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Liam Yon, SAMS

Hi everybody, hope 2024 is treating you well so far. A quarter of the year is basically down already, which is a scary thought, but instead of talking about how quick time is flying, let's just make sure we make the most out of each day so there's no excuses!

I am currently, if all went well (fingers crossed), on the road to recovery after finally getting ACL reconstruction surgery on my knee after picking up the injury nearly four years ago playing football on Francis Plain. Those years have been some of the hardest in my life having to give up my passion and the thing I loved to do most of all, which is playing the beautiful game.

Having to adapt to not being as physically active as I once was has been really tough, both physically and mentally. From somebody who could dash up that tree in seconds to get dates, or jump over that barricade with ease, having to watch my step and carefully walk up a flight of stairs has been demoralising and something that many injured sportsmen and women can relate to I guess. I've seen countless of orthopaedic specialists (yes, including you know who) and year after year have failed to get fixed despite all suggesting I needed the surgery – which was especially frustrating when some others in the community gets sent away for similar issues. However, finally SHG is allowing a surgeon to bring in his equipment and team to be able to fix not just me, but others with the same problems, and I wish them the best of luck with their procedure and recovery as well.

I would just like to take this moment to show appreciation and love to my amazing family who has been there for me throughout these hard years and kept me positive when I felt down – especially my soon-to-be four-year-old, Daddy loves you son, and hopefully I'll be back stronger than ever soon! ◙

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor

Thank you for inviting our comment in respect of last week's Sentinel article: From ***"Partner" to "Opposition"***, where the current predicament of Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) and PQ Trading (PQT - the 'investor') is in focus.

STC suggests (as is the usual stance of the company), that the SHCFA are in "opposition" to their project. We understand this, because a company which prefers not to stand accountable for its own actions, will require someone/something to blame.

We have compiled many articles for the island's media over the last 4 years explaining our position. We will therefore ignore the accusations STC have made toward us at this time as these have been addressed satisfactorily before. Instead, we will focus on what we believe to be the crux of the matter.

PQT did not fully understand the landscape into which they were investing. They did not fully understand the progressive nature of St Helena's participation in the Blue Belt Programme etc. and how this was going to change the landscape even more. Their 2019 "proposal" which they referenced, has not been realised because it rapidly became evident that it didn't fit the landscape. In fact, during an open session meeting in 2020, a member of the previous EXCO, honourably conceded that the proposal was changing so much, he was having difficulty to even recognise it when compared to the original.

Essentially, STC/PQT have been trying to whittle down a square peg to make it fit a round hole – with enough time afforded to them, perhaps they will eventually succeed.

Whilst this was/is going on, SHG have also had their hands full. In 2019, when PQT apparently had their original proposal accepted in "its entirety" by SHG, new fisheries policy and revised legislation was still waiting to be implemented. The much anticipated Tuna Advisory Report, which was going to be used to set tuna quotas was still to be received.

In essence, the 'foundation' on which the new approach to fisheries was to be built was still being constructed, but SHG did not wait for this to be completed before accepting investment proposals. It is never a good idea to build a house and then try to set a foundation underneath it afterwards. This however, appears to be what the previous government felt was the necessary course of action.

The combination of these factors are the primary reason for why this project is where it is today.

It is correct that the SHCFA, have unashamedly made significant effort to encourage our government to take stock of the situation and above all, we have implored them to address what is perceived at the very least to be acute mismanagement across this process. Lessons of the past are supposed to be relied upon to plot a safe course, not ignored so as to repeat previous mistakes.

Despite the above and for your consideration - STC have a newly refurbished factory courtesy of public funds, have enjoyed a 3 year grace period in respect of rent, they are supported by international partners and apparently have access to a fleet of offshore vessels. They should be a force comparable to a juggernaut, yet a handful of small scale artisanal fishermen like the SHCFA are supposedly affecting their progress...?

We would respectfully remind PQT/STC Directors that there are fishermen on island who have never given them an indication that they would support the company's project. 9 local vessel owners certainly have as they are the owners of STC – their shareholding enabled by the £500k grant to refurbish the factory. If independent fishermen choose not to sell their catch to STC, this is their choice to make and they should actually not have to justify it. The same perhaps cannot be said about STC owner vessels.

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Flowerpot Snakes

More invasive Brahminy Blind Snakes identified and found in Jamestown but Biosecurity says "there is no need to panic"



Demy Herne, SAMS

For the first time ever, a snake was found and identified on St Helena. In June 2023 a snake resembling a long black worm was found at the Jamestown Wharf. St Helena's Biosecurity Officers identified the reptile as a Brahminy Blind Snake, commonly known as a 'Flowerpot snake'.

Since then, eight more have been found in Jamestown, in the same area as the first, and due to the amount of time that has passed, it is believed that these snakes have been breeding. This is very likely the case as the Brahminy Blind Snake are able to reproduce asexually - a mode of reproduction in which a new offspring is produced by a single parent, without the need for a male.

"To be honest I cannot say where they came from, but there is a possibility that they have been here for some time now and have only come to light possibly due to the changes in climate," explained Biosecurity Control Officer, Julie Balchin. "Another possibility could be that that these snakes did actually come in a container but was overlooked, although, I cannot see that happening, but anything is possible."

Thankfully, this snake is no threat to humans and pets; it is non-venomous and their diet mainly consists of the larvae, eggs and pupae of ants and termites. When each snake was found, ants were present at the time, so it is likely that they were trying to find the ants' nest to locate the larvae.

These snakes are an invasive species and can be found all over the world. The maximum length that this species can reach is around 10cm, and they are often mistaken worldwide for earth worms. "With these snakes looking like an earth worm, this could be a possibility how they could have been overlooked," admitted Julie.

These snakes mainly spread through the plant trade, though how they arrived to St Helena is a mystery as the Island does not import soil, which is something these snakes like to live in.

Due to these snake being an invasive species, they "have been humanly euthanized" explained Julie Balchin. "Once again, theses snakes are no threat to humans and there is no need to panic!"

A Date with the Courts

Half of February arrests to result in Court, St Helena Police reports



Liam Yon, SAMS

During the month of February, the Royal St Helena Police Service arrested 13 people for various offences, as reported in a post on their official Facebook page.

Out of those 13 arrests, six will result in a date with the Magistrates Court.

"Six of these people were charged and will appear in Jamestown Court over the coming weeks, six were bailed to return to the Police Station for various reasons, and the final one was released with no further action being taken," reported St Helena Police.

Speaking on the offences, Police reported that one person was arrested for a burglary at Longwood during which the offender stole a cash tin containing a large sum of money, along with a quantity of £10 SURE mobile phone top-up cards.

Another person was arrested for a domestic related assault, whereby the suspect is alleged to have grabbed his partner around the neck.

A further two people were arrested for drunk-driving - providing specimens of breath at 65 and 88 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath, surpassing the legal limit of 50 micrograms of alcohol per 100 millilitres of breath.

One person was arrested for being found drunk in a public place, while another was arrested for theft at The Star in Jamestown where the offender stole a purse containing £26 in cash.

"In addition to the arrests, numerous people also voluntarily attended the Police station in order to assist the Police with enquiries into matters concerning them," concluded St Helena Police.

Councillors for Social Change

Elected Members give Councillor's Update on SAMS Radio One






Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On 12 March, Cllr Robert Midwinter, Cllr Gillian Brooks and Cllr Dr Corinda Essex went on-air on SAMS Radio 1 for their regular Councillor's Update, where they discussed private members bills and important social issues.

"Myself and Cllr Bargo are the St Helena representatives on the British Islands Mediterranean Region Commonwealth Women's Parliamentarian Group," Cllr Brooks stated. "One of the things that the Group wanted to do was to have a little project in the different regions with girls - 15, 16 year olds - on issues facing young women today. I took this on for St Helena and I met with four girls from Prince Andrew School."

"I was really surprised at how well they did," Cllr Brooks further stated. "They just spoke of their concerns, they touched on things... from teenage pregnancies to having the right education in place, which they recognise they do have as part of their Life Studies.... they looked at sports [and] the interaction of boys and girls together in sports."

"Then we went on to look at women in the workplace," Cllr Brooks continued. "This was a very interesting discussion because they recognise that here on St Helena, for example, women are very much in high roles; we don't have a problem with women not being able to achieve here on St Helena. What they did bring up, which was quite interesting, is that you don't see a lot of women in construction roles [or as] electricians, plumbers, in these kind of technical roles."

"Here, again, they recognised that this is available within the school, but we still perceive this as being a man's role," Cllr Brooks added. "These trades and professions are so needed, even abroad, so we really should be doing more to encourage girls into these roles."

"They mentioned the opening of the island and touched on, 'are we ready socially, culturally, for transgender [people, for example]?'," Cllr Brooks concluded.

Cllr Midwinter spoke about the legislative research he did before attending the Kenyan workshop on parliamentary action against gender-based violence late last year.

"One thing that was brought to mind is that, although we have legislation addressing domestic violence in particular, there was nothing specifically relating to female genital mutilation (FGM)," Cllr Midwinter stated. "I made a commitment that before the end of this financial year, I would bring to the House a private member's Bill relating to FGM. So that is coming to the House at our next formal sitting. It is now published and available on the St Helena Government website... I am very open to receiving feedback from the public on that draft."

"Quite simply put, female genital mutilation is the removal of part or parts of the female reproductive organs," Cllr Midwinter explained. "It is a cultural practise that is undertaken in a number of countries, partly religious-based, partly cultural-based, but it removes the ability for women to receive stimulation during sex, in a nutshell. The woman becomes basically a reproductive organ for a man. I find that heinous to even think about, but it is something that is still practised in a lot of countries."

"The reason that it is important here is that we are looking to open up the Island further," Cllr Midwinter continued. "By us adopting something like this, we are sending out a very clear message that it is something that we will not be accepting here on St Helena, particularly as we look to have more people join our community."

"We need to bring these subjects out into the open," Cllr Midwinter stated. "I knew what [FGM] was before I went [to the Kenyan workshop], but I had no idea how deep it went."

"I am also preparing a private member's Bill to take to Legislative Council," Cllr Dr Essex stated. "I was hoping to have been able to take it to the one at the end of this month as well, but because there were delays in getting feedback at certain points in the process, that's not going to be possible."

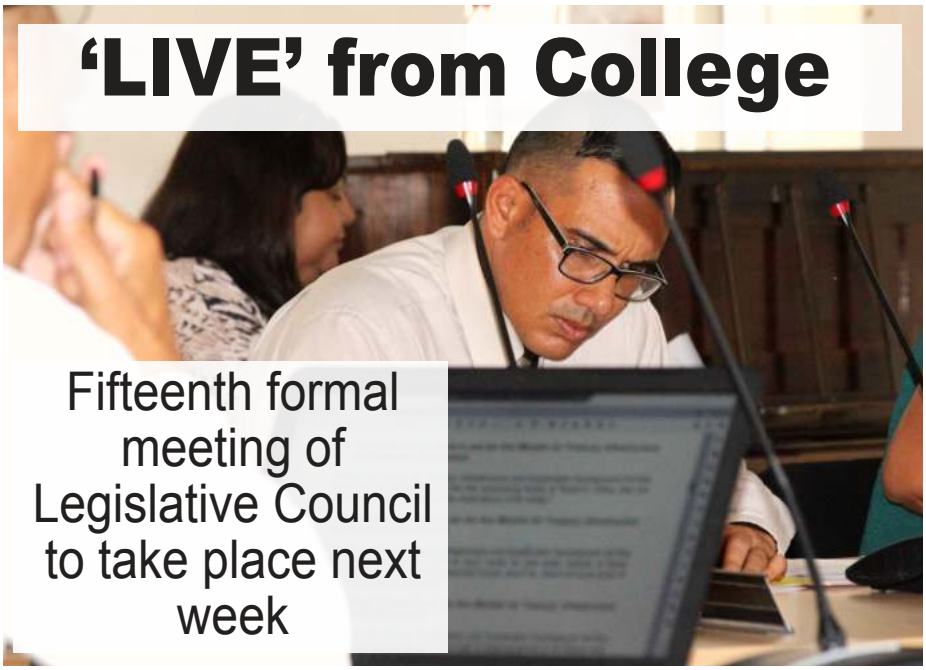
"I think this also has a direct bearing on young people because what I am primarily looking at is revising the Liquor Ordinance to restrict underage children being able to drink in public places," Cllr Dr Essex further stated. "Underage drinking... has been an issue for years, quite a long time before the last general election, and is being raised by safeguarding authorities, by the police, by members of the public, because of anti-social behaviour."

"At the moment, the only legal restriction applies to licensed premises," Cllr Dr Essex explained. "If they're not on licensed premises, there's nothing to stop them being able to drink in public. If something like that is brought in, it will help to deal with anti-social behaviour. It will certainly help to put parents' minds at rest... it will reduce the risk of vandalism, criminal damage, assault and criminal behaviour."

They all also expressed hopes for a formal session of LegCo at the end of March - which has now been confirmed for the 25th - although this, unfortunately, will not be the budget session.

"Even if we get that [budget from the UK] in the next few days, it's going to be too late to get a whole new budget in place by 1 April, although obviously the earlier we know, the shorter the roll-over period should be able to be," Cllr Dr Essex stated. "This is disappointing news, as roll-over budgets do a great deal of harm in terms of halting progress."

‘LIVE’ from College



Fifteenth formal meeting of Legislative Council to take place next week

Liam Yon, SAMS

The first sitting of the fifteenth Formal Meeting of Legislative Council is scheduled to take place on Monday, 25 March, starting at 10am in the St Helena Community College.

During this sitting, Elected Members will consider three Bills for an Ordinance, all of which can currently be viewed in the public domain on the SHG website, for consultation whereby questions can be asked and concerns raised prior to consideration of the Bills by Council. These Bills include the Supplementary Appropriation (2023-24) Bill 2024, the Female Genital Mutilation (Prohibition) Bill 2024, and the Public Holidays (Amendment) Bill 2023.

To date, the Order Paper for this formal meeting of Legislative Council includes thirteen questions for response, and three motions for debate.

During this meeting, Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks will also table a motion to empower the Financial Secretary to withdraw funds from the Consolidated Fund to allow public services to continue. This is necessary as the financial aid settlement for 2024/25 have not been confirmed by the UK Government. It was hoped that settlement would have been confirmed by the end of February allowing enough time to finalise the 2024/25 Budget and present this to Legislative Council as planned on the 25th of March. Instead, a rollover budget will now have to be sought and approved at the upcoming Legislative Council meeting.

For those interested in hearing this meeting, tune into SAMS Radio 1 where we will be broadcasting the proceedings ‘live’ from the Community College.

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

MAUNDY THURSDAY SAFETY ADVICE

Maundy Thursday falls this year on Thursday 28 March 2024. It is St Helena tradition to spend this time fishing at various locations around the island.

To help ensure that we all stay safe the Sea Rescue Service offers the following safety advice.

If you’re planning a fishing trip, please inform family members and friends of your intended location and time of return. It is also advisable to consider taking the following items with you:

- VHF radio, mobile phone or other means of communication
- Life jacket
- Any prescription medication
- Adequate food and water
- Suitable clothing for the weather conditions, including hi-vis clothing
- First aid kit
- Adequate lighting

Please do not fish alone.

The Sea Rescue Service teams will be patrolling the various fishing areas around the island throughout Maundy Thursday night.

If any assistance is required, you can call for help on VHF Channel 16, which will be monitored at all times by the Emergency Services Call Centre (call sign ‘St Helena Radio’).

The teams can also be signalled by flashing or waving a light and, as usual, will still be contactable in an emergency via telephone number 999.

The tides on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday are as follows:

Maundy Thursday

High tide: 04:20 – 0.85m above chart datum
High tide: 04:54 – 0.80m above chart datum
Low tide: 11:02 – 0.15m above chart datum

Good Friday

Low tide: 10:28 – 0.11m above chart datum
High tide: 16:42 – 0.86m above chart datum
High tide: 17:15 – 0.81m above chart datum
Low tide: 23:29 – 0.18m above chart datum
Low tide: 22:54 – 0.15m above chart datum

The Sea Rescue Service wish everyone a safe and happy Easter.

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Call to Witness



Foreign Affairs Committee collects evidence on BOT students receiving UK support

Hannah Braaf, SAMS

The sub-committee of the Foreign Affairs Committee on the British Overseas Territories (BOTs) have requested written evidence, regarding the ways in which support is given to UK and BOT students by the UK government.

Although each BOT government is responsible for providing education, the UK Government does have a responsibility to promote the political, economic, social and educational advancement of BOTs, under Article 73 of the United Nations Charter.

There are currently not any higher learning facilities on three of the BOTS, including the Falkland Islands, Pitcairn and here on St Helena, along with our sister Islands of Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

In addition, the 2012 Government White Paper placed emphasis on education for aid assistance, which includes teacher training, UK-Territory partnerships and related infrastructure improvements.

The Foreign Affairs Committee is now looking for evidence on the support students receive from the UK Government, as well as on what can be improved in relation to higher learning provision.

The sub-committee is specifically searching for evidence on the following:

- In what ways is the UK Government supporting education of students from the BOTs?
- Is the Government reaching its aspiration to prioritise aid assistance for education to Official Development Assistance (ODA) eligible territories, which includes St Helena?
- What struggles are presented to BOT students and how can the UK Government help with these?
- To what extent are the various responsible Government departments working together in achieving their education goals in the BOTs?
- To what extent have they been responsive to requests and concerns raised by the BOTS and their students?

The end-date for provision of evidence is 25 March. After evidence has been examined, the Committee expects to hold an evidence session, which will be open to the public.

Anyone who wishes to share their opinion on this can submit their evidence on the UK Parliament website.

Overseas Saints Travel Survey

St Helena Island

St Helena Tourism is trying to better understand the tendencies and travel preferences of overseas Saints when planning to travel to St Helena.

Kindly take a few minutes to complete the survey at the link below and you could win £100*.

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/overseassaints

*A winner will be drawn at random from a list of fully completed surveys after the survey closes on 15 April 2024. Be sure to include your name and contact details at the end of the survey to be entered into the draw.

www.sthelenatourism.com

Strengthening Ties between OTs

St Helena Delegation undergoes Official Visit to UKOT of Montserrat



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Wednsday afternoon of last week, despite some unforeseen delays, St Helena's delegation consisting of His Excellency Governor Nigel Phillips, Chief Minister Julie Thomas, and Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey, finally arrived to their destination of Montserrat to begin their official seven-day visit to the UK Overseas Territory.

Facilitated by the Foriegn, Commonwealth and Development Office upon the invitation of the Governor of Montserrat, Her Excellency Sarah Tucker, the trip aimed to strengthen ties between St Helena and Montserrat.

According to SHG, whilst there, the delegation met with the Governor, Premier, members of Parliament and officials of Montserrat. The meetings helped the delegation to understand the challenges and opportunities Montserrat is facing, approaches being taken to these and where these have similarities to our own. Similarly, it allowed for colleagues in Montserrat to hear about the approaches being deployed in St Helena, facilitating experience sharing and cross-territorial learning.

In addition, the St Helena delegation were treated to some significant social and cultural events being held throughout the week in Montserrat, to get a greater feel and understanding of the territory. These included attending a flower show and tea party hosted by the Montserrat National Trust, a visit to the Montserrat Volcano Observatory and the Plymouth Exclusion Zone. The group also joined in with St Patrick's Day celebrationd, attending the traditional parade and marking the main national holiday of Montserrat.

This trip to Montserrat also marked the first official visit of Chief Minister Thomas to another UKOT. The delegation are scheduled to arrive back to the Island on Saturday.

'Effective Parliaments'



72nd Westminster Seminar attended by Councillors Coleman and Thrower

Demy Herne, SAMS

Councillors Ronald Coleman and Karl Thrower recently attended the 72nd Westminster Seminar in London, running from 11-15 March.

This year's theme was 'effective parliaments' and, according to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK Press Release, the five-day programme offered delegates an unparalleled opportunity to immerse themselves in the world of parliamentary democracy, practice and procedure.

The seminar is said to serve as a platform for parliamentarians and clerks from across the Commonwealth to learn from one another, discuss shared experiences, and address the unique challenges they encounter in carrying out their parliamentary duties.

Over the course of the programme, the delegates met and heard contributions from a range of experienced speakers, including The Rt. Hon. Sir Lindsay Hoyle MP, Speaker of the House of Commons, The Lord Speaker, Lord McFall, Dame Meg Hiller MP, Chair of the Public Accounts Committee, and The Rt Hon. Dame Maria Miller MP, Chair of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association UK.

During Councillor Coleman and Thrower's time off-Island, Councillor's Essex and Turner have been covering the Half Tree Hollow and Levelwood districts respectively. Councillor's Coleman and Thrower are scheduled to return to St Helena this weekend.



"Make positive next steps in your journey"

Celebrating Achievement at Prince Andrew School's Annual Awards Ceremony



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Wednesday of last week, Prince Andrew School hosted their Annual Awards Ceremony in the Main School Hall to present certificates to former GCSE and A-Level students, as well as to award outstanding individuals for their performances throughout the year – all in front of fellow students, teachers, parents and invited guests.

At the awards ceremony, Acting Governor, Stephen Thwaites, addressed those in attendance. "This awards ceremony is a celebration of your achievements, so I want to begin by congratulating all of those collecting certificates or awards on your successes," he said. "You should be proud of what you have accomplished. These achievements take a lot of hard work, and you have had a disrupted education due to Covid. Successes in easy times should be celebrated, but when you persevere through tough times, those successes are magnified and you should all be very proud."

The presentations then got underway with certificates presented to former Year's 9, 11, 12 and 13 students of Prince Andrew School following completion of their GCSE's, VRQ's, ICDL's, as well as AS and A-Levels.

This was then followed by a number of individual presentations.

Sadie Herne was this year's recipient of the Jean Beadon Art award while the Governor's Award for Excellence at Key Stage 3 went to Dionne Muranganwa and Asa Bushuru. The PTA Students of the













Year was Maria Dachraoui and Brooke Yon. Maria was a popular name on the day as she also picked up the SURE Sponsorship Award alongside Kalem Henry. Maria was also called forward alongside Jaede Benjamin to pick up the Jeanette Williams Maths Awards, while she was once again called to the stage as the recipient of this year's English Language Awards along with Amy Thomas. The Eliza Mary Lloyd Trust Agriculture Award was awarded to Joey Harris-Henry and the Bishop Houghton Award went to Mitchell Crowie. The final award of the morning was the Joy George award, which was presented to Kyle Benjamin and Anna-Lucia Roberts.

The awards ceremony concluded with words of thanks from the Student President and Vice President, with closing remarks given by Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence.

Acting Head Teacher for PAS, Isabel Andrews, said that she "would like to congratulate all of our awardees on their achievements."

"They have had to be committed to their studies both in school and spend time at home working hard as well," she added. "A big thank you to everyone who supported the students in any way to reach their goals - teachers, mentors and also parents and family members - your input is invaluable! We trust that you will use these achievements to help you make positive next steps in your journey."

The Sentinel congratulates all awardees from the day on their outstanding achievements.













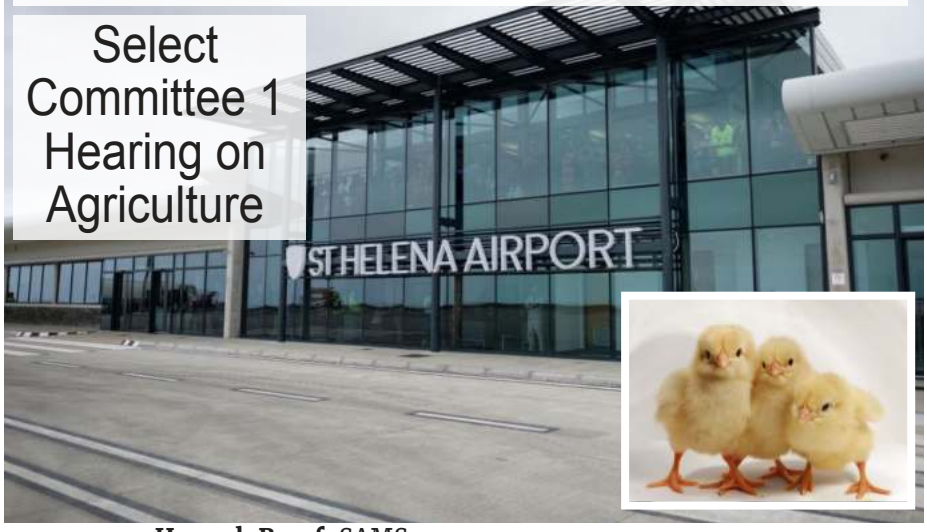






Day-old Chicks Scrutinised

Select Committee 1 Hearing on Agriculture



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

The second Select Committee 1 hearing was held on 6 March at 2pm in the Council Chamber. Chairperson of Select Committee 1, Cllr Robert Midwinter, and members Cllr Gillian Brooks and Cllr Ronald Coleman scrutinised the agricultural area, specifically farming support, land-use review and poultry production. Cllr Midwinter declared himself a member of the Agricultural Strategy Working Group before proceedings commenced, however he added that he sees this as complementary to his role as Chairperson, not a conflict of interest.

Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio Director, Darren Duncan, and Agricultural Development Officer, Andrea Timm, were called to provide evidence.

First, Cllr Midwinter asked for an "overview of the main policies that the Portfolio has in place relating to the subject matter".

"The main policy that we have at the moment... supporting the agricultural sector is our policy for the release of agricultural assets in the form of land and buildings," Darren explained. "In the past, we've had various support policies, such as the public private partnership policy, but due to funding that we have currently, a number of policy provisions have not been able to be actively pursued or policies have been removed from our policy portfolio, simply because we have never had the funds to implement them or we have had exit strategies to move us away from that. So in terms of agricultural production, we lease our land and buildings under our assets policy."

"We also have a small water subsidy policy and then we have support provisions for clearance of land that we have specifically for Government land," Darren further explained. "It's in the form of a small partnership grant. We have a small herbicide policy where we subsidise the cost of herbicides and pesticides that are provided from ENRP's stock and we also have a soil testing support provision as well. All of the other support services don't come under specific policies, but they are provided as part of the overall service provision from ENRP."

Cllr Brooks then began posing her series of questions, focusing on the import of day-old chicks. She inquired as to the specific targets that were set when the poultry unit was contracted out to the private sector and whether or not they were met.

"The targets were set under the public-private arrangement that we had with a partner or contractor at the time, and we were looking at them producing a number of chicks that could be purchased by the private sector and small-holders in order to support egg production on the Island," Andrea stated.

"They were partially met," Andrea further stated. "During the PPP contract, which was for a duration of three years, we did encounter some challenges, and one of the biggest we had was an outbreak of the Newcastle disease. As a result of that, we had to cull a number of chickens on the Island. Fortunately, that poultry unit didn't actually get the disease, they remained disease free."

"During the contract period, there was a plan to import stock, which at the time when the RMS was still going, we were able to bring in embryonated eggs or point-of-lay chickens," Andrea continued. "Unfortunately, we weren't able to go ahead with that plan because of the outbreak on the Island at that time and the outbreak of disease in the UK."

Cllr Brooks then asked if there was "an inclusion of pullets in this divested contract and is this weighed up against issues such as keeping out diseases like avian flu."

"We have quite, in my opinion, a very good biosecurity policy in relation to animal diseases and we are quite strict in terms of what we can and can't bring in," Andrea explained. "We do check of all units in terms of their bio-security and sanitary requirements before we import. We are trying to ensure that no diseases come in."

"With the Newcastle disease, which we had in 2013, there was no conclusive evidence as to how we managed to get the disease," Andrea further explained. "There was some indication that it might have come in with chicken meat that was infected and it got ingested by poultry and, as a result, we had the outbreak of the disease. But there was no indication that it was imported in any way."

Andrea then clarified that the first batch of day-old chicks brought in to St Helena, which happened in 2018, were South African Dekalb Amberlink chickens.

"Previous to 2018, we had always imported our stock from the UK for biosecurity reasons," Andrea stated. "However, because of disease outbreaks there, because of shipping arrangements, it wasn't practical to bring in stock from the UK. So the Senior Veterinary Officer did thorough investigations and he found a bio-secure unit in Johannesburg in South Africa. So we explored that and from the breeds that were available, this one was considered to be the best breed for the Island."

Additionally, Andrea stated that, to-date, 5,000 day-old chicks have been imported to St Helena and in 2018/19, the cost of bringing in 1,000 chicks was £5,500. Darren added that the price was increased to £6,210 for the 2023 batch.

"Legally, chicks can travel within a period of 72-hours, so it would very much depend on the length of the delay," Andrea added. "If it was beyond that and if it was considered, due to welfare reasons, that they could not be flown to St Helena, then unfortunately we would ask

the supplier to take them back and hopefully they can make use of them."

"The arrangement we've had is that we'd pay upon receipt of the chicks on St Helena (no additional cost)," Darren stated.

Cllr Brooks questioned the need to import the chicks, rather than produce them locally.

"The poultry unit was under a PPP contract and we did have some challenges and weren't able meet the targets," Andrea explained. "In order to kick-start the industry again, it was decided that one of the ways to do it, since we were able to fly them in as day-old chicks and with the Airport opening, we decided to bring them in. The plan was always to go back and provide stock on-Island, through either parent stock or embryonated eggs, but we saw this as an opportunity for a quick win."

Cllr Brooks asked about the procurement process for the day-old chicks, which both Darren and Andrea had input on.

"Once the contract for the public-private partnership for egg production to be completed locally on the Island had been finished, we then moved to looking at policy options for resupply of the Island," Darren stated. "We established through policy that day-old chicks was an option that we should now try, as there were no avian influenza issues, no Newcastle disease issues. So we moved to adopting a policy provision that allowed us to bring in day-old chicks first."

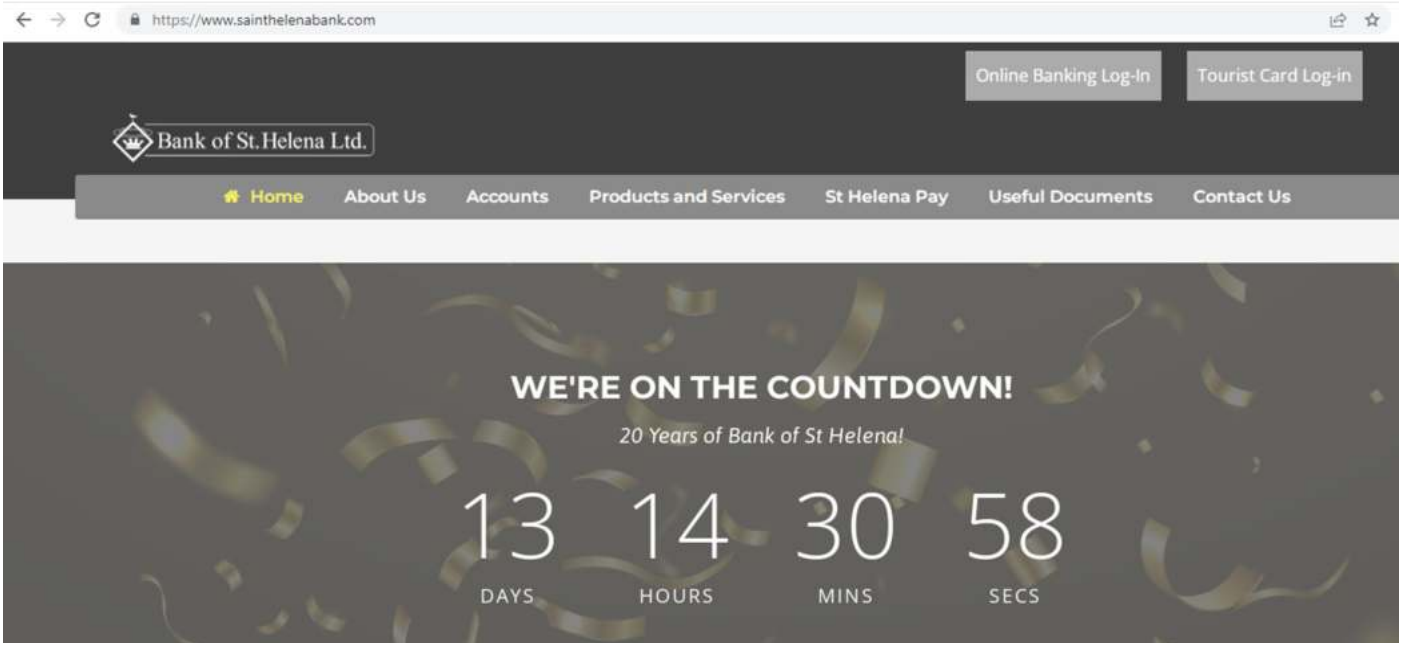
"We had an arrangement with a poultry supplier in Johannesburg, so we would contact them and advise what our demand is," Andrea continued. At the moment, we can only manage a maximum of 1,000 chicks because that is what we can adequately manage within the quarantine station. We will place an order for 1,000, they will advise when they can be ready and we will, through our input license, say what they need to be free from in terms of diseases. They will also be vaccinated prior to coming to the Island."

"We would also then have an agent in Johannesburg who would manage the freight and all the handling facilities," Andrea concluded. "Once all of that is done, they're booked and they arrive here at St Helena."



Just add the W's

New website address for Bank of St Helena



Donna Crowie, SAMS

During the beginning of last week, many customers of the Bank of St Helena expressed issues when trying to access the Bank's official website This issue, according to comments, was present when accessing their website via all platforms including Google and Firefox, among others.

To find out what was causing the Bank's website to have become inaccessible to customers, SAMS contacted the Bank of St Helena, who responded with a quick response to state that "the short story is it has just changed from sainthelenabank.com to www.sainthelenabank.com."

This slight change in the address for the Bank's official website seems to have solved the issues, though those who might have bookmarked the Bank's website on their devices will now need to update the address for this link to work again, adding the www.

Though the issue have now been solved, the Bank still wishes to hear from customers who are continuing to have difficulties or who might have any questions.



Andrew Cant, Oh yes he can!

SHG finally confirm appointment of New Senior Veterinary Officer

Liam Yon, SAMS

Despite The Sentinel already reporting that a new Senior Veterinary Officer had arrived to the Island to take up post, finally SHG have confirmed the news, announcing the appointment of Andrew Cant as the Island's new Senior Vet in a Press Release issued last Friday.

The arrival of a new Senior Vet will be welcome news to the Veterinary and Livestock Section of the Environment, Natural Resources, and Planning Portfolio, who as admitted by SHG "has experienced a shortage of professional veterinary provision within their Veterinary and Livestock Section" since May last year, following the criminal conviction of the former post holder Craig Kitching, now of HM Prison Jamestown.

New Senior Vet, Andrew Cant, arrived to St Helena toward the end of February to take up the vacant Senior Veterinary Officer post on a two-year contract.

"As a result, full veterinary and livestock services are now once again available to the public," said SHG. "We thank everyone who has assisted the veterinary and livestock section over the last year, and the public for their patience and understanding during this time."

With their full range of services once again available, customers can now contact the new Senior Vet at the Veterinary and Livestock Section for queries and feedback regarding veterinary services.

Assisting with the Management of our MPA

More ships for St Helena as Research Vessel, Thalassa, visits over last weekend



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena has been on a roll in recent weeks in terms of the number of vessels visiting the Island, and this continued over the past weekend with the arrival of French Research Vessel, Thalassa, to the Island on Saturday.

According to SHG, St Helena has a longstanding relationship with the Thalassa, after she first visited the Island back in 2020. Since then, the vessel has returned annually to St Helena's Marine Protected Area as part of its long term marine science programme.

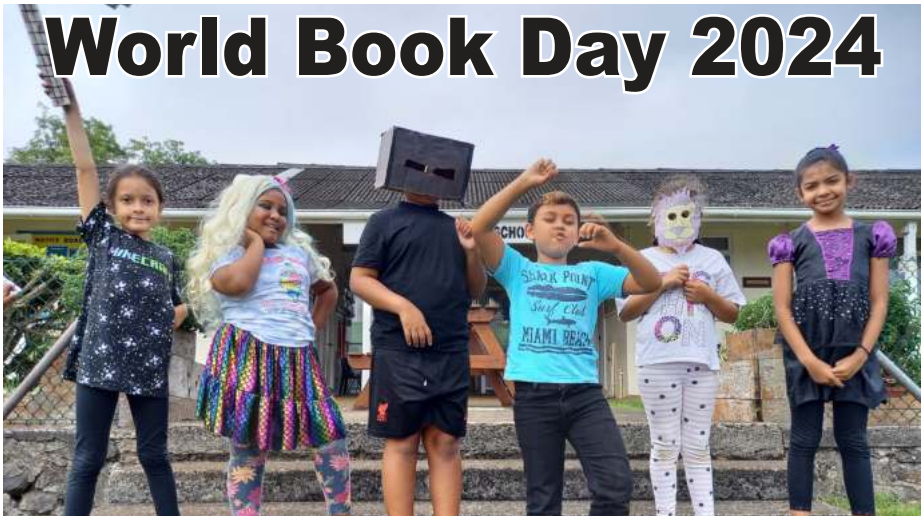
According to SHG, while in St Helena waters, the vessel conducted research around the Island. This included "measuring meteorological and oceanographic parameters, ocean currents, temperature profiles, and sampling surface water."

"The data gathered will be used by the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section to underpin evidence based management of St Helena's MPA," commented SHG.

The weekend visit of the Thalassa also provided a valuable opportunity for SHG's Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section, as well as the St Helena National Trust, who were all invited to board the vessel and liaise with their scientific team. Here, they received a tour of the Thalassa's laboratories and facilities to get a first-hand understanding of the science taking place onboard.

The visiting research vessel remained in St Helena's waters until Sunday before departing once again for their next destination.

World Book Day 2024



SPPS, Contributed

On 1 March, World Book Day was celebrated on St Helena, with the theme for this year's event being 'Read Your Way' – which calls on everyone to let go of pressure and expectations, giving children a choice and a chance to enjoy reading.

St Paul's Primary School held their celebration of World Book Day on 29 February and we, as a school, made sure that throughout the day each child had the option to choose where they read, when they read, how they read, and what they read – giving them a choice to 'Read Your Way'.

The morning started off with an assembly presented by Year 6 Teacher, Mrs Lynette Joshua, who introduced this important event by sharing two PowerPoint presentations. Everyone was engaged and had fun.

Year 6 pupils also took to the stage and told the school about why they love reading. Some explained that books help to calm people down as they take you to a different world, and that reading also lets children learn new things when they don't know they're actually doing them.

Some children came dressed in costumes of their favourite book characters, creating a wonderful atmosphere and buzz at St Pauls Primary.

The teachers planned a range of activities to create a love for reading. It was lovely to see the children engaged and wanting to support each other with reading. We also transformed our school library into different themed areas, such as space, adventure, and fairy tales. The children loved being able to read a range of books in different cosy covers and starry reading settings. We also set up an audio room using some of our sensory resources to set the scene, another area in which the children enjoyed listening to stories.

Paired reading was another highlight, where each class paired up with another class. Pairs worked together on a variety of texts, building their reading confidence, increasing concentration, practicing interacting socially in a positive way, and improving their motivation to read.

We also invited different organisations, parents, and grandparents to read to different classes of children, and this was enjoyed by all. We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who support this event.

Barney also visited St Pauls Primary School and he certainly stole the show.

There are lots of famous children's book writers that are very creative as they use their imagination to make a new picture of the world. George R. R. Martin quoted that "A reader lives a thousand lives before he dies" and Ernest Hemmingway said "There is no friend as loyal as a book."

Children and teachers were asked 'Do you think World Book Day does a good job for celebrating reading? Here are some quotes from someof our pupils: "I think the world would be boring without reading" - Jasmine Winfield; "We won't have words to read" - Logan Yon; "Everyone would be dead if the world didn't have reading" - Faith Phillips; "Nobody would know anything if there was no reading in the world" - Willow Yon-Duncan; "I got to dress up as my favourite book character, Peter Pan" - Kylo Thomas; "I liked the fun activities" - Emmie Found; "I like that reading can take you to another place" - Grace Venning; "I think reading is fantastic and encourages children to see the value of books and appreciate them" - Miss Duncan; "To read every day" - Sandro Henry; "Doing fun things and listening to audio books" - Violet Dykes; "Wouldn't know what to do" - Nate Benjamin; "You won't be able to write if you don't read" - Eli Thomas; "You'll get information if you read" - Torriz Phillips; "We wouldn't be able to communicate" – Teacher.



UK-ST HELENA HERITAGE TRUST

Breaking the Chain: St Helena and the ending of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade

Wednesday 27th March, 6-7pm

Online: Online event - Breaking the Chain: St Helena and the ending of the Trans-Atlantic Slave Trade (uk-sthelenaheritagetrust.org)

Venue: The Museum, Jamestown

Join Sir Brian Unwin, Dr Andrew Pearson and Helena Bennett for this UK-St Helena Heritage Trust online event focusing on St Helena's uniquely important role in the suppression of the slave trade.

In this online event, the uniquely important role of St Helena in the 19*th* century suppression of the Trans-Atlantic slave trade will be examined, along with the archaeological project that helped bring this story to light. The 2022 community-led initiative to reinter the excavated remains of the liberated Africans will also be discussed, along with plans for restoring 'No. 1 Building' – the single remaining structure from the Liberated African Establishment – and developing it into a modern interactive interpretation centre to educate future generations about this uniquely important episode in St Helenian, British and world history.

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

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FRI. Mar 22
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classic's Repeat

SAT. Mar 23
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 1pm-3pm: The Northward Sounds with Tony Leo (Repeat)
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 6-8pm: DNA Show (Repeat)
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf (Repeat)

SUN. Mar 24
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope - Education
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service

MON. Mar 25
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 10am: Legislative Council Meeting
- 2pm-4pm:DNA with Deon and Anita
- 5:30pm-7pm: Country Classic's with Donna Crowie

TUE. Mar 26
- 7am-9am: Morning Show with Donna
- 9am - 11am: Midday Show with Demy Herne
- 11am-1pm: Folk revival with Anita
- 2pm: In Scope - SS&HA
- 3:30pm: American connections with Brian Clough
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne

WED. Mar 27
- 7am: Midweek Morning Show with Deon
- 8:30-10:30am: Our Show
- 11am-1pm: The Northward sounds with Tony Leo
- 1pm-3pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Feb 29
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke and Liam
- 11am: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm : Afternoon show with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30 pm: In Scope (Repeat)

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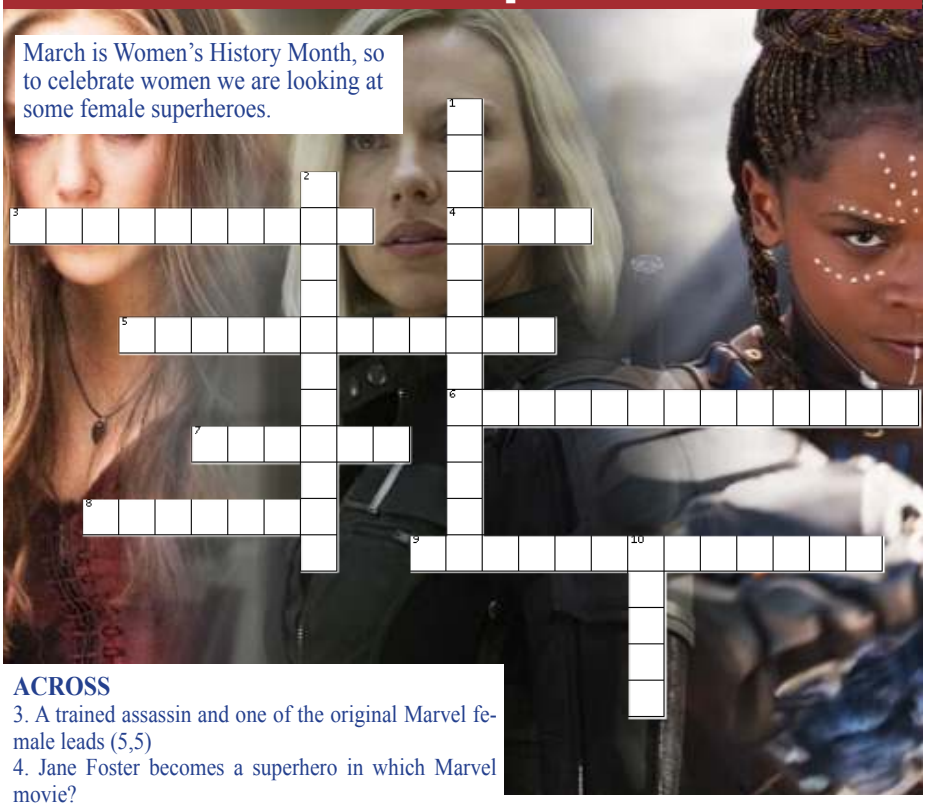
Join Demy every Tuesday from 9-11am when he will be giving you a blast from the past with music from the 70's, 80's and 90's! You will want to get up and dance whereever you may be!

Stay tuned to listen to artists like Whitney Houston,Bryan Adams, Elton John, ABBA and many more!

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

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Crossword: Super Women



March is Women's History Month, so to celebrate women we are looking at some female superheroes.

ACROSS

3. A trained assassin and one of the original Marvel female leads (5,5)
4. Jane Foster becomes a superhero in which Marvel movie?
5. A superhero in red who controls minds and manipulates energy? (7,5)
6. Carol Danvers is also known as? (7,6)
7. The green adopted daughter of a Marvel villain
8. Jennifer Garner plays this superhero in the Daredevil franchise
9. The sister of Black Panther (8,5)

DOWN

1. Invisible woman is part of which superhero group? (9,4)
2. Superhero born a goddess? (6,5)
10. Who can manipulate all forms of weather?

Famous Birthday on 21 March



RONALDINHO (43)

Sentinel Joke of the day

What did one ocean say to the other ocean?
Nothing, it just waved

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*





Applications open for Antarctica's penguin post office with one applicant using tattoos to show her enthusiasm



Applications are open to work in Antarctica's famous "penguin post office".

Successful applicants will be "self-motivated", "empathetic" and fine with showering once every two weeks.

The shop in Port Lockroy is the southernmost post office in the world and frequently smells like penguin poo.

Every year, the Antarctic Heritage Trust is flooded with applications for the jobs. This year, there are three positions on offer and they are only open to UK residents.

As well as processing up to 80,000 letters and postcards a year, staff must run the shop and welcome roughly 18,000 cruise passengers who stop by.

One applicant, charity manager Katie Shaw in Manchester, wants to go so much, she has tattooed a geographically accurate map of the Antarctic on one leg and a portrait of explorer Ernest Shackleton on the other.

Successful applicants need to have a range of skills. Employees have to sort post, sell stamps, look after the buildings and run the gift shop. They will have to put up with basic living conditions and be happy with their own company.

The application form warns people about hygiene:

"We have no running water on the island, so washing facilities are very basic. Water is collected in jerry cans from visiting ships.

"There are no shower facilities at Port Lockroy, so staff are expected to be comfortable living with these limited washing facilities, yet still keeping hygiene levels high.

"Visiting ships will offer showers approximately once per week, but when weather conditions are poor you could go up to two weeks without visitors or a shower."

Last week's Crossword Answers

St Paddy's Day

ACROSS

2. Blue
6. Leprechauns
7. Shamrock
8. Potato
9. Fairies
10. Snakes

DOWN

1. Four
3. London Eye
4. NewYork
5. Death

Rebus Answers:

1. space invaders, 2. Growing economy

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Chief Minister Julie Thomas had Rebecca Lawrence (Distance Learning Coordinator and Head of Sixth Form) and Kerry Peters (Public Examination Administrator) as her guests in the studio to talk to listeners about the upcoming exams and the preparations the Education Section has to undertake, but also giving some insight into what students need to do to make sure they are ready for the upcoming exams in May/June.

As the head of 6th form, Rebecca is responsible for the academic and pastoral care of the year 12 and 13 students at PAS, acting as a liaison between students and subject teachers. In her role as distance learning co-ordinator she purchases courses, co-ordinates resources and material for students, making sure they know what is expected of them. Distance learning courses are GCSE and AS/A2 level courses offered online due to the lack of a relevant teacher on-Island. Incorporating this option in the curriculum increases the subject choices on offer to students. Due to staffing issues, some core subjects also had to be supported this year on the distance learning platform, for example, Computer Science and English Literature.

As Examinations Officer, Kerry is responsible for managing internal and external examinations and ensuring the integrity of the examination centre is maintained at all times, liaising with the various examination boards on requirements, processes and procedures. Another part of her role involves communicating accurate information to all concerned, such as students, parents, class teachers and examination bodies. She also has to oversee the external invigilators and has to train and retrain candidates as and when needed. This role requires her to comply with strict deadlines when working with the various examination boards and their requirements.

Formal/external exams take place during May/June, October/November and some even in January and March. There are six phases to preparing for exams. Firstly preparations have to be made where the exams officer needs to obtain key dates, identifying students in need of access arrangements and updating the Examination centre's details with all the examination boards. Next students need to be entered for exams and their personal profiles uploaded and updated. Resources also need to be provided to examiners and candidates in each subject. There are various examination boards that are used for the different subjects, each with their own requirements and schedules, making Kerry's role quite challenging. Coursework and moderation is the next step in the process where coursework undertaken by students are sent to external moderators in the UK for assessment. In some instances, internal marks and grade forecasts are required by certain examination boards to be submitted before the set deadline. Closer to exam day, a lot of pre-exam preparations have to be made to ensure everything is in place for candidates on exam day. On exam day there are many factors to consider and have in place like security inspections, access arrangements, despatching of exam scripts and the logging of tracking number. Results and certificates are issued in August and again require the necessary arrangements and preparations to be made as well as launching enquiries afterwards and dispensing certificates.

Another role that Kerry has taken on involves the identification of students experiencing difficulties during exams. This SENCO (Special Educational Needs Coordinator) role requires her to observe students during mock exams to ascertain which students need additional support or access arrangements, like a separate exam location or additional time during exams. If a need is identified in a student, a conversation will be held with the individual and class teachers to discuss support options and needs.

During Year 11, students will complete several mock exams which will give the class teacher the opportunity to observe students and identify any problems early on. Mock exams give students experience in exam type questions and provide guidelines for the actual exam as well as making them more confident when approaching exams. Revision material will be provided by class teachers, including text books and online resources (an added benefit of the improved internet access on-Island). Individual progress is tracked to provide feedback to students, as well as determine a predicted/target grade and support on how to achieve this grade or an even higher grade. It is important to keep students motivated to revise regularly to ensure they reach their full potential during exams, as well as achieve the best possible grade.

Revision is supposed to be like an endurance race not a sprint, implying that students should start with preparations well in advance of exams and avoid trying to cram in work during the last couple of days leading up to exams. Revision can take on many forms and individuals need to experiment to see what works best for them. It is however important to note that copying textbooks by rote is not an effective way to study, but Rebecca encouraged students to actively revise by converting information into different formats like posters, flash cards or quizzes. Repetition is important for learning and it can be very beneficial to explain work to fellow students to the benefit of all parties involved. Students can also make use of online resources and past exam papers as exercise. Regular breaks are also important to ensure that concentration levels can be maintained. With only one half term left before exams, it is critical for students not to leave revision too late. Class teachers can provide guidance and support, but ultimately it is up to the student follow their individual revision plan and to put in the necessary time to achieve the desired grades and results.

Tips provided for parents on how to support their children during this challenging time is in the first place to recognise that it is a difficult and stressful time for them. They need a quiet place to study and should also be encouraged to get enough sleep as this is critical for brain development and general wellbeing. Rebecca also stressed that it is important to

attend lessons, as there is no time or resources to try and catch up on missed work. Diet is also important, providing good nutritious snacks and meals to maintain energy levels and concentration. Positive input and support from parents can go a long way in lowering stress levels and helping students prepare for their exams.

To have all preparations in place in time for exams, it is critical for students to submit their exam entries in January already. The timetable for the upcoming exams in May/June have already been finalised and made available to all candidates with alternative arrangements made for any clashes in exam times. Some exams will start earlier than normal school hours (8:30) due to British Summer time but transport arrangements have already been made to ensure all students will be on time for their exams.

A number of important dates for parents and students to take note of were also discussed, the first of which was the Sixth Form options evening that took place on the 19 March. On this evening parents and students had the opportunity to discuss the different Sixth Form options with teachers and advisors, as well as Career Access St Helena. On the 25 March an Exams Information Evening will be hosted at PAS to give parents and students information regarding the upcoming public examination session due to take place in May/June. The last evening to diarise is a special general meeting on 10 April of the newly elected school PTA to discuss and finalise proposed amendments to the constitution of the PTA, their role and how to improve relationships between the school and parents. The final important event to keep in mind takes place during August, when results and certificates are provided to students on Results day.

Although there has been a lot of staff movements and some shortages that had to be accommodated through other means (like distance learning), the school expressed their gratitude for the continued support and involvement from parents. The importance of good communication with the school was again stressed as well as the critical role parents have to play in supporting students as much as possible.

Ordination to the Priesthood

Bishop Dale Bowers, Contributed



On Sunday 17th March 2024, at St Paul's Cathedral, parishioners from the Diocese of St Helena gathered for the service of ordination for Fr Clarence Wellington Roberts. Fr Clarence was ordained a Deacon on 7th June 2020 and was a Deacon to the Bishop for three years and nine months. Bishop Dale presided at the service which was well attended. Fr Clarence was presented by Fr Ronnie Allwright, after which Fr Clarence made the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Bishop and his successor and then made the Declaration of Faith which was signed and witnessed by the Diocesan Registrar Mrs. Ivy Ellick.

Fr Ronnie Allwright preached his sermon on reconciliation. He focused on being reconciled with Christ, where when we accept his forgiveness on the cross, we accept him as our Saviour. He then gives us the ministry of reconciliation, which is the ministry of the priest. As St Paul writes, this means we must be committed to Christ and at the same time to God's love for all people. The implications of being reconciled with Christ are that we are a new creation; we have a new life, being committed to Christ and his work of reconciling the world to himself. As Priests and also all who are baptized, we must not live for ourselves in our sinfulness but live for Christ. Being committed to Christ we must bring the message of reconciliation to all people and to a world that is broken with sin and self-interest. It should be our privilege in a ministry of love. As ambassadors and priests for Christ in the world our style is love. Through it, all will know that we are His disciples. He then concluded with his own personal testimony of rebirth in Christ and 30 years of fulltime ministry in the Church of God.

Bishop Dale gave the Charge to Priests

You are called to make disciples, bringing them to baptism and confirmation; to lead the people in prayer, faithfully to read the scriptures and proclaim the word of God; and to preside at the Eucharist with reverence and wonder. Like Aaron, you will bear the names of your people on your breast in intercession before the Lord. You will teach and encourage them from the Scriptures, and bless them in the name of God. You will help God's people to discover and use to his glory the gifts he has given them. Like Moses, you will gladly receive counsel and share the burden of leadership with others. In love and mercy, remembering your own frailty, you will rebuke sin, pronounce God's forgiveness to the penitent and absolve them in the name of Christ. Following the Good Shepherd, you will care for the sick, bring back those who have strayed, guide his people through this life, and prepare them for death and for the life to come, that they may be saved through Christ forever.

This ministry will be your great joy and privilege.

It is also a weighty responsibility which none would dare to undertake except for the call from God. To you whom he calls, he will always give his strength.

This was followed byBishop Dale questioning Fr Clarence on his calling, the faith of the Church, the discipline of the Church, on his spiritual growth in prayer, reading scripture and studies, in administering the sacraments, helping God's people to discover their gifts and using them for God's glory, fashioning his life and the life of his household in the way of Christ and promoting peace, unity and love among God's people.

Bishop Dale called everyone to prayer in the power of the Holy Spirit with the singing of the Veni Creator. Fr Clarence knelt before the Bishop and with the assistance of Fr Ronnie and Fr Griffith he was ordained in the power of the Holy Spirit with the laying on of hands. Fr Clarence was vested by Fr Ronnie and Fr Griffith. Bishop Dale anointed his hands which Chrism oil and presented him with the bible saying 'take authority to preach the word of God and to administer his holy sacraments'.

Fr Clarence was license by Bishop Dale as an assistant priest in the parish of St Paul's. Bishop Dale then presented Fr Clarence to the people and Fr Clarence gave his response.

The service continued with the Eucharist, with Fr Clarence assisting the Bishop at the altar. After the service Fr Clarence was greeted and blessed by those who came forward. The service was followed by refreshments.

It is the prayer of the church that God strengthen Fr Clarence, his wife Pam and his son Thomas as he now ministers in God's Church as a Priest.

NOTICE BOARD

EASTER OPENING HOURS

Wharf Kiosk

Thursday	28 March	09:00 – 14:30

Main Branch

Friday	29 March	Closed
Saturday	30 March	09:00 - 12:00
Sunday	31 March	Closed
Monday	01 April	Closed
Tuesday	02 April	**09:30 - 15:00**
Wednesday	03 April	*Return to normal*

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Sure SA Ltd. (St Helena) are seeking interested persons to provide cleaning services on a fixed-rate basis

Cleaning services will be required for approx. 6 hours per week, between the two main office locations

All basic cleaning equipment and products will be provided

For further information please contact Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator at Bishop's Rooms, Jamestown on tel. 22800 or via email Keirah.Wade@sure.com

ST. HELENA GOLF CLUB

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

The committee of management of St Helena Golf Club wishes to inform members of the public that with effect from 20th March 2024 the club has installed various signs on the golf course for the following reasons.

1. To caution motorists and pedestrians on the public road of the danger of flying golf balls.
2. To caution golfers to beware of cars and pedestrians on the public road
3. To warn pedestrians on the golf course of the risk of being injured by a golf ball and that the club will not accept liability for such injuries.

The overall goal is to create awareness on the danger of flying golf balls and to improve safety of players and members of the public and their property.

Members of the public are thanked in advance for their continued coopera-tion.

Committee of Management
St Helena Golf Club
20th March 2024

VACANCIES AT BANK OF ST HELENA

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit suitable persons to fill the exciting vacant positions of Assistant Customer Services Manager and International Payments Officer. The successful candidates must be flexible to work demands, demonstrate strong leadership, communication and management skills, be self-motivated as well as have excellent customer service and public relation skills. Must be highly organised, exhibit high accuracy levels, with a keen eye for detail and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank Team.

Assistant Customer Services Manager

Commencing at £16,296 per annum

The main duties of the post include:

- To lead and manage a team of Customer Service staff;
- Responsible for the planning, co-ordinating and controlling activities of the Customer Service Team to maintain and enhance customer relationships, build on professionalism and meet organisational and operational objectives;
- Assist the Customer Services Manager to develop, implement and review customer service policies and procedures. Identify and implement strategies to improve or enhance quality of service and productivity;
- Manage the Customer Help Desk for Online Banking and Card Services with support from the IT Manager.

International Payments Officer

Commencing at £8,796 per annum

The main duties of the post include:

- Process daily international remittances, inward and outward via SWIFT Platform;
- Dealing with customer queries, questions and concerns of matters pertaining to transactions carried out on behalf of customers;
- To assist the Customer Service Section
- Undertake relief Teller duties which will include alternative Saturdays.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Karen Buckley, Customer Services Manager for more information on telephone number +290 22390 or email csmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager on email hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Application forms and Job Profiles are available upon request from the Bank.
Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 05 April 2024.

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The St Helena Heritage Society is recruiting!

Museum Assistant
(£9,000 per annum pro rata)

We have an exciting opportunity for anyone who is passionate and interested in St Helena's history and cultural heritage to work at the Museum of St Helena. Working with the Museum Director, you will be supporting the effective and efficient day-to-day running of the Museum of St Helena. The role will also see you assisting with a variety of cultural heritage programmes and research projects.

Pop into the Museum for a chat, or contact us on telephone number: **22845** or email: **museum@helanta.co.sh** for more information and a copy of the job profile.

Closing date is the 2nd of April.



VACANCY – ELECTRICITY DISTRIBUTION MANAGER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit an Electricity Distribution Manager. The Electricity Distribution Manager is a key role within the Company and has responsibility for the operation, maintenance and development of the Island's high voltage and low voltage networks.

Candidates should have demonstrable experience of working with high voltage and low voltage networks. Management experience is essential in this role and candidates should have the ability to motivate staff to perform both generally and in challenging environments. Careful attention to detail and a strong awareness of safe working systems are essential qualities in this role.

The successful candidate should have the following qualifications and experience:
Electrical or electromechanical engineering at HND level or higher, Technical & Management experience, HV Switching Certification.

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

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Geoffrey Augustus, Technical Manager (Electricity) on (+290) 22255 or email Geoffrey.Augustus@connect.co.sh

Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by 9am on Thursday, 4 April 2024.

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

NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Cloud Forest Project Vacancy

Conservation Capacity Development Officer

Are you interested in supporting the restoration of the UK's last natural cloud forest for St Helena's water, wildlife and people? We are seeking an experienced team facilitator to join the team. You will:

- be responsible for supporting St Helena Government's Nature Conservation Division (NCD) with cloud forest restoration in the Peaks National Park
- help catalyse the implementation of the management plan for the Peaks National Park working with St Helena's highly skilled and inspirational habitat restoration teams alongside key roles within Government and the Partnership
- work with the relevant teams to help set direction to achieve the project's goals
- work with relevant teams to coordinate pathogen response activities on St Helena and produce a conservation action plan to manage conservation work to take account of impacts and risk of plant pathogens threatening key cloud forest species
- be an excellent collaborator who is motivated by bringing teams together and fostering talented people

https://app.vacancy-filler.co.uk/salescrm/Careers/CareersPage.aspx?e=LMo8nnTwYNaWHwvWJCZ_pBGgFHOypCrJdtejalcuLhfig3-7G4p2yDWy2k5CQdmdBjQCOdlrfB4&iframe=True-

For further information please contact Kirsten.Ellis@RSPB.org.uk. Applications close on 31 March.

RSPB
8 March 2024

Job Vacancy

TEMPORARY RETAIL, MARKETING & CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT (ST HELENA)

Sure SA Ltd is seeking to recruit a highly motivated, dynamic professional to work at the forefront of our Retail, Marketing and Customer Services Department for a period of 6 months, starting from April 2024.

Essential requirements: GCSE English and Maths grade C/4 or above, or equivalent; excellent verbal and written communication skills; experience in a customer service role; computer literate; possess a flair for all aspects of Marketing and Sales; cash handling experience and a technical flair in order to collaborate with service delivery personnel would be advantageous.

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure.

Salary will be dependant on qualifications and experience.

For further information, interested persons can contact Penelope Bennett, Retail, Marketing and Customer Services Manager on Tel: 22004 or E: Penelope.Bennett@sure.com
An application form may be obtained from Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator at Bishops Rooms on Tel: 22800 or email: Keirah.Wade@sure.com
Applications should be submitted to HR & Finance Administrator, Sure South Atlantic Limited, Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by 4pm on Thursday 28th March 2024.

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St Helena Yacht club

Notice of Annual General Meeting

The St Helena Yacht Club will be holding its AGM on Thursday 4th April 2024 at 6pm.

All members are encouraged to attend. If your membership has lapsed, then please make sure you have renewed between now and then. You can contact any of the existing committee members currently on-island: Camilla, Lourens or Alex.

There will be opportunity to join or renew before the meeting starts but please arrive by 5:30pm to allow time.

If you're interested in joining the team as part of the committee or as a volunteer/helper then please come along.



STATIONS or WAY of the CROSS

Following ancient Christian & Lenten practice, and a tradition over the past decade or so on St Helena, the Sacred Heart church invites all who may wish to attend the Service of the Stations or Way.

This will take place at the said church on Wednesday 27th March at 6.30 p.m.

The actual pictures to be used for this partly visual Service were painted by our former renown artist Frederick Oswell-Jones over a period of several years in the mid 1950s; there are 14 such paintings hung along the sides of the interior walls of the church. The artist's WW II experience in the British Army and stationed in Egypt is reflect in his accurate Middle East background scenes.

Father David & Catholic community

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DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Wednesday 27th March	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Swithins
	Maundy Thursday 28th March	
9.00 a.m.	Chrism Eucharist	Cathedral
7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lords Supper/Vigil	Cathedral
	Good Friday 29th March	
12pm-3pm	Devotions, Liturgy and Veneration	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 24th March 2024 – Palm Sunday		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St James
	Wednesday 27th March	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St James
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7.00 p.m.	Mass of the Lords Supper/Vigil	St James
	Good Friday 29th March	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St James
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 24th March – Palm Sunday		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St Matthew
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	Barnabas
	Wednesday 27th March	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Mark
	Maundy Thursday 28th March	
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	Good Friday 29th March	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St Mark

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

POST AND CUSTOMER SERVICES CENTRE CLOSURE

The Post and Customer Services Centre would like to inform customers that due to the forthcoming year end processes the centre will be closed from Thursday 28 March 2024. This closure will include Saturday 30 March 2024. Normal business will resume on Wednesday 03 April 2024 from 08:45 to 15:00.Jamestown Social Benefit payments for the week ending 28 March will be payable on Wednesday 27 March and Thursday 28 March. Country Social Benefit payments for the week ending 28 March will be payable from the usual venues on Wednesday 27 March.

Thanks are extended in advance to the public for their co-operation.

SHG
15 March 2024

http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh

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 2024/10:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Two Bedroom Dwelling**, Coltsheds, Longwood on Parcel LWN0542. Applicant: Sophie Crowie.

2. **Application 2024/11:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed One Bedroom Dwelling**, Half Tree Hollow, on Parcel HTH1273, 1149 & 1122. Applicant: Christopher Leo.

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 to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@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, Main Street, Jamestown or Email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 4 April 2024

Shane Williams, Acting Head of Planning & Building Control

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VACANCY NOTICE

COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN

Job Description

Encompass are looking to recruit a communications technician on Ascension Island. The post holder will form a key part of the team that is responsible for the operation and maintenance of transmission and communications equipment at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station, as well as other related duties.

Requirements

- Knowledge of maintenance and operation of transmitters and associated equipment
- Experience of keeping technical and administrative records
- Producing and presenting reports on equipment performance, including trend analysis
- Excellent timekeeping
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices
- Capable of achieving HV Authorised Person status under Encompass Safety rules.
- Willingness to work flexible hours, at short notice, when required.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Proven experience in Technician or equivalent role, ideally with experience of any of the following fields: Electrical, Electronics, Communications, Radio Frequency
- Qualified to BTEC National Certificate, or equivalent, in relevant subject
- Able to demonstrate standard knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering
- IT Competent with Class A & B Driving licence

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two-year contract with either Single or Accompanied status. The salary, dependant on qualifications and experience, starts at £14,000 (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A food allowance of £3,905 (or £7,329 if joined by eligible dependants)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal and professional vetting, valid travel documents as well as satisfactory medical clearance.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administration Officer, Krystal Phillips at KPhillips@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 12th April 2024**

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT **TWO BOATS SCHOOL**

Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Total package value up to £20,058 pa including salary of £11,760 pa + benefits and allowances (details below)

About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. We have approximately 80 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 53, Secondary 27) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level. The school has just recently being through a COBIS audit and has been granted Compliance status with 5 commendations. Two Boats School is a happy school, with a welcoming and friendly atmosphere. Students are well behaved; keen to learn and achieve. Staff are committed to the pastoral wellbeing of their students, as well as their academic success. There is a friendly and family like atmosphere in the school. Parents appreciate the work of the school and feel that their children are cared for in all aspects of their school life.

What you'll do

You will be responsible for delivering work / care and support programmes across the school to enable access to learning for our students. You will assist teachers in both the Primary and Secondary Sectors in the management of lessons to support the delivery of quality learning and teaching to help raise standards of achievement for the students. There will also be periods when you are required to cover full classes across the School.

What you'll bring

With experience of working with children in both Primary and Secondary settings, you will have a minimum NVQ Level 2 for Teaching Assistants and a working understanding of the National Curriculum. You will have a good all round general knowledge with the ability to lead and deliver intervention programmes to individual or small groups of students across the school. You will have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

What we offer

In addition to a two-year contract with an annual salary of £11,760 dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts the following further benefits and allowances

- Rent free accommodation valued at £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- Single status electricity allowance worth £938 pa
- Single status water allowances worth £1,360 pa
- A Single status food allowance of £3,600 pa (taxable benefit)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (to be taken during school holidays) plus an additional 9 days public holiday
- Free annual travel insurance
- Free primary dental and medical care

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

Closing date: 7 April 2024
Interviews: Mid-April 2024
Start date: Mid-August 2024

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

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

VACANCY FOR MARINE PROJECT OFFICER

We are seeking an individual with an enthusiasm for the marine environment, who is well orgainised, highly motivated and a reliable team member. This exciting opportunity exists to join the St Helena National Trust's Marine team which has the overall mission of championing and supporting the development and delivery of St Helena's IUCN category VI (Sustainable Use) Marine Protected Area (MPA).

As Marine Project Officer you will be joining a small dedicated team, working across a wide range of projects under our core areas, including whale shark monitoring, seabird surveys, and education and outreach programmes.

What is involved in the role: *Project management, surveys and field work, data gathering and handling, working with partners and stakeholders, and good written and communication skills are essential to the role*.

A competitive salary for the post is available, depending on experience, please enquire for details.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust's mission, then we would like to hear from you. **A full job description can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190.** Applications should be in the form of a CV and cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

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

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 29 March 2024

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

Festival of Walking

Walk of the Week

PROSPEROUS BAY
ST HELENA NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

Date: Saturday, 23 March 2024
Start Time: 9am

Meeting point: Layby after the Cooks' Bridge on the airport road

Join Tom Wortley of Rock Mount Walking Tours on this coastal walk that takes you down the side of the valley to the remains of an old military building and onto a broad beach.

Minimum 2L of water required, sensible walking shoes, hat and sunscreen.

Walk grade: This Post Box Walk is not suitable for children or anyone that is not keen on heights. Loose gravel underfoot.

7-8 Fairly strenuous

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
Saturday 30/03/2024	Mackintosh trail	Tourist Office
Sunday 07/04/2024	High Hill	Tom Wortley & Martina Peters
Sunday 14/04/2024	Great Stone Top	Tom Wortley

To register your interest and receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' contact Dianne via dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office T:22158 or M:67245

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International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination: A Call to Action for St. Helena Island

Saint Helena, our remote and beautiful island, may seem far removed from global events. However, on March 21, we join the international community in commemorating the International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. This day holds immense significance for St. Helena with its history of slavery and colonialism.

Why March 21st

This date recognises a tragic event in Sharpeville, South Africa. On March 21, 1960 police opened fire on a peaceful demonstration against the apartheid "pass laws," resulting in the deaths of 69 people. This brutal incident galvanized the world's attention and underscored the urgent need to combat racial discrimination.

The Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR)

75 years ago, the international community united around a set of common values—the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR). For the first time, it was acknowledged that human rights are inherent to every individual. The UDHR explicitly states that everyone is entitled to all rights and freedoms, without distinction based on race, colour, or any other factor; this is also in our Constitution.

The Persistence of Racism

Despite progress, racism and racial discrimination persist globally. St. Helena, like many other places, grapples with the legacy of colonialism, stereotypes, and prejudice; the scars remain.

St. Helena's Commitment

As we mark the **75th anniversary** of the UDHR, St. Helena has an opportunity to reaffirm its commitment to equality and justice. What do we need to do:

1. **Education and Awareness**: We must do moreto educate our people about the history of racism, colonialism, and the struggle for civil rights, including our history with slavery.
2. **Legislation and Policies**: Review existing laws and policies to ensure they uphold equality and protect against discrimination.
3. **Community Dialogue**: Create safe spaces for open conversations about race, ethnicity, and identity. Encourage conversations and actions that challenge stereotypes and promotes unity.
4. **Celebrating Diversity**: Embrace the island's rich cultural diversity. Highlight our local traditions, dialect and languages, and customs that reflect the resilience of all St. Helena's people.

Conclusion

On this International Day, please remember the victims of Sharpeville and honour their memory by standing up against racism. St. Helena Island, with its unique history and vibrant community, can contribute to a world where every person is treated with dignity and respect. Together, we can build a future free from discrimination.

If you have been the victim of racism and you need to talk please contact the EHRC on 22133.

Horse Point Space Park - Announcement

Sure are pleased to announce that work has now started on the construction of Eutelsat OneWeb Space Park at Horse Point.

The Sure team have been working with Eutelsat OneWeb technical specialists since last year to develop and complete a detailed design for the site. The completion of this detailed design has enabled works to commence on site. St Helenian contractors supporting Sure are playing a vital part in the delivery of this Space Park. They have already supported our detailed design activities and they are now active in constructing the site.

The site will comprise significant infrastructure and will be centred around a state of the art high availability custom modular data centre which is well advanced in its fabrication in the UK. The site will also include a separate building providing a site office, welfare facilities and storage space. The site will also host nineteen Eutelsat OneWeb Satellite Access Portal antennas which are the gateway into the Eutelsat OneWeb network for their customers.

The site will be connected by fibre optic cable to the Equiano submarine cable system. The construction of the fibre optic links connecting Horse Point to the Ruperts Cable Landing Station has been ongoing since late last year.

As the Horse Point site is within a St Helena National Conservation Area, Sure has worked closely with the various St Helena environmental agencies to ensure that any environmental impact is minimised during the construction and future operation of the site.

The facility is expected to be complete before the end of the year.

Sure would like to remind people that the Horse Point Space Park is an active construction area and they should not access the site without permission.

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Legislative Council Office Assistant (£9,197 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support.
If you are interested in this opportunity then we would be keen to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Carol Henry on Tel No. 22470**
Closing date: **26 March 2024**

Senior IT Development Support Officer (£14,585 per annum)

The Senior IT Development Support Officer will be responsible to the Deputy IT Section Manager for ensuring that the provision of an effective and appropriate ICT service is designed to meet the needs of the St Helena Government. In addition, the Senior IT Development Support Officer will be required to mentor the IT Development and Support Officers.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **David George on Tel No. 22819**
Closing date: **26 March 2024**

Blue Belt Project Officer (1- year Fixed Term) (£11,542 per annum)

An exciting opportunity has arisen within ENR&P for someone who has experience in leading projects, is organised, has strong administrative skills, and strong written and verbal communication skills. The post holder will work within the Environmental Management Division of ENRP and will primarily be responsible for the oversight, management and running of SHG's day to day activities in relation to the UK Government's Blue Belt programme. The post holder will primarily be responsible for the operational project and programme management as well as administrative responsibility of SHG's internal co-ordination of the Blue Belt work streams and associated deliverables.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Kirsty Jones on Tel No. 25966**
Closing date: **04 April 2024**

Benefits

Leave – 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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GIS Topographical Surveyor
(£9,197 per annum)

The GIS Topographical Surveyor will help the island thrive through the collection and organisation of topographic surveys for the development of geospatial data of physical infrastructure, utility services and topography. Support development of the St Helena Environmental Information System (SHEIS), including providing support to GIS Users and promoting the use of GIS throughout SHG.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquires: Devlin Yon on Tel no. 22270
Closing date: 04 April 2024

Emergency Medical Technician
(£14,585 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Michael Gaga Hale on Tel no. 22500
Closing date: 04 April 2024

Cable Landing Station Technician
(£14,585 per annum)

The Cable Landing Station Technician will be responsible to the Senior Technician for the operation, maintenance, and servicing of the submarine cable system equipment, which is located at St Helena Government's Cable Landing Station facility. The Cable Landing Station Technician must also follow the processes and procedures as defined in the Joint System Maintenance Document (JSMD) for each system and handle issues efficiently by providing timely resolutions, workarounds and status updates.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Lee Yon on Tel no. 22819
Closing date: 04 April 2024

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Higher Level Teaching Assistant (St Paul's Primary)
(£7,823 - £9,401 per annum)

A Higher Level Teaching Assistant takes on the responsibility of planning, preparing and teaching 25% of the Schools Teaching time Table including any specific support groups and lesson cover in the absence of the Class Teacher. The HLTA will also assist with supervising the children in the playground to ensure pupils feel safe and secured in the school environment, and to have a good level of written and verbal communication to be able to interact with all students, colleagues and Parents.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Patricia Williams on Tel No: 24737**
Closing date: **26 March 2024**

Primary Teacher (St Paul's Primary)
(£11,035 – 18,508 per annum)

Are you passionate about teaching? We are seeking to recruit a Teacher who is primarily responsible for the planning, preparing and effective delivering of programmes of study in English to designated class(es) to cater for all abilities of pupils/students. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Patricia Williams on Tel. No. 24737**
Closing date: **28 March 2024**

Building Maintenance Support Assistant
(£7,341 per annum)

The Building maintenance team is looking for an individual to help to provide effective administration support to ensure the smooth running of the Building Maintenance Section and to deliver a high quality, customs focused service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Theron Henry on Tel No. 25722
Closing date: 04 April 2024

Benefits

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

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Prison Catering Officer
(£9,197 per annum)

Join H.M. Prison Jamestown as our next Catering Officer!
Shape meals for the whole facility, create menus with dietary finesse, and mentor motivated prisoners towards valuable qualifications. Impact lives while mastering the art of prison catering.
Elevate your career while contributing to rehabilitation. Apply now and be a part of positive change!"

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Linda Fuller on Tele No: 22541**
Closing date: **27 March 2024**

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

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Carolyn Yon on Tel No. 24290**
Closing date: **03 April 2024**

Benefits

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

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

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Assistant Budget Officer
(£9,197 per annum)

Do you have experience in an accounting or budgeting role? If so then this could be an opportunity for you! As the Assistant Budget Officer you will support Budget Holders and Budget Officers in the completion of budget reports and variance and trend analysis to support decision making.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Lillian Andrews on Tel No 22470
Closing date: 02 April 2024

Head of Nature Conservation
(£23,209 per annum)

ENRP has an exciting opportunity for a driven and passionate individual to fill the new role of Head of Nature Conservation. As a member of the environment team, the role will be central to developing and implementing environment policy and strategy and providing strong leadership across the Government's nature conservation functions and programmes of work. The post holder will also operate strategically as a member of the Portfolio Senior Management and Advisory Board teams and across the Public Service to help influence Public Service and Government policy and practice.
A meeting to discuss the role and its responsibilities can be arranged with the Portfolio Director.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Darren Duncan on Tel no. 24724**
Closing date: **04 April 2024**

Benefits

Leave – 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, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

Golf Report - Sunday 17th March



SHGC, Contributed

Medalford Competition Results:
The medalford competition held on Sunday, 17th March 2024, was sponsored by the club and saw the participation of 15 players. Martin Buckley secured the first-place position with a score of 17. There was a tie for second place between Bramwell Bushuru and Keith Joshua, both scoring 1. Through a count-back, Keith Joshua emerged as the winner of the second prize. There was no winner for the two-ball pool in this competition.

Upcoming Event - Solomons Challenge Cup:
The annual Solomons Challenge Cup is scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, 23rd and 24th March 2024. This event is sponsored by Solomons and Co (St Helena) plc and offers signifi-cant cash prizes. Tee off time for both days is set at 12:00 noon, with players with the best scores after round 1 going out last. Registration for the Solomons Challenge Cup closes on Friday, 22nd March at 3 pm. The event will also feature prizes for female participants.

The 2023 Solomons challenge cup winner was Philip Francis with 132 he was followed in second place by Jason Hopkin with 137 and Asa Bushuruscored 138 to complete the podium in third place.

Lastly, Wednesday evenings are becoming popular for ladies' golf. If you are a lady out there and you are interested in golf this is your opportunity to be introduced to golf from 4:30pm to 6:30pm.

See you on the course.

Sun Outages March 2024

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There will be interruptions to the International Telephone Service due to sun outages on the following dates:

Date	Start Time	Duration (minutes)
25-Mar-2024	16:04	04m12s
26-Mar-2024	16:03	04m57s
27-Mar-2024	16:03	04m31s
28-Mar-2024	16:04	02m20s

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
24th March
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 26th March
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 28th March
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

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For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

SPORTS ARENA

Challengers win the League title and RMS T20 is underway

This weekend saw the postponed league match between the Challengers and the Lions, which ended in the Challengers defeating the Lions to win by 503 runs. Challengers batted first and produced what should surely be a record breaking total of 534 runs. Player Andrew Yon totalled 309 runs in the innings.

The first match of the RMS T20 was underway on Saturday, with the Mustangs taking on, and winning against, the Rebels. Mustangs won the toss and elected to field first. A brilliant bowling performance from the Mustangs restricted the Rebels to 116. It was man of the match Gareth Johnson who led the chase with 67 runs, helping the Mustangs secure their first win of the tournament.

On Sunday, Sandy Bay Pirates conquered Jamestown Heat, winning them by 6 wickets. The Pirates' bowling proved too much for the Heat and restricted them to 118. David Young scored 58 to help the Pirates reach the total in 13 overs.

The second Sunday match saw Levelwood All Stars take out the Lions by 287 runs. The All Stars batted first and produced a massive score 304, thanks to an impressive batting performance by Aiden Leo with 138. The Lions replied with 15 all out.

The Challengers took on the Cobras in the final weekend match. Challengers batted first and, thanks to Andrew Yon with 127, produced a score of 212. Cobras put up a good chase, helped along by great effort from Scott Crowie with 88, but ultimately, the Challengers won by 47 runs.



RMS T20 FIXTURES

Saturday 23rd March

10:00

Levelwood Allstars v Cobras

Umpires:

Rhys Francis and David Young

13:30

Mustangs V Challengers

Umpires:

Gavin George and Jamie Essex

Sunday 24th March

10:00

Sandy Bay Pirates V Levelwood Rebels

Umpires:

Scott Crowie and Gavin Ellick

13:30

Jamestown Heat v Lions

Umpires:

Dane Leo and David Francis