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SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

I can hardly believe that we are already almost a quarter way through the year. Just six seconds ago we were celebrating the New Year and trying to get used to writing 2024!

Yesterday, I attended the awards ceremony at Prince Andrew School where recognition was given for all the hard work students have undertaken towards earning their GCSE, AS or A2-level, ICDL, Functional Skills and Vocational qualifications. Every year, schools make an effort to recognise achievements. This gave me pause to consider how important it is for human beings to give and receive recognition. I know not everyone is a fan of public recognition, but it is still satisfying to be rewarded for hard work.

This holds true for people in their everyday jobs as well. It is good to hear a 'thank you' or 'well done' every once in a while. If you are in a position of authority or responsible for supervising someone, make the effort to acknowledge their hard work. One might argue that it is their job and they get paid for it, but it costs nothing to recognise the work that someone does. Sometimes part of our human nature (and maybe a tinge of jealousy) keeps us from giving a compliment for achievements, but this is when we need to try and put ourselves in their shoes.

Deon does a shout-out on his Wednesday morning show every week to a person or organisation that inspired him during the previous week. I think this is such a good practice. Take a minute or two to think of who you can appreciate or recognise that week. You might make a surprising difference in someone's life and you could even inspire them to achieve more.

Let us all make an effort to acknowledge achievements - even it is only something small - the results just might surprise you!

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ST HELENA NEWS

Just call me the Deputy

Minister Mark Brooks to take on extra responsibilities during Chief Minister's absence



Liam Yon, SAMS

Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks, has recently been appointed as the Deputy Chief Minister, in the absence of the substantive Chief Minister who is currently off-Island on official duty.

Chief Minister, Julie Thomas, departed the Island on Sunday along with Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey. The pair, along with HE Governor Nigel Phillips, forms a St Helena delegation that will be making an official visit to the UK Overseas Territory of Montserrat after receiving an invitation from the Governor of Montserrat, HE Sarah Tucker.

In her absence, and in accordance with section 37F (6) of the Constitution, Minister Mark Brooks has been appointed to act in her place as the Deputy Chief Minister for St Helena. "During this time, Minister Brooks has been granted the authority to act in the capacity of the Chief Minister to discharge the functions and responsibilities of the office of Chief Minister, as well as the Chief Minister's portfolio duties," explained SHG.

Minister Brooks' appointment might come as a surprise considering his already heavy workload as Minister for TED, especially considering that we are nearing the end of the Financial Year 23/24, however he will assume the responsibilities of the Chief Minister until her return on Saturday, 23 March.

"Well the journey has begun!," said the Chief Minister in a Social Media update on Monday. "Enjoying the day in Jo'Burg before heading onto the UK this evening. A short stay before heading onto Antigua and then to our destination #montserrat. Will do my best to keep you posted on this adventure, what is learnt, shared & exchanged."

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Interim public transport arrangement comes at great cost



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On Wednesday, 6 March, a press conference was held in The Castle, where Chief Minister Julie Thomas and Head of Administration Support Services Carol Henry presented the changes to the public transport system, in particular the increased cost of the interim arrangement, which was not public knowledge beforehand.

As readers will know, from 1 March 2024, the previous public transport contracts came to an end after being in effect from 2016 and an interim arrangement came into effect. In this interim arrangement, service to some routes have been slightly altered and some significantly reduced or discontinued. This interim arrangement, with this service still being provided by previous providers Joshua's Taxis and Colin's Garage, has been set for six months, with a review at the three-month mark. SHG hopes to come to a long-term agreement with a service provider within this time.

At the press conference, Chief Minister Thomas revealed that this interim arrangement is significantly more costly, with the annual cost being increased from £71,000 (which was the cost while the previous 2016 contract was in effect) to approximately £171,000. It is important to note that £171,000 would be the cost if the interim arrangement was extended to a year; as it is, the arrangement is only in effect for six months.

"That [figure] is not ideal for St Helena Government in this financial climate, so that is a huge factor for us," Chief Minister Thomas stated. "Now, because of the cost associated with it, we would like this to be a lot more private sector driven... because it's not the aim of government to be spending escalating costs on public transport."

"Because of the urgency of it to provide this service of St Helena and, indeed, acknowledging how many people depend on the service, value for money in its entirety was not considered," Chief Minister Thomas further stated. "It was more about, 'can we provide a service for the interim?', and that is why we've done it for an initial period of six months, so that we can look at options that will more focus on value for money."

"Now that we've been faced with this challenge, one of the options that will, no doubt, come forward will be the amalgamation [of all public transport services]," Chief Minister Thomas continued. "With my Minister for Education hat on here, we have to ensure that the vulnerable, whether that is young people or elderly people, are indeed safe when travelling on those buses."

Despite the increased cost of the service, Chief Minister Thomas acknowledges that this is a reduced service. For example, early morning weekend buses on Saturday and Sunday, providing transport home to those in town the night before, has been discontinued under the interim arrangement. These buses provided transport to 16-17 year olds who cannot yet drive, while it reduced drunk driving and allowed for safe transport home.

"The current system, although we are grateful for it, is not ideal, it's not a public transport service that caters to the public of St Helena, "Chief Minister Thomas concluded. "It is unfortunate that at this time, we could not get a service provider to provide that [night bus] service, but definitely going forward, we would like to revert back to that."

From "Partner" to "Opposition"



Liam Yon, SAMS

Saints Tuna Corporation - a company that has been shrouded in controversy since it was chosen as the organisation to refurbish the old fish factory in Rupert's and effectively takeover fish processing operations on St Helena with a £500,000 investment from SHG - have been up against it in terms of realising the full potential of the business due to entities such as the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) and SHG themselves having "been against this project from even before its inception" as quoted by STC Managing Director, Johann-Marais Bezuidenhout.

With many rumours circulating about STC - including an ongoing court case with SHG, the laying off of staff and potential redundancies, and an impending review of the rent charge for the building in Rupert's - The Sentinel asked Johann for an update on the operations of STC since they became fully operational in August 2022 and to provide some clarity on 'the word in the street'.

It was back in 2019 when SHG advertised an exclusive opportunity through their Investors Prospectus to rebuild the outdated fish factory on-Island and to develop the fishery and establish an economically viable commercial fishing industry, taking over all roles and responsibilities of the then St Helena Fisheries Corporation (SHFC). "PQT submitted their proposal as part of a tender process and SHG accepted it in its entirety," commented Johann.

"We have since been fighting to get it implemented," added the frustrated Managing Director. "Whether through the SHCFA or SHG, entities have been against this project from even before its inception." Johann reminisced back to December 2019 when he said "we were told that we are not needed any more as SHCFA has all the required expertise in house to revolutionise their fishery."

Additionally, an Island-wide petition was drawn up to try and put a stop to the PQ Trading proposal and, according to Johann, "even a court case against SHG to get it stopped" was put forward, which is



"still ongoing."

STC say despite "the personal attacks and opposition" the organisation endured.

"In spite of all the frustrations, delays and opposition, we successfully refurbished the dilapidated factory into an EU-accredited facility, attaining our EU licence and delivering superb quality frozen tuna to the Spanish market," explained Johann. "Both our Spanish and UK customers want to partner with us to produce value added products."

In order to continue to grow the business and export more fish to international markets, STC say "we only need the increased volume caught and landed through the factory." This has not been forthcoming, with many local fishermen and members of SHCFA opting to boycott STC, and, according to Johann, SHG refuses to allow them to utilise their own offshore fishing vessels. "We need access for our freezer vessel to St Helena waters," explained Johann. "We have had twelve vessels ready to come across, yet have not been able to get SHG to grant us their access."

They add that their "most recent application for our freezer vessel" was put through in January 2024, and they have since received "no answer to its success, or any explanation other than that it is with the AG (Attorney General) for approval and/or advice."

This "opposition" from SHG is frustrating for STC, who are confused as to how "the projects investment partner (SHG) who supplied £500,000 to refurbish their asset simply won't allow it through their continued delays and frustrations."

Another challenge for STC, as referred to by the Managing Director, is the continuation of "the interim arrangement" allowing commercial fishermen to process tuna "outside of a regulated unit for public sale and consumption" something which they say was challenged by "officially submitting a charge with SHG in Feb 2023 against the illegal processing of tuna."

"SHG has yet to stop it and or give comment on the matter," said Johann. "It seems that these entities will not allow any volume to be put through the factory," something he described as "the one thing we need to be successful." He added that they are also aware of comments that STC "would not be able to keep losing money" and that the company would "eventually up and leave."

Continuing to bemoan the barriers being put in place to operate their business effectively, STC say that SHG have now "stopped the use of the culvert leading to the back entrance which we need to deliver and supply our reefer containers" which Johann added has "effectively stopped us from producing containers for export."

After airing his frustrations, Johann admitted that "it has been enough" stating that STC "simply can't and won't continue on this basis" further adding that a former member of management, Stephane Weston, "was let go" with other staff members having also "been put on notice."



"The entity that is the biggest loser in this is the Island and the Saints," said Johann, with, according to him, "tax revenue of at least £3million" being "left in the water every year."

"STC should be producing in excess of 1000 tonnes of product per annum, with at least 40 permanent staff," he explained. "Instead, our six staff is on notice and their income is in jeopardy."

To conclude, Johann said that "we are not closing the factory and/or leaving the Island, but will address this through the channels and means that are available to us."

One other area of interest which was raised with The Sentinel is the impending conclusion of a three-year 'grace period' whereby SHG were charging STC a meagre £1 per annum to rent the premises of the fish factory. Johann failed to comment on what will happen upon the conclusion of this grace period and/or what the new charge will be for renting the Rupert's fish factory or how this will be calculated. The Sentinel also reached out to SHG in this regard who simply responded by saying "the issue referred to is a matter for STC and SHG to agree on."

It will be interesting to find out the outcome of this rent review. As a point of comparison, The Green Fish Company (TGFC) founded by St Helenian, Malcolm Williams, has been successful in the leasing of the old cannery building in Rupert's, which TGFC is currently renovating, with extensive work needing to be done. The amount of rent being charged for the old and dilapidated cannery building to TGFC is £150,000 rent over the initial 10-year lease.

With many accusations being made by Johann and STC in relation to the "opposition" they have received from SHCFA and SHG, The Sentinel have approached both organisations for a response which will, if received, be published in an upcoming edition of The Sentinel.



One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth

Commonwealth Day 2024 Celebrated on St Helena



Demy Henre, SAMS

On Monday, Prince Andrew School held an Assembly to commemorate the 75th Anniversary of the Commonwealth on Commonwealth Day. The event saw 80 people attend .The assembly started at 9am with Legislative Council Speaker and St Helena Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branch President, Cyril Gunnell, presenting a welcome speech.

This was followed by a message from the Head of the Commonwealth, His Majesty King Charles III, which was read by Acting Governor, Stephen Thwaites. Attorney General, David Ballantyne, read a message from the Right Honourable Patricia Scotland KC, Secretary-General of the Commonwealth of Nations, with the Commonwealth Affirmation read by PAS student council Vice President Erik Robbertse.

Once all speeches were given, a discussion on this year's theme, "One Resilient Common Future: Transforming our Common Wealth" was made which was then followed by messages from guest speakers including Environmental Officer, Terri Clingham, on a resilient environment to combat climate change; Investment Coordinator, Kyle Snow, on resilient economics that support recovery and prosperity; Equality & Human Rights Commissioner, Catherine Turner, on resilient democratic institutions upholding human rights, democracy and the rule of law; and Girl Guides Commissioner, Pamela Ward-Pearce, on resilience of societies to empower individuals for a peaceful and productive life.

The assembly concluded with remarks from Councillor Gillian Brooks and, shortly after, the Commonwealth Flag was raised at the Francis Plain Pavilion by Speaker Cyril Gunnell as part of the 'Fly a Flag for the Commonwealth" initiative.

Commonwealth day assemblies were also held at the three Primary Schools and these were attended by Elected Members of the Legislative Council. *Photos provided by SHG*



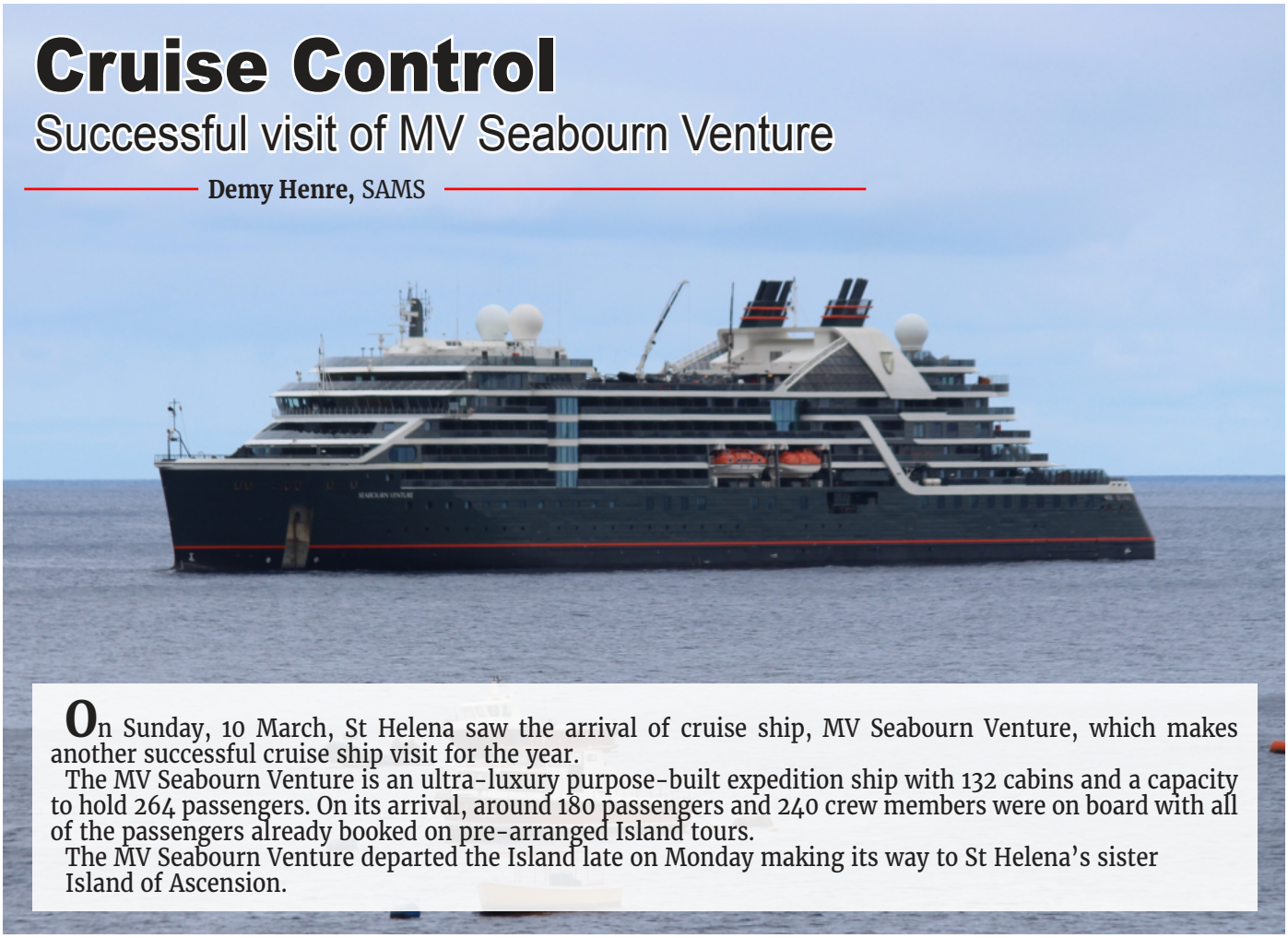




Cruise Control

Successful visit of MV Seabourn Venture

Demy Henre, SAMS



On Sunday, 10 March, St Helena saw the arrival of cruise ship, MV Seabourn Venture, which makes another successful cruise ship visit for the year.

The MV Seabourn Venture is an ultra-luxury purpose-built expedition ship with 132 cabins and a capacity to hold 264 passengers. On its arrival, around 180 passengers and 240 crew members were on board with all of the passengers already booked on pre-arranged Island tours.

The MV Seabourn Venture departed the Island late on Monday making its way to St Helena's sister Island of Ascension.

~~Never~~ Give Up!

40th Anniversary of No Smoking Day



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

The 40th anniversary of the annual No Smoking Day fell on Wednesday, 13 March.

No Smoking Day serves as a reminder of the significant negative effects of smoking and to encourage smokers to quit.

Tobacco use is actually the leading preventable cause of sickness and death worldwide. On St Helena, two thirds of all preventable deaths in the last two decades were a result of cardiovascular diseases, diabetes and cancers, all of which are made all the more likely by smoking.

People around smokers are also greatly affected by second-hand smoke and are at the same risk of disease as smokers. Pets are impacted as well, and cats and dogs of smokers are more likely to develop cancer than pets of non-smokers.

Smokefree St Helena is providing weekly support sessions delivered by trained stop-smoking practitioners in an evidence-based programme. This programme has two main components - behavioural support and stop-smoking medications - which gives smokers the best chance of quitting. Evidence also shows that, if given the right support, smokers who want to quit are three times as likely to give up smoking for good.

On No Smoking Day 2024, the Smokefree St Helena team offered a drop-in clinic for smokers, where any interested persons could get more information on the quitting programme and do a pre-quit assessment.

Select Committee 1 Hearing



Day-old chicks and farming support

Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On Wednesday, 6 March, the second Select Committee 1 'live' Hearing was carried out from 2pm in the Council Chamber. The focus of this hearing was agriculture, specifically farming support, land use review, and poultry production.

As the public will know, select committees are intended to scrutinise Government ordinances, policies, procedures and the like, to ensure accountability and efficiency.

Select Committee 1 consists of Chairperson Cllr Robert Midwinter and members Cllr Rosemary Bargo, Cllr Ronald Coleman and Cllr Gillian Brooks. Because Cllr Bargo was unable to attend this hearing, the other members posed her questions on her behalf.

Portfolio Director for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Darren Duncan, and Agricultural Development Officer, Andrea Timm, provided evidence at the hearing.

Next week, The Sentinel will go into detail on the proceedings of this hearing.

Building Botox

Post Office rehabilitation works part of Tourism initiative to improve sites around the Island



Demy Henre, SAMS

On 6 February, the Post Office building started to undergo some much-needed renovation works. The project is being done by local contractor, Grocock's Contractors, and is one of many projects which are being done across the Island through the Tourism Development Project, funded by ring-fenced financial support from the UK for destination marketing activates; improving capacity in the tourism and hospitality sectors through training, up-skilling and staffing, as well as product and infrastructure enhancement.

With regard to the Post Office, this area of tourism development will see improvements made to the visual appearance of key assets - with the Post Office being a prominent St Helena Government building in Main Street clearly in need of a facelift, having not been updated since it got painted in 2009.

Other works funded under this project include but are not limited to the cleaning and decorating of the buildings and cement chairs along the seafront, the Arch, New Horizons, the Ladder Hill Arch, St James Church gardens, and the Castle Gardens wall and railings. Also included is the painting of White Gate, Longwood Gate, tidying up of Longwood Avenue, painting of Napoleon's Tomb railings, creation of additional seating for the Napoleonic sites, and improving the toilets at Sandy Bay Beach.

The Tourism Development Project will also be working with the St Helena National Trust to improve the safety of High Knoll Fort and to tidy up the significantly historic landmark. They also plan to commence works to develop the No.1 building in Rupert's as an interpretation centre as well as to undertake work at Millennium Forest.

The works to the Post Office are hoped to be completed by 31 March.

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IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



In Scope: Central Support Services

Focus on Cyber Security

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Chief Minister Julie Thomas welcomed the IT team from SHG on In Scope this week to talk about the hot topic of Cyber Security. Guests in the studio that facilitated the discussion to delve deeper into this topic were Jerry Roberts (IT Section Manager), Nicole Richards (Deputy IT Section Manager), Gareth Drabble (Cyber Security Awareness Training Officer) and Barry Stroud (Information Security Technician).

In 2021, a representative of the UK Home Office, Wes Lewis, visited St Helena to assess the current condition of St Helena's cyber security and resilience across the Critical National Infrastructure (CNI) and Critical Information Infrastructure (CII). A report was later submitted outlining 14 recommendations to strengthen cyber security across these critical networks as well as within SHG. The SHG IT section has been working on addressing and implementing these recommendations since receiving the report. Jerry gave an update on the progress made in each of the 14 areas. Some recommendations have already been addressed whereas work in other areas are ongoing and some areas cannot be addressed at present due to constraints regarding resources.

Jerry started off by saying that they felt people are not taking Cyber Security (CS) serious enough. There is a perception that small businesses are not at risk, but with the development and improvement of AI technology, cyber criminals can now automate their attacks to target hundreds of businesses at once. Businesses of all sizes as well as individuals are at risk and everyone needs to realise this and implement the necessary CS measures to safeguard themselves against cyber attacks.

The first recommendation was to identify a senior SHG sponsor and lead for CS on St Helena. This role would require this person to lead on the implementation of the recommendations and developing and implementing CS policies for St Helena and this has been undertaken. Secondly it was recommended that a multi-organisational working group be established to bring together stakeholders to share CS threat information and provide leadership required to develop and test an incident response plan as well as oversee island-wide initiatives. This group has been established and include representatives of key organisations such as SHG (especially Health and emergency services), SURE, BOSH and SHAL. The third recommendation requires a review to be undertaken to assess gaps in cybercrime legislation on island and to consider adapting UK cyber laws as a cost-effective way to plug the most critical gaps. With the support from the Home Office, this work is ongoing.

The next area for consideration is to confirm that there is no business development impact of having no General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) provision and to monitor the risk. This is an ongoing project where the team is looking at the various data protection laws for Europe (GDPR) and the UK's Data Protection Act of 2018 to establish a framework for legislation on-Island to follow. In a previous In Scope program, Gillian Francis and Alex Adams spoke to the public on the work that is being done towards addressing this area. The protection of personal data forms an important part of CS and it is important to enact a law to protect data, especially where children's data is involved. The public was again reminded that they need to familiarise themselves with their rights to protection of their personal data.

The fifth recommendation, to establish a computer forensic reach back or on call capability, and to establish a holding procedure, has not been addressed yet due to limited available financial and other resources. Work towards this is being undertaken in the background as and when funds and resources are available.

Gareth was recruited to address the next recommendation, which is to provide regular cyber education to staff and the public as well as staff working with CNI and CII. Recommendations relating to an internal cyber audit of SHG have already been identified and are being addressed. This awareness program has taken on many forms such as posters and jingles in the media, public workshops and internal staff training sessions (Gareth's primary role). 400+ staff members have already received training in CS awareness and in total 600+ people have received CS training. Gareth has also spoken on the topic of CS at various PTA meetings

and other meetings to make especially vulnerable persons aware of the need to safeguard themselves against exploitation. He has also addressed a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce together with Wes Lewis to make local businesses aware of risks. It is critical that everyone is aware of the risks especially when it involves the CNI and CII. The IT section is working in co-operation with the providers of the CNI and CII to provide any support needed. CS awareness training is an ongoing process as the cyber landscape is constantly changing, especially when we look at the developments currently taking place with Artificial Intelligence. Julie stressed the importance of public engagement when workshops and information sessions are being presented to help people be as prepared and informed as possible to protect themselves.

The seventh recommendation related to a removable media policy and guidance that needs to be put in place for all critical systems and essential services. A draft policy is currently under review and will provide guidelines and restrictions as to the use of external devices such as USB's. With the access to faster internet, it is critical to look at safer and more secure ways to share data. USB's pose a great risk of infecting servers and networks with viruses and malware. Even if a removable device is scanned, not all threats can be detected and secured in time not to infect computers and networks. The aim of this policy will be to work towards a more controlled environment reducing the use of removable devices and to find alternative ways to share and transfer data and information. This draft policy is open for feedback and all departments are encouraged to participate in the discussions.

It was also recommended that a minimum common cyber approach across the CII suppliers and stakeholders be adopted. The use of cyber essentials standards is the recommended solution. CS measures are being implemented throughout SHG and systems are being aligned to control measures that enable continuous monitoring to scan the system for vulnerabilities and malicious threats. New infrastructure costs a lot of money and sometimes it is necessary to apply patches or security upgrades instead to make best use of the limited resources. The Home Office is supporting the team with tools that they provide allowing for a mail checker to identify and contain any mail from malicious sources as well as a website checker. It is a continuous process to make decisions on which systems to upgrade in this ever-changing landscape. Upgrading systems within a limited budget whilst assessing the risks of using older (and sometimes unsupported) technology requires a constant balancing act.

The ninth recommendation calls for the establishment of a CS policy and effectively communicating this pertaining mainly to SHG. When the audit was undertaken there were three cyber policies in place within SHG. This has now been increased to 18 policies in total, providing guidelines for the end users as to the do's and don'ts. It is important to ensure that everyone understands what the policies entail as they contain a lot of technical information. These policies are therefore explained to users stressing why the policy is being implemented and the importance for the user. The core policy is the Acceptable Use Policy that replaced the old IT Policy and is one of the key policies that had to be shared with all SHG staff using computers at work. This is a continuous process as it takes time to change behaviour and perception. The overall objective of all of the policies is to instil a good CS awareness culture throughout SHG. It is also important to note that good policy will lead to good legislation.

An effective and common patching regime has been established across CII suppliers in line with the tenth recommendation, whilst the eleventh recommendation - to conduct a cost benefit analysis to see which operating efficiencies and risk reduction can be gained now that greater bandwidth is available, allowing more automation and cloud based approaches to be available - is still ongoing. The twelfth recommendation is a bit more challenging and will take time to address as it involves investing in a programme by SHG IT to upgrade and replace obsolete hardware and software. This is a costly process and the team will have to cherry-pick systems to upgrade and replace due to budget constraints.

Another cost benefit analysis being undertaken in line with recommendation thirteen involves determining which operating efficiencies and risk reduction can be gained from the International Communications Licence contract provisions. This work is also still ongoing as and when money is available. The last recommendation has been addressed as cyber threats and risks have been included in the Resilience Forum's terms of reference as well as conducting regular cross CNI and CII stakeholder cyber resilience exercises. The Home Office is also providing support in developing a National Cyber Security Response Plan for the island. Since the audit and recommendations were made, the IT team have made progress on 11 of the 14 areas by adding two team members and by undertaking various different roles to address each of the areas identified in the report.

The team also touched on a new buzz word among St Helenians due to improved internet access and that is Cloud Migration. The cloud represents a raft of remote servers hosted in various parts of the world providing access for users via the internet. SHG are looking at the option of utilising cloud migration and storage to bring about cost savings. Whilst there are many cost saving advantages to the use of cloud storage and other benefits on offer, there are also a lot of risks that users need to be aware of and necessary safety measures will have to be put in place. There is a big concern about data protection and the secure storage of data as the country where the servers are set up will determine the data protection laws that will be valid for data stored there. It is also important to realise that users will have to comply with the laws and requirements of the country where storage space is hosted. Examples of cloud storage and data transfer options would be Google Drive and Dropbox and basically represents a folder for data storage on the internet. There are constantly new developments in this field offering many new opportunities. It is important to recognise that risks do exist and that it would be wise to be aware of these and for SHG, businesses and the public to work together to be make St Helena as secure as possible.

In closing, Nicole touched on their recent conference hosted in the Cayman Islands, organised by the Home Office for UK Overseas Territories to collaborate on how to approach cyber threats together. It is important to share information and, during the conference, it was decided that the OT's will work towards presenting one voice to the UK government in bringing the goals, support needed, and required funds to address cyber threats to their attention. Although all the OT's are different, they can learn from each other and work together to bring about positive outcomes for all.

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

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If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Bank Teller

1 Year Fixed-Term Contract

Commencing at £8,796 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of a Bank Teller. This position will be offered on a 1 Year Fixed-Term Contract from 01 April 2024.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Diana Benjamin, Teller Services Manager on email tellerservicesmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager on email hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com or contact them on 22390 for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is 29 March 2024.

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

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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

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Bank of St Helena Ltd

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)

Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. Mar 14

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am-1pm : 1548 with Ferdie
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classic's with Donna Crowie

SAT. Mar 15

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

SUN. Mar 16

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope - Health
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service

MON. Mar 17

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 2pm-4pm:DNA with Deon and Anita
- 5:30pm-7pm: Country Classic's with Donna Crowie

TUE. Mar 18

- 7am-9am: Morning Show with Donna
- 9am - 11am: Midday Show with Demy Herne
- 11am: The Folk revivial with Anita
- 2pm: In Scope - Education
- 3pm: American connection with Brian Clough
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne

WED. Mar 19

- 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. Mar 20

- 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

Reach us on ***22727*** or at ***news@sams.sh***

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Bringing you the

BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

88.1 (High Knoll)

102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week





New to SAMS Radio 1 is Brian Clough with the 'American Connections' show, where Brian shares his love of country music all the way from the UK.

'American Connections' can be heard on SAMS Radio 1 every Tuesday at 3:30pm.

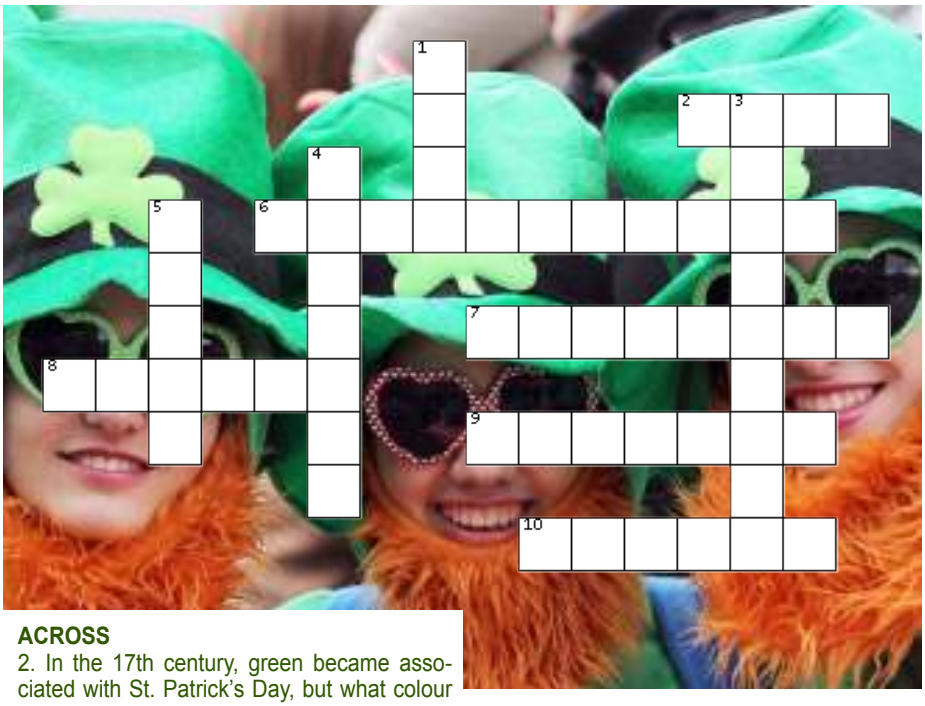
So remember, 'American Connections' every Tuesday right here on SAMS Radio 1!

Local news and notices:

7am, 10am, noon, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

Crossword: St Paddys Day



ACROSS

2. In the 17th century, green became associated with St. Patrick's Day, but what colour was associated with the holiday originally?
6. What mythological being is a part of St. Patrick's Day lore and Irish culture?
7. What St. Patrick's Day symbol is considered sacred?
8. What is the national vegetable of Ireland?
9. Leprechauns are part of what magical, mystical being's family tree?
10. What animal did St. Patrick allegedly banish from Ireland?

DOWN

1. To celebrate St. Paddy's Day in Ireland, Dublin hosts a huge festival that lasts how many days?
3. What iconic structure turns green to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day in London? (6,3)
4. Where did green beer originate from? (2,4)
5. St. Paddy's Day is celebrated annually on March 17, which is the anniversary of his what?

Famous Birthday on 14 March



Stephen Curry (35)

Sentinel Joke of the day

A Limbo Champ walks into a bar...

...he loses

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*

1,2,3,...,38,
39,40 LIFE

LE
VEL

Grandmother left dangling 7ft upside down after getting stuck in shop's shutters



A grandmother was left dangling upside down after her coat got caught in a shop's security shutters.

Anne Hughes, 71, was seen on CCTV being lifted 7ft into the air outside a convenience store in Rhondda Cynon Taf.

She has been dubbed "SuperAnne" in her home village in Wales and said the incident "could only happen to me".

Speaking at her home near the Best One shop in Tonteg, near Pontypridd, Ms Hughes said her thought at the time was "flipping heck".

"It's just lucky I've got a good sense of humour," she said.

The store shared the clip on its social media and it has been watched nearly two million times.

Ms Hughes was standing outside the store, where she works as a cleaner, waiting for it to open when the electric shutters were raised and her coat got stuck.

Footage showed her dangling upside down before a shopkeeper rescued her by holding her in his arms as the shutter was slowly lowered.

She said: "I've been suffering falls for the past six months or so and the doctors at the hospital think it's from low blood pressure - it was going up then."

"I'm learning to live with the fame. I'll never hear the end of it," Ms Hughes added.

"The shutter was completely open, then I screamed his [the shopkeeper's] name, and thank goodness he came out and lowered the shutter a little bit and managed to get me in his arms.

"And I just can remember saying to him 'just grab my head' - I was worried I was going to fall, I was pointing towards the floor."

But while Ms Hughes says she was shaken up by the incident, she was not injured.

Last week's Crossword Answers

Colours

DOWN	ACROSS
2. Emerald	1. Yellow
3. White	5. Purple
4. Orange	6. Pink
7. Grey	8. Green
11. Ivory	9. Blue
	10. Violet
	12. Brown

Rebus Answers:

1. Life Begins at Forty, 2. Split Level

NOTICE BOARD

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 FOR MARINE PROJECT OFFICER

An 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 V1 (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 research and assist with our island-wide education and outreach programmes.

Applicants must have an enthusiasm for the marine environment, be well organized, highly motivated and a reliable team player that is keen to develop their own practical field skills and office-based skills. The successful candidate will be trained and supported in this role.

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.

If you feel you could contribute to the Trust's mission, then we would like to hear from you. The salary for the post is dependent on experience. 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. For further information please contact Neil Thorp on 22307 or email neil.thorp@trust.org.sh . Applications should be in the form of a CV and cover letter indicating how you meet the requirements of the job description.

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 15 March 2024

NOTICE BOARD

ABOS
YANG ENTERPRISES, INC.
Ascension Base Operations Support Team

Meet &Greet at Anne's Place (next to Castle Gardens in Jamestown)

Thursday, March 21st 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Come and meet the on-island representative for Yang Enterprises, Inc. (YEI) if you have an interest in working on the US Base on Ascension Island. Learn about the current job openings and the types of jobs that YEI is looking to build their candidate base for future employment.

Administrative	Firefighter (certified)	Morale, Welfare & Recreation Attendant
Bartender	Fleet Management	Power Plant Operator
Carpenter	Generator Mechanic	Plumber
Communications	Heavy Equipment Operator	Roads & Grounds Maintenance
Cook	Health, Safety & Environmental Technician	Snack Bar Attendant
Crane Operator	Heating & Air-Conditioning Technician	Store Clerk
Dining Hall Attendant	Housekeeper	Tower Operator
Dispatcher	Hydroponics Grower	Vehicle Mechanic
Electrician (certified)	Laundry & Custodial Helper	Warehouse Specialist
Facility Maintenance	Logistics	Wastewater Operator

Yang Enterprises, Inc. (YEI) provides Base Operations Services and Mission Support on Ascension Island under the United States Space Force program.YEI provides its employees with competitive compensation, meals (Breakfast, Lunch, and Dinner) and accommodation. Upon completion of a one-year contract, YEI will provide a round trip passage to the home of record. Laundry and MWR facilities are available free of charge. A valid Passport with a minimum of 18 months is required for an offer letter to be extended. To be considered, there should not be any major offences recorded with law enforcement agencies.

Any interested person currently residing on Saint Helena who would like help with the applicationcan call 25971 or send their CV to AscensionIslandJobs@gmail.com

ORKNEY 2025
https://www.orkney2025.com/

NATIONAL SPORTS ASSOCIATION OF ST HELENA
NSASH

Clubs/Athletes are invited to submit their expressions of interest to compete at the next NatWest Island Games being held in Orkney 12th - 18th July 2025. Closing date is 31st March 2024. Selection will be before the end of 2024.

Please email nsash@helanta.co.sh

Your full name
Your Address
Date of Birth
The Sport you would like to compete in.

At this stage, NSASH has no funding to support these Games. Athletes will need to fund themselves.

Archery • Athletics • Badminton • Cycling • Football • Golf
Gymnastics • Lawn Bowls • Sailing • Squash • Swimming • Triathlon

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Grocery Sales Assistants

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £8,340 per annum (£695 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket for Grocery Sales Assistants.

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of the Supermarket and ensure a high standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge and skills of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience in working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Be able to perform general cleaning duties
- Be available to work weekends, including Sundays.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Marilyn Joshua, Grocery Manager (Country Outlets) via 25989/23559 HTH-manager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation &Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **19 March 2024.**

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:

- Pension Contributions
- Attractive Leave Packages including annual leave, sickness absence leave, maternity/parental leave
- Staff Discounts

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

Festival of Walking

Walk of the Week

POWELL'S VALLEY
ST HELENA NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

Date: Sunday, 17 March 2024
Start Time: 8am

Meeting point: Rock Rose, Levelwood

Andre Bak and Kevin Ryder will guide this post box walk, starting off through woodland and greenery then heading to the coastland with views of the stark valley below.

Remember to bring minimum 2L water, suitable walking shoes, sunscreen.

Walk grade: A fairly strenuous walk suitable only for fit, experienced walkers.

7-8 Fairly strenuous

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
Saturday 23/03/2024	Prosperous Bay	Tom Wortley
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

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

St Helena Cloud Forest Project Public Talk

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

We are thrilled to host a talk by Dr. Mark Nicholson, of Plants for Life International, on his work restoring native forest in Brackenhurst, Kenya over almost 25 years.

Forest Restoration in Brackenhurst, Kenya

Dr Mark Nicholson started Kenyan NGO Plants for Life International in 2000, and began restoring around 70 acres of land at Brackenhurst, a conference centre 25km north of Nairobi.

The climax vegetation there is sub-afromontane forest at 2000 m and 1200 mm rainfall with deep acidic soils. 99% of the indigenous vegetation in the area has been destroyed, and the major land use is now tea plantations. When restoration works began the land was covered in exotic plantations of gum (*Eucalyptus grandis, E. saligna*), cypress, wattle and Australian Blackwood.

Dr. Nicholson will discuss the methodologies, challenges, successes and failures after a quarter of a century of work restoring Brackenhurst's native forests.

Date: Wednesday 20th March **Venue: Museum of St Helena** **Time: 18:30**

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Pest Control Operator (£7,341 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Georgina Young on Tel No. 22713**
Closing date: **19 March 2024**

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

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Myra Young on Tel No. 24724**
Closing date: **19 March 2024**

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**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies 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.

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St Helena Government

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Vocational Instructor (Building Construction) (£10,218 - £11,035 per annum)

Are you interested in working with young people and want to be a part of shaping their future? Then join the team and become a Vocational Instructor at PAS. You will be responsible for planning, preparing and effectively delivering programmes of study in Building Construction to designated classes in KS4 and KS5, catering for all abilities of students. You must have the required qualifications and demonstrable experience/skills, must have experience in IT applications, be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of young people, have good communication skills and be able to interact with students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Isabel Andrews on Tel no: 24290**
Closing date: **19 March 2024**

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

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**

Benefits

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St Helena Government

Community Care Officers x 3 (Adult Services) (£9,197 – £11,239 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit three individuals who are you willing to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by assisting with the provision of one-to-one support to enable vulnerable adults to remain living independently in their own homes. The individual's vulnerability could be due to mental or physical disability, frailty or illness. Support will include assessment of needs and provision of personal-care tasks, such as bathing, toileting and dressing and domestic tasks such as meal preparation, cleaning and laundry. Also to provide respite sessions including time in the community and supporting access to day services. An important part of this role will be developing supportive relationships with those you are supporting in their own homes and in the community so that they can continue to live an independent life whilst being safe. **You will be required to do shift work, working on the weekends and public holidays etc.**

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Lisa Green on Tel. No. 22920**
Closing date: **19 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**

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

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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**

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 25024**

Benefits

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

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Training and Development

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NOTICE BOARD

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 17th March 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent		
	NO SERVICES WILL BE AT 8AM AND 9.30AM	
3.00 p.m.	**Eucharist with Ordination of Dn Clarence Roberts**	**Cathedral**

The Parish of St James		
Sunday 17th March 2024 – 5th Sunday in Lent		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 21st March	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 17th March – 5th Sunday in Lent		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 19th March	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

Jamestown Rifle Club

Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Jamestown Rifle Club will take place on Tuesday, 19 March 2024, at the Club House in the Moat starting 7pm.

All are welcome to attend and we look forward to seeing you.





NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday 17th March
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

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

Bible Studies
Tuesday 19th March
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 21st March
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 20th March
Baptist School Hall J/Town 10.30 am

ALL ARE WLCOME.

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644



BANK OF ST HELENA WEBSITE UPDATE

Bank of St Helena Ltd would like to update all customers that the official Bank Website can be accessed on www.sainthelenabank.com. Online Banking users can access their portals direct on www.sainthelenabankonline.com.

If you have any questions, please contact the Bank on customerservices@sainthelenabank.com.

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St Paul's District Constituency Surgery

Councillor Robert Midwinter will be hosting a drop in Constituency Surgery for all residents living within the St Paul's electoral area.

This will be held at Kingshurst Community Centre on Thursday, 21st March, starting at 3pm, and 30 minute slots will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

If you would like to meet with him on this occasion, please call 51500 to make an appointment, or send him an email via: cllr.midwinter@helanta.co.sh

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SPORTS ARENA

Arnold Flagg Challenge Cup Golf Report



SHGC, Contributed

The annual Arnold Flagg Challenge Cup took place on Sunday, 10 March, in cloudy conditions with 19 players participating in the stroke play event. The competition was intense, leading to a tie of net 70 for the top spot between Martin Buckley and the president, Tony Green. After a playoff, Tony Green emerged victorious, securing the Arnold Flagg Cup and first prize, while Martin settled for second prize. Asa Bushuru, the only junior golfer in the field, displayed impressive skills and secured solo third place with a score of 71.

In the two ball pool, Jeffrey Stevens and Neil Joshua excelled, both scoring eagles on the second hole. The prizes were sponsored and presented by Mrs Flagg who thanked all the players for taking part in the event. This event marked the 20th anniversary since its inception. Such a remarkable legacy in memory of Mr Arnold Flagg who was a president of the club and passed on in 2008. The club and its members are grateful to the Flagg family for this tremendous support. Mrs Flagg was accompanied by her family members Monica, Devlin, Roxanna, and Mika.

The next competition is scheduled for Sunday, 17 March, featuring an 18-hole medalford format with a tee-off time at 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday, 16 March, at 3pm. For more photos and updates on our events, head over to our Facebook page @sghc.org. We wish you all a great weekend. Happy swinging!

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

It seems noticeable that everyone dedicated their weekend celebrating Mothering Sunday with their dearest and nearest loving families and friends. This is a special day in our yearly calendar that marks one of the most luxurious days each year when all other activities are pushed aside as we get to pay our warm-hearted love and thanks in prayer to our dear mothers and those who are like mother figures. What a coincidence that the Airlink flight arrived on this special day, with passengers presenting themselves as a gift to their mothers or even as mothers to their loved ones. We trust you all enjoyed this special day, we also pay tribute to all who were unable to be with their mothers and families for this special day, but remember, we are so lucky as we get to make a phone call, let us just think of those for a moment who are in trouble or affected by wars. We are blessed.

We had predicted a low attendance at the club this week due to the weekend celebrations, but we gladly welcomed two new special friendly guests, Christopher Hofer, MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping (Pty) Ltd, and a visitor Rene Hanke who came to visit and gain some knowledge of our operations and how we demonstrate our activities. They admitted this would be the first time to have a go at target shooting and to use our type of rifles. After conducting safety control points and a few shooting techniques, they settled into their prone positions. Engaging each shot into the rifle chambers, aiming and taking the shots they did extremely well finding their aiming point hitting the targets with their finishing scores Chris = 105.1 and Rene = 103.1, well done and thanks to you both. Chris also took out his membership and looks forward to his next visit. Chris for the first time had a go at archery, with Jordana Peters giving him few tips, Chris decided to compete, South Africa V St Helena, but trying to bite more than chewable, St Helena is unbeatable, Chris will be booking training sessions in SA ready for his next visit, so watch out Jordanna, we still have more tricks in the bag.

Please be reminded that our AGM will take place on Tuesday, 19 March, at the club starting 7pm. All are welcome and we look forward to a good attendance. All members are kindly asked for your support for this important event.



Western Pirates Claim First T15 Championship



On Saturday morning, the final of the New Horizons and SHCA collaborated Junior T15 Blast took place with Western Pirates facing up against the Eastern Rebels.
The Western Pirates batted first and, thanks to a brilliant knock from Kieran Williams (52), the Pirates produced a healthy total of 129. Rebels got off to a great start with star batsmen, James Duncan-Andrews (25) and Zac Francis (17) leading the way, but it was down to a brilliant all round bowling and fielding performance from the Pirates that turned the match in their favour and saw them take the victory to become the first T15 Champions.
Well done to all the junior players and congratulations to the Western Pirates!





Top Performers

Bowlers

Lukas Robbertse (Y) 2wkts/17runs (Eastern Rebels 2024)

Hugo Richards (Y) 2wkts/18 runs (Western Pirates 2024)

Kanye Samuel (Y) 1wkt/6 runs (Eastern Rebels 2024)

Batters

Kieran Williams (Y) 52 (Western Pirates)

James Duncan-Andrews (Y) 25 (Eastern Rebels 2024)

Zach Francis(Y) 17 (Eastern Rebels 2024)



SPORTS ARENA

We're Keeping Our Title



The final fixtures for this year's T20 District Competition got underway on Saturday with St Pauls defeating Sandy Bay. St Pauls batted first and with help from inform batsmen Dax Richards with 81 posted a healthy score 182 for the loss of 4 wickets. Sandy Bay replied with a good chase, but in the end, could only produce a total of 159.

On Sunday, Sandy Bay took on Longwood. Longwood batted first and thanks to an impressive score of 68 from Joey Thomas, they produced a score of 143 all out. Thanks to a five wicket haul from Sharmen Sardin, Longwood managed to restrict Sandy Bay to just 128.

The second game on Sunday saw St Pauls take on HTH. St Pauls needed to beat HTH to win the District Title - but it was not meant to be. HTH batted first and produced a score of 147. The game went to the wire, but it was HTH who proved too much for St Pauls, restricting them to 140.

The following game between Jamestown and Levelwood would determine who would end the day as District Champs. Levelwood batted first and, despite a shaky start, posted a score of 152 for the loss of six wickets. With some impressive bowling, they kept Jamestown to 136, leaving Levelwood to retain their title as St Helena Cricket District Champs. Well done boys!



RMS T20 Fixtures

Saturday 16th
9am Challengers v Lions
(Postponed League match)
Umpires: David George and
Damian Burns

1.30pm Rebels v Mustangs
Umpires: Damien O'Bey and
Matthew Benjamin

Sunday 17th
8am Jamestown Heat v
Sandy Bay Pirates
Umpires: Gareth Johnson
and Barry Stroud

11am Lions v Levelwood Allstars
Umpires: Gavin Ellick and Andrew Yon

14:00 Challengers v Cobras
Umpires: David Price
and Alasdair Bain