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Connect increasing water tariffs
Although focus on changing St Helena’s committee-based system of governance is at last getting under way, the model dates back to 1994, and although a ministerial form, where the committee model of transparency and accountability featured prominently was rejected in 2005 – 2006 as it would have made the way decisions were made to close the SHFC that another look at improving our governance is paramount and the Political Reform Advisor’s input is timely. The Executive Council (ExCo) is committee-based. One need look no further than the way that Members of Parliament (MPs) and advisors as UK representatives are at liberty to request more time. But importantly, Members of Parliament would. But importantly, Members of Parliament were no open-agenda meetings were all councillors to caucus. And there were no open-agenda meetings were non-military viewers, as the local pay-TV operators (so-called DStv) has to make some money, so no sports channels from Sky or BT. Ideally with improved video streaming, it should be possible to bring in Sky as well as to replace DStv, and instead of being treated as an extension of South Africa, when it comes to broadcasting rights, St Helena can be treated as an extension of the UK, as it should be. While Gibraltar is close enough to the UK to pick up the satellite signal, not being covered by UK broadcasting rights meant that on the one hand, people there couldn’t subscribe to Sky, but on the other, local companies until recently went away with pirating its channels offering streaming, it should be possible to offer the UK’s domestic free-to-air TV channels, which could replace the international ones like BBC, Brit and ITV. As it happens, there is a Whatsapp Business app which allows people to use their landline number, meaning that it is good for something, even if they don’t use the TIP OF THE WEEK

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Ministry of Justice employee visits to discuss prison, justice system aid with SHG

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The Ministry of Justice employee Christina Sopio is currently visiting all prisons within the British Overseas Territories. This is funded by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office’s Conflict, Stability & Security Fund (CSSF).

Super visitor to St Helena Jan 1st-Feb 1 under her role as “Senior Policy Advisor, International and Rights Directorate,” according to SHG. While on-island Soper discussed with SHG departments the ways in which the Ministry of Justice could support St Helena’s Prison through the CSSF, and whether the MoJ could provide support to other areas of the island’s justice system.

She will be collating the information for future reference, an SHG spokesperson told The Sentinel. “Christina is also lending her support to the new prison build, by providing advice and guidance.”

Could St Helena become the first place on earth with all walks Green Flag accredited?

Donna Crowie, SAMS

The Green Flag Award scheme assesses the quality of walking and hiking trails worldwide.

Back in 2014, Green Flag accredited the High Peak Post Box walk on St Helena (and also helped indentify a mountain bike trail in Longwood).

Gerhardt, Green Flag’s Senior Auditor, is now back on the island to accredit more of St Helena’s Post Box walks and footpaths.

Gerhardt arrived Jan 14, and within two weeks had completed all 21 post box walks and nine footpath. By the time he departed Feb 4, Gerhardt had done more than 90 walks on the island.

Gerhardt is hoping that his reports on all St Helena’s walks will be finalised by the end of February.

If the reports are positive, it essentially means that St Helena could become the first place in the world to have all of its walks accredited by Green Flag.

“I don’t like to make promises, but I think St Helena will be the first country in the world who will have all their walks accredited,” Gerhardt told The Sentinel.

Gerhardt did say that he hopes SHG/ St Helena Tourism can continue to maintain these walks in future, as otherwise the island could lose its accreditations.

Rainfall still not reaching reservoirs

Andrew Turner, SAMS

Despite a small rise in water reserves, no change in surface flows has occurred.

The recent rainfall has made almost no impact and surface flows are still either dry or greatly reduced.

The rise in the reservoir levels was only due to the recent low levels of consumption, with yet another week being successfully below the targeted daily 1000m3. The St Helena Resilience Forum thanks the public for its continued reduced consumption.

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The Health Directorate is “monitoring closely” all cases with flu-like symptoms, according to SHG.

“There have been no cases treated at the Hospital to Coronavirus,” but the Health Directorate is monitoring closely all cases presenting with flu-like symptoms. SHG’s spokesperson told The Sentinel on Tuesday. “Updates will be provided weekly or earlier if required.”

The first of those updates was provided later on Tuesday.

“The update said the General Hospital has ordered test kits that will help them rule out other illnesses that present like Coronavirus; and that in the meantime, the Health Directorate is liaising with Public Health England, the World Health Organisation and local stakeholders “to monitor the spread of the Coronavirus globally and take protective action for St Helena.”

The risk assessment for St Helena is currently low.

According to SHG, Coronavirus (which originated in China) can be transmitted airborne virus that can be transmitted with two metres of another person. The virus symptoms are flu-like but a person can be a carrier without symptoms for up to two weeks. No vaccine/treatment yet exists for the new virus.

The UK Government said that most Coronavirus cases are moderate, but that those with pre-existing illness and the elderly are at higher risk.

“The advice to the general public is to ensure infection control with hand and washing and disinfection solutions,” Health Director Ted Rayment said.

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The trial of Mohammad Ramzan, accused of careless driving, failed to provide a specimen of breath for analysis. He was fined £100 and disqualified from driving for the extended period of 15 months. He was also ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

Kevin Youde (58) of Longwood, pleaded guilty to six-week period of 15 months. He was also ordered to pay £15.00 costs.

Mike Caswell (24) of Ropery Field, Longwood, pleaded guilty to careless driving, failing to stop after an accident had occurred and failing to report an accident. He was fined £50 for each of those offences and ordered as to pay £15.00 costs. He was also disqualified from driving for a period of 12 months.
Napoleonic Bicentenary planning in full swing

Donna Crowie, SAMS

In May 2021 the island will commemorate the bicentenary of the death of Napoleon Bonaparte. The prominent French Emperor died while in exile on St Helena, and so the 2021 commemorations should bring international media attention and increased tourism to the island. David Thompson, OBE arrived to the island on Saturday, Jan 24 under the title of International Co-ordinator for the St Helena Napoleonic Bicentenary. In this role, David will assist the Bicentenary Steering and Working groups in making the bicentenary programme a success. To do this he’ll use his previous experience leading the UK Government’s First World War Centenary programme and other commemorative events.

David described the bicentenary programme as exciting, and noted that while the bicentenary itself has potential to positively impact St Helena, it could also serve as an important springboard for increasing promotion for other aspects of the island, and for increasing opportunities for all local businesses throughout 2021 and beyond.

David’s week on the island saw him meet with organisations and representatives from each of the island’s directorates and input for the upcoming celebrations. David said that at least a few hundred people are already planning to visit St Helena for the bicentenary. Two cruise ships scheduled to arrive in May 2021, and a group of Napoleonic re-enactors hope to really help bring the Napoleonic era to life.

“There are some 80-odd Napoleonic re-enactors who are keen to come here for this period,” David told SAMS Radio 1 in his first-ever radio interview. “I’ve met their UK-based coordinator already and we’ve got some plans as to how they can engage and put on some theatrical, historical authenticity... We’re keen to have a big event down on the Grand Parade, and equally a big community event up at Longwood Green on the 5th, to which all these re-enactors would also come and be in costume playing their Napoleonic role; but also in a very educational way, so a little bit of the corner of Longwood we’d love to be able to set up as, if you like, a model Napoleonic camp. They would all be in costume, they would be in character, and everybody up there would be able to engage with them and better understand what life was like in the Napoleonic age – how you lived, how you ate, how you fought, how you died, all those sorts of things.”

David departed the island on Saturday, making his way back to London, where he will work remotely on the next steps for the Napoleonic Bicentenary project.

An optician in sight at last

Cyril (Ferdie) Gunnell, SAMS

The last time an optician was brought into the island was August-October 2018. This means that St Helena has been without eye care for well over a year. Priscilla has for years been St Helena’s visiting optician, and other commemorative events.

So the 2021 commemorations should provide a springboard for increasing optician’s services, and also those requiring checkups and new prescriptions, all last year awaited an announcement from the Health Directorate so their names could be put forward for eye appointments. A high rate of diabetes on-island added, over the past 15 months, to the increasing demand for eye opticians.

But 2019 came and went without an optician in sight.

Even late in 2019 no one at the Health Directorate knew (or was prepared to let the public know) when an optician would be arriving. All that the Deputy Chair of Public Health Committee, Cllr Brian Isaac, could say at one constituency meeting in Longwood was that he hoped an optician would be arriving in 2020. He apologised for not being able to be more specific, explaining that was ‘up to the Health Directorate’. So far comparison ever came – but it is known that Priscilla is now on-island, starting to make her way through the very long list of backlogged appointments.

Some lucky patients have received appointments already, but for the optician even to be able just to get on top of the backlog, two visits are now planned for 2020 and two for 2021.

“This highly yearly demand for eye care has for years been well-known to the Health Committee, but no action has been called for the Health Directorate to acknowledge eye care as basic medical care nor for an optician to visit more frequently – perhaps every six months, with a stay that is long enough to meet demand.”

Low attendance at SHG-reform public meetings

Cyril (Ferdie) Gunnell, SAMS

Just 38 people – including just two councillors – attended last week’s public consultation meetings about improving or replacing St Helena Government.

This was during Political Reform Advisor Professor Dr Sarkin’s second visit to St Helena (Jan 25- Feb. 4). Dr Sarkin is looking into possible models of governance to improve or replace the current committee-based system which has existed since 2009. His visit followed his one-week 2019 visit (Sept. 21-28) and his subsequent December 2019 report St Helena Political Governance Review.

A range of meetings took place last week, including a Jan 27 public consultation meeting in Half Tree Hollow (HTH) and a Jan 29 consultation in Longwood.

Approximately 60 people attended Dr Sarkin’s public meetings in September 2019, compared to the 38 this time round, which included four visitors. Two councillors attended the HTH meeting, but a comment in Longwood regretted no councillors were present.

Dr Sarkin began the meetings by asking if anyone had read his report. The show of hands indicated about a third.

Dr Sarkin said the report was informed by dozens of meetings on St Helena involving hundreds of people, including with officials (including Executive and Legislative Council members, the Governor, Deputy Governor, Chief Secretary, Financial Secretary, Acting Attorney General, Chief Magistrate and other members of St Helena Government) as well as individuals and representatives from various organisations.

Dr Sarkin’s report examines the strengths and weaknesses of the present governmental system.

The report said currently St Helena’s government operates under collective responsibility; but that this should move to individual responsibility, which would mean greater transparency and the public being better able to hold people to account.

The current system has five (council) committees and eight directorates. But the report found that ideally, there should be a similar number of portfolio and directorates. In a ministerial form of government, for instance – which it seems likely will be recommended for St Helena – the Chief Minister would have responsibility for the financial portfolio with appropriate staffing, and the other ministers would be responsible for the remaining four directorates. But this again was stuff staffed from expertise reshuffled from existing administration.

Dr Sarkin said that a ministerial system promotes vision, because ministers can actually affect what gets done.

A ministerial system is the ‘beginning of the answer,’ he said. Potentially 11 or 13 elected members would choose a Chief or First Minister, and non-ministers would be able to hold the ministers (including the Chief Minister) to account, effecting votes of no confidence if necessary.

At each of last week’s meetings Dr Sarkin spent approximately 20 minutes talking about the report, with the remaining 60 minutes open for questions and comments.

Still, some felt the time left was inadequate; albeit there were some questions and comments, about money sent back overseas; about party politics (if/how they might evolve); the importance of better communication between councillors and the public; ministers needing advisors, as in the UK; the impact of local wages; tribunals and the need for an Ombudsman and complaints commission; and questions about who would lead further governance consultations.

Dr Sarkin said a lot of work needs to be done before the next general election, in June 2021, when it is assumed a new system of government (which could be ministerial, hybrid or other) would fall into place. Before then, a ‘roadmap’ programme developed over the next 14 months, when unrealistic timeframes, is needed, Dr Sarkin said.

Dr Sarkin’s last event before he departed St Helena Feb. 4 was a press conference in the Castle, where he announced that his second report, which will detail his proposal for a new form of governance for St Helena, should be completed within a month.

Will there be potatoes this Easter?

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Last Easter, the island was essentially without potatoes and so far it seems possible this year could be similar.

The last call of the MV Helena in January brought no potatoes for the island.

And one local merchant has now confirmed that on the MV’s second voyage of 2020 they again be receiving no potatoes. The merchant said that this time, although they had ordered potatoes, their supplier did not get soil samples done in time for shipment.

It has been said however that local potatoes can be purchased on-island for around £5.50 per gallon.
SHG to provide full fish-processing services after ExCo's last-minute plans ruled impossible

Emma Weaver, SAMS

SHG for the next few months will now provide full fish-processing services for local fishermen.

This will be operated from the building that, until last Friday, was SHFC's only licensed fishing processing plant.

These new measures come after Public Health last Thursday said that the plans for the fishing industry that ExCo announced late last Wednesday afternoon, were not actually possible.

"Confusion, frustration and sheer disappointment are the only words to describe the current situation, and this is not just limited to fishermen not knowing exactly what is happening," the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association (SHCFA) said on Sunday.

"We are keen to cooperate with Public Health to assist with a smooth transition, however, during a recent meeting hosted by the SHCFA with Public Health, it would appear that SHG decision makers are not even communicating efficiently with their own directorates."

ExCo's last-minute plans ruled impossible

ExCo released plans late last Wednesday afternoon outlining how fish processing would work from Saturday onwards.

But Public Health last Thursday told the St Helena Commercial Fishermen's Association that the Directorate had not been consulted on the plans – and the plans were not actually workable.

For weeks prior, the Association had been demanding answers from ExCo as to what would happen after SHFC's closure on Friday, Jan. 31.

It wasn't until Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 29 that SHG released information to this effect, outlining "temporary measures" that would ensure the industry could continue, Wednesday's press release said however, that after Jan. 31, fishermen would still be able to purchase ice from the plant; fuel subsidy would still be provided; facilities would be made available for cutting up fish; and fishermen should have their boats licensed so that they could sell fish straight from their boats.

ExCo also told the Commercial Fishermen's Association on Thursday afternoon that "Mr Graeme Beckett and at least two other staff" would be retained at the processing plant to handle ice arrangements, and that fishermen could potentially pay for Graeme Beckett and his staff to process and package their catches.

But on Thursday evening, just 24 hours later, SHCFA's Public Health Department told the Association that actually, the measures ExCo had outlined were not possible.

Public Health said fishermen would not be able to sell fish directly from their boats, because the Fish & Fish Products Ordinance does not allow for this.

And if fishermen were to utilise the Processing Plant for cutting up fish, this would mean their vehicles would need to be inspected, arrangements for cleaning the facility would need to be made, and other issues not identified by ExCo would need to be addressed.

SHG had said there would be a smooth transition for the fishing industry after Jan. 31 – but by Feb. 2, Association members were clearly frustrated by the degree to which this had not happened.

"Whilst SHFC no longer exists, we, the local commercial fishermen, must still strive on and it therefore comes with disappointment that we were not able to the public that the smooth transitional period promised by SHG following the ‘winding up’ of SHFC and the mobilisation of its successor has simply not materialised."

This week's updates

On Sunday night, the Association released the following statement:

"The SHCFA continues to offer assistance to Executive Council by way of meeting with them to try and find a workable solution in the fastest possible time. But for whatever reason, they appear unwilling to entertain this offer of help. In the meantime, we were successful, we recognised the need for a contingency plan for the transitional period between SHF and the winning proposal commencing: which is why we wrote to ExCo in mid-January, asking that the Alternative Interim Business Model (AIBM) developed by the Fisheries Task Group, be reconsidered for a limited period only. As of today we have still not yet to receive any valid response why this suggestion – or any other viable alternative interim solution – has not been adopted.

"Instead, they keep us at arm's length, preferring to dish out possible way forwards which have to date, only resulted in escalating embarrassment for them and the Castle.

"As we await a workable way forward which is acceptable within the realms of the law, law abiding fishermen are unable to utilise their vessels and are forced to seek alternative ways of making a living and the public are left with buying fish from potentially unsafe sources or having access to no fish at all."

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SURE wants to remain exclusive, but does SHG?

Andrew Turner, SAMS

SURE’s relationship with St Helena Government will come up for review in 2022. SURE wants to remain exclusive; they want SHG to again promise a monopoly over the local telecommunications market.

“SURE is very interested in providing telecoms services post-2022; we are pursuing that on an exclusive basis,” Sure’s Chief Executive, Christine Thomas, said. But does SHG want the same thing? SHG has planned for an undersea fibre optic cable to deliver “faster, cheaper” internet to St Helena, also in 2022.

SURE seems to have been planning for the introduction of this cable. Christine said that SURE’s plans fit into SHG’s vision for post-cable St Helena, as outlined in the island’s Digital Strategy.

Basics of SURE and the fibre optic cable

Since the announcement that St Helena would be connecting to the Google’s Equiano undersea fibre optic cable (and even the SAEx cable before it) people have been questioning the future of telecommunications on St Helena. SHG’s branch of the Equiano cable is scheduled to come into service in early 2022. SURE’s monopoly telecommunications licence expires at the end of that year.

Like it or not, SURE is going to be the telecoms provider who is here for at least one year of the cable’s presence,” Christine said. But how about after the end of 2022?

Well, SURE is already involved in the cable project. They’ve been providing technical information, for instance about local network requirements, and they’ve helped estimate the funding levels necessary for meeting EU requirements such as required speeds to households, and internet for medical use and education.

SURE last week told SAMS Radio 1 that they will continue to pursue their monopoly licence. They considered operating on St Helena without their monopoly license, to not be viable.

“It is our stance that we pursue a monopoly licence,” Christine said. “Once you introduce other participants to the environment you dilute the returns(…) you would need to sustain a monopoly status because you do require those returns to invest in the network.”

SURE CEO Christine Thomas (left) and Manager (Networks) Adam Yon (right).

Cable likely not bringing cheaper internet, at least in short term

Currently, the island has some of the most expensive internet in the world.

SHG’s Digital Strategy says “To progress the Island we need to increase the speed and decrease the cost to consumers and businesses through accessing a marine fibre cable.”

SURE did say that the way they charge for internet services would be massively different post-cable.

“The arrival of the cable signified a massive change in technology and how we provide our services. Christine said. “Obviously, all of our service packages to customers will change.”

But critically, SURE did not say that internet packages would be any cheaper after the cable’s delivery.

“We are not at a point with SHG at this moment in time with the economics to be really assured what the pricing would be[…] because of the amount of investment involved outside the EDF funding, we have to ensure that we are able to recover that as well,” Christine said.

SHG has been heralding the cable’s ability to provide both faster and cheaper internet to local households and businesses, but members of the public had noted that the local network would need significant upgrading for faster internet to actually be possible – as SURE has now stated, the money spent to upgrade that infrastructure would need to be made back somehow.

But will it definitely be faster, and by how much?

According to SURE, the island’s “main” districts are interlinked by either fibre connections (from the SURE wavelength (or “signal”) or a microwave “backbone”.

This infrastructure will need upgrading in order to provide higher quality to local businesses and households.

SURE says they plan to invest up to £2 million to prepare the local network to be able to deliver the benefits SHG has promised from that time.

Upgrades would include installation of a “soft switch,” which would modernise the phone system, as more modern ‘signal multiplexers’ (devices that allow multiple connections to be transmitted as one signal back to SURE).

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The difficulties of getting by in St Helena

Cyril (Ferdie) Gunnell, SAMS

“I can prove anything by statistics except the truth,” quipped George Canning (April 11, 1770 – Aug. 8, 1827), who served as British Foreign Secretary and, briefly, Prime Minister.

Essentially, statistics are always more complicated than they appear.

The SHG Statistics Office and the Equality & Human Rights Commission (EHRC) have both recently used statistics slightly differently, proving different amounts that basic living costs an adult.

The SHG Statistics Office recently, having collected food prices in shops and then organised, analysed and interpreted the data, proved that between the fourth quarter of 2018 and Q4 2019 the annual average increase of food items was “quite low,” at 1.4%.

There is a scientific approach to the collection of statistics, and many in the public accept they struggle with understanding the methodology. Still, they have been quick to challenge the announcement reporting the 1.4% rise in food prices, as the difficulties they face in affording goods seems much weightier than a “low” increase.

“1.4% just isn’t logical,” someone told The Sentinel. “Over that period (quoted above) prices increased significantly every time the SHG arrived. And the increases don’t just adversely impact the standard of living of workers, but anyone who’s taking food anymore, because vulnerability doesn’t discriminate.”

The problem facing everybody today is that it is not only food prices that increase, and because the same money can’t be spent twice, there is less for spending on food once the decision has been made to buy other essential items or pay normal household bills.

The latest MIS (the SHG-determined poverty line) has been calculated as IRB £1,771.50 and BIP £1,741.00.

The items in the MIS basket of goods that represents a “socially acceptable minimum amount” for an individual adult have been published by the SHG Statistics Office. But not everybody agrees with this list of items.

The EHRC in 2018 established their own list of goods and services in an attempt to demonstrate how much it does really cost to live basically on St Helena. Their methodology differed somewhat from SHG’s.

The EHRC calculations for one week represented a single person, family of 4; family of 6; unemployed or retired couple; couple with a baby; and single person with a baby. Prices for the cheapest option on all items were collected from Solomon’s, Thores’, Rose & Crown as these three outlets have shops in both town and countryside areas. EHRC then included an estimate of the cost of electricity and water (based on information from Connect); Government Landlord Housing rent (this is the cheapest); public transport costs (for one trip to town/townships). In August 2018 (according to EHRC calculations) the cost per week for a single person amounted to £93.54.

In December 2019 this increased to £121.82. The same items from the same shops were calculated both years. In their annual report The Bare Necessities (2020), the EHRC also produced a list showing items that are not affordable and therefore not included in their calculations.

Although not as active as they once were, the Making Ends Meet Charity receives regular requests to help with food and other items. The Ladies Fundraising Group provides around £2,000 of vouchers every year “for helping out at Christmas (£10 per person on non-alcoholic), and at the end of 2019 New Horizons saw the need to establish a Food Bank, spending over £1,000 from donations to provide food packages for 90 households averaging £L50–£70 (reality hit them when they were observed in a grocery shop that someone on low income was having to choose between purchasing a packet of flour and another staple).

For scores of years in St Helena, hundreds of households manage their Christmas by paying weekly amounts from various shops for spending in December. This is so they can have what other households have at Christmas time, but when it comes to IRB and BIP payments, every one pound put aside towards Christmas means that same amount missing from SHG measured subsistence.

Years back SHG provided a £50 loan to IRB recipients for Christmas and also one to staff. This stopped for IRB recipients in 2011. A £11 a week deducted from benefits caused them difficulties getting by.

It has been 20 years since the establishment of the Millennium Forest out in Longwood, now over 35 hectares in size, and two benches for Diana’s Peak are being established.

This is a step forward in providing increased public information and facilities at the island’s main tourist attractions.

The new signage at the Diana’s Peak National Park Post Box walk has already been placed. A sign at the entrance gives information about the ring road link (and the three different access routes to) the Peaks.

Directional signs have also been installed at path junctions along the walk.

The signs denoting Cuckolds and Mount Actaeon have also been included, to reflect the namings on the new topographical maps.

Two concrete picnic benches will later be placed along the footpath, and new signs are being created locally for installation at Millennium Peaks.

These new signs and benches were made possible by the Governor’s Enabling Fund, applied for by the Terrestrial Conservation Habitats Team.

Diana’s Peak is a popular destination for residents and tourists, providing outstanding views of the island from the highest points and the chance to interact with a large proportion of endemic biodiversity,” said Terrestrial Conservation Officer and Project Lead Sasha Bargo. “The installation of new and updated signs and benches supports safer use of footpaths and the picnic benches will provide suitable infrastructure from which the Park can be enjoyed.”

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

20 years of the Millennium Forest

Andrew Turner, SAMS

Over the past two decades the Millennium Forest has grown into a hub for conservation activities for projects and for teaching people about the island’s unique biodiversity. Recently it also became the centre for a project to restore the endemic St Helena boxwood.

It is project funds, like the boxwood project, that have kept the Millennium Forest going.

“We still appeal for donations both internationally and locally,” Conservation Projects Officer Martina Peters said. “For this year we are also appealing to on-island organisations for any sponsorship they can give us for 2020. These donations would help support endemic plant survival as well as the three staff who work at the forest, managing the waste-water irrigation, tending to the plants and bringing in more funds to do work that is essential for the Millennium Forest going.”

This event will be followed by events to celebrate the 20th anniversary. One event – a family scavenger hunt – took place already on Jan 31.

The event was well-attended and the winning team received a whale shark from the winning team.

“We were overwhelmed by the number of families to celebrate the 20th anniversary,” Martina said. “You had parents coming, but also other families that just wanted to celebrate the event.”

“The event was well-attended and the winning team received a whale shark under the sea.”

“It was a great day,” Martina said.

This event will be followed by events like a forest-to-forest walk from the Millennium Forest, a wellbeing day, and more. Stay with SAMS Radio 1 and The Sentinel for updates.
Saint Helena played a critical role in bringing the Trade to an end

Andy Pearson’s presentation at the Museum

Emma Weaver, SAMS

St Helena is an island of niche attractions – its large amount of endemic wildlife, its whole shark populations, its Napoleonic history, Jonathan the Tortoise...

But one niche attraction, according to archaeologist Andy Pearson, is only just beginning to pick up steam.

In 2006-08, Pearson found himself leading what he now believes was the largest excavation ever undertaken in a British Overseas Territory. He said he thought the excavation would be quite simple, but it really escalated – they now believe about 8,000 ‘liberated African slaves’ are buried in Rupert’s Valley.

“This site has been a revelation,” Andy said. “[It’s] not something most archaeologists would ever encounter. I walked away and thought, ‘this is a site of international significance.’

The grave sites in Rupert’s Valley (and in Lemon Valley) make St Helena a unique and vital part of the international history of the Transatlantic Slave Trade. The island is the only place on earth where the impact of the Trade can truly be seen and memorialised.

“Nowhere else in the world do we have Africans straight off the slave ships like this,” Andy said, adding that archaeology on St Helena now ships like this, “Andy said, adding that archaeologists can tell good and bad.

The story of how these graves came to exist, is an enthralling one.

Pearson was the leading archaeologist in the excavation of the ‘liberated African’ slave graves in Rupert’s Valley. The excavations began in 2006–08 as part of the environmental studies undertaken in preparation for the St Helena Airport.

Last week, during his fifth visit to the island, Andy gave a talk at the Museum entitled “Telling Tales” during which he outlined the history of the island’s involvement in the final years of the Transatlantic Slave Trade.

Between 1840 and 1872, St Helena hosted an Admiralty Court. This meant slave ships were being brought to the island and tried under UK law. As St Helena was one of the only mid-Atlantic islands – and the only one with an Admiralty Court – it became a critical location for the capturing of slave ships.

Between 1840-1872, 419 ships were captured and brought to the island. Only 87 were carrying slaves at the time of capture. But those 87 ships altogether brought 27,000 slaves to St Helena.

Many of these tens of thousands were family heirlooms that probably symbolised a last bit of freedom, and a last connection to home.

Andy said that some of the graves held not only remains, but also artefacts like jewellery that give insight into the cultures of those buried in Rupert’s. Some of the jewellery, archaeologists can tell stories. The crook-shape asterism comprising this constellation is a hopelessly mix of antique conceptions. The earliest records come from the Mesopotamians, who associated it with a goat-herd, and later Bedouin astronomers identified it as a herd of goats (with each star being one goat). The association of Auriga with goats continued throughout the centuries. The name of the brightest star of the constellation is Capella (a Aurigae), Latin for female goat. The star has been seen as Amalthea, the goat who suckled the infant Zeus. In the most popular Greek myth, Auriga is identified with the mythological hero Erichthonius, son of Hephaestus (the god of fire). Amongst many things, Erichthonius’ mother, Athena, taught him how to tame horses. Later Erichthonius was the first to harness four horses to a chariot and imitate the chariot of the Sun. Zeus was impressed and, as was his habit, enshrined Erichthonius among the stars. As a result Auriga is often depicted as a charioter incongruously carrying an armful of goats.

Something to not forget the weight of, but to also be proud of.

Since the excavations, 325 excavated remains lay within the Pipe Store, Jamestown, awaiting reburial. In 2015 a group decided reburial in Rupert’s would be appropriate – Pearson agrees. But to date, SHG is still in the process of working out the details of how this will be done.

Pearson having returned to the island, and now the Working Group about reburial, is perhaps a sign that things might soon move forward. A proper, formal reburial site and signage/information would be a tangible historical asset to St Helena, and would allow the ungeearthed remains to be reintegrated.

Media coverage about the Rupert’s Valley site is really picking up, but is still just gaining traction.

While St Helena’s unique links to the Transatlantic Slave Trade’s history could be a key niche attraction for the island, Pearson said it’s important that the remains are properly memorialised before increased international attention asks why reburial has not yet happened.

As the island looks forward to reburial and memorialisation, hopefully in the near future, Pearson gave a reminder that the graves in Rupert’s are not anything Saints should at all be ashamed of.

Some of the artefacts. Photo from sainthelena.island.info.
A mountain biker, a podcast and the World’s Most Useful Airport

Recent international media attention for St Helena

Andrew Turner, Emma Weaver SAMS

The short documentary ‘World’s Most Useful Airport,’ which looks at the establishment of the St Helena Airport and the current situation on St Helena, now has more than 1.7 million views on YouTube. The short film has received quite positive public feedback and it can be viewed at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5-Gq1TDOcWe.

The producers of the documentary, Wendover Productions, also recorded a season for their podcast series ‘Extremities’ while visiting the island last year and the podcast has been having similar success. This can be found at https://anchor.fm/extremities.

And finally, pro mountain biker Martin Zietsman visited St Helena in late 2019, and has just released the video he shot while on St Helena. ‘Saint Helena is largely unknown to the world, and would be about the last place that one would think of for mountain bike riding,’ producers Industry Nine said as an introduction to the video. ‘Located 800 miles from the closest landmass and situated in the middle of the Southern Atlantic, the tiny island feels like you’ve reached the edge of the world.’

In the video Martin takes his bike though many well-known locations. He cycles down the steps of the Airlink plane and onto the tarmac at the St Helena Airport, and then rides around Turks Cap, Lots Wife and the Haul Road. His ride through the forest by Cason’s showcases the greener side of the island before dramatic coastal scenes at Sandy Bay.

The video ends with Martin looking down Jacob’s Ladder before cycling instead down the road and riding through Jamestown, with a bit of comic relief at the Manta hotel to end the video. The video was posted to YouTube Jan 22 and so far has more than 7k views, but is also getting picked up by some biking websites.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

The Holiday
By T. M. Logan

Seven Days. Three families. One killer.

It was supposed to be the perfect holiday, dreamed up by Kate as the ideal way to turn 40: four best friends and their husbands and children in a luxurious villa under the blazing sunshine of Provence.

But there is trouble in paradise. Kate suspects that her husband is having an affair, and that the other woman is one of her best friends.

One of these women is willing to sacrifice years of friendship and destroy her family. But which one?

As Kate closes in on the truth in the stifling Mediterranean heat, she realises too late that the stakes are much higher than she ever imagined.

Because someone in the villa is prepared to kill to keep their secret hidden.

Please reserve by contacting the following:-

Telephone Number: 22580
Email: publiclibrary@helanta.co.sh

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www.sams.sh
World Pizza Day
February 9

In pizza we crust! Pizza is a delicious creation that we can always trust to cheer us up.

World Pizza Day made its way into the stomachs and hearts of pizza lovers in 10th-century Italy.

Fun fact: Italian Queen Margarita of Savoy visited Naples in 1889, when two chefs presented her with a pizza comprised of the colours of the Italian flag – red (tomato), white (mozzarella) and green (basil). They coined it Pizza Margherita. That sure explains why the margherita is the queen of all pizzas!

**Hawaiian**
Top the dough evenly with pizza sauce, then add ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese, ½ cup add ½ cups shredded mozzarella cheese, ½ cup pineapple chunks (canned or fresh), and 3 slices cooked ham, sliced or chopped, ½ cup grated cheddar cheese, and 3 slices cooked ham, sliced or chopped. Bake pizza for 12-15 minutes. Remove from the oven and top with fresh basil, if desired.

**BBQ Chicken**
Top pizza with 1 cup barbecue sauce, any flavour. Add ½ medium red onion (chopped), 1 cup cooked chicken breast (shredded or sliced) and 2 cups grated cheddar cheese. Bake until crust is golden and pizza melted, 10-20 minutes. Garnish with fresh or dried oregano, minced garlic and parsley. Cool slightly before slicing.

**Bacon and Avocado**
Spread the dough with tomato pizza topping. Sprinkle liberally a cup of grated cheddar cheese over entire pizza. Add 3 rashers of bacon, chopped and scattered over, and a cup of grated parsley. Bake for approximately 10-15 minutes. Remove bacon, ½ sliced avocado. Drizzle with desired amount of Tabasco sauce.

**Pizza Base**
1 cup (250 ml) warm water
1 tsp (5 ml) instant yeast
1 tsp (5 ml) sugar
2 cups (300 g) all-purpose flour
1 tsp (5 ml) salt

In a bowl combine water, yeast and sugar. Let stand until the mixture foams on top, about 5 minutes.

In a food processor (it is important to work with the plastic blade or the dough hook), combine the flour and salt. Increase the speed to medium and add the yeast mixture until a soft ball forms.

Remove the dough from the bowl and knead for a few minutes on a floured surface to prevent sticking.

Place in a lightly oiled bowl and cover with a clean cloth. Let the dough rise for about 30 minutes in warm and draft-free area. Cut the dough in half.

Use the pizza dough immediately or refrigerate (less than 48 hours), otherwise place it in an airtight bag and freeze.

*This recipe will make two 23cm (9inch) thin-crust pizzas or two 20cm (8inch) thicker crust pizzas.

**Tuna and Sweet Corn**
Spread the dough with tomato pizza topping. Add a 200g can of tuna in brine, drained, 1 small red onion, finely sliced, 198g can sweet corn, drained, 100g grated cheddar cheese, and 12 olives (optional) distributing everything evenly. Bake for 20 minutes. Leave for 1-2 minutes before slicing.
**FAITH MATTERS**

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**Thursday 13 February**

| 10:00 a.m. | Eucharist | St Swithins |

**Sunday 16 February – 6th Sunday of Year**

| 8:00 a.m. | Eucharist | Cathedral |
| 10:00 a.m. | Sung Eucharist | St Peter |
| 3:30 p.m. | Reserved Sacrament | St Peter |

**BAHA’I FAITH**

www.sthelenabahai.org

"O ye children of men! The fundamental purpose animating the Faith of God and His Religion is to safeguard the interests and promote the unity of the human race, and to foster the spirit of love and fellowship amongst men. Suffer it not to become a source of dissension and discord, of hate and enmity. This is the straight Path, the fixed and immovable foundation." Baha’i Scripture

**DEVOTIONAL MEETING**

**BAHA’I CENTRE**

Gumwoods

**THURSDAY EVENINGS**

ALL ARE WELCOME

Telephone 24342

**BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Sunday Service**

6th February

Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O’Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

**Bible Studies**

Tuesday – 11th February

Baptist Dana 7.00 pm

Thursday – 13th February

Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

**Special Event**

Ladies Meeting 12th February

Baptist School Hall 10.00 am

Flemington, 16th February

Blue Hill Community Centre

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22543/22542

**THE ROCK**

Prayer Meeting on Saturday 8th February at 8am at the home of Anthony and Elaine Hopkins at Sapperson. A special Praise and Worship service at No 3 Unit Longwood Enterprise Park on Sunday 9th February at 11am. Visiting Guest speaker Regina Ebner from A Rocha UK. ‘Looking after Gods Creation’ Sunday School at 11:30am

Cell Meeting on Tuesday 11th February at 6pm at Sandy Bay.

On Wednesday 12th February at 7:30pm at the home of Anthony and Elaine Hopkins and also at No 3 Unit Longwood.

Christian Bookshop and DVD rental will be open from 10:30 am to 12 noon

For further information contact 21269 or 62552

All are welcome
**NOTICE BOARD**

**VACANCY**

**BUSINESS SUPPORT EXECUTIVE**

Corporate Finance has an exciting opportunity for a Business Support Executive to join their team. The post holder will be responsible to the Business Support Manager and will provide administrative and accountancy support to the Business Support Unit, through achieving efficiency of operations, delivering a customer focused service and supporting Corporate Finance in meeting its statutory responsibilities.

Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of Finance and Accountancy. The starting salary for the post will be £6,722 per annum, and will be reviewed on the achievement of competencies in line with the Finance and Accountancy Cadre.

For further details about the post and a copy of the Job Profile, interested persons should contact Miss Sarah Greentree, Business Support Manager on telephone number 22470 or e-mail: sarah.greentree@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Henry, Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail madonna.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

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**Inspire & Achieve**

**Prince Andrew School**

At the beginning of Term 2, Prince Andrew School held a certificate presentation awarding students with House point Certificates, Enterprise Day Prizes (Sponsored by ESH), Golden Ticket Awards, Accelerated Reader Certificates and 100% Attendance Certificates.

**Year 7 Enterprise Day Prizes:**
Alex Benjamin, Brianna Henry, Christopher Midwinter & Carla O’Connor.
Luke Bargo, Liana Crowie, Blake O’Connor & Ty young.
Bobbi Clingham, Rachael Braaf, Hannah John & Kyla Hopkins.

**Year 8 Enterprise Day Prizes:**
Dominic Richards, Tyreece Francis-Fuller, Hollie Crowie & Kaelyn Thomas
Ziara Thomas, Maria Dachraoui, Tristan Clark & Rylan Knipe
James Andrews, Shania Hercules, Rachael Newman & Dodi Williams-Pete

**Year 9 Enterprise Day Prizes:**
Callam Scott, Ben Crowie, Amber George & Joelle Henry
Jordana Peters, Parys Peters-Stevens, Shaquille Coleman-Benjamin & Tyreece Osborne
Tyrone Cansick, Renae Coleman, Rhian Joshua & Courtney O’Dean

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**Attendance Award Term 1**

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VACANCY
SENIOR PAYROLL EXECUTIVE

Looking for a new challenge? Corporate Finance has an opportunity for you!
Corporate Finance is seeking to recruit a highly-motivated person to join their team as Senior Payroll Executive in their Payroll function.

The post holder will be responsible to the Business Support Manager, for the day to day management of the Central Payroll function and processing of all SHG payrolls.
Corporate Finance provides an environment for professional development in the field of Finance and Accountancy. The gross salary for the post will be £9,613 per annum, and will be reviewed on the achievement of competencies in line with the Finance and Accountancy Cadre.
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Corporate Services
04 February 2020

APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. Application 2020/11: FULL Planning Application for Proposed Construction of a Three Bedroom Dwelling with Patio, on Parcel 0201 Barren Ground, adjacent to the property of Mr Daniel March. Applicant: Kevin O’Shea

2. Application 2020/12: FULL Planning Application for Proposed Construction of a Garage/Porch, on Parcel 0286 Alarm Forest, adjacent to the property of Mr & Mrs Simon Francis. Applicant: Simon Francis

3. Application 2020/13: FULL Planning Application for Proposed Alterations and Extensions to Existing House to Form a Kitchen, Lounge and Patio, Upper Cow Path on Parcel 0454 Half Tree Hollow, adjacent to the property of Mr & Mrs Neil Joshua. Applicant: Jolene Leo

4. Application 2020/14: FULL Planning Application for Proposed Extensions to Existing House to Form a Double Garage, Bedroom with En-suite, Utility Room and Double Storey Entertainment Room with Patio, Two Gun Saddle on Parcels 0373, 0375 & 0376 Alarm Forest, adjacent to the property of Mr Mario Gough. Applicant: D Robbertse

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Secretary on Telephone 22270 or email Karen.Isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on the above Applications should make them in writing within 14 days to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email karen.isaac@sainthelena.gov.sh

Shane Williams, Planning Officer

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 20th February 2020

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Hydroponics Manager
(Two month short-term cover contract – between March to May 2020)

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is looking for an experienced individual to provide cover to the existing Hydroponics Manager for a two month period beginning in March 2020. The successful candidate will be responsible for overseeing crop production at our small-scale hydroponics farm site. This is an important role for both AIG and the island, as the site provides the only supply of fresh produce between supply ships.

The Hydroponics Manager is therefore responsible for ensuring the regular supply of consistently high quality vine and leafy green variety crops. You will also be responsible for managing the relationships with local retailers. You will need to be practical and able to deal with day-to-day maintenance of the facility as well as manage the supplies and equipment to keep the site operational. You will be working with an experienced youth trainee to maintain current output levels of around 175kg of vine crops and 150 bags of leafy greens per month.

We are offering a short-term two month contract with a benefit package including a salary of £13,000 and:

- Food allowance of £3,089 pro rata
- Return journey to the country of recruitment/residence
- Rent free housing, with electricity and water allowances
- Free primary medical and dental care

To be successful you will be experienced growing a range of crops for commercial sale and familiar with food safety and hygiene standards. You will be sufficiently experienced with identifying and overcoming issues related to pests and disease, and familiar maintaining profit and loss accounts. This is a physical role and you will need to be fit and like outdoor work in all weather conditions.

This is a single status role. As such you will not be able to bring family to live with you, although they may be able to visit on a tourist visa.

To find out more about the role, or for an informal discussion, please contact:
Operations Manager, Siobhan Stewart, siobhan.stewart@ascension.gov.ac, or Assistant Director of Human Resources, Carolyn Nutkins, Carolyn.nutkins@ascension.gov.ac

To apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/vacancies

Closing date: Wednesday 19 February, 12midday
Interviews: TBC, between 20 and 24 February via Skype

Please note that because of flight arrangements, the successful candidate would be required to arrive on Ascension on Saturday 14 March and depart on Sunday 10 May.
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SHCC Training Opportunities

Preparing for the Digital Explosion

Community Education—Core IT Skills

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QGIS Training—Beginners & Intermediate—Limited spaces are available!

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For further information &/or to request a registration form contact:
Carley Peters or Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on email: shcc@sainthelena.gov.sh or call +290 22607

NOTICE BOARD

Shane Jansen—Manager IT Services

Shane has over 30 years experience in the IT Industry, with a focus on network and systems support. Shane has worked for .

Cherilee Thomas—Coordinator of Library & IT

Cherilee has over 10 years experience in IT and Library Services. She has worked for .

Shane Jansen & Cherilee Thomas—IT Support Team

St Helena Community College is a registered Pearson Vue Test Centre
If you require further information, and/or would like to book an exam please contact our Training Coordinator: Cherilee Thomas-Johnson on email cherilee.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh or call +290 22607
Connect Saint Helena is proposing revised tariffs commencing 1st April 2020. Whilst there has been good progress in reducing operating costs we still require a sizeable subsidy from SHG to remain solvent putting pressure on Connect to increase charges to the consumer. We are proposing to keep electricity tariffs at their current level and to focus increase on water and sewage charges. The combined effect for most people will be less than inflationary increase on their Connect bill. A high user tariff is proposed for units in excess of 25; this is to discourage excessive usage and is set 5 units above average domestic consumption. The Minimum Income Standard will be adjusted to take into account this increase and qualifying agricultural customers will receive payments directly from Saint Helena Government to offset this increase. Water charges have not increased since July 2018 & electricity charges have remained static for the last 4 years with the last increase in April 2016.

### PROPOSED ELECTRICITY AND WATER TARIFFS COMMENCING 1ST APRIL 2020

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Anyone wanting to understand more how the tariff changes will affect them are welcome to call Connect on 22255 or email enquiries@connect.co.sh.

Any comments you might have regarding the proposed tariffs can be forwarded to:

The Utilities Regulatory Authority, The Castle, Jamestown marked for the attention of Yvonne Williams or by email to: yvonne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

All comments must be received by 12:00 noon on Thursday 20th February 2020.
VACANCY FOR STAFF NURSE – GENERAL HOSPITAL

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Staff Nurse to join their dedicated, hardworking nursing team. A preceptorship programme for newly qualified or returning nurses is available. This includes supernumerary shifts, training and education. Competency books are available to guide your return to work which are linked to pay enhancements.

Shift work is required but we offer some flexibility within our shift allocation. There is ongoing training and support to ensure best practice. We have a large and engaging team, who work together and support each other every day.

The post holder will be responsible to the Hospital Nursing Officer for the provision of high quality nursing patient care. A full job description and responsibilities are available on request. Essential qualifications for this post are:

- St Helena Nursing Certificate or equivalent and an Up to date Nurse Registration.

Salary for the post commences at £11,034 per annum. With the competency framework this role is eligible for enhancement to Preceptorship Staff Nurse level 2a £11,586 and then Staff Nurse level 2b £12,690.

Enhancement is applicable when able to successfully and consistently demonstrate competency at the required level. The competency based salary enhancement is pensionable. There is the potential for career progression to Senior Staff Nurse and or Sister/Charge Nurse.

For further information and a copy of the job profile, contact Mrs Daniella Marlow, Hospital Nursing Officer on telephone No 22500 or email: daniella.marlow@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email: brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday, 07 February 2020.

All appointees are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting or DBS Disclosure and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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Health Directorate
22 January 2020
NOTICE BOARD

PUBLIC NOTICE

VACANCY

Medical StoreKeeper/Dispenser

The Pharmacy Section of the Health Directorate is looking to recruit a highly motivated candidate to fill the post of Medical Storekeeper/Dispenser.

This position has the combined responsibilities of a Medical Storekeeper and Dispenser and as a Medical Storekeeper, the successful applicant will be responsible for stock management in the medical store, ensuring that stock is issued and that stock records are updated in accordance with the relevant Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).

Some of the key duties of the post are:

• to organise the transportation of medical goods from the wharf or airport to the Medical Store in a timely manner and to submit customs documentation to HM Customs for all overseas orders received as soon as receipt of all overseas orders have been verified and ensuring that invoices sent match the goods received; taking appropriate action to rectify any discrepancies;

• to prepare and issue internal and external stock orders against requests; ensuring that the correct records are made and any variances are communicated to the relevant parties;

• to accurately prepare prescriptions from doctors and other healthcare professionals and to ensure that all prescriptions are valid as per legal requirements and local standards;

• to refer all prescriptions requiring checking by the Pharmacist as instructed and to maintain a record of free prescriptions issued and, any levy due is collected;

• to work remotely at Country Clinics in accordance with operational needs;

• to ensure that all procedures related to the recording, handling and dispensing of Controlled Drugs (CDs) are adhered too and to ensure that medication and healthcare devices are stored appropriately at all times.

The salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £6,863 per annum.

The successful candidate should have good IT skills with the ability to use the Medical Information System (MIS) computer programme to retrieve and check the details of prescriptions to be in possession of GCSE or equivalent in Maths and English at Grade C or above, a Level 2 (NVQ equivalent) Dispensing Assistant qualification or a Level 2 Medicines Counter Assistant qualification.

He/she should have previously worked in a pharmacy or medical environment and have good organisational skills with attention to detail, together with excellent written and good verbal communication skills to communicate at all levels.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Vlad Cucuiu, Pharmacist on telephone no 22500, Email: vlad.dorin.cucuiu@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Health Directorate
22 January 2020
RESEARCH ASSISTANT (Part-time)

We are seeking a research assistant to help carry out an innovative research project designed to understand mental health and resilience in young people on Saint Helena.

Salary for the post is banded at Band B (£5,722 pa) and the successful applicant will be required to work 25 hours per week for the period February to November 2020.

The key requirements of the post are to support the identification and recruitment of participants into the study; to verbally explain and outline the research project to potential students and their families; and to ensure that research records are accurate and up to date.

Other duties will include:

- To be trained to use a standardised research protocol for assessing psychological wellbeing in secondary school aged children
- To receive regular supervision
- Preparing and entering data into a large Excel spreadsheet file
- Organisation of appointments in the study (making and receiving telephone calls, reviewing timetables etc)
- Interviewing teenagers using a standardised interview at Prince Andrew School
- Following rules around confidentiality

Applicants should ideally have GCSEs in English and Maths at Grade C or above or equivalent qualification. Relevant work experience as a teaching assistant or proficiency in using Microsoft Word and Excel programs is needed. Experience in research is desirable but not mandatory. The ideal candidate must be self-motivated, good at problem-solving and have excellent interpersonal skills.

For further details regarding the duties of the post and for a copy of the job profile, you can contact Dr Tara Murphy, Consultant Psychologist, Tara.Murphy@sainthelena.gov.sh / 22593

Application forms which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable, to Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh, by Friday, 7 February, 2020.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

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Health Directorate
January 2020

Vacancy for Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for an Electro-Mechanical & Transmitter Technician at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Electro-Mechanical Team, responsible for the efficient, effective maintenance and repair of air-conditioning plant of all Encompass and customer sites, across the Island. Other responsibilities include maintenance and repair of electrical, mechanical, pneumatic and hydraulic equipment.

This post will be offered either on a single or accompanied status, fixed-term contract, with bungalow accommodation. Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination and obtaining relevant security clearances.

**Essential Qualifications & Experience**

- Certification/experience of air conditioning maintenance & repair.
- Competent/experienced in the use of hand tools, power tools and workshop machinery.
- Good understanding of safety procedures and safe working practices, particularly in the Electro-Mechanical area.
- Manual Handling Training and other Statutory Safety Training specific to the role.
- Good interpretation of electrical and mechanical diagrams.
- Be industrious, proactive and work to a high standard.
- Strong self-motivation and ability to work with minimum supervision.
- Basic computer skills.
- Full driving licence.
- Ability and willingness to work flexible hours.

**Desirable Qualifications/Experience**

- Electrician qualified with City & Guilds 2330 Level 3.
- City & Guilds 2391 Inspection and Testing.
- Recognised mechanical craft qualification or equivalent.
- Qualified welder.
- Installation of household solar panels/water systems.
- SC level security clearance.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the Job Description.

Please contact the Senior Engineer, on +247 66800 (Extn 108) or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac, for a Job Application Form, Job Description and for further information regarding the post.

Applications to be sent to:
Senior Engineer
BBC Atlantic Relay Station
English Bay
Ascension Island (or email Linda.Yon@encompass.co.ac)

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, and must be received by Friday 14th February 2020.
Vacancy for Senior Communications Engineer - Transmitting Station

Encompass Digital Media has a vacancy for a full-time Senior Communications Engineer at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder is expected to fulfil a leadership role within the Engineering Team, who are primarily responsible for transmitting programmes for the BBC and other customers.

Duties will also include maintenance and fault-finding on transmitters and associated equipment.

This post will be offered either on a Single or Accompanied status fixed-term contract, depending on personal circumstances and with bungalow accommodation.

Any offer of employment will be conditional on passing a medical examination.

**Essential Qualifications & Experience**

- Engineer qualified to BTEC National Certificate Level or equivalent in a relevant subject.
- Consistent application of Engineering skills and developed experience in the role of Communications Engineer.
- Comprehensive knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures.
- In depth knowledge of HF propagation and transmission, Electronic, Electrical, Data, RF and Power Engineering.
- Ability to analyse difficult technical problems.
- Experience of antenna systems.
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing with both internal and external customers.
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records.
- Workshop skills, specifically hand and power tools.
- Full driving licence.
- The Ability and willingness to work flexible hours and to be available for call-outs and faults, outside of normal working hours.

Further Qualifications/Experience requirements are detailed in the Job Description. (If necessary, the successful candidates will receive complete training to fulfil the above requirements.)

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Our Environmental Health Team is passionate about ensuring our communities are safe, happy and healthy and that we protect people from environmental and health risks.

We are looking for self-motivated, enthusiastic people who enjoy providing excellent customer service and working with the community. No day is ever the same in this challenging but rewarding role which is perfect for people who are practical, have an interest in science, and like being hands on and out and about rather than sitting behind a desk all day.

Come and meet the team and find out more about this opportunity on Monday, 3rd February 2020, between 10am and 12.30pm.

This really is a great opportunity for someone who already has the skills and experience or someone who is willing to learn and wants to develop their skills and qualifications in Environmental Health.

You will be able to demonstrate experience that shows you can:

- follow well-defined processes and work independently to undertake routine tasks;
- identify, gather and use information to take appropriate actions;
- identify how effective actions have been and problem solve to get things done;
- use a computer to undertake basic word processing.

It would be great if you have a GCSE qualification at grade C or above in Maths but don’t worry if you don’t as you can take a functional skills assessment in maths as part of the selection process. You will need a valid drivers licence.

It would be an advantage (but it is not essential for the role) if you:

- have a GCSE qualification at grade C or above in a science related subject (Biology, Physics or Chemistry)
- have qualifications in any field in Environmental Health and/or experience in food safety or health and safety related matters.

We know you might not be able to be a full Technical Officer from day one but if you have potential we will train you up on the job to be the best you can be to provide such an important service to the Island.

Salary is Grade C, commencing at £8,613pa – if you have potential but don’t meet all of the criteria you would join at Grade B7 at £7,730pa while we develop you to undertake the full role.

We know you might not meet all of the criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

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Health Directorate
28 January 2020
VACANCY

HEALTH DIRECTORATE: TRAINEE DENTAL NURSE

The Health Directorate has a vacancy for a Trainee Dental Nurse in the Dental Section who will work as part of the dental team to provide support and assistance in clinical and non-clinical aspects of patient care.

The role of a Dental Nurse includes:

- preparing and maintaining the dental equipment, instruments and materials within the Dental Surgery;
- carrying out infection control and decontamination procedures;
- recording dental charting carried out by the Clinician;
- preparing, mixing and handling dental materials;
- providing chairside support to dentists, therapists and hygienists throughout a range of dental procedures;
- providing support and reassurance to patients;
- providing administrative support in making appointments, taking payment and dealing with paperwork.

No previous experience is required as full training will be given on the job, including online learning and study abroad to achieve the National Diploma in Dental Nursing.

The successful applicant will have a minimum of 2 GCSE English and Maths (OR a Science subject) at Grade C or above (applicants without a Level 2 qualification in Maths and English may still apply and can undertake a functional skills assessment – Level 2 in English and Maths as part of the recruitment process).

The salary for the post is at the training grade - B8 commencing at £7,899 per annum.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Simon Smith, Lead Dentist on telephone no 22500 or email simon.smith@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate on telephone no 22500 or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm Friday, 14th February 2020.

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Health Directorate
28 January 2020
Do you have a passion for marine conservation? We’re looking for an experienced marine scientist to join our Marine Conservation Team and help us protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island. The Ascension Island Marine Protected Area was designated in August 2019 and is one of largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to help deliver management, monitoring and research in the reserve and work with the Ascension Island Government, local community and international stakeholders to realise the huge potential of the MPA for global marine conservation.

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation and research who will be able to join our small team of marine scientists and forge partnerships with research organisations and NGOs across the globe. Crucially, you will have experience of conducting fieldwork in sometimes challenging conditions and have advanced diving qualifications. You will require a good knowledge of marine ecosystems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. You must have a strong grounding in the biological sciences, but also have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

We are offering a two year, single status, contract with a salary of £14,625 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation (with electricity and water allowances)
- A food allowance of £3,089 per year
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2 year contract
- 30 days’ annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care

This appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical Clearance

We are looking for the successful applicant to start in April 2020

Closing Date: Monday 17 February 2020, 12 midday
Interviews: Week commencing Monday 24 February 2020
Interviews will be carried out via Skype or teleconference
For more information (including detailed job description) and to apply visit: www.ascension-island.gov.ac/working-here/ or email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

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Everyone has a right to an education including children and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). The Education and Employment Directorate’s vision is to provide inclusive schools which offers excellent support for the wellbeing of their students.

The role of the Inclusion Manager suits an individual with a strong presence and a desire to support students to reach their full potential. This rewarding and challenging role gives you the opportunity to promote, direct and oversee high standards of teaching and learning, pupil achievement and progression through effective inclusion for pupils with special educational needs.

The Inclusion Manager will provide strategic direction and help set the vision and ethos for all aspects of school life relating to children with SEND. You will play a major role in contributing to the raising of standards for all children with SEND ensuring inclusive practice and equality of opportunity for all.

Responsible to the Director of Education and Employment, the key tasks of the role include:

- To develop and lead on the implementation of policies and strategies within the Education and Employment Directorate in regard to Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), Inclusion and Safeguarding
- Lead and manage the Inclusion Service focusing on improving outcomes for children and young people
- Support head teachers in ensuring that schools effectively implement policies and procedures for Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND), Inclusion and Safeguarding in line with Directorate guidelines
- Represent the Directorate in working with agencies such as schools, early year settings, voluntary organisations, other directorates and other external organisations in order to support and promote inclusion
- Provide strategic leadership to improve outcomes for all children with SEND and to meet targets relating to narrowing the gaps in achievement

Applicants must be in possession of:

- A degree in relevant subject area e.g. Education, Psychology, Special Needs
- Local or UK Qualified Teacher Status
- At least 3 years recent experience of working in a teaching profession

The ideal candidate must be innovative and creative in responding quickly to changing and varied needs of children and of the Education system, the ability to generate novel solutions to often complex problems that arise and ability to apply objective judgement. To note is that all shortlisted candidates will be required to undertake an online psychometric test.

Salary for the post is at Grade E, £14,138 per annum.

The Education & Employment Directorate is committed to Safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff to uphold these principles. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

For further details about the post or to arrange an informal chat, interested persons can contact Mrs Wendy Benjamin, Director of Education and Employment on telephone number 23467 or e-mail wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh. A copy of the job profile can also be obtain from the Education and Employment Directorate or Corporate Human Resources.

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Clare O’Dean, Senior Human Resources Officer, The Castle or e-mail clare.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Tuesday, 18 February 2020.

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Education & Employment Directorate
03 February 2020
HEALTH DIRECTORATE
VACANCY- PROCUREMENT OFFICER, PHARMACY SECTION

The Pharmacy Section of the Health Directorate is looking to recruit a highly motivated candidate to effectively and efficiently lead on all of the Health Directorate’s procurement requirements in accordance with the St Helena Government’s Procurement Regulations.

He/she will be responsible for assisting the relevant Senior Managers with the procurement, ordering, which has to be placed in the budget limit agreed beforehand. receiving and reconciling of stock as appropriate. This includes reporting any discrepancies between the stock received and the invoice to the relevant senior manager.

The duties of the post includes:

1. providing forecasts for the healthcare directorate’s procurement needs in consultation with Senior Managers in order to prevent overstocking and running out-of-stock (OOS);
2. consulting with the relevant Senior Manager, producing the relevant procurement documentation, providing advice on the timescale and processes to enable the procurement of medications, medical devices and equipment and, ensuring that the Directorate adheres to Procurement Regulations and any other relevant regulations;
3. ensuring records on all procurement are kept up to date and easily accessible electronically to include regular reports to the Senior Medical Team as and when required through/by conducting monthly stock take and reconciliation of stock;
4. issuing purchase orders to replenish goods and tracks delivery and to maintain a register of suppliers for future references;
5. overseeing storage of products in accordance with the local legislation and to ensure First Expiry, First Out (FEFO) is applied in order to minimise any stock losses due to expiry by providing regular reports to improve losses from expired products;
6. through benchmarking and marketing testing, ensure best value and efficiencies are achieved by the directorate when procuring goods and services and, to obtain feedback from section heads on the quality of goods and services purchased.

Essential qualifications for this post are:

- GCSE qualification or equivalent in Maths and English; at grade C or above;
- Excellent written and good verbal communication skills to communicate at all levels Intermediate analysis of information or basic statistical analysis;Good IT skills in Access Dimensions and all Microsoft applications;
- A valid drivers licence
- Salary for the post is at Grade C commencing at £8,613 per annum.

Interested persons requiring further details regarding this post can contact Mr Vlad Cucuiu, Pharmacist on telephone no 23500 or email vlad-dorin-cucuiu@sainthelena.gov.sh

Application forms and a job profile, which are available from the Health Directorate should be completed and submitted through Directors where applicable to Mrs Brenda Thomas, Human Resources Officer, Health Directorate or email brenda.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Monday, 17 February 2020.

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3 February 2020
Health Directorate

BOTTOM WOODS WATER NETWORK UPGRADE

Over the last year, Connect Saint Helena Ltd have been carrying out a programme of water network upgrades at Bottom Woods. The Bottom Woods water network was in poor condition, inefficient and had passed its lifespan. As a result there was high water loss and thus a high cost of water production.

This project consists of two phases for a new treated water supply network in Bottom Woods. Phase 1, which consists of replacing the infrastructure in the lower section of the Bottom Woods water network is now complete. Phase 2 will include upgrading the remaining upper Bottom Woods water network.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd saw it as a priority to replace this network in order to provide an adequate, secure, reliable and sustainable water supply to consumers. The installation of fire hydrants at strategic areas for fire security is also part of the installation.

The connecting of consumers from the old to new network will be carried out over the next month. If there is a need to turn off the water at any time, consumers will be informed of this in advance.

The new network is buried, has pressure control and much more robust than the old network. So our Bottom Woods customers should receive a more reliable water supply.

04 February 2020
Sheep owners are reminded to shear their sheep as soon as possible in this hot weather.

It is not acceptable to leave a sheep with an overgrown fleece as they can develop heat stress. There is particular concern over the back ends of sheep being left unshorn. ‘Dagging,’ as it is called, is a routine procedure to reduce the risk of fly strike and urine or faecal scaling on the back ends of sheep. Failure to participate in this routine husbandry activity is a welfare issue and may be seen as an act of cruelty.
PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

REVISED MAP FOR ST HELENA
A revised map for St Helena, to replace the Ordnance Survey map previously produced in 1990, will be out for public consultation between Monday, 20 January, and Friday, 14 February 2020.

If you would like to view this map, please visit the Infrastructure & Transport’s Geographical Information (GIS) Office at Essex House during the above mentioned dates. Any comments or suggestions should be sent to the GIS Office by 4pm on 14 February 2020.

Any enquiries can be directed to GIS Manager, Devlin Yon, on tel: 22270 or via email: devlin.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh.

SHG
14 January 2020
http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh

KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

SKITTLE PRESENTATION
Knock Out Final
Rusty Pistols v Extrac tors
7:30pm Friday 7th February 2020
Followed by presentation of prizes and Live Music by Good Vibez
All Welcome

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

INVITATION TO TENDER

LADDER HILL ROAD CLOSURE
The Highways Authority has given approval for Ladder Hill Road to be closed between 9am and 3pm (Mondays to Fridays) from Monday, 10 February 2020, to Friday, 20 March 2020.

This closure is to allow the installation of rockfall protection measures above Ladder Hill Road.

As normal, only emergency service vehicles will be granted access. Other drivers needing to travel in and out of Jamestown during this time must travel across country via Side Path or Constitution Hill Road.

The public is thanked in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

SHG
4 February 2020
http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS
The public is advised that the constituency meetings originally scheduled to take place throughout February have been postponed until March.

These meetings are an opportunity for members of the public to meet with their Councillors and raise any issues they might have. You are encouraged to attend the meeting in your district.

Constituency meetings will take place on the following dates and times:

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SHG
4 February 2020

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

SHY ROAD CLOSURE
10 FEBRUARY – 20 MARCH 2020
The Highways Authority has given approval for Shy Road to be closed from Monday, 10 February 2020, to Friday, 20 March 2020. This closure is to allow the installation of rockfall protection measures above Shy Road. Shy Road will also be closed to pedestrians and emergency services during this period.

The public is thanked in advance for their continued understanding and cooperation.

SHG
4 February 2020

Invitation to Tender

The Saint Helena Government wishes to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract – Installation of Solar Street Lights

Copies of the tender document can be obtained from Miss Tiffany Lawrence, Procurement Officer, Essex House, Jamestown, Telephone No: 22270 or email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Should you require further details regarding this contract, please contact the Roads Manager, Mr Deon Robbertse, on telephone number 23765 or email roads.manager@helanta.co.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box at Essex House by 12noon on Thursday, 13 February 2020.

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

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VACANCY

TEMPORARY TEACHING ASSISTANT – FIXED-TERM

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to employ suitable persons who enjoys working with young people to join a committed team of teachers within St Pauls Primary School of the Directorate, as a Temporary Teaching Assistant for a fixed-term period of two months in the first instance, starting on or about 01st March 2020.

The purpose of the post is to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. Plan and prepare programmes of work under the direction of the class teacher to cater for the learning needs of groups of pupils and or individuals.

Salary payable will range from Grade TAI – TAZ, ranging from £7,226 to £7,562 per annum.

For further details about the post and a full job description, interested persons can contact Mrs Patricia Williams, Head Teacher St Pauls Primary School on telephone number 24737 or e-mail: Patricia.Williams@primary.edu.sh

Application forms are available from Corporate Human Resources and on the SHG website at: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/vacancies and should be submitted through Directors, where applicable, to Madonna Williams, Head Teacher St Pauls Primary School on telephone number 24737 or e-mail: Madonna.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh by no later than 4pm on Friday 14 February 2020.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, including a medical check and vetting/DBS clearance. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on the application form independently verified.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community regardless of race, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief, and will consider all applications on the basis of merit, in accordance with the person specification. All disabled applicants meeting the minimum criteria listed in the job profile will be guaranteed an interview.

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Tender - Freelander

The St Helena National Trust has for tender a Land Rover Freelander 5 Door 1951cc (2001), sold as seen. Requires a new rocker cover, tyres and minor repairs.

Interested persons can contact Amy-Jayne Dutton on 22307 between 08:30 –16:00 hours, Monday to Friday, or email amy-jayne.dutton@trust.co.sh to arrange viewing and for any further information.

All tenders must be submitted, in writing, to the Director, Broadway House, Jamestown no later than 4pm on 20th February 2020.

Golf Report for Sunday 2nd February

SHGC, Contributed

The Solomon’s sponsored annual golf competition is one of the biggest events on our competition calendar.

Last Sunday 2nd February the first round of the 36 hole strokeplay competition got underway at 12:00. This event attracted 22 golfers. The top 5 finished as shown. There was only one two ball pool winner Mr. Arthur Young.

Final round will be played on Sunday 9th February 2020. Tee off time is 12:00. Plenty of prizes to be won.

Members are reminded that the biggest social event on our club’s calendar The An-nual Dinner Dance will take place on Friday 21st February at 7:30pm. Remember to sign up at the club house. The AGM will take place on Sunday 23rd February 2020 preceded by a 10:00am tee off Texas scramble competition. We wish you all a great weekend…!

I’m very pleased to see some new youth showing interest in rifle shooting, inspired from their archery program. Teaching those similar techniques in the hold, grip, stands & position, aiming, breathing, focus, drawing & arrow release is what helps to make a good target shot.

Saturday morning Tristan Thomas, Laila Clarke and Cheyenne Von-Andrews came to the club to see what shooting was all about. They were surprised and impressed with our club and its facilities.

Tristan shot 88 & 92.3 = 180.3, Laila 78.1 & 89.2 = 167.3, Cheyenne 60.2 & 43 = 103.2. It was pleasing to see all shots entered on the target. Congratulations to our youngsters.

Tuesday 4 February, ’20, was another warm and sticky night for everyone, will see you all again next week.

Results for men on rifle supports were Brainwell with 96.2 points taking 1st place, in 2nd place with 96.1 was lucky Andrew Burt and in 3rd place with 91.2 was Nicky Stevens.

Ladies in full kit have a really good performance. Taking 3rd with 97.4 was Sarah White, in 2nd place with 97.7 and in 1st place with 99.5 Jodie-Scipio Constantine.

Results from the men in full kit, in 3rd place was Mark with 97.5 and another exciting shoot-off will take place between Robin Williams and Patrick Young to determine 1st and 2nd after both scored 99.7.

Goodbye to Sarah and Chris leaving on the weekend flight, we thank them for their friendliness and valuable support to the club and wish them both safe and comfortable travels and success for the future.

Congratulations and well done to everyone, will see you all again next week.

Take care and have a wonderful healthy weekend.

Greetings from Jamestown Rifle Club

Pat Henry, Contributed

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T20 starts at Francis Plain

The RMS T20 Cup got underway in spectacular fashion with the defending champions Royal Challengers taking a stumble after Jamestown Heat came out on top of a low-scoring encounter last Saturday afternoon. Sunday's matches were equally entertaining. In the morning fixture Ross 'Rabbit' Henry blitzed Woodpeckers' bowling attack, leading Allstarz to a comfortable victory. 'Rabbit' smashed 11 6’s and 8 4’s scoring a stunning 106*. He took his team beyond the required target of 122 within 8 overs.

The afternoon match brought a welcome return to form for Western A Mustangs, who successfully chased down 137 to defeat Lions and pick up their first win of the season. See below for a summary of the results...

RMS T20 CRICKET CUP RESULTS (fixtures on page 47)

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| Woodpeckers 122 | Perry Leo 34 | Gary Benjamin 19 |
| David Francis 4/21 | Ross Henry 2/22 |
| Allstarz 127/0 | Ross Henry 106* | Gareth Johnson 8* |
| Performance points | Ross Henry 3, David Francis 2, Gareth Johnson 1 |

| Lions 137 | David Pryce 24 | Kurt Jonas 24 |
| Mark Williams 4/24 | Eddie Duff 3/8 |
| Mustangs 139/5 | Makyle Fuller 32 | Shane Williams 31 |
| Dan Marlow 3/32 | Kurt Jonas 2/30 |
| Performance points | Eddie Duff 3, Mark Williams 2, Dan Marlow 1 |