in 2006 and every year, without fail, the organisation receives support from people both on-Island and overseas and the committee would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has supported them over the years.

Although the organisations are hosting these events, they still encourage other people to host an event themselves if they would like. If this is the case, those persons should get in touch with the organisation before doing so (for legal reasons) and, if they need any help, the organization is always there to give some assistance.





"Nottin' New?" "Nahh, Same Ole' ey"

More delays for Maria da Paz as V05 now over three weeks behind original schedule



Donna Crowie, SAMS

A new week and another new schedule for St Helena's interim Shipping Services Provider, with further delays expected for Voyages 5 and 6 to St Helena.

The latest schedule released on Saturday indicates that for V05 to St Helena, the Maria da Paz has once again been pushed back, with the new arrival date being 19 October.



As most will be aware by now, since Meihuizen International took over St Helena's shipping service on an interim basis back in February 2023, the vessel has not once been on time in arriving to the Island.

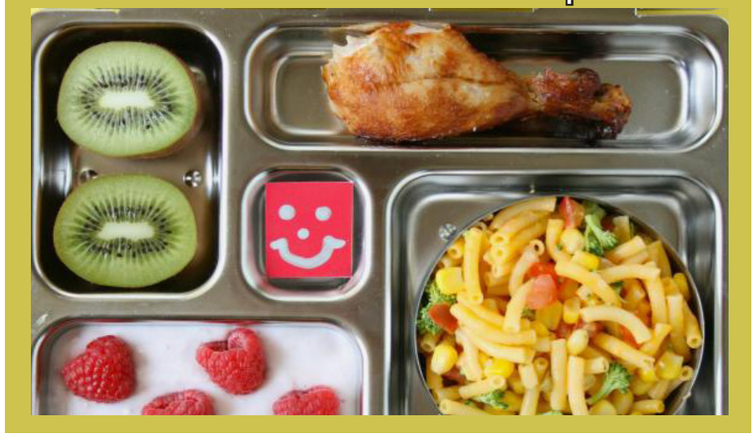
Looking back at the very first scheduled date for V05, the Maria da Paz was at the time expected to arrive to St Helena on 25 September. The new revised schedule makes her arrival for V05 over three weeks later, from end of September to nearing the end of October.

The recent changes will also affect V06 which is now running three days later than the last scheduled date of arrival. She will now arrive for V06 on 11 November.

This latest in a line of delays to the schedule for the Maria da Paz will add more concerns to local merchants and the community as a whole, with commodities such as cheese and margarine already in short supply on the Island.

Ministers Question Time: Secondary Education

Lunches and Scholarships



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

At the recent Ministers Question Time held on 26 September, at which the topic was Secondary Education, several questions were directed at Chief Minister and Minister for Education, Skills and Employment, Julie Thomas, on students' lunches and the Scholarship Trust Fund.

Cllr Karl Thrower inquired as to how accessible "healthy, tasty and nutritious food and drink" is to Prince Andrew School (PAS) students.

"Access to healthy, tasty and nutritious food and drink on-Island regularly is a struggle, let alone at Prince Andrew School," stated Chief Minister Thomas. "Many years ago Prince Andrew School had a tuck shop; this was operated by a private individual or business coming into school. I am unsure of the reasons why this was discontinued. I am to believe that there was an initiative some years ago to reinstate the tuck shop with the proviso that only healthy foods would be sold. But, for whatever reason, this was not taken forward."

"Some years ago, a vending machine was put into the school for students to access quick, healthy snacks," Chief Minister Thomas further stated. "Again, this was not cost effective and was discontinued."

"There are pros and cons in relation to re-establishing such an establishment within the school, and is likely to be something that our new PTA may wish to evaluate and decide upon," Chief Minister Thomas explained. "We have to be mindful, however, that healthy foods are generally expensive and we would not wish to put additional financial pressures on parents or students, or create a divide within the school in relation to who can or cannot afford such a service."

"Currently in school, all students bring packed lunches and we do encourage healthy lunchboxes throughout the education portfolio," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "If there are students who do not have a lunch, I can advise you that the school does provide for them for that day."

Cllr Thrower also posed a question on how many students, on average, need to have lunch provided by PAS.

"The number is very low and, at present, they are not catering for any," Chief Minister Thomas stated. "In intervals, they do have a one-off, or two, in one day that they might cater for, but it's not something that's a huge expense."

Cllr Andrew Turner then asked if any consideration had been given to using the "centralised cooking that is now being done at the CCC" and transporting food to the school.

"Not as far as I know," Chief Minister Thomas responded. "I'm not entirely sure if the demand is there for it, but it is something, again, that could be looked into to see if that is something that the students would do. We have a very caring staff actually, throughout the Education Portfolio, so I know our teachers... will actually ensure that they provide or share from their own lunches."

Cllr Turner posed a further question on whether or not engagement with parents who seem to be struggling to provide lunches for their children had occurred.

"Obviously, engagement happens with parents," Chief Minister Thomas stated. "That is an area that education and if I'm honest, I think government, would like to improve upon throughout because engagement with the community is very difficult. I know that PAS has been doing some good initiatives now to try and engage with parents to incorporate them within their students' learning."

"I'm sure teachers through their form classes would be taking note of what students are coming to school with, but as far as I know it hasn't been raised," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "I'm guessing that would be across portfolio interests as well, and nobody's brought that to my attention."

Cllr Dr Corinda Essex then turned the focus onto the Scholarship Trust Fund, asking for an "update regarding finalisation."

"A draft of the Scholarship Trust Fund Constitution was submitted to the AG's chambers on 29 June of this year for guidance and this followed up on 2 August," Chief Minister Thomas responded. "It needs to be acknowledged, however, that this request was submitted along with another item for follow-up for education, the latter [having] the most priority of the two."

"That said, last week the AG's chambers provided feedback on the draft constitution," Chief Minister Thomas stated. "This feedback will now be considered and the draft constitution amended to address the feedback received and their advice given before referring back for review. Once this has been finalised, elected members will be informed."

"I am not able to give a time scale," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "It will go to our next advisory board, which will be in October now... It is something that we are keen to move on with."

"It would be unfair of me to give a timeline on legal advice, when that's something that's very much dictated by the AG's chambers," Chief Minister Thomas concluded. "As much as the scholarship fund is important for education, I know that there's some pressing legislation that the AG's chambers is dealing with outside of education that I'm sure would take priority."

#StopDomesticAbuse

National Domestic Violence Awareness Month



Demy Herne, SAMS

October was first acknowledged as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month by the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence (NCADV) in 1989.

Since then, October has been a time to recognize domestic violence survivors and be a voice for its victims. Domestic violence is common in every community, and affects all people regardless of age, socio-economic status, sexual orientation, gender, race, religion, or nationality.

Physical violence is often supported by emotionally abusive and controlling behaviour as part of a much larger, regular pattern of dominance and control over the relationship and the partner. Domestic violence can result in physical injury, psychological trauma, and in some cases even death. The devastating consequences of domestic violence can cross generations and last a lifetime.

Although there have been considerable progress in reducing domestic violence, an average of 20 people are physically abused by intimate partners every minute. This equates to more than 10 million abuse victims annually.

According to the National Health Service (NHS), 1 in 3 women and 1 in 4 men have been physically abused by an intimate partner, and 1 in 5 women and 1 in 7 men have been severely physically abused by an intimate partner. Millions of people live in silent fear within their own homes. In addition, every year millions of children are exposed to domestic violence.

It has also been reported by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network (NCTSN) on their website, that domestic violence incidents affect every person within a home and can have a long-lasting negative effect on children's emotional well-being, and social and academic functioning.

If you think that someone you know is being abused, it is important to speak up about it. A lot of people worry that it is none of their business, yet you could save a person's life by speaking up. It's better to speak up, even if you're wrong, rather than saying nothing at all.

Simply talk to the person in private and let them know that you are concerned. A good starting point would be talking about the signs and why it has worried you. Tell them that you will honour their privacy if they open up to you, and tell/ask them if you can help them in any way possible.

Often, people in domestic relationships need someone to help them out of the situation, and a simple conversation can make all of the difference. If you want to support National Domestic Violence Awareness Month you can wear a purple ribbon or even wear the colour purple during any day of this month.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

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FRI. Oct 13
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam

SAT. Oct 14
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 6-8pm : DNA Show with Anita and Deon
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

SUN. Oct 15
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Salvation Army Church Service

MON. Oct 16
- 7am-10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2-4pm: DNA Show
- 5:30 -7pm: The Irish Show with Tony and Lucas
- 7:15pm - 8:15pm: Best of British theme with Simon and Florence.

TUE. Oct 17
- 7am-9am- Sunrise with Donna Crowie
- 2pm: In Scope
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne

WED. Oct 18
- 7am: Sunrise Show with Deon
- 9-11am: Our Show
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Oct 19
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett & Liam Yon
- 11am-1pm: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm-3pm:Afternoon vibes with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope (Repeat)

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Featured this week





It's my turn for the Sunday Show this week, so tune in to SAMS Radio One on Sunday Morning where I will once again take you on a ride through different genres, playing a little something for everyone.

As usual, I will be dedicating a section to the 80's for all the 80s fan out there, so make sure send in your requests if you have any favourite songs from that golden decade of music.

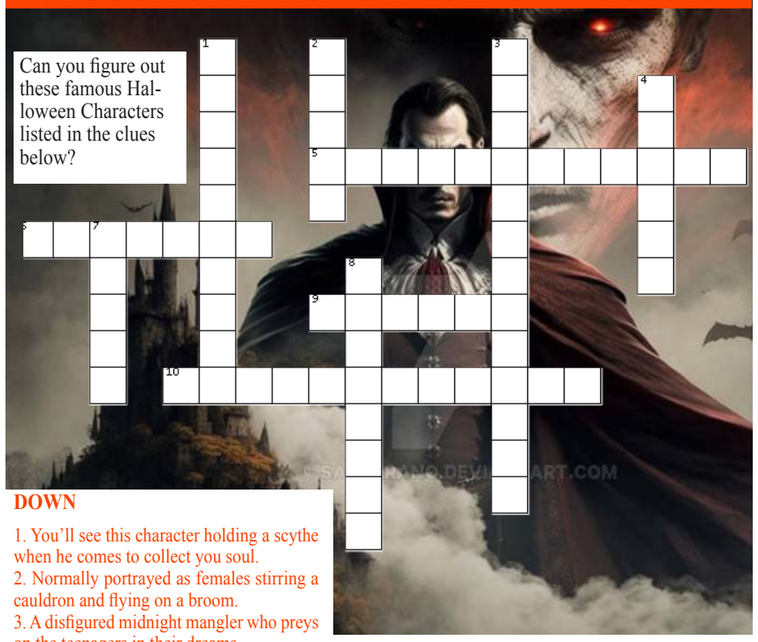
Other than that, tune in, turn up, and enjoy Sunday Morning with me, Liam Yon, on SAMS Radio One!

Local news and notices:
7am, 10am, noon, 2pm, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

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TIME OUT

Crossword: Halloween Characters



DOWN

1. You'll see this character holding a scythe when he comes to collect you soul.
2. Normally portrayed as females stirring a cauldron and flying on a broom.
3. A disfigured midnight mangler who preys on the teenagers in their dreams.
4. A vicious serial killer who, as he bleeds out from a gunshot wound, transfers his soul into a "Good Guy" doll
7. A ancient Egyptian wrapped in bandage's an is said to raise from the dead.
8. A human who must not come out at full moon or they'll turn into this creature

ACROSS

5. A vampire who has been living for centuries in Transylvania and turns into a bat
6. The walking dead
9. He's one of the very few friendly ghosts
10. A scientist who created life and was horrified by what he had made.

Stoneman Willie: Mummified man to be buried after 128 years on display in Pennsylvania



The true identity of the man was unknown for many years, until now, when his real name will be inscribed on the tombstone of his grave.

Known as Stoneman Willie, the man died in a local jail in 1895, where he suffered from kidney failure after being arrested for pickpocketing.

He was accidentally mummified by an undertaker who was experimenting with new embalming techniques, according to Auman's Funeral Home in Reading, Pennsylvania.

Dressed in a suit with a bow tie, Stoneman Willie is displayed in a coffin with a red sash across his chest. His hair and teeth remain intact, and his skin has taken on a leathery appearance.

Having given a fake name at the time of his arrest, the man's identity remained unknown for many years and local officials were unable to contact any relatives.

But using historical documents, Stoneman Willie's real name has been identified and will be inscribed at the bottom of his tombstone when his body is buried on 7 October.

Famous Birthday on 12th Oct



HUGH JACKMAN (54)

Sentinel Joke of the day

How do you make a tissue dance?

Put a little boogie in it.

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*

JOBINJOB

NINE CUMULUS

Last week's Crossword Answers

scary movies

The shinning	Scream
Adams Family	The Conjuring
It	Insidious
The Ring	A Quiet Place
The Sixth Sense	Saw

Rebus Answers:

1. On cloud nine, 2. in between jobs

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister Christine Scipio welcomed Kristy Jones (Marine & Fisheries Conservation Officer), Leanne Henry (Senior Marine & Fisheries Conservation Assistant) of the Marine Team, and Isabel Peters (Chief Environmental Officer) as her guests on In Scope this week to tell listeners more about the new Marine Management Plan that will affect marine tour operators and the regulations regarding interaction with marine life on St Helena.

Marine tourism is a relatively new industry on St Helena. There have been discussions and consultations with various stakeholders over the past years as to implementing regulations to safeguard marine life here. Under the environmental protection ordinance there is a provision for protecting species and this includes a number of marine animals. There are a growing industry of tourists that are interested in interacting and experiencing the marine life on St Helena. This has led to the need for regulations to be implemented to ensure that interaction takes place in an environmentally friendly manner and that the marine life is protected. Provision is being made to regulate certain activities as well as providing interaction guidelines for the different species. These regulations have been discussed with all the marine tour operators as well as with some recreational users to make sure that everyone is aware of the do's and don'ts. The preparatory work has been ongoing for some time and included a lot of consultations and stakeholder engagement.

Leanne has been involved in this work right from the beginning and gave some background as to what the process entailed. During the period of 2012-14, the team met with the four marine tour operators that were active at this time to discuss the management of whale shark tourism, drawing on regulations from other regions around the world. Discussions centred on which of these measures would be applicable and advantageous to St Helena and guidelines were agreed upon. Between 2014 and 2016 there was a Darwin project that focused on three aspects - sustainable fisheries, the socio-economic side of the marine environment on St Helena and the launch of a pilot scheme for an accreditation system to agree on best practice and guidelines for interaction with marine life. At the end of 2016, these guidelines were discussed with tour operators as well as engaging them in a workshop to ensure that all the information was understood and would be implemented. At this time it was a voluntary scheme and new tour operators were informed of all the guidelines as well as given the opportunity to attend a workshop. In 2019 the interaction policy and the best-practice guidelines were reviewed, updated and expanded to deal with a wider variety of situations. During this time, public consultations were also held to invite input and feedback from the public. From this, a policy was developed that would form the framework for the guidelines to protect the marine life of St Helena in the future. In the past there was no Marine Compliance and Enforcement Section but this section has since been established to manage fisheries as well as the accreditation for tour operators to make sure that the marine life on St Helena is protected. In 2020, the Marine Management Plan was endorsed to protect the MPA (Marine Protected Area) and the Economic Development Committee approved the policy at this time.

The Chief Environmental Officer is the overall administrator of the Environmental Protection Ordinance as well as the regulations that form part of this. In practice, Isabel supported the development and drafting of the regulations working in collaboration with the Marine section as well as the AG's chambers. These draft regulations were then presented to ExCo for approval after which the marine section started implementing the accreditation scheme. All the required information was communicated to the tour operators to ensure they comply with the licensing system. There have been three workshops held over the course of two weeks to provide all the relevant information. The first session focused on interaction and viewing of different species, with the next one centred on diving and the final session for recreational users. The regulations state that anyone providing a regulated activity for money or reward is required to have a license, so individuals who do not fall into this group are not required to have a license and are classed as recreational users. Recreational users were nonetheless encouraged to attend this session if they are frequent users of the marine environment to learn the best practice guidelines. The first session was well attended by 17 people participating in the training session. This session also included the guidelines on the biggest marine tourism attraction on St Helena, namely the whale sharks. The tour operators also provided valuable feedback on the guidelines provided and this will be used in the future as the guidelines evolve and change. Dive operators were also encouraged to have their staff (dive leaders/ tour leaders who would be giving the information briefings to tourists) attend the session on diving. It was pleasing for the team to see the attendance of recreational users as this shows the support and commitment of these users to protect the marine environment.

Businesses will be awarded a license and operators within the business will then be accredited under the business license. Licence conditions are essentially the best-practice guidelines that the operators have learnt during the accreditation session. An example of one of the conditions is to stay 3m away from the body of a whale shark and 4m away from its tail when interacting with these marine animals. Tour operators have been following these guidelines voluntary even before they were formalised as licensing conditions. The team do acknowledge that guidelines are sometimes contravened accidently, for example if a whale shark comes close to you while diving. It is recognised that these are wild animals and as such they are unpredictable. The aim of the guidelines is to prevent intentional breaching of the licensing conditions as well as encouraging sensible behaviour from all marine users. It would be prudent to report any incidents even if they were accidental, so that the marine section is aware of it.

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED

Some feedback received from the tour operators concerned the 2019 agreement that each tour operator was limited to two whale shark trips per day. Tour operators felt that this was not giving them enough opportunities to take out the tourists that wanted to experience a whale shark trip especially during the peak tourist season. The number was set at two trips per day as this was the practice in other countries and it was felt that this would give the whale sharks time to feed uninterrupted. As this issue was brought forward, the team took note of it and agreed to take this into consideration to find a solution that would be in everyone's best interest.

As the Chief Environmental Officer, Isabel would ultimately be responsible for the issuing of the licenses to tour operators. Tour operators have now undergone the accreditation training and did an assessment at the end of these sessions. On the basis of the assessments, tour operators who have been accredited can then apply for a license and the team will then allocate licenses to all the successful operators. The application contains questions about tour operators' business information, vessels that will be used for tours as well as activities to be undertaken. The license defines a number of activities that are all regulated like scuba-diving, free-diving, swimming, coastal scenic tours and interaction with marine life. Tour operators only need to apply for one license as the license will cover the various activities the tour operator applies for. Licenses are valid for one year and the accreditation certificate is valid for two years. If accreditation is still valid, tour operators can just apply for a renewal of licenses. There is a fee of £20 attached to the application for a license. The team hopes to have all the licenses ready and issued by 1 November as this is typically the start of the marine tourism season. The conditions on the licenses are all in line with the interaction guidelines. Once licenses are approved there is a licensing fee of £100. The license conditions will be monitored by the Marine Enforcement Section. Depending on the conditions breached, different penalties can be imposed on licence holders that are found to be guilty of breaching regulations. During the first year of implementation, the section will take a softer approach to ease everyone into the scheme, working with operators to create awareness of any issues.

If new operators want to enter the business, they can contact the Marine & Fisheries Conservation Section who will then provide training and accreditation on an ad hoc basis. Prospective tour operators need to give them a reasonable amount of time to arrange for the capacity and availability to provide the training. At the moment all the tour operators who are active on-Island have been contacted and have attended the training and accreditation sessions that were offered. There is a long standing and good relationship between the section and the tour operators with open channels of communication and information sharing.

Certain activities are prohibited under the Marine Management Plan. An example of this is the prohibition of scuba-diving with the whale sharks. It is also prohibited to intentionally swim, dive or snorkel with whales or dolphins. If this happens unintentionally, it is no fault of the tourist or operator as wild animals' behaviour cannot be predicted. Diving in whale shark hotspots will be more closely monitored to prevent infringement of the prohibitions. If dives in these areas are planned there is the need to carry an observer from the Marine & Fisheries Conservation Section with the group to ensure that the rules are abided by. If these kinds of dives are planned, the section needs to be notified 72 hours in advance to ensure they have time to arrange for an observer to accompany the group. Kelly Jonas, who is the Marine Enforcement Officer, can go out and do spot checks at any time at her own discretion, but she will also plan trips as an observer with the different tour operators during the course of the season.

The requirements of the license include the keeping of a log book by tour operators. The Marine & Fisheries Conservation Section need to determine how much pressure is being placed on the marine environment (both the wild life and the habitats) by marine traffic and tours. Log books need to contain information on activities, duration and locations visited. The Marine section has lots of monitoring programs in place for whale sharks and the National Trust also has monitoring programs in place. If logbook data is compared to the monitoring schemes, the section can determine whether habitats are being deteriorated. On the grounds of these assessments, decisions can be made about making adjustments to regulations and restrictions. Leanne said that they know the tour operators on St Helena and how they conduct their business and they are confident that they are abiding by the regulations. It is however their responsibility to put this into evidence to be able to present this to international organisations and regulatory bodies.

The Marine section can also issue research licenses as is evidenced by the current research license that have been granted to the National Trust to conduct research on whale sharks. The Marine Protection Ordinance makes provision for the issuing of different categories of licences one of which is a scientific research license. Interested persons can work with the St Helena Research Institute to have their application approved by the research council. If the research involves a protected species under the Environmental Protection Ordinance, the license for research will be issued by the Chief Environmental Officer. Researchers are required to abide by the normal interaction guidelines. Depending on what the research entails, there might be instances where deviation from these guidelines is required. With something like genetic research, blood or other samples will have to be taken from the animal. In these cases, permission can be granted for this kind of research. The Marine Enforcement Officer will be aware of what the conditions and allowances are for special research licenses and she will be able to enforce and monitor these. These licenses are the exception to the normal licenses. As Chief Environmental Officer, Isabel has the power to revoke or amend a license as needed. Amendments will only be done if extenuating circumstances requires this and the revoking of a license will only be done when there is a serious breach of the license conditions. If licences are not approved, applicants can go through an appeal process.

As this is a fairly new process, the Marine team will welcome any feedback and input from stakeholders if any changes are needed. It is important that everyone works together to the advantage of all involved, but most importantly to ensure that the marine environment of St Helena is protected for future generations.



CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD'S MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE DIVESTMENT

1st April 2023 made **10 YEARS** that Connect Saint Helena Ltd had been in operation! Have a look at some of the major achievements that we have accomplished since divestment.

2013/14 – 2014/15

- The refurbishment of various water abstraction facilities.
- Cleaning and chemical treatment of reservoirs at Red Hill and Longwood.
- Installation of solar panels at Carnarvon Court and at the Power Station.
- Installation of six additional wind turbines at Deadwood Plain.
- Upgrade of overhead LV distribution and service lines to consumers at Plantation Square, Hunts Vale and Thompsons Hill.
- Upgrade of Ladies Bath raw water system.
- Installation of pipeline at Bottom Woods.
- Installation of Bulk Water Mains from Levelwood to Sandy Bay, Rose Hill to Woody Ridge and Frenches Gut to Head O'Wain.
- Installation of solar panels at the Princess Royal Community Care Complex.
- Installation of Solar Farm at the Rifle Range, Ladder Hill.





2015/16 – 2016/17

- Upgrade of various Raw Water Catchments in the Hutts Gate Water Distribution Zone.
- Construction of New Raw Water Abstraction Structure at Oakbank.
- Enlargement of Harpers 3 Reservoir from 8,500m³ to 20,000m³.
- Relining of 3 existing reservoirs, Longwood 1 and 2 reservoirs and Millfield reservoir.
- Installation of Clarifier Filter Units at each of the 4 Water Treatment Works.
- Upgrade of overhead LV distribution and service lines to consumers at Kingshurst, Church Ground Point & Browns Hill to the junction near Rose Bower.
- Installation of an additional transformer for the Hospital development to accommodate increased power demands.
- Extension of Feeder 3 to the Airport and connect to the power grid.
- Installation of a new HV Ring feed from Sandy Bay to Blue Hill.
- New trunk sewers and water supply for Rupert's Valley.
- Construction of a 11,000m3 reservoir at Hutts Gate.
- Construction of raw water abstraction structure & access road at Gents Bath.
- Drilling of 10 deep aquifer exploratory boreholes.
- Installation of first section of western trunk sewer to Ladder Hill.
- Extension of HV network at Head O'Wain and the installation of an additional transformer to accommodate housing development.
- Removal of all overhead HV and LV cables at Lower Rupert's and replaced with an underground service.






PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

2013	2023
Number of Electricity Disruptions	
146	61 ✓
Number of Water Disruptions	
1,582	1,010 ✓
Appearance of Treated Water in CSH Network	
5.0 NTU	1.16 NTU ✓
Microbiological Integrity of Treated Water in CSH Network	
96.5%	100% ✓
Microbiological Integrity of Treated Water at Consumer Meter	
87%	100% ✓
Time taken to perform an Electricity Connection	
50 days	9 days ✓
Time Taken to perform a Water Connection	
90 days	5 days ✓
Proportion of Renewable Energy supplied	
9.13%	19% ✓
Subsidy from SHG	
£1.1m	£1.830m

2017/18 – 2018/19





- Installation of pump water mains from Fishers Valley to Hutts Gate, Chubbs Spring to Scotts Mill, Prosperous Bay Plain to Fishers Valley and Sharks Valley to Fishers Valley.
- Implementation of Leakage Reduction Program.
- Refurbishment of HV infrastructure from Blue Hill to Pouncey's.
- Installation of a new transformer in Jamestown.
- Construction of Barren Ground communal septic tank & soakaway system.
- Installation of new palisade boundary fence and wall at Millfield.
- Replacement of retaining wall at Harpers 3 reservoir.
- Construction of abstraction chamber at Lower Gents Bath water catchment.
- Relining of the Levelwood reservoir.

2019/20 – 2020/21




- Fabrication and construction of a new workshop and vehicle Port at Red Hill Depot.
- Painting and decorating of all Water Treatment Works and Wind Farm buildings.
- Stabilisation of embankment wall at Harpers 1 reservoir.
- Installation of raw water pipeline from Osbornes Spring to the Gumwoods.
- Installation of HDPE rising main from Willow Bank to Hutts Gate 1 reservoir.
- Signing of a Power Purchase Agreement between CSH and PASH.
- Commencement of the construction of a sewage treatment plant chamber in Ruperts.





2021/22 – 2022/23




- Installation of a GFS potable tank at New Ground.
- Water main replaced in Lower Cleugh's Plain.
- Installation of treated water pipelines from Pouncey's to Sunnyside and from Scotland to Spring Gut.
- Following conclusion of the contract with PASH, the work on the 2017 procurement was concluded. Work then started on developing an Energy Delivery Plan. This document now guides Connect's plans for energy transition.
- Barloworld technicians completed a 27,000 hour service on Generators No. 1 and No. 3.
- Connect's Authorised Persons and the Electrical team completed training from Devoltage.
- Water main replacements completed at Barracks Square and Easy Street, Ladder Hill.
- Replacement of Blueman's Field water tank.
- Dismantling, disposal and replacement of the Hospital Tank
- Upgrade of raw water pipeline from Leggs Gut to Hutts Gate, 10% complete.
- Installation of Steel Wire Armoured cable from Jimmy Lotts, Levelwood to the Warrens Gut borehole and Pump House including the construction of a borehole chamber and wellhead system, 20% complete.





"You are our Heroes"

Appreciation shown for Island Teachers on World Teacher's Day 2023


St Pauls School

Liam Yon, SAMS

Last Thursday was celebrated around the world as World Teachers Day 2023, also known by many as Teacher Appreciation Day. The day is marked annually to celebrate the work of teachers and show appreciation for their contributions in educating the next generation within schools and other education settings.

The theme for 2023 was "The teachers we need for the education we want: The global imperative to reverse the teacher shortage".

On St Helena, in honour of the day, all teaching staff on-Island, including within the Inclusion Service, were given a voucher entitling them to an additional day of annual leave during term time for the remainder of the school year.

In addition, each school were also presented with a Thank You card along with a cake representing their respective school colours.

"Teaching is so much more than imparting knowledge; teachers also inspire, nurture and develop curiosity," commented Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence. "Today we recognise the dedication, passion and creativity of our teachers. Thank you for your unwavering support and guidance in developing our youth."

"It was wonderful to have the privilege to recognise and celebrate our teachers and the role they play in shaping our community and our next generation," added Chief Minister Julie Thomas, Minister for Education. "We thank you for your hard work and dedication to one of our Core Services. You are our heroes and I hope you all enjoyed your day."

In addition to the gifts presented to teachers, the three Primary Schools were also gifted a digital microscope, kindly donated by the St Helena Cloud Forest Project.

The Sentinel would like to say a big thank you to all teachers on St Helena and hope they had a happy World Teachers Day 2023.


Pilling-Primary-School


Harford Primary School Teaching Assistants


Harford Primary School Teachers


Prince Andrew School


Inclusion Service team

More Popular to Visit, but also to Leave

Arrivals to, and Departures from, St Helena on the Increase in 2023



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Statistics Office have recently released their latest estimates for the numbers of passenger arrivals and departures to and from St Helena – with both metrics on the increase in 2023 compared to estimates in 2022.

In the latest release issued by SHG, Stats estimate that a total of 193 passengers arrived to St Helena in August 2023, with 189 of these arriving by air. Out of this, 78 arrived for leisure – 32 of these being non-St Helenians and 46 being St Helenians returning to visit family and friends.

Overall, 2023 has been a year where travel to the Island has been much more popular than in 2022 when COVID-19 quarantine precautions were still in place up to August. "In the first eight months of 2023 there have been 2,664 arrivals, compared to 1,665 in the first eight months of 2022 – a 60% increase," reported SHG. "Of those arrivals, 1,215 were for a leisure purpose, more than double the number in the same period in 2022 (534)."

While this is positive news for the Island, it also means that with an increase in arrivals, estimated numbers of departures are also on the rise.

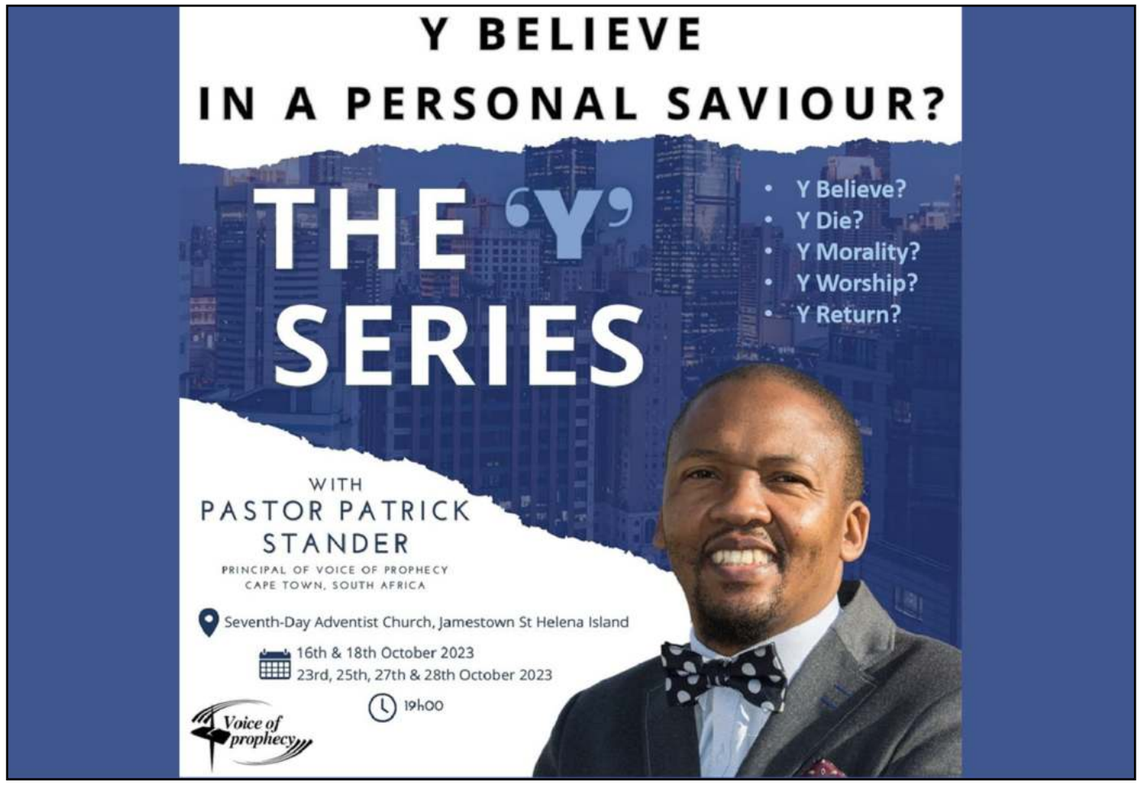
In August 2023, an estimated 292 people departed St Helena – nearly 100 more than arrivals. Again, the vast majority of departures, 288, left the Island by air.

As with arrivals, Stats gave an indication on how departure estimates for 2023 are measuring up against departures for 2022. "In the first eight months of the year there were 3,037 departures, compared to 1,941 in the same period in 2022 – an increase of 56%."

As St Helena enters into our busy period for travel to the Island from November and over the festive period, no doubt arrival numbers will be on the increase – though likely, so will departures, with St Helena still struggling to retain, let alone grow, its population.



NOTICE BOARD



St Helena Cloud Forest Project Public Talks

The St Helena Cloud Forest Project is an exciting, highly collaborative project working to up-scale cloud forest restoration within the Peaks National Park for biodiversity, water security and socio-economic benefits on the Island.

THE PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

From species conservation to landscape restoration - Tuesday 17th October

Dr Jo Gilbert, Conservation Programme Director for Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) will talk about the approach the RSPB takes to scaling up restoration.

Journey of a raindrop from Cloud Forest to Ocean - Thursday 26th October

The St Helena Cloud Forest Project water resource team will update on their research and field-work on St Helena's water resources. Topics will include water level and flow monitoring, water quality surveys, climate monitoring & geophysics surveys.

Venue: Museum of St Helena **Time: 19.00**

RSPB UK Government St Helena National Trust Connect St Helena Island UBC Darwin Kew Met Office Arctium UK Centre for Ecology & Hydrology

YOUR RECIPES

For the month of October we will feature scary – but tasty – Halloween recipes to try before the ghouls come out at the end of the month.

Halloween Monster Mash Fudge



Ingredients

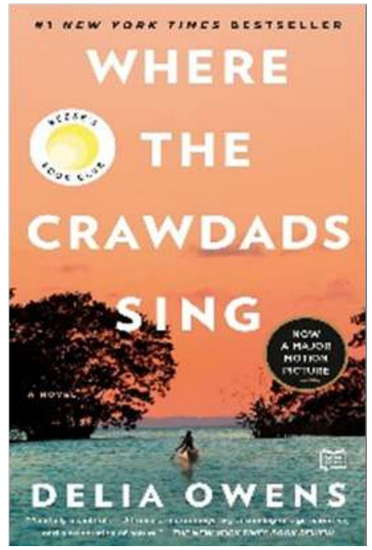
- 1 14oz can sweetened condensed milk, divided in two cups (2/3 full)
- 1 ½ cups semi-sweet or milk chocolate chips
- 1 ½ cups white chocolate chips
- food colouring of choice (I used neon green and purple)
- Halloween sprinkles, candy eye sprinkles

Method

1. Line an 8-inch square baking dish with parchment paper, with ends extending over the sides for easy removal later.
2. In a medium sized saucepan add the first 2/3 cup of sweetened condensed milk and the semi sweet or milk chocolate chips. Heat over medium heat, stirring until completely smooth. Spread into prepared baking dish in an even layer. Chill in fridge while making white chocolate fudge layer.
3. In medium saucepan add the other 2/3 cup condensed milk and the white chocolate chips. Heat over medium heat, stirring until completely smooth. Divide fudge evenly into two separate bowls.
4. Quickly stir in desired choices of food colouring into the bowls before the mixture cools too much. How many drops of food colouring you will need depends on the type you are using and how bright of a colour you want.
5. Spoon coloured fudge onto the chocolate layer, alternating colours and placement until the first layer is completely covered. Gently smooth together with a spatula, and use a toothpick to create swirls or zigzags through the fudge.
6. Add on sprinkles and candy eye sprinkles, gently pressing down into the fudge. Refrigerate for at least 2 hours or until firm. Use parchment paper edges to lift fudge from the dish and cut into squares. Enjoy your spooky treat!

Book of the Week

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Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life until the unthinkable happens. Where the Crawdads Sing is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreaking coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Facilities Operative

Total package value up to £17,178 pa

(inc. salary of up to £10,080 plus accommodation, food allowance and other allowances and benefits)

About the role

We're looking for a new member of staff to join our busy Waste Management and Facilities Support team at AIG. Our Waste and Facilities team provides a vital support service to the island.

What you'll do

This is a varied role covering aspects such as: collection and disposal of refuse and other hazardous waste; maintaining accurate records of fuel levels and completing inspections; maintenance, health and safety checks at the fuel station, and preparing vehicles for, and crushing them in, the car baler. You will also be involved in running the Incinerator and helping us deliver increased and better recycling. Further details can be found in the job description via the link below.

What you'll bring

We are looking for an experienced person who has great communication skills and is equally at home working in a team or on their own. You will have a positive approach to learning new skills, maintaining good Health & Safety standards and the ability to keep records of daily activities. We also need someone who can safely manage/lift loads associated with this type of work and you will need a licence to drive class A, B & C vehicles.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £10,080 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free, furnished, single accommodation valued at £1,200 per year (taxable as a benefit in kind)
- A single status food allowance of £3,600 per year (taxable and paid with salary each month),
- A non-taxable electricity allowance paid in kind up to £938 per year
- A non-taxable water allowance paid in kind worth up to £1,360 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country
- Shipment of a vehicle from the UK or South Africa
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **27 October 2023**
Interviews: **03 November 2023, via Skype if off island**
Required start date: **As soon as possible**

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ **If you have any queries about the role, email** recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

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The Le Lyrial is expected to arrive on Sunday 22 October at 7am and depart on Tuesday 24 October at 4pm
SHE IS CARRYING:
121 PASSENGERS AND 146 CREW

The Vasco Da Gama is expected to arrive on Wednesday 25 October at 6am and depart at 6pm
SHE IS CARRYING:
398 PASSENGERS AND 401 CREW

DID YOU KNOW?

For as little as* £11 a month you can purchase Hire & Reward Insurance – the 'Taxi Cover'.

***Premiums calculated on Engine Size and range from <1400cc at £10 to 6000cc at £26**

A Fee of £26.50 will also be payable to SHG, to upgrade your current Private Road License to a Public Service License and will run the length of your current license until your next MOT

SCHEDULED STOPS FOR PRE-ARRANGED ISLAND SCENIC TOURS ARE:

- Two Gun Saddle
- Stitches Ridge
- Napoleon's Tomb
- Plantation House
- Napoleon's House (Longwood Green)
- Ladder Hill Viewing Platform

These scheduled stops, along with prime spots in Jamestown (for those walking around), provide open opportunities for sales and promotions
Set up a Refreshment Stand...Bring along your Locally Made Souvenirs...
Contribute to the Visitor Experience!

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

Be Friendly **Be Prepared** *(show off your Local Knowledge)*
Be Organised **Be Flexible** *(changes may be required due to sea conditions)*



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VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Risk and Compliance Manager

Fixed Term Contract

Commencing at £13,032 per annum

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the position of Risk and Compliance Manager. This position will be offered as a Fixed-Term Contract from November 2023 until 31 March 2024.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to compile and implement policies within the Bank to ensure compliance with the Governing Laws, Regulations and Policies and advise internal departments on how to meet compliance requirements; therefore, an excellent understanding of anti-money laundering, fraud prevention and detection are important, along with the need to stay informed on changes in laws and regulations that relates to banking.

In addition, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to advise, oversee and train bank staff on compliance procedures, lead investigations of suspicious activity, recommend corrective actions and work closely with both internal and external auditors.

The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent interpersonal skills and ideally have a minimum of two years proven work experience in a middle management role and or relevant experience in Banking/Finance, Auditing and/or Risk Management.

Candidates should also possess:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Good financial and accounting skills, ideally be a Certified Accounts Technician or FIA or working towards a qualification;
- Have good analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Have experience writing policies and procedures;
- experience of working with regulators.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Josephine George, Managing Director on (+290) 22390 ext 216 or email managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 27 October 2023.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Established and regulated in St Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 and 2017, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017, the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004

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St Helena Government

Senior Internal Auditor (£11,542 per annum)

Internal Audit Service is seeking to employ a highly organised individual with excellent communication, interpersonal and stakeholder management skills. If you are comfortable with working autonomously, with excellent attention to detail and strong analytical skills then we have an opportunity for you to join our team as a Senior Internal Auditor.

Enquiries: Blessing Gurure
Closing date: 26 October 2023

Portfolio Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

Central Support Service is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual to provide high quality personal administration service to the Portfolio Director and Minister for the Economic Development Portfolio. The Portfolio Assistant will support the smooth running of the Portfolio and deliver excellent customer focused service.

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

Senior Staff Nurse (£13,146 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on 22500
Closing date: 26 October 2023

Benefits

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

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, betting / 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.

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Assistant Caretaker (PAS) (£7,341 per annum)

To support and ensure the management, maintenance, safety and security of the whole premises of Prince Andrew School. This includes Francis Plain playing field, so that it is kept in good condition for use by the school population and the wider community of St. Helena.

Enquiries: Mr Stuart Leo on 24290
Closing date: 24 October 2023

Legislative Council Office Assistant (Fixed Term – 2 months) (9,197 per annum)

Central Support Service is seeking to recruit an Office Assistant with excellent interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate effectively and professionally to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support.

Enquiries: Anita Legg on 22470
Closing date: 26 October 2023

Support Workers (Piccolo Hill) (Fixed-Term 3 month contract with a possibility to extend) (£7,502 per annum)

Do you have a genuine interest in providing one-to-one support to enable individuals to live independently? Social Care is seeking to recruit Support Workers to assist individuals so that they can live full, active and independent lives safely.

Enquiries: Nicole Hercules on 25936
Closing date: 26th October 2023

Benefits

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
15th October
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 17th October
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 19th October
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 18th October
Baptist School Hall 10.30 am

Outreach Service
Sunday 22nd October
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

ALL ARE WLCOME

St Helena Government

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UK STATE (2024 BIRTHDAY HONOURS) AND ST HELENA GOVERNMENT AWARDS

Nominations are now being invited for the following awards:

- **UK STATE AWARDS**
- **CERTIFICATE AND BADGE OF HONOUR**
- **ACT OF BRAVERY AWARD**
- **THE BADGE OF ST HELENA**
- **FREEDOM OF THE CITY OF JAMESTOWN**

Nomination forms for all of the above awards are available from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential', addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Tuesday, 31 October 2023.

SHG, 3 October 2023

ST. HELENA DIVE CLUB ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2023

Date: Monday 16th October 2023
Time: 6.30pm
Where: The Dive Club, the wharf

Members and non-members welcome.
Membership is due on the night or can be paid in advance at the BoSH.

Curry or stew and rice will be provided (free to paid up members in attendance) – please advise by Fri 13th if you'd like some so we can make sure there is enough.

Please let us know in advance of nominations for the committee.

A proposed change to the constitution will be raised – let us know if you'd like the details in advance.

If you have any other matters you wish to discuss, please let us know. If you need to get in touch, email us on shdiveclub@gmail.com

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 15th October 2023 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade/Harvest Festival	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist/Harvest Festival	St Peter
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 15th October 2023 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St James
	Thursday 19th October	
7.00 p.m.	Health Workers Service	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 15th October 2023 – Twenty-Eighth Sunday of the Year		
6.30 p.m.	**Eucharist/Installation of Fr Ronnie Allwright**	**St Mark**
	Tuesday 17th October	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

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St Matthew's Parish

Notice is hereby given that on Sunday, 15th October 2023, at 6.30pm in the Church of St Mark's, the Bishop of St Helena will publicly institute to the charge of this parish Fr Ronnie Allwright. All parishioners are asked to be present to pray for him and with him to commit their lives anew to the service of Christ and his Church.



Seventh Day Adventist Church



Bring your voices and acoustic instruments and join the 'Singspirationals' at Blue Hill Community Centre on Sunday, 22 October, at 3.30pm for a Gospel Sing

ST HELENA NEWS

International Day of Girl Child 2023

Celebrated on 11 October Every Year



E&HRC, Contributed

The aim of this special day is to address issues of gender inequality and issues faced by girls all over the world. It recognizes the importance of promoting gender equality and empowering girls to speak out about the things that affect them – just because they are girls.

This year's theme is Our Time is now - Our rights our future: It's the girl child's voice embracing their rights owning their future. Girl, you matter! Your voice should be heard. Your time is now!

The United Nations has designated specific priorities under the Sustainable Development Goals 5: Gender equality and Goal 10: Reduced inequalities, to focus on the empowerment of all women and girls. St Helena Island faces unique challenges when it comes to prioritizing the needs and rights of the girl child, there is still much stereotyping of girls, lack of access to sustainable period products and areas where it can be uncomfortable to walk. The Human Rights Commission wants to raise awareness, aims to bridge the gap and advocate for girl child rights.

We all have equal rights to gender equality, education, health and freedom, to name a few. These rights are recognised by various international treaties, so this day serves as a reminder to us all to continue working towards fulfilling these rights and addressing the challenges faced by the girl child on St Helena.

As we celebrate the International Day of the Girl Child, let us renew our commitment to empowering girls around the Island. The empowerment of girls is not a one-day event but an ongoing commitment that requires collective action. Let us all amplify their voices, provide them opportunities, and create an environment that supports their dreams and aspirations.

Together we can build a future where every girl can thrive, and no girl is left behind.

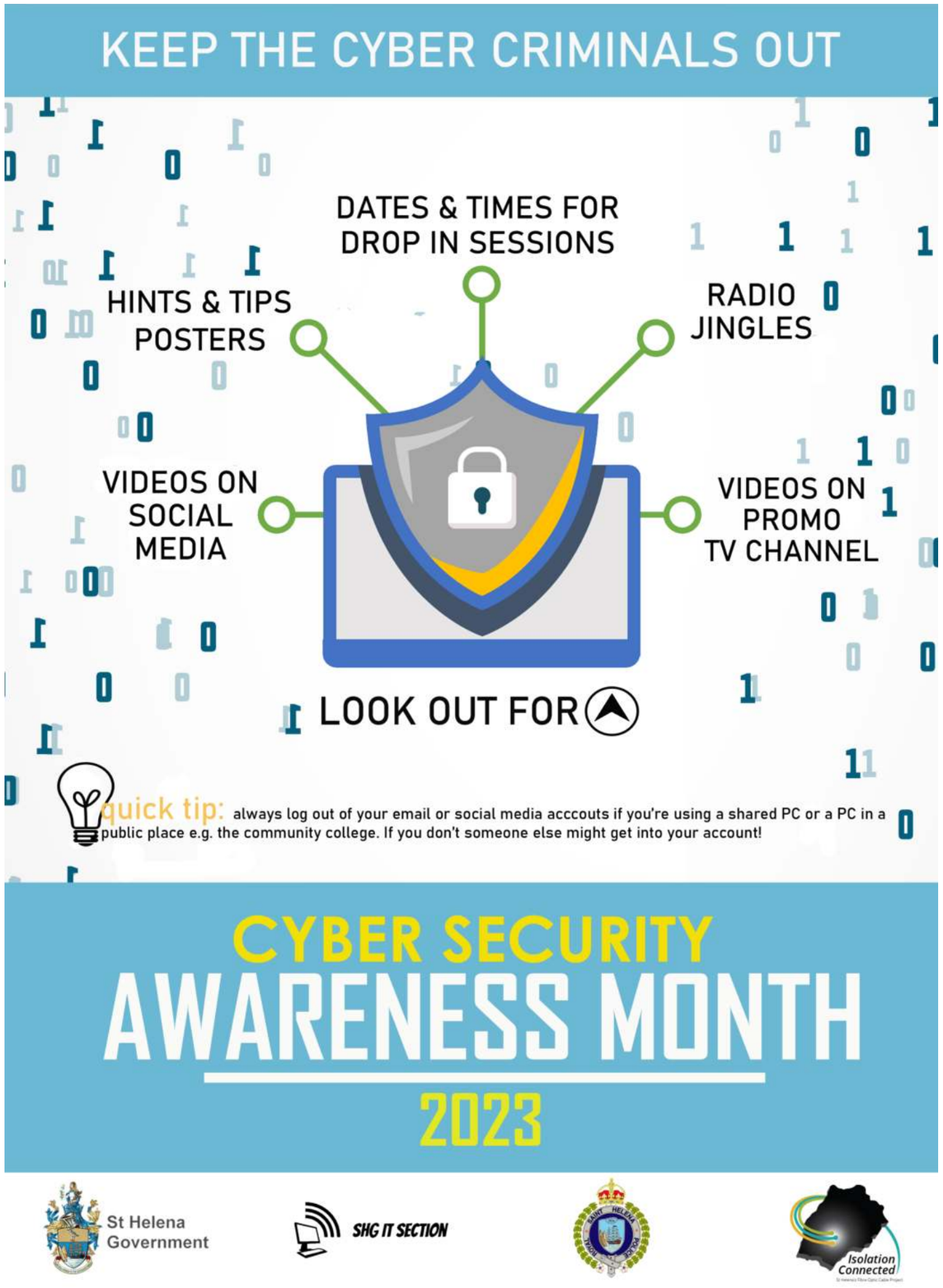
For more information on your rights and responsibilities visit or call us at Coles House, Napoleon Street, Jamestown, call 22133 or email info@humanrightsthelena.org.

You and Me, we have a role to play.

Our time is now - our rights our future!

Equality & Human Rights Commission
Saint Helena Island

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Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We are still gathering information from our youth and junior members to confirm what would be the ideal day to conduct their shooting activity, with the limited ammo supply we are forced to have one day only rather than two days per week therefore Saturday mornings may be the preferred day. Ideally, a better public transport system is badly needed on St Helena to provide a proper travel service would benefit the Island's community, especially when our young people would like to get involved with various activities.

Five youth attended Tuesday's event and were excited to be at the club even just having 10 shots they were so happy to be back on the range shooting. Karlal shot 79.1 & 93.4, Ryley was back after having his long break, he shot 91.2 & 95, Josie 90.1 & 83.2, Pippa trying for the first time did well with 33.1 & 32. Brianna settled with 10 shots and shot 90.

Our friendly fun competition really described it's title, ten members took part all trying hard to win a bottle of red wine. The rules were set to see who could shoot the most 10's with 10 shoots per card, an option for anyone who didn't do well and feel they could have done better could have the opportunity to shoot a second card to see if they could make improvement. But with that option it came with a price, to pay extra £3 per target with the choice to use the card with the most 10's. Anyone who tied on even points will do one shot shoot-off until a winner is defined.

In the order which scores were revealed, Stephen Thwaite's 83 he shot the second card with 8 ten's, Sampson shot 90.2 with 3 ten's, Colin 93 with 3 ten's, Jodie 97.5 with 7 ten's, Pat H 98.5 with 8 ten's, Rex Young 96.3 with 9 ten's and Patrick Young shot 99.8 also with 9 ten's. This was an exciting moment for Rex and Patrick to finish the competition off with a shoot-off, everyone applauding as they took their positions on the firing point. Scores were not to be announced until the card was finally checked and declared the winner during presentation. Patrick shot a 9 and Rex shot 10.1, declaring himself the winner. Everyone burst, expressing exuberant joy, congratulations and thanks to everyone for the night's event. We all feasted on a pasta meal which did the trick of keeping our bellies filled, another competition will start next week and will take place over two weeks, some smart trophies to be won so don't lose out, cost £4.00 to enter the competition plus ammo cost, anyone can enter from the age 14 years only for this event, there will be hotdogs with spicy relish on sale so don't miss out looking forward to have a good turnout. So until then, let us cherish what we have and enjoy it.

Have a pleasant week!

Golf Report 8 October 2023

SHGC, Contributed



The first turkey and ham competition for 2023 got underway last Sunday with 19 players on the field. It was windy and sometimes foggy but the players soldiered on to the finish line. They say that it is more blessed to give than to receive. Just a week after Tony Green gave by sponsoring the Presidents Cup, he was on the receiving end for first prize (turkey) after finishing with a solo lead net 67. In second place with 68 was Leon Crowie who won the ham. There were no two ball pool winners. Prizes were presented by the Handicaps Manager, Pat Henry.

Hoping and praying for good weather, the eagerly awaited Bank of St Helena sponsored 36-hole stroke play competition is scheduled to take place on 14 and 15 October 2023. Tee off at 12 noon. Registration closes on Friday, 13 October at 3pm. As you all know, when it comes to prizes, the Bank of St Helena never disappoints. Support this generosity by signing up and taking part in the competition. Happy swinging!

English Premier League 2023/24



Matchweek 9 Fixtures

Saturday 21 October 2023
11.30 Liverpool v Everton
14.00 Bournemouth v Wolves
Brentford v Burnley
Man City v Brighton
Newcastle v C'Palace
Nott'm Forest v Luton
16:30 Chelsea v Arsenal
19:00 Sheffield Utd v Man Utd

Sunday 22 October 2023
15:30 Aston Villa v West Ham

Monday 23 October 2023
19.00 Spurs v Fulham



with one point on the table for each with one game played.

In the late fixture, excitement was rife with the top two sides from 2022, Champions Jamestown, and Runners-Up St Pauls, going head to head to see who would take the early advantage in this year's league. In contrast to the first game, despite big expectations, the second matchup was a truly one-sided affair. Showcasing a talented bunch of players, mixing experience with youthfulness, St Paul's would dominate proceedings and strut their way to an early lead in this year's tournament. A brace for youngster, Ethan Harris, was joined by goals from Shane Stroud, Brett Isaac, Blaise Baldwin, Kyle Shoesmith, as well as an unfortunate own goal, bringing St Paul's total goal tally to seven. Despite a poor day at the office, Jamestown did grab a consolation through Dane Wade, who is making a habit of getting on the score sheet. St Paul's talisman, Brett Isaac, was named Man of the Match, with young superstar, Blaise Baldwin, and team mate of Brett for Rovers, bagging himself Young Player of the Match. A big 7-1 win for St Paul's puts them into the league after the first weekend of fixtures, while Jamestown has ground to make up in this year's tournament if they are to retain their title.

DISTRICT RESULTS

Sunday 8 October 2023

Half Tree Hollow 2
T Osborne (2)
YPoM: Toure Osborne

Longwood 2
S Thomas, J Thomas
MoM: Joey Thomas

St Pauls 7
E Harris (2), S Stroud, B Isaac, B Baldwin, K Shoesmith, OG
MoM: Brett Isaac
YPoM: Blaise Baldwin

Jamestown 1
D Wade

DISTRICT FIXTURES

Sunday 15 October 2023

1.30pm **Jamestown vs HTH**
Referee: Longwood, Linesman: St Pauls/Longwood

3.30pm **St Pauls vs Longwood**
Referee: Jamestown, Linesman: HTH/Jamestown

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Lower Age

Falcons 7
Hugo Richards (5)
Joel Peters (2)
MoM: Hugo Richards

Rumblers 6
Talem Francis (3)
Cruz Williams (2)
Joshua Crowie
MoM: Talem Francis

Guardians 8
Kayden Scott (4)
OG (2) John Espinosa, Kylen Piek-Williams
MoM: Kayden Scott

Young Rebels 2
Louie Yon,
Jamal Ward-Peters
MoM: Tylon Adams-Duncan

Upper Age

Troopers 9
Lebron George (3)
Ephrem Stroud (2)
Lukas Robbertse, Harry Winfield, Zach Francis, OG
MoM: Lebron George

Hurricanes 0
MoM: Riley Yon

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 15 October 2023

9am	**Rumblers**	**vs**	**Guardians**
9am	**Hurricanes**	**vs**	**Terminators**
10am	**Falcons**	**vs**	**Young Rebels**
10am	***Winners of M1***	**vs**	**Megalodons**





Falcons (left) and Young Rebels will face off on Sunday

SPORTS ARENA

SHFA District League 2023







CHAMPIONS TRASHED

St Paul's beat reigning Champions Jamestown as HTH and Longwood draw blanks

Liam Yon, SAMS

The 2023 SHFA District League kick started last Sunday with the first two matches going ahead as scheduled.

The opening fixture of this year's tournament depicted exactly what is expected from a district game with two quality sides battling it out in an even contest with all to play for come the end of the ninety minutes. It was Thomas brothers, Sean-Lee and Joey, who would get on the score sheet for Longwood, with the pair channelling what worked so effectively for them during their time together for Harts a few years back. Younger brother Joey kept up his form from the league and was awarded Man of the Match honours. For Half Tree Hollow, and pleasingly for their loyal fanbase, it was a young rising star that would bag their two goals and finish as the Young Player of the Match. Ballerz sensation, Toure Osborne, struck home a brace in his district debut. After an entertaining encounter, both sides were left to share the spoils, the game ending

