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Reduce, Reuse, Recycle

Police Investigate String of Fuel Thefts dating back to December



OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Well it's May again, first thing I think about is St Helena's Day and it May rain. Really looking forward to this year's celebrations, celebrating our culture is something that I feel needs to be put out there a bit more, showing our uniqueness and some off the special ways we do and say things. With the Island changing at a rapid pace, it is very easy to forget where we come from and the history that put us there. Tradition is a big part of our Island and a lot of traditions have been lost. I guess it's the times and the other options that our available these days. But, hopefully after this month, we'll be inspired to carry on with these old traditions and create some new ones. One of the traditions is the float parade, something I feel everyone seems to enjoy but without certain people (and you guys know who you are) who rallies everyone together to get this going, it will surely die out. So we need to get involved and help these people who work very hard every year to give us these floats and dances and so on. To be fair, it's a great way to get with the community and have a good time, something we shouldn't take for granted, because our community spirit is what is needed when times get a bit hard. But yeah, can't wait for this, I hope you guys enjoy your day and embrace your culture!



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ST HELENA NEWS



Police investigating a string of fuel thefts on St Helena

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Since December 2023, there have been a number of fuel thefts, whereby fuel has been stolen from vehicles in the Levelwood area.

The Royal St Helena Police recently posted about the thefts on their Facebook page, with the latest having occurred as recently as the end of April. Police said that "the thefts involve the syphoning of diesel fuel from vehicles" and they are currently investigating these thefts.

The RSHP are reminding the public "to be vigilant in making sure that where possible your fuel caps are locked, or your vehicles are not parked in any area whereby someone could have easy access to them."

Police are also appealing to public for help, requesting that anyone who have "witnessed these thefts or been offered discounted diesel fuel" to come forward and contact a Police Officer of your choice on telephone 22626.



Gas What?

Liam Yon, SAMS



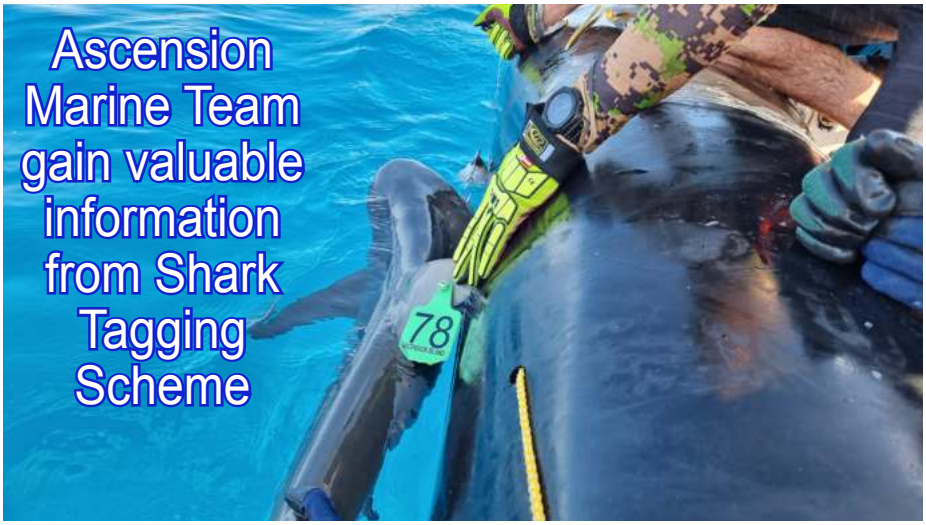
Fast Friday, 3 May, island fuel prices went up by 1p for diesel and 3p for petrol.

Solomon's did notify motorists on Thursday about the impending rise in fuel costs to come into effect on Friday.

"Following notification from the St Helena Government of an adjustment to fuel prices from the BFI," they announced. "Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc wishes to advise the public that with effect from 8am Friday 3 May 2024, the retail price for Petrol and Diesel at the Longwood, Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown Fuel Stations will be as follows: Diesel will be increased from £2.06 per litre, to £2.07 per litre and Petrol will be increased from £1.99 per litre, to £2.02 per litre."

It was back in May 2022 when fuel prices took a massive hike on St Helena, rising from £1.45 to £1.95 per litre for Diesel and from £1.37 per litre to £1.88 per litre for Petrol. In 2024, paying around £2.00 per litre for fuel has become the norm, albeit an unwanted norm.

Tagging Sharks Doo Doo Da Doo Doo



Demy Herne, SAMS

During July 2022, Ascension Island's Conservation Team began a tagging scheme, tagging a number of Galapagos Sharks and Silky Sharks to track their movement. This later evolved into the use of acoustic tags through help from a UK government Darwin Plus funded project and visiting shark experts – these tags relay data to an array of acoustic receivers around the island, providing even more information on where the sharks are moving.

In an update on Thursday, 2 May, via the Ascension Island MPA Social Media platform, it was stated that the Marine team has been working hard on retrieving and redeploying more acoustic receivers.

After a year of these sharks being successfully tagged, the team have retrieved some valuable data.

This data received will unveil the movement of the 34 tagged sharks around Ascension over the last year and, when combined with the teams oceanographic data, it could potentially reveal the environmental conditions that influences the movement of these sharks.

The conservation team have deployed 30 of these instruments all around the coast of the island, forming an acoustic array, which is used to track the movement of these tagged sharks. So far, data provided from this array has shown that tagged sharks predominately aggregate around the South side of Ascension Island.

These receivers will now be left in the water for another year to gather more important data.



Starting their Education Journey



Education preparing for Nursery Provision from September 2024 to August 2025

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio have announced that they will be contacting parents and guardians of children born on the Island who are eligible to enter nursery education for the upcoming school year starting September 2024.

Nursery education is non-compulsory and is offered to all children between the ages of three to four years on St Helena.

For those children on-Island, within this age bracket come September, who were born abroad, the portfolio are requesting parents and guardians to contact Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence, with their child's full name and date of birth, name and address of a parent or guardian, and contact details. This is to ensure an offer of placement for nursery education can be made.

According to the ESE Portfolio, a child should attend school in the catchment area where he/she is resident. "However, for non-compulsory schooling, exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area if numbers in the requested school are low enough to accommodate the extra intake and if there is a valid reason for this, such as childcare," they added.

"Parents who would like their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area must apply in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area," explained SHG. "In such cases, parents must be willing to take responsibility for transporting their child to and from school."

Once all required information has been received, parents will be advised of their child's nursery placement for the new school year.

I see you Asuka

Largest cruise ship in Japan passes closely by St Helena



Liam Yon, SAMS

With St Helena Island positioned near the middle of the vast South Atlantic Ocean, the Island has historically been utilised as a stopover for ships – from ole time sailing vessels in centuries past to stunningly huge modern cruise liners today.

While ships don't always stopover, many vessels can be seen from the Island when crossing the South Atlantic – often in the distance, though sometimes close enough to get a good look, as was the case last Thursday when many on-Island observed the MS Asuka II passing-by close to St Helena.

MS Asuka II is a cruise ship owned and operated by Nippon Yusen Kaisha. She was originally built by the Mitsubishi Heavy Industries shipyard in Nagasaki, Japan, as 'Crystal Harmony' for Crystal Cruises.

In 2006, the Crystal Harmony was transferred from the fleet of Crystal Cruises to that of Crystal's parent company, Nippon Yusen Kaisha, and entered service under her new name "MS Asuka II".

With a gross tonnage of over 50,000, eight decks, a length of 241m and a passenger capacity of 960, as of August 2022, she is known as the largest cruise ship in Japan.

The MS Asuka II departed Cape Town on 28 April and was on her way to Tenerife, where she is expected to arrive on 10 May, when she passed by the Island.

42 Eye-Opening Years



Celebrating International Nurses Day with Retired Saint Nurse, Jean Peters

Demy Herne, SAMS



This coming Sunday, 12 May, is International Nurses Day, celebrated annually to honour incredible nurses who provide compassion and care in every healthcare setting.

For this special day, The Sentinel contacted Jean Peters, a retired local nurse, to share her story and experience of nursing.

Jean first started nursing on 1 May 1962 here on-island. "I was asked by Matron Sim if I'd like to be a nurse, so I said I would give it a go," she recalled. "So I sent my application in, then had an interview and became successful and got the job. We had no training as such, just doing the basics in the hospital. We had to look, listen and observe!"

Jean then received training in 1977 when local nurse training was brought into effect. As Jean worked her way up from being a Nurse to a Paramedic Assistant she did just about everything from working in the operating theatre, delivering babies, X-rays and much more, including helping within the community when community nurses were on leave.

During 1985, Jean left the Island and travelled to the UK for a year of work experience in Dorchester and Weymouth. Following this, she was seconded to Ascension in 1991 for nine months.

Jean qualified in First Aid, gained a certificate in Childcare and Midwifery, and achieved a Master of Bioethics. Later, Jean was awarded an MBE for her services to nursing and the community of St Helena, which was presented to Jean by the late Queen Elizabeth II on 16 May 2004.

Jean reminisced on her career as a nurse. "Working in the theatre and delivering babies were the two things I really enjoyed about nursing, but one thing that I really did enjoy was helping the mothers with their newborns," she explained. "I found that dealing with cases of suicides and horrific road accidents were mentally challenging, and the loss of a young child can also have an impact on you in this line of career."

Jean retired from nursing during March 2020. Overall, Jean found her career in nursing to be an amazing experience, stating that she would have never chosen anything else.

"I saw and experienced so much, which was an eye opener for me, and I also met a lot of great Doctors and Nurses who were dedicated to St Helena and its people," she smiled.

Jean said that she is very privileged to have been a part of the nursing profession on St Helena.

Happy International Nurses Day to all nurses past and present on St Helena and thank you!



"The Future of Women in Policing is set"

St Helena represented at Women in Police Conference



Liam Yon, SAMS

Back in March, a Regional Internal Association of Women in Police Conference was held in the Cayman Islands, where St Helena was represented by Police Inspector of the Royal St Helena Police Service (RHSP), Julianne Stevens.

"I am absolutely honoured to be a part of something so monumental to the future of women in policing," commented Julianne. "The Royal St Helena Police Service can no longer be described as isolated. As the network chair for our territory, I can confidently say the future of women in policing is set."

Themed 'Empowered Women, Empower Women', the conference brought together female officers from across the Caribbean, Anguilla, Montserrat, Cayman, British Virgin Islands, Turks and Caicos, Bermuda and other British Overseas Territories, including St Helena.

According to SHG, discussions at the conference focused on strengthening, uniting, and elevating women in law enforcement. They add that research points to female officers employing less force, being stronger communicators, while they also face fewer public complaints.

"The women in policing network is not only about police officers but also women who work in the policing environment," explained Julianne. "The opportunities for future developments will be endless and this will in turn benefit the Island of St Helena immensely."

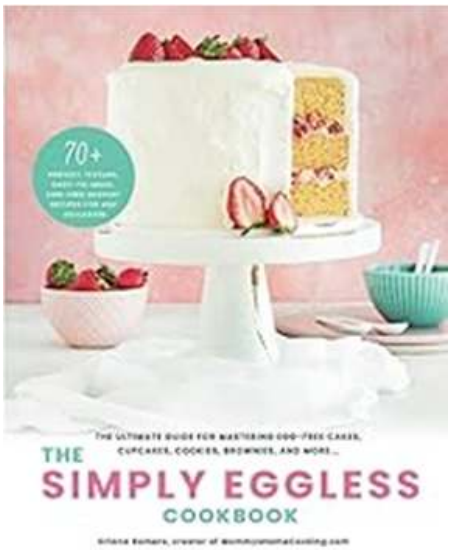
Delivered in partnership with the UK Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) and hosted by the Royal Cayman Islands Police Service (RCIPS), the conference also acknowledged the challenges of climbing the ranks in a traditionally male-dominated field, emphasizing the importance of supporting and mentoring fellow female officers.

"I am so proud to be a police officer and I hope with being part of this network, other females within our service will recognise that there is support and opportunity for all of us to be better for ourselves and our community," said Julianne. "As we grow, develop and enhance our capabilities I look forward to working with other females who will join us as a stronger service, making the lives of others better and altogether safer."



Book of the Week

Public Library Service



The Simply Eggless Cookbook
By
Oriana Romero

Do you have to give up baking because you can't eat eggs? Of course not!Grab an apron and your favourite mixing bowl, and get ready to dive in as Oriana Romero brings her passion for egg-free baking to life in The Simply Eggless Cookbook.Oriana has become well-known for her eggless recipes. She has shared some of them on her food blog, Mommy's Home Cooking. But now, in The Simply Eggless Cookbook, she turns her attention to some of the most requested desserts that are hard to make without eggs.Her cookbook is the ultimate guide to eggless baking! It includes more than 70 easy-to-make recipes, along with full-colour photos, detailed instructions, and helpful tips for spectacular results. Whether you're looking for a multi-layer cake to impress a crowd, a simple dessert to serve with coffee or tea, or cookies to bring to your kid's class, The Simply Eggless Cookbook has them all and more. You'll find cakes, cupcakes, cookies, muffins, quick bread, brownies, bars, frostings, and a ton of tips and tricks to make your eggless baking a success.

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A Crew of the Highest Profile



Group of VIP's – not part of Tourism Showcase – visits St Helena

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

During April, there were many visitors to the Island that came for the St Helena Showcase organised by St Helena Tourism, but in the background we also had a group of very influential visitors that quietly came to experience the Island during the same time.

Among these VIP visitors were Dr. Eric Weinstein and his wife, Dr. Pia Malaney. Eric is well known as an American podcast host. He received a PhD in Mathematical Physics from Harvard University in 1992 under the supervision of Raoul Bott. He was a Managing Director for Thiel Capital (an American hedge fund) from 2013 until 2022. Eric is also known for creating the 'Intellectual Dark Web' a term used to describe some commentators who oppose boycotts, online shaming, identity politics, political correctness, and cancel culture in higher education and the news media within Western countries, which are seen as threats to freedom of speech. The term jokingly compares the controversial ideas expressed by the commentators to illicit goods found on the dark web.

Pia is a very well-known figure in the academic community in her own right. She is the Co-Founder and Director of The Center for Innovation, Growth & Society, and Senior Economist at the Institute for New Economic Thinking (INET). The Center works to build new approaches to integrating the innovation economy with broader US markets and relevant policy for encouraging innovation-led growth in the service of society. As INET Senior Economist, Dr. Malaney is editor of the INET Working Paper Series, a curated collection of cutting edge research from the INET community that focuses on critical areas of the discipline. Her own professional research has focused on economic, biological, and sociological approaches to human welfare. At the Center for International Development at Harvard's Kennedy School, she worked in collaboration with Asian and African governments on the development of healthcare and economic policies. She also received her PhD from Harvard University and this is where she met Eric.

Also part of the visiting group was Andrew Doyle (well-known comedian), Andrew Wells (Secretary-General at Commonwealth Chamber of Commerce HK and Former Chief Secretary and Acting Governor at St Helena and Dependencies), Jeremy Hildreth (adviser to corporations, governments and creative agencies on strategy, identity and reputation) and Ben Delo (British entrepreneur and youngest self-made billionaire).

Ben Delo is the Co-Founder and former Executive of BitMEX. Currently living in Hong Kong, he graduated from the University of Oxford in 2005 with a double first-class honours degree in Mathematics and Computer Science and started his career as a Software Engineer at IBM. In 2014, he co-founded BitMEX, a crypto currency derivatives trading platform. He is a British mathematician, computer programmer, and entrepreneur. Delo owns 30% of the firm.

SAMS had the opportunity to do interviews with both Eric and Pia to tell us more about why they decided to visit St Helena (this was Eric's second visit) and, from their perspective, what would be options and solutions for St Helena to explore for the future. They also shared their experience of St Helena and the highlights of their trip. To listen to these interviews, tune in to SAMS Radio 1 on Friday at 10.30am, repeated on the Interview Hour on Sunday at 1pm, while it is also available on the SAMS Podcast Page.





Turtle Success

SHNT confirm successful turtle nesting at Sandy Bay Beach

Demy Herne, SAMS

Following last week's news that turtles were attempting to nest at Sandy Bay Beach, it has now been confirmed by the St Helena National Trust that there have been three successful nesting attempts made, with five failed nesting attempts, over the past few days.

These are the first nesting attempts since 2023 and the public are reminded by the National Trust to follow the guidelines which have been provided in order to protect the nests and the turtles, as nesting is still in progress during this time.

Some of these guidelines include not touching the turtles or their nests as this can cause sudden distress; avoid flashing white lights as this can startle and disorientate the turtle; keep noise to a minimum; keep pets away from the beach; and avoid starting open fires on the beach.

For further rules and information, contact the National Trust or view their notice on display outside of the Trust's main building in Jamestown.



Will there be a Football Season?

Poor turnout at first SHFA AGM as new date set to establish a committee

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Annual General Meeting of the St Helena Football Association was held last Wednesday evening at the New Horizons Centre when it was expected that a new committee would be elected ahead of the 2024 football season on St Helena.

Unfortunately, the SHFA reports that only eight people attended the meeting - not enough to elect and form a new SHFA committee.

Due to the low turnout, a new date has been set for the AGM, which will be 15 May.

The SHFA were keen to stress that if a new committee cannot be formed at the next SHFA AGM then, by the Constitution, the SHFA will have to be dissolved and the monies in the SHFA account distributed to other charities.

This will also mean the league, knockout and district competitions for 2024 will not go ahead and there will be no football season.

Due to this, the SHFA are urging as many people as possible to attend their meeting on 15 May, including team captains, players, supporters and anyone interested in the future of football on St Helena.

Further details around the meeting in May will be issued soon.

"Rubbish in, can be Treasure out"

Chevening Alumni hold awards presentation for poster competition



Demy Herne, SAMS

During the beginning of March, the Chevening Alumni team, via their Social Media page, announced a competition which was open to all schools. The goal was to design a poster showcasing the benefits of recycling and upcycling as a good way to help the environment and the lifespan of the Horsepoint Landfill Site.

Altogether, there were 42 entries, with 21 submissions from the island's Primary Schools and 21 from Prince Andrew School. Each poster design showed how we as an Island could improve recycling and control our waste and even potentially turn it into profit.

On Thursday, 2 May, an awards presentation was held at New Porteous House, Jamestown. The event started with a small speech down by Chevening alumnus, Pamela Constantine, before the announcement was made on the winners of the competition.

From the Primary School entries, coming in third place was Morgan Stroud - her artwork highlighted the importance of upcycling and, in her poster, she gave a few ideas of how we could upcycle in our own home with bottles.

In the second placed position was Nathanial Benjamin - his poster gained strong remarks for his strong choice of words "HUMP (Have yoU Made sure your item has no other Purpose) before you dump" which the Chevening Alumni team thought was a great play on words.

However, finishing top and gaining the position of first place was Alexis Williams - his poster depicted different ways in which you could reuse, reduce and recycle waste, while he also shared tips to be more energy efficient on St Helena.

Over to the Prince Andrew School entries and finishing in the third position was Jacob Herne - his poster focused on our behaviour and how it can affect us, while he also shared the message "the garbage you feed the earth today will be the garbage it will feed you tomorrow" which the team thought was a very strong message.

Second place was awarded to Lily Hercules - Lily's poster consisted of the different types of recycling which happens on the Island, while she also focused on the different bins which are used here. She also focussed on water pollution, what happens to our waste, and what we can be done to stop pollution.

Taking the first placed position for Prince Andrew School however was Sadie Herne – she was applauded by the team for her creativity and message of "rubbish in can be treasure out," with a question to all on when will we work together to reduce waste and see the potential in what we might be throwing away.

In addition, the team decided to honour two posers that they felt also deserved special awards. These were by Liima & Tyhila Faas (Primary School) and Whitney Young (Prince Andrew School).

After all the prizes and certificates were handed out, a speech written by Kerry Lane, a member of the Chevening team, was read by Sam Cherrett of the Governor's Office, with Kerry unfortunately unable to attend the ceremony.

The Sentinel congratulates all participants and especially the winners of this competition which spreads a brilliant message – well done all!



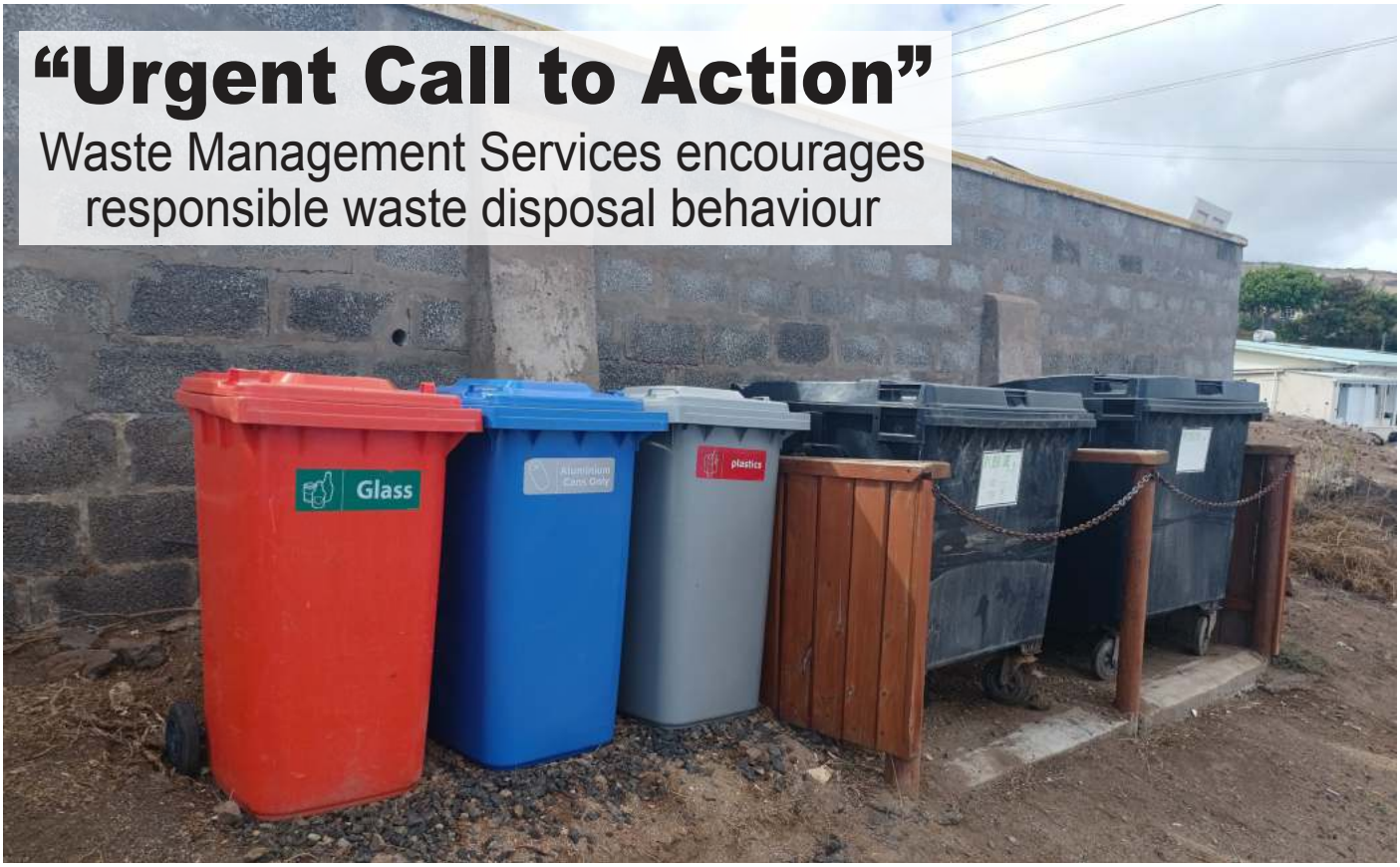






"Urgent Call to Action"

Waste Management Services encourages responsible waste disposal behaviour



Liam Yon, SAMS

SHG have recently reported "an increase in littering incidents" following reports to, and observations by, Waste Management Services (WMS), and have issued "an urgent call to action to raise awareness and encourage responsible waste disposal behaviour among individuals and communities."

Litter is an issue worldwide. While there are obvious issues with littering, including being an eyesore and spoiling the beauty of an area, it also presents threats to wildlife as well as human health and overall quality of life.

"It is imperative for each one of us to take responsibility for our actions and make a conscious effort to reduce, reuse, and recycle," said SHG. "Doing so minimises the amount of waste that ends up as litter in our environment."

On St Helena, there is a Public Recycling Facility at the Horse Point Landfill Site (HPLS), while there are also twelve recycling hubs setup around the Island in key areas, featuring four bins colour-coded for each type of waste – red for glass, grey for plastics, blue for cans, and brown for card and paper.

Once collected, waste from these recycling hubs and the recycling facility is processed for reuse and recycling. According to WMS, baled aluminium drink cans are exported to South Africa; plastic and card bales are used as infrastructure within the HPLS as gabions to support earthworks; while they are also "seeking funding to procure a glass crusher which will produce an end product suitable for construction aggregate."

Another issue observed by WMS, is the presence of household waste within the recycling bins. "It is crucial that these bins are used strictly for the type of waste they are designated for based on their colour-coding," they explained. "When recyclable waste is contaminated with household waste, it becomes unprocessable and ends up in the landfill, hindering efforts to maximise the remaining lifespan of HPLS."

SHG are therefore urging all on St Helena to "remember the importance of environmental stewardship and the role we all play in protecting our local environment, as well as the planet" and are encouraging individuals to make simple actions like proper disposal of waste in the correct recycling bins at any of the recycling hubs, finding ways to reuse certain items, and participating in local cleanup efforts.

"We urge everyone to educate themselves and others about the consequences of littering and to actively participate in efforts to keep our island clean and green," they said in a call to action. "By working together, we can create a cleaner, healthier, and more beautiful environment for all to enjoy."



Photo kindly supplied by Nicole Hercules: Making use of SHG's litter picking rental service on Longwood green

PUBLIC SOLICITOR'S OFFICE

Trainee Chartered CILEX Lawyer

The Public Solicitor's Office seeks to recruit a trainee Chartered CILEX Lawyer to start on the 1st July 2024. This is a very exciting opportunity open to those with Saint status who would like to train as a lawyer. In a shared goal with the St Helena Government, who fund this training project, this office is committed to the Government's aspiration that the future generation of lawyers on island are recruited locally.

This is a full-time role 8.30am to 4pm with a 30 min lunch break (unpaid), Monday to Friday at the Public Solicitor Office, The Fort, Ladder Hill.

Some working outside the office and after hours may be required therefore candidates with transport and a driving licence are preferred. Home to work transport is not available.

The role requires a commitment over 5 years to train to become a Chartered CILEX Lawyer authorised to practice Law on St Helena. This will be through distance learning with the UK Institute of CILEX. The CILEX qualification requires significant commitment from the trainee but the rewards will be worth it for them and the island.

The Public Solicitor's Office will pay for the on-line training and exams, paid time off for study will be agreed and home internet allowance will be available for study purposes.

As the successful candidate progresses with their professional training and build experience, they will be expected to advise clients of the Public Solicitor Office on various legal matters and may be required to appear in Court and also represent clients at the Police Station.

Supervision and full training will be provided.

We are looking for someone with;

Good written and spoken English GCSE level or equivalent,
Discretion and Confidentiality,
Computer skills proficient in Microsoft Office and EXEL Spreadsheet,
Willingness and ability to learn,
St Helena resident status,
Ability to commit to 5 years of study and training.
Police clearance certificate

Salary £12,000 - £14,000 depending on experience. 30 days paid holiday. Pension 15% of basic salary to an approved pension scheme.

Full Terms of Reference for this position can be requested from Delia at office@publicsolicitor.com

Applications with hand written covering letter detailing motivation and suitability along with an up-to-date CV should be sent to Office@publicsolicitor.com Or delivered to The Public Solicitor, The Fort, Ladder Hill, St Helena by **17 May 2024**. Interviews shall be held w/c 27 May 2024.

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Focus on the Tourism Development Plan

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister Mark Brooks welcomed Matt Joshua (Head of Visitor Information Services and Tourism) into the studio during In Scope this week to tell listeners more about what has been achieved during the first year under the FCDO-funded Tourism Development Plan as well as what this year's plan will entail.

The FCDO had agreed to ring-fence funds (£500,000) from the contingency fund to facilitate the recovery of the tourism sector on St Helena post-Covid. This was agreed upon in support of the Sustainable Economic Development Strategy (SEDS) where several objectives to support the recovery of tourism on St Helena was identified. It was recognised that many of these objectives could not be realised through the recurrent budget, but had to be funded from additional funds. Initially the Tourism Development Fund was to be a one year grant, but the FCDO have agreed to allocate another £500k for the new financial year. The new Tourism Development Plan is currently out for public engagement.

The effect of Covid on St Helena was very severe as the Island was closed for two-and-a-half years which led to many businesses experiencing strain and some even having to close their doors. The aim of the recovery strategy was to help St Helena to recover to tourism levels experienced during the best tourism year to date - 2019. During 2019, about 5,000 visitors came to the Island, spending about £4.8-£6.6million. The numbers for this year shows about an 87% recovery with expenditure on-Island per tourist coming close to the 2019 numbers. Provisional numbers provided by the Stats Office show expenditure by tourists for this year was between £4.6million and £6.4million. Tourism seems to be well on the way to recovery, the challenge for the future would now be to grow the tourism sector on St Helena.

The Tourism Recovery Strategy focuses on three areas - Capacity, Marketing and Product. Building capacity mainly looks at training and upskilling people currently in and interested in the tourism industry. This training will involve areas such as tour guides, hospitality services and even food and beverage services. The marketing aspect will work hand in hand with the core marketing function of SHG, but will also include presence at trade fairs as well as facilitating familiarisation trips to St Helena. The recent showcase event was an example of providing this first-hand experience of St Helena to key people in decision making roles within the tourism and investment sector. Another key area of exposure is the presence of St Helenian representation at world trade fairs and travel shows. These events provide St Helena Tourism with valuable networking opportunities where they can market St Helena as a tourism destination as well as build up contacts with counterparts in the industry. The other area the strategy focuses on is the improvement of the product on offer. This includes the entire product that visitors to St Helena experience - tours, activities, attractions as well as things like accommodation, food service and travel arrangements. The other area that needed investment and upgrade was the general appearance and appeal of local attractions.

A program was put in place to improve the visual appearance of parts of the tourism industry as well as a number of SHG facilities and assets. The tourism development board approved various projects as part of this plan which have been completed by the end of March 2024. These include, amongst others, painting and sprucing up of the Wharf and Grand Parade areas, refurbishing of the Post Office and various public toilet facilities across the Island, many other prominent areas like White Gate and the railings at Napoleon's Tomb as well as several locations across the Longwood area. Tourism also worked in collaboration with The St Helena National Trust on various projects like improving the safety of High Knoll Fort as well as working towards preparing No. 1 building in Rupert's Bay towards establishing an interpretation centre.

Marketing often depends on identifying an opportunity and capitalising on this. Such was the case with the release of the Ridley Scott film, Napoleon, last year. St Helena tourism produced a 30 second promotional trailer that was shown all over the South and South East of the UK. There was a lot of positive feedback from various sources following these screenings. In South Africa, the team engaged in big events hosted at Ster-Kinekor, a big cinema group in SA, where there was pre-screenings of the promotional video for the media and trade industry. The Tourism Development Fund was also applied to promote investment in St Helena, applying these funds to create as much economic growth for the Island as possible. While funding during the first year was mostly applied to fixing up things on St Helena and putting it back on the global map, the second year will mainly focus on linking Tourism with property and development as well as trade and investment. These areas work hand in hand to create a sustainable economy for St Helena for the future. The ideal scenario for St Helena would be to target high value visitors who spend more per person as opposed to very high numbers of tourism with lower values.

During attendance of various international events such as international tourism fairs and trade events, as well as the World Travel Market, Africa, and the Trade Investment Forum (TIFM), Africa, a lot of exposure and awareness of St Helena have been created. During the TIFM, Damian Burns (Portfolio Director of Economic Development), addressed 250-300 attendees while launching not only the investment video but also the investment prospectus to promote interest in St Helena's investment opportunities. These engagement events were used to market St Helena as well as identify a group of tour operators and investors that would benefit and promote the Island by providing an in-person visit to St Helena. Additionally, there has been an increase in the coverage and exposure of St Helena as an investment and tourism destination internationally.

The recent Tourism Showcase event took place in April where 26 invited guests attended various events on St Helena to experience the Island first-hand. Most of the selected guests have been engaging with St Helena Tourism for over two years now. This event enabled representatives from big tourism organisations to visit the Island in order for them to provide feedback and motivation for these organisations to promote St Helena as part of their chosen tourism destinations. Through attending various international events and trade fairs, networking relationships have been built up over time and interest gauged to ensure that the invited guests will consist of the right people. Feedback has been very positive with the visiting tour operators looking forward to selling St Helena to their customers. Representatives from SATSA (South African Tourism Services Association) who represent thousands of tourism-related businesses also visited the Island and St Helena

will now also be able to become a part of this association. There was also representation from Wesgro which is the official tourism, trade and investment promotion agency for the Western Cape who attended the Showcase event. Tourvest, the biggest tourism company in South Africa, also had a representative who attended the event and has indicated that they are keen to increase the marketing and promotion of St Helena as a tourist destination. This visit also provided tourism the opportunity to get feedback and input from the visitors as to the way forward and what recommendations they could make. One common idea was the necessity to turn the entire wharf into an exclusively leisure focused area. Another area that was commented on in a consistently positive way is the marine life and water clarity as well as other natural assets that can be found all over St Helena. Not everything was positive though, as the visit really brought the fragility of St Helena's service provision into focus for example contingency plans that need to be in place if key equipment like tour boats break down. This just showed that a lot of work still needs to be undertaken if numbers of tourists are to increase. This again emphasises the need to grow tourism by growing capacity, increasing training, growing service provision, tours and activities as well as improving tourism infrastructure. It is important to remember that it is critical to have quality services in place if we want to attract more visitors to the island. Local service providers need to start exploring options of collaborating to provide for the unique needs of visitors with more consistency and creating increased revenue. Marketing needs to be followed up by the delivery of what was promised and then to receive feedback to build on for the provision of future services.

The first year's Tourism Development Plan focussed on getting everything on Island in order and creating a foundation to build upon. During the second year there will still be a three-area approach on improving marketing, capacity and product. The Tourism Development Program 2 will however focus more on a collaborative approach with property and investment as well as trading and investment sections as these three areas go together hand in hand to support tourism, investment and economic growth.

Tourism on St Helena cannot only be the responsibility of SHG, but has to be everyone's business to be truly successful. There has been a lot of training that has taken place to upskill people in the tourism and hospitality industry, but this will have to continue.. One of the challenges for the expansion of tourism is the availability of accommodation and restaurants. During the peak demand in January there was no accommodation or car hire options available on-Island. It is very clear from this that there is a need for more options to be developed. Online booking platforms have also increased access to quicker, safer and easier ways to book accommodation for all parties involved. During off-peak season when there are not as many tourists, proprietors could look at different incentives to attract at least some tourists during this season to increase income during quiet months. During winter months a different kind of visitor needs to be targeted, who might look at things like self-catering accommodation and can make use of the improved internet connectivity during extended stays on the Island where a work and holiday stay can be combined.

Mid-week flights will provide more flexibility when it comes to travel plans as there are indications that a lot of people would be interested in staying for 10 days rather than 7 or 14. From December '24 to the end of February, there will be midweek flight on Tuesdays from Johannesburg, with direct flights from Cape Town on Saturdays. This was the result of a lot of research that was done to determine the demand for flights from Cape Town from various travel traders as Cape Town is also a very attractive tourist destination. Johannesburg on the other hand serves as the preferred hub, so a combination of the two, provides visitors with more options and flexibility and travel options.

To market St Helena as a prime tourist destination, there needs to be a raised awareness of what is on offer here to attract more visitors to the island. It is important to focus on what St Helena has to sell, what is unique, but also to develop more and quality services that will be required by tourists to ensure a sustainable and growing tourism industry on the island.

8 Tips to Support Your Child's Success



Through the Lens

Not too long ago, a concerned mother sought my advice regarding an incident at her child's school. As we discussed and devised a strategy that I believed would benefit her child, she suddenly looked at me in astonishment and exclaimed, "Wow, I didn't realize I had that option!" Meeting her gaze, I replied firmly, "Repeat after me, 'As a parent, I have the right to effectively and strategically advocate for my child.'"

Through similar conversations with other parents, it became clear to me that not everyone feels empowered or informed enough to stand up for their children. I chose the term **ADVOCATE** to outline eight key ways in which you can provide optimal support for your children in various aspects of their lives, whether it be at school or any other endeavour they pursue.

A. Attend Meetings: Participate actively in meetings like PTA gatherings and parent-teacher conferences to show your commitment to your child's education. Volunteering and engaging in school activities can also strengthen your role as an involved parent.

D. Document Issues: When faced with a problem, document all the details including who was involved, what happened, when and where it occurred, how it will be resolved, and why a specific action was taken. Creating a note-taking template can help maintain clarity.

V. Voice Concerns Appropriately: Use an appropriate tone of voice when advocating for your child with teachers, coaches, administrators, friends, and siblings. Avoid yelling, cursing, or using patronizing tones.

O. Observe Behavior: Pay attention to changes in your child's behavior, social circles, or appearance as they could be signs of underlying issues. Trust your instincts if you sense that something is wrong.

C. Celebrate Milestones: Celebrate both big and small achievements with your child, and acknowledge challenges and setbacks to show support.

A. Affirm Their Identity: Be your child's biggest cheerleader by recognizing their strengths, nurturing their talents, and providing comfort during failures.

T. Teach Them: Empower your child to advocate for themselves by teaching them to respect themselves and others, communicate effectively, and use their voice confidently.

E. Empower Them: Give your child the power and permission to advocate for themselves, preparing them for success in various settings. Encourage respectful and confident expression of opinions.

Remember, advocating for your child doesn't have to be overwhelming. Seek support from trusted individuals if needed, and empower your child to advocate for themselves to equip them with valuable skills for life.

Written by: Ed Oyewo

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

SAT. May 11
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 1pm-3pm: Northward sounds with Tony Leo
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (repeat)
- 6-8pm: DNA Show (Repeat)
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf (Repeat)

SUN. May 12
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service

MON. May 13
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 2pm-4pm: DNA with Deon and Anita
- 5:30pm-7pm: Country Classic's with Donna Crowie
- 7:15pm-8:30pm : Best of Rock and Indie with Simon Dykes

TUE. May 14
- 7am-9am: Morning Show with Donna
- 9am- 11am: Mid morning show with Demy
- 11am-1pm: Vibes with Annika Roughe
- 2pm: In Scope
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: Uk chart Show with Demy Herne

WED. May 15
- 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. May 16
- 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
- 7:30pm: In Scope

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

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Bringing you the
BBC World Service
100.7 (Briars)
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Featured this Week





Need a bit of a boost on Monday afternoon after a hard days work? Why not tune in to SAMS Radio 1.

Donna will keep you entertained you with some good ole country music from 5:30pm. She will have you swinging around the pots and pans in no time!

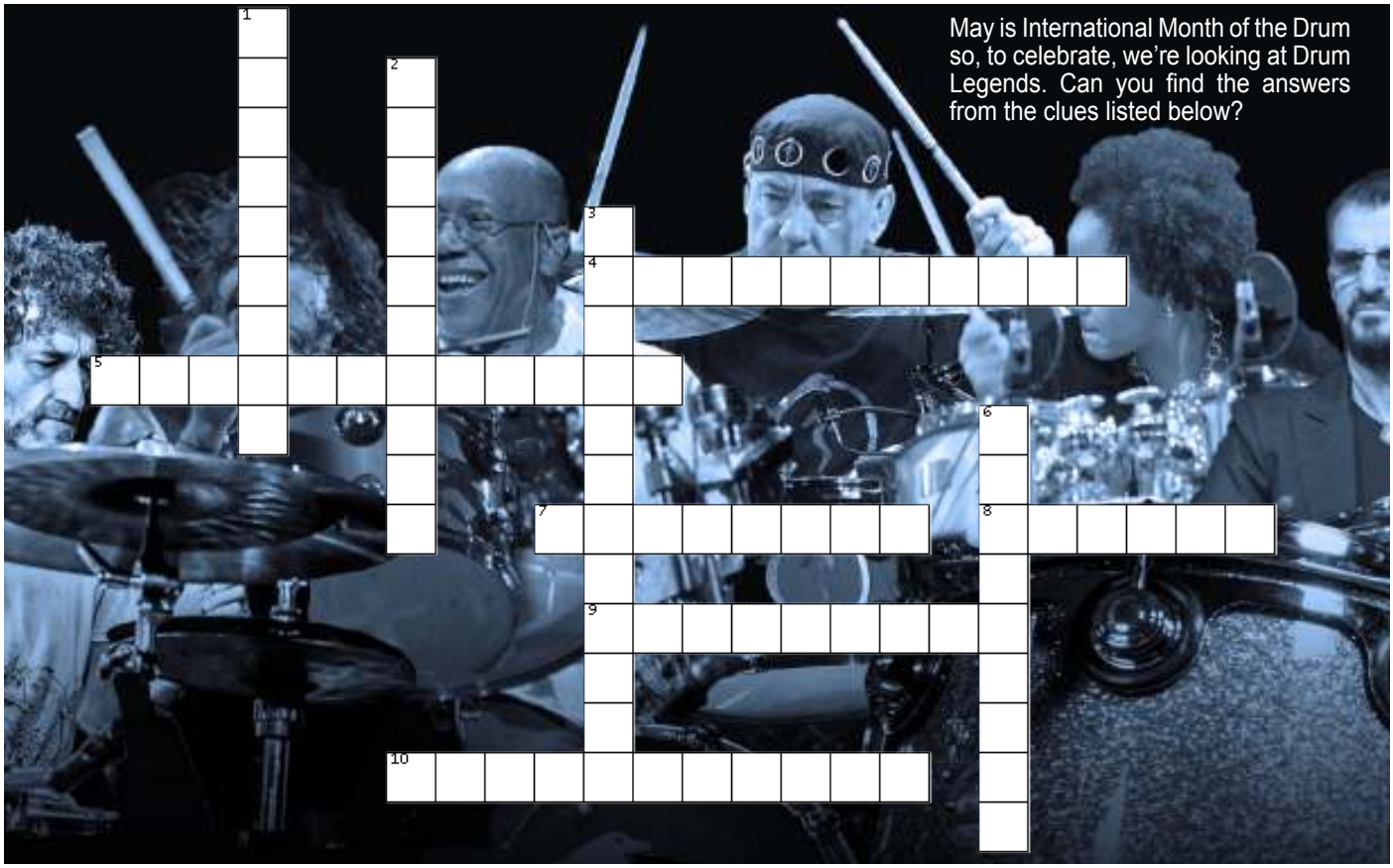
So remember, tun in on Monday at 5:30pm for Country Classics only on SAMS Radio 1.

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

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

TIME OUT

Crossword: Drum Legends



May is International Month of the Drum so, to celebrate, we're looking at Drum Legends. Can you find the answers from the clues listed below?

DOWN

1. He is the drummer for the Red Hot Chilli Peppers and is known as a look-a-like to actor Will Ferrell (4,5)
2. This drummer is also a singer and songwriter, he wrote songs such as 'Octopus's Garden' and 'Don't Pass Me By' and played for the world famous band The Beatles (5,5)
3. Michael John Kells Fleetwood is a British musician, songwriter and actor. He is the drummer, co-founder and leader of which rock band? (9,3)
6. Lars Ulrich played drums for and was the founder of a heavy metal band that produced songs such as 'Enter Sandman' and 'Nothing Else Matters'. What is the name of the band?

ACROSS

4. John Bonham is considered to most as the best drummer of all time; playing in songs such as 'Whole Lotta Love' and 'Stairway to Heaven' what band does he play for? (3,8)
5. Megan White is an American drummer and formed a band along with her then husband Jack White and rose to fame with the hit song Seven Nation Army, what band does she play for? (5,7)
7. He co-founded and plays drums for the heavy metal band Mötley Crüe (5,3)
8. Keith Moon was noted for his unique style of playing the drums and his eccentric, often self-destructive behaviour. What band did he play for? (3,3)
9. He rose to fame drumming for Nivarna and is now the founder and front man for Foo Fighters (4,5)
10. He was the drummer and later became the lead singer of the rock band Genesis and had a successful solo career (4,7)

Rebus Puzzle:
Figure out the phrase

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Famous Birthday on 07 May



Oscar isaac (45)

Sentinel Joke of the day

Did you hear about the math book that got a therapist?

It had a lot of problems.

Last week's Crossword Answers
Playstation

DOWN

1. Halo
2. MacTavish
3. AmongThieves
4. Blue
6. TheWitcher
8. Altier

ACROSS

2. MortalKombat
5. JustDance
6. TheLastofUs
7. LiquidSnake
9. Eight
10. LaraCroft
11. Grey

Rebus Answers:

1. Summer; 2. Trillion

NOTICE BOARD

AUDIT ST HELENA
External Auditors

AUDITOR
Salary range £11,035 to £14,215 per annum
12-month fixed term contract

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit anAuditorto join their audit team.

The Auditor will undertake financial audits under supervision across the public sector.

Prospective candidates are required to have GCSE grade C or above in English and Mathematics and an Introductory Certificate in Financial and Management Accounting.

Key skills for this position include good oral and written communication, an aptitude for figures and an analytical and enquiring mind. IT skills in Excel, Word and Outlook are also essential.

The job profile and application formsare available by calling (290) 22111 or e-mailing rebecca.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Applications should be submitted by hand or by e-mail to theAudit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestownno later than **9am on Monday 13th May, 2024.**

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. St Helena Government reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

Due to the low numbers at the last call for the Annual General Meeting of the St Helena Football Association on the 24th April, a committee couldn't be formed.

A new date has been set for a second attempt on Wednesday 15th May at 7pm at the New Horizons Centre.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT ALL CAPTAINS, PLAYERS AND INTERESTED PERSONS IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE SHFA ATTEND.

If insufficient interested is shown at this AGM to form a committee, the SHFA 2024 League will not go ahead, but will be dissolved and monies held within their account will be given to other charities.
SO IN PRINCIPAL IT WILL BE THE END OF THE SHFA.

SO PLEASE, WE URGE YOU TO GET INVOLVED AND ATTEND THE MEETING.

St Helena Government

LAND FOR PURCHASE

Residential land for purchase or lease at market value:

Land - registered as parcel number 1223 within the Half Tree Hollow registration section, measuring 0.156 acres

Land - registered as parcel number 1225 within the Half Tree Hollow registration section, measuring 0.262 acres

The closing date for residential land is 12:00 on Friday 10 May 2024

For more information such as plot details, locations and pricing, please contact the Crown Estates Officer on tele: 22270 or via email: gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or alternatively, you can collect the Invitation to Tender from Essex House, Jamestown.

For further information, please visit the Property page of the SHG website via: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/portfolios/treasury-infrastructure-and-sustainable-development/property/

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 12th May 2024 – Sunday after Ascension		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Worship & Praise	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 12th May 2024 – Sunday after Ascension		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Monday 13th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
	Thursday 16th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 12th May – Sunday after Ascension		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 14th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist/Cell Group	St Mark

NOTICE BOARD

April Scout Jackpot Draw

The winners of the April Scout Jackpot draw are as follows:

1st Prize: £100

Mike Youde - Ticket No. 191

2nd Prize: £50

Fred Henry – Ticket No. 454

3rd Prize: £25

Toni Joshua – Ticket No. 125

4th Prize: £25

Kyle Bennett – Ticket No. 515

The May jackpot will be drawn on 31 May 2024.

Remember to be able to win, you must participate.

St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN CONSULTANCY

Reference: CS-1594-SHG

St Helena Government has issued an Invitation to Tender to engage a suitably qualified organisation to develop a Water Resource Management Plan for St Helena for the period 2024-2050.

Full details are included in the tender document which can be accessed on the St Helena Government e-procurement system, via: https://intendhost.co.uk/sainthelena, following registration on the system.

User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective suppliers registering on the e-procurement system.

All communication, clarifications, general questions and submissions of your response must be made via the e-procurement system.

The deadline for submissions is Monday, 10 June 2024, at 13:00 (GMT).

SHG, 02 May 2024
www.sainthelena.gov.sh

GOOD TERN
SEABIRD RESCUE & RECOVERY

Good Tern

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Wednesday 22nd May 2024
Time: 5.00pm
Where: The Dive Club, Wharf, Jamestown

Join us for our AGM and hear about our rescued birds.
If you want to get in touch, email goodtern@outlook.com
Registered Charity C0052

The Diocese of St Helena invites expressions of interest from suitably qualified building contractors to build a Vicarage at St Andrew's Church in Half Tree Hollow. This is part of the Michael Crook Trust Legacy.

Interested persons should submit their interest in constructing the Vicarage to Rosalie Lawrence, by no later than Monday 20th May 2024, on email jackro@helanta.co.sh.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
12th May
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 14th May
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 16th May
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 15th May
Baptist School Hall J/Town 10.30 am

ALL ARE WLCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

DATA PROTECTION PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETINGS

St Helena Government (SHG) recently announced that public information meetings to raise awareness of ongoing work towards the introduction of data protection policy/ legislation would take place during May 2024. These meetings will be held in various districts across the island. The first meeting will take place at the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre on Thursday 9 May at 19:30.

Subsequent district information meetings will take place at 19:30 as follows:

Venue	Date
Jamestown Community Centre	Mon, 13 May
Guinea Grass Community Centre	Tue, 14 May
Harford Community Centre	Thu, 16 May
Sandy Bay Community Centre	Mon, 27 May
Blue Hill Community Centre	Tue, 28 May
Levelwood Community Centre	Thu, 30 May
St Michael's Church, Rupert's	Mon, 3 June

The following information will be discussed:

- What is data protection?
- What does it mean to the individual?
- How might legislation affect businesses and organisations?

The public are encouraged to attend.

SHG, 07May 2024 www.sainthelena.gov.sh

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

VACANCY – INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL TECHNICIAN

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking a suitably qualified person to fill the position of Instrumentation & Control Technician.

The successful candidate will be responsible for the development and maintenance of instrumentation, control and electronic systems within Connect Saint Helena Ltd and will provide these services across all areas of the Company (Electricity, Water, and Wastewater).

Applicants for this position should possess a HND qualification in Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering or Control and Instrumentation Engineering. Applicants should have experience within a utility company environment, with wind turbine maintenance, SCADA (or similar), Telemetry and PLC control systems and a Class A drivers licence.

Applicants must also be computer literate and have good verbal & written communication skills; have an awareness of, and comply with, safety rules and procedures when working on HV/LV systems or when testing or operating electrical equipment and systems, and be able to work at heights.

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

For a full job description and/or further details on this position please contact Geoffrey Augustus 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 9:00am Friday, 24 May 2024.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Ad-Hoc Grocery Sales Assistants

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies within the Half Tree Hollow Supermarket for Grocery Sales Assistants to work on an Ad-Hoc basis on Saturdays and Sundays as and when required.

Rate of pay will be £3.87 per hour. Any hours worked on Sundays will be paid at the overtime rates.

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the 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 of 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

For further information regarding the position, 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 **14 May 2024.**

Vacancy

Grocery Sales Assistant

Since 1790

Salary for the post will be £8,076 per annum (£673 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Star for a Grocery Sales Assistant.

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of The Star, including in the Food to Go area, 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 of 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

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

Charlotte Williams, Grocery Manager (The star & Butchery) via 22683 charlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh

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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

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EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EMPLOYMENT PORTFOLIO – NURSERY PROVISION

The Education, Skills and Employment Portfolio offers non-compulsory nursery education for all children between the ages of three to four years.

We will be in contact with parents/guardians of those children born on island and who are eligible to enter nursery education in the school year September 2024 – August 2025. This is to offer a place in nursery education and to give details of school placement and date of admission.

It would be appreciated if parents of children who were not born on St Helena could submit the following information in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools Kerry Lawrence so that an offer of placement can be made:

- The child's full name and date of birth
- Name and address of parent or guardian
- Telephone number and email address

Once all required information has been received, parents will be advised of their child's nursery placement.

It should be noted that a child should attend school in the catchment area where he/she is resident. However, for non-compulsory schooling, exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area if numbers in the requested school are low enough to accommodate the extra intake and if there is a valid reason for this, suchas child care.

Parents who would like their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area must apply in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area. In such cases parents must be willing to take responsibility for transporting their child to and from school.

Correspondence can be sent to the Assistant Director of Schools Kerry Lawrence at the Education and Learning Centre, Jamestown or by email to kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

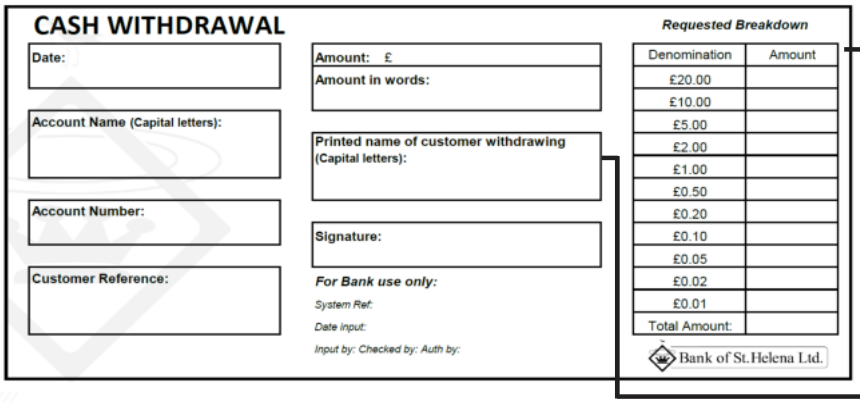
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Celebrating 20 Years 2004 - 2024

NEW CASH WITHDRAWAL FORM COMING SOON



You will soon be filling out a new Cash Withdrawal Form and we are letting you know what to expect to help make it a little easier when the time comes.



CASH WITHDRAWAL

Date:

Account Name (Capital letters):

Account Number:

Customer Reference:

Amount: £

Amount in words:

Printed name of customer withdrawing (Capital letters):

Signature:

For Bank use only:

System Ref:

Date input:

Input by: Checked by: Auth by:

Requested Breakdown

Denomination	Amount
£20.00	
£10.00	
£5.00	
£2.00	
£1.00	
£0.50	
£0.20	
£0.10	
£0.05	
£0.02	
£0.01	
Total Amount:	

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Let us know how you'd like to receive your cash by telling us exactly what you're looking for.

To assist our joint account and business account holders and for anyone withdrawing on behalf of another customer (you will still need to submit an authorisation form and give us a call if someone is collecting on your behalf).

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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Market Street, Jamestown
Bank of St Helena Ltd

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St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

ANRD ASSETS FOR LICENSING

The Agriculture and Natural Resources Division wishes to advise the public that the following assets are available for licensing from May 2024:

- Arable land at Piccolo Hill
- Arable land at lower Mulberry Gut
- Arable land at Ropery Field
- Sandy Bay Station (arable land and storage unit)
- Pasture land at Luffkins
- Tractor unit at Ex ADA Field
- Produce unit at Ex ADA Field
- Equipment storage unit at Ex ADA Field
- Poultry unit at Farm Buildings
- Poultry unit at Scotland

Application forms are available at the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Office Reception in Scotland, St Paul's. Alternatively, you can contact the Farmers Support Assistant, Martina Leo, or the Agricultural Development Officer, Andy Timm, on tel: 24724 or by emails: martina.leo@sainthelena.gov.sh or andy.timm@sainthelena.gov.sh.

The closing date for application is 16:00 on Friday 24 May 2024.

SHG, 06 May 2024 http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh

NOTICE BOARD

Trail Building & Maintenance

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air







Following a successful walking guide training programme that accredited 12 local guides to international standard, Green Flag Trails www.greenflagtrails.org is offering training on trail building and maintenance.

Training will take place in June and will be delivered over a 2 week period. There will be no cost element to those undertaking the training.

If you would like to take part in this training, please register your interest by **Tuesday, 21 May 2024** with Loretta Coleman at the Tourist Office on T:22158 or email loretta.coleman@shg.gov.sh

sthelenatourism.com

CULTURE MONTH

PUBLIC PANEL

WITH

PROFESSOR DAN YON

'DIASPORA & IDENTITY & CULTURE'

Thursday 16th May, 6.30pm

At the Museum

On line participation welcomed.

Join us via Zoom: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82508460226?pwd=NWF0kUVt4gVBvqh19TfDjktjxc6M4E.1

Meeting ID: 825 0846 0226 | Passcode: 529231

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ST HELENA'S DAY CELEBRATION

FLOAT COMPETITION PRIZES

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1ST PLACE–£200

2ND PLACE–£150

3RD PLACE–£100

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SWEET 'N SAVORY COMPETITION!

CATEGORIES ARE:

COCONUT FINGERS

FISH CAKES

TOMATO PASTE







FOOD WILL BE JUDGED ON THE DAY: 19TH MAY

CULTURE MONTH

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PARTICIPATE PLEASE CONTACT

RADKA HENRY

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ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

General Maintenance Assistant

Job Description

Located at English Bay, Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time **General Maintenance Assistant** at the Power Station on Ascension Island. The post holder will form part of the team that is responsible for the Maintenance of HV Diesel Engines for Electricity Generation, Water Production & Distribution and other mechanical maintenance related duties.

Requirements

- Good understanding of Safety procedures and Safe Working Practices.
- Competent in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery
- Basic Knowledge of Vehicular maintenance.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to role.
- Knowledge of working with hazardous substances used as part of function.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and be available for call-outs and faults outside of working hours.
- Possession of current driving licence up to B category.
- Basic Computer/Keyboard skills including Word, Excel and email applications.

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Experience of Power Stations' operations and maintenance work.
- Experience in Diesel Generators Engines overhaul and maintenance.
- Basic working knowledge and understanding of RO Plants Operation and Maintenance.
- Operation of vehicles such as Cranes or Fork Lift Trucks.
- Competent in corrosion control, the use of paint and rust treatment when maintaining equipment and structures
- Experience of civils works, such as brick/block building and concrete work

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two-year contract with either Single or Accompanied status. The salary, dependant on experience, starts at £11,031 (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

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

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

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administrative Assistant, Jodi Joshua at JJoshua@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 31st May 2024**

on St Helena celebrates 140 years
1884 – 2024

To help commemorate this wonderful milestone will be Major Robert Wright and Captain Juanita Wright - Divisional Leaders of the Salvation Army from the Western Cape. They will be the Guest Speakers at the following events to which you are all warmly invited to attend.

Sunday 12th May

11am - Internment of Major Wendy's ashes with a short service at the Salvation Army cemetery St Paul's.

3pm - Celebration Service of Praise & Worship at the Half Tree Hollow Hall followed by refreshments.

Tuesday 14th May

3pm - Ladies & Gent's Fellowship at the Half Tree Hollow Hall.

Wednesday 15th May

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting and Bible Study at the Half Tree Hollow Hall.

Friday 17th May

10am – 1pm 'Quality Seconds 'Thrift Shop open.

Saturday 18th May

7pm - Open Air on the Bridge in Market Square.

Sunday 19th May

12pm - St Helena Day celebrations with Float parade.

Wednesday 22nd May

7.30pm - Prayer Meeting at the Half Tree Hollow Hall.

Friday 24th May

10am – 1pm 'Quality Seconds' Thrift Shop open.

7.30pm - Musical Evening - at the Half Tree Hollow Hall with Guest Singers.

Marching along, marching along, The Salvation Army is marching along.

We look forward to seeing you at one or all of these special events. Take care and God bless.

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Hiring UK Based Live-in Carers

Hamilton George is a UK based Live-in Care company that is on a mission to provide tailored, life-enhancing care to a select group of private clients.



We are currently hiring for carers to work in the UK with our clients and provide excellent care. Who you are:

- A great communicator.
- Highly emotionally intelligent with excellent customer service skills.
- Professional with experience in care, or the drive and ability to complete training.
- Experience working with elderly clients or in care preferable.
- Ability to move to the UK for 1-3 months at a time for work.

Please get in touch today by sending your CV to Natashagg@HamiltonGeorgeCare.com

We are very excited to start your journey with us and introduce you to our amazing team and clients.

We Offer:

- A market leading base pay of GBP 800 per week.
- Complimentary DBS and background checks.
- We cover all the costs of travel to from placements within the UK.
- Our carers receive around the clock support by the highly skilled clinical team.
- We will provide you with free training and induction to get you ready for your first placement.

St Helena Government

PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS TO BE PUBLISHED

The Provisional Register of Electors for 2024 will be published on Friday 10 May 2024.

After its publication on Friday 10 May, eligible persons will have until 16:00 on Friday 24 May 2024 to submit applications to amend the Provisional Register.

Amendments that can be made include the following:

- Adding your name
- Removing your name
- Removing the name of someone who has died, left the island or who might no longer be eligible for inclusion in the Register.

The Registration Officer aims to publish a final Register of Electors which is as up-to-date and accurate as possible. Eligible persons will be able to apply to amend any of their personal details which may be out of date. For example, they may have changed their name or address and wish to update their registration details.

The importance of including accurate information in the register cannot be overstated, so when it is published, please check it to make sure your details are accurate. The Registration Officer can check the details for you if you will not be able to access a copy of the register when it is published.

It will be possible to amend the register to enable voting in a different district from that in which you reside. For example, an eligible person may live in Longwood and work in Jamestown, so when there is an election, it may be more convenient for them to vote in Jamestown during the working day. It is possible for the register to accommodate this, provided the eligible person makes an application to do so.

Persons eligible to be registered must:

- Have St Helenian Status as defined in the Immigration Ordinance, 2011
- Be 17 years of age or older with St Helena as their ordinary place of residence

For persons who are present on St Helena, applications to amend the register using the prescribed 'Form A' can be submitted to the Registration Officer, at the Castle, between 10 and 24 May 2024 or via email through carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh

Persons who have St Helenian status and who are ordinarily resident on the island but who are currently absent in connection with employment, education or training or for the purposes of medical treatment and have not been absent for a continuous period of 30 months or for periods exceeding in aggregate 625 days in the preceding 30 months, can apply to amend the register by using the prescribed 'Form B'.

Further information about registering and making amendments may be obtained from the Registration Officer, Carol Henry, at the Castle, by telephone on 22470 or via email through carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh.Both Form A and Form B can be accessed on the SHG website at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/.

The final Register of Electors for the 12 month period commencing 1 July 2024 will be published towards the end of June.

If your name is not on the Register of Electors you will not be able to stand or vote in any bye-election or general election. It is therefore your responsibility to check the Provisional Register when it is issued and to make an application to have your name included if it is not already listed.

#StHelena #ProvisionalRegisterOfElectors #RegisterToVote

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SHG, 8 May 2024

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Head of Communications
(£30,224 per annum)

Are you a confident leader with advanced written and verbal communication skills? Do you have the ability to multi-task across a wide range of news and communications channels? Can you plan and manage multiple communications projects and have an in-depth knowledge of public sector media handling? The Central Support Services currently has an opportunity to head the Communications Hub. In this role, supported by a small team, you will coordinate and lead the entire portfolio of St Helena Government communications as well as proactively support and advise the Chief Secretary, Portfolio Directors, senior officials and Ministers on all communications and media matters.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Carol Henry on Tel No 22470 or Email carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **22 May 2024**

Community Nurse
(£11,542 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a career change or to progress your career? If so, The Health & Social Care Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their team. The Community Nurse will manage a caseload of patients under the direction of the Sister or Community Nursing Officer. Working within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Will support the Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. The occasional out of normal working hours will be expected for clients at home needing palliative care and end of life care.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Jackie Henry on Tel No 22500 or Email jackie.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **22 May 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.

Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

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

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Keys areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Sharina Williams on Tel No 22470 or Email sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh**

Closing date: 22 May 2024

Casual Kitchen Assistants x3 (£3.65 per hour)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is seeking to recruit 3 highly motivated individuals to work as Casual Kitchen Assistants within the Community Care Centre. The successful candidates will be responsible to the Head Cook and Cooks for the provision of high quality domestic and catering services at the Community Care Centre and Hospital, to include all cleaning, kitchen duties and assisting the cooks with food preparation, which includes delivering of meals. The successful candidates will also be responsible for ensuring the unit kitchen areas in the Community Care Centre are maintained in line with the cleaning schedules.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Michelle Clingham on Tel No 23090 or Email michelle.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh**

Closing date: 22 May 2024

Immigration/Customs Officer (18 years +) (Permanent) (£9,197 per annum)

We are looking to fill these important roles in our busy customs team, to undertake the duties and responsibilities to reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical role which requires experience of front line / customer facing responsibilities, an inquisitive mind-set and the ability to work well as part of a team.

Enquiries: **Delmarie Williams or Rosemond Fowler on Tele No 22287 or Email delmarie.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh or rosemond.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh**

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

has a Vacancy for a

Chief Executive Officer

This is a high profile fixed-term leadership position as the responsible officer of a Company with diverse business interests in agencies, services, insurance, production and retail.

The **Chief Executive Officer** will be responsible for developing and implementing strategies and policies to ensure that the Company will meet the strategic goals determined by the Board of Directors, leading the Corporate Management Team to progress the Company's agenda against financial and operational performance indicators, fulfilling its stated Purpose and upholding its stated Values.

Interested Persons should have:

- The following knowledge and experience:
    - 5 years senior management experience
    - Financial Management experience at senior level
    - Business development experience (relevant to the diverse portfolio interests)
    - Proven track record of commercial management success
    - Proven track record in leading teams and achieving results
    - Experience in growing/building new business
- Be highly literate and numerate with a strong academic background
- Possess MBA or equivalent level management certification
- Excellent leadership/management and decision-making skills
- Strong strategic planning and implementation skills
- Strong interpersonal and communication skills with an ability to communicate with a diverse range of people at varying levels of operation both internally and externally
- Risk assessment and risk mitigation skills and abilities
- Commitment to quality and excellence
- A high degree of integrity, maturity and professionalism with the ability to lead and adapt effectively in changing circumstances and in a demanding, fast paced team environment

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package, please contact Eric Constantine, Human Resources Committee Chairman, on telephone number +290 63746, or via email: eric-c@helanta.co.sh Application forms can be collected from the Main Office Building, Jamestown, or alternatively, an electronic copy can be requested via email address: hradmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed application forms should be submitted to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Manager, or via email address hrm@solomons.co.sh by **1600hrs, Friday, 31 May 2024.**

Golf Report from SHGC

SHGC, Contributed



The Tombstone Golf Competition that took place on Sunday, 5 May, featured 13 players.

As the competition progressed, most of the participants managed to make it to the 17th hole before exhausting their allotted strokes. This left three players - Ruben Oliphant, Jeffrey Stevens, and Nicholas Stevens - to continue on to the 18th hole.

Ruben Oliphant was the first among the trio to run out of strokes, leaving Jeffrey Stevens and Nicholas Stevens to complete the final hole with a stroke to spare. Both players then teed off at the 1st hole to determine the winner. Jeffrey's drive landed approximately 50 yards from the green, while Nicholas impressed with an exceptional drive that ended just a foot away from the green, securing his victory in the competition.

There weren't any two's scored, so the balls will roll over to next week

Congratulations were extended to all participants for their sportsmanship during the event.

Upcoming Events:

The upcoming competition, 12 May, will be the "Gwyneth Howell Trophy Challenge Cross Country" with exciting prizes up for grabs. Those interested in signing up were directed to do so via the clubhouse sign-up sheet or by leaving a message on the answering machine at 24421. Alternatively, messages could be left by calling Tel 25848.

The Euchre tournament is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 11 May, at the clubhouse starting from 7 pm. Call KJ to register your team 63698

Happy swinging!

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club

Pat Henry, Contributed



We have entered another new month so we are almost halfway into 2024. What have we achieved for this year so far, well....nothing much, but frustrations in so many ways, one thing we can't blame is Covid-19 for lack of things happening and causing problems, so maybe we are not exploring good Governance. Even our local sports on-Island seems to be failing, with modern technology we should be more advanced and leaping higher hurdles than the smaller ones affecting us.

As for us at Jamestown Rifle Club, the decision was made to postpone our Ladies and Gents competition after the annocement aired about preparation in progress for St Helena's Day celebrations taking place on Sunday, 19 May , and with Monday and Tuesday being public holidays it was felt that this could affect a low turnout for people taking part in the clubs shooting competition. St Helena's Day is such an important day and we would like everyone to stay focus and make this day a great successful event.

The new date for this competition to take place is Tuesday, 28 May. This will be a Ladies and Gents individual event, first and second placed finishes will be awarded trophy cups and third placed finishes will receive medals. Please check out the trophies and poster on display in Solomon's Plc Special Orders Department window in Main Street, Jamestown. Posters will also be sent to various departments, depending on the number of entries' we get it might be necessary to have this event running over two weeks. So with the last of our ammo stock we have decided it's best to have a good competition to finish off our rifle shooting as we await our new stock to arrive in August. We will have a meal on sale as well, so let's hope we get a good turnout, updates referring to this event will be followed as necessary.

Competition fee: £10 for 20 shots and two target cards and competition Prizes. There will also be a meal on sale, as well as various soft drinks and water. To sign up you can contact patpamsk@helanta.co.sh or phone 24385 or mobile 67265 or see poster.

From all at the rifle club, stay well and safe and have a Blessed weekend.

SPORTS ARENA

Ready for the Playoffs

Heat win with final ball as Pirates go top with dominant display in RMS T20







The SHCA RMS T20 continued over the weekend with a reshuffle at the top of the table.

On Saturday, Jamestown heat defeated the Mustangs with the match going all the way to the last ball. Mustangs batted first and thanks to Chris Owen with 86, posted a score of 155. Although a shaky start to the chase, Heat held it together to take the win with the very last ball of the match, finishing on 156 and walking away with the victory.

In the second match, Challengers put on an impressive performance once again, defeating the inform Levelwood Rebels. Another outstanding batting display from Andrew Yon with 153 helped Challengers to a total of 263 runs, while dominant fielding saw them dismiss Rebels for just 92.

Over to Sunday, when Sandy Bay Pirates made easy work of a solid Allstars side in dominant fashion. A half-century from Player of the Match, Brett Isaac, helped Pirates to a total of 164, but it was their bowling display that really impressed, with Brett along with Rhys Francis and Greg Coleman taking three wickets each to dismiss Allstars, who went into the day top of the table, for just 59 runs.

The weekend's final match saw Cobras face up against the Lions. Cobras batted first and posted a score of 171, with thanks again to Player of the Match, Scott Crowie, who contributed 80 runs to the total. Although putting a good effort in the chase, Lions ultimately fell short and lost by 69 runs.

These results mean the teams to compete in the RMS T20 Playoffs 2024 have been decided. After their win, Pirates went top of the table and will play fourth-placed Cobras, who also sealed their spot on the weekend after edging Rebels on run rate. After dropping to third, Allstars will need to repeat their feat from earlier in the tournament as they will go up against Challengers in the second semi-final playoff.



RMS T20 FIXTURES

Saturday 11 May
10am
Sandy Bay Pirates v Challengers
Umpires: D Obey and G Johnson
1:30pm
Cobras v Levelwood Allstars
Umpires: J Essex and David George
Sunday:
FINAL
Umpires: David Pryce and Gavin George