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SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

So, it's that time of the year again when the rains suddenly shows up for all the people to go camping in. Time truly will slip away from you if you let it. Also, it's the last of Volume 12 of The Sentinel - that's right, another year has flown past for The Sentinel. It hasn't been easy, nothing is I guess, but hats off to this small team we have down here, putting a paper together is not a easy task and to come up with a product that we are proud off, week in and week out, is quite impressive from where I'm standing (keep in mind, I'm just the graphic designer). Like, first of all, we live on a small Island, so now you have to find stories that would be beneficial for the public every week, then that needs to be written it in a way where it is not bias, and, with such tight deadlines, sometimes important news stories only come out on the day before, or the day of printing, and there is so much more that goes into it. On top of all that, you still have to do your daily tasks - but it gets done.

We do not have the number of staff that SAMS had when they first started, but we do have some staff from those times and, with that, they carry some of the principles of what The Sentinel paper should be according to how it was from the beginning. There have been changes made to The Sentinel over the years, but mixing the old with the new isn't a bad thing! I feel that we want to put out good content, good pictures, and try to make it so everyone can enjoy!

Anyway that's my opinion; just a little shout out to the hardworking team. Other than that, enjoy the camping, enjoy spending time with family and friends, and have an awesome Easter everyone!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I read your article From "Partner" to "Opposition" last week with great interest and hope there is indeed a resolution in sight to the fish shortages this island's population have to endure. It seems there is a thinly veiled threat by STC to take SHG to court and perhaps that is the best solution to resolve the endless saga of accusations.

On the subject of April's impending rent review for the fish factory in Ruperts the mists might clear a little sooner. If one takes your example of the £150,000 payable on the new cannery lease and compares apples with apples a rough calculation can be arrived at. As the cannery site is only two thirds the area of the fish factory site would £225,000 over the remaining seven years of the fish factory lease seem reasonable? An annual rent of £32,000+ might bring a tear to a missionary's eye but surely any landlord is entitled to a fair return on investment after a three year grace period of £1 rent per annum.

To calculate the gross rental yield on the investment the calculation is annual rental income ÷ investment x 100 or in this case £32,000 ÷ £500,000 x 100 = 6.4% - sounds fair to me. If the rent review comes up with a lesser amount then questions really need to be asked why the island's money was so poorly invested in the first place.

Of even greater interest is the claim by Johann that "STC should be producing in excess of 1000 tonnes of product per annum with at least 40 permanent staff." Presumably much of this product would be frozen Tuna for export hence the need for his reefer access to the rear of the fish factory. In August 2022 when Johann wrote a letter to all commercial fishermen justifying STC's decision to "Procure fish" from them rather than "Process fish" for them he also wrote *"Frozen Export Tuna: to be announced (TBA) at a later stage as current international price indicators show very low prices without realistic margins. STC will monitor frequently to detect potential increase in demand."* Well maybe I missed his announcement at a later stage but I am not aware of falling sea freight costs or a dramatic rise in the value of frozen Tuna exports.

Perhaps there will be a fairy tale ending to the STC's tale of woe but I doubt it. There is one other small fish processing unit down on Jamestown wharf that trundles quietly along and supplies affordable fish without causing local government any major grief. What if SHG was to supply some grant aid to that business for equipment upgrades and a shop fit to kit out their recently acquired market unit? In the light of impending litigation with STC, and potentially even less available processed fish, now is the time to spend a little money wisely. It might mean diverting the money from an overseas trip for some politician to this worthy cause but times are tough, aren't they?

In the meantime, keep up the good work Liam your readership appreciates a bit of clarity and less secrecy surrounding issues that affect the quality of their daily lives.

Alan Nicolls

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

LICENCE FOR IMPORTING POTATOES FROM TRISTAN DA CUNHA

The *Mv Hondius* is due to arrive at St Helena from Tristan da Cunha on Thursday 18 April 2024. Persons expecting to receive potatoes from Tristan are reminded that they will require an import licence.

Licence application forms are available from the Biosecurity Section at Scotland, St Paul's. Please contact either Nicholas Stevens on email: nicholas.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh or Julie Balchin on email: julie.balchin@sainthelena.gov.sh or telephone 24724 for enquiries. Applications will close at 15:00 on Friday 5 April 2024. No applications will be accepted after this date.

Applicants are reminded that proof of payment is required before a licence can be issued. A payment of £6 can be made at the Bank of St Helena using account number: 61000003 or at the Post & Customer Services Centre at the Post Office. Please quote 'Fresh Produce Import Licence'.

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"Cancer is no respecter of age or social status"

Kate, Princess of Wales, undergoing chemotherapy after cancer diagnosis



Liam Yon, SAMS

Devastating news recently broke that Princess Catherine, wife of William, Prince of Wales, has been diagnosed with cancer and is currently undergoing chemotherapy.

This news will sadden many across the commonwealth after His Majesty, King Charles, was also diagnosed with cancer earlier this year, leaving both the Monarch and his daughter-in-law, Kate, to fight against the deadly disease.

While no details have been released around the type of cancer the Princess has been diagnosed with, it was confirmed that the cancer was discovered following a separate procedure that she underwent in January, namely abdominal surgery for a condition that was not revealed.

The Princess announced the news in a video statement released on Friday, speaking openly about her diagnosis and circumstances where she described it as a "huge shock" though she remained positive, stating that she is "well" and "getting stronger every day."

Messages of love and support have poured in for the Prince and Princess of Wales during these tough times, with many political figures voicing their support including Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak, and US President, Joe Biden.

His Majesty himself was reportedly "proud" of Kate for the courage to speak out and, with the two both undergoing cancer treatment, they remain in close contact. A message of support and well wishes was also sent by the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, Harry and Meghan.

Meanwhile, the BBC reports that Professor Pat Price, an Oncologist and founder of the "Catch Up With Cancer" campaign, praised the Princess for speaking out "so openly and frankly".

"As was the case with the King's diagnosis, her doing so will no doubt give many more people that vital prompt to get themselves checked and give others affected by cancer more confidence to speak about their own experience," he said. "This announcement is a stark and shocking reminder that cancer is no respecter of age or social status."

The Sentinel joins the millions across the world in wishing Princess Catherine a full and speedy recovery.

Early Morning Assault

Police seeking community assistance on incident at Longwood Green

Donna Crowie, SAMS



The Royal St Helena Police is appealing to the public for any information they may have regarding an assault that occurred in the Longwood Green area on Tuesday, 19 March, between 8:30am and 10:30am.

Police say "appeals are one of many lines of enquiry that the Police undertake as part of an investigation and information gathered from such appeals can help to progress and hopefully bring justice and reassurance to victims."

Police say any information that anyone has on this assault should be brought forward and will be treated with the strictest of confidence.

Select Committee 1: Agriculture

Poultry units and feral chickens



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

The second Select Committee 1 hearing was held on 6 March in the Council Chambers.

Chairperson of Select Committee 1 Cllr Robert Midwinter and members Cllr Gillian Brooks and Cllr Ronald Coleman scrutinised the agricultural area; Cllr Midwinter and Cllr Brooks began the hearing scrutinising poultry production. Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio Director, Darren Duncan, and Agricultural Development Officer, Andrea Timm, were called to provide evidence.

Cllr Midwinter questioned the reasoning behind pullets not being produced on-Island.

"The main reason, at the time, was because we also couldn't bring in stock which would have been point-of-lay chickens or embryonated eggs," Andrea stated. "The risk was too high at the time, so we decided not to bring them in. We had to ensure that the [Newcastle] disease had been adequately controlled on-Island."

Cllr Midwinter then asked if there was no inclusion in the divestment contract for the maintenance of the parent stock to produce those pullets.

"With egg production at the moment, we have what you call high-bred breeds and their lifespan is between 12 and 18 months maximum," Andrea responded. "During the contract, and at the time that we had the outbreak of the Newcastle disease, the parent stock were coming to the end of their useful life and therefore the plan to bring in stock to replace them. So, likewise with the parent stock and the layers, they have a very short lifespan when they are productive. There would be people that would say that they've kept them beyond that time and they will continue to lay, but if you are going to be operating a commercial business or a viable business, then you would keep them for the duration when they are most productive."

Cllr Brooks brought up the quarantine period for imported chicks here, asking about this process.

"The chicks, by law, are quarantined for a period of four weeks and during that time they are checked three times a day; they are fed and given water," Andrea stated. "We also need to control the temperatures to ensure that there is no draught, it doesn't get too hot, so three times a day, staff go to the quarantine unit to check the chicks."

"At the end of the four weeks, if they are observed not to have any health problems and we are happy that they are healthy, then they are released to the public," Andrea continued, also confirming that quarantine has a 90-95% success rate.

"Only authorised officers are allowed to be involved with quarantining, so that includes the Agricultural Development Officer [Andrea], Senior Veterinary Officer and the other members of the veterinary services," Darren added. "No member of the public is allowed to go into quarantine [other than for collection, following the quarantine period]."

Cllr Brooks then asked about the comparative cost if ANRD reverted to providing a pullet incubation service.

"The policy provision that was put in place wasn't based around comparison of cost," Darren responded. "Prior to bringing in day-old chicks, when we operated the poultry unit ourselves, the cost per annum for that was around £28,000."

"The provision of chicks today isn't based solely on the cost comparison of doing it ourselves and doing it with day-old chicks, simply on the basis that we haven't been able to get anyone to take up incubation, for example," Darren continued. "I know the poultry producer group that has been established in 2020; that kind of opportunity was put to the Islands poultry producers, who are some of the most experienced poultry producers that we have available, but they always felt that was something Government should do."

"Because there is only a very finite demand on the Island on an annual basis, we would never recover - and we previously didn't recover - revenue at full-cost recovery from that process, whereas now, we can through day-old chicks and recover full cost," Darren further stated.

Darren also stated that poultry producers do not have to be registered with SHG, but they are required to declare themselves as such during the animal census.

Andrea then confirmed that there has been no interest from the private sector to take over the import of the day-old chicks.

"Certainly we want to move to looking at a combination of options to resupply the Island with layers going forward," Darren added. "Once the poultry units have been refurbished, we want to be able to look first to all of the public to see whether there is interest... What we want to try and establish is real interest in operating the facility going forward."

"It is clear that it's going to be very difficult for a business opportunity to just operate incubation of poultry on the Island, so either it has to be

in conjunction with another business opportunity to make it sustainable, or we use a combination of methods of overall supplying chicks on the Island," Darren stated.

Cllr Midwinter posed his own questions on ENRPs egg production units.

"The refurbishment of the poultry units is part of the IAP project, however the poultry unit at Scotland is not complete," Andrea stated. "Farm buildings costs £41,355 and Scotland is £79,760."

"The intention is to have private sector tenants in those units, operating them," Darren added

Cllr Midwinter asked for confirmation that ongoing maintenance will be a requirement under the leases.

"[At Scotland, for example], the bottom units were not refurbished in its entirety when the tenant took over, so there were additional works being included in the value of that contract," Darren responded. "There were also some structural issues that we wouldn't want a tenant to be interfering with anyway... but there are certainly requirements in the leasing arrangements for internal and external requirements for maintenance."

Cllr Midwinter brought the topic of poultry to a close with a final question on feral chickens, pointing out that they could become a predator to endemic invertebrates.

"I wouldn't say that the responsibility falls to ENRP, however, we do try and support people, especially around residential areas," Andrea stated. "We have a number of cages, which we lend to people to actually catch the chickens and then it's up to them how they wish to dispose of [the feral chickens], whether they do it themselves or bring them back to us. Most cases, they find someone who is interested in taking them. We have also caught a few chickens up in Cason's area, because we see that the numbers are increasing there... With the nature of the chickens, they will breed really quickly, so it will be a challenge in terms of keeping the numbers down."



#EndTheStereotypes

SHAPE celebrates World Down Syndrome Day



Demy Herne, SAMS

St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise (SHAPE) recently held an event at the Mule Yard, to celebrate and raise awareness on World Down Syndrome Day, which fell this year on Thursday, 21 March.

The event started at 7pm with an estimated 60 people attending, the majority dressed in the evening's dress code of yellow and blue.

Activities included a movie-showing of "The Fundamentals of Caring" from 2016, and a slideshow showcasing some of local resident Kristian Green's life in pictures captured by him - some of which will be entered in the "My Perspective" competition on the World Down Syndrome Day page.

"The evening was very successful," commented Gonny Hubbard. "There were a large number of people interested in World Down Syndrome Day and this year's theme 'End the Stereotypes'. They were impressed by Kristian's story and enjoyed the movie that was shown. I think we were able to get the message across that people are different. Each person with Down Syndrome is different; each person with a disability is different. People don't all act the same or like the same things. Like any other person, people with Down Syndrome each have their individual identities, interests, likes and dislikes, gifts and talents."

Also, in honour of World Down Syndrome Day, High Knoll Fort could be seen lit up in yellow and blue. The public are requested to share photos taken of High Knoll Fort on the night with SHAPE so they can share these with the World Down Syndrome Organization. These photos could then possibly be featured on their webpage next year.

When is Field Road going to reopen?

Confusion around completion date for Field Road as SHG refuses to update the progress of works until Councillors discuss it first



Donna Crowie, SAMS

As part of the R2 Project and the overall Rupert's Development, Field Road – linking Rupert's to Jamestown via Side Path – has been closed since September 2023, with rehabilitation works having been contracted to Isaacs's Contractors.

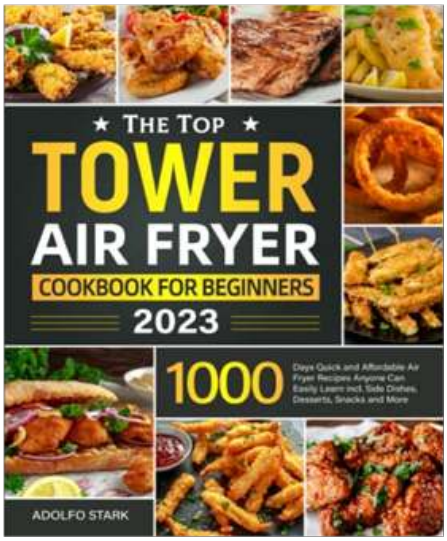
In a recent interview on SAMS Radio 1, SHG's Financial Secretary, Dax Richards, spoke about "the timeline on the project on the road" where he stated that "the contract completion date is currently on 10 June 2024."

The Sentinel then enquired to SHG as to how far works have progressed on the Field Road project since September. However, in response, they instead confirmed that "Field Road will not be opening in June, as stated by Dax."

In addition, SHG also told The Sentinel "that an update on works cannot be given this week" stating instead that "this matter will be discussed by the Chief Minister and Elected Members, after which an update can be given."

Book of the Week

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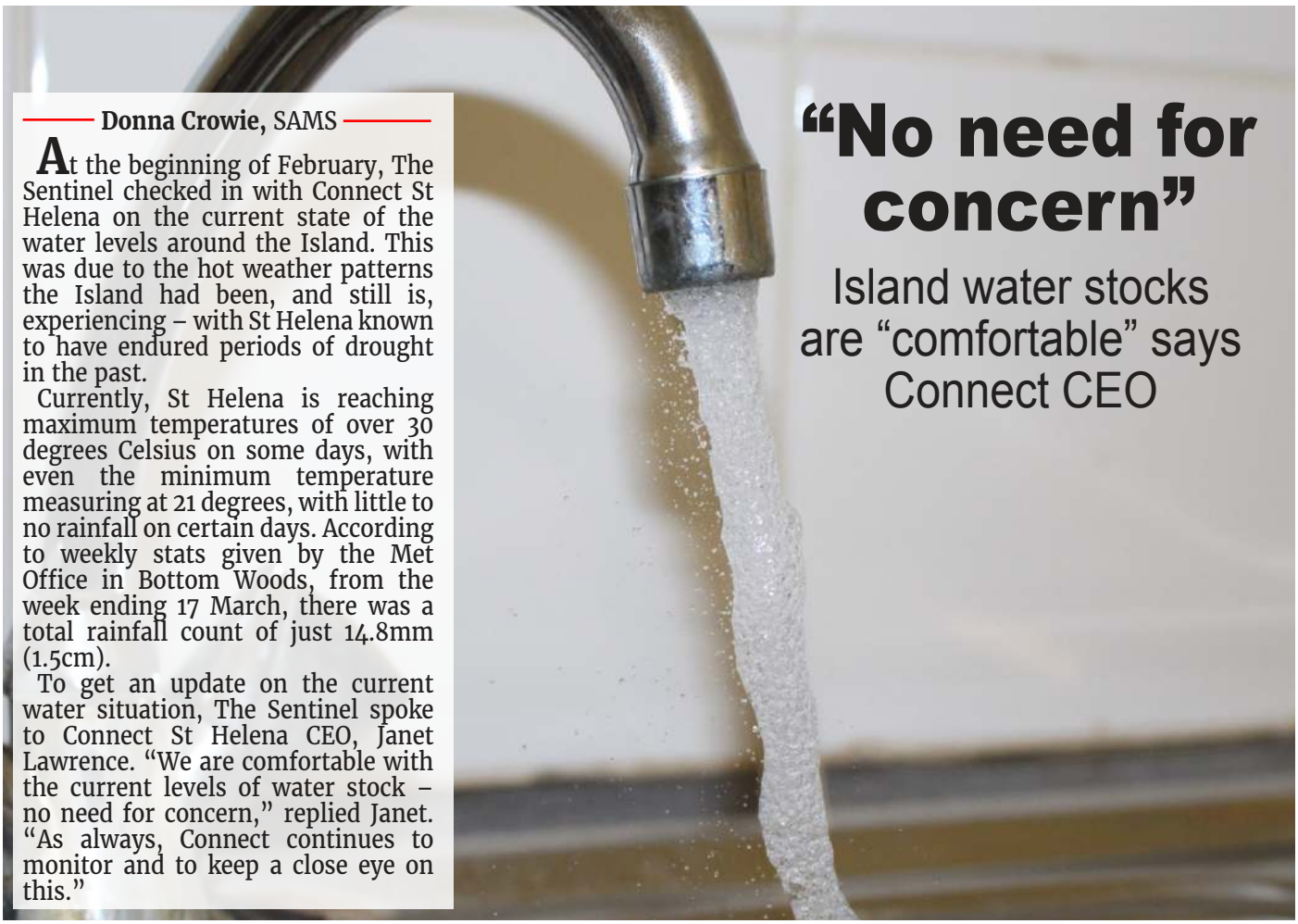
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"No need for concern"

Island water stocks are "comfortable" says Connect CEO

Donna Crowie, SAMS

At the beginning of February, The Sentinel checked in with Connect St Helena on the current state of the water levels around the Island. This was due to the hot weather patterns the Island had been, and still is, experiencing – with St Helena known to have endured periods of drought in the past.

Currently, St Helena is reaching maximum temperatures of over 30 degrees Celsius on some days, with even the minimum temperature measuring at 21 degrees, with little to no rainfall on certain days. According to weekly stats given by the Met Office in Bottom Woods, from the week ending 17 March, there was a total rainfall count of just 14.8mm (1.5cm).

To get an update on the current water situation, The Sentinel spoke to Connect St Helena CEO, Janet Lawrence. "We are comfortable with the current levels of water stock – no need for concern," replied Janet. "As always, Connect continues to monitor and to keep a close eye on this."

"It's not for me"

Mike-e Williams steps down as Chairperson of SHFA

Donna Crowie, SAMS



The St Helena Football Association is once again without a substantive Chairperson following the resignation of former Chairman, Mike-e Williams.

Mike-e took on the position in a time of need for the Association and even oversaw the latest international tournament, when Team St Helena competed at the NatWest Island Games in Guernsey 2023, while he also ran last year's football season.

"I would just like to say thank you to all committee members and players for their help with last season," commented Mike-e on his departure. "For me, this is where my journey ends, I'm glad that I tried it, but it's not for me."

A meeting will be held in the coming weeks to elect a new Chairperson, but according to SHFA Secretary, Owen Richards, "a date has not been confirmed yet." Another date that has not been confirmed is the start of the football season for 2024 which is fast approaching, though the SHCA cricket season remains the focus of sports over at Francis Plain on the weekends for now.

"Delayed settlements seem to becoming the norm"

Legislative Council approves rollover budget as Minister Brooks announces changes on duties including on alcohol and tobacco



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On Monday, 25 March, a Formal Meeting of Legislative Council began at 10am at the St Helena Community College. During the meeting, Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks, motioned "to authorise the withdrawal of moneys from the Consolidated Fund in order to meet expenditure necessary to carry on the services or projects of the Government in the financial year commencing on the 1st April 2024".

In other words, Minister Brooks motioned for a rollover budget, funded by the Consolidated Fund, as SHG is still waiting to receive a budget from the UK Government. This rollover budget is to be in effect until either "the expiry of four months from the commencement of the 2024/2025 financial year" or "the enactment of the Appropriation Ordinance for the financial year 2024/2025".

"We were not able to receive confirmation from the FCDO for the financial aid settlement in sufficient time to allow the budget to be presented here and discussed today," Minister Brooks explained. "This is the third year in which this Ministerial Government has had to contend with the rollover budget."

"This severely impacts the delivery of our Ministerial agenda to take this Island forward; this must change if we are able to effectively deliver our ambitious agenda over a full financial year," Minister Brooks continued.

"Ministers and officers worked tirelessly to ensure that we presented a balanced budget to FCDO ahead of the Financial Aid mission," Minister Brooks stated. "In fact, we produced three different budget scenarios prior to the financial aid and put forward a further proposal to the FCDO at the end of firm, making a total of four scenarios that have been put forward."

"The Chief Minister recently wrote to FCDO Minister Rutley seeking additional financial support, given the challenging times for public finance on the Island and particularly given the challenges we have with funding the health needs of our ageing population," Minister Brooks further stated. "While we would prefer to be in a different position today, this rollover will at least allow the Government to continue providing essential services from 1 April '24. The rollover allows for up to a third of the 2023/24 budget to be spent."

"I will take this opportunity to announce a number of changes that will come into effect immediately," Minister Brooks announced. "After careful consideration, I can announce that with immediate effect there will be an increase on alcohol duty of 1.1%, which is based on inflation for the year ending 31 Dec 2022 plus 1%."

"In order to support the Healthcare aims of the Health Portfolio, including reducing harmful consumption of alcohol, we have departed from the normal policy of simply increasing the import duty by inflation, because of the low rate of inflation we have seen at the year end 31 Dec 2023," Minister Brooks explained.

"This Government encourages the consumption of low or no alcohol content beverages," Minister Brooks stated. "I am pleased to announce that no specific duty will be applied to any beers, cider, wine or spirit-based drinks with an alcohol content of less than 0.5%."

"In recent years, we have continued to tax tobacco and tobacco products, with the long-term goal of reducing the impacts on our Health service," Minister Brooks further stated. "This year, we have also decided to part from the existing policy of the inflation plus 1%... with immediate effect, the duty on tobacco and tobacco products will increase by 2.1%, or inflation plus 2%. That means, for the general public, a packet of cigarettes will increase by 11p."

"There is also another positive to the customs duty that will come into effect as of today," Minister Brooks continued. "In order to improve productivity and encourage investment, I can confirm that the duty on buses, trucks and certain heavy plant will be reduced from 35% to 5%... this will apply to all buses with a seating capacity exceeding 10



seats and equipment such as concrete lorries."

"There will be no proposed changes to the tax rate for the next financial year," Minister Brooks stated. "Corporation tax will remain at 25% or 15% for those businesses who support the delivery of the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy. The personal allowance will remain at £7,000 for the first £18,000 of taxable income, tax at 26% and 21% for those businesses supporting the SEDS. For the income over £25,000, this will be taxed at 31% or 26% for those businesses supporting the SEDS."

"The subsidy for shipping certain commodities to the Island will come to an end on 31 March 2024," Minister Brooks further stated. "This subsidy was agreed as the cost of living package by Ministers in 2022 and we also agreed to extend this in 2023 [until the end of this month]."

"Whilst the shipping subsidy will come to an end, a level of subsidy to Connect, as well as the low customs duty, will continue into the New Year and will be subject to an in-year review," Minister Brooks continued. "SHG will be providing support to offset the cost of transporting containers between Rupert's and Jamestown, until such time that operations move into Rupert's. This is now expected to be when the R2 road is completed around the third quarter of this calendar year."

"It is continually of concern to me that we are still not charging any specific duties related to vapes, particularly as we know that vapes are now being targeted at young children and the disposable ones are within pocket money prices," Cllr Robert Midwinter gave his input. "I really would like to see some sort of additional taxation on vapes."

"There will be a review of the vape itself, the vape device, which will be looked at in the coming year in relation to customs duty," Minister Brooks responded.

"[The British Government] should be fully aware of the [negative impacts of a rollover budget], as they have been informed of these on numerous occasions over a period of years, and yet delayed settlements seems to becoming the norms," Cllr Dr Corinda Essex stated. "This is extremely disturbing, and it is imperative that Ministers and Officials continue to emphasise to His Majesty's Government just how counterproductive not receiving a timely aid settlement really is."

"We are constantly reminded that the Overseas Territories are a valued part of the British family," Cllr Dr Essex concluded. "If this is really the case, why is determination of St Helena's aid settlement not given a higher priority?"

Ultimately, the motion was passed, as all members approved the rollover budget.

World Poetry Day



HPS, Contributed

How many of you are afraid of being asked to write a poem?

Well at Harford, we wanted to instil the mindset that writing poetry is simply playing with words to express emotions, thoughts, images and to tell stories in a fun and creative manner. Therefore, at Harford Primary School we could not resist using World Poetry Day (Friday, March 21) as an opportunity to do just that!

The day began with an assembly by the Headteacher to set the tone for the day. During the Assembly, 'The Lobster Quadrille' by Lewis Carroll (a poem that resonated with the Head Teacher as a child) and the St Helenian poem 'The Monk Cat' written by Janet Lawrence sparked the school's excitement to explore poetry further as they analysed and enjoyed the poems together.

Following the Assembly, the pupils became poets, planning and writing their own poetry, which they were keen to display to their peers at the end of the day. The outcomes resulted in a range of poetry styles that evoked powerful images and messages.

The Early Years used well-known nursery rhymes as a scaffold for writing new versions of the known poems. Kenning Shape Poems (in Year 1 and 2) and Haikus (in Year 4) were written to describe secret sea creatures which the school needed to guess! Year 3 focused on AABB poems whilst both Year 5 and 6 explored Free Verse poems. All pupils used literacy devices appropriate to their year group to create the necessary imagery.

A successful day where poets and poems evolved and the love for poetry ignited!

Easter 2024

Cyril K Leo, Contributed

The Bible is compiled of 66 books. The holy scriptures consists of historical records, factual events, and much, much more; including the teachings of Christ.

The light from the life of Jesus, along with the amazing and extraordinary things he did, shines from the Gospels as recorded by Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John.

Just some 40 days after Jesus was born, his mother Mary took him to the Temple in Jerusalem for the ceremony of purification, as the Law of Moses commanded.

In the Temple was an aged man named Simeon. Guided by the Holy Spirit, Simeon immediately knew Mary's little boy was indeed the Son of God. Simeon was overcome with great joy, but he also said to the young mother, "...sorrow, like a sharp sword, will break your heart."

Jesus came to earth, and started his ministry some 2,000 years ago. After John the Baptist baptised Jesus, 'a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear son, with whom I am pleased."'

Each year around the Easter period we commemorate the horrific death of Jesus. During his last journey on earth as a human being, Jesus was ridiculed and mocked; he was slapped, whipped and spat on; a crown of sharp thorns was pushed on to his head; he was nailed through his hands and through his feet to a wood cross.

We can only try to imagine just how desperately alone Jesus really felt as he hanged dying on the cross.

'At about three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud shout, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why did you abandon me?"'

At the same time, deep sorrow continued to break Mary's heart as she stood nearby and watched her son being crucified.

'Jesus again gave a loud cry and breathed his last.'

Three days after being crucified and his body placed in a tomb, Jesus was brought back to life.

Unlike the voice from heaven after his baptism, we do not know exactly what communication took place between Jesus and his Father at the resurrection. But, after appearing to his disciples, 'Jesus drew near and said to them, "I have been given all authority in heaven and on earth."'

Jesus the Way to the Father: '"Do not be worried and upset," Jesus told them. "Believe in God and believe also in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house, and I am going to prepare a place for you..."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going; so how can we know the way to get there?"

Jesus answered him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life; no one goes to the Father except by me."'

Pleased to meet you Karoline

First voyage completed for new Shipping Service Provider

Donna Crowie, SAMS



MACS Shipping, via freight vessel MV Karoline, have completed their first voyage to the Island as St Helena's new Shipping Service Provider, while she has also completed a first voyage to Ascension.

"The first call of the MACS vessel MV Karoline to Ascension on 16 March operated successfully," commented Ascension Island Government. "No further voyages with MACS have been agreed at this stage and further negotiations will need to take place. The Ascension Island Government are committed to retaining a shipping service between the Islands".

The next call of the MV Karoline is due to arrive to St Helena on 11 April.

Pilling Celebrates Down Syndrome Day



PPS, Contributed

World Down Syndrome day is held on 21 March every year to raise awareness of what Down Syndrome is and how these individuals need to be valued in our community.

Last Thursday, Pilling Primary celebrated our own special little boy with Down Syndrome, with all pupils spending time with Dre playing and learning together.

Each class joined Dre outside at half hour intervals for fun and games that included sensory play – sand and water, shaving foam and jelly and making colourful play dough. Everyone enjoyed riding on the bikes, playing ball games, reading, yoga, dancing, singing and playing musical instrument all to Dre's enjoyment.

It was a fun-filled day and even Barney visited, who Dre absolutely loves, posing for photographs with all of the excited pupils and teachers.

The morning rounded off with some celebratory cake and some much needed rest for Dre.









Douglas Out, Gordon In

Gordon Worthington elected as new member of Ascension Island Council

Donna Crowie, SAMS



Gordon Worthington has recently been elected to serve on the Ascension Island Council, receiving 76 votes during a by-election held in mid-March.

Following the departure of Councillor Douglas Miller, a vacant position had become available on the Island Council of Ascension, with a by-election being called to appoint a new Elected Member.

This took place on Thursday, 14 March, with a total of four candidates taking part in the by-election, all bidding to take the vacant spot on Council.

"Four candidates ran for one available Councillor position, with electors being permitted to cast only one vote each," reported Ascension Island Government. "Of 561 registered electors, 150 electors cast 150 valid votes."

This represents 27% of the electorate, and is interestingly 1% more than the number of electors who voted during the full General Election held in October 2022.

The results of the by-election was as follows:

- Matthew Lynch, 16 votes
- Sunitha Amos, 24 votes
- Georgina Wilson, 34 Votes
- Gordon Worthington, 76 votes

Gordon was sworn in at the Court House in Georgetown at 10.30am on Friday, 15 March, and has now joined the Island Council, bringing them back up to a full complement of members.

"I would like to offer my congratulations to Councillor Gordon Worthington on his success at last week's by-election on Ascension and look forward to working with him on the Island Council," commented Acting Governor of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, Stephen Thwaites, to The Sentinel.

Gordon attended his first Formal Meeting of Council on Thursday, 21 March.

Ascension Island's next General election is schedule to take place in October 2025.



Welcome to Coney Island

Police introduce new 'no waiting' cones to manage traffic in Jamestown

Donna Crowie, SAMS

On Thursday morning of last week, Jamestown was brightened up with new yellow cones having been placed in areas including opposite the Duke of Edinburgh Playground and outside of the Jamestown Star, to name a few.

It was later confirmed that these cones are part of a new initiative by the Royal St Helena Police Service to manage the flow of traffic in Jamestown.

The new 'no waiting' cones was put into place to "remind motorists not to park in areas where there are double yellow lines or where parking is otherwise not allowed," said SHG.

Over the past year, during busy days in Jamestown or when there are big events happening in the Islands Capital, the RSHP has had to put cones in place to improve traffic flow – but this was not always so straightforward.

In the past we have "struggled to find sufficient cones to adequately mark these areas and regularly had to borrow them from either the Roads Section or the Vehicle Inspector (who uses them during driving tests)," said the RSHP.

To this end, fifty new cones were purchased to be utilised by Police in the management of traffic in Jamestown and other areas of the Island when necessary. These new yellow cones came at a cost of £234.00; working out to around £4.68 each.

The new initiative has been received with mixed reviews on Social Media, with some applauding the efforts to improve traffic flow in Jamestown, while others are calling for SHG to look at the bigger picture of a lack of available parking in Jamestown, especially during events.

Quiz Masters



Harford Primary School PTA Hosts Family Quiz Night

Demy Herne, SAMS

On Saturday, 16 March, the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) of Harford Primary School held a family quiz at the Jamestown Community Centre to raise money for the school. The event got underway at 6:30pm.

Teams of six competed in the quiz with some great prizes up for grabs. Teams included Try-outs, Diving Divas, Team Circumspect, 6 Pack, The Wire Birds, The Strugglers, Risky Quizness, Solomon's Office Ninja's, Hound Doags, Storm Chasers, and Whatever.

Prizes on the evening which could be won included a Scipiones Racing Voucher, a daycation at Rock Mount, a cash prize of £60.00, and a Skipps Ice-Cream voucher.

Quizmaster for the night was Gavin Jack who kept all in attendees entertained while carrying out his duty of calling out the questions.

"The evening was a great success. We had a great number of teams as well as the brilliant Harford Primary School PTA and, of course, Gavin Jack our amazing quizmaster who made the evening what it was," commented Charmaine Buckley, one of the event organisers. "With it being such a great success, I am sure that the Harford Primary School PTA can facilitate future quizzes."

All teams that participated did well, but there could only be one winner. That was The Wire Birds, taking first place and winning six Scipione Racing vouchers. Coming in at second was the Solomons Office Ninjas, winning the daycation at Rock Mount. Third place had to be shared betweem the Diving Divas and Team Circumspect, taking home £30 each, with Risky Quizness taking home the final prize of six vouchers courtesy of Skipps.

Well done to all!













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 29

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show (Repeat)
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics Repeat

SAT. Mar 30

- 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

SUN. Mar 31

- 7am-11am: Sunday Show with Donna Crowie
- 11am : Legislative council Part 1
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Salvation Army Church Service

MON. Apr 01

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 11am: Legislative Council Part 2
- 2pm-4pm:DNA with Deon and Anita
- 5:30pm-7pm: Country Classics with Donna Crowie
- 7:15pm -8:30pm: Best of Rock & Indie with Simon Dykes

TUE. Apr 02

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

WED. Apr 03

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

THU. Apr 04

- 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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Featured this Week





Guess who back again... Dykes is back, tell a friend!

Thats right, Simon is back on MondayeEvenings starting from 7:15 with the best of Rock and Indie music.

So tune in to SAMS Radio 1 every Monday evening and let Simon rock your night.

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Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*

PumPkinPie

FAREDCE

Famous Birthday on 27 March



Leslie Mann (51)

Sentinel Joke of the day

How do you make an egg-roll?

You push it!

Bedfordshire: Black bears at Woburn Safari Park ride on swan pedalos



A lucky group of black bears were treated to a pedalo ride after a lake formed in their enclosure.

After heavy rain created a mini lake in their 13-acre reserve, keepers at Woburn Safari Park decided to float a swan pedalo on the water.

According to Tommy Babington, deputy head of the carnivore section at the park in Bedfordshire, the bears were "immediately intrigued" by their new neighbour and "wasted no time in investigating" it.

The pedalo is usually used elsewhere on the site but was awaiting new pedals, Mr Babington said.

"It was great fun for visitors to seeing them climb on board, and we love devising new ways to provide food, scent and habitat enrichment that stimulates their natural foraging behaviours," he said.

Help Dudley get to His Easter Egg.



Last week's Crossword Answers

Super women

ACROSS

3. Blackwidow
4. Thor
5. ScarletWitch
6. CaptainMarvel
7. Gamora
8. Elektra
9. PrincessShuri

DOWN

1. FantasticFour
2. WonderWoman
10. Storm

Rebus Answers:

1. Piece (Ps) of pumpkin pie, 2. red in the face

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister Mark Brooks welcomed Nicholas Yon (Deputy Financial Secretary and Portfolio Director for Treasury) and Ann Muir (Strategic and Social Policy Coordinator) as his guests on In Scope this week to provide listeners with background on a review of social security policy in collaboration with the Treasury section.

Ann works across SHG as an advisor and specialist in developing and supporting policy and strategy reviews. Part of the process also involves the development of options for proposed policies identified by the ministerial government. One of the issues she is currently working on involves social security benefits.

Treasury administers social security through the Benefits Office consisting of three members of staff; Anthony Hopkins, Gail Beard and Carol Fuller. They are responsible for administering social benefits (IRB and BIP) and need to comply with all of the rules and requirements as set out in the Social Security Ordinance. Ann has been tasked to provide guidance and support in the process of interpreting the ordinance as well as changes to the social security policy that support this ordinance as certain elements of the benefits system will be under review.

Social security is a very complex and sensitive area and is protected as a human right and as such is a legal entitlement. Included in social security are health, education and financial benefits which are all aimed at providing an adequate standard of living. On the Island, this includes IRB and BIP as well as health associated benefits. A very important principle that is worked towards in social security is that this right is connected to the idea of a welfare state and distributional justice financed through revenue (on St Helena largely through UK financial aid).

At the moment there is a lot of uncertainty surrounding the financial settlement that is to be received from the UK government and this in turn prevents SHG from finalising the budget for 2024/25. This also makes it impossible to say at present whether there will be any changes to the social benefits system for the coming year. Social benefits constitute about 9% of the annual budget with BIP coming to a cost of just under £3million per annum and IRB at £800,000.

It is essential that the targeting of IRB payments is accurate. IRB differs from BIP in that it is a basic social security payment, whilst BIP is partly a pension and partly a social security payment. It is important to maintain a distinction between the two because people should be encouraged to save for their own pension and this will ensure that there are enough funds available to provide for people in need of basic social security payment. IRB is targeted at people with an income below the IRB family threshold of £78 per week per adult plus children's' rates. This is a means tested benefit and is payable to those permanently unable to work, the unemployed, those over 65 without a pension, carers of one or more children aged five and under, or a carer of a child with a disability, or those whose family income is less than the threshold. On St Helena, there is only one IRB payment encapsulating a lot of varying circumstances.

The payment of BIP is a statutory obligation and has a big impact on the Island's budget every year. Because it is such a complicated matter with various factors playing a role, it is difficult to predict what future expenditure in this area will be. The ageing population needs to be taken into consideration when calculating the annual cost of BIP and when estimating social benefits as a whole, some assumptions need to be made every year as numbers can vary. A review of BIP as well as pensions in government is being considered for long term financial planning to determine how to best administer and finance this big part of the annual budget.

An in-depth study was undertaken in June 2023 to determine exactly how many people on-Island are dependent on BIP and IRB. It was found that 1,260 people are dependent on various benefits, comprising 32% of the Island's population. This is in line with trends in the UK. IRB families are divided into four categories: people who are job ready (55 persons), but for about half it is hard to find employment due to certain factors; people who are not job ready, usually certified by a doctor (22 persons); people who are permanently unable to work (197 persons); and claimants with a family income below the threshold (8 persons). This comes to a total of 282 families reliant on IRB. 840 people receive BIP and this is an individual allowance. A lot of issues coming up at the moment are a direct result of the ageing population and it is critical to review the system to determine how well the rules can be applied to people with various needs and health situations.

A big problem on-Island is the small difference between the IRB rate and the minimum wage rate as in some cases this makes it difficult to motivate people to work for a minimum wage. This is especially

true in a single family household with small children under the age of five where, because of crèche costs, it sometimes works out more beneficial for the parent to stay at home and take care of the children, receiving benefits, rather than working for minimum wage. The ideal solution would be to increase the minimum wage to encourage people to work and create a better future for themselves.

The current findings continue to be reviewed to ensure a fair settlement and distribution of money. An area that is being looked into is the lessening of the difference between the BIP and the IRB which necessitated the team to look into the benefits encapsulated within IRB and BIP. This review has identified some anomalies that will be presented to Ministers in an options paper. For example, a person on IRB in hospital receives more than a BIP person after 42 days. Those on BIP have their BIP reduced to £10/week after 42 days, while IRB continues. This is an anomaly because BIP is more of a pension intended as a reward and IRB is social security. Also the Ordinance does not cover the situation of someone on IRB temporarily moving out of their home to stay and recuperate with a relative or friend – under the Family Income Level/ Disregard, their home becomes an asset to be considered as income. The team is looking into how to protect pensions and to ensure that people on IRB still get a fair deal

BIP was initially introduced in 2010 as a reward for people who contributed to the economy on St Helena working for a lower salary as opposed to working overseas. A trend which has been identified on-Island is that people returning to St Helena from Ascension or the Falklands with inadequate provision for pension income are then looking towards IRB to supplement income. One of the options that the government is exploring is a financial contribution based pension scheme to alleviate the financial burden on the public purse. St Helenians on Ascension, the Falklands and anywhere else could then contribute into this for a pension. Making provision for retirement is everyone's own responsibility and this is the only way to ensure a sustainable future. The work currently being undertaken is a big project and will aim to ensure long term solutions to this very complex and sensitive subject.

The number of people receiving BIP has grown significantly since 2010. Eligibility criteria include being over the age of 65, resident on St Helena and having worked on the Island for at least 20 years, contributing to the economy in some way. BIP is allocated on an individual evidentiary basis on a scale of years worked on Island with a minimum requirement of 20 years. BIP is a hybrid between a pension and a social security benefit payment implying that there is an element of means testing when allocating the benefits. If a person is already receiving a private pension, this income will first be taken into consideration before calculating BIP or a top-up social benefit, and eligibility is assessed on an individual basis.

The general consensus was that this is a very complicated subject and it is difficult to find a solution that will address everyone's individual needs. The social benefit system is constantly being reviewed to ensure that it stays current and relevant. The biggest work in the future however will be looking at establishing a contribution-based BIP as this will have long term benefits for the Island and its people as a whole.

Ocean Basket's Garlic Butter Sauce

What are you cooking up this Good Friday? I bet it will be some sort of fish, so why not try this delicious Ocean Basket sauce to go with your tasty fresh fish fry.

Ingredients

- 150 g margarine/butter
- 250 ml cream
- 2 tbsp lemon juice
- 1 tsp Aromat/fish spice
- ¼ tsp parsley
- 1 tsp Portuguese spice
- 2-3 freshly chopped garlic cloves

Method

1. Melt margarine/butter in a pot. Add the cream, lemon juice and other spices.
2. Do not allow the sauce to come to a boil as it will overcook. Simmer until it thickens.
3. Pour over cooked prawns/half-shell mussels/fish/steak and top with chopped parsley and lemon wedges on the side. Serve hot with spicy rice and crispy chips.



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CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR UK STATE (2025 NEW YEARS HONOURS) AND ST HELENA TERRITORIAL AWARDS

Nominations are being invited for the UK 2025 New Years Honours. To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit www.gov.uk/honours.

Nominations are also being invited for the following St Helena Territorial awards:

- Certificate and Badge of Honour
- Acts of Bravery Award
- Badge of St Helena
- Freedom of the City of Jamestown

Information on the above awards can be found on the news page of the SHG website via: https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/2024/press-releases/call-for-nominations-for-uk-state-2025-birthday-honours-and-st-helena-territorial-awards/. Alternatively this is available, together with nomination forms from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email through linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' and addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Friday 19 April 2024.

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26 February 2024

MUSEUM of St. Helena

The St Helena Heritage Society is recruiting!

St Helena Heritage Society

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.



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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

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.

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8 March 2024

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

BRITISH PASSPORT FEE INCREASES

Following notification from the Home Office in the UK, the following British passport fee increases will take effect from 11 April 2024.

	Current Fee	Increased Fee
Adult 34-page standard passport	£104.50	£112.50
Child 34-page standard passport(where the applicant is under 16 years of age).	£71.50	£77.00

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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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JOB VACANCY

Yang Enterprises, Inc invites interested candidates to apply for the following job position at the American Base, Ascension Island

Snack Bar Attendant

Main duties of the post include:

- Operate large-volume cooking equipment such as grills, deep-fat fryers, and griddles
- Assists in food preparation in all areas with tasks such as; cutting, sorting, and washing vegetables
- Maintains work area in a clean and orderly manner, adhering to federal regulations and all local policies and procedures
- Clean, stock, and restock workstations and display cases
- Labels and dates all items in refrigerators and freezers and stores leftovers in accordance with sanitation and health standards
- Unloads food and supplies when collected from the Cold and Dry Storage on a weekly basis
- Take food orders
- Conduct accurate sales/transfer transactions to customers utilizing the POS System
- Handle U.S and St Helenian currency and all conversion ratios.
- Leftover food to the kitchen and dispose of all food waste and trash.
- Clean food preparation areas.
- Performs heavy-duty cleaning tasks throughout the snack bar
- Ensures compliance with federal regulations, and all food handling standards, policies, and regulations.
- Required to work evenings, weekends and holidays on a regular basis.
- Performs other related work as assigned.

YEI provides its employees 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/Visa 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 application can call 25971 or send their CV to AscensionIslandJobs@gmail.com

Any interested person currently not residing on Saint Helena may apply online at https://www.yangenterprises.com/getapplication.aspx and attach their CV.

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

Festival of Walking

Walk of the Week

Mackintosh trail

Date: Saturday, 30 March 2024
Start Time: 9:30am

Meeting point: Casons car park (Blue Hill)

Join the Tourist Office on this family friendly walk as we take a stroll through the woodlands on the Mackintosh trail. Don't forget sensible walking shoes, a light rain jacket and water.

Bring a picnic and we can sit and enjoy the countryside views after the walk.

Walk grade: Family friendly footpath

3-4 Fairly easy

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
Sunday 07/04/2024	High Hill	Tom Wortley & Martina Peters
Sunday 14/04/2024	Great Stone Top	Tom Wortley
Saturday 20/04/2024	Lemon Valley	Adam Sizeland

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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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.

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15 March 2024

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The Cathedral Parish of St Paul

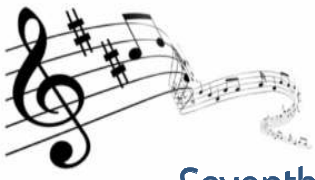
Saturday 30th March – Holy Saturday		
7.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter/Confirmations	Cathedral
	Sunday 31st March – Easter Sunday	
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
10.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter

The Parish of St James

Sunday 31st March 2023 – Easter Sunday		
6.00 a.m.	Vigil/Eucharist	St John
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 31st March 2023 – Easter Sunday		
6.30 a.m.	Vigil/Eucharist	St Mark
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew



Seventh-day Adventist Church

Come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with a difference at the Guinea Grass Community Centre with the Seventh Day Adventist church, Health Ministries and the Singspirationals.

We will be sharing some Natural Remedies/Health Nuggets and Healthy Recipes that you can sample. Please bring along your singing voices for a good afternoon of fellowship.

Date: 7 April 2024
Time: 3:30 pm.

Tour Guide Training



Would you like to:

- Earn extra cash?
- Have extra work?
- Improve your local knowledge?
- Gain another skill?
- Become accredited by St Helena Tourism?

Are you interested in becoming a tour guide or improving your tour guiding skills? Solomon & Co has partnered with St Helena Tourism with an aim of increasing the number of quality tour guides for cruise ship visits.

Training sessions will cover the main tourist attractions, history and heritage and customer service. The training will be led by Aaron's Adventure Tours.

Training will take place over two days in the middle of May. The format and timing of the workshops will be determined based on the interest received and those registered will be kept up to date. This training is free of charge.

Interested persons should register with Loretta at the Tourist Office, by calling 22158 or by emailing loretta.coleman@shg.gov.sh.

St Helena Island

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Security Officers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure

For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via 22523 agencies.admin@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 **09 April 2024.**

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FAKE & UNSAFE APPS

BE CAREFUL WHAT YOU DOWNLOAD...

Cyber criminals often **repackage apps or use weaknesses in legitimate apps, on both Android and Apple devices, to steal personal information or infect you with malware, which can then monitor your activity or worse. Cyber criminals also copy well known apps and create fake or counterfeit versions** of their own, **even managing to put these fake apps on official app stores like the Google Play and Apple App stores**. Criminals can also **trick you into clicking a link to download and install fake apps through pop-up ads, text messages or by persuading you in an elaborate con/scam.**

1. BAD REVIEWS

Before downloading an app check it's reviews. If its ratings are low and has many complaints, that's a big red flag. But beware! Positive reviews are sometimes faked by cyber criminals to trick you, however they are usually easily spotted due to the 'robotic' way they're written.

2. APP ICON/LOGO LOOKS OFF

Fake apps may use an icon that looks similar to the icon of a real app it is copying. This happens often with game imitators that mimic popular games. Look closely and don't be misled by distorted, lower-quality versions of the real icons.



3. OVER-THE-TOP PROMISES

Fake apps lure you in by offering discounted rates or guaranteed improved functionality e.g increasing device speed by 300% etc. However after downloading the app,tt it doesn't do what it promised at all. If an app's offer(s) seems too good to be true, it probably is.

4. UNNECESSARY APP PERMISSIONS

Apps require permissions to access files and other apps on your device, but not all permissions are necessary and can put you at risk. Fake apps often have strange permission requests e.g. a photo editing app requesting your contact list is a big red flag.

5. POOR SPELLING & GRAMMAR

Legitimate app developers take care to avoid spelling and grammatical errors in their app descriptions. If you spot any such errors, be cautious, the app could be fake/malicious.

6. EXCESSIVE IN-APP ADS

Many legitimate apps offer free versions with ads, but excessive ads might hint at a scam. Ad-heavy apps could infect your device with adware or link to phishing websites.

STAY SAFE

- ✔ **Only download from official app stores** (but be wary! scammers have placed fake apps even in these official stores at times)
- ✔ **Never click on links with promises that are too good to be true** (remember: if it's too good to be true, it probably is!)
- ✔ **Think before you download** (only choose apps that you really need or would be really useful to you)
- ✔ **Read the small print and review what permissions are requested by apps you download**

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2024

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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.

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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.
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Blue Belt Project and Communications Administrator(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

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 Through the provision of an effect emergency ambulance 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 to Senior Clinician 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

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.

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

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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

Assistant Gardener (Fixed term 19 April – 28 June 2024) (£7,341 per annum)

Central Support Services has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Assistant Gardner. The Assistant Gardener will assist the Head gardener with the day to day upkeep of plantation kitchen gardens and the production of a variety of vegetables to supply Plantation House with fresh vegetables all year round. Contact us for more information a discussion.

Enquiries: Debbie Yon on Tel no. 24453
Closing date: 11 April 2024

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

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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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**

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, plus public holidays

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

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking 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**

Sea Rescue Crew (Coxswain)
(Starting at £9,197 per annum)

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, Must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on 25215**
Closing date: 09 April 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

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BAPTIST CHURCH

Good Friday Service
29th March
Sandy Bay Chapel 09.00 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.00 am
Jamestown Chapel 10.00 am

Easter Sunday Services
31st March
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 2nd April
Jamestown School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 4th April
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WLCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

Jamestown Swimming Pool
Opening Hours
Saturday 9th March-Friday 3rd May 2024

Monday - Friday	8am - 9am	Lane swimming only
	9am -12pm	Dedicated to Schools
	12pm -1pm	Lunch break swim 50% off open to all
	1pm - 3pm	Dedicated to Schools
	3pm - 5:45pm	Open to all
	5:45 -7:30pm	Youth Swim Training
Saturday	8am -11am	Youth Swim Training
	11am -5:45pm	Open to all
Sunday	8am - 10am	Lane Swimming only
	10am - 5:45pm	Open to all

Public Holidays
Good Friday 29th March - Closed
Saturday 30th March - Open as normal
Easter Sunday 31st March - 10am - 4pm
Easter Monday 1st April -Closed

Primary and Prince Andrew School Swimming Gala
The Pool will be closed to the public for swimming from 8am-3pm on 24th & 26th April to accommodate the gala.

Monday 29th April-Friday 3rd May 24
School Holidays
8am-10am Adults Only 10am-5:45pm Open To All

Swimmers are kindly asked to be out of the water 15 minutes before session ends to allow time for changing.

Poolside Shop Available

Solomon's Challenge Cup



SHGC, Contributed

The mood was upbeat, the sky was grey with clouds, and the winds were howling - enough to make an aircraft planning to land at Prosperous Plain to go around. On the field, 20 players turned up, ready to do battle for the prizes on the table generously sponsored by Solomon's and Co (St Helena) Plc. First group teed off on Saturday morning. By the time the rest of the field stepped on the 1st tee at noon, it was clear that the score to beat was an impressive net 63 by Jason Hopkins who had played in the morning. At the end of 18 holes, the other two scores in the 60s were Tony Green with 65 and Pat Henry with 69. Two-ball pool winners for Saturday were Tony Green and Keith Joshua, both on the 7th.

Tee off time for Sunday was 12noon, with the best scorers following Day 1 going out last. Weather conditions were very similar to Saturday. On completion of 36 holes, top of the leader board and Winner for 2024 was a man who himself is a former CEO of Solomon's - Tony Green with 133. Second prize winner was Pat Henry with 135, and third was Bramwell Bushuru with 136 and the sole winner of all the balls in the Sunday two ball pool. The nearest to pin for gents on the 14th was won by Larry Legg and longest drive on the 13th by the only junior member on the field, Asa Bushuru. Longest drive and nearest to pin prizes for the ladies will be contested later. Prizes were presented by Building Services Manager for Solomons, Mike Gutuza, who was later joined by Marilyn Joshua, Manager for Solomon's country outlets. Mike thanked all the players for taking part in the event and for braving the weather conditions which had turned hostile just before the last two groups finished their 36 holes. Committee of management of the club and members wish to profoundly thank Solomon's and Co for their continued support and for increasing the value of prizes this year. We look forward to this continued collaboration and we hope to make it even bigger next year.

On Easter Sunday, 31 March, the club will host the monthly medal competition, tee off 12noon. Registration closes on Saturday, 30 March. The calendar for the next three months will be emailed to members before the end of the week. For photos from the concluded Solomon's Challenge Cup, head over to our Facebook page @shgc.org.sh.

We wish you all a happy and blessed Easter. Stay safe and happy swinging for those who will be out for a round of golf!

SPORTS ARENA

HEAT TO MUCH FOR THE LIONS



Saturday's first game saw the Cobras face up against the Levelwood All Stars. Cobras batted first and, thanks to an impressive century from Scott Crowie, the Cobras produced a score of 166. Although a good score, the All Stars' score was too great and they chased the total down in 17 overs. The All Stars had the win by 5 wickets.

The second game saw the Challengers defeat the Mustangs. The Challengers batted first, reaching a grand total of 175. When it came time for the Challengers to bowl, they impressively restricted the Mustangs to 129.

The first match on Sunday saw Sandy Bay Pirates take on and conquer Levelwood Rebels. A well-played 83 from Rhys Francis helped the Pirates to a massive total of 203. Although the Rebels put on a good chase, the Pirates won by 52 runs.

The final match of the weekend saw the Lions put up an impressive score of 151 against the Jamestown Heat. But, the Heat's batting overpowered the Lions and pushed them to victory by 16 overs.





RMS T20 FIXTURES

NO CRICKET THIS WEEKEND
Saturday 6th April
10:00 Levelwood Rebels V Lions
Umpires:
Trystan Thomas and Andrew Yon
13:30 Cobras v Jamestown Heat
Umpires:
Aiden Leo and Brett Isaac

Sunday 7th April
10:00 Challengers V LevelwoodAllstars
Umpires
Dax Richards and David Price
13:30 Sandy Bay Pirates v Mustangs
Umpires:
Damian Burns and Derek Richards