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SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

With the improved weather and the arrival of our long awaited supply ship, there seems to be a positive air prevailing all over the Island. When the sun is shining like this and there is balminess in the air, I always just want to say #myisland!!

October is known as cancer awareness month. This past weekend the sponsored cancer walk took place and the overwhelming support of this event was heart warming. Every year our little Island rallies to support the many initiatives from the Cancer Support Charity. What a fantastic show of our commitment to work together to help all the people affected by this terrible and debilitating disease as so many lives have been affected.

It is encouraging that our healthcare services are providing early detection screening programmes to ensure earlier and more successful treatment of various forms of cancer and other diseases. We should all invest in our health as much as possible. So let's all take advantage of the early detection programmes on offer to prevent and catch any signs early on!

Sometimes unexpected and tragic things happen and we don't always know how to deal with it. In addition to a physical challenge there is also a very big mental component to dealing with this disease. It is difficult to stay positive in the face of adversity, but this is often the times that we grow as people, where we discover our strength and perseverance.

I want to do a shout-out to all who have battled with cancer and prevailed. For those who lost the battle and their families, my sincerest and deepest sympathy. My heart goes out to each person whose lives have been touched by this terrible disease. Let's keep on supporting this very worthy cause as a community and as individuals in every way we can.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

In response to the second letter submitted to the Sentinel last week (Fact... Not Fiction) by the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC), I wish to make the following comment.

STC included in their press statement the following:

- *"We therefore comment upon Waylon Thomas' information over the last two weeks and ask that in the future it be factually correct"*
- *"The misrepresentation of Mr Thomas' claim that we are not interested in the local market is nothing but an absolute untruth"*.

I read the press statement from start to finish and then read it again – and for the life of me, I cannot see how the content of my letter could be perceived as anything other than factual when seen from my perspective.

However, in an attempt to aid my understanding in respect of STC's viewpoint which has called into question my credibility, I sent a relatively simple question to the company via email which required an equally simple yes or no answer. At the time of submitting this letter to you, no response has been received from the company Directors.

Icould have presented a host of questions respectfully challenging the content of the STC article, and I suspect the result would have been the same – silence.

This fisheries saga has dragged on for years and I get the impression that some are becoming just a little forgetful and confused.

The subject of this letter is STC's second press statement submitted in last week's Sentinel. Their first press statement was in fact an apology for inaccurate wording in an article they published on 5 October. They have made mistakes yet again in last week's publication – I am reminded of the old adage about those living in glass houses.

Kind Regards,

Waylon Thomas

Catch ya later Gov'ner

Governor Phillips off-Island for both leave and business

Donna Crowie, SAMS



Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, Nigel Phillips CBE, is currently in the UK after departing St Helena on last Saturday's flight out.

Governor Phillips will be off-Island until 18 November, and will therefore not be back for the annual traditional Remembrance Sunday Service at the Cenotaph in Jamestown.

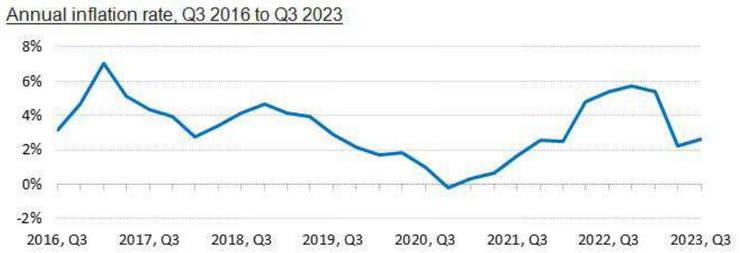
For his first two-weeks away, Governor Phillips will be enjoying some leave, but for the remainder of his time off-Island, the Governor will be working in the UK where he is scheduled to meet with officials as well as attend the Joint Ministerial Council for this year.

In the absence of Governor Phillips, Head of the Governor's Office, Greg Gibson, will once again step into the role of Acting Governor.

ST HELENA NEWS

Eighty-Five Items Increase in Price

Statistics Office measure Annual Price Inflation at 2.7% for Q3 2023



Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHG Statistics Office have measured the Retail Price Index for the third quarter of 2023 (July to August) at 117, compared to 113.9 for the same quarter in 2022. This represents an annual inflation rate of 2.7%.

The essentially means that, on average, costs of goods and services on St Helena have increased by 2.7% over the last twelve months. Stats report that the annual rate has also increased slightly compared to the rate in the previous quarter, which was 2.2%.

The highest increase in average prices over the year has been in the clothing and housing categories, rising by 8.9% and 5.4% respectively.

The Statistics Office gave some further insight into how inflation has changed over the past year.

"Increases in the average prices of footwear contributed most to the increase in the Clothing category, but the impact of these price changes on the overall index is quite small due to the low weight of the overall category (1.1%)," they explained. "Within the Housing category, there were price increases in some building materials, and the prices for government-landlord housing rent were revised. The Food category rose by 4.8% compared to the same period in 2022, contributing factors included price increases in some tinned goods and oil-based products."

While Clothing, Housing, and Food prices increased, this was offset slightly by the decreases in prices under the Transport category.

"The fall in the price of Petrol and Diesel over the past year resulted in the decrease in the Transport category," reported Stats. "These two commodities have the highest weighting in their category and are also within the top 10 highest weighted commodities in the entire basket. During the year between Q3 2022 and Q3 2023, the price of Petrol fell by 9%, and the price of Diesel fell by 14%."

The index used by the Statistics Office to measure inflation uses 203 representative items to measure price changes in nine different categories of household spending. Since a year ago, 85 items increased in price, 28 items decreased in price, and the price of 90 items remained unchanged.

The Statistics Office also wanted to point out that the recent change in telecommunication tariffs, with SURE's new package offerings, did not form part of this RPI calculation, but will be included in the estimates for Q4 of 2023, due to be released in the New Year.

Marge at large?

MV Maria arrives for Voyage 5 but there may be no Marge from South Africa until Voyage 6

Liam Yon, SAMS

The much-anticipated arrival of the MV Maria da Paz has come with the interim freight vessel for St Helena arriving last Friday afternoon to replenish the Island's stocks.

While many eagerly awaited the arrival of fresh produce, including fruit and the long-awaited arrival of cheese, there is one product that might still be in short supply. Island merchants have informed that margarine did not arrive from South Africa.

A spokesperson for Queen Mary Stores confirmed that they had no margarine arriving. They explained that there was no chilled container shipped from Cape Town because the third party shipping line CGM (CT-WB) would not allow their refrigerated container to be sent to St Helena on a different shipping line, namely the Maria Da Paz, and they refused to accept Meihuizen' s container onto their ship. They further add that Meihuizen International have worked on something to get a chilled container out of Cape Town on Voyage 6, but says that "until then, we have no marge." As an alternative, QMS do state that butter should have arrived from UK on this ship.

The Sentinel also heard from Thorpe's, who said they were expecting butter and spreadable marge from the UK on this voyage, though not in the popular Flora brand. No baking marge is coming from the UK however.

In terms of margarine from South Africa, Thorpe's were expecting Flora spreadable marge and Marvello for baking on Voyage 5 of the Maria, but were not sure if this would be affected by the situation explained by the QMS spokesperson.

In addition, Thorpes add that they do have a small amount of marge that had been stuck in Joburg for a few weeks, and said it may be likely that this stock will have arrived on last week's flight.



An Overwhelming Attendance

Amazing Support shown for Cancer Support and Awareness in Pink Walk 2023



Donna Crowie, SAMS

The biannual St Helena Cancer Support and Awareness Charity Pink Walk has over the years become a regular and popular event on-Island to show support for those that have, or are being affected by Cancer, as well as to raise funds to support Cancer Patients, Cancer Survivors and families.

This year, Anthony Peters, better known as Tony Foot, was one of the main organisers for the event choosing a much harder route than has been the case in previous years. Tony is no stranger when it comes to raising funds for the Cancer Support charity on St Helena and normally does a charity walk on the Falkland Islands. This year however, he decided to do a walk whilst on-Island and chose a difficult route starting from Sandy Bay Beach and finishing in Jamestown. Tony invited those up for the challenge to join him on the walk from the beach, while others could join along the way.

In an overwhelming attendance, the Pink Walk 2023 attracted over 360 people on Sunday.

Starting from Sandy Bay Beach shortly after 8am, the bravest began their trek, with 60 people starting the climb up to the Sandy Bay Community Centre where around 40 more joined in, the crowd then making their way to Kingshurst Community Centre.

At Kingshurst, eager participants cheered on those who walked from Sandy bay before joining the crowd to continue the journey to Jamestown.

By this point, hundreds of walkers, young and old, lined the roads dressed mostly in pink, with others sporting different colours representing various Cancer colours, in an amazing show of support by St Helena.





















The final pit stop before town was at Rosie's car park when even more participants joined up to complete the final leg of the journey.

The event ended with all participants arriving to the Mule Yard where teas and eats were available as well as live musical entertainment from local musicians. Youngster, Blane Bennett, was the first to reach Jamestown in an incredibly impressive time of around 1hr 40mins.

A working committee member told The Sentinel that they "were overwhelmed by the support and participation for the Pink Walk 2023 and would like to thank everyone for making the day a success and raising funds for the Cancer support and Awareness Charity."

"Overall, the event was a great success," commented Tony. "I was thrilled with the turnout and especially the lovely community spirit where everybody came together. People were still messaging the organisers on Saturday night wanting to join. It wasn't just Saints it was other nationalities too who took part. Everybody commented how much they had enjoyed the walk."

The total value of monies raised to date is over £5,000 on-Island, with a few sponsor forms still to be submitted.

A huge well done to all involved, from the organisers to the participants, for a truly successful Pink Walk 2023.











App-ly Today

Government seeking on-Island App Developer



Liam Yon, SAMS

As St Helena continues to evolve into a more digitally aware Island, SHG are beginning to seek the development of new digital services, in line with what organisations do elsewhere in the world.

To this end, Government are now seeking interest from suitable people on-Island to develop a mobile-phone based App.

Apps, short for applications, are a significant part of the technology-driven world we live in and can enhance a person's life, enjoyment and productivity. Apps are also regularly used by companies, both large and small, to streamline production and increase ease of work.

In a recently published 'Expressions of Interest' advert, SHG say they would like to hear from anybody on-Island who can undertake the development of an app that is intended to replace the current marine tour operator paper-based logbooks.

This is an opportunity to anyone with the skills to be able to provide a fairly new service to SHG and St Helena, a market that will no doubt continue to grow as the Island moves forward in a new digital era that aims to only get better when a fibre connection is available to everybody on St Helena.

Successful Calibration

St Helena Airport compliant with ICAO Standards



Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Wednesday of last week, 18 October, St Helena Airport saw the arrival of their annual Calibration Flight.

"Pilots and aircraft operators rely on numerous communications, navigation and surveillance systems to fly safely," explained CEO of St Helena Airport Ltd, Gwyneth Howell. "To ensure operational readiness, flight calibration services operators routinely measure and calibrate the systems by using flight calibration aircraft equipped with sophisticated flight inspection technology."

Gwyneth further explained how "this is to certify airport navigational aids to incredibly precise tolerances," describing calibration as "an activity that ensures the correctness of the values indicated by measuring instruments in compliance with International Civil Aviation Organisation Standards."

SHAL also reported that the calibration was successful and all equipment was found to be within specification. St Helena Airport will welcome the next calibration in 2024.

No More Long Way Around

MOD introduces Flight Connection between Falklands and St Helena via Ascension Island



Liam Yon, SAMS

Ascension Island Government (AIG) recently announced that an agreement has been made which will allow those on the Falkland Island's to travel to St Helena via Ascension, without the need to go first to the UK, then to Joburg, before arriving home on their holidays.

"We are pleased to announce new travel arrangements that will enable residents of St Helena to transit between the Falkland Islands and St Helena via Ascension," said a Press Release issued by AIG. "Ministry of Defence (MOD) have introduced these arrangements with immediate effect following consultation with the Foreign & Commonwealth Development Office (FCDO), AIG, SHG and Falkland Island's Government (FIG)."

Extensive works to the runway at Wideawake Airfield on Ascension has been completed, signalling the return of the South Atlantic Airbridge to Ascension. Now, with the agreement in place, residents of St Helena living on the Falkland Islands have the opportunity to travel from the Falklands via Ascension Island to St Helena and vice versa. This will cut down travel time greatly.

While this agreement has been made for those travelling between St Helena and the Falklands, "transiting between the United Kingdom and St Helena remains unavailable via the Airbridge," confirmed AIG.

Liver-ing Life to the Full

Dietician holding more "My Healthy Me" sessions, now focusing on livers



Demy Herne, SAMS

Dietician, Sarah Mattinson, is continuing with the "My Healthy Me" sessions on St Helena and is this time focusing on Non Alcoholic Fatty Liver Disease.

The key thing that Sarah is trying to get across is that Fatty Liver is not always connected with alcohol. What Sarah does know is that if you are carrying a little bit too much weight this could be one of the causes of Fatty Livers. People over the age of 50, those who have Type 2 Diabetes, high blood pressure, high cholesterol, and also those who smoke, are all more at more risk of having Fatty Liver Disease.

Sarah's sessions are going to be mainly about losing weight and eating healthier, all while giving valuable information about Fatty Liver Disease.

Sarah is aiming to help people lose weight gradually, but doesn't want people to go on any 'crash course dieting' – the aim is to help people lose 0.5-1kg of weight a week. Other things that can help, alongside dieting, is to exercise more and to follow alcohol consumption guidelines, which is no more than 14 units of alcohol in a week. There is also evidence that drinking a little bit of coffee per week can reduce the risk of Fatty Livers. Another smart choice is to avoid drinks with high fructose; these are drinks that allow the body to access sugars and include Liqui Fruits, Cokes and Lemonades. This has been proven to reduce the chances of developing Fatty Liver Disease.

Sarah mentioned that there is some evidence that probiotics can help reverse Fatty Liver but there isn't strong enough evidence to say that you should go out and buy it to start reversing Fatty Liver.

The liver is a big organ in the body, taking up anything between 0.5kg and 2kg of bodyweight. Some of the first signs that the liver is not doing its job properly are feeling generally unwell and not knowing why. Other symptoms include feeling tired, loss of appetite, feeling weak and noticeable weight loss. A little abdominal pain on the right hand side where your liver is situated is also a sign of a liver problem, as well as memory loss issues.

"We just want to provide some information to the community because we know that sometimes it can be quite daunting when you are told you have Fatty Liver Disease," explained Sarah. "So what we are doing is breaking it down to help people understand what's going on with their own body and then how they can actually help themselves."

During the day-time sessions which Sarah will be hosting you can have your BMI calculated, weight measurements will be taken, and also blood pressure checks.

The final sessions will be held at the CCC today at 6pm; at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre tomorrow at 11am; and finally on Monday, 30 Oct, at 11am at the Levelwood Clinic.

These sessions will last for approximately one hour, though if you cannot make it to any of these sessions, you are still encouraged to visit the hospital if you have any questions.

"Excellent Progress" being made

Field Road Rehabilitation progressing ahead of schedule



Liam Yon, SAMS

SHG have provided an update on the R2 Project, specifically the rehabilitation of Field Road, being undertaken by local contractor, Isaac's Contractors.

SHG state that the contractor is continuing to "make excellent progress" with the hillside excavation works currently running ahead of schedule.

They add that they are now in discussions with Isaac's Contractors to check on the likelihood of increasing the rate of removal of the excavated material from the site, which if likely, leads SHG to believing that "there is a real possibility of being able to shorten the overall construction programme and enable Field Road to re-open ahead of schedule."

To help move things along quickly, permission has been granted following a request from the contractor to also work on Sundays.

To this end, the Highways Authority has approved the closure of Side Path Road for this coming Sunday, 29 October. On Sunday, road closure and diversion signs will be in place, with access to and from Jamestown still being available via Constitution Hill Road. SHG say that, with the low levels of traffic generally experienced on Sundays, the contractor will not be implementing any further traffic management measures.

SHG add that, depending on the progress of works, further Sunday closures of Side Path Road may be considered where it can help works to be completed faster, though any such closures will be the subject of separate approvals and announcements.

'I said go (go Johnny!)'



The below article was published in last week's issue of The Sentinel, however there were a few acronyms that were misplaced, with quotes credited to the wrong organisation. The amended version below has been corrected to avoid confusion.

"SHG continues to work with fishing sector"

A look at the responses received to claims made by STC in Press Release on Tuna prices for the local market as SHG also now provide brief statement



Liam Yon, SAMS

Those following the latest in the ongoing fisheries saga on St Helena will have read the Press Release issued by Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) a few weeks back announcing in their words that "STC can't be expected to continue selling freshly vac packed tuna at a loss" and that therefore going forward "fresh tuna will be priced at cost +15%".

STC said that it is "with deep regret" that they announce the increase in local tuna prices, and claimed that "if STC had the full support of the fishing community and the support from Government as a whole, this decision would not be necessary."

According to STC, reasons for the increase in price is SHG's allowance of fishermen to sell whole fish from vessels as an interim arrangement, they also claim that a minority of officials within SHG are opposing them from obtaining a license for offshore vessels – namely the Extractor and another offshore vessel. STC also allege that an application for The Extractor to obtain a fishing license was submitted, and a check list approved, adding that this was however denied by in their words "the same minority, negative element within Government."

Since the issuing of this Press Release from STC, The Sentinel has heard from owner of The Extractor, Adrian Duncan, via a letter written to, and published in, The Sentinel. In it, Adrian dismissed the claims made by STC, stating that "at no stage over the past five years" did he "apply or fill out any form of application for a fishing licence in order to fish for STC" or anybody else. Adrian was bemused as to "why someone would publish such a statement knowing it is not true."

Furthermore, The Sentinel recently published a letter responding to STC's claims, and providing views from the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA). In it, the SHCFA stated that they could only "confidently comment on the matter which involves a so called 'interim period'" for the sale of whole tuna directly to the public. SHCFA said that while they cannot comment on any agreements or assurances given by SHG to STC, they can however "assure" that back in June 2021, SHCFA "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." They add that this "resulted in the SHCFA successfully achieving political and Competent Authority support in respect of direct whole tuna sales." SHCFA also claimed that the viewpoint of SHG's Competent Authority was "not dissimilar" to their own, and referred to the Select Committee Hearing on Fisheries, where according to SHCFA, SHG's Competent Authority "found it difficult to even refer to the direct sale of whole tuna as an 'interim period' measure." According to SHCFA, "STC appear to believe that this 'interim period' was being allowed only until the factory refurbishment in Rupert's was complete," though they instead say "that it is now for SHG to determine whether the practice of selling whole tuna directly to the public should continue."

Finally, The Sentinel then heard back from SHG, though once again, they remained tight-lipped in responding to any claims made against them by STC. They instead simply say that they "are aware of the release published by STC regarding their intention to increase the price of fish processed through the factory" and recognise that "pricing structures are a commercial decision for STC." According to Government, "SHG continues to work with the fishing sector to ensure that the Island's fishery is productive and provides long term job and economic opportunities to the community." They say that "this includes working with STC."

Tales around the Campfire: Pt 1

Demy Herne, SAMS



Halloween is upon us, so The Sentinel decided to research and reach out for some local ghost stories to share with you on this spooky holiday. Due to the volume of contributions and stories found, we will spread them out over a few weeks so as not to scare you too much in one go. Remember these are just tales and experiences, whether true or not, who knows? But either way, get ready for some chills. Happy Halloween!

The Lady at SAMS

Shortly after starting work at SAMS, a member of staff noticed something strange in the corner of her eye as she walked past one of the rooms. Sitting in a chair in what is now our Conference Room was a woman with long hair. Upon a second look, the figure had disappeared.

On another day, again while working, she saw the same woman again. Then, on another occasion, the same member of staff smelt the strong scent of a perfume which lingered in the air of a room that only she had been in, and the perfume was not hers.

After speaking to her family about the chilling experiences, on a separate day, she was approached by a local woman who asked about what she had encountered here at SAMS.

The woman asked for details on the mysterious figure and, after taking in what she was told, looked at the SAMS staff member and said that the ghost was likely her mum. She explained how her mum had passed away years ago and that she had stayed in the location of the office where the figure was seen.

Bad Premonitions

In the 1830's, five-guard outposts were established on the Island, and one of them was a Battery.

A Sergeant in charge of the Battery was writing out his report in the guardroom when the Sentry told him that an Officer was calling for him, so he went to the Officer-in-Charge who denied having asked for him. The Sentry and other soldiers insisted that they had heard the call 'Sergeant of the Guard' three times and had seen an Officer at the wall. Pat, the man who first saw this apparition, thought it meant a forewarning of death for the Sergeant.

A week later, the Sergeant had a vision of his wife with blood dripping from her mouth and heard her call for him to follow. The news came the next day from Jamestown that his wife had a burst blood vessel and died about the same time that he had the vision.

The day following his wife's funeral, the Officer and the four men, including Pat, went fishing and had an accident when a huge gust of wind arose whilst they were trying to unship the mast. All of the men who had seen the apparent ghost drowned.

A Hotel Haunting

Whilst on-duty at the old Police Station in Jamestown, a local Police Officer was requested by a Yachtie to accompany him back to his hotel in town. The yachtie had seemed to have gone to the bar and had a few drinks and stayed out until late, causing the hotel doors to be locked and everyone inside to have gone to sleep.

The Officer accompanied the Yachtie back to his hotel and knocked loudly on the door, upon which the door was then opened by the Hotel Owner who let the guest in without speaking a word.

When the Police Officer arrived back to the station he was informed that the same Hotel Owner who had just opened the door for the Yachtie had in fact passed away at the General Hospital hours earlier. The Officer never got to speak to the Yachtie again about what might have happened after the doors closed that night.

The Spirit of Lot

It was said that two runaway slaves lived at Lot and they used to come out at night to steal food in order to survive.

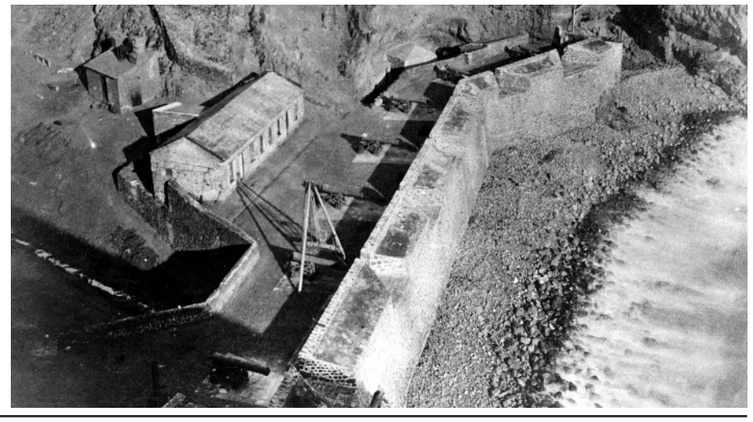
When they escaped, their owner had no ambition to hunt them down as he knew that, sooner or later, hunger would reveal their whereabouts. He was right!

Once their hideaway was discovered, troops were sent to capture them. As the soldiers started to clamber up Lot however, the two slaves stood on a ledge just outside of their cave and stoned their pursuers.

One solider however climbed behind the cave and around the rock until he was above the ledge. This soldier then hurled down a large stone that killed one slave and severely wounded the other.

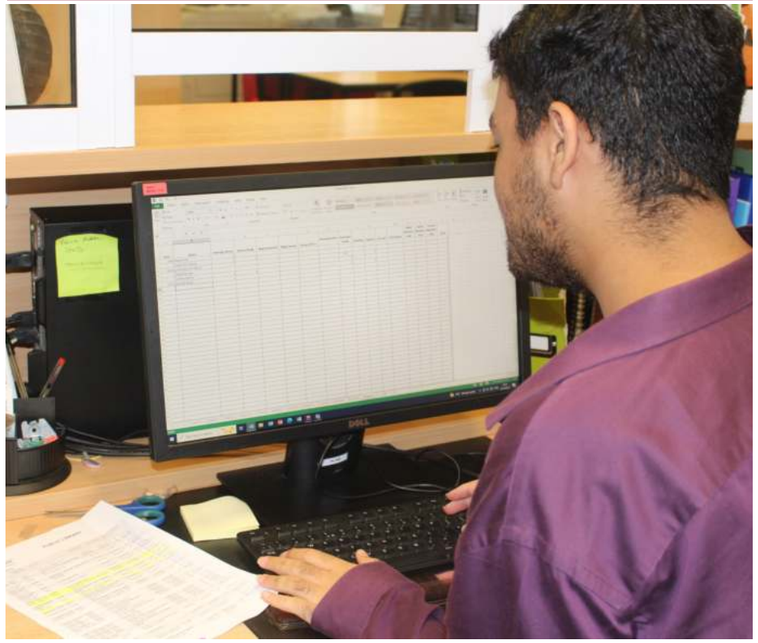
Nobody actually knows what happened to the other slave, whether they died or was seized and punished by their owner, but it is said that the ghost of the slave that was killed continues to haunt the spot, making nightly walks round the base of Lot.

Scared yet? Check out next week's The Sentinel for more local tales of the paranormal.



Ministers Question Time: Secondary Education

Sixth Form and Apprenticeship Policies



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

At the Ministers Question Time held on 26 September, at which the topic at hand was secondary education, the final questions revolved around the Sixth Form Policy and the new Apprenticeship Policy and were, of course, directed at Chief Minister and Minister for Education, Skills and Employment, Julie Thomas.

Starting this line of questioning was Cllr Robert Midwinter, who first asked about "any changes to the current Sixth Form system, whereby there are four separate routes open to students for continued education post 16 years of age."

"The current Sixth Form Policy with the four separate routes for students has been in operation now since September 2022, we are now in the second year of running this programme," Chief Minister Thomas stated.

"The academic route for students who meet the required criteria and grades and are able to follow full time education in Prince Andrew," Chief Minister Thomas explained.

"The Vocational Route for students who want to pursue more work-related learning and experience and upgrade their Math and English and gain a qualification in their work area. The Blended Route for students who want to have a mix of some academic to A level/Level 3 studies and also do work-related learning and experience. The Supported Route is for our students with SEND [Special Education Needs and Disabilities] where they can get support whilst on this programme and develop their skills and abilities in a particular field."

"Currently we have 53 students accessing our Sixth Form Policy," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "We've got 10 who are doing academic, 29 vocational, 6 blended and 8 supported."

The current Sixth Form Students have a wide range of various placements: 8 in construction, 7 working with automotives, 3 in teaching, 1 at the Public Library, 4 in Police and Rescue Services, 3 in farming and butchery, 1 in Marine Enforcement, 1 in electrical, 1 in hospitality, 1 in accounting, 1 at the Laboratory, 1 within media and 1 with Port Control. There are also 3 other students working with non-government organisations.

"In addition to our Sixth Form Policy, we have introduced a New Apprenticeship Policy, which was approved earlier this month," Chief Minister Thomas stated. "This scheme has attracted five new apprenticeships into our Health Portfolio, which is extremely encouraging."

"The biggest difference between the Sixth Form Policy and the Apprenticeship Policy is that Education pays for Sixth Form Policy," Chief Minister Thomas further stated. "With the Apprenticeship Scheme, that is paid for by the business or the portfolio."

Chief Minister Thomas also clearly stated that the money received by students under the Sixth Form Policy is an allowance, not a salary.

"[Students under the new Apprenticeship Policy] do two weeks at the college, whereby they do the in-classroom teaching, and then they go into the workplace and they actually put into practice what they've learnt within the college," Chief Minister Thomas explained. "They do about six weeks [in the workplace], and then they come back to the college and do the same process all over again."

"I would encourage everybody... to listen to our recent In Scope Programme from Education, because the last one we did focussed primarily on the Sixth Form Policy and the Apprenticeship Policy," Chief Minister Thomas added. "It would have been in the newspaper as well."

Cllr Dr Corinda Essex then posed a supplementary question on possible changes to student allowances.

"I think it's a little bit early for us to say," Chief Minister Thomas responded. "I'm actually having my meeting with my Portfolio tomorrow [27 September]... We're being asked to establish a flat line budget, which we did get an indication on from SCDO... and [we are] looking on doing a 4% reduction."

"If I link that to... what savings could come in respect of communication - all of that needs to be looked at in detail to determine if there are any savings or efficiencies that [could come from] this new internet provisions that we'll have and whether that will allow such a revision to that policy," Chief Minister concluded.

Celebrating the Anniversary of Plan A

SHG marks Six Years since the commencement of flights to St Helena



Liam Yon, SAMS

Saturday, 14 October 2023, marked six years since the commencement of flights to St Helena, with the inaugural flight landing on 14 October 2017. It has also been just over a year since resumption of regular services following the COVID-19 pandemic.

According to SHG, travel time between St Helena and South Africa, and St Helena and Ascension, has been reduced by over 96% since the introduction of St Helena Airport, something they say evidences how regular air services has transformed travel to and from the Island.

"St Helena air services enable Saints, friends and family, tourists and business travellers to connect quickly to international hubs around the world," said SHG in a recent Press Release acknowledging the six year anniversary of flights to the Island. "This fast mode of travel has had a huge impact on the lives of many living and working on St Helena, especially through medical evacuations."

Given the remoteness and isolation of St Helena in the South Atlantic, SHG describe air access as being "critical to the transportation of essential medical supplies and equipment to the Island during the COVID-19 pandemic and our transition to post-pandemic normality." They add that "air connectivity also continues to support the development of the Island's economy, from facilitating faster trips by investors and experts, to growing the tourism sector."

St Helena's regular air service has, since 2017, been operated by Airlink. SHG note how St Helena has worked closely with Airlink to support the development of their service over the last six years. Given the difficulties and requirements of operating to and from St Helena, there are only a limited number of operators capable of providing the kind of service that the Island needs. SHG say they are "proud" to be partnering with one of the leading carriers in the region to deliver this.

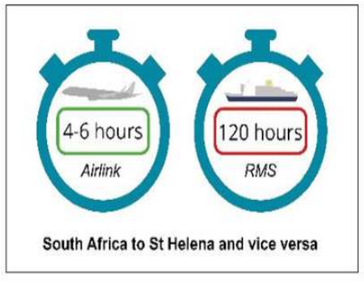
"Regular dialogue with the Airlink management team allows for periodic enhancements to the services, including expansion of weekly frequencies during peak travel periods," explain SHG. "This has been facilitated by the support of the UK Government via the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), for which SHG is equally grateful."

They add that "work continues to grow the route and we will see the reintroduction of twice weekly flights between Johannesburg and St Helena operating between November 2023 and February 2024." In terms of flights to and from Cape Town, something which has been brought up many times, SHG state that "discussions remain ongoing between SHG, Airlink and regulatory authorities in South Africa to put appropriate measures in place to allow the resumption of additional flights to and from Cape Town for the following peak season."

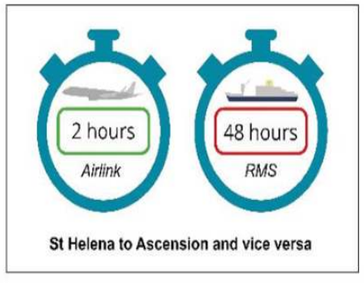
St Helena Airport is, as described by SHG, "a highly regulated organisation" regularly ensuring it maintains the "highest industry standards." The airport is subject to regular monitoring and evaluation and, in August, an audit was carried out by regulator, Air Safety Support International, where St Helena Airport achieved "exemplary results."

"It is hard to overstate the impact that the airport and regular air services have had on our Island," commented Minister for Economic Development, Mark Brooks. "From the countless saved lives to the ability for loved ones to travel to and from St Helena quickly and with ease, many of whom might not previously otherwise have been able to make the journey. It's also facilitating the increased growth of our tourism sector, what is now the third largest contributor to the economy after the two types of financial aid we receive from the UK Government."

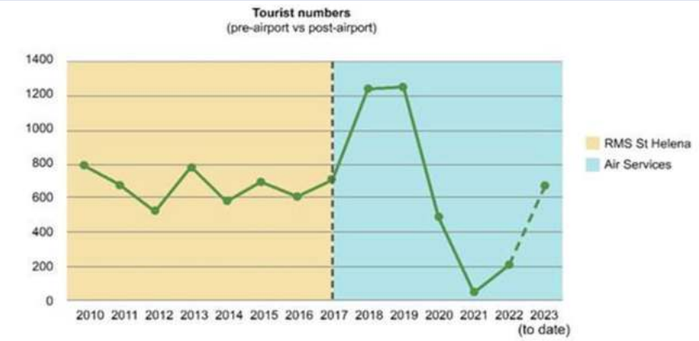
"Operating air services to St Helena is not as straightforward as is the case for many destinations elsewhere around the world," added Minister Brooks. "The fact we are able to do so is a testament to the hard work and determination of our partners Airlink, our staff and the ongoing technical and financial support we receive from the UK Government. We're grateful to everyone involved and I'm excited to see the continued transformation for our Island that comes from our connectivity to the rest of the world."

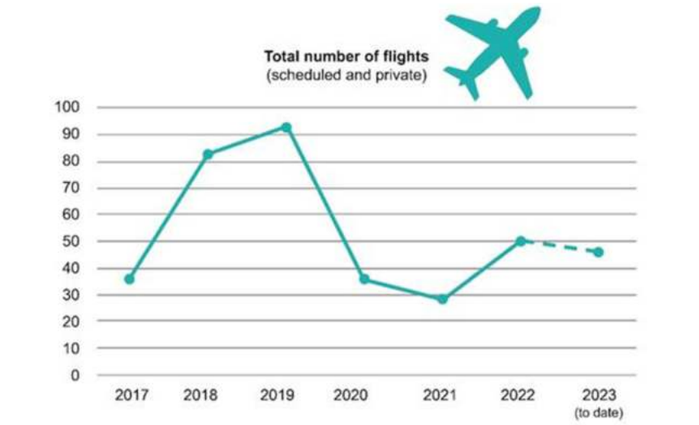


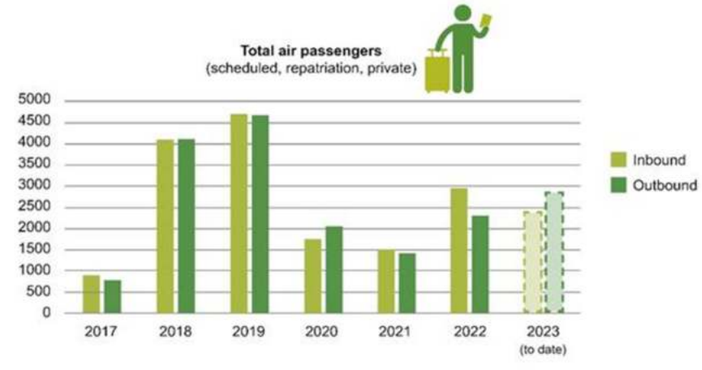
South Africa to St Helena and vice versa

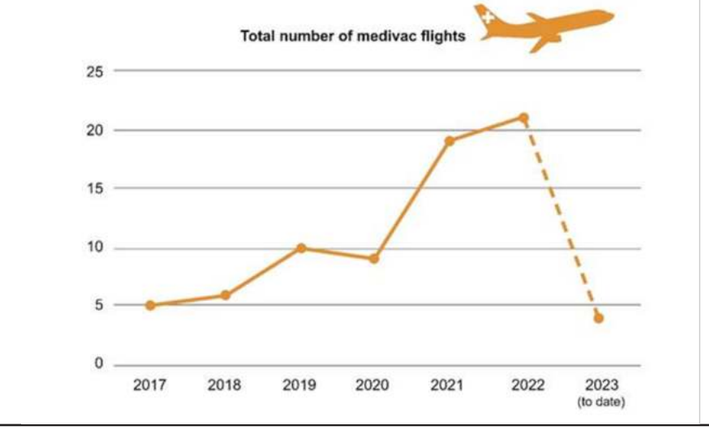


St Helena to Ascension and vice versa









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- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Demy Herne
- 6-8pm : DNA Show with Anita and Deon
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

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- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service

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- 5:30 -7pm: The Irish Show with Tony and Lucas

TUE. Oct 31
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- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Life is Still Beautiful

WED. Nov 01
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- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
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THU. Nov 02
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- 1pm-3pm:Afternoon vibes with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope (Repeat)

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Starting next week Tuesday is Life is Still Beautiful, a podcast by Seventh Day Adventist Pastor Reuben Oliphant, aiming to improve your relationship with yourself and the people around you.

Reviewing books on self-esteem, gratitude and perspective, among other things, Reuben talks you through important things in these counselling-like sessions to help you improve your overall quality of life. This show is backed by the organisation, LifeElastic, the slogan of which is "stretching life's limits". Tune in on Tuesday!

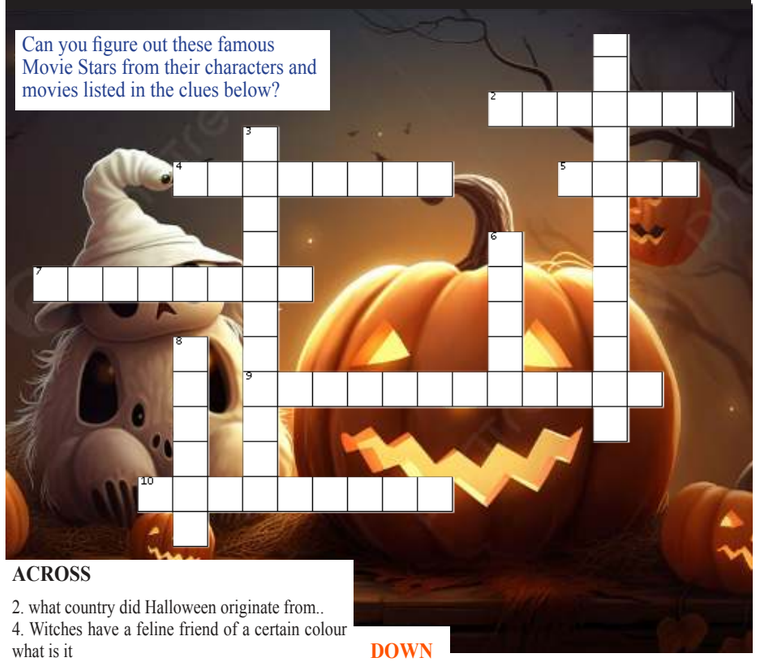
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TIME OUT

Crossword: HALLOWEEN

Can you figure out these famous Movie Stars from their characters and movies listed in the clues below?



ACROSS

2. what country did Halloween originate from..
4. Witches have a feline friend of a certain colour what is it
5. Which body part is thing from adams family
7. A person only turns into a werewolf on a night with a...
9. Kids dress up and collect candy on Halloween what is this called
10. She comes from the Adams family and is named after a day

DOWN

1. The day after Halloween is called
3. A carved pumpkin for Halloween is called a...
6. Which Country is mummies commonly known to be found
8. Witches are well known for putting poison in what fruit?

'One-of-a-kind' cat with two noses is put up for adoption



Cats are famously said to have nine lives. But one cat has become famous for another numerical reason - its two noses.

The "one-of-a-kind" double-snouted moggy has been taken in by Cats Protection's Warrington Adoption Centre.

Staff at the centre, in Cheshire, have named her Nanny McPhee - after the fictional film character with a distinctively shaped nose.

Staff initially believed the four-year-old feline had one large nose.

However, a check-up from veterinary staff revealed it to be two.

"A cat with two noses is a first for us in the field vet team," says Fiona Brockbank, a senior field veterinary officer at Cats Protection.

"This is a real rarity and, thankfully, it isn't causing her any problems at all."

Ms Brockbank says Nanny McPhee has what doctors call a "congenital malformation".

These conditions are commonly referred to as "birth defects" because they develop inside the womb.

However, staff at the centre have described Nanny McPhee's malformation as particularly rare.

"Other congenital malformations within that area of a cat, such as a cleft lip and cleft palate, are not uncommon," Ms Brockbank says.

"They can either be inherited or due to an incident whilst developing in the uterus."

Famous Birthday on 26 Oct



SETH MACFARLANE (49)

Sentinel Joke of the day

Why don't mummies take time off?

They're afraid to unwind.

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*



Last week's Crossword Answers
Horror movie villains

The Creeper
Ghost face
Annabelle
Babadok
Pennywise
Hannibal lecter
Freddy
Jason
Mike Myers
Leather face

Rebus Answers:
1. Split level, 2. Head for cover



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister Mark Brooks welcomed Dax Richards (Financial Secretary) as his guest on In Scope this week to talk more about his role as Financial Secretary and how he will interact with all the various portfolios. Other topics discussed were the increase in the Basic Island Pension and the Income Related Benefits as well as an update on the pair's recent trip to Gibraltar.

As the public will be aware, there have been changes to the structure of the Public Service that was implemented from 1 September 2023. The biggest changes that took place involved the former Treasury, Infrastructure and Sustainable Development Portfolio. One of these changes relates to Dax's role; where he used to be Portfolio Director as well as the Financial Secretary, he will now no longer function as the Portfolio Director. This will provide the opportunity for him to focus entirely on the oversight role of Financial Secretary ensuring good public financial management across SHG. There was some conflict when combining these two roles for one person to fulfil and the clear delineation of the roles will bring a clearer picture of what the responsibilities of each role entails. Nicholas Yon as the Head of the Treasury Section will continue to report to Mark on policy matters, but will also work closely with Dax as the Deputy Financial Secretary. Dax will also still have operational oversight of the treasury function as well as specific areas such as the state owned enterprises and the government's economic service will also report to him. As the Minister for Finance, Mark will still be responsible for finance and although he will receive advice from Nicholas and the team for Treasury, he will also be working closely with the Financial Secretary on all finance matters.

A recent press release announced a 4% increase in the Basic Island Pension (BIP) and the Income Related Benefits (IRB) went into effect on 1 October. The IRB will increase by £3, taking it up to £78, and the BIP will increase by £2.50, taking it up to £80.50. A 4% increase was settled on as the financial settlement received from the UK government was increased by 4% for this financial year. This increase comes a year after the previous increase in the BIP and IRB in October 2022 as part of government's cost of living policy at that time. The financial implication of this increase over the remaining six months of the financial year on government expenditure will come to a total of around £80,000. These payments will be reviewed again next year once the budget settlement is received.

In September, Dax Richards, Mark Brooks and SHG UK Rep, Kedell Worboys, were invited to attend a conference and to celebrate Gibraltar's National Day on 8 September. Due to weather delays, Dax and Mark departed the Island on 4 September arriving in the UK on the 6 September. They attended a meeting with representatives (including Adam Pile) of the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office on 6 September. Discussions centred on concerns on St Helena around Economic Development as well as to give a general update on what progress was being made on Island especially with regards to tourism and what work is being done to deliver on the Tourism Development project. They also looked at the key issues for St Helena including the financial outlook for this year which is not as positive as desired, especially due to challenges on the Health Services. Strategies on how to manage these challenges were discussed with the resources that are available. The work being done on beneficial ownership was another topic that was touched on. The UK passed a law recently (2021/22) which requires Overseas Territories (OT) to disclose beneficial ownership of the companies listed on the companies register in these territories. St Helena has a relatively simple company registry structure compared to some other OTs who have a lot more sophisticated registries. Legislation is due to be passed by the end of the calendar year on St Helena and the update on this work was what was communicated to the FCDO. The Ministers' wider vision for progressing financial services on the Island also formed part of the agenda and the work that is being done on decentralised autonomous organisations.

Dax spent two days in the UK working with the Chair of the Financial Services Regulatory Authority, Chris Mead. Meetings were undertaken with about five interested organisations to determine what St Helena's role in the future might be in providing niche financial services. One of the key focus points is to grow the economy on St Helena by utilising the better connectivity provided by the cable to create new revenue streams. This drive to enter into niche areas of the financial services sector forms part of the plan to develop new streams of revenue. The particular topic of discussion centred on green finance focussing on the assets St Helena has with their large biodiversity and strong blue and green credentials. These are increasingly becoming important issues to big corporate companies worldwide. Environmentally green and sustainable governance principals are high on the agendas of companies to register in areas where they are seen to be supporting this movement. A couple of different angles were discussed to determine the interest of the big investment companies that took part in these meetings like moving the investment portfolio of the Bank of St Helena into greener agenda products and focussed areas. There were also talks on the development of more investment opportunities for the people of St Helena utilising these same ideas. This would then broaden the scope of investment options offered by BOSH to bridge the gap between the only two current investment options of the New Life Account and the Child Bond Account and the general savings products. The discussions were very positive with interest in supporting St Helena to position itself in the 'green' investment area.

Mark travelled to Gibraltar for the start of the conference attended by delegates from most of the OTs including Montserrat, Turks and Caicos, Cayman Islands, British Virgin Islands, St Helena, Tristan, Ascension and Falklands. The visit was sponsored in total by the Gibraltar Government. The first meeting was hosted by the Chief Minister of Gibraltar focussing on constitutional reforms allowing for discussions and input by all the attendees. The second part of the meetings for the day was held by the Deputy Chief Minister focussing on the individual issues that OTs are experiencing. On the second day, the delegates were taken on a tour of Gibraltar to get a sense of what the Island has to offer or they could spend the day exploring the Island on their own. The Sunday was the National Day of Gibraltar and delegates attended a full day of events as part of the celebrations. There was also a ritual held for the Moroccan people who had suffered from the earthquake that occurred around that time. The visit allowed for mingling and networking with various politicians, among others the Foreign Secretary. This was also the end of the conference but Dax and Mark stayed on in Gibraltar longer to arrange some meetings with various institutions on Gibraltar, among others Gibraltar Finance, the Bank of Gibraltar and government officials including the Chief Secretary.

The first meeting arranged allowed an opportunity for Dax to meet with the Chief Secretary (as the Financial Secretary of Gibraltar was unfortunately out of the country at the time), to gain some understanding on how to create an ideal environment to encourage financial services and other sectors to operate there. A lot of the talks centred on the opportunities for collaboration between St Helena and Gibraltar. Discussions were held on whether St Helena would be able to access the resources and courses provided by the University of Gibraltar as they offer several courses that align closely with what St Helena is looking at establishing, among others in the Fin-Tech area. Talks were also held about teaching opportunities and the possibility of an exchange program between the two Islands. This would greatly benefit St Helena in learning from their years of experience gathered in the different industries.

The second meeting that took place was with Gibraltar Finance where there were a lot of further discussions around Blockchain Technology and Decentralised Autonomous Organisations (DAO). The aim again was to make sure that St Helena could learn from their experience as a leader in financial services and to ensure that all the necessary legislative and regulatory infrastructure is in place for development in this area on St Helena. This meeting produced very positive and helpful results with the Gibraltar Finance team providing a lot of crucial advice but also offering their services as a critical friend to provide their input to proposals put forward by St Helena. They also supported St Helena with advice in the past which have led to the undertaking of a feasibility study and to the development of a concept policy recognising DAO's on the company register that is currently in process of being drafted. Once the policy draft is completed, it is hoped to again obtain the invaluable input, scrutiny and feedback from Gibraltar Finance with regards to the policy.

The next day a meeting was held with the Gibraltar International Bank's CEO focusing on eliciting some support and collaboration with, in particular, the Bank of St Helena. The challenges and difficulties experienced here on St Helena within the banking sector was a central topic of discussion during these meetings. In a previous meeting, the Bank of Gibraltar indicated their willingness to provide financial services to other OTs outside of Gibraltar. They are looking at potentially expanding their services and recognise the challenges faced by the smaller OTs. On St Helena, all solutions need to be bespoke due to our unique situation and needs, and this will be a great opportunity to work with Gibraltar Bank on finding solutions for challenges in the banking industry here on-Island. One area that is a big problem here is the fact that BOSH is not hardwired into the international banking arena and this will be an area that can be explored in collaboration with the Gibraltar International Bank. At the moment there is an option available to St Helenians to apply for an account and international debit card through the Bank of Gibraltar if they so wish by going onto their website and following the application process.

The final meeting that took place was with the Financial Services Commission, the regulators of the financial services sector in Gibraltar. The nature of this meeting was more of a 'meet and greet' to put some faces to the names as there have been online meetings with these officials before. It turned out to be much more than that, as this is the team that was responsible to develop all the legal frameworks in Gibraltar for the financial sector and, as such, a very valuable source of information and guidance to St Helena. The message that came across very clearly from all of the meetings is that there are definitely a lot of options available to St Helena in moving into this sector and there is an abundance of support and advice available from the financial sector in Gibraltar.

To cap off all of these meetings and pursuits into this sector was the digital forum on illicit finance hosted by the British Virgin Islands for all the OTs. The forum focussed on how the OTs have to start working towards protecting themselves from illicit finance threats that exist like unwittingly supporting terrorism activities and also ensuring that their own systems and processes are protected. St Helena will continue to take part in this forum as very relevant topics like cyber attacks are points of discussion and there is also a working group that can assist in safeguarding the Island against such threats.

The final meeting that took place was held at Heathrow Airport with Legal Notes, an organisation who had won a tender put out by SHG to assist in developing the DAO policy as part of creating an offering of niche financial services on St Helena. A contract have now been signed with Legal Notes and they will develop various policy options to present to the Minister and then to ExCo for approval to develop the financial services sector. The policy will then identify what regulations will be required as well as legislation and ordinances to enable these developments within the financial sector to take place within a suitably regulated framework. Towards the end of October it is hoped that representatives of Legal Notes will be on-Island as part of the process on these policy options. They will be having consultations with various stakeholders at this time to inform all as to what the plans for the financial services sector entails and taking St Helena forward with developments in this sector.



Leaf Your Best Life

New business 'Leaf-in It Up' aims to help people get back into the garden

Luke Bennett, SAMS



Local Saints, Dennis Leo and Kylie Peters, have started a business by the name 'Leaf-in It Up'.

Leaf-in It Up looks to provide the sale of a small amount of seedlings and eventually sell vegetables and flowers. "One of the aims is to get people back into gardening, starting them off with vegetable and flower seedlings," Denny explained.

The pair has secured a lease for the nursery at Ladder Hill where they plan to take their operation to another level, helping them to provide more for the Island.

The business idea was inspired from the legacy of the farmers before them. Denny said "the people I met over the years, from a young boy watching Jackie Bootsy and Papa Victor having a garden in the gut, then meeting people in the 90's such as Donny Stroud, Colin Skipper, Eddie Duff and Charlie Peters, these were some of the people that influenced me, and by going to these other centres and seeing how people operate makes you want to get in the garden."

Denny feels the business is more of a need for the Island and that we as an Island should be doing more to produce our own produce. "With the state of shipping and the delays and the war moving prices up, why not get into growing our own, we have people like Marty Joshua and Eddie Moyce selling local produce so we should follow their lead and get back to growing your own because it's good for the mind, body, and soul, and also a good thing to get the whole family involved."

"We have to marry the old with new, you have to get science involved with this and this could keep people interested because not many people want to be a farmer these days, but this could also get the kids interested," Denny explained.

Whilst working for the National Trust, Denny has to be careful not to be in competition with his employees but, at the same time, it is helpful to produce more so if other organisations don't have enough seedlings, Leaf-in It Up can be there to provide if needed.

Leaf-in It Up's Facebook page has now reached over 2,200 people. Some funding has already been received from family members and other interested parties. In ten years, Leaf-in It Up would like to have a garden centre, where you can buy some flowers, vegetables and seedlings. If you like to get in contact with Leaf-in It Up, then call 67109 or check out their Facebook page.





Shape Investigates Onboard Insurrection



SHAPE, Contributed

On Wednesday, 20 September, SHAPE's budding historians went to the archive to further research a 250 year old story from its primary source of the East Indian Company records. They had been fascinated to learn about the desperate slave ship revolt that took place in 1764.

At that time, the Island's chief source of slaves was Madagascar. Two ships, The Mercury and The Fly, abducted 16 men and boys and procured rice and other foodstuff for the White inhabitants of the Island. Unbeknown to the ship's Captain, Gabriel Harold, two slaves were bent on a futile bid for freedom.

Harold's own slave, Cupidore, and another company slave named Winchester had hatched a plan long before the ship embarked Jamestown and it even procured files in town. Once aboard with the ship loaded with its pitiful cargo, the two spread rumours amongst the human cargo that their destiny was to be worked to death. As a result, the enslaved launched a futile bid for freedom and attempted to seize the ship in the following medley. The Captain was killed along with two of the enslaved.

It was a hopeless action borne from the agony of those newly enslaved. Conditions for slave and soldiers alike were incredibly harsh. A pointer to the fact is that a soldier, meant to guard the "precious cargo" actually deserted in the port of Mananjary, Madagascar.

With order restored, the two ships landed back on the Island and the authorities swiftly hanged both Cupidore and Winchester, while the rest of the "barbarians" (term used in the original text) were taken into the country.

Meanwhile, the first mate of "The Mercury" Nathaniel Lofthouse was given command of the ship and the evil trade continued unabated.

For those further interested in the story, a firsthand account by Nathaniel Lofthouse can be read in the Archives.

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.

GINGERBREAD MUMMIES!

Ingredients

Biscuits
- 375 g plain flour
- 1 tsp bicarbonate of soda
- 3 tsp ground ginger
- 120 g unsalted butter (cold & cubed)
- 175 g light brown soft sugar
- 5 tbsp golden syrup
- 1 medium egg

Decoration
- 250 g ready to roll white icing
- 250 g royal icing sugar
- Edible eye sprinkles

Method

Biscuits

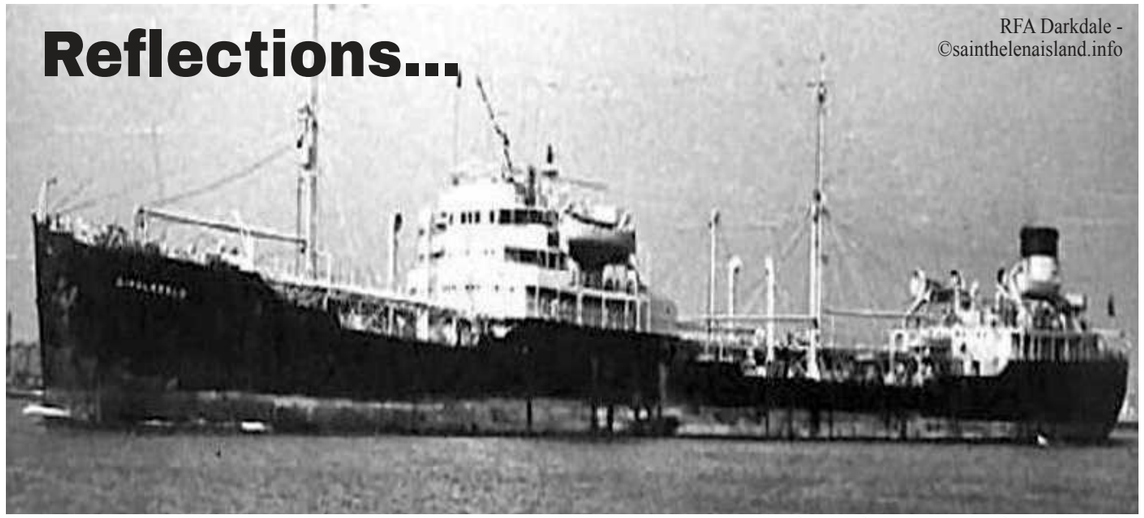
1. Preheat your oven to 190ºC/180ºC fan and line 3 baking trays with parchment paper.
2. Add the plain flour, bicarbonate of soda, and ground ginger to a large bowl and add the cold, cubed unsalted butter to the bowl.
3. Rub the mixture together with your fingertips until it resembles breadcrumbs! (Or mix the four ingredients in a food processor till its breadcrumbs!)
4. Mix the sugar into the mix and combine, and then add the golden syrup and egg - beat with a spatula/your hands until it is a smooth dough.
5. Knead the biscuit dough in the bowl slightly to bring it together and then roll the dough out onto a lightly floured work surface.
6. Roll it out to 1/2cm thickness and cut out your desired shapes - I made 16 'dead' people out of mine.
7. Place them on the lined baking trays and bake in the oven for 10-11 minutes, cool on a wire rack fully.

Decoration

1. Once the biscuits have been cooled fully, you can decorate them.
2. Roll the icing out quite thinly on to a surface dusted with regular icing sugar (not the royal icing sugar).
3. Carefully cut out the same size shapes as the people you made earlier, and stick these to the biscuits using some water brushed on with a pastry brush. I did this on half of the biscuits.
4. In a bowl, add the royal icing sugar.
5. Pour in 20ml of water, and start to beat - you really want to try and mix it in before adding any more water as the mixture needs to be really thick - gradually add more as you go. You do not want to add more than 35 ml of water as it will not work.
6. Once the royal icing sugar is thick and lovely - use a piping bag with a small petal tip to pipe stripes of 'cloth' onto the 'dead' people to make the mummies!
7. I piped more onto the plain biscuits, and only a few strips of cloth onto the mummies with fondant icing on.
8. Add some edible eye sprinkles per biscuit, using the royal icing as glue.



Reflections...



RFA Darkdale - ©sainthelenaisland.info

Tragedy without parallel in living memory: RFA Darkdale was Attacked and Sunk in James Bay

Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

The 22 October 2023 marked 82 years of the torpedoing of the Royal Fleet Auxiliary tanker, Darkdale, in James Bay in 1941. RFA Darkdale was attacked and sunk by a U Boat, U-68, during the First World War.

The Darkdale Memorial Plaque erected on the St Helena Cenotaph at the wharf bears the names of the 41 seamen who lost their lives during the explosions. It reads: "This plaque is dedicated to the memory of those who were lost when RFA Darkdale was torpedoed and sunk in the early hours of 22 October 1941 whilst at anchor off St Helena and who have no grave but the sea."

RFA Darkdale dropped anchor in James Bay on 4 October 1941. She was a Dale class single hulled tanker built in Glasgow in 1940. Her overall length was 479'8" with a beam of 61'2", depth 33'1" and draught 27'0.5". She was launched on 23 July 1940 by the Blythswood Shipbuilding Company Ltd of Glasgow. Originally named Empire Oil, she was acquired by the Admiralty and renamed Darkdale on 15 November 1940. The vessel was fitted with a selection of weapons for self-defence, the largest of these being the 4.7 in breach loading naval gun located aft.

The submarine's Commander, Korvetten Kapitan Karl-Friedrich Merten, was able to conduct a detailed inspection of the unsuspecting tanker which lay approximately 600m from the land swinging on a heading of between 130-180 degrees.

The Harbour Master at the time of the explosions was the late Mr Robert Bizarre. Following the tragedy, his report was filed on 23 October 1941 and is now held in the Castle Archives.

At about 20 minutes to one, on 22 October 1941, an explosion was heard and the sky lit up. Two more explosions followed, which sounded like the report of a big gun fire. The Darkdale was seen enveloped in flames from bow to stern; no part of the vessel appeared to be free.

About ten minutes after the initial explosion the Darkdale's Captain, Thomas H. Card and Chief Engineer who both were ashore, arrived at the wharf steps to aid the rescue. Their boats, No. 17 and No. 31 owned by Mr J. Searle and a Mr Isaac respectively had been engaged by the Captain since the arrival of the ship to row the crew from ship to shore. They were taking in men to try and rescue the crew. Other boats involved in the rescue work were Nos. 6, 22, Military Gig and motor boat Anna.

Despite the efforts of all involved, only two gunners who were on the Darkdale's deck at the time of the attack were saved having been blown into the sea by the force of the explosions. They were picked up and taken to the General Hospital. Other survivors were those ashore at the time; the Captain, Chief Engineer, Chief Stewart, one seaman, and three others that were in hospital. The Darkdale carried a crew complement of 50. Forty one lives were lost and nine were saved.

The Harbour Master's report mentions a night watchman, Mr Frank Flagg who was engaged by Messrs Solomon & Company to look after the boats. He reported that at the time of the first explosion, the ship was lying across the harbour with its bow to the east. When the second and third explosions occurred the ship was seen to capsize.

The fire continued to blaze until the ship sank at 3.30am leaving only the bow projecting out of the water. The attack resulted in the loss of significant amounts of oil from the ship, sufficient to leave the water around the wreck burning for several hours after the attack.

The St Helena Magazine No. 532 of February 1947 wrote that a terrific explosion awoke the residents of Jamestown; five minutes later there came another. The natural reaction was that an enemy raider was shelling the Island. True to the Island's tradition, the local inhabitants made for the Wharf, not for the roads leading out of town, by which time the whole place was lit up and Darkdale was seen ablaze from stem to stern. Indeed the whole anchorage seemed to be on fire from flaming wreckage and oil fuel.

No boats could venture near that inferno but a few of the Island's boatmen stood off in hope of picking up survivors of whom only two were rescued. Such a tragedy was without parallel in living memory and everyone hung about in stunned silence.

Great was the speculation as to the cause of the disaster – was it due to a torpedo; was it due to a flash in the high octane fuel which the ship had on board for the aircraft carrier HMS Eagle. No doubt the admiralty experts, who arrived a day or two later, discovered the answer, but it was significant that no more tankers were based at St Helena, and the Island was only used for refuelling.

The wreck remained undisturbed for two weeks. Lying in shallow water with the bow section protruding above the surface, the remains posed a significant hazard to other shipping and on 2 November 1941 the sloop, HMS Milford, arrived at St Helena carrying divers to level the wreck and, presumably, to determine what had caused the Darkdale to sink. HMS Milford departed St Helena on 13 November 1941.

The wreck of RFA Darkdale is owned by the Ministry of Defence. The wreck now lies in James Bay in two parts in 45m of water, 600m north off the shore.

The Darkdale Memorial Plaque was erected on the Cenotaph on 14 October 2001. A letter carried by the St Helena Herald of 19 October 2001 from the late Mr Arthur Stevens, a St Helenian then living in Reading, England, conveyed his thanks to all those who helped with the

Specific mention was made of the organisations and individuals who helped to finance the plaque. They were the British Merchant Navy Officers Association, Royal Fleet Auxiliary Service, Friends of War Memorials and Mr Chris Armstrong. Mr Stevens modestly omitted to include himself and his family who also made a significant contribution. Indeed it was Mr Stevens' driving force which made the whole event a success.



Memorial Service 25 October 1941 - ©sainthelenaisland.info

Be A Secret Santa



Put a smile on the face of a child this Christmas.

Come join in the joy of giving, putting a smile on the face of a child this festive season. If you feel you can help please call into Art & Crafts at the Cannister and select a gift tag from our tree. Each tag will have the age and gender of a child. You then buy a suitable gift for that child and return it to the Arts & Crafts Centre, by **Saturday 9th December** with the tag attached.

Your act of kindness will bring joy to a child

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Call 22133 for further details

‘Water is life, water is food’

SHG speak on the steps taken to improve food and water security on-Island

Liam Yon, SAMS



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World Food Day is observed annually on 16 October to highlight the need for regular access to nutritious food and the impacts on the millions of people worldwide who cannot afford a healthy diet. The theme for 2023 is ‘Water is life, water is food. Leave no one behind’.

In a recent Press Release commemorating World Food Day, SHG say they have taken “a number of steps to facilitate improved agricultural practices in order to improve the Island’s food and water security.”

According to SHG, the recent Darwin Plus funded St Helena Climate Change and Drought Warning Network project have ensured the Island has access to more “robust climate and water resource information.” This, they say, is important in allowing authorities and businesses to make evidence based decisions around the impacts of drought and climate change.

One of the biggest projects currently ongoing on St Helena, which is of global significance, is the UK-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project. Running this project alongside the Climate Change and Drought Warning Network project “has enabled the Darwin Plus team to expand the water resource and climate monitoring networks, providing additional funding to support the procurement of essential equipment,” said SHG.

In addition, the Cloud Forest Project has already achieved its intended outcome to develop and operate a climate and water resource data collection network around the Island. SHG say this has, among other advantages, “improved the quality and accuracy of weather forecasts.”

Another step being taken by Government is the development of a Water Resource Management Plan with Connect Saint Helena, supported by the Foreign Commonwealth Development Office. This, the say, will set out a “long-term plan” for the water sector on St Helena, “ensuring we are well placed to meet future needs.”



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Here’s Johnny!

Former St Helena Pharmacist announced as Falkland Island’s new Director of Health

Liam Yon, SAMS



The Falkland Island Government (FIG) recently announced the appointment of former St Helena Pharmacist, John Woollacott, as their new Director of Health and Social Services, with John having taken up the position on 12 October.

John is no stranger to St Helena and many will remember him as the Island’s Pharmacist for around six years. John was also a popular figure within the community, starring in a few local pantomimes during his time on-Island, presenting shows on SAMS Radio 1, and even compeering for a Miss St Helena competition in 2016.

John has worked within Health for many years after studying for a degree in Pharmacy at the University of Bath. He initially worked as a Pharmacist in the UK, working across hospitals and the pharmaceutical industry, before moving to St Helena.

Following his time on St Helena, John moved to the Falkland’s to continue working as a Pharmacist there. As reported by FIG, John moved to the Falklands to work as their Pharmacist in 2018, but “during the government’s response to COVID-19, he also began to be involved in the general management” which saw him appointed as the Hospital Manager back in 2021.

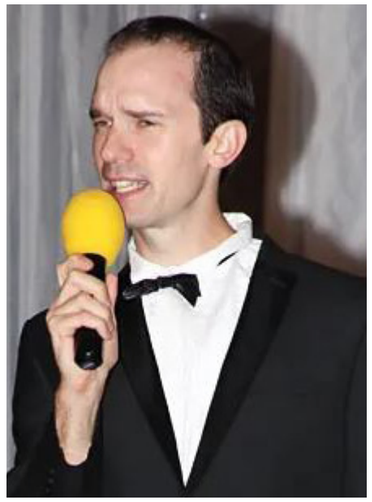
Two years on, and John has been promoted once again, this time as a Director for FIG.

“It is a huge honour to be the next Director of Health and Social Services,” commented John on his appointment. “I have had the joy of working in the King Edward Memorial Hospital for five years now and I know how hard the team work to provide care for the Islands.”

John added that he is grateful for the opportunity to have had a long handover period from his predecessor and said he hopes to continue the work that he started. “I’m looking forward to continually working and learning from colleagues and enabling a resilient and modern service for the community.”

FIG Chief Executive, Andy Keeling, said he was “delighted” to welcome John to the Corporate Management Team. “John brings with him a wealth of knowledge from a variety of departments found in the health care services,” he continued.

The Sentinel wishes our friend, John Woollacott, the best of luck in his new role.



Book of the Week

Public Library Service



The Girl Who Left by Jenny Blackhurst

The Girl Who Left by Jenny Blackhurst
Twenty-five years ago, a local girl went missing. Now, another girl comes back...
When five-year-old Elsie Button was snatched from a garden in a sleepy town on the Welsh island of Anglesey, and a local man later confessed, it sent shockwaves through the tight-knit community. How could one of their own do such a thing? Especially when his own little girl was the same age and the victim’s best friend.
Kathryn and her family left under the cloak of darkness one night, unable to bear the shame, and the anger of their neighbours. She hardly remembers that time. Now, she suffers the consequences of living under an assumed name, always looking over her shoulder. Her dad has not spoken a word to her since he went to prison. She is haunted by the question: why did he kill Elsie?
When another child is taken from the same garden, twenty-five years to the day of Elsie’s murder, Kathryn is determined that this time she’ll be on the right side. She’ll join the search and atone for her father’s deed, and maybe, just maybe, get the answers she wants. But she’s not prepared for the long memory of the locals, nor the risks of going back. Not everyone on the island wants the truth to come out, and they’ll go to extreme lengths to stop that from happening.

Please reserve by contacting the following:-
Telephone Number: 22580
Email: publiclibrary@helanta.co.sh

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Agricultural Support Assistant (£7,341 per annum)

The Environmental, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio is seeking to recruit an Agricultural Support Assistant to support the agriculture services teams in pest management, farmers support and the biosecurity service in order to deliver effective services to farmers and the general public.

Enquiries: Andrea Timm on 24724
Closing date: 02 November 2023

Decorators x 4 (Casual Contract for 6 weeks with possibility to extend) (£700 per month) No other benefits will apply

The Building Maintenance team is seeking to recruit 4 individuals to carry out re-decorating and signage maintenance works within various locations around the island such as Seafront, Longwood Gate and Ladder Hill. All Materials/Tools that are needed for works to be completed will be provided to the working team.

Enquiries: Theron Henry on 25722
Closing date: 6 November 2023

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

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

Enquiries: Mrs Patrica Williams on 24737
Closing date: 07 November 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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Secondary Teachers – PAS
(To teach in the subject areas of IT/Computer Science, Science and English)
(T0 £11,305 – T5 £18,508 per annum)

Are you interested in working with young people and want to be a part of shaping their future? Then join the team and become a teacher in PAS. You will be responsible for planning, preparing and effectively delivering programmes of study in the specific subject(s) to a designated class(es) to cater for all abilities of students. You must have the required qualifications, be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people, have good communication skills and be able to interact with students, parents and colleagues.

Enquiries: Isabel Andrews on 24290
Closing date: 31 October 2023

Career Access Manager (£14,585 per annum)

An exciting role has become available within Lifelong Learning. As the Manager of Career Access St Helena (CASH), you will be responsible for providing a one stop shop for career services and employment related resources and ensuring the delivery of high quality services and positive outcomes for the community on St Helena.

Enquiries: Angela Benjamin 25832
Closing date: 31 October 2023

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

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PINK WALK 2023…….. ST HELENA DEMONSTRATES THE MEANING OF COMMUNITY SPIRIT AS BIG NUMBERS UNITE TO STAND STRONG AGAINST THE IMPACTS OF CANCER AND TO RAISE AWARENESS OF A FORMIDIBLE ADVERSARY WHOSE PRESENCE IS FAR REACHING.

The *Cancer Support and Awareness working group* would like to thank everyone who contributed to the notable success of the Pink Walk 2023.

This year the group teamed up with Mr Anthony Peters who had set out to raise funds for the on-island charity by walking from Sandy Bay Beach to Jamestown. To facilitate a walk that was to encompass various starting points, walkers from Sandy Bay Beach and Sandy Bay Community Centre were asked to pre-register. An amazing 59 people signed up to join Tony on his walk from the Beach. After climbing steep terrain Tony and the Beach team were joined by another 38 walkers atthe Sandy Bay Community Centre. A further 159 walkers then joined from Kingshurst and down the road another 108 from Rosies. This gave a striking total of 365 registered walkers combined with an impressive value of monies raised. The total value of monies raised to date is over £5,000 on-island with a few sponsor forms still to be submitted.

Tony and the group would like to thank Sponsors of the event; Solomon & Company St Helena PLC, Bank of St Helena, SURE, Richard James International, Connect Saint Helena(CSH), Rose & Crown, Mantis St Helena and the St Helena Airport Ltd (SHAL).

Thank you to:

- Michael Stevens, Queen Mary Store, Sally and Paul Hickling, Thorpes, MTB's, A&D's, Redhill Shop and Peaks Enterprises for the donation of water.
- Mr Johnny Isaac, Mr Raymond Henry, New Horizons and Julian Thomas for providing their buses on the day and the drivers Raymond, Walter, Lionel, Gareth and Henzil.
- Deon Leo for driving the safety vehicle provided by SHAL and playing a big part in ensuring walkers were kept well hydrated and safe.
- CSH, Paul and Claire Duncan, Brian Williams, Jeffrey Francis, Hayward Benjamin, Craig Scipio, Dax Richards,Henzil Williams, Clint Stevens, Kevin George, Andrew Constantineand James Fantom for providing the shuttles from Sandy Bay Chapel to the Beach.
- Sandy Bay and Kingshurst Community Centre Associations, Rosies and the Mule Yard for their venues and facilities.
- Royal St Helena Police and the Paramedics Michael, Rae and Emily.
- Marshalls – Derek Henry, Jamie Peters, Jane Roberts, Brenda Stevens, Barbara Osborne, Marcie Benjamin, Nicola Essex, Jessica Young.

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- Registration officers, Helene Williams, Thelma Sim, Marcie Benjamin, Nicola Essex, Susan Obey, Jessica Young, Anya Richards, Maria & Ava Thomas, Fiona Duncan, Gilly Brooks, Rob Midwinter, Sophie Joshua Mark Brooks, Margie and Dave Harding, Val Joshua, Anne Dillon and Wendy Benjamin.
- Karen Buckley for water duty at Kingshurst.
- The media, St FM and the Independent, SAMs andCKW Photography, for their coverage of the event.
- Cancer Support & Awareness Charity for providing the tea at the Mule Yard, Delmarie Hopkins and Anthony Peters for their contribution and to everyone who made a donation to the tea.
- Danielle Yon from London for setting up the Just Giving page
- The many others who leant a helping hand

The success of the event was driven by the participation and the generosity of those who donated,so a big thank you to all who took part and gave so generously. The Pink Walk for many represented a personal challenge but collectively a unified stance in the fight against cancer.

Thank you all

Tony, Mia, Nicole, Pammy and Tracey



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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Expressions of Interest for App Developer

St Helena Government is seeking Expressions of Interest from suitable persons or businesses to undertake the development of a mobile phone based app. The app is intended to replace the current marine tour operator paper based logbooks. At this time, we are seeking Expressions of Interest from persons based on-Island.

For further information, please contact Kirsty Jones by telephone on 25966 or via email through Kirsty.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Essex House, Jamestown or via email through tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12:00 on Friday 27 October 2023.

SHG, 9 October 2023

St Helena Government

R2 PROJECT: REHABILITATION OF FIELD ROAD – UPDATE

Since our last update on 2 October and the intermittent closure of Side Path Road from 9 October 2023, the contractor has continued to make excellent progress.

Hillside excavation work has currently progressed ahead of schedule. Discussions are now ongoing with the contractor to see if they are able to increase their rate of removing the excavated material from the site. If so then there is a real possibility of being able to shorten the overall construction programme and enable Field Road to re-open ahead of schedule.

To try and help facilitate this, following a request from the contractor, permission has been granted for them to also work on Sundays.

To facilitate this, the Highways Authority has approved the closure of Side Path Road on Sunday, 29 October 2023. Road closure and diversion signs will be in place, with access to and from Jamestown still being available via Constitution Hill Road. With the low levels of traffic generally experienced on Sundays, the contractor will not be implementing any further traffic management measures.

Depending on the progress of works, further Sunday closures of Side Path Road may be considered where this can help works to be completed faster. However, any such closures will be the subject of separate approvals and announcements.

For any questions regarding the Field Road site works, please contact the EDIP Site Supervisor, Mr Chris Williams, by telephone on 67424.

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The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 29th October 2023 – Thirtieth Sunday of the Year		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
	Thursday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	All Souls Requiem Mass	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 29th October 2023 – Thirtieth Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament/ Parade/Harvest	St James
	Thursday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	All Souls Requiem Mass	St James

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 29th October 2023 – Thirtieth Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Thursday 2nd November	
7.00 p.m.	All Souls Requiem Mass	St Mark

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MEMBER OF THE PRISON VISITING COMMITTEE

Central Support Service is seeking Expressions of Interest for the position of Member of the Prison Visiting Committee.

The duties of the Committee are set out in section 43 of the Prison Rules of the Prisons Ordinance, 1960 which can be found on the Legislation of St Helena, Ascension & Tristan da Cunha page of the SHG website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislation/laws-of-st-helena/alphabetical-list-st-helena/.

Members of the Committee will receive remuneration of £600 per year, plus a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for any mileage incurred using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at Committee meetings.

For further information about the role of a Member of the Prison Visiting Committee, interested persons can contact Mr Keith Brinsden, Chairman of the Prison Visiting Committee on tel: 22546 or via email: keithbrinsden@btinternet.com.

The relevant form to register an interest can be downloaded from the Public Information, Reports and Policies page of the SHG website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/ or alternatively, the form can be obtained from the Information and Research Support Officer at the Castle on tel: 22470 or via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information & Research Support Officer by 4pm on Friday, 3 November 2023.

SHG, 18 October 2023

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DROP-IN BOX PAYMENTS

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to advise the public that any payment requests from £5,000 that are made through the Drop-In Boxes located at the Main Branch, Wharf Kiosk and Ascension Branch will need to be verified before the payment can be processed.

The Bank will use the contact information the debit account holder has provided on their account to verify the payment. Please ensure your information is up to date. This can be done through the Bank's 'Customer Details' form and submitted online.

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Combined Service
Sunday 29th October
Jamestown Chapel 3.00 pm

No services will be held in the
Sandy Bay and Head O'Wain Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 31st October
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 2nd November
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WLCOME.

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

VACANCY – ELECTRICITY GENERATION ENGINEER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified and experienced person to join the Electricity Generation team to support the operation and maintenance of the electricity generation sources. The primary focus shall be on operation and maintenance of the Wind Farm and to provide support as required on electricity generation from diesel and solar sources. This is a senior post within the Company that will be required to deputise in the absence of the Electricity Generation Manager.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:
HND in Electrical/Electromechanical Engineering, 10 years Post Qualification Engineering Experience, 3 years Management Experience, Computer Literate, Working knowledge of SCADA systems operation, 2 years' Experience in Renewable Energy (Solar & Wind) Operation and Maintenance, Health & Safety Risk Assessment, Training & Development experience, able to work at height and be physically fit, Authorised Person (Electrical) HV/LV and a Class C Drivers licence.

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

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Merril Lawrence on (+290) 22602 or email Merril.Lawrence@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by 9am on Friday, 10 November 2023.

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

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Non-Executive Board Director

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking Expressions of Interest from persons to serve as a Non-Executive Director on our Board.

Non-Executive Directors are required to act with a degree of independence from the operational activities and have a role in providing strategic vision, monitoring the Bank's performance, the financial reporting process, the review of risk and controls, and governance.

Interested persons should submit their Expressions of Interest and CV to Josephine George, Managing Director, by email managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com or in person at Bank of St Helena Office in Market Street, Jamestown.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 10 November 2023.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

St Helena Government

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2023/53:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Kitchen Extension,** Upper Jamestown on Parcel JT160063. Applicant: Christina Williams

2. **Application 2023/54:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Construction of a Two Bedroom Split Level Dwelling,** Young's Valley, St Paul'son Parcel SCOT0447 & SCOT0508. Applicant: Belfred McDaniel

3. **Application 2023/55:** FULL Planning Application for Proposed **Construction of a Two Bedroom Dwelling,**Young's Valley, St Paul's on Parcel SCOT0416 & SCOT0512. Applicant: Delray McDaniel

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, MainStreet, Jamestown or Email lisa.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date 4pm – 9th November2023

Shane Williams, Acting Head of Planning & Building Control

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Sustainability Fair

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Sunday, 29th October

11am - 4pm

Millennium Forest

Tree Planting and Millennium Forest Tour

Landfill Site Tour

SHAPE Paper Mulch Demonstration

Local Upcycling Projects Exhibition

'E-Connect' Electric Bike Rides (ages 15+)

Face Painting

Uncle Borb's Ice Cream Van

Dan's Baked Goods

Chevening Giveaways

Live Music

and more!

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SHAPE
St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise

EMD
"Our Island. Our Environment. Our Responsibility."
Waste Management Services
Working towards a cleaner and greener St Helena

Bring your own mug for free tea and coffee refills

Turning our Waste into Profit - A Chevening Alumni Project

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St Helena Cloud Forest Project Public Talk

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

Want to know more about research being done under the St Helena Cloud Forest Project? Save the date below for an update from the invertebrate team.

From the Bizarre to the Beautiful

Saving the Bugs of Amazing Islands

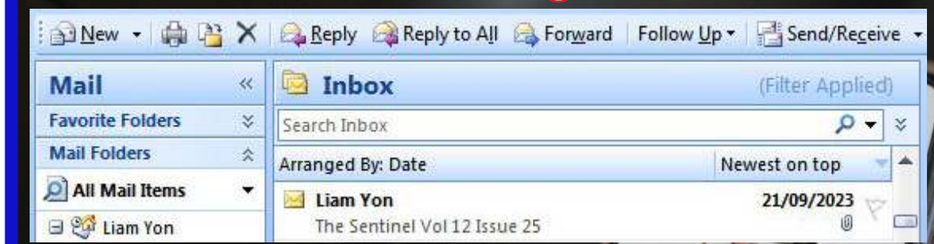
Vicky Wilkins will speak about her work supporting invertebrate conservation projects on Atlantic islands, exploring the many amazing and very rare bugs that live on them, including within St Helena's Cloud Forest.

Vicky works for the Species Recovery Trust delivering invertebrate projects in the UK and overseas. Specialising in endemic invertebrate conservation and specifically on islands, supporting projects on St Helena, Ascension, Canary Islands, Madeira and the Azores. She established the IUCN Mid-Atlantic Islands Invertebrate Specialist Group in 2015, to champion invertebrate conservation on these endemic-rich islands. She also is a member of the IUCN Invertebrate Conservation Committee.

Date: Wednesday 8th November **Venue: Museum of St Helena** **Time: 19.00**

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Greetings from Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We were back this week to tackle the second session of our two week competition. Eight shooters entered the first round, but in our final round this week, six people were unable to attend so changes were made to accommodate new entries, thirteen people came but only nine of us shot. Mike entered this week and shot 94.2 & 95.3 = 189.5, James Pilkington 87.2 & 94.2 = 181.4, Michael Gaga-Hale 94.4 & 95.5 = 191.9, Mel also had a go, he shot 89.1, for those who attended and shot last week were given a change to shoot one card to see if they could better their lowest score this week, if they were willing to do-so they had to declare it before they start to shoot. Pat H tried to better his 94.3 and only manage to shoot 96.5, Jodie-Scipio Constantine felt she could top her 97.4 from last week but had to settle for 97.3, it was uncertain and a long debate by Dan Flory either to stay with his lowest 96.5 or give it another go because he was ahead of everyone else on the leader board but then bravely decide he will try his luck, he did and shot a grand score of 100.9, we all agree he must come off the rifle support and use a shooting jacket from next week. We would like to mention and say well done to Cindy Yon for her first time to have a shoot with us well done for shooting 90.1, we hope you will continue to join us.

Out on the patio, our chiefs Colin and Rex were working hard to prepare a fish in batter and chips meal that we all feasted on before presenting the winners their trophies. Thanks are extended to them both for their continued loyalty to the club.

The night's event finished by thanking all who attended to show their application to help strengthen by supporting the club. Awards presented to 3rd position with 193.5 was Mr Rex Young, with just few points ahead of Rex was Jodie-Scipio Constantine who shot 194.8 and clearly knocking down the barrier in 1st position was non-other than Dan Flory with 199.5, although Jodie and Dan gave it a second bash, it didn't change their running positions from last week, only their scores changed but, it could have upset the table if Rex Young would have given it another go, so thanks everyone. See you all next week for a practice before our upcoming Handy Cap competition to show how it works.

May we all continue to receive God's daily blessings.

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Matchweek 10 Fixtures

Monday 27 October 2023
19.00 C'Palace v Spurs

Saturday 28 October 2023
11.30 Chelsea v Brentford
14.00 Arsenal v Sheffield Utd
Bournemouth v Burnley
Wolves v Newcastle

Sunday 22 October 2023
13:00 West Ham v Everton
14.00 Aston Villa v Luton
Brighton v Fulham
Liverpool v Nott'm Forest
15.30 Man Utd v Man City

In the end, it was the latter that bore true, with Half Tree Hollow putting in a dominant display, showcasing their attacking quality, and running riot on St Paul's by seven goals to one, dishing out St Paul's first defeat, picking up their own first victory of the tournament, and more importantly closing the gap significantly in the race for District glory to a single point. Man of the Match, Rico Benjamin, arguably one the best players on the Island for a number of years, was in fine form bagging himself a hat-trick. Another player highly regarded on St Helena, Ryan Benjamin, also got on the score sheet with a brace of his own. Tyler-John Brady, and young Toure Osborne, rounded off the scoring for the boys in yellow. St Paul's only positive from a poor performance, was the continuing emergence of Blaze Baldwin, a true rising star on St Helena, who managed to find the back of the net once again.

With one dominant display down, another would come in the late kick-off at Francis Plain between bottom-dwellers Jamestown and Longwood, who both headed into the match on a single point each, having both drawn one and lost one so far. Despite not enjoying the best form, reigning District Champions Jamestown managed to channel their renowned winning mentality, and, similarly to Half Tree Hollow, the boys from town ran riot on a Longwood side who came close to picking up a point against St Pauls just last week. The match ended in a resounding 5-1 victory to Jamestown, seeing them jump from a point at the bottom, to third place, on four points, just one behind Half Tree Hollow and two behind leaders St Paul's heading into the second round of the competition.

The weekend's results have added much more excitement to what had so far been a one-sided competition for 2023. With just two points separating first and third, the competition is still very much anybody's game.



DISTRICT RESULTS

Sunday 22 October 2023

Half Tree Hollow 7
Rico Benjamin (3)
Ryan Benjamin (2),
T Brady, T Osborne
MoM: Rico Benjamin

St Pauls 1
B Baldwin

Jamestown 5 **Longwood 1**
Details from this fixture has not been confirmed

DISTRICT FIXTURES

Sunday 29 October 2023

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

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

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Lower Age

Megalodons 0
MoM: Tom Krutze

Rumblers 11
Joshua Crowie (3)
Dirk Peters (2)
Talem Francis (2)
Cruz Williams
Brydon McDaniel
OG
MoM: Joshua Crowie

Upper Age

Troopers 14
Lebron George (4)
Harry Winfield (3)
Tyler Anthony (3)
Ephrem Stroud (2)
Lukas Robbertse
Zach Francis
MoM: Lebron George

Phenomenons 0
MoM: Om

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 28 October 2023

9am **Guardians FC vs Young Rebels**
9am **Terminators vs Troopers**
10am **Falcons vs Megalodons**



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District League 2023 blown wide open after Matchweek 3





In a week where St Paul's could've put themselves in a golden position to be named District Champions, the 2023 league was blown wide open after both Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow picked up big much-needed victories to close the gap at the top to just a single point heading into Round 2 of the tournament.

The early kick-off on Sunday was being viewed as a title-deciding match early on in the season. Prior to the match, St Paul's were the only team with a perfect record, sitting top of the table on 6 points with two wins from two. Their opponents, Half Tree Hollow, though still unbeaten, had drawn both their opening matches and sat in second on two points. A win for St Paul's would put them seven points clear of their adversaries, while a win for Half Tree Hollow would put them back in title contention, just one point behind the leaders.