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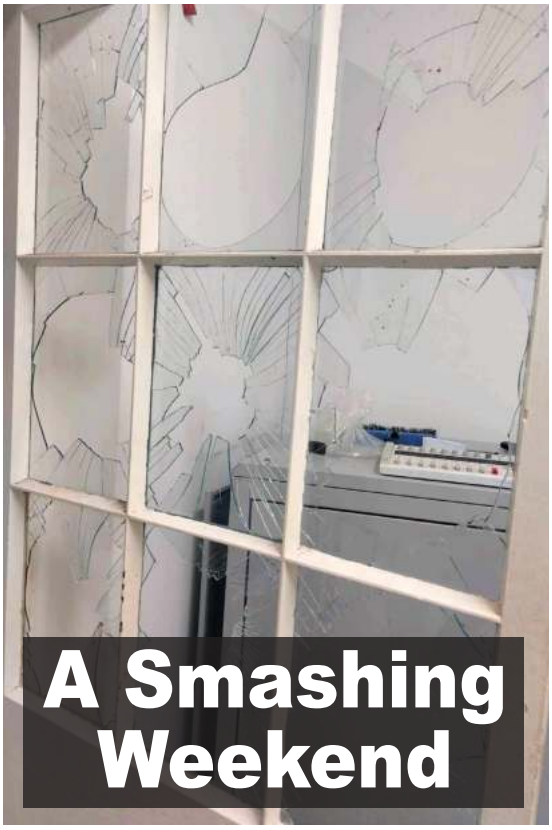
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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Well Hello November!!!! It only been like 5 minutes since we last saw you :)

That's enough mocking around. What have you been up to? I hope it's not you who been breaking the SAMS windows!

Yet again, SAMS door window panes got smashed, all nine this time. Well done to whoever did it, well done on your achievement, I think I will leave it there because if this person or persons are looking for attention that should be enough.

It has been a month since St Helena got introduced to faster, and for some who choose unlimited internet. Was it what you thought it would be? Are you tired with it already?

For me personally it's been good not worrying about having to check mb's or worrying if I have gone over my mb's and switching the modem on and off.

For SAMS it's also been good, especially with our new website, where we can add things without waiting for the free window etc.

But there so much more I'd like us at to do at SAMS, so fingers crossed we are able to do that soon.

Last Thursday, SAMS staff got to together for a short lunch to acknowledge two-year milestones; Liam's two years as Editor, and a little over two years since Anita joined the team. Well done guys, not sure how I could do it without our small, but dedicated team!

I can't believe we are into November. We are fast approaching the busy festive season. Shortly we will see two flights per week coming to the Island, so we should be seeing a few extra people about. It was interesting to hear the CEO of St Helena Airport Limited on Tuesdays In Scope programme about weather issues they face at the Airport etc. If you missed it, then you can have a listen this evening and again on Sunday.

Let's hope the Maria hurries back with all the Christmas goodies. Still no word on the new shipping provider for the Island due to commence in March.

Word count up already, enjoy the weekend :)

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

The St Helena Government issued the press release - New Flight Connection Introduced between St Helena and Falkland Islands via Ascension.

It reads: "*On Monday 23 October, the Ascension Island Government (AIG) announced that a new air connection was now available between St Helena and the Falkland Islands. The new connection will utilise the South Atlantic Airbridge between the Falklands and Ascension, and the inter-island Airlink service between Ascension and St Helena.*"

"*This new connection will provide residents of St Helena living on the Falklands with the opportunity to travel between the Falklands and St Helena via Ascension.*"

This was music to the ears of St Helenian residents on the Falklands, the fact that they now had the opportunity to get home to see family and friends at an affordable cost. Not having to make the expensive and tiring route FLK-UK-JO'BURG-STH and return clocking up roughly 52 hours+ just sitting on planes to get to/from home. Costing in the region of £4500+ for the return flights for a single person is no joke and there's the added cost of hotels in UK and Jo'burg and then holiday/upkeep monies in St Helena.

But what was thought to be exciting news in the St Helena Government press release was not exciting at all, and was later found to be rather odd. This is sadly because only St Helenians working for Mitie, Sodexo, Naafi and Babcock are able to take up the opportunity. The company who books the flights for other St Helenians apparently have no prices for this route meaning there's no opportunity.

Disappointed St Helenian

Chocolate Weetabix Slices

Ingredients

- 1 cup sultanas
- 2 tbsp natural crunchy peanut butter
- 1/2 cup desiccated coconut
- 2 tbsp coconut oil
- 4 weetabix
- 1/3 cup cocoa powder
- 1/3 cup honey
- 1/3 cup dark chocolate chips, optional, for icing



Method

1. Place the sultanas, peanut butter, desiccated coconut, half the coconut oil, the Weetabix, cocoa and honey in a food processor and blitz until smooth. Add a little water if needed to ensure the mix combines well.
2. Line a loaf tin with baking paper.
3. Press the mix into the prepared tin to form the bottom layer.
4. Melt the dark chocolate chips with the remaining coconut oil in a saucepan over medium heat. Drizzle melted chocolate over the bottom layer of the slice and place in the fridge for 30 minutes to set
5. Once firm, slice into 12 pieces. One piece is one serving.
6. Leftovers can be stored in the fridge in an airtight container for 4-5 days or freeze for up to 2 months.

ST HELENA NEWS

3 Incidents, 1 Weekend

Busy weekend for Royal St Helena Police Service last week

Donna Crowie, SAMS

The Royal St Helena Police are currently investigating three incidents that occurred over last weekend.

The first occurred between West lodge and Blue Hill between 8pm on Friday, 27 October, to 2am on Saturday, 28 October. While not confirmed in the recent appeal for information, it is believed that this incident relates to the tragic loss of a local Saint. The Sentinel wishes to send our deepest condolences to their family and friends at this sad time.



Police would like to hear from anyone who had been in this area between these times.

The second incident occurred in Jamestown where there was an attempted burglary at the Standard Bar. This took place after 3am on Saturday morning and, once again, Police are looking for anyone with any information on this incident that may assist their investigation.



Lastly, during the early hours of Sunday, a nine window pane door was smashed at SAMS Office in the Castle Gardens. Whoever was responsible for this left droplets of blood on the scene. The blood trails were followed and was noted to have left SAMS and proceeded out onto Main Street, opposite Mantis Hotel.

Again, Police say that "if you were in the area during the evening of Saturday 28 October, if you saw or heard anything suspicious or if you know of anyone that has a recent injury consistent with smashing glass panes, then please contact us as soon as possible."

If anyone as any information on any of the three cases, please call a Police Officer of your choice or email cid@sainthelena.gov.sh or contact them via their Facebook page.

Visiting the Motherland



Donna Crowie, SAMS

PAC Members attend Regional Workshop in Zambia

St Helena's Public Accounts Committee (PAC) Members, Chairman Mark Yon, Councillor Gillian Brooks and Clerk Anita Legg, departed on last Sunday's flight to participate in the Regional Workshop for African Public Accounts Committees, at the invitation of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, UK.

The Regional Workshop was held at the National Assembly of Zambia, Lusaka from 30 October to 1 November.

Approximately 40 parliamentarians and parliamentary officials from legislatures across Africa attended the PAC-focused workshop. St Helena's PAC Members were joined by a PAC delegation from the UK Parliament.

Improving Resilience and Wellbeing

Update on the Essential Equipment Programme for St Helena Airport



Liam Yon, SAMS

Nearly one year ago, in November 2022, SHG pleasingly announced that they would be receiving funding to the tune of £1.8m from the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office's bespoke 2022/2023: Improving Essential Equipment in Overseas Territories' programme.

At the time, SHG also alluded to where and how the money will be spent, procuring critical equipment identified to improve the "resilience and well-being" of the community across sectors including Healthcare, Emergency Services, Port Operations, Road Maintenance and St Helena Airport.

A recent update from SHG, focussed on the equipment procured for St Helena Airport.

The airport was allocated £42,224 out of the pot. According to SHG, this money was used to purchase a Dry Chemical Powder Recirculation station, along with Nitrogen cylinders and filling regulators, which arrived back in April and are already in use by their Fire Fighting response vehicles.

SHG explained the rationale behind procuring this equipment. "This essential equipment is required to ensure that the airport remains in compliance with international airport regulations for the discharge rate of dry chemical powder," they explained. "Due to the humidity experienced at the airport, the dry chemical powder needs to be aerated to prevent 'caking' and to ensure effective discharge rates. This in turn ensures any response to fires that require a dry chemical agent are dealt with rapidly, preventing further spread, and minimising risk to life and damage to property."

While the majority of funding went towards the procurement of the equipment, some of the money was also used to train Airport staff on the use of the systems. Back in April, Trainer, Deon Van Zyl, from South African based Brigit Systems, provided training on the nitrogen system. A month later, in May, trainer Mark Richards from Perren Engineering Ltd, a UK based company, arrived to provide training on the dry powder system.

The procurement of the critical equipment for St Helena Airport, and subsequent delivery of training, totalled £37,500 - nearly £5,000 short of the allocated funding. "This is a result of fluctuations in things like currency, equipment and shipping costs, and preferred suppliers between the point of allocation and the point of delivery and commissioning," explained SHG. "These fluctuations have some limited impact on the final costs of procuring the other equipment, albeit well within the £1,800,000 funding ceiling."

Since SHG's last update on this programme, where they looked at the critical equipment that had arrived, and was due to arrive, with the Health Services Directorate, they say further equipment has now arrived for Health, Port Control and the Roads Teams on the recent arrival of the MV Maria da Paz. These include a reach stacker, a slurry paver and an immunoassay device.







"Tremendously Proud"

Young Firefighters pass development course as Kyle Yon awarded prestigious Silver Axe by Fire Service College, UK



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

Early September marked the beginning of an eight-week-long Firefighter Development core skills programme for St Helena Fire and Rescue Service's Rhys Francis, Kyle Yon and David Young. This course was conducted at the Fire Service College, Moreton-in-Marsh, UK.

The course, split into numerous modules, aimed to equip Rhys, Kyle and David with basic response, prevention and adaption skills to successfully serve St Helena's community, as each module presented participants with different challenges to face and skills to learn.

According to Brigade Manager, Alan Thomas, the three young firefighters displayed "a variety of personal and service values." Hopefully, this will create further opportunities for growth in the SHF&RS.

Upon completion of this course, the Silver Axe award was presented to the trainee who performed with the highest standards across the board. Out of all the trainees, the Silver Axe was awarded to St Helena's Kyle.

"All three learners have conducted themselves in a very professional manner and have been a credit to the Saint Helena Fire and Rescue Service," stated Lee Bransby, one of the instructors. "I would like to single out Kyle Yon, he has without doubt put in 100% effort over the 8 weeks training. Well-deserved Silver Axe winner. I've currently been in service 35 years and at the college for over 22 years. You will appreciate in that time I have had the opportunity to train hundreds of Learners. Kyle has really impressed me and I am extremely proud of his achievements. He returns with the Axe. A very proud young man with a bright future."

"I am tremendously proud of our three firefighters for the effort and commitment displayed throughout this 8 week course, and more so to Kyle Yon for achieving the prestigious Silver Axe Award," commented Alan. "His weekly reports showed consistency throughout the course; he absorbs information well and this has been reflected on all his levels of understanding. It has been a privilege to be part of his professional development over the years and I am so proud of his achievements. Kyle has a very promising career ahead of him, I wish him all the very best in his career path within the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service."





Managing the pathogens threatening St Helena's biodiversity and food security

An Update on the works to Understand and Reduce the Effect of Pathogens on the Peaks



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On 27 October, Coordinator of the St Helena Research Institute, Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, and Chief Environmental Officer, Isabel Peters, came on-air on SAMS Radio 1 to discuss progress made in identifying and fighting the pathogens causing tree deaths within the Peaks National Park.

They were accompanied by members of a team under the Darwin Plus Project: Managing the pathogens threatening St Helena's biodiversity and food security. This included Phil Taylor and Jayne Crozier, both Plant Pathologists from CABI (Centre for Agriculture and Biosciences International) as well as Amy Webster, a third year PhD student from the University of Birmingham.

"We've been investigating the tee diseases up on the peaks and previously we've identified a few potential candidates as pathogens which might be killing the trees," Phil explained. "We've come back this time to further that research, to make further isolations and to try and unpick the pathogens and microorganisms that will be causing the tree death up on the peaks."

"I've been using the George Benjamin Arboretum this week as a site to start looking at some of the most severely diseased trees," Amy said. "It's a nice contained site with all the endemics in and a lot of them have been severely impacted. So we've been going there, collecting soil samples and root samples, and we'll be there looking at the population of the pathogens there, as well as the population of the pathogens on the peaks, really trying to narrow down what's going on. This is important because it means we can try and think about what needs to be done in the future to manage the problem."

"It's been incredibly wet, so all the trees are looking very healthy at the minute, they have new flashes of growth," Amy added. "I think time will tell when it starts to warm up again."

"Once we've taken our samples from the trees around the bottom of the stem and the roots under the soil, we take them back to the laboratory, where we process the samples and we try and grow out the fungus if there's anything there causing the disease," Jane said. "It's quite a lengthy project, so that's why we're here for three weeks this time."

"The pathogens that we've been looking at are predominantly soil borne pathogens," Rebecca explained. "[Preventing] activities that would enable movement, other than, obviously, natural flow, would be good to [stop or slow] rates of potential human-induced spread."

"We're off up again to the peaks today, to do a bit of an assessment of what's happened in the last year, see how many trees have died - if any - and we'll take some isolations again and process this week," Jayne added.

"There will be another visit in January to set up what we hope will be an inoculation experiment, to actually then test that theory, to say 'We believe these are the causal agents', and we'll then purposefully inoculate plants," Jayne explained.

"It was a good year ago when the team were here and discovered the pathogens on the peaks," Isabel stated. "We put in place a few measures, right from the beginning, but we didn't formally and legally close the peaks until April this year, and the idea was that we would have it closed until December to give the team some opportunities to find out more about the pathogens."

"We still haven't quite hit the nail on the head, because there's so much work to be done," Isabel further stated. "In the meantime, we are still considering what we'll do in terms of access, so we thank the public for their patience."

"It has worked really well with the process we've got in place at the moment because people who really need to go up there, like the team, apply for special permission and then there's certain conditions related to that," Isabel continued. "We've granted something like twelve different groups or individuals permission to go up to do various bits of work."

"We've also been talking to the key stakeholders to see how they've been impacted by the closure, how they will be impacted if we continue to keep the peaks closed and also looking for ideas on how we can actually manage the access going forward," Isabel explained. "We hope to make a decision within the next few weeks as to whether or not the peaks will remain closed."

Phil then went on to explain the training being conducted, "derived" from the training he received from Plantwise, a "massive initiative internationally".

Plantwise is an organisation working towards "a world where smallholder farmers have increased incomes and grow safer and higher quality food through sustainable approaches to crop production", according to their website. Their "three key impact pathways" include pest preparedness, pesticide risk reduction and advising farmers.

"We've conducted training three times now with farmers, for conservation, for ENRD," Phil explained. "I think they've benefitted from it greatly; it's a very practical course on the use of chemicals, what chemicals can do, what chemicals can't do, the dangers of using chemical and the advantage, and also non-chemical methods."

Select Committee 2: Asset Disposal

Assets, inventory, stocks and stores distinctions

Hannah Braaf, SAMS

During the Select Committee 2 (SC2) hearing on 5 October, numerous questions were posed to Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, by SC2 Chairperson, Cllr Dr Corinda Essex, and members, Cllr Karl Thrower and Cllr Andrew Turner. As the focus was asset disposal, some of the topics raised were the exact definitions of assets, inventory, stocks and stores and asset existence.

Cllr Dr Essex inquired as to when a timeline could be expected for the implementation of new procurement regulations.

"In my recent conversations with the Governor on this issue... we have set an indicative timeline of the end of this calendar year to have the new procurement regulations in place," Dax stated.

Cllr Dr Essex also asked about requirements placed on officers to ensure value to money during asset disposal.

"It is quite clear within the roles and responsibilities or accounting officers that they should ensure that they feel that best value is being achieved," Dax stated. "Although it may not specifically talk about the disposal of assets, it talks about financial management in general, which incorporates the disposal of assets."

Then Cllr Thrower began his line of questioning, opening by asking if corporate finance maintains an essential asset register.

"Yes - we do," Dax responded. "I need to clarify that because as you can see from the financial regulations, we only to that for assets over £5000;



anything under £5000 is classed as inventory."

Cllr Thrower then asked for clear distinctions between assets, stocks, stores, consumables and inventory to be explained.

"If the government had to recognise every single asset under a certain value, our fixed asset register... will be hundreds and hundreds of pages long," Dax explained. "It was around about 2012 when we actually looked at our policy, which was previously that we would recognise assets for anything over the value of £1,000."

"In line with what we were doing in terms of moving from a cash-based accounting system to an 18.50 accounting system, we used international best practice at that time as to what is the value of the asset when you actually recognise it and include it onto your asset register," Dax further stated. "The value at that time that we determined was most appropriate for St Helena Government to recognise as an asset was £5,000. However, we are also now reconsidering our position on that valuation, given how things have moved on in ten years... At some point in the not-too-distant future, we also are looking to do a complete review of the financial regulations."

"In terms of the differences between inventory and assets, [inventory] is smaller types of assets, but they are... currently recorded by each of the portfolios," Dax stated. "Inventory we class as smaller items or assets that are not recognised on SHG's fixed asset register."

"[Stocks and stores] are consumables, and stocks and stores are what are used on a day-to-day basis by each of the service areas," Dax explained. "We hold quite a lot of stock within the pharmacy, [for example] which is used and issued to the public for general medication needs."

Cllr Thrower posed further questions on checking for the existence of assets.

"As part of the year in process, each of the accounting officers gets an instruction manual that comes from the Treasury as to what needs to be done as part of the SHG financial statement preparation, and one of those is to ensure that assets are checked for existence and also if there's been any degradation of those assets in any way, shape or form," Dax stated.

"If it's checked for existence and it doesn't exist, then I would expect the accounting officer to raise it with myself or a member of my team so we can do an investigation," Dax continued.

Cllr Thrower then asked how asset disposal is recorded in the asset register.

"Without going into the technical details... you have the initial cost, depending on the estimated useful life of the asset - it is depreciated over a number of years," Dax stated. "If an item of equipment that is usually depreciated over ten years, for example, comes to the end of that period and is disposed of, then you would recognise the profit or a loss on the disposal."

Questions on whether or not accounting officers have access to the centralised asset register were also posed by Cllr Thrower.

"No - they don't," Dax responded. "The centralised asset register is



managed by the Treasury team."

"If they want to be able to see what's in there, our team would absolutely be able to provide that to them, but they don't have direct access to the fixed asset register," Dax continued. "We need to maintain control of the entries that go into the fixed asset register."

Cllr Thrower then inquired as to the asset disposal regulations applied to EDIP projects and other donor-funded projects.

"We generally try to apply the same disposal process to all of it, regardless of the funding source for those assets," Dax responded.

Dax also confirmed for Cllr Thrower that trading accounts are required to comply with Section 41 of the procurement regulations and Section 19 on the financial regulations.

Just Dancing for a Cause

'Just Dance' raises over £300 for Cancer Support and Awareness



Liam Yon, SAMS

'Just Dance' is a fun fitness session, started by Julie Fowler, and having grown in popularity over time. The idea of the event is for people of all ages, women and men, boys and girls, to come together and work up a sweat and get active through dancing. The sessions are held at the Kingshurst Community Centre, and those who attend regularly, are pleased with the benefits that Julie and her team, mostly family, have brought to the community.

On Thursday of last week, 'Just Dance' was made extra special, after it was decided by the organisers, in association with the Cancer Support and Awareness Group, to host a unique 'Pink Dance' where any funds raised would be kindly donated to the charity.

In order to allow as many people to attend as possible, buses were kindly made available from both Longwood and Jamestown, offering transport to those who might have wanted to attend but didn't have any way to get to Kingshurst in St Paul's. Leading up to the event, Julie encouraged as many people as possible to attend, even extending invites to the Island's Elected Members. To enjoy the night even more, and with transport being available, those old enough were even encouraged to bring along some wine to really get into the dancing mood.

On the night, the doors opened prior to the special event's start at 7pm. Many people of all ages from all over the Island flocked to Kingshurst and filled the hall to bust out some moves. With the tunes jamming, the dances got underway. Getting fitter, having fun, and raising funds for a valuable cause, the event lasted for around an hour and a half, finishing at about 8.30pm.

"Thank you to everyone who made the Pink Dance possible - we raised £321.20 in 1.5 hours," commented Julie Fowler, following the successful event. "Thank you all for your kind donations Supporting St Helena Cancer Support & Awareness. Hope you all had fun."

Julie also extended thanks to Emma Yon for decorating the venue ahead of the fun-filled evening.

As Julie stated, a total of £321.20 was raised for St Helena Cancer Support and Awareness.

A big well done to Julie, her team, and all the dancers and attendees on the night. Brilliant job!

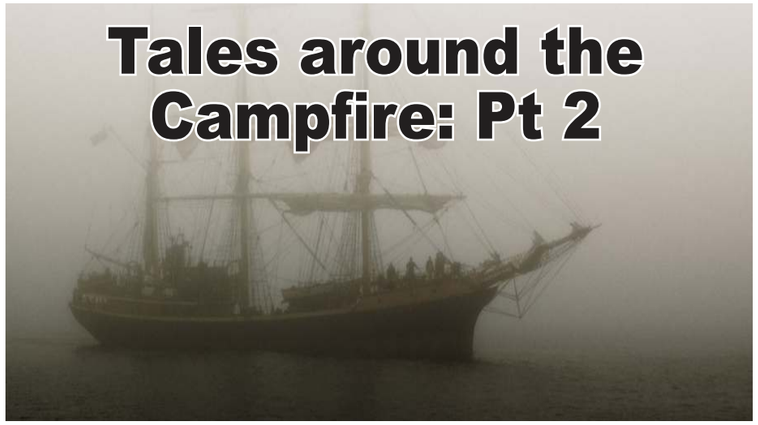








Tales around the Campfire: Pt 2



For Halloween, 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 had to 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.

Demy Herne, SAMS

The Phantom Ship

There have been reports from fishermen that they have encountered a mysterious vessel out at sea while fishing. The ship has been described as a huge sailing ship which is usually lit but occasionally has no lights. It blocks the fishermen's path which causes them to have to change course or return to their moorings. This ship has been reported as being seen approaching Jamestown from the Eastern side of the Island and then disappearing.

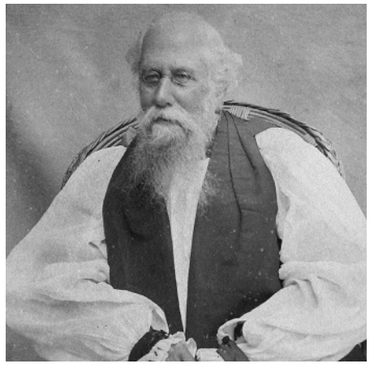
A ferryman also reported hearing someone yelling "Boat Ahoy" out within the harbour and, when he went to look, there was nobody there.

Unearthing the Truth

There is story of a giant slave who killed a girl that he had sexually assaulted before burying her body under a large boulder. This was said to have happened near the turning into the road that runs from Maldivia and Ladder Hill. The man was reportedly seen sitting in the spot where he had buried the girl, and it wasn't until a group of eight men lifted the stone and found her skeleton. It was said that the girl haunted the location, but her spirit has apparently not been seen since the discovery of her remains.

The Headless Bishop

In 1899, the Islands Anglican Bishop, named Bishop Welby, was riding his horse into town, via Shy Road, when according to reports; the horse suddenly got spooked by something and took off out-of-control. The accident was said to have thrown Bishop Welby off the carriage and over the edge of the road and cliff, which unfortunately ended his life. Sometime after, there were



reports of a headless man, dressed as a Bishop, riding down Shy Road at night.

The West Lodge Horror

A ship called HMS Darce pulled into James Bay in the year 1881 and remained there for five days, during which time officers and crew had a certain amount of shore leave. Two officers wanted to explore Sandy Bay and were told they could spend the night in an empty house called West Lodge. However, one of the men was called on by the Governor to attend at Plantation House. Unfortunately, despite a promise to meet up with his friend at West Lodge afterward, the visit to Plantation lasted longer than anticipated, and he was persuaded by the Governor to stay the night.

Meanwhile, the other man went to West Lodge as planned, where he had a meal prepared for him by an Islander who also lit the fire, but refused to stay after dark.

The man was left alone except for a spaniel dog and he settled down for the evening wondering why the other man had not yet arrived. A couple minutes later, after the man had settled, the dog started to get uneasy and began to growl. The man looked up from where he was sitting and saw a shadow across the room - it appeared as a tall figure.

The man, terrified, held a candle and walked towards the shadow but as he got closer it vanished.

The man felt terribly cold and numb at that moment and returned to the fire shivering. When he turned to face the room again however, the eerie shadow had returned and was standing there again. Suddenly, the wind rose and a violent gust blew through an open window and eliminated the candle and the fire, with everything turning pitch black.

Although it was completely dark, the man could just about make out two bright sparks at the end of the room. He was said to have suddenly lost consciousness before being awoken by the sound of a young girl's heartbreaking shriek. The man crawled to the door to see what was happening.

Outside he could see several people dressed in clothes fashionable a century earlier. The people were watching a white man whipping a tall handsome coloured man's back. To add to the horrific scene, the man being whipped had his hands bounded with string.

They watched the man, likely a slave, get whipped repeatedly. Agonizing moans could be heard, but not from the slave man, but someone in the crowd. It was a described as a lovely white skinned girl dressed in an elaborate satin dress. She seemed distressed and upset, and was being held up by an elderly man who was forcing her to witness the slave being tortured.

After a lot of lashes, the slave was pushed onto the ground. It was at this point when the man, witnessing the horrific scene lost consciousness for a second time. He then wakes up at dawn to the dog licking his face. He walks back into the house and looks around the room and thinks that he might have been dreaming. This was until he lifted the floorboard where the shadow was standing during his paranormal encounter the night before, where he found a pile of faded letters.

The letters were all from a man, evidently educated yet evidently not of high birth, and these letters were all love letters to one in a superior position. The man figured that the slave and masters daughter had fallen in love and for this they were punished. After reading the letters, the man burned them, hoping to lay the ghost to rest.

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



Chevening Alumni hosts Sustainability Fair at Millennium Forest

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Sunday, 20 October, the Chevening Alumni of St Helena hosted a Sustainability fair at the Millennium Forest from 11am to 4pm. The aim of the project was to create awareness among St Helenians about reusing and upcycling waste to be used for profit. Upcycling is the creative reuse and process of transforming by-products, waste materials, useless or unwanted products into new materials or products of greater quality, such as with artistic or environmental value.

There were various stalls situated in marquees put up in the parking area of the Millennium Forest. Demonstrations were held showcasing upcycled projects, where discarded parts were used to build useful tools like a wood lathe (constructed completely from parts collected at the tip).

Displays of craft projects by various people made from recycled materials like wood, copper pipe and denim could also be seen. People could also have a look at glasses that were made from discarded bottles. SHAPE, well-known for their recycling efforts on-Island, had a stall where they showed off some of their products made by recycling discarded materials like fabric and paper as well as a paper mulching demonstration.

Visitors to the fair could participate in tree planting activities, a tour of Millennium Forest, a very informative tour of the Horse Point landfill site and a forest cleanup. Persons over the age of 15 had the opportunity to experience a ride on an e-connect electric bike provided by Minister Martin Henry. These bikes provide a green alternative to traditional methods of transport.

Tea and coffee was available throughout the day, but there was also hot food on sale as well as treats and gourmet coffee sold by Dan to keep everyone happy and fed. The weather played along to ensure that it was a fun and informative day that was enjoyed by all.

On St Helena, we have seven Chevening Alumni St Helenians who took the opportunity to apply for this prestigious post-graduate scholarship programme offered by the British Foreign Commonwealth Office. Chevening Scholarships enable outstanding emerging leaders from all over the world to pursue one-year Masters Degrees in the UK. There are over 160 Chevening-eligible countries or territories worldwide, of which St Helena is one. To qualify, you have to have completed an Undergraduate Degree that will enable you to apply for a Postgraduate course at a UK university and have at least two years

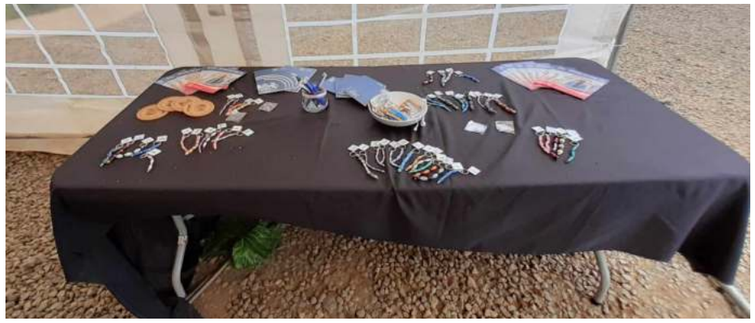
















of work experience.

Our Chevening students are all different ages, come from different backgrounds, studied at different universities, work in different fields, and have different skills - but they come together as one Alumni group and work together as one team. This is the 40th anniversary year of the program and Chevening's global alumni community has grown to more than 57,000 people.

Annually, Chevening Alumni can apply for the Chevening Alumni Programme Fund (CAPF) to fund a project in their community. This is Chevening's way of supporting the Chevening Alumni community to become the most engaged, active, and impactful international scholarship alumni network in the world. The Chevening Alumni needs to bid for funding annually presenting projects that will enhance Chevening's engagement, influence, and social impact. The St Helenian Alumni have put in bids and been successful for CAPF funding for the past three years.

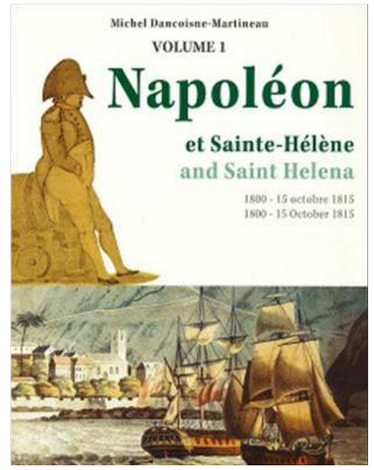
This year the funds were used to fund the Sustainability Fair Project, in all a very successful and well organised day that will hopefully spark people on St Helena's passion for recycling and upcycling in the future. Congratulations are extended to the Chevening Alumni for organising this event.





Book of the Week

Public Library Service



Napoleon and Saint Helena Volume 1 by Michel Dancoisne-Martineau

In a series of 12 volumes Napoleon and St Helena, the reef of an empire, Michael Dancoisne-Martineau, director of the French national territories on the island since 1987, describes the ties which bind Napoleon to St Helena with many before unpublished documentation and illustrations.

The importance Napoleon gave to the island of St Helena during his years in power as First Consul and then as Emperor of the French is the unexplored history we discover in this first volume "Napoleon and St Helena 1800 – October 15th 1815. We become acquainted with St Helena's importance during the Dutch occupation of the Cape Province and its strategic significance for the East India Company.

We learn about the details of the visits of the Governor-general of the East Indies and his brother, the Duke of Wellington, and we find out about the first call to St Helena of Admiral Cockburn in 1805 and the full account of his return to the island in 1815 with his famous prisoner, Napoleon.

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SCHOOL PAGE

PAS Air Traffic Control Tower Visit



PAS, Contributed

On Thursday, 19 October, it was International Air Traffic Controller Day. As such, a group of Year 9 and 10 PAS students were invited to the Air Control Tower by Bramwell and Benjie.

On arrival at the Airport, the students were checked in by Kneo and Kerry. Each student were given a high-vis vest and a lanyard to wear, which they thought was so exciting and made them feel important.

They were then escorted to the Control Tower by Justine, where they then met Bramwell one of the Air Traffic Controllers and was later joined by the second ATC Benjie. Bramwell showed the students the equipment used at the tower and explained what it is used for. The students were fortunate to see Bramwell demonstrate his duties and listened to the controller and the Calibration Flight pilots giving information and instructions to each other as their plane passed over the airport and then landed.

The students were given the opportunity to go outside onto the balcony and wave to the pilots and crew of the TAB Charters BE20 Calibration Flight as it flew in to land. This was followed by a visit to the ATC Simulation Room, where students were able to have hands on training, learning how to control all runway activity. They found this fascinating.

Finally, the students went on a tour to the Calibration plane 'Black Tale'. The pilots and engineer showed them around the plane, allowing two students at a time to go into the cockpit. All students thoroughly enjoyed their visit to the ATC and tour of the plane. They found the visit very interesting and inspiring.

PAS student would like to take this opportunity to thank the Air Traffic Controllers, Bramwell, Benjie, Justine, Kneo, Kerry and the crew of the Calibration plane, as well as the ground crew, for an amazing and exciting experience.

Some of the comments from students included:

I was interested in the Simulation control part. I enjoyed the plane. – Adrianna.

I enjoyed the overall trip, I learnt a lot. – Ava.

I enjoyed going up to the control tower. It was interesting to learn about all the different things that helped the plane to land and take off. – Max.

I enjoyed going up to the control tower. It was interesting to learn about all the different control systems. – Leah.

I enjoyed the visit very much. The plane was particularly interesting. – Aimee.

I learnt to be an Air Traffic Controller in the ATC simulator. I enjoyed going to the cockpit of the TAB Charters BE20 calibration plane. - Tyler.

I enjoyed sitting on the plane. – Ziggy.

I enjoyed getting into the plane and learnt to start and navigate. – Gabriella.

I enjoyed going into the cockpit and learning about all the different controls and what they do. - Lewis.

I especially enjoyed looking at the interior of the plane (Black Tale) and how everything worked. I am truly inspired by the whole experience – Sadie.









ST HELENA NEWS

"Very Productive Discussions"

St Helena Gives Mental Health Support to Montserrat



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena has recently provided support to another UK Overseas territory, in the form of mental health strategy and interventions support to the prison of Montserrat, a small Island located in the Caribbean.

This support was given via a visit to Montserrat by St Helena Government's Mental Health Team Lead, Ian Rummery, and UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) Public Health Consultant, Sunita Sturup-Toft.

As explained in a recent Press Release by SHG, "the UKHSA received a request from the Governor of Montserrat to explore what more could be done to address the increasing mental health challenges within the Island's prison. Montserrat has a similar sized prison to St Helena and faces similar challenges in managing its prison population. Ian has been involved in developing a health care service for HM Prison Jamestown, and so agreed to support the request in conjunction with UKHSA."

Both SHG's Ian, and UKHSA's Sunita, arrived in the territory of Montserrat toward the end of September and remained there for two weeks before departing on 11 October. During this time, the pair met with the Montserrat mental health team and other health professionals, while they also held meetings with Police and Prison personnel.

"This was an amazing opportunity to meet fellow professionals in a similar sized Overseas Territory and discuss ways in which we care for people who are in prison and experiencing mental health problems," commented Ian. "My colleagues in Montserrat were so welcoming and we have had very productive discussions about the challenges they face."

"On St Helena it is easy to lose perspective as we work in isolation," he further added. "To have the opportunity to visit another Overseas Territory and hear both their successes and challenges has been professionally and personally very rewarding. I am very grateful to UKHSA for giving me this opportunity."

Ian's visit to Montserrat was funded by the UKHSA as part of the Overseas Territories Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) Governance Programme.

NOVEMBER REMOTE BANKING

Wharf Kiosk

Thursdays	09:00 – 14:30

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

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HTH Supermarket	Friday, 24 November	09:30 – 13:00
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BANK CLOSED FOR STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY

WEDNESDAY, 08 NOVEMBER 2023

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that the Bank will be closed on Wednesday, 08 November. This closure will facilitate staff training and development. Normal opening hours will resume on Thursday, 09 November. Bank of St Helena apologises for any inconvenience this may cause, and thank customers for their support and cooperation.

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SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)
Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. Nov 03
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam

SAT. Nov 04
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Hannah Braaf
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Demy Herne
- 6-8pm : DNA Show with Anita and Deon
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

SUN. Nov 05
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita and Deon
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service

MON. Nov 06
- 7am-10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2-4pm: DNA Show
- 5:30 -7pm: The Irish Show with Tony and Lucas

TUE. Nov 07
- 7am-9am- Sunrise with Donna Crowie
- 9am: Midday show with Demy Herne
- 2pm: In Scope
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Life is Still Beautiful

WED. Nov 08
- 7am: Sunrise Show with Deon
- 9-11am: Our Show
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Nov 09
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett & Liam Yon
- 11am-1pm: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm-3pm:Afternoon vibes with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope (Repeat)

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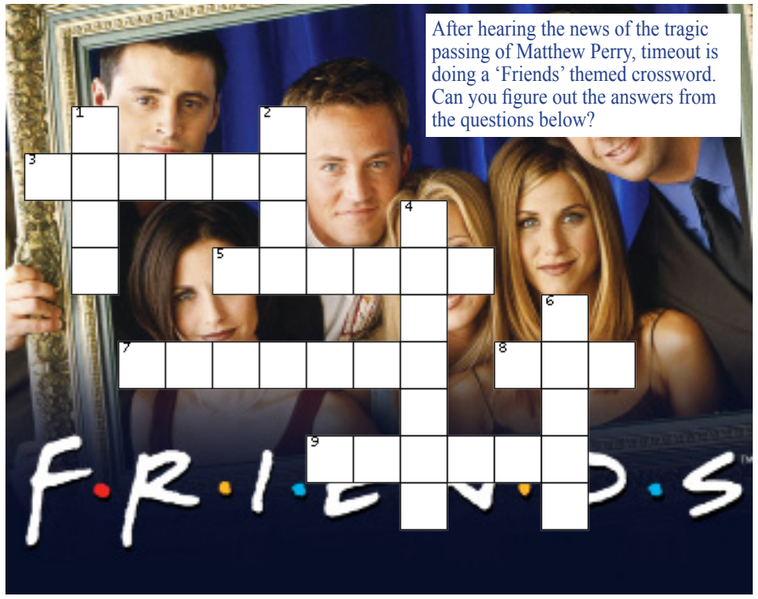
This Sunday, Deon, Erik and Anita will once again be entertaining you during the morning from 7am until 12noon. We will be featuring artists whose names start with the letter 'G'. Let us know if you have any ideas or would just like a shout-out. We will be playing a variety of music including classical, jazz, oldies, 80's and newer music too. So come and join us for a nice relaxing start to your Sunday morning!

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

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TIME OUT

Crossword: Friends



ACROSS

3. Which character was obese as a child?
5. Monica is Ross's...
7.Who was Monica's love interest before chandler?
8. What is the name of Ross's son?
9. Who was Chandlers ex?

DOWN

1. The name on chandlers TV guide was to miss Chanandler...
2. What kind of car was given to Phoebe from her grandmother?
4. What kind of dress did Rachel wear when she first appeared on the show?
6. How many sisters does Joey have?

Famous Birthday on 02 Nov



DAVID SCHWIMMER (56)

Sentinel Joke of the day

Hear about the new restaurant called Karma?

There's no menu: You get what you deserve.

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*



Australian surfer captures incredible moment a whale slams into him on camera



An Australian surfer was left fearing for his life as a whale body-slammed him into the sea – and he caught the whole ordeal on camera.
Jason Breen was wing surfing - a form of the sport which uses a small sail - when a humpback whale emerged from the water and knocked into him, plunging the 55-year-old into the ocean.
Mr Breen told local media he feared for his life as the animal dragged him deeper into the sea by the board leash attached to his leg.
"Luckily, I felt the leash break and from there I got released from under the whale's body and was able to come to surface," he said.
"I thank my lucky stars that something that's not supposed to break broke and ringed the webbing out."
Mr Breen then swam to the shore, where he discovered that his GoPro camera had recorded everything.
"S***, I just got hit by a whale," he says in the video of what happened, shortly after making it back to the surface.
He added: "The whole thing was unusual, one in a million - it's a massive ocean and there was a guy on a headland who just happened to be filming by coincidence and my GoPro... I wasn't pointing or filming so to get the footage was amazing."

Last week's Crossword Answers
American States

Jackolantern	Hand
Full Moon	Apples
All Saints Day	Trick or Treat
Ireland	Black Cat
Egypt	Wednesday

Rebus Answers:
1. Sitting on top of the world, 2.Up for grabs

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Chief Minister Julie Thomas welcomed Gwyneth Howell (CEO and Accountable Manager for SHAL) on the program to tell listeners more about the procedures and processes at the airport, but in particular to celebrate their 6th year of being operational.

Gwyneth has been working on St Helena for the past eight years. In 2015 she was asked to take over the certification of the airport on the Air Traffic Control side because the person responsible fell ill. This certification process was unsuccessful as everything was not in place yet. In January 2016 she came back to the Island but a lot of the findings had not been rectified yet, so she got involved with all the different sections to get the issues sorted. ASSI (Air Safety Support International) is the regulator of airports affiliated to the UK Civil Aviation Authority responsible for regulating airport safety in all the Overseas Territories (OT). ASSI was concerned about having an Accountable Manager on Island and approached Gwyneth to fill this role. With more than 30 years' experience in aviation starting in 1984, she was more than qualified to take on this position. She had experience in air traffic control, management, safety investigation and air traffic and navigation services audits, before coming to the Island to do the certification here. She felt it was very important for the Island to have an international gateway and wanted to be part of the team that would make this a reality.

In May 2016 the airport was certified by the regulator through the combined efforts of all the entities involved. The first flight that landed (April 2016) was the flight by the regulator (ASSI) with a small airplane to do the final audit. During this landing, wind shear was encountered as well as, to a much larger extent, by the first commercial plane to land from Comair. It was realised that procedures had to be put in place to mitigate the risks posed by the wind shear factor. St Helena Airport was initially referred to as the most useless airport constructed, but through hard work, promoting initiatives and dedication, this was turned around to being recognised as an airport that provides a vital lifeline for St Helena Island. During the 2021/22 period 33 medivacs were successfully done through St Helena Airport, saving lives and proving its value to the Island. In addition these medivacs took place during the time that the risk of Covid was still a very real threat and all the flights had to take place with the additional strain of all the required health and safety protocols.

During 2016 there was approximately 22 flights of which 2 was medivacs and during 2017 there was 42 of which most were charter flights (so smaller airplanes) most of which landed on the secondary landing strip- runway 01. Airlink only started their contract in October 2017 using the primary runway 19. Runway 01 has a northern bearing on a compass and planes will land from the south with a tail wind. This is only viable for smaller aircraft. With the primary runway 19, aircraft will land from the north against the prevailing SE winds. This meant that during 2016/17 very little meteorolical data was collected on the primary runway 19. From 2016-2019 Airlink was operating and making use of runway 19, collecting valuable data. The two examples of the first two flights that experienced the wind shear in 2016, together with all the weather data, was collated in a report and made available to any operator wishing to operate on St Helena Airport. There have been other examples like low clouds, fog, etc. that have also been collated into reports that are available on the website for SHAL providing information to a variety of scenarios and predictions for landing conditions. In September this year a different scenario was experienced at the airport that was responsible for the recent delays in scheduled flights. Midpoint wind is a unique weather condition experienced on St Helena. Normally at an airport you will have an anemometer that provides a reading on wind direction and speed at the threshold of runways. Usually there would only be two thresholds on an airfield. On St Helena we have a unique phenomenon caused by gulleys to the East of the airport. This causes the wind to billow up under the belly of the airport at the midpoint. This will then in turn cause the plane to speed up instead of slowing down during landing. The ATC here on St Helena will give pilots the threshold and the midpoint readings for wind speed and direction. There are three markers that pilots need to observe. If they have not managed to reach acceptable speeds and set down the plane after the third marker, they have to pull up and circle around again to approach.

Airport staff work over weekends and as such will have one or two days off on Monday and Tuesday in lieu of working Saturday and Sunday. All the staff at the airport are multi-skilled and get involved in the day-to-day maintenance during the times when there are no flights. There are also many legal requirements for training that need to be met to maintain staff skills. The ATCs for instance have to complete training exercises on a weekly basis to keep their skills and accreditation up to date. These are done on a sophisticated simulator system at the airport. ATCs worldwide work with a five mile separation between planes, but here on St Helena we have a seven day gap.

90% of the airport staff are St Helenian and SHAL also work with Prince Andrew School to run a young fire fighter course offered during year 10 and 11 as a curriculum option. At the moment, there are 17 students involved in this program. Other schools are also involved in activities at the airport to try and instil a love for aviation from a young age and create awareness. With specialised skills like communications, navigation, ATC and Met work, SHAL is looking at other avenues to get the youth involved in pursuing careers in these areas. It is important to retain skills on Island to avoid the high cost of recruiting skilled people internationally. A lot of the staff, especially in fire and security, is returning St Helenians that used to work in places like Ascension and the Middle East. Retention of skills is not only dependent on salaries but a lot of other factors need to be taken into consideration like work conditions and other initiatives that companies can employ to retain their staff. Gwyneth gave credit to the team for their loyalty and commitment to St Helena Airport.

When the airport started, there was no formal arrangement for medivac services. So when the first case - baby Eli - had to be medically evacuated, a lot of work had to be done to make this possible. Now this forms a part of the service provided by SHAL. Credit also has to go to Airlink for the efficient "silent"

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED

medivacs, where patients are transferred to medical facilities making use of the scheduled weekly flights. The necessity for medivacs is unpredictable, but a lot is done by the health care services to send patients early enough for treatment to make it possible for them to be transported on the regular flights. This year, only four emergency medivacs have had to be undertaken so far. The flights also make it possible for patients undergoing medical treatment to return home much quicker than was the case with the RMS. This also helps lessen the stress for patients and generally helps to speed up the recovery process.

The next discussion centred on the hot topic at the moment - the weather causing delays in flights during the past couple of months. Gwyneth confirmed that there was a vast difference in the weather conditions experienced this year during August/September compared to previous years. Winds measured during September were the strongest since the opening of the airport, registering at up to 92 knots at the midpoint and threshold. This constitutes hurricane strength wind speeds. The wind speed was so high that it even caused some damage at the airport itself, dislodging a very heavy steel lid. The highest wind speeds recorded before this was between 72 and 85 knots. An aerodrome forecast is dispatched on the morning of the flight. This is a legal document that allows aircraft to dispatch worldwide, not just on St Helena. The window of opportunity for aircraft to land on St Helena is between 12 and 2 o'clock - an hour before arrival time and three hour after arrival, the airport have to be able to assure Airlink that the weather limits will be above their requirement for landing. An example of this is the required cloud base of above 800ft. If the predicted cloud base is below this, the airplane cannot take off. International civil aviation rules govern the Met forecast and they are measured in probability percentages. For Airlink to dispatch the plane out of SA requires a cloud base of 1000ft at a probability of 30%. Sometimes the plane can be dispatched from OR Thambo and then the forecast can be monitored and a final decision can be made even before landing in Walvis Bay, returning the plane to Johannesburg. This happens when the Aerodrome forecast at the time of arrival changes. Forecasting is not a scientific certainty, but rather a probability. At times the plane can get to the point of no return and the airport can predict a window of opportunity at the time of arrival. The team at the airport has access to a weather model where they can observe and assess cloud cover. Depending on their observations of the cloud cover reflected in the model, they can assess whether there will be a window of opportunity for the plane to land safely.

The point of no return is an equal point between Walvis Bay and St Helena. This point is calculated on time - 1 and a 1/2 hours from Walvis Bay or when departing, 1 and 1/2 hours from St Helena. If the weather is not suitable for landing at this point the plane has to return to Walvis Bay. Once this point has been crossed, the plane cannot return to the airport it departed from and it will have to land at its destination. When departing from the Island this will mean if the plane has to return to the Island due to an emergency, it could take up to three hours before it would arrive back at St Helena. The team will have to make sure that the weather is suitable for landing for up to three hours after departure so the plane can land here in case of an emergency, before it can take off. It has happened in the past that the plane gets to the point of no return after departing from Johannesburg and the weather looks acceptable for landing so they continue on. After they cross the point of no return and the weather changes, the plane can be diverted to Ascension to circle there in a holding pattern for a maximum of two hours. The plane however cannot descend as this uses too much fuel and it will make a landing on St Helena impossible.

Weather on St Helena is difficult to predict because the Island is very small and in the middle of the ocean. Therefore there are not a lot of met data points close-by for weather apps to base their forecasts on. This makes the weather apps we use as the public fairly unreliable. The Met forecaster however has access to about eight models that are continuously being monitored, taking cloud base, precipitation, wind etc. into consideration. These models are very sophisticated and are also used by the UK Met office and worldwide. The main concern is safety and Gwyneth reiterated that safety is always paramount and not negotiable.

On normal flight days, some staff members will start as early as 3 o'clock in the morning to co-ordinate with Airlink. There are also protocols for St Helena immigration that need to be considered and sorted before passengers can board and depart in SA, addressing any issues that may be encountered. The Met forecaster and the ATC's are in at around 4 o'clock to start with observations and by 5 o'clock the forecast will be provided to Airlink. If there are any concerns this will lead to further discussions and decisions on dispatching the aircraft. On a normal flight day the working day for staff will end only once the aircraft has crossed the point of no return after departing from the Island - normally about 4.30pm. Airlink can delay their crew duty time by an hour or two, but the staff on St Helena would have already started work so their working day can sometimes even go up to 18:00 if there are delays.

Gwyneth said that she felt one of the biggest achievements was in getting the airport certified and maintaining that certification. Airports usually get a certificate annually but St Helena has an open-ended certificate with no restrictions. This is only possible due to the team effort put in by all staff members at the airport. There have been some other milestones like various types of aircraft that have landed here, the highlight of which would be the recent visit of a C17.

The biggest challenge for St Helena Airport is the different weather conditions and phenomenon. More data has to be collected continuously to collate and keep as references for the future. The other big challenge is the high degree of corrosion experienced at the airport in particular on the Eastern side. This causes damage to a lot of the equipment at the airport making proper maintenance a priority. A new storage facility is being constructed to house a lot of equipment to increase the lifespan.

It is easier for smaller aircraft to land with a tail wind and to avoid wind shear they often prefer to land on runway 01. Airlink aircraft can land with a tailwind of 15 knots, but they prefer to land on runway 19. The airport have a mixed bag of data from planes that have landed on the two runways, but compared to data history of airports like Heathrow that go back 50+ years, a lot of data still has to be collected to identify abnormal situations and identify patterns to support accurate forecasting in the future. The weather and seasons on St Helena are ever changing which makes accurate prediction very challenging. Climate change is something that is affecting the whole world and we are also affected by that here on the Island.

Julie ended off by asking Gwyneth what her aspirations and dreams for the future of St Helena Airport and St Helena as a whole are. Gwyneth said that we need to realise we have a six month window of prime tourist time. To make the best of this to the advantage of the whole Island, we all need to work together as partners to grow tourism and market the Island. SHAL are doing their part with initiatives in generating the interest of the younger generation. They are also working in partnership with Tourism to make the Island more welcoming from the very start of the journey at the Airport by creating a more welcoming look. They are planning to decorate the arrivals hall at the airport to reflect the uniqueness of the Island. The important thing is to get more people in the seats travelling to St Helena to increase the revenue and to eventually increase the schedules to the Island. More tourists will need more facilities and services like accommodation. We all need to market the brand of the Island. This initiative will be started off by the ring-fenced funds to assist in the recovery of the tourism sector, but the private sector will also have to get involved in promoting and marketing the uniqueness of St Helena.

In closing it is good to remember when celebrating the sixth year of the airport operating on St Helena, that the airport has made travel quick, easy and effective and it has also played a vital role in saving lives through the service they continue to provide to all here on Island. Thanks were also extended to the team at SHAL for all their hard work and dedication.

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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.

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.

THE PEAKS NATIONAL PARK

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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30th October 2023

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Thank you from the Chevening Alumni!







We'd like to thank everyone that contributed to and visited our Create and Innovate Sustainability Fair on Sunday, 29th October. Special thanks to: Saint Helena National Trust, Joshua's Family Fun, Dan's Baked Goods, Uncle Borb's Ice Cream, FMH Creations, E-Connect, SHAPE, Abiwans, EMD Waste Management Team, Forestry Section A&NRD, Rose and Crown, New Horizons Youth Club, HTH Community Centre, Jamestown Community Centre, First Jamestown Scouts Group, Atlantic Outpost, Deon Robbertse, Rob Benjamin, Simon Wade, Fiona Duncan, Tom Wortley, Martin (Kunya) Buckley, Deon Yon and the Governor's Office (FCDO).

More information from the Chevening Alumni Project coming soon...

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A more comprehensive advert to follow soon with qualification details and experience of the team and examples of ProArc's designs and completed projects. However, do not hesitate to contact us for more information about the company and how we can assist you with your ideas, dreams and proposals. We are also happy to set up a video conference with companies, contractors and/or individuals outside of St Helena to introduce ourselves.

NOTICE BOARD

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 5th November 2023 – All Saints Transferred		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Friday 10th November	
6.30 p.m.	**Patronal Festival**	**St Martin**

The Parish of St James		
Sunday 5th November 2023 – All Saints Transferred		
9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St James
3.30 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Michael
	Monday 6th November	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Mary
	Thursday 9th November	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 5th November 2023 – All Saints Transferred		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 7th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

Sunflower Créche would like to thank all those that came to their Cancer Awareness party on Saturday 21st October 2023.



With all of your help and support, we were able to donate a total of £1350.00 to the Cancer Support and Awareness Charity

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

MEMBER OF THE PANEL OF INVESTIGATORS

The St Helena Legislative Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from members of the community who are interested in serving as aMember of the Panel of Investigators (POI). This is an opportunity to assist with investigations regarding the conduct of Members of the Legislative Council and be a part of ensuring the accountability of the Legislative Council.

Members of the public who are interested in this key role should be non-partisan and possess the knowledge, investigative skills, experience,personal qualities and standing within the community suitable to perform this role.

Remuneration is provided to members who are selectedfrom the panelto serve on an Investigative Commissionwhenappointed to conduct an investigation.

Interested persons should submit a résumé to Anita Legg, Legislative Council Office,The Castle, or via email toanita.legg@sainthelena.gov.shby 4pm on Friday 24November 2023.

The Code of Conduct for Members of the Legislative Council can be found in the Public Library or on the SHG website through www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/SP-49-22-Code-of-Conduct-for-Members-of-LegCo.pdf.

Legislative Council
30 October 2023

The St Helena Diabetes Association will be hosting their International Diabetes Day with a Tea Party on Saturday, 11th November 2023, at the Jamestown Community Centre, starting at 2.30pm

Those attending can leave their names, by Monday, 6 November, with:

Phyllis Coleman on telephone 24656
Cheryl Anthony MBE 23971
Dorita Fuller 25038
Wendy Fuller 23474
Maureen Thompson 22088
or Ronald Coleman on telephone 24250

Transport will be provided."

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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Join us!
We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Portfolio Director – Economic Development (£46,631 per annum)

The Public Service is seeking to recruit a Portfolio Director to provide strategic leadership across the newly formed Economic Development Portfolio.

This is a Senior Leadership role which will be key in supporting the delivery of Government's vision of "A sustainable environment that creates opportunity and inspires social and economic progress ensuring a better quality of life for all".

The purpose of this role is to:

- Ensure Government's economic development goals and objectives are efficiently and effectively achieved.
- Develop and facilitate a policy environment which enables sustainable development.
- Improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by providing strategic leadership across the Economic Development Portfolio.

The successful candidate will lead the development of the Economic Development Portfolio, providing the expertise to support the Public Service to ensure effective integration between all functions and services within the Portfolio.

Operating strategically as a member of the Senior Leadership Team this is a key role across the Public Service which will influence the Public Service and Government policy and practice.

Portfolio Directors are integral to supporting the overall financial resilience of the Public Service. As Accounting Officers, Portfolio Directors have a responsibility for ensuring that value for money is achieved in the use of public resources under their control and the collection of revenue.

Enquiries: **Susan O'Bey on 22145**
Closing date: **22 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.

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Programme & Project Coordinator (£11,542 - £14,215 per annum) A Market Enhancement of £3,500 per annum will apply and be reviewed after a 2 year period

In this role, the Programme & Project Coordinator will be expected to collaborate with all functions of the PMO, including elements of project planning and delivery, as well as work to improve overall project and programme capacity.

Enquiries: **Paul Cherrett on 22270**
Closing date: **08 November 2023**

1:1 Teaching Assistants (St Paul's Primary) (£7,823 - £8,114 per annum) 2 x Fixed Term (1 until May 2024)

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: **Patricia Williams on 24737**
Closing date: **10 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 four 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: **06 November 2023**

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Assistant Budget Officer (£9,197 per annum)

Treasury is seeking to employ highly motivated individuals who have a flare for figures and monitoring to support Budget Holders and Budget Officers in the completion of budget reports and variance and trend analysis to support evidence based decision making.

Enquiries: **Joanne Jonas & Lillian Andrews on 22470**
Closing date: **13 November 2023**

Office Manager (Treasury) (£14,585 per annum)

Treasury is seeking to recruit an individual who will provide efficient administrative support for the Financial Secretary, Deputy Financial Secretary and across the Treasury, which will include the Central Finance, Customer Services Centre, Procurement Services, Tax Office and Social Security functions. The successful candidate will be the backbone of the Treasury Office operations, responsible for managing various administrative tasks while ensuring the smooth functioning of the office environment.

Enquiries: **Nicholas Yon on 22470**
Closing date: **14 November 2023**

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

Supporting the HR Transactional team, the Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Keys areas include recruitment and selection, leavers, contractual changes and employment related policies and procedures. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No 22470**
Closing date: **16 November 2023**

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

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

Enquiries: **Myra Young on Tel No 24724**
Closing date: **16 November 2023**

Agricultural Support Assistant (£7,341 per annum)

The Environmental, Natural Resources and Planning portfolio are 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. Contact us for more information and a discussion about this post.

Enquiries: **Andrea Timm on 24724**
Closing date: **16 November 2023**

Head of Learning Support –Prince Andrew School

(£14,585 per annum)

As the Head of Learning up will be required to lead and manage the Learning Support Centre in Prince Andrew School (PAS) to ensure an inclusive education for all students with Special Educational Needs and or Disability/SEND or Social Emotional and Mental Health Needs (SEMH).

Enquiries: Isabel Andrews on 24290
Closing date: **14 November 2023**

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SIDE PATH ROAD CLOSURES

As noted in the update of 20 October, Sunday closures of Side Path Road are being considered where this may help to accelerate the completion of Field Road rehabilitation works.

A request has been received from the contractor for two Sunday closures during November to enable them to complete the works faster. The Highways Authority has considered and approved these. Side Path Road will therefore be closed on 5 November and 19 November 2023.

Road closure and diversion signs will be in place, with access to and from Jamestown still being available via Constitution Hill Road and Ladder Hill Road.

With the low levels of traffic generally experienced on Sundays, the contractor will not be implementing any further traffic management measures.

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

#StHelena #Field Road #EDIP

SHG, 31 October 2023

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
5th November
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 7th November
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 9th November
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WLCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

Golf Report for 29 October

SHGC, Contributed



Finally, we can feel it. Summer is here. In dry but breezy weather conditions last Sunday's monthly medal competition got underway with two tee times. First group teed off at 7:30am with the other groups teeing off at 12noon. This initiative follows a request by some of our members and is aimed at giving players flexibility and hopefully we will have more members taking part in competitions. Peter Bagley beat the youngest player in the field, Asa Bushuru, on a countback after both players tied on top of the leaderboard with net 68. Peter took first prize and Asa settled for second prize. There were no two ball pool winners. Prizes were presented by the Ladies Capt Helena Stevens.

Coming up on Sunday, 5 November, is the second opportunity to win a Turkey or Ham 18-hole Medalford Competition with two tee times of 7:30am and 12noon. Call in on 24421 to sign up. Registration closes on Saturday at 3pm.

Lastly the date for the Open Championship 2023 has reverted back to the initial dates of 18th and 19th for qualifiers, third round on 25th and final round on 26th November. Kindly note a rice and curry meal, roast pork and potatoes will be served on the evening of the final round of the event. Leave a message on 24421 or pop in at the clubhouse and enter your name on the list for the competition as well as for the meal. Registration for the Open championship will close on Sunday, 12 November. Happy swinging!

Greetings from Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

It was a rather quiet night this week with other traditional fun activities taking place it was lovely to see so many people out celebrating and enjoying the beautiful weather. Still, we decided to open the club to see if anyone fancied a shoot. Luckily, we had three juniors come to give shooting a go. Lucas, who is no stranger and has shot at the club before, took his position and settled in, he shot 81.1 points. Amelia and Frazer who were on-Island for a two-week holiday also wanted to have a shoot at our club on St Helena. Their first time to shoot a .22 target rifle, after giving them a briefing, safety points and demonstration, they were happy to have a go. Frazer shot 54 and Amelia shot 70, they did very good for their first time and were always on target, they paid attention to the detonation, so well done to these three, may you carry this memory from Jamestown Rifle Club when you leave.

We were delighted to welcome back two of our friends, Kate West and Karen Cooper, two long serving members who were here 2017, catching up and having a shoot with 85.1 shot by Karen and 89.2 from Kate, well done and looking forward to seeing you next week. Sampson had another crack at it tonight and shot 85, after repositioning him and making few adjustments he steered on tract and shot 91.3. Jodie Scipio-Constantine did not mess around but showed what she's capable off, once settled in on the range she knew where she was heading, all her shots popped in the ten's returning with 100.7 - well done and good shooting! Thanks to Deirdre as usual for her dedication and support.

Next week Tuesday we are hoping to have a Medal Competition so let's make this a good event, also upcoming dates for the next steak meal and Christmas shooting competition will follow. Have a wonderful and Blessed weekend and enjoy the weather!

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Lower Age

Young Rebels 1
Dillon George
MoM: Shreya Harris

Guardians 3
Kayden Scott (3)
MoM: Kayden Scott

Falcons 1
Hugo Richards
MoM: Joel Peters

Megalodons 0
MoM: Tom Kruzte

Upper Age

Troopers 6
Tyler Anthony (3)
Lebron George (2)
Harry Winfield
MoM: Harry Winfield

Terminators 0
MoM: Levi Williams

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 5 November 2023

9am	**Rumblers**	**vs**	**Falcons**
9am	**Terminators**	**vs**	**Anonymous Phenomenons**
10am	**Megalodons**	**vs**	**Guardians FC**

English Premier League 2023/24



Matchweek 11 Fixtures

Saturday 4 November 2023
12.30 Fulham v Man Utd
15.00 Brentford v West Ham
Burnley v C'Palace
Everton v Brighton
Man City v Bournemouth
Sheffield Utd v Wolves
17.30 Newcastle v Arsenal

Sunday 5 November 2023
14.00 Nott'm Forest v Aston Villa
16.30 Luton v Liverpool

Monday 6 November 2023
20:00 Spurs v Chelsea

SPORTS ARENA

DISTRICT RESULTS

Sunday 29 October 2023

Jamestown 1
S Stroud (pen)

St Pauls 2
B Isaac, S Stroud

Half Tree Hollow 9
R Benjamin (8)
T Osborne
MoM: Rico Benjamin
YPoM: Toure Osborne

Longwood 2
S Thomas, J Thomas

DISTRICT FIXTURES

Sunday 5 November 2023

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

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

ST PAULS HOLDING ON AS RICO RUNS RAMPANT FOR HALF TREE HOLLOW IN DISTRICT LEAGUE







The SHFA District League 2023 is becoming a two-horse race with St Pauls and Half Tree Hollow looking the two favourites to battle it out for glory this year. St Paul's started as the frontrunners and continues to remain top after a narrow win over Jamestown. Half Tree Hollow however remain undefeated and are beginning to dominate games, scoring sixteen in the last two outings, with Rico Benjamin bagging eleven of those. If both teams win again this weekend, it will come down to the final day of the tournament, when St Pauls and HTH, will battle it out for ninety minutes to see who comes out on top for 2023.





