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Every year, the USA celebrates Martin Luther King Jr. Day, which this year fell on Monday, 15 January. However, whilst acknowledging his amazing work, we should also keep his wife, Coretta Scott King, in mind. Like her husband, she too was a civil rights leader in the 1960s.

When Coretta met her future husband in 1952, they both had an already-established passion for activism. In an interview conducted in 1965, King said that "at many points, [Coretta] educated me" on activism.

"I must say we went down [this path of activism] together, because she was as actively involved when we first met as she is now," King stated.

And Coretta was indeed heavily involved in the movement; in 1965 she raised money for Rosa Parks in Detroit, spoke at a gathering for the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom in Chicago, and was the only woman to speak at an anti-Vietnam War rally in New York in front of more than 15,000 people. This is to name just a few of her achievements.

In that same year, Coretta wrote an article stating: "Women have been the backbone of the whole civil rights movement. Women have... made it possible for the movement to be a mass movement".

Although many men in the movement dismissed Coretta and her involvement, women in the movement looked up to her. Her life was especially admirable to them because she balanced her role in the civil rights movement with her role in the home: she diligently cared for her children and managed her home on a modest budget, as King would put most of his income back into the SCLC, a civil rights agency that he established.

Edwina Smith Moss, a member of the SCLC, commented on Coretta: "Coretta had steel. Coretta had a sense of the movement... She was not the person to break".

Coretta once wrote in an article: "When you decide to give yourself to a great cause, you must arrive at the point where no sacrifice is too great."

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ST HELENA NEWS

A Smashing Update

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Liam Yon, SAMS



A few months back, over the weekend of 28 October, the SAMS building experienced yet another incident of vandalism and criminal damage, during which glass panes on the door to our main studio were smashed.

This wasn't the first time this has happened; being located in the Castle Gardens mean SAMS is often a hotspot for anti-social behaviour on the weekends. However, this time around the damage was worse than ever before, with each and every one of the panes, totalling nine, having been smashed.

A few weeks later, in November, thanks to information received from the community and statements collected by the Royal St Helena Police Service, a young male was arrested and charged to appear before the Magistrates Court.

Two months on, and a few adjournments later, The Sentinel can now confirm that Macoy Williams has been found guilty of the damages to the SAMS building after confessing to his actions.

Macoy attended court on 11 January and was fined £160 and ordered to pay costs of £15 to the courts and £190 compensation for the damages done.

In addition, Macoy is now subject to an Anti Social Behaviour Order, which will see him banned from Lower Jamestown during Friday and Saturday evenings for a two-year period - setting an example that criminal damage will not be taken lightly on St Helena.

Police have confirmed that the SAMS building is still a regular part of their weekend patrols and one Officer reports that he has noticed less youths loitering around the SAMS steps recently.

Hopefully, in 2024, SAMS can remain damage-free!



Hear ye, hear ye!

SHG confirm visit of Prince Edward, The Duke of Edinburgh, next week

Liam Yon, SAMS



After being aware of a potential Royal Visit for a number of months, but unable to publicise due to respecting the obvious security issues surrounding this, The Sentinel can now finally confirm that Prince Edward, The Duke of Edinburgh, will be visiting St Helena next week after SHG released their official Press Release on Monday.

Prince Edward, the youngest sibling of His Majesty King Charles III, and son of the late Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Phillip, will make an official visit to the Island next week between Tuesday, 23, and Friday, 26 January 2024.

"During the visit to St Helena, The Duke of Edinburgh will undertake a series of engagements to celebrate the culture, people, and biodiversity of St Helena," said SHG. "This will include meeting with young people, a range of civil society organisations and business representatives."

In addition, it is planned for The Duke to meet with leaders of the St Helena community, to learn more about the wildlife and conservation efforts underway on St Helena, while he is also keen to meet St Helena's most famous resident, 192-year-old Jonathan the Tortoise, at his home in Plantation.

Something that has also been rumoured is a public holiday to mark the historic and special occasion on the Island. SHG confirmed that this is being considered, with Executive Council set to make the final decision. With that said, HE Governor Nigel Phillips have all but confirmed the public holiday already with his comments on the upcoming Royal Visit.

"We are honoured to welcome His Royal Highness The Duke of Edinburgh to St Helena on a four-day visit," said The Governor. "This promises to be a special occasion, with a public holiday allowing the entire community to join this opportunity to celebrate all that is great about the culture and environment of this remarkable Island."

Prince Edward's visit will be the first royal visit to St Helena since Her Royal Highness, The Princess Royal, Princess Anne, visited over twenty years ago in November 2002. He is also the first Duke of Edinburgh to visit St Helena since his late fether, Prince Phillip, back in the 1950's. The Sentinel, along with the entire community of St Helena, looks forward to welcoming His Royal Highness, The Duke of Edinburgh, next week and we will be providing coverage of his engagements on-Island.

We welcome you Prince Edward.





Introducing "The Northward Sounds"

Popular Radio Presenter, Tony Leo, to Premiere New Show on SAMS Radio 1



Liam Yon, SAMS

Tony Leo is a name renowned on St Helena, especially when it comes to radio. Arguably one of the most popular radio presenters of all time, Tony's career has spanned many decades and he is credited with paving the way for many presenters today, having started out at Radio St Helena where his large following began.

SAMS are proud to announce, that for the first time, Tony will be going out 'live' across the airways on SAMS Radio 1, with his new show "The Northward Sounds" premiering next Wednesday.

"I am cooking up another radio programme, but for a different radio station, as I will soon be premiering a new show on SAMS Radio 1," commented Tony. "On Wednesday, 24 January, I will be taking the air with "The Northward Sounds" – with the programme taking the same format of what I did on St FM. SAMS Radio 1 is situated almost as far North on St Helena as you can go North to the sea in Jamestown, and the SAMS Building was once the home of the 'Wards' family for many years before becoming a radio station, hence the name 'The Northward Sounds' - so follow me if you can."

Tony's distinct style and his unquestionable experience, as well as his many many loyal listeners, will be a welcome boost to SAMS Radio 1 as we continue to develop our product for all our supporters on St Helena and around the world through the SAMS Radio App (available on the Play Store).

"We are very excited to welcome one of St Helena's most popular radio presenters to SAMS Radio 1," commented CEO and Radio Manager for SAMS, Donna Crowie. "I am looking forward to working with Tony once again, and looking forward to his contributions to our airwaves. We hope the listeners of SAMS Radio 1 on-Island and around the world will enjoy what Tony will bring during his weekly shows."

'The Northward Sounds' premieres at 11am on Wednesday, 24 January, on SAMS Radio 1 – tune in, turn up, and enjoy!



Tony explains departure from St FM

Hello and greetings from your Radio Producer and Presenter, Tony Leo.

There is nothing new about changing stations. It happens to many people who are either unhappy where they are, or just want a change. Ever since SAMS came into being some years ago I was invited to join, but I was a loyal subject to St FM at the time, and doing two programmes on two different stations on a voluntary basis was a bit much. However, there was a need for me to move last week when I did because of a number of issues that needed addressing, where I could not convince management that the station needed to operate more professionally.

I passed on some remarks on how more money could be generated for the station by creating proper commercials and not just announcements. I was given a clean cut answer. "Don't tell me, say that to Mike Olsson" - at least listen to what I had to say. I wanted so much to do Tradio (a type of radio talk show format where listeners call in) on my programme. This would have boosted up listenership as I did many years ago at Radio St Helena. St FM had two professional pieces of equipment to do the job but needed installing onto the mixing system. It meant that listeners would ring in to the presenter and they would be on air themselves explaining. The Director told me that no one (meaning radio presenters) would want to use the telephone system in that way and that listeners would not ring in - they did it years ago, and that was the legal way of doing a phone in. There was a third piece of equipment that Jonathan Clingham sent down from UK for Saint FM for a telephone link on air and I wanted to use that because the other professional pieces were not in my reach, so I asked for it to be installed just before Christmas. The Director told me that it was no problem and could be installed in a few minutes. When I went into the station the next time looking if the link was connected and ready to be used, I was told that the Director had removed it and it was no longer in the station, but in his home. After a phone call asking what had happened, I was told that there was a fault and the equipment would not work. I very much doubt if that was the case, so I dropped what I had planned.

I also gave the offer to do a few lectures about radio production and presentation, not only for St FM but for anybody who needed help and assistance in presenting their programmes, or even for new people considering getting involved in radio. The Manager however thought this would not be a good idea as no one would want that kind of training. Emerald Newman-Yon expressed an interest, and is still waiting. In general conversation, my friends kept getting onto me, stating that I trained the manager at Radio St Helena. Yes I did, and she was trained to identify news, collate news, write news in the correct way, capture voice clips and read news at the correct speed of between 120 to 130 words per minute. I did not train for general broadcasting.

Things were not going my way at all for quite a while at St FM, but what really wound me up was the fact that a recording of my Wednesday morning show, due to be broadcast the following day at 5pm, had been lost somewhere. I never did ask for that programme to be recorded. That request, according to the Manager, came from listeners - hence the reason for it being recorded and re-broadcast the following day when folks could listen after work. When the recorded programme was not played, no one from St FM had the decency to phone me and say that the programme had been lost or to give an apology. There was nothing at all from them, so really the programme did not matter at all. I was startled when the recorded programme did not take the air because for quite a number of weeks, listeners overseas who grabbed the programme from the internet found it to be very distorted and there were drop outs in the interviews. Apparently, two people overseas were doing an analysis of the reception on the internet because many people had this reception problem and contacted the webmaster. There was nothing I could do as that part is always left to the station staff to record and tailor the programme for the repeat. Apparently the Manager told listeners on air that she was interested in having a good reception for local listeners and not those overseas. Radio listeners will have heard on air the Manager saying that someone had been adjusting the switches on the mixing panel and changing cables. These are not the things you say on air - all these are in-house concerns. If you have another job to do, then do it, don't tell a listener, just get along and do what you have to do - be professional, and people will like you for that. Everyone knows that each presenter is different in voice and in operating, so changes must be made from person to person. The rule is 'Always check your equipment before you commence your show' - this is what all presenters should do. It is a one of the golden rules in broadcasting.

I am not a professional, but I was trained to do what I do and I try to be as professional as I can be in anything I do in radio. I have a vast knowledge of many techniques in radio. Sometime, when I have time, I will tell you where I have been and what I have done in my career as a certified radio presenter.

Now you are more informed as to why I suddenly left Saint FM.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
21st January
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 23rd January
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 25th January
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Outreach Service
Sunday 28th January
Blue Hill Community Centre 3.00 pm

Preparing to convey results

Connect give update on Grid Impact Assessment



Liam Yon, SAMS



Back in August 2022, Connect St Helena Ltd released 'Interim Guidelines for Connection of Private PV Systems to the Electricity Grid' and subsequently announced that they would be undertaking a Grid Impact Assessment to find out more on what impact the installation of private photovoltaic systems would have on the electricity grid. During this time, a temporary freeze on the installation of private PV systems was brought into force.

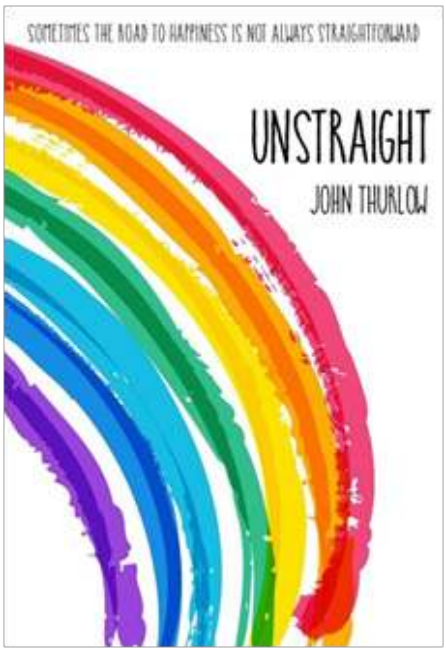
Later, in February 2023, Connect advised that the Grid Impact Assessment was "progressing well", though more time was needed, and therefore the assessment timeline was extended. As such, the temporary freeze on private PV installations was also extended.

Now that we have entered 2024, The Sentinel contacted Connect for an update on the Grid Impact Assessment. CEO of Connect, Janet Lawrence, replied with a very brief update on the situation, stating that "the Grid Impact Assessment continues to be led by Connect Saint Helena Ltd. Connect is starting to work our way through the list of private PV owners and those that have pending systems to convey the results. We will then convey the findings into the public domain."

The Sentinel has pushed for more details regarding the assessment, and Connect has since informed that they are preparing communications around the assessment to update the public and The Sentinel in due course.

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



Unstraight by John Thurlow

David Sterling lives the suburban life. He has been married to Carrie for fourteen years and they have two daughters. To the onlooker, life behind the Sterling's picket fence looks perfect, and in many ways it is - save for the fact that David carries a burdensome secret, one that he has guarded well since he was a teenager. David's life is unravelling and he cannot carry the burden any longer. To make peace with himself and his world, it is time to tell the truth, a gamble that may lose him all that is precious. But he needs to be released from the shame, the guilt, and the fear. In the pain and hurt of the aftermath, this deeply personal journey is driven by David's desire to hold on to those he loves, while at the same time revealing who he really is to them and the world.

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"We are Honoured"

MACS will "work very hard" to meet "expectations of all" says Line Manager of new St Helena Shipping Service



Liam Yon, SAMS

Since SHG announced that St Helena's future shipping needs would be provided for by new service provider, MACS Maritime Carrier Shipping (Pty) Ltd, the new company have released their sailing schedule with freight vessel, MV Karoline, set to arrive to St Helena for the first time on 13 March, and then every month thereafter, upping the frequency of visits when compared to the interim service by Meihuizen International.



Since then, The Sentinel have heard from MACS, who say they are "honoured to have been awarded the Ocean Freight Services Agreement with Saint Helena Government" adding that they "will work very hard in order to make sure that our service will meet the expectations of all parties concerned."

MACS also wished to make it clear that the service they are offering will be done solely by them without the use of any property from third parties.

"All assets required to make this work – ships and containers alike – are 100% under our control either through direct ownership or long-term lease agreements, giving us flexibility to adapt to the requirements of the Island without having to consult third parties," they explained.

This is positive news as there were occasions during the interim service where certain goods could not be shipped to the Island due to issues concerning third parties and incorrect documentation.

One of the questions with regard to the new service is whether there will still be a link to Ascension Island, as has been the case since the days of the RMS St Helena. "We are currently negotiating to extend the new service to Ascension and would be delighted to be of service to that Island too," responded MACS.

Again, this is welcome news to the communities of both St Helena and Ascension, and The Sentinel have reached out to AIG to see what progress is being made on this.

With the contract signed and the schedule released, Line Manager for the new St Helena Service from MACS, Marc Sohst, will be travelling to St Helena on 27 January to have meetings with relevant stakeholders including Port Control, Service Providers, freight agents and receivers. Marc said he is looking forward to his first visit and having fruitful discussions with all concerned parties.



Weighing Up Options

AIG considering shipping options as MACS to begin new St Helena Service

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena is set to embark on a new shipping journey, with newly announced service provider MACS starting soon with voyage one of the MV Karoline arriving to the Island in March.

Through communication with The Sentinel, MACS have confirmed their willingness to also extend their service offerings to Ascension Island, and say negotiations in this regard are underway with AIG.

Prior to the festive break on Ascension, a formal meeting of the Island Council took place in the Courthouse, where shipping was discussed.

At the meeting, Acting Director of Resources, Catherine Leo, provided an update, where she explained that negotiations between AIG and MACS/ Meihuizen were asked to be put on hold by SHG until agreements this side had been finalised.

It was also ascertained that out of the £132,000 that was allocated to subsidise three visits of the MV Maria da Paz to Ascension, only £112,000 was spent, leaving AIG with a £20,000 under spend – which they said, along with other savings made, could potentially support a fourth visit of Meihuizen's Maria da Paz to Ascension before the end of the financial year. At the time, it was said Councillors would be written to, to seek a recommendation in this regard.

The Acting Director of Resources did indicate at the meeting that early stage negotiations between AIG and MACS had begun. Administrator, Simon Minshull, further explained that discussions regarding the frequency of voyages, when they will start, and the costs associated were ongoing.

At the time, it was considered that Ascension had two options for shipping. One was to negotiate a fourth visit of the MV Maria da Paz to the Island before the end of March, and another was to have no fourth voyage of the Maria, and to instead hold out until the first voyage of the MACS service, pending a successful outcome of negotiations. The Attorney General felt it important to note the reliable reputation of MACS, who have their own marine vessels, as opposed to Meihuizen who experienced reliability issues due to the need to charter vessels that were often used elsewhere in between voyages to St Helena.

It should be made clear that these discussions at the Council Meeting took place prior to MACS releasing their shipping schedule for St Helena, which we know now, will be a monthly visit starting March this year.

The Sentinel are awaiting confirmation from AIG on which option, if any, has been chosen to provide shipping to Ascension, though there is a feeling that a positive outcome to negotiations between AIG and MACS is expected soon.



Retracing the path of Darwin

DARWIN200 project passes Falklands and will stop at St Helena



Hannah Braaf, SAMS

The DARWIN200 project has recently passed the Falkland Islands in its mission to retrace the path of Charles Darwin and the HMS Beagle, spreading awareness and trying to build towards a more sustainable future.

Last week, tallship Oosterschelde, which houses this travelling project, passed the Falkland Islands, where eight soldiers from the British Parachute Regiment joined in on the voyage for one week.

The Parachute Regiment posted on Twitter, calling this a "once in a lifetime opportunity to join the #Darwin200 Project", and credited the charity organisation, Support Our Paras, for facilitating this.

In 1831, Charles Darwin boarded the HMS Beagles in Plymouth, England, setting sail on a five-year-long global journey, offering world-shifting insights as a naturalist, geologist and biologist.

In a kind of continuation to Darwin's work, the DARWIN200 project supports eight research projects into globally significant environmental issues as it follows Darwin's voyage in the Oosterschelde. DARWIN200 set sail in August 2023 from Plymouth, UK, stopping in every major port that Darwin did and making 50 week-long stays during the voyage, with the intention to "engage worldwide audiences and advance global conservation", according to DARWIN200's website.

Oosterschelde is a three mast historical tallship, restored in the Netherlands and registered by the Dutch Government as a cultural and historical monument. It is the first commercial tallship to sail to the North and South Pole and successfully take on the perilous waters of Cape Horn, and plans to do so again.

The tallship is both a "laboratory and media platform" for DARWIN200, as described by the project's website.

As St Helena was one of Charles Darwin's stops, DARWIN200 plans on visiting the Island. Leg 29 of DARWIN200's voyage is a 12-day trip from Cape Town to St Helena, with Leg 30 being a 7-day trip from St Helena to Ascension Island. DARWIN200 will consist of a total of 32 legs.

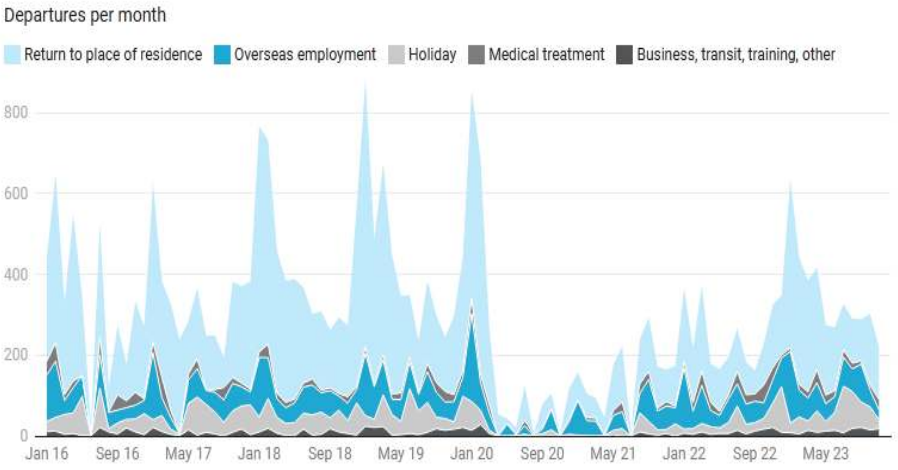
DARWIN200's projections show Oosterschelde arriving to St Helena on 10 April 2025.

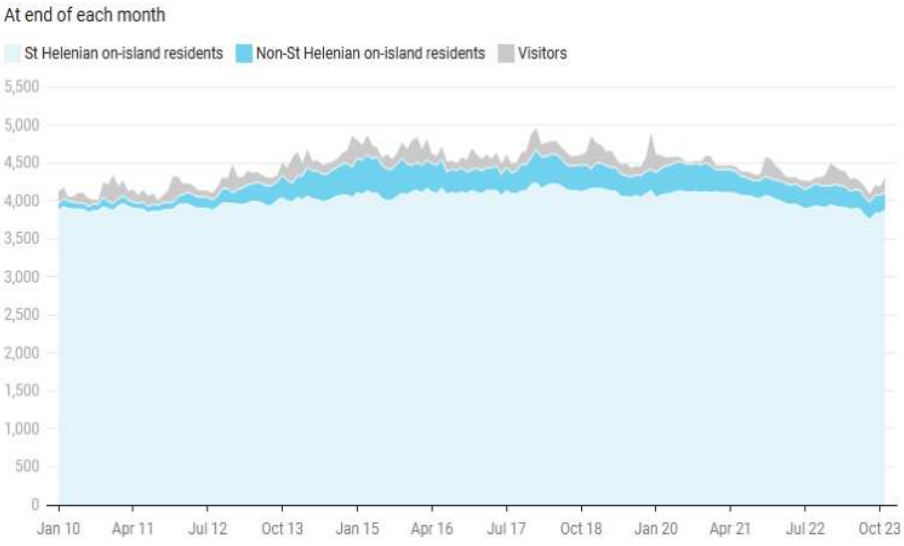


Island Statistics for November

St Helena's arrivals, departures and population estimates







Hannah Braaf, SAMS

On Wednesday, 10 January, SHG published a statistical update on their website, documenting recent arrivals and departures to the Island, as well as population estimates.

In November 2023, the Island saw a total of 332 arrivals and approximately 221 departures. 315 people arrived via flight, with 175 visiting for leisure. Within this figure, 70 were non-Saints and 105 were Saints returning to visit. Out of the 221 departures, 204 left via flight.

Within the larger period of January to November 2023, a total of 3,696 people arrived to St Helena, which is 1,228 more than in this timeframe for 2022; a near 50% increase. Out of the 3,696, those visiting for leisure equalled 1,613.

January to November 2023 saw 3,847 departures, 1,192 more than in this timeframe in 2022; this is a 45% increase in departures.

This increased mobility is no doubt due to recovering from the pandemic and growing accustomed to living with COVID-19.

By the end of November '23, approximately 4,293 people were on-Island, an increase of 109 people from the end of October '23. Approximately 4,104 of these were residents. Although this is 30 more residents than the end of October, the end of November 2022 saw 92 more residents.

Another comparison between November 2022 and November 2023 shows that the number of resident children aged 0 to 14 years has fallen by 42 and the number of working-age residents aged 15 to 64 years has also fallen by 73. On the other hand, the population 65 years of age and over has seen an increase of 23.

This means that the Old Age Dependency Ratio - the number of those 65 and over compared to those of working age - was approximately 46.5 at the end of November '23. This has increased since November '22, when this ratio sat at 44.2.

"Our case was substantive"

South Africa presents "substantive" Genocide case against Israel to International Court of Justice, though Israel allies say case is "meritless, counterproductive, and completely without any basis in fact"

Hannah Braaf, SAMS



For a century now, there has been conflict between Arab Palestinians and Israelis, beginning with their fight for territory in Palestine. Finally, in 1948 Jewish leaders established the state of Israel, intended to be a homeland for Jews. At this point, conflict had been building up for months and after Israel was declared, five Arab countries attacked.

At the time of the ceasefire the following year, Israel had control over most of the territory.

There was no peace agreement, and wars and fighting continued.

In a war in 1967, Israel gained even more power, now governing most of Palestine, forcing refugees into Gaza and the West Bank, as well as neighbouring countries.

Israel occupied Gaza in the '67 war until 2005 and still has control over Gaza's airspace, border and shoreline.

Peace talks have been held intermittently from the 1990s to the 2010s, however violence still occurred during this time. During this period, the State of Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) were finally recognised on both sides.

However, the Israeli forces still acted to occupy Palestinian territories and a Palestinian militant group, Hamas, sent suicide bombers to Israel.

Gaza is now ruled by this Islamist, anti-Israel group Hamas, defined by the UK and others as a terrorist organisation. Following Hamas winning the last Palestinian election in 2006, they took control of Gaza.

It is important to clarify that the Hamas militants and Israeli forces are separate from the populations of ordinary Palestinian and Israeli people.

2023 was the start of a devastating conflict between Israel and Hamas, affecting Palestinian and Israeli citizens alike.

Last week, South Africa presented a case of genocide against Israel at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) in the Hague, Netherlands.

Resulted was two-day hearing at ICJ, during which South African lawyers lay out a case stating that Israel's treatment of Gaza during this conflict was, in fact, genocide.

South Africa's Finance Minister, Enoch Godongwana, stated that this case has "global support"

"Supporters of Israel of course, including the UK, will say our application is nonsense, but there is global support for our view that in fact, our case was substantive and we have argued our case," Godongwana stated.

Among those countries in support of South Africa's action are Turkey, Jordan, Brazil, Colombia, Bolivia, Pakistan and Malaysia.

Godongwana did agree that Israel had to respond to the Hamas attacks, but described their response as "disproportionate". Illustrating this point, since this war began, it is estimated that more than 23,000 have been killed.

Israel, on the other hand, claimed to be merely defending itself, as Hamas militants attacked unexpectedly on October 7, sparking the conflict, killing around 1,200 people and taking 250 hostages.

Israel's allies also had something to contribute, with US White House National Security spokesperson, John Kirby, describing South Africa's case as "meritless, counterproductive, and completely without any basis in fact whatsoever."

One of South Africa's lawyers, Adila Hassim, laid out the five main 'genocidal acts' committed by Israel.

1. Mass killings of Palestinians: Hassim showed the court photos of mass graves and used the destruction caused by Israel's 2000-pound bombs as evidence. She added that no one has been spared and more than 1,800 families have lost family members, often more than one.

2. Bodily and mental harm: Close to 60,000 have been maimed, most of which are women and children. Hassim also pointed out that the health system has collapsed. Hassim also pointed out the arrests of large numbers of Palestinians who were undressed and loaded onto trucks, headed to unknown locations.

3. Food displacement and food blockade: Israel has deliberately denied Palestians in Gaza food, shelter, clothes and bedding, among other items, and many may die from hunger and disease.

4. Destruction of the healthcare system

5. Preventing Palestinian births: Hassim pointed out that Israel is denying Palestinians treatment essential to delivering babies.

Although this case will probably be ongoing for years, ICJ is considering short-term measures, like ordering Israel to suspend military operations.





You got this Kai!

Huge support on-Island and afar for young Kai as he fights Leukaemia

As reported a few weeks ago, five-year old Saint, Kai Benjamin, has been diagnosed and is currently being treated for Leukaemia in Johannesburg.

To support Kai and his family, the Parent Teacher Association of St Paul's Primary School started an appeal to raise funds to help with his treatment and other costs.

This appeal has really taken off and there has been huge support coming in from locals here on Island, as well as Saints and friends of St Helena abroad.

Afternoon Walk



On Wednesday, 10 January, local resident, Barbara Osborne, held a walk with the aim of raising money for Kai. In a show of overwhelming support, just short of 80 people partook in the walk, with the majority dressed in the leukaemia colour of orange.

The walk started from New Ground Point, and proceeded through various areas of St Paul's before ending off where they started at New Ground. Altogether, the event brought in £560 which will go a long way in supporting Kai and his family at this difficult time.

"I was very pleased with the number of people who attended the event and how much money was raised, and I would like just like to take this opportunity to say a huge thanks to all those who took part in the walk and who helped in anyway," commented Barbara.

Dance for Kai



On Friday, 12 January, the Guinea Grass Community Centre hosted a fundraiser starting from 4pm. The event consisted of friendly skittles matches and, of course, the popular 'Just Dance' organisers were there to keeping people moving and grooving on the dance floor. During the event, hot food and bar facilities were available for those who wanted refreshments. Total attendance and the amount raised is not yet known, but reports suggest that a lot of support was once again shown on the night.

"Thank you to our awesome team who made this night happen, a big thank you also to all those who came and supported Kai, you people all have a good heart," commented one of the organisers, Julie Fowler.

Moonlight Walk and Dance





On Ascension Island, on the evening of Saturday, 13 January, Samantha Arms-Lawrence held a fancy dress moonlight walk and dance to raise funds on Ascension. The walk started

at 7.30pm from the Volcano Club and ended at the Georgetown Square. During the event, fish meals and bar facilities were available and entrance fee for the walk for adults was £5 and for Children under 16, £2.

All takings from the walk and meals have been donated to Kai and his family, totalling an impressive £1450.94.

"To all that came and did the walk in support of Kai, thank you! It was amazing to see so many people come to show love for Kai and his family, it's times like these when kindness, generosity and togetherness goes along way," commented Samantha. "I myself would like to take this opportunity to give a big thanks to RAF, Chandlery, Glamour, DJ Shadz and the Saints Club for their generous donations for Kai."

Friends from Afar

To help Kai through his days and keep him entertained as he receives







treatment at the hospital, Susan Knipe decided that Kai could make some new friends and introduced him to Joey (a grey elephant) and Laura (a white unicorn).

Kai thinks that being in hospital can be a bit boring, so it is Joey and Laura's mission to go on little adventures, take pictures as they go, uploading them to social media with the hashtags #teamkaib #kaibandfriends #joeyandkaib, so that Kai can follow them on adventures whilst he's in the hospital, keeping him entertained.

After all their adventures are completed, Laura and Joey will travel to St Helena to meet with Kai after his treatment has been completed.

Susan has also been selling Team Kai key rings in the Falkland Islands and has raised over £600 already.

Further updates on other fundraisers for Kai will be followed up in next week's The Sentinel.

The Institution of Fr Griffith Moses as the new Vicar of St James' Parish



Eleven months after Fr Ernest Fritz returned to Cape Town, Fr Griffith Moses was instituted as the new Vicar of St James Parish. Fr Griffith Moses and his wife Opal arrived on Saturday, 13 January 2024. For those eleven months, Deacon Clarence Roberts looked after the parish of St James.

On Sunday, 14 January, 7pm at St James' Church, parishioners of St James' Parish along with parishioners from St Matthew's Parish, St Paul's Parish and St Mary's Parish, Ascension Island, gathered for the Sung Eucharist and the Institution of Fr Griffith Moses as the new Vicar.

The congregation was about seventy people. Bishop Dale Bowers presided at the service and welcomed all present for this very significant moment in the life of the parish. Church Warden, Mr. David Harding, read the First Lesson - the calling of the boy Samuel and lead the responsorial Psalm. Fr Ronnie Allwright read the Second Lesson from the 1st letter to the Corinthians, where St Paul's reminds his readers that the human body is not to be abused but is the temple of the Holy Spirit and should be used with respect and dignity. Deacon Bobby Crowie read the Gospel - the calling of the apostle Philip. Bishop Dale preached where he focused on the theme of God's blessing used during the season of Epiphany "May Christ, the Son of God be manifest in you that your lives may be a light to the world.'', preaching that tonight is more than just Fr Griffith committing himself to God's mission in this parish, but the same way where God called Samuel to do His work and Phillip, Andrew, Peter and Nathanael to carrying on the mission of bringing the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Saviour of humanity, to all people, all members of the parish of St James are also called to commit themselves to carry that mission to all people. Each and every one of us are called tonight to re commit ourselves to God's mission. He then explained this mission by preaching on the five marks of mission: to Tell the Good News to all people, to Teach the Good News to all people, to Tend to the needs of the needy members of our society, to Transform the unjust structures of society and to Treasurer the creation by living lives of good stewardship and advocating for change against exploitation of the creation. Tonight, Fr Griffith and all of us are recommitting ourselves to God's mission to restore a broken world, so that Christ, the Son of God may be manifest in you so that your lives may be a light to the world.

This was followed by the institution of Fr Griffith where he, and those present, verbally committed to God's mission by striving to baptize all who are unbaptised, committing to lives of prayer, proclaiming the word of God, preaching and hearing and applying what is preached to one's life and the frequent celebration of the Holy Communion. Fr Griffith then took the Oath of Canonical Obedience to the Office of the Bishop, followed by the Declaration and subscribing to the Pastoral Standards of the Anglican Church of Southern Africa. The Oath and Declaration were signed by Fr Griffith, Bishop Dale and witnessed by the Diocesan Registrar, Mrs Ivy Ellick. Bishop Dale then licensed Fr Griffith as the Vicar of St James' Parish. Church Warden, Mrs Marjorie Harding, then welcomed Fr Griffith on behalf of the parishioners of the Parish and handed him the Parish Roll and the Key to St James' Church. Fr Ronnie welcomed him on behalf of the clergy of the Diocese and Fr David Musgrave of the Roman Catholic Church welcomed him on behalf of the other Denominations and Faith Communities of St Helena. Bishop Dale then offered up prayers for Fr Griffith and his wife Opal. Fr Griffith then gave a response thanking everyone and looking forward to growing together in the likeness of Jesus Christ. The service resumed with the Peace and the celebration of the Eucharist, with both Fr Griffith and Fr Ronnie concelebrating the Eucharist with Bishop Dale.

The service was followed with refreshments and fellowship, where all had the opportunity to meet and greet Fr Griffith and Mrs. Opal Moses. Bishop Dale would like to thank all for their ministry within the service and Church Wardens Mr David and Mrs Marjorie Harding and the members of the PCC and Parish who helped with all the arrangements.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

SAMS Radio 1

102.7 (Jamestown) • 90.5 (High Knoll) • 105.1 (Sunberry) • 105.3 (Blue Hill)
Streaming live via www.sams.sh/radio.html

FRI. Jan 19
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 2pm: Our Show
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam

SAT. Jan 20
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 8pm: Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

SUN. Jan 21
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm: Interveiw Hour
- 3-4pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm : In Scope
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service

MON. Jan 22
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 2pm-4pm:DNA with Deon and Anita

TUE. Jan 23
- 7am-9am- Morning Show with Donna
- 9am- 11am: Midmorning Show with Demy
- 5-7pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Life is Still Beautiful

WED. Jan 24
- 7am: Sunrise Show with Deon
- 9-11am: Our Show
- 11am-1pm: The Northward sounds with Tony Leo
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm- Mixed Tape Show with Hannah Braaf

THU. Jan 25
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke and Liam
- 11am: Midday show with Hannah Braaf
- 1pm : Afternoon show with Demy Herne
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie

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Featured this Week





SAMS is pleased to announce the arrival of a new show on SAMS Radio 1.

"The Northward Sounds"

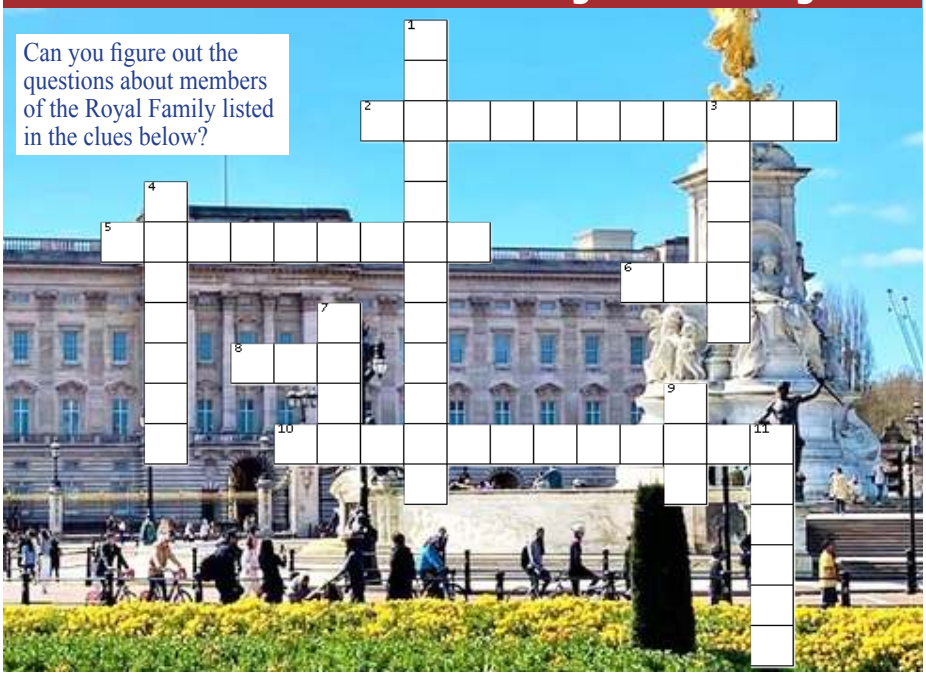
Why not join Tony Leo on Wednesday's from 11am for a two-hour show filled with great music, interviews, fun facts and loads more.

Repeated on Saturday's from 1pm, only on SAMS Radio 1

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

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

Crossword: The Royal Family



Can you figure out the questions about members of the Royal Family listed in the clues below?

ACROSS

2. Who is the current Monarch?
5. In which month did the late Queen Elizabeth II sadly pass away?
6. How many sons does King Charles III have?
8. How many birthdays did Queen Elizabeth II have in a year?
10. Who is the Duke of Edinburgh?

DOWN

1. Who is King Charles III's only sister?
3. In what city is Buckingham Palace located?
4. How many years did Queen Elizabeth II reign?
7. How many children did the late Queen Elizabeth II have?
9. In what month was King Charles III's coronation?
11. What was the name of the Princess who was King Charles first wife?

Famous Birthday on 18 Jan



PEP GUARDIOLA (52)

Sentinel Joke of the day

Teacher: How much is a gram?
Tyronne: Uhmm, depends on what you need

Rebus Puzzle: *Figure out the phrase*





Man stranded at sea in New Zealand rescued after using watch to reflect sun



A man who spent nearly 24 hours at sea in New Zealand alerted his rescuers by using his watch to reflect the sun.

Police said it was an "absolute miracle" the man - who has not been named - is alive after he fell overboard from his 40-foot (12-metre) boat while on a solo fishing trip on Tuesday.

He said the boat overturned after he hooked a suspected marlin fish.

The man endured a cold night in the ocean, and even came face to face with a shark who had come to "have a sniff", police said.

He had attempted to swim 55km to the Alderman Islands off the northeast of New Zealand, but quickly became exhausted and kept getting dragged further away by currents.

The man was eventually rescued after three fishermen - named by police as Taylor, Mike and James - decided to investigate after noticing an unusual reflection on the water.

They discovered it was the man desperately trying to get their attention using the reflection of the sun on his watch.

The man's first words as he was rescued were: "Glad to see you", one of the fishermen told the New Zealand Herald.

"It is an absolute miracle the fisherman is still alive after the ordeal. Without the quick actions of the three gentlemen that retrieved him, this certainly would have had a tragic outcome," police said.

Last week's Crossword Answers

New,new,new

ACROSS
3. Newborn
6. Newcastle
8. Newspaper
9. Isaac Newton
10. New York
11. Knew
12. Newlyweds

DOWN
1. Newt
2. New Ground
4. Renewable
5. New Look
6. New World Order
7. Renewed
8. New Balance

Rebus Answers:

1.Happy Hour; You are in trouble

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Minister for SS&HA, Jeffrey Ellick, had Derek Henry (Head of Infrastructure and Strategies), Deon Robbertse (Roads and Building Maintenance Manager) and Theron Henry (Building Manager) as his guests on the latest In Scope to give listeners an overview on one of the recently added functions to the portfolio - the Buildings Maintenance Section.

St Helena Government has a portfolio of approximately 533 buildings and structural assets which are maintained by The Building Maintenance Section. These buildings are physical assets which need to be properly maintained to ensure they continue to function as effectively and efficiently as possible in supporting the delivery of a wide range of services. The Building Maintenance Section follows the building maintenance policy and strategy which was approved in 2022. In addition to these 533 buildings and structures there are another 1000+ structures on island recorded in the Historic Environment Record (HER) database. These additional structures are not the responsibility of the Infrastructure to maintain as they do not form part of the policy and cannot be maintained due to budget limitations.

All 533 assets are divided into categories (S1 to S5) or a service rating on the grounds of their priority. S1 structures provide core services and are critical or high profile assets that need to be in the best possible condition. An example of an S1 structures are the hospital, schools and care facilities. S2 category structures are core service structures that need to be in an operationally and aesthetically good condition, for example, the Castle and other SHG office buildings. Government Landlord Housing and Chief Secretary Houses fall into category S3 and represent structures that provide a core service and need to be in a reasonable condition. S4 will be non-core service operational buildings whose condition needs to meet only the minimum operational and statutory requirements, like the sheds on the wharf. Non-core, non-operational buildings needing the minimum requirements will fall under the S5 category.

There are 25 staff members in the Building Maintenance Section who are responsible for the maintenance of all of these 533 assets. These include Building Manager, Theron Henry, Superintendent of Works, Gibby Young, Job Costing Officer and store keeper, Ashley Leo, Foreman of works, Rex Young and a team of carpenters, painters, decorators, as well as masons to do the block and building works. The section also has a team of plumbers, headed by Leroy Plato, and an electrical section, headed by Anders Bowers. The average age of the team is 50 years old. The whole team is multi-skilled and can help wherever needed. The team works together well and they support each other.

The approved budget for the team for 2023/24 is £588k per annum. This is split into salaries (£241k), supplies and services (£96k- of which £82k is only for material), £46k is earmarked for capital expenditure and £103k is allocated for contracts. The rest of the budget is for recharges, admin costs and property costs. All work to Government Landlord Housing and Chief Secretary Housing are done on a cost neutral basis with separate invoices created for all work done in this regard.

After Theron was promoted, there was a vacancy for an Assistant Buildings Maintenance Manager with the main responsibility of facilitating and implementing of the contracts budget line. The recruitment process was unfortunately unsuccessful and this caused the section to restructure this role and employ an administrative assistant who will be able to support Theron. This will free up some time for him to handle the contracts while the admin assistant will handle paperwork for the operations side. It is hoped that this position will be filled soon.

Some contracts that have been completed are the plumbing contract at Harford Primary School. Ongoing contracts include the rewiring at Longwood clinic, the fire alarm contract at Scotland Offices, repairs to the office floors of the general hospital and the cleaning and painting contracts of the bus shelters. The section has also procured roof sheeting for the CCC and Cape Villa. The work on the replacement of the roofs will fall into the new financial year and will probably utilise the services of external contractors. These local private contractors have to go through a tender process before contracts will be awarded. If the maintenance work needed is a big contract that will take a longer time and require a lot of people, it is more efficient to contract an external contractor. If the whole Maintenance team is involved in doing a single big contract, the day-to-day maintenance will fall behind schedule.

As with all SHG sections, budget is the biggest constraint. The workload far outweighs the available staff and materials. It is a very difficult balancing act to address the highest priorities, but the team try to do the best they can within the constraints and maintaining a positive outlook. At the moment the majority of the work is reactive maintenance, where a problem is reported, logged, prioritised and added to the work schedule of the teams. All materials and work is logged onto the database. The data collected can then be used in the future to affect some efficiencies when material is ordered. In the long run, the proposal is to employ a building condition inspector who will be able to assess all assets, and prioritise and identify potential issues. Only if this is in place can the team move away from mainly reactive work to start working pro-actively. This will also enable the team to have a planned maintenance program in place. With a planned maintenance program in place, it will also impact the reactive maintenance over time. The recent implementation of the policy has helped to plan the maintenance schedule as work gets strictly prioritised in line with the building service ratings and the availability of resources.

Deon said that he is very proud to work with the Building Maintenance team and that they are a small but dedicated team who work together well to find creative solutions to do as much as possible with the limited budget and staff available to them. Jeff also commended the works sections (Roads, Rock Guards and Building Maintenance) for their positive can-do approach, where they innovate and diversify skills to get the job done in spite of constraints.

Prohibited Airspace:

St Helena Island

24 to 25 January 2024



During 24 - 25 January 2024 all drone flying on island will be prohibited , this is an official international notification to all airmen " NOTAM - is a notice filed with an aviation authority to alert aircraft pilots (Including drone pilots) of potential hazards along a flight route or at a location that could affect the flight. NOTAMs are notices or advisories that contain information concerning the establishment, conditions or change in any aeronautical facility, service, procedure or hazard, the timely knowledge of which may be essential to personnel and systems concerned with flight operations.

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E)DRONE FLY IS PROHIBITED IN THE ENTIRE ISLAND.
F)GND G)FL195)

Anyone observed breaching the prohibited airspace to be reported to 999 and provide location and time.

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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

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We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Pest Control Operator (£7,341 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Georgina Young on Tel No. 22713**
Closing date: **23 January 2024**

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

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

Enquiries: **Shayla Ellick on Tel No. 24724**
Closing date: **23 January 2024**

Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary) (£5.00 per hour) 18 years +

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team. The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on Tel No. 25052**
Closing date: **25 January 2024**

Benefits

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

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

Applications should be submitted to the Human Resources Officer by email recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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

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

Join us!

We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Teacher (St Paul's Primary)
(£11,035 – 18,508 per annum)

Are you passionate about teaching? We are looking to recruit A Teacher is responsible for the planning, preparing and effective delivering of programmes of study in English to designated class(es) to cater for all abilities of pupils/students. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Patricia Williams on 24737

Closing date: 01 February 2024

Auxiliary Worker (St Paul's Primary)
(£6,643 per annum)

The Education & Employment Directorate is seeking to recruit a suitably qualified person to fill the post of Auxiliary Worker at St Paul's Primary School. The post holder will be responsible for the supervision of pupils before and after school, during mid-morning and lunch periods and to accompany and supervise nursery pupils being transported home at mid-day. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Patricia Williams on 24737

Closing date: 01 February 2024

Benefits

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

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

Register transport, taxi and car hire businesses

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St Helena Tourism is gearing up for the summer season 2024 and anticipates an increase in tourist arrivals. This also includes cruise ship visits.

Transport service providers are invited to register their business with the Tourist Office. Businesses that are registered will have their services promoted over those that are not.

Transport, taxi and car hire businesses are asked to provide the following information:

- Type of business - e.g. taxi, hire car, bus, etc
- Full contact details – name, business name, phone number and email address
- Number of vehicles
- Type of vehicle and number of seats
- Charges / rates / fees for services

To register your business please contact the Tourist Office on telephone 22158 or email xola.faas@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

INVITATION TO TENDER

The St Helena National Trust would like to invite suitably experienced boat operators to submit tenders for the following contract:
Conducting Bone shark research and data collection in St Helena's Marine Protected Area, during the 2024/25 Bone shark season (Jan-March).

Only tenders from Accredited Marine Tour Operators will be considered, as per St Helena Research Institute Licence conditions.
Tenders should consider the following:

- Boat trips from Jamestown Wharf to Bone shark aggregation sites around the Island, within coastal waters. These sites include (but are not limited to): Barn Cap, Barn Ledge, Flagstaff Bay, Egg Island, Speery Island Cap, George Island and certain windward sites;
- Anticipated start date: **January 2024** *(depending on sightings);*
- Anticipated end date: **31 March 2024** *(contract may be extended depending on continued sightings);*
- Anticipated frequency of 2 to 3 trips per week (sightings dependent); Quotes required for both **half day** *(3 to 4 hours)* and **full day** trips *(6 to 7 hours);*

For further details please contact the Trust Marine Team on *22569* or email *kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh*

Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope addressed to the Office Manager, Amanda Constantine, by no later than 16:00hrs on Wednesday, 24th January 2024.

Thank You

The family of The Late Gerald Warren Plato would like to thank all who attended the funeral, sent cards and condolences via telephone calls, emails and Facebook messages. Your love and support at this difficult time is very much appreciated.

Special thanks are sent to Bishop Dale for conducting the funeral service, Ms Ivy Ellick for playing the organ, Mrs Marjorie Harding for the Bible Reading and Envoy Coral Yon for reading the Eulogy and messages.

To Roy Williams and his team; to Kim, Shana and Sophia for the wreaths, and Solomon & Company for printing the service sheets. Lastly we would like to thank all the doctors and nurses who cared for Gerry while he was in hospital.

Gone from our lives; but his precious memory will live in our hearts forever. May he rest in peace.

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Vacancy

Baker

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £12,024 per annum (£1,002 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Bakery for a Baker.

As the Baker you will be required to carry out duties related to the production and packaging of high-quality Artisan and Bread products and to ensure agreed production is met in adherence to agreed quality standards and to deputise in the absence of the Bakery Foreman.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess 2-3 years proven experience as a Baker in the preparation & production of Artisan Bread and Bread Products
- Possess a qualification or professional competence in bread production
- Have knowledge in the use of operating production equipment
- Be self-motivated, organized and innovative and able to motivate and lead the team
- Have experience in development of new bread products
- Have certification in RSPH Level 3 Award in Supervising Food Safety in Catering or equivalent
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE English & Maths, or equivalent
- Be able to achieve the delivery of commercial scale production plans
- Be able to identify procurement requirements to support production plans
- Possess excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Be able to work unsocial hours and undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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

Miss Daryl Legg, General Manager (Productions) via 22380 gm-productions@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by 23 January 2024.

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

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

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Festival of Walking

Walk of the Week

LEMON VALLEY
ST HELENA NATURE CONSERVATION GROUP

Date: Saturday, 20 January 2024
Start Time: 9:30am

Meeting point: Rosemary Plain

Led by Adam Sizeland, Director of the Museum of St Helena, who will give insight into the historic landscape of Lemon Valley and its significance to the islands history. The walk descends into the valley, past historic farmhouses, graveyards and fortifications. Discover how Lemon Valley played a role in St Helena's early East India Company history, it's importance as a quarantine station for the sick and how it became the first depot for receiving the Liberated African's.

Walk grade: Post Box Walk. families (suitable for children 8 years +). Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, bring lots of water and sunscreen

5-6 Moderate

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
Saturday 27/01/2024	South West Point	Selene Gough & Rebecca Cairns-Wicks
Sunday 04/02/2024	The Barn	Andre Bak

To register your interest and receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' contact Dianne via dianne.venning@saintheleana.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office T:22158 or M:67245

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 21st January 2024 – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/ Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	**Patronal Festival**	**St Peter**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 21st January 2024 – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 25th January	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 21st January – 3rd Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 23rd January	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Monday, 29 January 2024
Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Where: Community College

Join us for our AGM to hear about our achievements for 2022-2023 year and our plans for the future.

Those wishing to join the Trust Council are kindly requested to inform the Office Manager by 4pm on 22 January 2024.
Society members must, by notice in writing to the Office Manager, nominate the person who may vote or stand for election on its behalf at the AGM.

Details online: http://www.trust.org.sh/impact/

Or contact Office Manager, Amanda Constantine
amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh

"St Helena's heritage for all, forever"

THANK YOU

Mrs. Doreen Coleman of London, UK, would like to thank the Doctors and Nursing staff of the General Hospital on St Helena for their excellent care and attention given to her during her short stay in Hospital whilst holidaying here, her home, for a short while over the Christmas period.

Thanks also to her caring family and friends who made our stay welcoming and enjoyable as always. Thank you again and God Bless you all.

St Helena Legislative Council

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Select Committee 1 – Topic for Scrutiny

Members of the public are hereby notified that Select Committee 1 has selected Farming Support, Land Use Review and Poultry Production (Day Old Chicks / Incubation Unit),as their second topic for scrutiny. This topic sits under the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio.

Members of the public are invited to submit information to Select Committee 1, which might assist with this inquiry,through the Committee Secretary on e-mail: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh or by letter, for attention of the Committee Secretary, the Legislative Council Office, The Castle, before 4pm on Friday 2nd February 2024.

Legislative Council
16January 2024

Golf Report for 14 January



SHGC, Contributed

The second official round of the year took place last Sunday in beautiful, warm and breezy conditions. The fast greens made it a challenge to sink those putts. It is not surprising that there were no scores in the 60s. Tied on top of the leaderboard were Captain Bramwell Bushuru and Eddy Bowers, both with net 72. Interestingly, both payers were in the last group. On a count back, Eddy Bowers who birdied the 17th and had a par on the last hole emerged the winner. The Captain's back to back par finish wasn't enough to secure him the victory. The ladies captain birdied the 5th hole to claim all the balls in the two-ball pool. Balfred Peters who opted not to take part in the pool had an impressive eagle two on the 16th hole. Congratulations to the winners.

Summer is still here, the year is still young, and things are looking up. On the menu for Sunday, 21 January, is an 18-hole stableford competition. Tee off at noon. Registration closes on Saturday at 3pm. Morning tee will be reintroduced in March.

Prize giving ceremony for St Helena Golf Club Championship (SHGCC) which took place last year will be done on **Sunday, 28 January**, after the monthly medal competition. All eligible prize winners are requested to be present. On Wednesday, **7 February**, the club will host a new members induction evening from 6pm for an evening of tea and snacks where you will get to meet committee members and be briefed on rules and how the club operates. This are members who joined the club over the past year.

Lastly, the committee of management wishes to inform members that this year's Open Championship will take place in June and SHGC Players championship will happen later in the year. We look forward to seeing you on the course more regularly as you keep burning those calories so that we can be all together healthier.

Happy Swinging!

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club

Pat Henry, Contributed



Due to internet connection problems last week, unfortunately our weekly report could not be transmitted to the news-reporter's desk.

As we glided into this New Year 2024, we would like to convey our best wishes to everyone wherever you maybe, have a Healthy and Peaceful New year. We would like to thank all members, guests, visitors and everyone who supported the club over the past years, we look forward and trust we will continue to prosper as we shoot our way forward strengthening the club and improving our services. It is with great sadness to disappoint our junior members having to terminate their shooting programme due to low stock of ammunition. Our current stock may only carry us through to the next six weeks and we are not in a position at this time to say when our next consignment will arrive, as soon as we obtain reliable conformation we will then reveal its position however, we are planning to perform other activities soon so that we can continue to operate and keep the club alive.

It was amazing last week with our predictions before we started that the turnout were going to be low in numbers, this is a trend we see every year. But as we kicked off our first shooting event for 2024 with five people attending, the sound of open fire with guns blazing down range aiming right on targets. It was good to welcome Lee & Jason Burrows to the club for their first time to have a go at shooting, also Dr Annette were back to give it another go.

After running through the necessary briefings and demonstrations, they took their prone positions and start shooting the life out of their targets, our monitor spotters were happy there were no stray shots for their very first time. Lee shot 76 & 90.2 = 166.2, Jason shot 84.3 & 90.1 = 174.4, Annette shot 72 & 79 = 151, Simon D shot 92.2 & 97.5 = 189.7 and as we had expected that Florence would have raise the bar again she shot 98.5 & 95.5 = 194.0 just 6 points off her 200, well done guys and thanks for a lovely enjoyable friendly night.

This week we arranged a medal competition, only nine of us turned up with seven of us taking part in the competition. We appreciate these guys for coming so we did continue with the ladies and gents groups as planned, it was good to see Jude Corker and Ellie back on holiday and came in for a shoot. It was a very warm night and we could hear the raging sea furiously pounding over the sea front wall flushing the road and our guns with screaming shots whistling down range but it didn't bother us we knew we very safe with our defence systems. These are the calculation positions we finished in, for the boys in 2nd place presented the silver medal was Jason with 188.7 and receiving the gold medal was Jude with 190.7, skills from the girls in 3rd was Ellie gaining bronze medal with 179.3, and in 2nd with Silver was Lee with 184.3 and Miss Debbie taking Gold with 187.5 well done boys and girls you are amazing. Jodie and Pat also battled it out against each other but Jodie always a hard rock to crack with 100.9 shamming Pat's 99.7, but it's amazing for me knowing I trained her well.

Well done guys, thanks to Deirdre and Colin. Safe travels to Ellie and Jude departing next week, hope to see you again next year.

SPORTS ARENA

A BUTTERZ MASTERCLASS

The SHCA 35-Over league was back on Saturday, 13 January, with the Cobras up against the Western A Mustangs. With both teams searching for their first win, it was a game not to be missed. Mustangs opted to bat first and posted a healthy score of 273 for the loss of 8 wickets, thanks to a well-played 120 consisting of 9 fours and 9 sixes from Chris Owen. Cobras got off to a shaky start but settled with the help of father and son duo Scott and Patrick Crowie - but the partnership was broken. It was young Tyler Anthony who was the pick of the bowlers with three wickets for thirteen runs, allowing Mustangs to register their first win by 131 runs.

The second match saw a dominant bowling performance by Sandy Bay Pirates, who bowled out the Lions for just 22 runs. The Pirates chased the total in 3.4 overs and won by 7 wickets.

The first match on Sunday saw the Levelwood derby between the Allstars and the Rebels. The Allstars batted first and posted a score of 239 all out. It was Dane (60) and Clayton Leo (45) who dug deep and helped the Allstars to 239. The Rebels gave an impressive chase, but fell short of the required target by 67 runs.

The final match of the weekend saw the Challengers displaying an outstanding batting performance against the Jamestown Heat. Challengers batted first, gaining a mammoth 321, with thanks to a dominant batting display by Andrew Yon with 145 which consisted of sixteen fours and seven sixes, accompanied by a classy 88 by Jordi Henry. challengers innings did not start on the right foot with both openers dismissed early, but it was Andrew and Jordie who delivered a masterclass to get the Challengers in the driver's seat. The total was too much for the Heat , with Jordi also contributing three wickets to ensure his side won by 202 runs, announcing themselves once again as the team to beat.





FIXTURES

Saturday 20th Jan
8:45: Lions v Levelwood Allstars
Umpires: Rhys Francis and Matthew Benjamin

13:30: Levelwood Rebels v Jamestown Heat
Umpires: Gareth Johnson and Andrew Yon

Sunday 21st Jan
8:45: Sandy Bay Pirates v Mustangs
Umpires: Derek Richards and Damian Burns

13:30 Cobras v Challengers
Umpires: David George and Aiden Leo

