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# A Good Friendship Should Never be Taken for Granted

Vince Thompson

**Friends of the  
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Territories**

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Last Saturday four representatives of the Friends of the Overseas Territories arrived at the airport with Andrew Gwynne MP, the spokesman for the Labour Party on Health and Social Care. The Friends of the Overseas Territories (FOTBOT to save words) has been in existence for about 10 years. They describe their purpose as promoting, supporting and increasing awareness of the UK Overseas Territories. While FOTBOT has links with politicians to pursue their purpose, they are not a political organisation. The four FOTBOT representatives were Philip Smith the Chief Executive of FOTBOT, Robert Midgeley their Head of Communications, Oliver Wilderspin, the Communications Manager and Michael Binyon who is a member of FOTBOT. Michael made his fifth visit to St Helena this week. On previous visits he has brought groups with him and he is acting as the group's guide on this occasion. He is a journalist for The Times; his latest article, published this week, informed readers what Ascension Island is really like. The article was published after news broke that the UK government might consider, once more, Ascension as location to ship asylum seekers.

FOTBOT are a well connected organisation; this is just one reason why they are good friends to have. Oliver Wilderspin, for instance, is just starting his final year at the London School of Economics, studying for a degree in international relations. In his spare time, he has decided not to become a regular at the student bar. Instead, he works as a researcher for Sir Robert Buckland who is the MP for South Swindon.

Andrew Gwynne is not the only MP with whom FOTBOT have special links. Stephen Doughty MP is Labour's spokesman for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs and International Development. He is also a member of the British Overseas Territories All Party Parliamentary Group. FOTBOT also have good links with MPs 'on the other side of the house', that is, the Conservative Party, including Sherryl Murray and Andrew Rosindell.



**Philip Smith, CEO – FOTBOT**



**Robert Midgeley, Head of Communications**

Since 2018 FOTBOT have added campaigns to promoting, supporting and increasing awareness of the UK Overseas Ter-



**From left – Michael Binyon, Andrew Gwynne MP and Oliver Wilderspin**

ritories. These are fund-raising campaigns. In 2020-21 FOTBOT raised £8,000 for the Falkland Islands Museum. In 2019 they supported the Gough Island Restoration Project where the RSPB took the lead role in protecting the Tristan Albatross and Gough Bunting from being eaten alive by mice. Gough Island is one of two world heritage sites on Tristan da Cunha. Montserrat have benefitted from two FOTBOT fund-raising campaigns.

All FOTBOT representatives whole-heartedly agreed that visiting St Helena helps enormously with understanding the general situation on this Island and the issues which often re-surface repeatedly. Being here helps to represent St Helena more effectively and more convincingly. They may not exactly say, "look, I know, I've been there!" when discussing St Helena with people they wish to take an interest in this Island but they are certain this week's visit will add significantly to their persuasive skills.

Andrew Gwynne MP was interviewed with the FOTBOT representatives on Saint FM. Andrew was full of praise for the beauty of the island and the friendliness of Saints. To be blunt, Mike Olsson fought a losing battle trying to restrain the MP from giving endless praise when interview time was running out. The result of Andrew's visit is that we have new solid supporter in the House of Commons who will readily raise the profile of St Helena when required. St Helena has four new friends we need to help and support in the work they do to help and support us. The fifth member, Michael Binyon is a long-standing friend, but the same applies. Look after your good friends (of the Overseas Territories) and they will continue to look after you.



**FOTBOT's Falkland fundraiser results in £8,000 for the museum**



## ***The Brewery Yard – Then and Now***

This photo, taken a few years ago, shows the Brewery Yard when it had a car repair workshop and cars in the yard waiting to be repaired. The tree in the centre of the yard looks as if it is starting to grow back after being recently lopped. Either that, or it is not in good health.



Last week we showed photos of the lopped trees and the empty space where the car repair workshop used to be. This photo shows the Brewery Yard from a similar viewpoint as the photo above. There is more work to be done and the trees will grow back. The site is starting to look like a back area of Jamestown which is being smartened up.

## ***Worsley Steals the Show at Plantation Reception***

On Tuesday evening Governor Phillips held a reception to introduce two people who have recently arrived in St Helena. The Governor arranged with FCDO for Scott Angell and Stephen Thwaites to join the current SHG staff working on the many issues raised in connection with opening up St Helena to development opportunities. Scott and Stephen have been working here for about two months and are on two-year contracts with the option to extend their time here if required.



***Stephen Thwaites (centre) and Scott Angell (right) with Rachel Thwaites and Clara Pysh posing for the camera while talking with . . .***

The Governor gave a short speech of welcome during which he emphasised the need for everyone in our small community to pull together for the benefit of our Island's future. The speech ended with toast to 'Team St Helena'.

Damien Burns welcomes *Worsley* the family dog at Plantation House to Team St Helena. *Worsley* is named after Frank Worsley, the captain of the *Endurance* whose exceptional navigation skills played a key role in the members of Shackleton's 1914-16 Trans-Antarctic Expedition surviving against enormous odds after the *Endurance* became trapped in ice.



***Worsley (the dog) stole the show at Tuesday's reception; using his playful nature to attract the attention of guests.***

***"I am fond of pigs. Dogs look up to us. Cats look down on us. Pigs treat us as equals." –***

***Winston Churchill***



# Editorial

A quick look here and there around the world. Having finally got the Home Office to admit that it is only one or two people that at stupid enough to start all over again talking about Ascension as a place to ship out refugees, another story starts about the love Suella Braverman and her gang have for refugees. Suella has authorised the purchase of tents which are destined, when required, for a disused RAF airfield in Essex. They will be used to accommodate up to 2,000 migrants. From sunny Ascension to a cold, muddy field in windy Essex; Suella is not too choosy about where she puts her guests.

Robbie Robertson, well known to many of a certain age as the singer, songwriter and guitarist with The Band died on Wednesday after a long illness. The CD and film, "The Last Waltz" is what Robbie and The Band are most remembered for these days. There is plenty more. His family have asked for donations to be sent to the Six Nations of the Grand River. The Grand River reservation unifies all First nation Haudenosaunee peoples. Located along the banks of the Grand River, the Six Nations is the most populous First Nation reserve in Canada. Their history stretches back to the American Revolution when they allied with the British. In return for their loyalty, they were promised lands. Their current territory is only a fraction of the area promised – typical! There will be a tribute to Robbie Robertson in Mike and Tony's show tomorrow morning on Saint FM.

Turks & Caicos are considering a proposal to overhaul their Immigration Ordinance. The government are floating suggestions such as work permits for skilled workers having time limits changed, the number of qualifying years for permanent residence increasing and some changes to business visas and temporary visas issued on arrival. It looks like there will be lengthy discussions on this one.

There are mutterings among some in the health professions that the UK is 'flying blind' on Covid as the northern hemisphere autumn approaches and with it the peak season for viral contagion. The UK Health Security Agency still tracks Covid hospital cases but most of the data collected to keep track on infection rates is not collected now. One researcher thinks a wave of infection is on its way and weakening immunity and possible new variants could turn the wave into what surfers call a bomb.

The UK prime minister has been told Britain needs to grow more of its own food and rely less on imports. This is obvious really with the effects of climate change and the Ukraine war. It also sounds familiar with our own situation. The UK farming minister said the government had set a target for 61% of food to be from local sources. There is no word on how this is to be achieved. Maybe the minister went back to sleep.

US homeland security officials have to keep out of politics but homeland security experts don't. Donell Harvin is one of the experts. This week he wrote an assessment of our old friend

Donald Trump and the risk he is to US security and the rest of the world. He wrote, "While generally highly decentralised and fractured, violent extremist groups have begun to mesh over a unifying figure: Trump. The former president has become a focal point of domestic extremism, and by not denouncing them — and sometimes courting them — he has been adopted by these groups as a de facto spiritual leader. In some ways, Trump has also co-opted these groups to boost his own support. This, in my assessment, makes the former president a leading driver of domestic extremism, and an unprecedented danger to our security. The indictment of Trump for his push to overturn the 2020 election puts that in stark relief." Jeez! As they would say on that side of the North Atlantic.

We should all know by now that water companies in the UK like to tip untreated sewage in rivers and seas. It's a very sensitive subject, especially for people with sensitive noses. It is also known the water companies have not revealed the true scale of raw sewage discharges and are accused of abusing their position as privatised monopolies. An organisation has now put together a compensation claim and is taking the first of 6 water companies to court to claim on behalf of 20 million householders; if successful the water companies could be paying out over £800 million. That will teach them to have cleaner habits.

## Vince

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<b>The Parish of St Paul's</b>		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
<b>The Parish of St James</b>		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St John
<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
7.00 p.m.	Patronal Festival	St Mary
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament with Healing	St John
<b>The Parish of St Matthew</b>		
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> August 2023 – Nineteenth Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> August</b>		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark



# HM Prison Works Under “Challenging Circumstances”

The Overseas Territories Prison Advisor concluded that prison staff work under challenging circumstances and emphasised the need for a new prison. He said it was excellent to see detailed, well thought out plans for a new prison and had visited the site where the new prison is to be built. In April this year SHG invited expressions of interest in the contract to design and build the new prison at Bottom Woods.

David Butler-Trump, the Overseas Territories Prison Advisor working for the UK Ministry of Justice, spent three weeks in St Helena. He assessed prison officer training and made a detailed inspection of Prison Service. The visit also included a series of meetings involving police and probation staff as well as the Prison Visiting Committee.

Butler-Trump was in Anguilla earlier this year, soon after disturbances among prison inmates on 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> January. As the OT Prison Advisor, Butler-Trump spent several weeks in Anguilla assessing the causes of the disturbance. The prison inmates were among those invited to offer suggestions that could improve the conditions and welfare of all prison inmates.

Before the Anguilla visit, Butler-Trump was in the Falkands auditing their prison service. The audit was requested by the Falkland Islands Government as a result of concerns raised



**Butler-Trump during his visit to Anguilla**

during the incarceration of three disruptive and violent prisoners during 2020. The audit and inspection were carried out by Butler-Trump from 16 August to 8 September 2022. In March this year the Falkland Exco approved the audit report for publication.

By comparison, it seems the Overseas Territories Prison Advisor has a quieter time during his inspection of St Helena’s prison service.

## TWO DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS APPROVED BY GOVERNOR IN COUNCIL

On Tuesday, 1 August 2023, two development applications were approved at a meeting of the Governor in Council.

### **Proposed renovations of HM Prison Workshop for additional cells and conversion of the Pipe Store into a Rehabilitation Area**

The first application was a proposal to renovate HM Prison Workshop for additional cells and the conversion of the Pipe Store into a rehabilitation area for the Prison.

The Pipe Store is a Grade III Listed building, which was parted into two, resulting in the north side of the building used as a workshop for HM Prison, and the southern portion used by the Saint Helena National Trust for the intended use as a Flax Museum.

The development application consisted of the renovation of the inside of the existing rehabilitation area by the installation of stud partitioning to form three cells, communal area, two toilets and two shower cubicles, which will be connected into the existing manhole, leading into public sewer system. The new rehabilitation area will then be utilised within the southern portion of the building (the Pipe Store), where the steam engine is located. The intention is to enclose the steam engine, and overlaying the existing timber floor with heavy duty rubber matting.

The rationale for this proposal is that due to the increasing imprisonment rates on the Island, additional cells are of utmost importance for the HM Prison Service to increase its operational resilience to meet the needs of the courts. It was therefore con-

sidered necessary to expand the footprint of the current Prison with a least imposing effective solution. This proposal will allow for additional prisoner accommodation until the new prison facility is constructed and in operation over the coming years.

Following discussion Council advised, and the Governor agreed, that the development application for the proposed renovations of the HM Prison Workshop for additional cells and conversion of the Pipe Store into a rehabilitation area should be granted with conditions.

### **Proposed construction of a Storage Facility near the Combined Building at St Helena Airport**

The second application was a proposal to construct a storage facility within the confines of St Helena Airport site, with a footprint of approximately 700 square metres. The development will be a steel frame structure with a grey IBR cladding. No excavation is needed to accommodate the proposal.

Currently Airport equipment and vehicles are stored in various locations split primarily between the Terminal, Combined and Storage Compound Buildings, and the surrounding areas. The manner in which these items are stored result in some of them being moved unnecessarily into the open which has a negative impact to their life span. The proposed additional storage facility will ensure that the Airport has additional, purpose-built storage capacity to accommodate equipment and vehicles.

Following discussion Council advised, and the Governor agreed, that the development application for the proposed construction of a storage facility at the St Helena Airport to accommodate equipment and vehicles should be granted with conditions.

**SHG**  
**9 August 2023**

# Time Waits for No One

## **Misinterpretation, Miscommunication and Different Interpretations SHG Meets the Media to Clarify the Situation with Telecoms**

On Monday the local media were invited to the Castle to discuss the current situation with the four telecommunications projects. Last week SHG issued press a release about 'cease and desist' orders to people using Starlink. Another one announced negotiation had started with Sure to bring on faster, cheaper telecom by connecting to the Equiano cable sooner than waiting for Maestro.

The chief minister opened the discussion. Julie said the meeting had been arranged to bring clarity to the complex situation and that several questions had been received from media and they would try to answer them. Then there was a health warning about not being able to say much about the negotiation with Sure and discussions with Maestro would be limited by the continuing commercial sensitivities. She added that misinterpretation, miscommunication and different interpretation had resulted in local media from the two press releases issued last week and this had confused the public. During the meeting they would say what is fact and what is not.

The chief secretary, Susan O'Bey spoke next and then Mark Brooks, the treasury minister as well as infrastructure and sustainable development minister. Susan O'Bey reminded us there are four major pieces of work receiving attention; Maestro with the new network, Sure negotiation to fill the gap left by Maestro delays, OneWeb with the ground station at Horse Point and the little mentioned contract required with a telecom service provider to give access to internet, email, phones and television. Somehow, the Stop Starlink issue was talked about first.

### **Starlink**

It was repeated that Sure had a monopolistic position, protected by the 1989 Telecommunications Ordinance and Sure's operating licence. Sure's operating licence has been extended



once and the negotiations underway could result in it being extended again. While Sure continues operating under the present licence, Sure can be the only telecom company in St Helena.

It was added that if SHG had not issued the warning about cease-and-desist orders aimed at Starlink users, SHG could be open to legal challenge. No-one said where the legal challenge would come from.

The discussion then followed the same route as the privately owned PV panels on the roofs of homes and businesses. Only the better off could afford PV panels (a Starlink antenna) and the increasing use of PV panels (Starlink antennae) means only the less well-off will be relying on Connect's (non-renewable) electricity. With a Starlink antenna, their prohibition results from a combination of a protected monopoly and outdated technology.

While SHG are persuaded by legal advice to halt the tide of continual technological innovation by stopping people using Starlink antennae, it will not prevent SHG from using modern technology to detect the use of the soon to be prohibited Starlink.

### **Maestro**

Mark Brooks spoke about still being in discussions with Maes-



**A 1989 mobile phone, now in  
the care of the Science  
Museum**



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**Liam, Dax, Julie, Susan, Mike, Jerry and Mark at Monday's Discussion**

tro and SHG should be able to say more “in the not-too-distant future”. More work was needed to finalise details. At this point someone commented that “we are where we are”, which was very helpful.

## **Sure Negotiation**

Throughout the 50-minute discussion there were many questions that could not be answered because of the negotiations with Sure about plugging the island network into the Equiano cable at the cable landing station and hopefully providing faster speeds and cheaper prices. It was bravely suggested that Sure’s monopoly may not continue beyond December, when the present licence extension is extended again (subject to negotiation). It was added that Sure will most probably want to retain their monopoly. That was something which should have among the things not said, even though it is very probably true. Another helpful bit of information was SHG will complete negotiations with Sure “as soon as possible”. Maybe it was thought necessary to say this in case anyone was thinking all senior SHG officials are going on a six-week holiday in a week or two.

SHG said they had done their part by processing the legislation needed to allow access to properties so fibre-optic connections can be completed. This access is permitted when householders are not available to give permission personally.

Moorhouse Consulting has been signed up to manage the Maestro project on behalf of SHG. Moorhouse say, “We help you harness data-driven insights and cutting-edge technologies to deliver value at pace and respond to dynamic changes within the market in which you operate.” Fantastic! That’s just what we want. Delivering value at speed and responding to change in the blink of an eye; that’s great, Moorhouse speak my language.

Maestro tells us. “We have a team with over 35 years of experience in Broadband technologies, investment management and project management, with vast knowledge of Eu-

rope, Middle East and Asia. Specialist in optical communications, FTTP (Fibre to the Premises) and mobile convergence access solutions. I hope you find that comforting.

Nothing was said about OneWeb nor preparations for a telecom services provider. There were no new facts nor hard information. There was a clear impression that most things are ‘up in the air’. Let’s just hope they land safely, sometime soon.

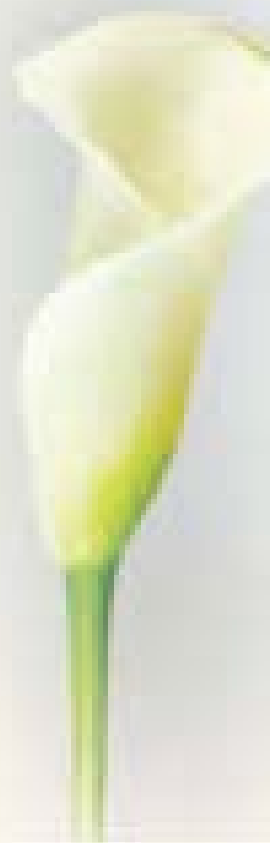
## The Mad Hatter's Tea Party



‘Have you guessed the riddle yet?’ the Hatter said, turning to Alice again.

‘No, I give it up’ Alice replied: ‘what’s the answer?’

‘I haven’t the slightest idea.’ said the Hatter.



*The family of the late Dorothy Andrews formerly of New Ground would like to thank the doctors and nurses at the general hospital also her carers, Shirley, Lyn, Roy and Jenny, family and friends who visited her at the hospital .*

*Bishop Dale for the lovely service, Roy and his team and Deacon Clarence.*

*A big thanks to Dion who sat overnight with Roy and mom at the hospital.*

*To Mervil, Dion, Sandra and Cyril for making the wreaths, Brenda and Jenny for organising the funeral as well as to all those who made phone calls here and overseas.*

*We thank Kenickie for creating the beautiful Eulogy and to Tammy for reading it, to Solomons and Melissa for the lovely hymn sheets, Jessina for getting the poem from family overseas and to Shanna John for all her help and support.*

*Thanks go out to Mrs Joy George for reading the lesson and playing the organ and finally a huge thanks to all of you who sent wonderful cards of sympathy and comfort.*

*May mum, nana, sister and auntie rest in peace, she was loving to all and will be sadly missed*

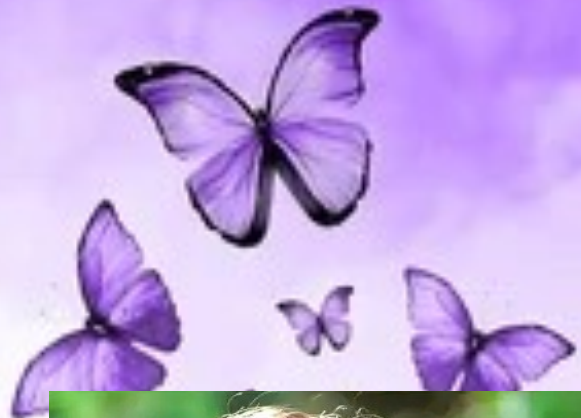
**The family of the late Carolyn Joanne Richards would like to thank the medical staff at the General Hospital also the Community Nurses and Adult Services staff for caring for mom during her illness, to the many friends and family who comfort and supported her and the family after receiving the news of mom's deterioration.**

**A big Thank You to all who supported the family here and abroad on the passing of mom especially Donald, Marlene, Judy, Linda and their families for being there for Eric and the International Football team and NSASH for being there for Owen.**

**Thanks are extended to our employers, Solomon & Company, St Helena Independent, New Horizons, Ian Williams and Connect St Helena for their support during this difficult time.**

**For Deacon Clarence Roberts and Jack Brady, Rector Darren Peters, Ivy Ellick and the Apostolic recorders, to all those who contributed tributes, flowers and other bits to the funeral, Mike Olsson, Davina & Colin Lawrence, New Horizons and Ian Williams, Coral Yon, Marjorie Harding, SHAPE staff and clients, Clare Duncan, Shara Thomas, Janet Essex, Linda & Jessica Young, Roy and his Team and finally a huge thanks to all of you who sent wonderful cards, Facebook messages, calls and in person words of sympathy and comfort, it truly meant a lot.**

**May our dear partner, mum, nana, sister and auntie rest in peace, she was truly loved and completely blessed.**





# Your Opinion Counts

*Dear Editor,*

I write in support of Mason Haroldson and Gregory Cairns-Wicks, the latter of whom, sadly, I didn't get to meet when I was in St Helena earlier this year.

The tragicomic thing is that in Ascension, the government has been much more pragmatic about Starlink, so much so that it only charges an extra £10 a year (a year!) for a licence to use it, now used by 150 people out of a population of only 800, despite Sure still having an exclusive licence. In the Falklands, on the other hand, it'd be £450 a month, or £5400 a year, if you're allowed one at all. Even HM Forces in the Mount Pleasant Complex are at the mercy of Sure.

Like Mason, I have great respect for Jerry Roberts and all the hard work he has put in, and that of Christian von der Ropp, despite the sneering from the usual suspects on Facebook about how the island should have gone with 'Starlink instead of Goggle [sic!]' - how easy it is with hindsight to be such a clever dick, especially when you don't know the inside story!

Yes, I would have much preferred St Helena and Ascension to have been connected to the South Atlantic Express (SAEx) cable going all the way from South Africa to the US, with an extension to Brazil, the equivalent of an intercity mainline railway rather than a dead-end branch line, which is what the link to Google's Equiano cable is, but the fact that it never materialised, though not through lack of effort on the part of Rosalind Thomas, SAEx's Chief Executive.

And I have never had anything against internet access via satellite, far from it, be it in St Helena or other small remote islands, because satellite is jam today, whereas cable has always been jam tomorrow. In addition, while Elon Musk isn't universally popular, the thing I do respect about him is that he'll sell a service like Starlink directly to the likes

of you and me, unlike OneWeb, which won't, even though after having been bailed out to the tune of £400 million of UK taxpayers' money, it is in no position at all to thumb its nose at any potential customer base or revenue stream.

To add insult to injury, Starlink is now providing internet access to the people of another British Overseas Territory, Pitcairn, all 50 of them, thanks to someone in the British High Commission in Wellington, New Zealand (the High Commissioner is their Governor) who mentioned it to Starlink in passing, not expecting to be taken seriously. I doubt they had even heard of OneWeb at all. Like St Helena, there are patronising people who think its inhabitants are noble savages in paradise who need protecting, when the reality is that Pitcairn's isolation and remoteness led to most of the men on the island being convicted of child abuse.

Meanwhile, back in the South Atlantic, OneWeb's 2022 report claims that 'residents of Tristan da Cunha, one of the most remote archipelagos on the planet, will soon be connected to the world via OneWeb'. How soon is now?

Quite frankly, I'd like to see OneWeb buy Sure South Atlantic's assets, and offer a retail service in direct competition with Starlink worldwide, and then use the money from that to keep prices in the South Atlantic islands down. Or at least one that companies can resell, ones like Bentley Walker, which even had customers in the Falklands before they got rumbled! In addition, I'd like to see it offering residential broadband services in the UK using the new fibre networks built by companies like Maestro (yes, that Maestro!) as well as BT Openreach - there are considerably more than thirteen telecom operators or internet service providers than the UK.

As I've said before and I'll say again, in

the digital world, there is no such thing as a small market, there is only a small mind, usually that of a big fish in a small pond. If you look at Sure's markets worldwide, their largest one is Jersey, with only 100,000 people - thankfully they don't operate the main network, as they do in Guernsey, which was silly enough to sell its telco to Cable & Wireless, which later sold it on to Sure. That explains why Jersey is a trailblazer in broadband in Europe, whereas Guernsey... isn't.

Unfortunately, some people I spoke to in St Helena still think Cable & Wireless owns Sure, when it's actually owned by Batelco in Bahrain, unflatteringly described by someone in the Falklands as 'the rich Arabs with our politicians in their pockets'. (And Batelco is effectively owned by the King of Bahrain, whose grandfather got some dissidents banished to St Helena in the 1950s.) Cable & Wireless is still around in the Caribbean, though it uses the Flow brand name, but has taken a knocking from Digicel, where Alistair Beak was regional CEO - small world!

There are currently no fewer than two UK parliamentary inquiries into the Overseas Territories being carried out, and one thing that should be put across to Westminster is that if expressions like 'Global Britain' and 'British family' are to mean anything, communications links between the members of that 'family' should be as convenient and as inexpensive as possible, and if standing up to the Bahraini bullies means Westminster extending the UK Communications Act to St Helena and the Falklands, that's a price worth paying.

Otherwise, how can ties between them, to borrow a turn of phrase recently used by the King, be expected to 'thicken and deepen'?

*Yours,  
Ken Westmoreland*

## VACANCY –

### **Café server at Brew & Chew**

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# Your Opinion Counts

## **University Scholarships: Not just about the money**

**Dear Editor**

I have been tempted to write for a while, so here we are, as a parent putting things into perspective as I know other parents would want to.

So we get a better understanding where things went wrong, let's go back to the beginning, to about 3 or 4 years ago. Good news is received that St Helena is now eligible for UK student tuition finance through the UK student loan company; it's a huge achievement for all UK overseas territories. Everyone gets excited that is until someone 'splats the rat' because the offer does not extend to the UK student maintenance loan. Regardless of financial standing all UK students are eligible to apply, not so with overseas territories. In a sense, you can take the jump but parachute not supplied.

Once this news was received it had to be realised by SHG/education from very early on that this was going to cause problems, it must also be mentioned that from the beginning there was very little consultation with stakeholders, students, parents or even with an organisation like the PTA and in fact very little information was circulating. Students completing 'A' levels and then wanting to go onto university trusted the system to provide adequate means both through financial and communicative channels. Historically, scholarship finance was always provided by the SHG, the legacy is 50 years old, the very first two students hold a doctorate and the other is a professor. Through the decades countless students have enjoyed the benefits of a fully funded scholarship, as one ex education director said. "*University education is the bedrock of our society, the finances to support it are sacred*". In some households there are several graduates, some of the ben-

eficiaries returned to St Helena, some didn't, others came back for a short while and many now occupy senior positions within St Helena government and the private sector. I wonder how these same people and their parents would feel if the rug had been pulled from under their feet?

It seems to me that up until 3-4 years ago the SHG were fully committed to funding university education at mammoth amounts but the minute it appeared these funds were no longer required, the entire budget was wiped out. We understand that politicians were often asked to find savings in other areas but a way was always found. It's important to understand that political/financial decisions made years ago will have a social, emotional and psychological impact and when you remove a budget that was meant for a specific purpose, it's much harder to put it back.

Over the decades none of our students were ever considered 'begging bowl' poster children, in fact they all represent St Helena's proudest moments. For half a century and up until recently the St Helena government adopted a duty of care to all students seeking higher education, there was never any debate on where that responsibility lie, even during the most difficult of economic climates. Today's St Helenian students and their parents face a very different reality, in comparison to their UK peers with higher wage brackets, our students still need that same roof over their head and a living allowance that allows them to sustain themselves while studying, this equates to around 35k for 3 years of study, maybe more.

There is a misconception that the needs are new, they are not and had the St Helena government continued providing the usual support as they have done for decades until the UK's policy around the maintenance loan had evolved to include overseas territories students we would have none of the problems we see today.

In hind sight or a good audit trail will reveal that lots of things have gone wrong since then, lack of communication and poor planning have produced countless frustrations and difficulties. If only all cards of the deck had been dealt, if only stakeholder discussions were held, if only we had a better understanding back

then we could have avoided so many of the pitfalls our children are experiencing today.

Returning to the present day and to the title 'It's not just about the money', we introduce, Ronaldo, Kirsten, Kyla and Katie who wanted to shine a spotlight on the situation and reveal the atrocious circumstances that had been created not just for them but for students prior and students of the future. The students were adamant, ferocious even that their voices needed to be heard, lobbying their own local 'Parliament' and gaining the interest and respect of the local press. However these students were not asking for anything new, they were simply reminding government of their responsibility in granting the same rights and privileges that had been afforded to all other students through the years. I was surprised that the many Saints who have been recipients of a fully funded scholarship did not join these students on the 18<sup>th</sup> April but I was not surprised to hear the numerous concerns from other parents.

An important note for readers is that it is often said that there were 6 students who began this journey, one of them will continue with their university journey next year and the other chose to withdraw. Parents take full responsibility for our children, we are not out to 'rob' government but in a very short space from now there are going to be students who will not readily have access to all the finances needed. A scholarship fund has to take into consideration the TRUE costs of studying abroad. It is why Ronaldo, Kirsten, Kyla and Katie have stayed the journey; it was not just about the money. The present students could easily have moved on instead they made a brave commitment to prepare a better way for students coming behind, to honour the island's long held legacy. Through their actions, press coverage and public engagement it blew the lid on what was generally unknown.

In every story there are heroes and mostly this story is about heroes, and I would like to extend on behalf of all parents and students a huge thanks to Dr Corinda Essex, who in herself is an education champion. It was she that supported the students, offering advice and guidance and was instrumental in raising awareness through the Chamber of



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Commerce and then setting up a bank account through which donations could be received. It has to be said that while the SHG have made a contribution towards travel costs the greater support and overwhelming acts of love and generosity have come from private individuals, organisations and businesses not just on island but also from abroad. Without betraying confidences we hope to give the amount raised shortly.

Someone once asked me 'What are you, an optimist or a pessimist?' Being the eternal optimist I said so, the person replied, 'I am neither, I am a realist'

No one knows if/when overseas territories students will enjoy the full benefits of being British citizens and gain access to the UK maintenance loan. UK politics is that thing that wavers and provides little consistency. MPS' resign regularly, they cannot always be counted on. Until then, when it comes to university scholarships and this is a strongly held view on St Helena, it was, is, and will always be the responsibility of the St Helena government.

**Sincerely**  
**Tammy Williams**

## **Open Letter to all St Helenian Ministers,**

Would you please advise what, if anything, is being done by the St Helena Government to reintroduce the link through Ascension Island for the St Helenian community living in the Falkland Islands - now that the MOD airbridge is using Ascension Island as their refuelling stop when flying between the Falkland Islands and the UK.

I am not able to put into words the feeling that one must feel stopping on Ascension for 2 hours whilst the plane is refuelling, knowing that you are just a 2 hour flight away from St Helena. But instead, you must continue your journey to the UK and then onto Johannesburg (for some via the middle east to reduce costs) before catching the flight to St Helena.

The last time I travelled to St Helena with my partner and daughter, the journey alone cost £10,000. This is beyond affordable. Rumours we have heard, are that it doesn't matter because our flights are paid for by contractors. This is only true for those working at Mount Pleasant Complex. The rest of us need to cover these fees ourselves.

Prior to the airport being constructed on St Helena, a St Helenian representative

visited the Falklands Islands to promote the airport and to point out how beneficial it would be to us. In return, virtually all of the St Helenians voted yes for the airport. Although the building of the St Helena airport has no direct bearing on the issues raised in this letter, I at least felt that our thoughts and opinions were still important even though I had chosen to live abroad. However, it now feels like we are forgotten about. If the following rumour is true, it leaves me thinking, why did I vote in favour for the airport, in the first place?

We have heard that the St Helenian Government is concerned about who would pay for the Airlink between Johannesburg and St Helena if we all started to use the route between Ascension Island and St Helena as the numbers travelling on the first leg of the flight from Johannesburg would be greatly reduced. If this is true, what was the plan for us when the airport was being built, were we always going to be expected to make the long and expensive journey halfway around the world, and was the building of the St Helena airport sold to us under false pretences? I would like to think that there was a plan for us to travel through Ascension and if so, why cannot this be implemented now?

**Your Sincerely**  
**Darren Plato**  
**darren@ajax.co.fk**

## **FOR SALE BY TENDER**

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for sale by tender the following:  
Iveco Bus formerly registered as vehicle number 243, with a reserve price of £500.00

Also, the following parts for a Landover 110:

Bulkhead

Chassis – with a reserve price of £350.00

Winch – with a reserve price of £200.00

These will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warrantee given or guarantee implied.

For further information and viewing, interested persons can contact Eric Henry, Deputy Auto Shop & Transport Supervisor on telephone 22638 or email: [autoshop@solomons.co.sh](mailto:autoshop@solomons.co.sh)

Offers, should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the item you are tendering for on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 29 August 2023.

**9 August 2023**



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## Dear Editor,

In response to an article by the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC), we would like to make a few comments.

The author of the article asserts that “*It has become apparent that the main point of contention for those who have been opposed to Saints Tuna Corporation is the absence of the ‘Iron Maiden’ research vessel...*” Once again, STC presents itself to the public as the beleaguered; perhaps an attempt to play the ‘victim’ and win a few sympathy votes?

Whilst we cannot speak for those who *might* be “opposed to STC”, our multiple points of contention raised through various mediums, are primarily based on a questionable SHG investment process which resulted in STC becoming the new tenants in their Fish Processing Factory. In addition, we remain concerned with a number of events which occurred during the factory refurbishment period. We have requested sight of the factory refurbishment report, but have been informed by SHG that the report is confidential.

Simply put, STC is the ‘offspring’ of this investment process between the previous government and the SA Company, PQ Trading (PQT) with its subsidiary also registered on island. PQT, is seldom mentioned these days, but the entity is important in terms of any business involving STC. It is worth mentioning here that PQT Directors were the only Executive Directors of STC – perhaps this has changed now?

PQT, as some of your readers might recall, was made preferred bidder for fisheries as a result of the fisheries investment process in February 2020. They were chosen over 3 other bidders for **very specific reasons**. It must therefore surely register with PQT/STC, that they will be held to account if they are not achieving deliverables in a timely manner – or at all. It is not a matter of opposing but rather accountability.

It must ALWAYS be borne in mind that out of the 4 bidders, PQT was the only entity offered a £500k ‘grant’. To this day, not a single explanation has been presented to explain how this could have happened. To further compound this issue, PQT has since declared that the ‘grant’ was in fact to feature as a loan and instead of fishermen, it was the previous government who were set to be their partner. What brought about these alleged significant changes and just as importantly – did they transpire in such a manner which guaranteed ethical behaviour on the part of the previous government?

STC’s article last week attempted to bring clarity to why their vessel of choice – the FV ‘Iron Maiden’, is currently not engaged in fishing operations within St Helena’s waters. Apparently the vessel “PASSED” its survey but there were “alleged non-conformances”, SHG will not “inform” STC of the non-conformances are so STC can’t “rectify” them.

Not a great deal of clarity here, but if the “alleged non-conformances” turn out to be simply non-conformances, doesn’t this equate to the vessel failing its survey? Also, why is STC relying on SHG to “inform” them of what the alleged non-conformances are? Is this trying to suggest that only SHG saw the survey report and that STC and the vessel owners are completely in the dark?

What is clear, is that whenever a contentious issue arises, STC are always ready to point a finger at SHG or those who allegedly “oppose” them. Is it really possibly that this company can be at zero fault, 100% of the time?

STC are naturally proud that they have received no subsidy from SHG (other than the £500k factory refurbishment ‘grant’) since 1<sup>st</sup> June 2021. They highlight the fact however, that the “previous fisheries entity” received in the region of £20k – £25k per month to remain “operational”. True, but these figures do not take into account AT ALL the political ‘complexities’ which influenced this entity. STC themselves have described the factory prior to refurbish as “old and defective”. Unfit for purpose, would be reasonably accurate as well. Old, defective and unfit for purpose assets will accrue unnecessarily high running costs – especially if there is a political agenda weighing in



as well. How many private sector businesses on island would willingly run at a £20k - £25k loss per month when there were solutions to hand to stem the bleeding? STC will struggle to make a comparison to ‘what was’ in relation to subsidies, because they get to play on a different ‘field’ due to a political direction of travel change.

The comments in the article in relation to the local market being a “priority” now for STC, perhaps signals a change of heart for the company? It was not that long ago that the SHCFA, was informed by members of Legislative Council that STC was not interested in the local market and instead, their focus was on exports and offshore fishing. With low levels of offshore fishing currently taking place, it could be interpreted that STC are trying to blow smoke up the backsides of the island community because they need to generate capital from *somewhere*...

It seems that the unrest and relentless contention within the fisheries sector over the last approximately 4 years might result in an external audit being commissioned. STC, like the SHCFA, welcomes this action. They add - “*The beauty about the truth and transparency is that it defends itself*”. Beautiful words no doubt, but perceived as sweet nothings by the SHCFA. There were opportunities aplenty for STC/PQT to demonstrate that the truth and transparency was important to them at All times.

Another beauty about the truth, is that it is always there - transparency however, is subject to those controlling the ‘light’ in relation to their respective agendas.

**SHCFA**





TRANS-ATLANTIC SLAVE MEMORIAL

ST HELENA



The local community is invited to participate in a Tribute and Reflection in remembering the 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of the reburial of the Liberated Africans.

**Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> August, between 10am – 3:00pm, Liberated African Cemetery, Rupert’s Valley.**

The Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) & St Helena National Trust have been working closely with our Island’s youth on creating a special tribute, that will be laid on the day.

325 pebble stones were collected from Rupert’s beach, to represent the 325 individuals that were reburied in August 2022. Rupert’s beach holds a strong connection to all buried in the Valley, as this was the major landing spot and highly likely would have been a pebble stone beach at that time.

Stones symbolise endurance, stability and permanence, representing the ability to be grounded and connected with the Earth.

You are most welcome to place a stone on the gravesite as an act of tribute and reflection. Floral tributes are also most welcome.

Also, on the day;

If considering walking into Rupert’s a **Group walk via Mundens will leave the canister at 10:00am, led by Matt Joshua.**

**Learn more about the Liberated African Story with guided walking tours by Museum Director, Adam Sizeland.**

- **11:00 – 12:00**
- **13:30 – 14:30**

Starting Point – Rupert’s beach.

A bus will be available as per the times below, please ensure you book a seat.

<b>10:00</b>	<b>Canister to Rupert’s</b>
<b>12:30</b>	<b>Rupert’s to Canister</b>
<b>13:00</b>	<b>Canister to Rupert’s</b>
<b>15:00</b>	<b>Rupert’s to Canister</b>

For further information or to book a seat please contact,

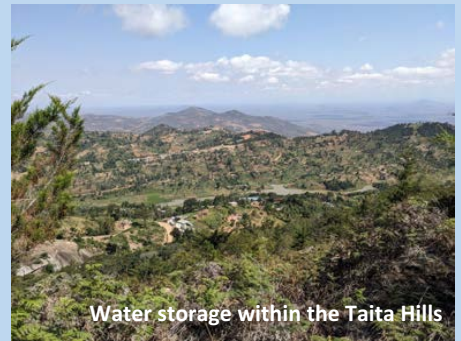
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# Distant clouds, same silver lining

About 5000km north-east of St Helena, lie the Taita Hills in southern Kenya. There, like on St Helena, a team are working to restore cloud forest for the benefit of water security, biodiversity and people.

In late June, two of the [St Helena Cloud Forest Project](#) team, SHG's Nursery Officer Vanessa Thomas-Williams, and RSPB Project Coordinator Shayla Ellick, took part in a weeklong knowledge exchange trip with [the Darwin funded Taita Hills cloud forest project](#), with valuable learning shared and gained on both sides. There are many similarities between the two projects. In the same way the Peaks do on St Helena, the cloud forest provides water for the local community within the Taita Hills and those in the surrounding lowland plains of Tsavo. The Taita Hills cloud forest has also been reduced to fragments of its original extent and is home to many unique species of plants, birds, insects and animals. Both projects are working to secure future water supply and mitigate against climate change, protect unique biodiversity and provide economic benefits for local communities.



Hosted by Nature Kenya ([the East African Natural History Society](#)), our team visited 3 of the remaining cloud forest fragments to see their restoration work in action. The project carries out forest advocacy with school children and facilitates training and capacity-building for the local communities, such as providing courses on propagation techniques and farming diversification.

The restoration work is led by Taita's community groups, the people that the restoration will ultimately benefit. The project's tree nurseries are run by various community groups including a youth group and a women's group, and they support sustainable livelihoods in the community, by propagating food crop species alongside endemic and native species for forest restoration.

Other activities such as eco-tourism, tour-guiding, bird-watching, school trips, bee keeping, and butterfly farming help the local community to sustainably utilise the forest while ensuring restoration work for biodiversity and water security continues, as a portion of their income goes back into the community resource centre.

Our team also visited [Brackenhurst](#), a botanic garden and the site where a forest has been restored with hundreds of East African indigenous species over 23 years. Taita's restoration groups have received training here on nursery propagation and forest restoration techniques.

The weeklong trip was extremely valuable to exchange knowledge, skills, and experiences between the two projects, discuss shared challenges and highlight successes. Our team had an amazing experience which generated new ideas for project activity across both projects. A huge thank you to the UK Government for funding this trip and these critical cloud forest restoration projects.







The Cloud Forest Project Team are proud to invite you to:

### The launch of the Cloud Forest Education Pack

At the Museum of St Helena  
16th August 2023  
10:00—12:00

Come along to view the Education Pack and participate in children's activities with the St Helena National Trust.

Light refreshments provided. All are welcome.



## AUGUST REMOTE BANKING



### Wharf Kiosk

Thursdays	09:00 – 14:30
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### Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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### Remote Banking

<b>HTH Supermarket</b>	Friday, 25 August	09:30 – 13:00
<b>Longwood Enterprise Park</b>	Tuesday, 29 August	09:30 – 14:00



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## St Helena Cloud Forest Project Communications Support Contract



RSPB invites **Expressions of Interest** to provide Communications Support services for the St Helena Cloud Forest Project.

7.5 hours per week communications and marketing support is sought from an appropriately experienced service provider.

Services are required weekly from 4 September 2023 to 31 March 2024 (30 weeks). Service provision will include\*:

- Liaising with Cloud Forest staff weekly on communication priorities and activity
- Social media support to include research, planning and drafting of posts for Facebook and Twitter as well as collation of information on effectiveness and reach.
- Working with the St Helena Cloud Forest Project coordinator to update the SHCFP communications plan
- Collation and drafting of materials and resources, including written text, for future press releases and articles to promote the Cloud Forest Project and information for the development of information for visitors and tour guides relating to the Peaks National Park

\*Invitation to quote will include a full list of services

Interested persons should enquire at the Cloud Forest Office via email to [Shayla.Ellick@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Shayla.Ellick@rspb.org.uk), or via phone on 25718 for further information and to receive a formal invitation to quote for this work.

**Quotations** should be received by [Kirsten.Ellis@rspb.org.uk](mailto:Kirsten.Ellis@rspb.org.uk) by 4pm on 23 August 2023.

RSPB  
7 August 2023

# VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

## Lending Administrative Assistant

**Fixed Term Contract: August 2023 - March 2024**

Commencing at £8,544 per annum

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of a Lending Administrative Assistant. This position will be offered as a Fixed-Term Contract from August 2023 until March 2024.

The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should also 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 and as part of the wider Bank Team.

### The main duties of the post include:

- Scanning and filing of all loan applications received from clients and ensure they are filed and stored accurately using the Lending filing system;
- Reorganise and scan Mortgage files in line with Audit requirements;
- Compile, prepare and send various Lending Letters to clients;
- Checking of daily work;
- Updating customer contact details log;
- Ensure that the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Any other general administration duties.

### Skills and experience that candidates should have include:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Proficiency in IT skills, including Microsoft and Excel applications;
- Basic understanding of Accounting practices in relation to Banking;
- Experience of working in a customer service environment.

Interested persons can contact Miss Sherry Vanguard, Lending Supervisor on email [lendingssupervisor@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:lendingssupervisor@sainthelenabank.com) or Mrs Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager on email [asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:asst.lendingmanager@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](mailto:hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com).

**Closing date for applications is Friday, 18 August 2023.**

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# VACANCY



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## Part-Time Risk and Compliance Manager

**Commencing at £13,032 per annum**

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking to recruit a suitable person to work as a Part-time Risk and Compliance Manager for 3 days per week. A flexible working time system is permissible. This position will be offered as a Fixed-Term Contract from September 2023 until 31 March 2024.

Reporting to the Managing Director, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to compile and implement policies within the Bank to ensure compliance with the Governing Laws, Regulations and Policies and advise internal departments on how to meet compliance requirements; therefore, an excellent understanding of anti-money laundering, fraud prevention and detection are important, along with the need to stay informed on changes in laws and regulations that relates to banking.

In addition, the Risk and Compliance Manager will be required to advise, oversee and train bank staff on compliance procedures, lead investigations of suspicious activity, recommend corrective actions and work closely with both internal and external auditors.

The successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent interpersonal skills and ideally have a minimum of two years proven work experience in a middle management role and or relevant experience in Banking/Finance, Auditing and/or Risk Management.

Candidates should also possess:

- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Good financial and accounting skills, ideally be a Certified Accounts Technician or FIA or working towards a qualification;
- Have good analytical and problem-solving skills;
- Have experience writing policies and procedures;
- experience of working with regulators.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Josephine George, Managing Director on (+290) 22390 ext 216 or email [managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com](mailto:managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com) 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](mailto:hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com).

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**Community Health Care Assistant  
(£7,341 per annum)**

As Community Health Care Assistant you will be required to work under the direction and supervision of qualified staff to carry out a wide range of duties in health and personal care in order to care for, support and provide information to patients and families within a Clinic or home environment as part of the Community Nursing team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Jackie Henry on Tel No 22500**

**Closing date: 15 August 2023**

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

The Senior HR Assistant is responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high quality HR service. Keys areas include recruitment and selection, leavers, contractual changes and employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No 22470**

**Closing date: 23 August 2023**

**Destination Marketing Officer  
(£13,948 per annum – 1 year-fixed term)**

Are you a highly motivated individual looking for a new opportunity or to progress your career? Do you have excellent interpersonal skills, a love of St Helena Island, and a keen creative eye? We're looking for an individual to help the island thrive by marketing and promoting St Helena as a great place to visit, helping to recover and strengthen visitor revenues for the island. This fixed-term post supports the Tourism Development Programme, delivering the Tourism Recovery Strategy and St Helena Tourism brand. The successful candidate will be involved in all aspects of tourism marketing and promotion.

**Enquiries: Emma Weaver [emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:emma.weaver@sainthelena.gov.sh)**

**Closing date: 15 August 2023**

**Benefits**

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

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

**Training and Development**

**Paid sickness absence**

**How to apply**

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies) Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto: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, betting / 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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### **Programme Manager**

**(£18,508 per annum)**

Do you have experience of being a programme/project lead, being able to manage organisational change processes which will have significant resources and strategic impact? If so, we are seeking to recruit a Programme Manager who will also have excellent time management, planning and organisational skills to join our team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on 22270**

**Closing date: 18 August 2023**

### **Building Maintenance Support Assistant**

**(£7,341 per annum)**

The Building Maintenance Support Assistant will provide straightforward administrative support to ensure the smooth running of Building Maintenance Section and deliver a high quality, customer focused service. The successful candidate will be confident in using ICT systems relevant to the role and have excellent interpersonal skills.

Contact us for more information and discussion.

**Enquiries: Theron Henry on 25722**

**Closing date: 18 August 2023**

### **Cloud Forest Project Conservation**

#### **Technician**

**(£7,341 per annum)**

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Myra Young on Tel No 24724**

**Closing date: 22 August 2023**

### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 25/30 days leave per annum, according to grade, plus public holidays

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

#### **Training and Development**

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## **Female Support Workers**

**Full & Part Time - £9,810 per annum pro rata**

*and*

**Casual hours – £5.39 per hour** (no other benefits will apply)

Would you like to make a positive difference to a child's life? Do you feel you can be responsible for the provision of quality care and protection for children of all ages in the Children's Residential Home?

We have both permanent and casual roles available, so there is opportunity to work flexibly in this critical role around your personal / family commitments.

Contact us for a discussion and to learn more about the opportunities.

**Enquiries: Rosie Flatman on 25936**

**Closing date: 11 August 2023**

## **Administration Support Assistant (Community Care Complex) (£7,823 per annum)**

The Health and Social Care portfolio is seeking an individual with excellent interpersonal skills to provide administration support to the Community Care Centre by supporting the CCC Residential Development Manager and Deputy Manager to meet the needs of the residents, Staff and all Customers to the service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries: Michelle Clingham on 23090**

**Closing date: 21 August 2023**

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## **Training and Development**

## **Paid sickness absence**

## **How to apply**

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit [www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies](http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies) Alternatively, these are available in paper format from Central Human Resources and Organisational Development at The Castle, Jamestown.

For further information, please contact the recruitment team on telephone number **22470** or via the email address below.

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto: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.*



# Open Day

## Harford Primary School – Open Day – 2023

On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August, Harford Primary School held their annual Open Day amidst glorious winter sunshine. Yes, the gods were good to us as the previous days the weather had been quite terrible! The day was very well attended, with a constant trickle of people in attendance throughout the whole day.

This year, the theme for our Open Day was ‘St Helena.’ All teaching and learning had been centered on this during Term 3B. This culminated in the magnificent outcomes which were showcased on the day; in the classrooms, in the school courtyard/lawn and other shared areas around the school. This depicted work in all subject areas. On display also, were the outcomes from the circuit lessons done throughout the year, such as sewing, gardening, textiles etc.



Yr 6 Jean Beadon Art folders were displayed in the hall. We were delighted this year to have won two of the main prizes and a Highly Commended. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize was awarded to Tinnika Thomas and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize to Faith Chiseya. Shakira Hercules was awarded a Highly Commended. During the day parents were able to see their children at work, view their work books and speak to their teachers in an informal setting.

Tea and refreshments were provided for all and it was lovely to see parents and other visitors sitting on the lawn in the sunshine, engaging with each other and enjoying the lovely food provided. This added to the ambience, as did the

lovely bunting and the 7 Wonders Pop up Art, displayed in the area, giving off an almost carnival effect.

The most rewarding part of the day was seeing the delight on the faces of the children who were eager to share their outcomes with their family and friends. Their pride in their school made it all worthwhile!

Comments received by all in attendance illustrated the success of the day. Some examples were: *Another successful Open Day. The hard work has paid off. Well Done, Harford, excellent teaching and learning in evidence. Well Done all .. Lovely atmosphere ..., Fabulous as always. Great job everyone ..., A beautiful and happy school. Well Done ....., Lovely school and environment...*

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this momentous occasion especially the staff and pupils who worked so hard to deliver.



## Open Day at Piling Primary School

Piling Primary School proudly opened its doors to parents and members of the public on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August from 9am to 6pm. There was a steady flow of people throughout the day who came in to observe the children at work and to view the displays. One key area of focus in the



school hall was on Cyber Security and in addition to class displays educating everyone about cyber security at various levels, Mr Gareth Drabble was also invited in to answer any questions and also shared some PowerPoint and leaflets.

In addition to childrens' work on display covering the academic subjects, there were also displays of arts and craft and projects where children have worked with other key stakeholders eg National Trust and the Police.

Piling Primary would like to thank the many parents and visitors who came to visit us. We were delighted to showcase our achievements over the last academic year and look forward to another successful year ahead.

Piling Primary School held another ‘Awards Evening’ to celebrate pupil and teacher achievement over the past academic year. The Awards Night is now a regular feature on our Calendar of Events and is the fourth of its kind.

The Head Teacher Miss Elaine Benjamin opened the evening followed by the prize presentation led by Deputy Head, Mr Steve Plato.

The evening was interspersed with singing, shared memories, laughter, but also tears, as we said farewell to Year 6 who will be moving to Prince Andrew School in September, to Miss Charlee-Paige Thomas (successful for Teacher Training) and also to a long standing member of staff, Mrs Edna Richards who is retiring after 37 years in teaching.





# International Football

By Leigh Richards



## LATEST NEWS

**Arsenal gave their hopes of beating Manchester City to the Premier League title a psychological boost as they defeated Pep Guardiola's side on penalties to win the Community Shield.**

After a largely forgettable 70 minutes in the season curtain-raiser, Cole Palmer looked to have won it for City when the substitute curled home a stunning strike.

But Leandro Trossard equalised in the 101st minute when his shot deflected into the back of the net.

That took the game to spot-kicks, where substitute Kevin de Bruyne struck the crossbar before Rodri saw his effort saved and then Fabio Vieira converted to secure the silverware for Arsenal.

Arsenal led the Premier League for 248 days last season but their challenge fell apart in the closing stages as

City overtook them to claim the title as part of a Treble, along with the Champions League and FA Cup.

Gunners boss Mikel Arteta admitted in the build-up to this game that the end of last season still hurt, and was clearly desperate to get one over City, who beat his side home and away last season.

Arsenal's big summer signings Declan Rice, Kai Havertz and Jurrien Timber were all handed their competitive debuts at Wembley, but it looked like it was going to be a familiar story as Havertz failed to convert two big opportunities in the first half, before Palmer's stunner put City ahead.

But Arteta's side showed impressive spirit to battle to the end and got their reward when substitute Trossard struck



## Arsenal fans happy with the Shield.

Brazil forward Neymar, 31, has told **Paris St-Germain** he wants to leave this summer. He is chasing a return to **Barcelona**.

**Bayern Munich** are considering making a fourth bid for **Tottenham's** 30-year-old England striker Harry Kane after their latest offer of £86m was rejected.

**Tottenham's** Kane will call time on a move to **Bayern** if a deal cannot be agreed this week.

Portugal midfielder Bernardo Silva, 28, is close to extending his contract with **Manchester City** but is prepared to wait a few more days for **Barcelona** to make a move.

**Arsenal** are closing in on 27-year-old Spanish keeper David Raya, who has less than a year left on his **Brentford** contract.

**Liverpool** will have to pay **Southampton** their full £50m asking price if they want 19-year-old midfielder Romeo Lavia.

**Liverpool** have not followed up their initial interest in **Fluminense's** 22-year-old Brazil midfielder Andre as they continue negotiations with **Southampton** over a deal for Lavia.

**West Ham** have agreed a £32m deal for **Ajax's** 25-year-old Mexico midfielder Edson Alvarez.

**Manchester United** have rejected a £30m bid from **West Ham** for 26-year-old Scotland midfielder Scott McTominay.

**West Ham** manager David Moyes could leave if they start the season badly or he becomes the target of supporter dissatisfaction.

England defender Harry Maguire, 30, could stay with **Manchester United** for another season because he will only join a club playing in the Champions League.

**Manchester United** are hoping to push through the sales of Netherlands midfielder Donny van de Beek, 26, and Brazil midfielder Fred, 30, this week.

**Arsenal** have turned down an offer from **Monaco** for 22-year-old USA striker Folarin Balogun.

Italy midfielder Jorginho, 31, could leave **Arsenal** for **Fenerbahce** despite only joining from Chelsea for £12m in January.

**Chelsea** are set to move for **Leeds United's** USA midfielder Tyler Adams, 24, and are intent on signing **Brighton's** Ecuador midfielder Moises Caicedo, 21, before the start of the season.

**Chelsea** and **Juventus** have scheduled a new round of talks to discuss a swap deal involving 30-year-old Belgium striker Romelu Lukaku and Juve's 23-year-old Serbia striker Dusan Vlahovic.

**Tottenham** could offer 22-year-old Wales defender Joe Rodon and 22-year-old English defender Djed Spence as part of negotiations for **Nottingham Forest's** 22-year-old Wales forward Brennan Johnson.

Former Barcelona and Spain midfielder Andres Iniesta, 39, is set to sign for UAE Pro League side **Emirates Club**.



## PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

### Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Burnley - Manchester City 19:00

### Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August

Arsenal - Nottingham Forest 11:30

AFC Bournemouth - West Ham United 14:00

Brighton & Hove Albion - Luton Town 14:00

Everton – Fulham 14:00

Sheffield United - Crystal Palace 14:00

Newcastle United - Aston Villa 16:30

### Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> August

Brentford - Tottenham Hotspur 13:00

Chelsea – Liverpool 15:30

### Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August

Manchester United - Wolverhampton Wanderers 19:00



## INVITATION TO TENDER EXTENDED DEADLINE

St Helena Government has extended the deadline for tenders to be submitted for the Renovation & Refurbishment of the Poultry Units and Brooder Unit at Scotland to 12 noon on Tuesday, 15 August 2023.

Should you require any further details or a copy of the tender document, please contact the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Essex House, Jamestown, on tel: 22270 or via email: [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House, Jamestown.

Interested parties should note that this opportunity is not being advertised overseas.

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## INVITATION TO TENDER

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit a tender for the following contract:

### Fisheries Observer Services on Fishing Vessels in St Helena's Waters

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, at Essex House, Jamestown, on telephone no: 22270 or via email: [tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh).

Interested contractors will be given an opportunity to discuss tender opportunity on Tuesday, 15 August 2023, 9am to 3pm at the Marine Centre Conference Room, at the Wharf, Jamestown.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House, Jamestown, by 12 noon on Friday, 25 August 2023, clearly marked "TENDER ENRP-1697-SHG".

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## THE ROCK

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US  
ON SUNDAY 13 August 2023 @  
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FOR  
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Jamestown, HTH  
Contact 23249 or 62552

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

# INCREASED AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION PROJECT – RENOVATION AND REFURBISHMENT OF THE POULTRY UNIT AT FARM BUILDINGS AND POULTRY AND BROODER UNITS AT SCOTLAND

Over the past three weeks of updates on the Agricultural Production Project, focus has been on works undertaken at the ex-Agricultural Development Authority (ex-ADA) fields, securing pastures with appropriate fencing and clearing these of invasive and non-native species, along with pastures that had storage units and animal shelters constructed on them.

This week (the final week) works that have been undertaken thus far on the renovation and refurbishment of the Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings and Poultry and Brooder Units at Scotland, will be featured.

SHG owns the Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings and the Poultry and Brooder Units at Scotland. The Poultry Units and Brooder Unit at Scotland is in use but the Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings has been vacant for a few years.

All Units require extensive upgrade and refurbishment so that they are brought into full functionality to maximise the use of the assets.

Surveys of the Units have been undertaken and designs and specifications for the Units have been prepared and signed off by the Increased Agricultural Production (IAP) Project Board.

## Renovation and refurbishment of the Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings

Following an open procurement exercise carried out in May/June 2023, SHG has entered into a contract with Ambledale Workshop Ltd to undertake the renovation and refurbishment of the Poultry Unit at Farm Buildings. The total value of this contract is £39,879.89.

Works commenced on site on the 24 July 2023 and are programmed to be completed in October 2023.

## Renovation and refurbishment of the Poultry and Brooder Units at Scotland

A full planning application had to be submitted for the designs of the Poultry Units at Scotland as construction of a gabion wall and concrete ramp was being proposed. Planning permission for the proposal was approved on the 23 June 2023.

### Scotland, Poultry & Brooder Units:

Following receipt of the Planning permission, tender documentation was finalised and an open procurement exercise commenced in July 2023. A site visit for possible tenderers was undertaken on the 01 August 2023 and the procurement exercise is due to close on the 11 August 2023.

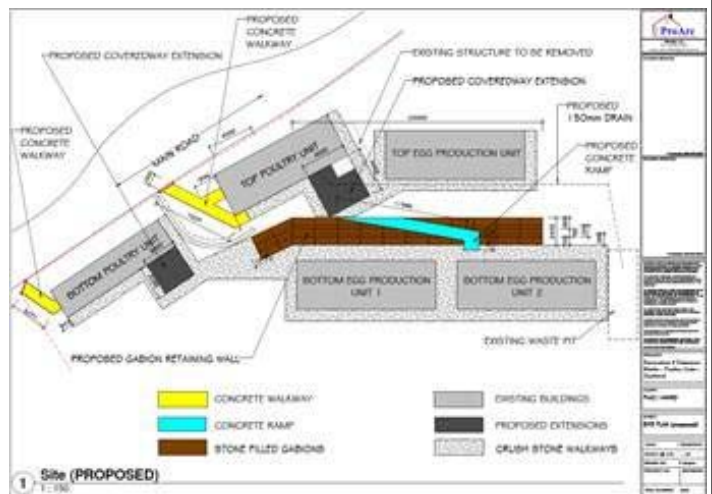
It is expected that the renovation and refurbishment of the Poultry and Brooder Units at Scotland will take 4-5 months to complete.

All of these works will help to increase economic activities and productivity by developing the SHG agricultural estate.

All contracts advertised under this project, was carried out through open procurement and have only been advertised locally. The tenders have reached a wide range of the private-sector businesses.

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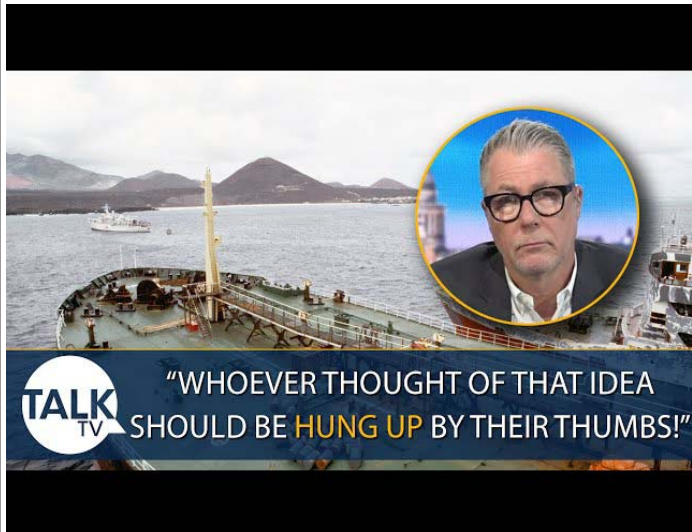


# UK Home Office 'Immigration Week' Has Chaotic Start Ascension Refugee Camp Takes All the Headlines



**TALK TV** ILLEGAL MIGRANTS COULD BE SENT TO ASCENSION ISLAND

Here it comes again! Sending refugees to Ascension is a proposal that hit the media headlines once more on Monday this week. This week is the week The UK government wanted to make a lot of publicity about what they are doing to reduce illegal immigration and its cost to the UK taxpayer. At a Monday morning press briefing Ascension came up as a possible alternative if the UK government cannot persuade the Supreme Court to overturn a Court of Appeal ruling that Rwanda is not the place to send refugees. Before the end of the day the Ascension option was played down in an attempt to rescue what was intended to be a vigorous promotion but became a chaotic situation.



**TALK TV** "WHOEVER THOUGHT OF THAT IDEA SHOULD BE HUNG UP BY THEIR THUMBS!"

**One of the comments during a phone-in programme**  
Britain's Home Office repeatedly states that illegal immigrants cost the UK taxpayer about £7 million a day in hotel accommodation. Closer inspection shows £1.2 million of that is spent on Afghan refugees, many of whom supported the British military in Afghanistan and have been badly let down by broken promises made when the Taliban took over. So, it looks more like £5.6 million is targeted for a big reduction by introducing new ways to accommodate refugees. Recent official figures show there has been a 10,000 increase in refugees accommodated in hotels.

Processing asylum claims quickly would help a lot in reducing costs. The Refugee Council tells us, "90% of those who crossed the channel in the year to March 2023 claimed asylum in the UK, but only 504 (1%) people had received a decision by the end of March 2023. Of those who did receive a

decision, 305 (61%) were grants of refugee status or other leave." So, the majority of illegal entries are found to have genuine grounds for seeking asylum but it takes so long for the Home Office to issue decisions. During the months and years refugees wait for a decision, the Home Office pays for a roof over their heads.



## Managing Chaos

On 5<sup>th</sup> April the UK Government announced they had leased a barge from the German government, "to reduce the unsustainable pressure on the UK's asylum system and cut the cost to the taxpayer caused by the significant increase in Channel crossings". Five months have passed and it is only this week that a handful of refugees have been transferred to what one of them described as a prison. It is reported 20 refugees were not transferred to the barge after lawyers' challenges were upheld on various grounds including disability, victim of torture or modern slavery and traumatic experiences at sea. The UK Health Security Agency said the barge is an ideal breeding ground for contagious diseases and the National Fire Brigades Union said it is a death trap. It was also noted the bus that took the 15 refugees and staff who did board the barge had not had an MOT check since November 2020. So far, the taxpayer account shows an unknown large sum in the additional expenditure column while the savings column still shows 'nil'. Once more, people who focus on results rather than endless excuses need to remember, constantly, that patience is a virtue.

Also this week, another UK government announcement ran, "Fines are to be more than tripled for employers and landlords who allow illegal migrants to work for them or rent their properties, in the biggest shake up of civil penalties since 2014, the Home Secretary announced today (Monday 7 August)."

This hike in fines is aimed at employers and landlords who exploit the weak position of migrants without visas and permits. They specialise in exploiting such people with employment conditions akin to modern slavery or slum accommodation at high rents. Firms who are found to have repeatedly employed illegal migrants could face fines of up to £60,000 per breach. Landlords will have fines hiked from £80 per lodger and £1,000 per occupier for a first breach to up to £5,000 per lodger and £10,000 per occupier.

But flushing out these employers and landlords means the people they exploited become a government expense, one way or another, and another line of additional expenditure in the taxpayer account. It's a no-win situation.

# Despite impressive storm, Falklands' airbridge managed to take off for UK

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An impressive storm struck the southern tip of the South American continent during last weekend and at the start of this week. Three cities in the region linked by the cruise tourism industry, air transport, and other issues suffered the consequences of the battering of wind, snow storms, flying debris, and the closure of roads, ports, and airports.

In effect Punta Arenas in Chile, Ushuaia, Tierra del Fuego and the Falkland Islands suffered the impact of the frigid weather, covered in snow, and howling winds, forcing to close roads, navigation and air traffic.

In Ushuaia the airport had to be closed because of the ice and wind, with an estimated 4,000 passengers unable to fly. Incoming flights were turned back to El Calafate or Puerto Madryn, and operations were expected to begin sometime Monday. In the city some streets were closed to traffic, some brief blackouts occurred and people were advised to remain at home. The snow carpet was 30 to 40 centimeters high.

Meantime in Punta Arenas, although the airport was not completely closed, the freezing conditions of the airstrips and intense winds delayed considerably air traffic and finally was limited to small aircraft. The main companies such as Latam, Sky and JetSmart avoided Punta Arenas until a de freezing material in the airstrips had impregnated, fearing the large aircraft could skid on. Almost a thousand passengers in Punta Arenas and Santiago were stranded for hours, and a single Latam flight which reached the local airport, did not land and turned back to Puerto Montt.

But in the Falkland Islands despite the adverse weather conditions, a special dedicated team, well equipped managed to get the airbridge ready for departure. After many hours battling the heavy snowfall and de-icing the aircraft, while keeping the passengers warm, the airbridge was able to take off safely from the MPA international airport, for BFSAI personnel and the Falkland Islands community.

This was achieved with the help of MPA winter capability assets which includes aircraft de-icing vehicles, liquid airfield de-icing sprayers, airfield de-icing trailers. The team also had to use an aircraft air-conditioning unit to blow hot air into the engine air intakes to melt down ice on the engine blades.

However the good news for airbridge passengers, in Stanley did not prevent the Falklands PWD Highway Department informing of the road closure on Davis Street, the road from Airport Road and the lighthouse Cape Pembroke. PWD reports the Emergency Services are dealing with multiple incidents being caused by the high winds. There is a strong possibility that debris will blow off buildings. For that reason a temporary road closure has been enacted from the Falkland Farmers turning to the Davis Street/Bypass junction. (BFSAI/MP)





# Cape Town: Last Week Many Roads Closed in Central District This Week the Taxi Drivers are at War with Everyone Else

The Consumer Goods Council of South Africa (CGCSA) has urged the South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) and the Western Cape government to find an amicable solution to the impasse that's resulted in days of violence on Cape Town's roads.

At least five people have been killed in unrest seemingly linked to the ongoing taxi strike, Police Minister Bheki Cele confirmed on Tuesday.



**About 120 suspects had been arrested since Thursday for damaging property, looting and public violence, said South African Police Minister Bheki Cele in a media briefing on Tuesday**

Ten Golden Arrow buses have been torched since taxi operators suspended their services across the province in protest against an "excessive" impounding of vehicles. The South African National Taxi Council (SANTACO) announced a one-week provincial shutdown last Thursday after failing to resolve various issues with the local government in Cape Town.

The grievances arose after a new municipal law gave local authorities the power to impound vehicles for violations such as driving without a licence or registration plates. Sporadic violence erupted in different parts of the city after police began impounding vehicles last week, as angry protesters torched buses and cars, and pelted the police with stones.

Among the dead was a 40-year-old British national who was shot and killed on Thursday, South African Police Minister Bheki Cele said in a media briefing on Tuesday, adding the murders and the violence were being investigated.



**Law enforcement officers remove stones from a street in Masiphumelele.**

Cele said 120 suspects had been arrested since Thursday for damaging property, looting and public violence. The office of the City of Cape Town said the strike had severely affected people commuting to work and at times left them stranded due to attacks on public transportation services.

"In Cape Town, violence will never be tolerated as a negotiating tactic. We reiterate our call on SANTACO to return peacefully to the negotiation table," said Cape Town city Mayor Geordin Hill-Lewis.

SANTACO has distanced itself from the violence and said such acts were fuelled by protesters, not its members. Last week major disruption was caused by many road closures in the central area while the Netball World Cup was underway.



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# Team St Helena



Brooke Yon and William Caswell led team St Helena into the opening ceremony of the 7<sup>th</sup> Commonwealth Youth Games at the Hasley Crawford Stadium, in Port of Spain, in Trinidad last Friday evening where team St Helena joined nations and territories from across the commonwealth.

Competitors Brooke Yon, William Caswell, Poppy Davis-Coyle, Stefan Thomas and Blaze Baldwin with team officials Christine Caswell, Anne Dillon and Simon Henry parade around in the energetic atmosphere noise filled stadium at the spectacular opening event.

Prior to the opening ceremony, the competitors had been training where the competition took place.



A few pictures of the competitors in training also competitors and officials at the opening ceremony



Please see below the results from Team St Helena at the Youth Commonwealth Games.....it is believe many PB's has been smashed.

## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 – Trinidad & Tobago

### Blaze Baldwin - Athletics

Position	Event	time	
32 <sup>nd</sup>	Men's 100m	12.08	PB
26 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 200m	24.16	PB



## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 – Trinidad & Tobago

### Stefan Thomas - Swimmer

Position	Event	time	
25 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 400m Freestyle	4:45.74	
37 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 200m Freestyle	2:10.47	
49 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 100m Freestyle	57.54	PB
28 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 100m Backstroke	1:10.44	PB
41 <sup>st</sup>	Men's 50m Freestyle	26.03	PB
30 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 50m Butterfly	28.13	PB
29 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 50m Backstroke	31.30	PB

## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 – Trinidad & Tobago

### Brooke Yon - Swimmer

Position	Event	time	
30 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 50m Backstroke	34.59	
26 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 50m Breaststroke	38.75	

## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 – Trinidad & Tobago

### William Caswell - Swimmer

Position	Event	time	
	Men's 400m Freestyle		DNS
38 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 200m Freestyle	2:14.41	
54 <sup>th</sup>	Men's 100m Freestyle	1:01.30	

## Commonwealth Youth Games 2023 – Trinidad & Tobago

### Poppy Davis-Coyle - Swimmer

Position	Event	time	
21 <sup>st</sup>	Women's 200m Freestyle	2:33.56	
27 <sup>th</sup>	Women 100m Backstroke	1:18.84	
	Women's 100m Butterfly		DSQ
38 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 100m Freestyle	1:11.04	
35 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 50m Backstroke	36.73	
40 <sup>th</sup>	Women's 50m Butterfly	34.19	





# Primary School's EOM Football & Netball Tournaments

10-11am- Pilling vs Harford

Netball- Pilling 12, Harford 6

Football- Pilling 2, Harford 2

11-12pm- Pilling vs St. Pauls

Netball- Pilling 4, St. Pauls 19

Football- Pilling 2, St. Pauls 0

12-1pm- Harford vs St. Pauls

Netball- Harford 4, St. Pauls 17

Football- Harford 8, St. Pauls 2



### OVERALL

**WINNERS FOR FOOTBALL**

**3RD PLACE FOR NETBALL**

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Football Player of the day- Kadin-Scott Clingham (HPS)

Football most goals- Dirk Benjamin- Peters (HPS)

Football best goalie- Oscar Young- Markham (HPS)



### OVERALL

**2ND PLACE FOR FOOTBALL**

**2ND PLACE FOR NETBALL**

### OVERALL

**3RD PLACE FOR FOOTBALL**

**WINNERS FOR NETBALL**

### INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Netball Player of the day- Elle Bedwell (SPPS)

Netball most goals- Shreya Harris (SPPS)







# LOCAL FOOTBALL

*Match Report by Mikee Williams*

Saturday saw a top of the table clash between the Bellboys and Chop Shop.

Both teams would have been high on confidence going into week two with both picking up big wins in the opening fixture of the season.

The game started with both teams battling to take control of the midfield with no attempts at either goal but with five minutes in, a weak back pass from Martin Kunya Buckley, playing in the heart of defence for the Chop Shop saw Tyler Brady ran on to the mistake and finished into a open goal. The Bellboys at this point were all over the Chop Shop, and with ten minutes gone were rewarded a free-kick twenty yards from goal.

Joey Thomas, who had made the switch from Rovers to Bellboys stepped up to take the kick.

Joey's effort was arrowed for the top left-hand corner if not from a brilliant diving save from Deon Yon, who tipped it on to the post.

As the Chop Shop stood and look, it was Alex Osborne first to the loose ball to tap in from close range, putting his side two-nil up.

Chop Shop's main striker Shane Stroud was playing in a deeper role from last week, and was the start of every Chop Shop attack. As Chop Shop sent men forward, Bellboys were always a threat on the counter. A long ball forward saw Tyler Brady out muscled Dane Wade to get one on one with the goalie and slotted it home for his second and Bellboys third of the match.

At this stage in the game be it twenty-four minutes played in the first half you would think the game was over. Credit to the Chop Shop they didn't give up and started to play their best football of the game. This pressure paid off with Selwyn Stroud winning a penalty with fifteen minutes left in the first forty-five.

Chop Shop captain Shane Stroud stepped up and brilliantly converted the spot kick to the bottom right corner with the goalie choosing the right way. With the goal, Chop Shop took control of the game but were wasteful in front of goal. Shane Stroud had the best chance to get his second when he was one on one with Andrew Yon in goal, Stroud tried a delightful chip, but Yon timed his jump to perfection and made the save. Then with five minutes left, another penalty was given, this time against Chop Shop for handball. Brady was at the spot looking to claim the penalty to seal his hat-trick but it was Joey Thomas with ball in hand. Joey steps up, but fired his shot well over the bar to keep the score at 3 v 1 at half time to the Bellboys.

The fans at Francis Plain could take a breath after such an enjoyable first half.

The Second half got on the way with Bellboys

now with the wind at their backs kicking towards the Red Hill end.

And just like the first half, grab a goal in the first five minutes. A harmless free-kick from forty-five yards out from the left boot of Sid Benjamin found its way over the goalie and in the back of the net. Chop Shop tried to fight back but found Bellboys defensive in great form, especially Weston Clingham, who was making some important tackles, which in the end, he was rewarded the man of the match. To put the icing on the cake for the Bellboys with the goal of the game, young Taylan Phillips who was having a great game, received the ball outside the box and unleashed a brilliant shot that nestle in the bottom right corner, with the goalie at full stretch.

## **Final score Bellboys 5 v 1 Chop Shop**

Bellboys have now beaten the champions and one of the leagues favourites in their first two games and are now three points clear at the top.

**Goals for Bellboys - Tyler Brady 2, Alex Osborne, Sid Benjamin, and Taylan Phillips**

**Goal for Chop Shop - Shane Stroud (P)**

**Man of the Match - Weston Clingham of Bellboys**

**Young Player of the Match - Taylan Phillips of Bellboys**

The Axis would have been looking to register their first points of the season when they went up against the Ballerz on the first game on Sunday.

The boys in pink started the game the brightest and had multiple chances to take the lead but were careless in front of goal. The Ballerz were a shadow of the team from last week and found it hard to link up.

With a quarter of the game gone, Axis was rewarded a penalty which Owen Richards converted with ease to give Axis a deserved lead. It went from bad to worse for the Ballerz as ten minutes later Lars Williams poked one in from close range to put the pinks two-nil up.

Ballerz started to settle and with the crowd cheering them on began to push the Axis back, but found Kyle Snow and the Axis defence in great form.

Then from out of nothing, a long ball deep into the Axis penalty area saw the goalie came to punch, but the ball fell kindly to Toure Osborne who chipped it back over the Axis players and into the net.

This goal seems to take Ballerz to the next level and were right back in the game. Ballerz

would finish the first half strong but failed to grab their second. First half Axis 2 v 1 Ballerz

The Second half was end to end with both teams out to get the first goal. Axis piled on the pressure but were finding it hard to control the pace of the Ballerz counter attack with Shaquille Benjamin, Ethan Harris and Toure Osborne causing problems at the back for the pinks. With twenty minutes gone, a brilliant through ball forward found its way to Toure Osborne who outpaced the Axis defence and with only the goalie to beat, slotted the ball home nicely for the equaliser.

This is also Toure's debut season, with his two goals and his overall performance he was rewarded with the man of the match.

So with the scores level it was anyone's game to win. Both teams were battling it out in midfield with Axis still that bit careless in front of goal. Their missed chances would come back to haunt them, with another nice through ball played forward by Ballerz, Toure was hunting it down for his hat-trick. Axis goalie came rushing out, got to the ball first, but saw his clearance rebound back of his own defender and flew back into his net. Wild celebrations followed as Ballerz had turn the game around after being two-nil down, found themselves three-two up.

The last fifteen minutes saw Axis throw everything they had but time eventually ran out, the win would see Ballerz go second in the table only to goal difference with two wins from two. Brilliant start boys keep it up.

## **Final score - Axis 2 v 3 Ballerz**

**Goals for Axis - Owen Richards (P) Lars Williams**

**Goals for Ballerz - Toure Osborne 2, OG (Benjy Lawrence)**

**Man of the Match - Toure Osborne of the Ballerz**

The final game on Sunday saw the champions take on the Harts, with both teams losing their first game, a win was crucial.

Rovers welcome back Ronan Legg to their attack and wasted no time causing problems for the Harts, with Rovers with the first couple attempts at goal.

With six minutes played Harts took the lead when a shot / cross from Kyle Shoesmith, way out on the right wing found its way to the far corner, giving the boys in blue the perfect start.

Rovers dominated the possession after going behind and had numerous attempts at goal but a lot of their shots were off target. Just as Harts were building some pressure of their own. Rovers took a quick free-





# LOCAL FOOTBALL

Continued.....

Lets take a look at another two Teams this week....



**Ballerz**



**Bellboys**

kick in the middle of midfield, with Harts out of shape, Rover's captain Rico Benjamin received the ball from forty yards out and made a dazzling run turning two defenders (me included) and from a tight angle unleashed a venomous shot across to the far corner for the equaliser with twenty minutes remaining in the half.

The midfield battle was hard with Sam Collins of Harts up against Alistair Buckley of Rovers with both players not holding nothing back.

With the last ten minutes to go before half time Harts began controlling the game and was denied the lead when Chico Williams effort from outside the box was tipped over the bar by Rieedwaan Richards in goal.

From the corner Rovers won the first ball and did a wonderful counter attack, which saw Rico Benjamin received the ball just inside the corner of the box and bended to the far corner with the last minute to play.

Half time score Rovers 2 v 1 Harts

Rovers started the second half like the first and wasted no time getting a few shots at goal. Ten minutes in and a poor clearance from Mark Williams saw Tyler Benjamin ran in on goal with just the goalie to beat finished it with ease to put the Rovers in a commanding position. Seven minutes later, with Harts holding a high line, Ronan Legg broke free and slotted the ball home to make it four-one.

Harts continue to pass the ball about with young Edson Stevens picking up the young player of the match with some excellent football.

**Second week down with another action pack weekend of football, very tough choosing the team this week as a lot of players did really well.**



Rovers would go on to score again with Nico Benjamin scoring from a corner.

Towards the end of the game Harts got a consolation goal with former Hart's defender Simon Scipio scoring an own goal. Rieedwaan Richards was in fine form again with a couple of brilliant saves in the second half to keep his side on top.

**Goalkeeper** - Rieedwaan Richards of Rovers

**Centre Back** - Weston Clingham of Bellboys

**Centre Back** - Nico Benjamin of Rovers

**Centre Back** - Sid Benjamin of Bellboys

**Right Wing** - Toure Osborne of Ballez

**Midfielder** - Edson Stevens of Harts

**Midfielder** - Alex Osborne of Bellboys

**Midfielder** - Taylan Phillips of Bellboys

**Left Wing** - Ronan Legg of Rovers

**Striker** - Tyler Brady of Bellboys

**Striker** - Rico Benjamin of Rovers

**Final score Rovers 5 v 2 Harts**

**Goals for Rovers** - Rico Benjamin 2, Ronan Legg, Tyler Benjamin and Nico Benjamin

**Goals for Harts** - Kyle Shoesmith, OG (Simon Scipio)

**Man of the match** - Rico Benjamin of Rovers

**Young Player of match** - Edson Stevens of Harts

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G F	GA	G D	P T S
Bellboys	2	2	0	0	9	2	7	6
Ballez	2	2	0	0	4	2	6	6
Rovers	2	1	0	1	6	6	0	3
Chop Shop	2	1	0	1	8	6	3	3
Harts	2	0	0	2	2	6	-4	0
Axis	2	0	0	2	3	10	-7	0

**Next weeks fixtures**

**Sat 17th Aug—2pm Ballez vs Bellboys**

**Sun 18th— 1:30pm Rovers vs Chop Shop Boys**

**Sun 13th—3:30pm Harts vs Axis**





# LOCAL FOOTBALL

Match Report by New Horizons

On Saturday morning saw the Junior Futsal League organised by New Horizons returned for children aged 7 to 11 years and 12 to 15 years.

New Horizons confirmed that 8 teams have signed up for the league which is hoped to run alongside the senior league on an alternative Saturday and Sunday mornings.

The season began with the Rumlbers winning 15 goals to 2 to the Mageladons,

Goal scorers for the Rumlbers—Joshua Crowie 7, Dirk Benjamin-Peters 2, Alexis Williams 1, Talem Francis 4 and Cruz Williams 4.

Man of the match for the Rumlbers went to top goal scorer of the day Joshua Crowie.

Goal scorers for the Mageladons—Kaiden Leo 1 and Luton Yon 1

Man of the match awarded for the Mageladons went to Kaiden Leo.



Second game of the day saw the Hurricanes winning the Troopers 7 -1,

Goal scorers for the Hurricanes—Lebron George 3, Lukas Robertse 2, Zac Francis 1 and Ryan Stevens 1

Man of the match went to top goal scorer for the Hurricanes Lebron George.

Goal scorers for the Troopers—Om Fowler

Man of the match for the Troopers went to OM Fowler.

Final game for the youngsters saw Falcons defeating the Young Rebels 7-3,

Goal scorers for the Falcons—Hugo Richards 5, Joel Peters 1 and an own goal

Man of the match was awarded to Nathan Lawrence for the Falcons

Goal scorers for the Young Rebels—Dillion George 1, Jamal Peters 1 and Louie Yon

Man of the match was awarded to Louie Yon for the Young Rebels.



## Next week fixtures

**Sunday 13th August**

**9am—Falcons vs Guardian FC**

**9am—Terminators vs Hurricanes**

**10am—Mageladons vs Young Rebels**

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