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SENTINEL COMMENT

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

When considering what to write for my comment this week, I kept coming back to the significance that Easter time has for me personally and for the Christian community worldwide.

On St Helena, as in many other countries, the Easter period represents a time to take a break and enjoy a long weekend, perhaps going camping or going to the seaside. In South Africa, a lot of people take a couple of extra days of leave to turn this time into a week-long holiday.

Although this is a nice time to catch your breath after the usual hectic start of a New Year, it holds a lot more significance for me. During this time I feel a profound sense of gratefulness for the sacrifice of Christ that we celebrate as Christians during this time. For us as a family this is a time of reflection and even introspection to again just realise and focus on the wonder of the gift of salvation.

I do realise that not everyone share our beliefs and faith, but even if you don't, you could still use this time to think about the sacrifices significant people in your life make for your benefit. Every day (especially as parents) we make many sacrifices to the advantage of others around us. Putting another person's needs before our own is such an important part of being a compassionate person. I do realise that there are animals that also put the needs of another before their own, but I do feel it is one of the things that sets us, as humans, apart.

Whichever way you choose to spend this Easter weekend, take a moment to appreciate the sacrifices that others make for you and return this blessing by doing something selfless this weekend for someone else.

My wish is that everyone will have a peaceful and blessed Easter weekend this year.

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BIRTHS, DEATHS & MARRIAGES

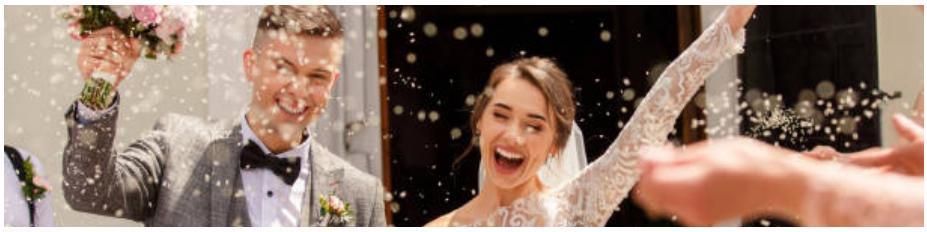


Births Registered on St Helena

Name	DOB	Gender
Hartley Eve Williams	18/01/2025	F
Skye Leah-Rae Williams	18/02/2025	F
Riley Nova Ellick	27/02/2025	F

Deaths Registered on St Helena

Names	Date of Death	Age
Donald Keith Bowers	10/01/2025	81
Peter Cundy	14/01/2025	69
Brian Patrick Clarke	31/01/2025	81
Isabella Alexandra Matilda Knipe	02/02/2025	96
Jennifer Joan Corker	09/02/2025	80
Heather Jamieson	12/02/2025	70
Patrick Alexander Caswell	13/02/2025	78
Audrey Hilda Yon	14/02/2025	89
Sylvia Dawn Williams	18/02/2025	69
Thelma Jean Fuller	20/02/2025	68
Brenda Rose Corker	28/02/2025	57
Anita Rose Thoms	11/03/2025	67
Alan Charles Bateman	14/03/2025	85
Lillian Rosina Isaac	17/03/2025	94



Marriages on St Helena

Names	Marriage Date
Kim Alexander Ceasar & Delemarie Dawn Hopkins	01/02/2025

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Tale of the Missing Generator

High-value generator described as "vital" to Connect St Helena stolen "sometime in the last two years"



— **Liam Yon,** SAMS

Theft of property continues to be an issue on Island for the Royal St Helena Police Service who recently issued an appeal for information following the theft of a high-value generator from Sharks Valley, described as "vital" to Connect St Helena, with the equipment said to have been taken illegally "sometime in the last two years."

"The RSHPS is appealing for the public's help following the theft of a generator from Sharks Valley, Levelwood," said Police. "This generator, worth around £15,000 to £20,000, was vital to Connect St Helena's operations and essential for maintaining the local water supply — especially during droughts. It's believed the generator was stolen sometime in the last two years. Even the smallest detail could help us recover it."

Police add that these small details could relate to any suspicious person or persons, or vehicles, seen in the area, as they ask anyone with any information to contact tobias.rummery@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Control Room and speak with an officer of their choosing.

This appeal was posted to the RSHPS Facebook Page and has been shared by various St Helena-based pages as well as residents. While all recognise that this crime should not have happened and that those responsible should be brought to justice, many have spoken out on the "careless" nature of Connect St Helena in monitoring a piece of equipment worth over £15,000, with it seemingly being two years since the last time this generator described as "vital" and "essential" has been checked and confirmed to be at its location in Sharks Valley.

The Sentinel reached out to Connect for a comment but did not receive a reply before print.

A Smashing Time

Vandalism in lower Jamestown continues with Museum windows damaged



— **Liam Yon,** SAMS

Antisocial behaviour and vandalism in lower Jamestown has become quite a hot topic in recent times on St Helena - especially on weekends - with damage having been caused to The Castle, the Coffee Shop and even the SAMS Office over different occasions during last year.

This type of behaviour has not gone away in 2025 however with the Royal St Helena Police recently informing that two windows located on the Arch terrace side of the St Helena Museum had been damaged sometime between 4pm on Friday, 4 April, to the morning of Monday, 7 April.

Police add that they are looking for the public's help in order to identify and reprimand the person or persons responsible for causing the unnecessary damage. Police Constable Kingston asserted that Police, "take these incidents seriously and are working to identify those responsible," encouraging anyone who may have seen anything suspicious or who may have CCTV footage, to "please come forward."

In addition, in order to try and prevent these types of incidents, especially in these hot spot areas of lower Jamestown, the Royal St Helena Police indicated that "officers have increased patrols in the area."



"At the end of this process it'll be up to St Helenians to decide what's going to work for St Helena"

Update on Governance Review



Steven Tweedie and Dr Ronan Cormacain (left of HE The Governor) at a reception with Legislative Council in December



Lord Robert Lisvane

Liam Yon, SAMS

A big piece of work currently ongoing with regards to St Helena's move to a new Ministerial System of Governance back in 2021 is a review of the system and how it is working for the Island. This is being done by an independent team of experts which include Dr Ronan Cormacain, Mr Steven Tweedie and Lord Robert Lisvane; with the latter two having recently conducted a follow-up visit to the Island to garner feedback on their interim report published in January.

"We were asked by the Westminster Foundation for Democracy to undertake a governance review, which looked at the introduction of the ministerial system of governance and to see how it has worked out in practise and also to see whether there were other suggestions we could make for the better governance of the island," explained Lord Lisvane on his this Governance Review came about.

In December 2024, the team – without Lord Lisvane who was ill at the time – came to the Island and spoke to a large number of stakeholders including the Island's Council, SHG officials, members of Non-Government Organisations and the Private Sector, as well as members of the public.

Having gathered as much information and feedback as possible, the team released an Interim Report of their findings in January this year and was recently back on-Island to follow-up with stakeholders.

"Once the interim report was released for public comment, we received a number of submissions, some from people who we'd met in December and from others who had read the report and responded accordingly," informed Steven Tweedie. "The follow-up mission was to partly test our views that we'd expressed in the interim report, but also, a number of people had requested an opportunity to meet with us; whether they'd made a submission or not. So the follow-up, this time in week one, was with the key stakeholders, including His Excellency the Governor and his people, and then also LegCo, Cabinet, Chief Minster, etc."

In addition, the team also heard from "a range of other people who had interests" as they bid to "spread the net as widely as we can" – according to Steven, "because we are conscious that there's a lot of expertise from former councillors under the committee system, from members of the public who have high expectations of the ministerial system, and it's timely after four years we see to what extent it has met those expectations."

Continuing on, Steven said this follow-up visit was "a chance to reflect" on the findings and recommendations within their interim report, though stressed that it would be St Helena who would then decide what actions to take. "As we emphasise, at the end of this process it'll be up to St Helenians to decide what's going to work for St Helena, not for us as outsiders," he stated.

Steven, along with Lord Robert Lisvane, departed the Island over the weekend having concluded their follow-up visit; the task now being to produce the final Governance Review Report, including the team's recommendations for improvement. While it is not confirmed, it is Steven's "best guess" that this final report is "likely to be in the hands of His Excellency and the Chief Minister in LegCo" by the end of May, prior to the dissolution of the current Council in June.

Lord Lisvane spoke about the relation between the report and the upcoming General Election and what he hopes will happen once the report is received by SHG.

"It would be lovely to see everything that we recommend implemented, but of course we recognise there are lots of different points of view," he said to The Sentinel. "In one way, of course, the fact that we are heading towards a dissolution on 30 June and a General Election on 3 September is an advantage because candidates in the General Election will be able to take a view on our report and I would very much hope that they will canvas acceptance of the report, but it would be good to have a higher profile during the General Election campaign so that people really can take a view on how best to secure their future through improved methods of governance and improved methods of operating governance. So that's what I'd hope."

The pair concluded their discussion by advising anyone who reads the final report when it is ready to do so carefully and to fully consider the team's analysis and how they have come to the recommendations that will be included.

They mentioned their love for the Island after their recent visits and expressed hope that St Helena see's this work as "a really positive step in the way that St Helena does its governance and organises its affairs."

Strengthening our Border

Border Force UK to deliver "intensive" training to HM Customs and Immigration as part of commitment in SHG-UKG BIOT Migrant Agreement



Liam Yon, SAMS

One of the key positives of the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) Migrant Agreement made between St Helena Government and the UK Government, back in October 2024, was the commitment by His Majesty's Government to strengthen St Helena's border security and immigration processes through a number of work streams, including specialised training for local officers.

Now, in accordance with and honouring the BIOT Migrant Agreement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Governments of St Helena and the UK, specialised training is set to take place via a six-week training programme on-Island, starting Monday, 28 April.

This will be delivered by representatives of Border Force UK – a British law enforcement command within the UK Home Office, responsible for frontline border control operations at air, sea and rail ports in the United Kingdom – with the aim being to strengthen the capabilities of St Helena's Customs and Immigration Section.

"A team of four specialists from Border Force UK will deliver bespoke training, tailored to St Helena's specific needs and challenges, to enhance the skills and knowledge of local Customs and Immigration personnel," commented SHG when announcing the imminent training programme. "This intensive programme will provide invaluable expertise and support, aimed at expanding the efficiency and effectiveness of St Helena's border control operations."

Head of Customs and Immigration, Owen Birkby, is looking forward to the upcoming training which he described as "intensive" before adding that the "short-term discomfort" that may be felt during the programme will provide "long-term benefits for the Island."

"This training represents a significant opportunity for St Helena," he stated. "The skills and knowledge gained from this collaboration with Border Force UK will directly contribute to the enhancement of our Customs and Immigration services, ensuring we can continue to effectively manage our borders and serve our community. While there may be short-term discomfort associated with the intensive nature of the training, these efforts will reap long-term benefits for the island's security and prosperity."

Because of the "comprehensive nature" of this training, as detailed by SHG, there is expectancy that operating hours for HM Customs and Immigration will be affected during the six-week programme. "Whilst every effort will be made to minimise disruptions, temporary office closures or reduced services may occur," explained Government. They add that the public will be informed of these "with as much advance notice as possible," though warn that "occasional last-minute closures may be unavoidable."

It has been nearly six months since Minister's made the controversial decision to agree an arrangement with UKG to accept the transfer of new migrants arriving at BIOT to St Helena where SHG would take responsibility for their welfare. This arrangement was agreed to run for 18 months from the date of the agreement in October 2024 or until such time that the transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius is finalised, if less than 18 months.

In these six months, despite uncertainty and trepidation within the community around potential migrant numbers, St Helena has received no migrants to the Island as part of the agreement, which is in line with the expectations of Ministers when explaining their decision at the time of the arrangement being made.

What St Helena has received, however, are a number of positives, including the continual development of our HM Customs and Immigration sections; through the signing of an MOU ensuring individuals intending to travel to St Helena can be checked against UK watch list information, as well as expert support to enhance the Island's border control processes, which includes the upcoming "bespoke training" by Border Force UK.



"Here's to the next phase of action in this partnership"

St Helena Cloud Forest Project celebrated in Palace Of Westminster as new funding from FCDO is announced for 2025/26



Sarah Hulton OBE, Kedell Worboys MBE, Will Stone MP, Katie-Jo Luxton, Speaker Lindsay Hoyle, Andrew Rosindell MP

Liam Yon, SAMS

A reception celebrating the St Helena Cloud Forest Project (SHCFP) was held at the Speaker's House State Rooms in the Palace of Westminster, London, on Monday, 7 April 2025 – with an exciting announcement made regarding the agreement of a further one-year bridging grant for the project by the Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) for 2025/26.

The SHCFP, previously funded by the Conflict, Stability and Security Fund (CSSF) has received four years of funding from the FCDO, with additional support for this and other conservation projects on St Helena provided through Darwin Plus funding from the UK Department for Environment Food and Rural Affairs (Defra).

Over 75 guests were in attendance including UK Parliamentarians, project partners, people connected with the Island through charities and other groups, FCDO officials, Defra representatives and St Helenian students currently studying in the UK; while SHG's UK Representative Kedell Worboys and Councillor Gillian Brooks were also in attendance.

During the event, a number of speeches were made, including by Speaker of the House of Commons, Sir Lindsay Hoyle; Minister Christine Scipio via video; Interim Director of the FCDO Overseas Territories and Polar Regions Directorate, Sarah Hulton, representing Minister Doughty; opposition spokesperson to the Overseas Territories, Andrew Rosindell MP; and Katie-Jo Luxton, Executive Director of Global Conservation of the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB).

During her speech, Sarah Hulton made an exciting announcement that the FCDO's Overseas Territories Climate Security Programme will be providing a one-year bridging grant to ensure the continuation of the vital work under the Cloud Forest Project, whilst alternative funding is secured.

"It's truly a remarkable example of British partnership between parliamentarians of political persuasions, between two governments pulling together, and above all the support of charities such as the RSPB," mentioned Sir Lindsay Hoyle. "This has not only been good for wildlife, but is also for the island's water security and for its people. Thank you for joining us this evening to celebrate the achievements made over the last four years, and here's to the next phase of action in this partnership."

The celebrations on the evening highlighted the work of the SHCFP since 2021, focusing on habitat restoration, climate and water monitoring, innovative research, infrastructure upgrades and capacity-building; with the overall aim being to safeguard the Island's cloud forest habitat, crucial for St Helena's water security, wildlife and people.

"Thanks are extended to HMG's FCDO for their continued support and to Defra for the Darwin Plus initiative, which also plays a vital role in conserving St Helena's natural heritage," commented SHG.



Councillor Gillian Brooks with Baroness Hooper



Sir Lindsay Hoyle delivering his speech



Andrew Rosindell MP

Weekend Catering

Cllr Knipe questions if there has been any effort in improving availability of weekend dining on-Island during Formal LegCo



Demy Herne, SAMS

During the first sitting of the twentieth Formal Meeting of Legislative Council, Councillor Elizabeth Knipe asked the Minister for Treasury and Economic Development, Mark Brooks, about the efforts under the Tourism Development Programme (TDP) to improve the availability of eating places on the island; particularly over weekends.

Elizabeth asked, "Will the Minister for Treasury and Economic Development tell this Council what key work streams under the Tourism Development Programme are being undertaken to assist in improving the number of eating places on the island, particularly on weekends for tourists and residents?"

In response, Minister Brooks explained that the TDP is focused on hospitality training to boost the capacity of the tourism and hospitality sectors. He shared that in 2023, 110 participants attended courses covering hospitality, operations, customer service, and more, all funded by the TDP fund. For 2024, these courses were repeated, and new courses in food hygiene and food and beverage service were added. "203 attendees were represented by the Private Sector for these courses, so I did mention this earlier this week in my Ministers Question Time and I didn't have the figure to hand but I did say it was around 203," the Minister stated, thanking the private sector businesses that participated.

Minister Brooks also addressed concerns raised by the public regarding the availability of services on weekends, particularly during peak tourism periods. "Recently there has been comments and I know from the public and also on Facebook regarding the opening hours of businesses at weekends and the general level of services that is provided to the tourism sector, particularly in our peak season and, of course, our cruise ship days," he explained, before reporting that the Tourism team have been working with vendors to encourage them to offer services, especially on Sundays, and that there has been a positive response from some.

To support these efforts, the Minister mentioned that he had written to the President of the Chamber of Commerce to further encourage solutions. "I have also written a letter to the president of the Chamber of Commerce requesting that members be addressed on the matter and to see if they can determine a solution in how we can improve this offering," he said.

While acknowledging the challenges businesses face, Minister Brooks urged the public to share ideas with the Economic team to help support the tourism sector. "If there is any member who thinks there are gaps in the service that SHG offer, or any way that we can help support businesses, any ideas that you have, please come and talk to the Economic team," he added.

Councillor Knipe then inquired about the effectiveness of the TDP training, specifically in terms of participation when cruise ships arrive. "Can you tell me, all these courses that the tourism have offered to the public, have you got any record of how many people have actually taken part, got involved, when cruise ships come in to partake in the facilities to assist the tourists?" she asked. Minister Brooks, in his response, spoke on the difficulty of tracking exact participation due to the varying nature of cruise ship visits. "That will be hard to do because each cruise ship, obviously there's different people involved, some cruise ships pre-book tours, some cruise ships don't and it's very much up to the private sector whether they come out and cater for our visitors on these days," he explained.

This discussion highlighted the ongoing efforts to support local businesses and improve the island's tourism services, especially on weekends. While there are challenges, the government continues to engage with the private sector and encourages feedback to improve the tourism experience on the island.



"Something we have to do as a community"

Question raised on potential Social Impact Assessment as concerns raised regarding the dangers of the internet and Social Media for Island children



Demy Herne, SAMS

During Formal LegCo, Councillor Robert Midwinter raised a pressing issue regarding the growing concerns surrounding mobile phone use among young children on St Helena. He questioned whether the Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, would consider conducting a social impact assessment (SIA) focusing on this issue, particularly from a safeguarding perspective. The question was fueled by the increasing influence of mobile phones and social media on children, and the potential risks such as cyber bullying and exposure to inappropriate content.

Minister Henry responded by acknowledging the importance of the issue, but he emphasised that it requires a broad, island-wide approach, involving the entire community in safeguarding children. He noted that defining the term "young children" in this context refers to those aged 5 to 12 years, which encompasses two crucial stages of childhood development, early childhood (ages 5 to 8) and pre-adolescence (ages 9 to 12). He explained that children in these stages are especially vulnerable to online risks, including cyber bullying and grooming, with limited ability to critically assess content.

"For this answer I am referring to ages 5 to 12, which encompass two critical development stages, early childhood which is from 5 to 8 years old, where children are more vulnerable to inappropriate content and limited critical thinking skills, and pre-adolescence, 9 to 12, where emerging independence online brings much higher risks of cyber bullying or grooming," stated the Minister.

While Minister Henry recognised the value of a localised social impact assessment, he highlighted practical challenges in conducting one on the island. "There are several practical constraints, one or two reported cases could represent a significant percentage in specific areas, skewing results and potential conclusions," he explained. "Global evidence already exists, international research such as Ofcom's findings that 37% of children aged 8 to 17 face cyber bullying and UNESCO's data showing 1 in 20 are contacted by strangers online provides robust insights."

Given the rapidly evolving nature of digital platforms, such as TikTok, which outpace local studies, Martin argued that global research provides more accurate, real-time trends. He also pointed out that the recent expansion of internet access on St Helena, following the rollout of higher-speed internet in October 2023, makes it difficult to establish a baseline for comparison, further limiting the effectiveness of a local SIA.

Instead of a formal SIA, Minister Henry recommended focusing on evidence-based measures that are already being implemented on the island. "Suggested alternatives to a social impact assessment, which we are already using in a number of formats, is to use evidence-based steps such as adapting proven frameworks for St Helena integrating safeguarding tools into PSHE lessons and police-led workshops," he said.

The Minister also emphasised the importance of a multi-agency approach through the Safeguarding Board. This board has undergone structural changes and is now overseen by an independent member, with qualified members supporting her efforts. This will help track local anomalies across agencies and ensure effective responses to safeguarding issues.

"All of the areas mentioned have continued room for improvement in frequency and delivery," he acknowledged but recognised that programs are "often limited by significant shortages in various agencies." However, he reiterated his belief that a comprehensive local social impact assessment may not be feasible at this time, given the complexities and constraints the island faces.

"It is important that we stay close to what is happening on the island and also look at what is happening internationally," he said in his response to the question put forward. "There is loads of international research that we can use to guide us given that it is real-time and up-to-date, which is important in this sphere unlike some other spheres of work."

Councilor Midwinter further contributed to the discussion by mentioning a recent Netflix mini-series called 'Adolescence' which highlights the growing problem of misogyny and radicalisation among young men influenced by online content.

"I would like to ask the Minister if he has seen this mini-series and also if, in the absence of a social impact assessment, he and his Ministerial colleagues would similarly support having such a collective campaign





here in St Helena aimed at countering toxic misogyny early, addressing cyber bullying and giving young men, in particular, the role models they deserve?" inquired Cllr Midwinter.

The Minister responded that he had not seen the series but would "endeavour to do so" though added that he believes "that is something we have to do as a community as well, as I mentioned in the first sentence of my answer to you."

A recurring theme in the conversation was the role of parents and guardians in safeguarding children from online dangers. Minister Henry acknowledged that while the government can implement programs and initiatives, it is ultimately up to parents and guardians to engage with these issues and ensure the safety of their children. He stressed the importance of parents staying informed about the risks their children face online and being proactive in fostering a safe digital environment at home.

In response to a question from Councilor Gillian Brooks, who inquired about the level of parent and guardian involvement in the current safeguarding efforts, Martin agreed that more engagement is needed. He highlighted the work of the newly appointed health promoter, whose agenda includes public awareness on this issue. The Minister concluded that more public outreach is necessary, but it is essential for parents and the broader community to take responsibility for ensuring children's safety in the digital age.

Little Woman









Hartley Eve Williams

First-time parents, Rebecca Young and Gus Williams, were blessed with the perfect New Year's gift when, on 18 January 2025, they welcomed their precious little girl, Hartley Eve Williams, to the world at 13:35, weighing a healthy 5lb 10oz.

Mum Rebecca described being a Mother as "such an incredible feeling," while Dad Gus has very hands on. "We are both very proud to be parents," said the couple.

According to Mum, "Hartley is growing way too fast" and loves her milk, bath time, and being talked to; while she is certainly keeping Mummy and Daddy on their toes.

Rebecca and Gus would like to thank the "staff at the General Hospital for their care before, during and after the birth of Hartley. Special thanks are extended to Midwives Erica & Rosemary, Dr Francisco, Dr David, and Nurse Annabel."

Rebecca and Gus are also extremely grateful for the support, messages and gifts given by family, friends and support groups (EHRC & St Helena Association UK); extending thanks to all who gave advice which made the move to parenthood that much smoother.

Donna Crowie, SAMS

A Beautiful Day with the Bolette



Successful cruise ship visit as over a thousand people enjoy a day on St Helena

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Last week St Helena awoke to the beautiful sight of massive cruise liner, MV Bolette, sitting in the harbour; the vessel arriving to St Helena from Walvis Bay.

At around 8am, passengers were seen floating around Jamestown, taking in the sights with a few deciding to give Jacobs's Ladder an early go before the sun came out in force in what was a lovely hot autumn day.

At the Wharf, tour buses were in line to collect those passengers for pre-arranged tours and further up the Sea Front there were many taxis available for those passengers freelancing and without pre-arranged tours; with nearly a thousand passengers and over 600 crew, there was enough business for all.

Taking advantage of this, there were a number of pop up stalls located in Jamestown and around the island; offering visitors the chance to buy Island souvenirs along with eats and refreshments.

Throughout the day, a large number of passengers were being taken around the Island to iconic landmarks and sites of interest, learning about the islands rich history and taking in the beautiful landscapes.

In addition, an equally large number of visitors were observed wandering about Jamestown; sitting in the Castle Gardens to cool down, heading into the Post Office for stamps, enjoying a beverage at the Consulate, while many brave visitors attempted to climb Jacob's Ladder.

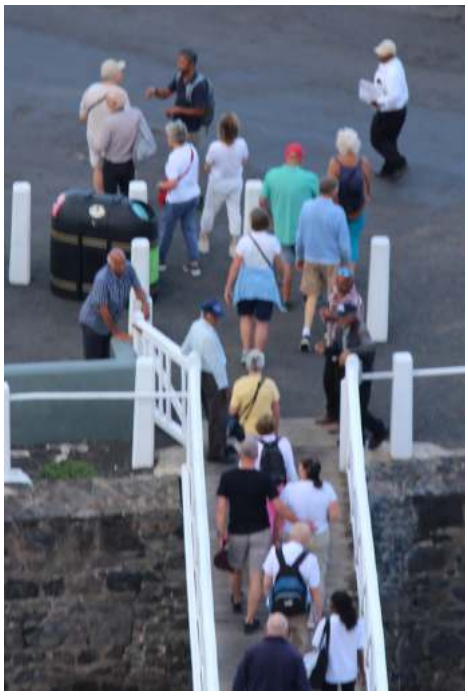
Among the hundreds of passengers from the Bolette was a special visitor; former Prince Andrew School Head Teacher, Vanessa Tissington, who was on-Island in 2012/13. Vanessa arrived on the Bolette for a day, where she made it her mission to see and catch-up with as many former colleagues and students as she could in her short time ashore.

"I came here originally on the RMS and this time I have come on the Fred Olsen Cruise line," she commented to The Sentinel when visiting a former student in the SAMS Office. "My ambition was to return at least for a day to the island, and I have achieved it," she smiled. "Most importantly, things haven't changed at all in terms of the people and the friendliness of everybody," she continued. "I think there been some changes which have helped the Island, which I can see, and an improvement is that there are some more lovely shops and cafes. We have also come to the sunshine, what could be better? I have spent quite a lot of time in tears of joy in seeing everybody."

After spending a wonderful day ashore, passengers returned back to the vessel via Rupert's Jetty, due to some unsettled sea conditions being experienced. Once back aboard the MV Bolette, passengers and crew set sail for Dakar, Senegal, where they arrived on 14 April before today, arriving to Santa Cruz de la Palma, Canary Islands.

The cruise will be completed on 22 April when the MV Bolette is due to arrive back to Southampton.

Following the visit of the MV Bolette and the large number of visitors to the Island, comments were made on the lack of international card facilities available on Island, while passengers were said to be shocked by the low price of certain goods, with one couple questioning "where else in the world can you get two coffees and two pieces of cake for under £5?".





Leader of the Future

Police Constable Jordanna Peters recognised with special award





Liam Yon, SAMS

Young Saint Police Constable, Jordana Peters, of the Royal St Helena Police Service (RSHPS), was recently awarded with the Women in Policing Network's 'Leader of the Future' award, described as "prestigious" by SHG, recognising Jordanna's "notable dedication, community involvement, and promising leadership potential."

In the presence of her family and colleagues from the RSHPS, Jordanna received her special award at a ceremony held in the Governor's Office, The Castle, on Thursday 10 April, with Acting Chief of Police, Peter Lansdown, presenting to the young Police Constable.

"Jordana's dedication to both her professional duties and her community is truly inspiring," he commented. "She embodies the qualities we seek in future leaders, and we are confident she will make a significant impact on St Helena."

PC Peters joined the Island's Police Service immediately after graduating from Prince Andrew School when she was just 18yrs of age. Since then she "has demonstrated remarkable professionalism in serving her close-knit community," explain SHG, who add that "in a setting where community familiarity is high, she has consistently proven her ability to maintain a balanced approach to policing, handling both reactive and proactive duties with integrity."

On top of this, Jordanna has a clear commitment to personal and professional growth, demonstrated by the fact that she is currently pursuing her Duke of Edinburgh Gold Award, with SHG commenting that "her skills in shooting and archery, developed through this programme, present potential for future application within her policing career."

Looking toward the future, PC Peters has already "expressed aspirations to serve as Chief of Police," according to SHG who add that she "is a strong advocate for the Women in Policing network" before describing the young officer as "a promising individual for St Helena."

"It's an honour to win this prestigious award – the British Overseas Territories Women in Policing Network's Leader of the Future Award – which I believe is the first for St Helena," commented award winner, Jordanna. "I would like to thank all my colleagues from the RSHPS, especially my mentors; without their guidance and support I would not be where I am today."

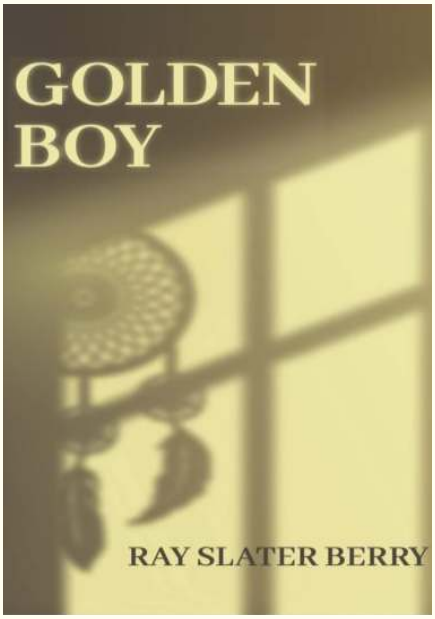
Jordanna also sought to make special mention of mentor, Sophie Crowie, "who supported me and gave me guidance throughout," while gratitude was also given to her family, friends and partner for their support throughout her career so far.

"I hope I can continue to make St Helena proud," smiled PC Peters. "I also hope this inspires young people on the Island to join our service and be a part of St Helena's future."

Congratulations Jordanna!

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



Golden Boy

by Ray Slater Berry

A mother writes a series of letters to her stillborn son, Aiden. The desperation in her letters devolves into a sinister madness that is equal parts repulsive and relatable. Golden Boy is a tragic tale of loss, depression, and hopelessness.

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Between a Rock and a Hard Place

Stuck turtle rescued on Long Beach, Ascension Island



A turtle is stuck under some large boulders (Photo by Emma Holborn)

Liam Yon, SAMS

A successful rescue mission took place on Long Beach, Ascension Island, recently after a Green Turtle – an endangered species – was found to be trapped underneath a boulder and unable to return to the ocean; with teams from Ascension Island Conservation and Ascension Island Government working together to free the distressed turtle.

Posting to their official Facebook Page, Ascension Island Conservation explained how "every morning we check the beaches to ensure all the nesting Green Turtles return safely to the ocean before it becomes too warm," adding that on this occasion, "unfortunately we found a turtle which had dug underneath a boulder on Long Beach Nature Reserve which had rolled on top of her."

The teams kicked into action right away in order to assist the turtle in the unfortunate situation, however there was difficulty in freeing the reptile due to the size and weight of the rock holding it down.

"Unable to move the boulder, we called on our Ascension Island Government colleagues who quickly brought a digger and safely released her back into the ocean," the report. "She will no doubt need some time to recuperate after the ordeal but she is now in the best position to rest and heal."

A job well done to all involved, with the conservation team expressing their gratitude for the support from within the community of Ascension "to continue looking after our beloved wildlife" including turtles, especially during the important nesting season. "Thank you to the AIG plant team for your speedy reactions and for then readjusting the surrounding boulders to hopefully make it safer for turtles in the future," they add.



Once the turtle was released from the boulder, the team took her to the ocean to recuperate (Photo by Emma Holborn)



The turtle was released from under a boulder and safely returned to the ocean to recover (Photo by Emma Holborn)



Once the turtle was returned to the ocean, the AIG plant team moved the other boulders into safer locations to prevent this event reoccurring (Photo by Emma Holborn)

"A long-lasting effect to protect Turtles"



Annual problem at Ascension Pan Am Nature Reserve addressed; increasing safety for nesting Green Turtles and helping to prevent further turtle deaths

Excavation works to break down rocks creating the dangerous crack at Pan Am beach

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Ascension Island Government Conservation and Fisheries Directorate (AIGCFD) have been working closely with island stakeholders and the United States Space Force (USSF) to make important amendments to the Pan Am Nature Reserve on Ascension to better protect nesting Green Turtles.

"Each year, thousands of turtles nest on the beach at Pan Am, making it the second busiest turtle beach on the island," they report. "Every year in February and March, increased sea conditions and swell alter the coastline, exposing the bedrock beneath the sand. In one particular area, a crack is uncovered which becomes a hot-spot for adult turtles to get stuck. On occasion, turtles have perished as a result of this entrapment."

Green Turtles are an endangered species and every effort is made by the relevant teams to protect them on Ascension – one of the world's most important nesting sites. Therefore, AIGCFD trialled several methods to address the concerning issues at Pan Am beach, including "filling the crevice with boulders, sandbags and even cement," though it was found that "the power of the sea means these are not permanent solutions." Attempts were also made to "widen the gap to prevent turtles from becoming stuck," however again there was issues due to the "toughened sandstone" being "no match for a chisel or other hand-tools."

Unfortunately, the dangers caused by sea conditions at the Pan Am Nature Reserve has become an annual problem on Ascension, with AIGCFD "requiring a long-term solution" in order to increase the safety of the reserve for these endangered turtles. Therefore, when preparing for the current turtle season on the Island, a range of options were discussed and explored with island stakeholders – with the USSF having "kindly agreed to assist with the works."

"On Thursday 6 March, USSF contractors used an excavator to break up the rocks which create the offending crack," reported AIGCFD. "Additionally, the team softened the gradient of the surrounding rocks which enter the sea to prevent further injury to turtles as they return to the ocean."

According to their report, these recent amendments are set to "have a long-lasting effect to protect turtles which nest on the Pan Am Nature Reserve" with AIGCFD expressing gratitude "to all those involved and to the USSF for their expertise to help preserve Ascension's turtles."



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. April 18
- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 11am: American Connections (Repeat)
- 2pm: Our Show (Repeat)
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. April 19
- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Demy Herne
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. April 20
- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm : Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Demy Herne
- 5pm: In Scope
- 7pm: Anglican Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations

MON. April 21
- 7am-9am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 5:30pm: Country Classics
- 7:30pm: Sound of the 80's with John Turner

TUE. April 22
- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 9am-11am: Midmorning with Demy
- 11am-1pm: Vibes with Annika
- 2pm: In Scope
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: Uk chart Show with Demy Herne
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations

WED. April 23
- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 8:30am-10:30am: Our Show
- 11am-1pm: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 1pm-3pm: 1548 with Ferdie
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Vibes

THU. April 24
- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke and Liam
- 1pm-3pm: Lunchtime vibes with Demy
- 4pm: Sounds of the 80's
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: In Scope

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Featured this Week



Why not spend your Easter with SAMS Radio 1?

Whether you are out camping, or glamping, or even if your relaxing at home, curled up on the sofa - we will have you covered!

We have a variety of shows planned for the long weekend to suit everyone's taste, all you need to do is tune in, turn up and enjoy your Easter with SAMS Radio 1!

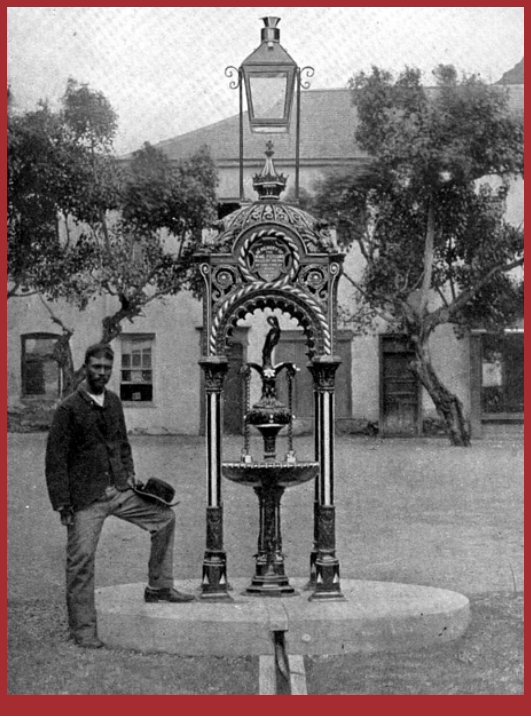
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Throwback Thursday



17 April 1890 -

A heavy fall of rocks kills nine people and injures many more.
A fountain is erected in Main Street in September 1891 in their memory.

Pickled Fish

Why not try something different this Easter? This recipe has been tried with various fish, for example Mackerel, Bullseye and Solider – all which should be caught on Maundy Thursday ready for Good Friday!



Ingredients

- 400 g fresh or frozen tuna (type of fish is optional)
- 2 tbsp sugar
- 6 dried bay leaves
- 3 large onions
- 2 heaped tbsp medium curry powder
- Vinegar + water

Instructions

1. Finely slice your onions and set aside. Slice and season your tuna well. Place fish in a hot pan and quickly cook on each side for a few minutes. Do not cook all the way through, the fish will continue to cook and cure off the heat and in the pickling vinegar. Your fish should still be soft and not dry. Remove the fish from the fan and set aside.
2. In the same pan, turn down your heat and add your curry powder. Stirring for a few minutes to release the aromas; do not burn.
3. Add a good splash of water and vinegar to the curry powder and mix to start making the sauce. Measure by eye; a good indicator of the amount depends on how well coated you would like your pickled fish to be.
4. Add your onions, sugar and bay leaves to the sauce. Cook, until onions are almost cooked but with a little crunch and the sauce has slightly thickened. Remember the vinegar will continue to soften the onions in the pickling.
5. Remove onions from the heat and mix in your fish. Coating fully. Store in a NON-metal container. Once completely cool, refrigerate and use as a side pickle in sandwiches or salads.

IN SCOPE: RECAPPED



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In a different take on the In Scope program this week, Chief Minister Julie Thomas was joined in the studio by members of the Communications Working Group, recently formed to prepare for the upcoming General Election 2025. The role of this group is to lead the way in providing St Helena with information, timelines and statutory obligations related to the processes and preparations during and after a General Election.

Carol Henry (Head of Corporate Support) provided some insight into the statutory obligations surrounding the election process. On 10 February it was announced that the current Legislative Council will be dissolved on 30 June in preparation for the General Election that is set to take place on 3 September this year. It is critical for everyone to make sure that their name is on the Register of Electors if you wish to participate in the election. With the declining population, it is increasingly important for all eligible persons to cast their vote in the elections. This process allows everyone to vote for representatives that will voice their views and can influence the leadership of the island for the next four years. It is also important for potential candidates who wish to stand during the election to make sure that they are registered on the voter's registry.

To be eligible to stand for council, you need to be over the age of 21 and have to be on the electoral register. If you wish to vote, you have to be aged 17 or over and physically present on the island. If you only turned 17 recently you will have to apply to have your name included in the register to be eligible to vote by completing Form A available on SHG's website, at the Post & Customer Services centre, at the Public Library or The Castle Reception. If you need assistance in registering, Assistant Registration Officers will be able to answer any questions regarding this process. Form A can also be used by registered voters to amend their voting district, name and address or any other changes to personal details. It is critical to ensure your details are correct on the register especially for those intending to stand for election to Council as this will be the only information used to identify candidates. Outdated or inaccurate information could lead to confusion during the election process when providing information as well as on Polling Day. If information regarding voters is not accurate on the register, presiding officers might not know the voter and this could lead to delays in issuing ballot papers.

If you are overseas now, or at the time of the election, due to employment, education or medical treatment and you think you are eligible to register to vote, you will have to complete Form B. This form needs to be completed by residents who have not been absent from St Helena for a continuous period of more than 30 months. If all information on completed forms is verified, the individual will be added to the voter's register. By law, a new Register of Electors will take effect from 1 July each calendar year. The provisional register is usually published between 1-10 May each year. After publication, a period of 14 days is allowed for individuals to apply for any amendments or additions. After the 14 days, the new register will be prepared and will come into effect on 1 July, published at the end of June. During the preparation period, no new applications or amendments will be accepted. This year, the last date to submit any amendments or applications will be after the publication of the provisional register on 9 May up to 26 May at 4pm. It was also agreed that the Governor, in line with these dates and the dissolution of the Legislative Council, will aim to issue the Writ of Election for the General Election on 1 July. After this date, no further amendments to the register can be made until the completion of the General Election.

Carol, as Registration Officer, will liaise with immigration to ensure that all names of deceased individuals or individuals who have left the island will be removed from the register before publishing the provisional register, ensuring that it is as accurate as possible. This will also ensure that an accurate turnout percentage can be determined after voting has taken place. It is critical that everyone check the provisional register when it is published in May to ensure the accuracy of their information on the register for participation in any way - voting, standing, sponsoring or supporting. All candidates will need two sponsors and five supporters who are registered to support their candidacy.

Zac Bargo joined the programme as Chair of the Youth Parliament. During the formation period of the Youth Parliament, there was a lot of learning to be done but, after the initial period, the potential of having a Youth Parliament on St Helena became evident. The establishment of the Youth Parliament highlighted the need to effect change in the community and to give back to the island. A lot of work had to be undertaken by the team to finalise the establishment of the Youth Parliament, but, through hard work and dedication, this dream has now become a reality. At the heart of this process is the ideal to work for the common good of young people on St Helena, to give a voice for young people to make their needs known and provide them with representation. The Youth Parliament plays an important role in conveying the concerns and ideas of the youth and providing access to decision-making at government level to move the island forward into the future. Zac said that his role in the Youth Parliament has taught him a lot about perseverance and the importance of making the best of every opportunity. By focusing on what is important for others and the community, a better future can be achieved. Zac shared one of his favourite quotes to highlight this: "If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

Devlin Yon's role as Manager of GIS and part of the Communications Working Group is to support the decision-making process through the use of data collection and analysis. Among other responsibilities, the team created a map of locations where current registered individuals reside. This map is beneficial as it includes population density in areas around the island and to identify potential voters that can be added to the register. The

GIS function is a relatively new section in SHG that have greatly improved the collection of data and accessibility to relevant physical data like housing and population density. By digitising data regarding locations where people live, trends can be distinguished to be utilised during the election. The database will continuously be updated and expanded to include even more information like tax ID's, immigration trends, health and statistics to name but a few. A comprehensive database of information unique to an individual could streamline systems and processes within government, increasing efficiencies within SHG.

Nicola Essex is part of the Communications Hub and, within the Working Group, her role is as a liaison between the group and the comms hub. She will support all communication going out regarding the upcoming election. The aim will be to preserve the official language used in the election process, but also make the information more accessible to the public in plain language, ensuring a better understanding of the voting process. The group will utilise various communication channels including radio, printed media, posters and social media. A lot of communication will also be done in collaboration with the Youth Parliament, aimed at young first-time voters. The information will cover a lot of different topics like how to vote, how to register as a candidate and how to nominate or support a candidate.

This is the first time a working group has been formed to manage the dissemination of information to the public. The members of the group come from a variety of areas, bringing unique strengths and diversity to the group. The aim of the working group is to include different viewpoints and skill-sets to effectively communicate the legal election timeline information as well as information that can support and inform the public in a more informal manner throughout the process.

Nomination day is two weeks prior to the allocated polling day. This year this will fall on 20 August in the lead up to polling day on 3 September. Polling will only take place if more than 12 candidates are nominated. All prospective candidates will have to submit their nominations before midday on 20 August. Submissions will then be checked and, within one hour, candidates will be able to inspect each other's nomination forms. A Gazette notice will then be issued to inform the public of the candidates standing for the election. If there are only 12 valid nominations received, then these 12 candidates will automatically be elected as members of the Legislative Council and polling will not be necessary. In 2021, there were 29 candidates, the most in many years. If there are more than 12 candidates this year, the process and preparations for polling will then commence. Anyone wishing to vote by proxy will have to submit their applications by 10am on 1f September. Letters of approval will then be issued to be presented to presiding officers on voting day. A lot of administrative work needs to take place before polling day.

Communication of information will follow a staged approach with the focus during April being on creating awareness about the upcoming elections, the timeline and deadlines. Following this will be more information about the ministerial system and how it functions as well as the importance of the scrutiny function of elected members. All information will be aimed at encouraging people to get involved in the democratic and election process.

Being part of this process is our civic duty and a vital part of being part of the community of St Helena and again comes back to the point made by Zac that we have an obligation to give back to the island. Julie ended off by encouraging everyone who is eligible to make sure they register and exercise their democratic right to participate in the General Election 2025.

VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

IT Officer

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is seeking to employ an IT Officer to meet its ever-growing IT demands.

The IT Officer will be responsible for the effective, efficient and secure management, organisation and administration of Connect Saint Helena Ltd's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) systems, and the provision of technical support services. In addition to the day to day functions related to ICT, the post holder will have responsibility for ensuring that the Company's systems are ready for fibre optic internet connectivity, particularly in relation to cyber security, and for managing these systems once connected.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Five years' experience in a Senior IT role
- Cisco Certified Network Associate (CCNA)
- Linux +
- Driving Licence, A or C

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE Maths and English at Grade C and above or equivalent
- Computer Science qualification at degree level or equivalent
- IT certifications in Networking and/or Microsoft and/or Security

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
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For further information contact Annalisa Young on +290 22255 or email Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by **9:00am on Monday, 28 April 2025.** To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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Unwind, Relax and Restore

Introducing Annie's Thai Traditional Massage and Spa



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Supharat Phoisunsri, better known as Annie, wife of St Helenian, Julian Fagan, has opened her very own business - 'Annie's Thai Traditional Massage and Spa' in Gordon's post.

Annie's business will be offering a variety of massage treatments, from a focussed oil massage to full body sessions, with most treatments including a combination of spices and aromas and varying from 40 minutes to an hour, or more.

Annie told The Sentinel the initiative behind opening her very own massage and spa was because she "wanted to bring something unique and exciting to the island".

Annie has a Bachelor Degree in Thai Traditional Medicine and has over eight years of experience, working in several sub districts in health promoting hospitals under the Thailand Ministry of Public Health.

"As a Thai therapist it is very rewarding," commented Annie. "I'm glad my customers can benefit and experience a taste of my culture."

The newly opened spa operates from 11am to 4pm weekdays and weekends. Appointments can be made by emailing supharat.annsp@gmail.com or calling 23606/62874. Alternatively, check out Annie's Thai Traditional Massage and Spa on Facebook where you can also view her treatments.

In terms of location, Annie explains how the massage and spa can be found in the Gordon's Post area. "You'll see the red Gordon's Post sign on the right," she directs. "Take the next adjacent road to the right where a Thai massage sign can be seen."

So far, Annie describes her new business as "busy and an exciting adventure" while she looks forward to meeting more Saints. "I enjoy meeting new people and I am happy to be part of the local community," she smiled.









Tackling our National Day



St Helena Football Association to organise St Helena Day celebrations

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Island was discovered on 21 May 1502 by the Portuguese and, each year, on the anniversary of this day, Island celebrations take place, traditionally in Jamestown, where all that makes St Helena is celebrated – from our people to our history, our culture to our natural beauty.

With uncertainty in the community around if and how the Island's National Day would be celebrated this year, The Sentinel have been following up with St Helena Government regarding plans and potential organisers – with confirmation being received this week that the St Helena Football Association would be taking the lead on this for 2025.

It was back in February when SHG reached out to hear from organisations who would be interested and willing to lead on preparation of this year's St Helena day celebrations; with the closing day for organisations to come forward having been set for28 February.

In the weeks that followed, no further communication was heard from SHG; either by way of a further appeal to organisations, or through an extended deadline for persons to come forward. Due to this, and with 21 May fast approaching, The Sentinel made contact with SHG two weeks ago to find out what organisation would be taking the lead on the 2025 celebrations, to which is was said that "nothing has been confirmed regarding this."

However, further enquiries on Monday of this week have revealed that the St Helena Football Association will take on the responsibility of arranging this year's celebratory events. "We received confirmation this morning that the St Helena Football Association has been granted permission from the Governor's Office to organise this year's St Helena Day celebrations," confirmed SHG.

This is not the first time that the SHFA have took the lead on organising events for St Helena's National Day on 21 May which traditionally involves an early march by contingencies and local organisations, a colourful float parade, novelty sports, stalls and musical entertainment.

The Sentinel will look to follow-up with the Football Association to learn more about what is being planned for St Helena's Day 2025 – less than five weeks away.



NOTICE BOARD

My Autism Journey – In My Own Words

My connection to St Helena comes from my mothers side. My grandmother is Lettie (Iva) Constantine and my grandfather is Raymond (Roy) Constantine (the older brother of Bobby Goose)

My autism story begins back in primary school, during Year 4. I had a long-suffering teacher who noticed early on that I was always bouncing around, couldn't sit still, and struggled with social cues that other kids my age seemed to pick up naturally. She had a chat with my parents and from there we started going through the SENCO process.

At the time, I didn't really understand what was going on. I just knew there was something different about me. Looking back now, it felt like something was wrong with me, but actually, the key word here is different, not wrong.

Eventually, I was referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and went through a range of assessments. The outcome? I was diagnosed with a combined neurotype – definite traits of autism alongside very clear ADHD. And after that, it was like "great, you've got this" but… now what?

Unfortunately, at the time, there wasn't a huge amount of research or support available, so I didn't receive any additional help. I wasn't given an understanding of what I had, or how it might impact me. I just knew it was going to be a struggle. I didn't have the language to explain my needs because I didn't even know what those needs were – and that's a massive thing to try and figure out when you're just leaving primary school and stepping into secondary.

So yes, my journey has been bumpy in places. There've been moments where I've struggled to concentrate, or where not being able to express how I was feeling caused problems. One of the hardest things I've had to rein in is my tendency to speak my mind. That might be part autism, part St Helenian heritage, but either way, it's got me in trouble before. I've said the wrong thing, missed a social cue, or misread the room – and it's backfired, badly.



But, there are also parts of my autism that are brilliant. I have a deep love of learning and my interests run wide and very deep. Whether it's digital marketing, jazz music, ballroom dancing or my beautiful heritage from St Helena – I go all in. And because of that, I've been able to bring my passions and professional skills together in a way that's led to a fun and fulfilling life across several careers.

As I've grown older, and especially over the past few years, i've been able to learn more about myself. There's more information available now, and more understanding. I've started to manage my condition better, to adapt, and to find what works for me. The biggest thing? Learning to vocalise what I need. Saying "okay, this doesn't work for me" has been a game-changer. It's such a small thing on the surface but it's made a massive difference.

It's been a journey, for sure. But I've reached a point where I'm truly comfortable in myself. I'm proud of who I am. Autism and ADHD are a part of me – and even with those things, I am successful, I am loved and I'm 100% on the path to greatness. And believe you me – that is happening.

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St Helena Government

INVITATION TO TENDER

DIGITAL TRANSFORMATION CONSULTANT

St Helena Government has issued aninvitation to tender for theProcurement of a Digital Transformation Consultant.

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the Saint Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena following registration on the system.

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

All communication, clarifications, general questions and submissions of your responses must be made via the e-Procurement Portal.

Please refer to the e-Procurement System for the key dates, including the tender submission date.

SHG, 02 April 2025

What's On

Mantis St Helena

30 March: MOTHER'S DAY BUFFET

Celebrate with a traditional Saints-style buffet, perfect for a special family gathering.

£22.50 per person · Kids under 12 half price · From 12:30 onwards

6 April: HIGH TEA SUNDAY

A refined afternoon featuring bottomless tea and coffee.

£10.00 per person · Min 2 people per booking · 14:00 – 17:00

18 April: THE GOOD FRIDAY FISH FRY

Enjoy a classic Good Friday fish fry with fresh local seafood and delicious sides.

£20.00 per person · From 18:30 onwards

20 April: EASTER SUNDAY BUFFET

Gather with loved ones for a festive Easter buffet.

£22.50 per person · Kids under 12 half price · From 12:30 onwards

26 April: CURRIES OF THE WORLD

Savour a selection of curries from all corners of the globe.

£22.50 per person · Kids under 12 half price · From 18:30 onwards

For all enquiries and bookings, please call 25505



ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

Games will be played over a five week period – each week a different set of numbers will be published

This week the "brown" bingo sheet will be used.

Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner

Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 19 April at 12 noon.

Prize - £20 per week

Last week's winner was Mr Brian O'Dean.

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85	74	63	42	58	16	2	32	50	81

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VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Assistant Lending Services Officer (Admin)

Commencing at £8,400 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of an Assistant Lending Services Officer (Admin).

Responsible to the Assistant Lending Services Manager, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills. Must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Maintain an accurate filing system for client's files, both paper-based and electronically ;
- Compile and send letters to clients;
- Maintaining lending records on excel applications;
- General administration assistance across the Lending Section;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager on email asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com or contact her on 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Monday, 28 April 2025.

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ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

Trainee Communications Technician

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for a Trainee Communications Technician at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team tasked with ensuring the BBC Atlantic Relay Station's transmitters and associated systems are maintained and kept operational, in order to carry out all scheduled transmissions.

Requirements

- A good standard of education with GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with internal and external customers
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work and study with minimum supervision
- IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel
- UK passport holder
- Class A driving licence
- Ability and willingness to undertake studies in the UK for periods of time
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work unsociable and flexible hours if required

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures
- Recognised certification or education in any technical discipline (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency)
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications, and/or Radio Frequency
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience

Remuneration and Package

The salary is dependent on competence and experience. We are offering a two year contract with either single or household status. In addition to a basic salary, you will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A single food allowance of £3,905.00
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period
- Utilities (Water, Electricity and Phone) Allowance

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

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administration Officer, Krystal Phillips at KPhillips@encompass.tv

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 25th April 2025**

NOTICE BOARD

Festival of Walking - Thank You









St Helena Tourism would like to say huge congratulations and well done to everyone that participated in the Festival of Walking 2024/25.

Thank you to the walking guides who led the way, sharing their stories and knowledge of the walks to participants.

This year's festival saw an incredible 252 walkers take part, covering a combined distance of 107.3km across all the walks. We hope everyone enjoyed the diverse landscapes, learning about the island's history and making friendships while exploring the island.

If you have images to promote the walks on St Helena, please contact us at visit@sainthelena .gov.sh.

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 01st May 2025, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown**.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

EASTER WEEKEND WASTE COLLECTION CHANGES

Please be advised of the following change to waste collection days over the Easter weekend:

- Residents of Jamestown, Briar's, Rupert's, Sea View, Gordon's Post, Longwood Road, and all Longwood areas whose bins are normally collected on Mondays will have their waste collected on Sunday, 20 April 2025.
- Friday collection remains unchanged. Bins will be collected on Good Friday, 18 April 2025.

Normal weekly collection will resume on Tuesday, 22 April 2025. We appreciate your cooperation and apologise for any inconvenience.

General Reminder to the Public

Waste Management Services (WMS) would like to remind the public that one of their Refuse Collection Vehicles (RCVs) is currently non-operational due to mechanical issues, and there is no confirmed date for its return to service.

To minimise disruptions to the domestic waste collection, the WMS team will be continuing to provide the collection without mechanical assistance which will make the process longer and more labour-intensive for our refuse collecting team. To make this process easier, the team kindly requests the public's cooperation. Please assist by:

1. Placing domestic waste in litter bags before placing them into your bins. This will help prevent loose items from being blown away and makes it easier for the team to empty bins by hand.
2. Ensuring waste is placed out by 06:00 on your designated collection day.

Please note that some delays or disruptions to the normal waste collection schedule may still occur due to operations being done by hand.

As WMS operatives are handling black bags by hand in some cases, to ensure their protection, please do not place sharp items within your bin bags.

Recycling collection will continue as normal from both communal recycling hubs and commercial businesses.

For any questions or concerns, please contact Environmental Officer – Risk Management,Karl Martin, on 24724 or WMS Supervisor, Shane Williams, on 66380.

The Waste Management team would like to thank the public in advance for their support and cooperation during this time.

SHG
03 April 2025

www.sainthelena.gov.sh

NOTICE BOARD

General Election 2025

Are You Ready?

Your vote matters!

To participate in the General Election 2025, your name must be on the:
Register of Electors

Who can register?

Persons must be:

- Aged 17 or over
- Hold St Helenian status
- Currently on the island:

Complete **Form A**

Overseas for work, medical treatment, or training? You may still be eligible:
Complete **Form B**

How to register

- Download **Forms A**&**B** from the SHG website or scan QR code with camera
- Pick up a form from:
  - Customer Services Centre
  - Public Library
  - Castle Reception

Need to Update Your Details?

- If your name, address, or voting district has changed, complete **Form A**.

Contact any of the listed authorised individuals for assistance.

Or contact any authorised individual:

- Anita Legg
- Connie Johnson
- Michelle Yon
- Pamela Joshua
- Brenda Thomas
- Georgina Young
- Elizabeth March
- Douglas Bennett
- Alfreda Yon
- Karen Yon
- Christina Henry
- Jane Augustus
- Phyllis Coleman
- Alicia Tainton
- Olive Williams
- Jackie Moyce
- Bobby Essex
- Gillian Francis
- Carol Henry
- Paula Moyce



Need help?

Contact Registration Officer: Carol Henry on 22740 **or** visit SHG Website: www.sainthelena.gov.sh

Don't miss your chance to have your say in your future!

ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

Assistant Storekeeper

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for an Assistant Storekeeper on Ascension Island. The post holder will form part of the Stores Team and will be based at the Power Station. Duties will include Stores and Procurement, issuing and receiving goods, maintaining inventory and stock records as well as planned maintenance reporting and assisting with the coordination of station vehicle usage and maintenance.

Requirements

- GCSE Maths and English (minimum 'C' grade or equivalent)
- Driving licence for Class A vehicles
- Proven working knowledge and experience of storekeeping systems
- Good organisational and time management skills
- Computer literate with strong working knowledge of Microsoft suite
- Confident and capable in problem solving, able to work on personal initiative
- The ability to use one's own initiative
- Excellent communications skills
- Be physically fit

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Driving licence for Class B vehicles
- Manual Handling Training
- Knowledge and understanding of Health & Safety procedures
- Forklift Licence Class J

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two year contract with either Single or Accompanied status. The salary, dependant on experience, starts at £12,000 per annum (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

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

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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Join us!

We are recruiting...

St Helena Government

Staff Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Hospital Nursing team currently have opportunities for motivated individuals to join their team of nurses. You will be responsible for delivering a high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Chief Nursing Officer. The role requires you to provide an efficient and effective nursing service, through assessments, planning, implementation and evaluation of care. If you have good interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively then we would like to hear from you.
Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email: marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: 23 April 2025

Community Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Community Nurse will work within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Supporting the Community Nursing Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. Management of a caseload of patients under the direction of the Sister or Chief Nursing Officer.
Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email: marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: 23 April 2025

Administration Support (Inclusion) (£7,960 per annum)

Do you have good organisational skills with the ability to plan, prioritise work and can meet deadlines? If so, the Inclusion Section within the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their small team to provide an efficient and effective administration service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Sharon Peters on Tel No. 25408 or Email: Sharon.Peters@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: **18 April 2025**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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

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

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

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

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

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St Helena Government

Joint Emergency Services Control Centre (JESCC) Operator
(£10,747 per annum)

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be of service when it is needed the most? The St Helena JESCC is looking to recruit a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to form part of their small, but busy team. This role will require you to have excellent communication skills with the ability to deal with vulnerable and distressed members of the public.
Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Cheyenne Furniss on Tel No. 22626 or Email: cheyenne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: 18 April 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£8,419 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.
Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Carolyn Yon on Tel No. 24290 or Email: carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: 22 April 2025

Cover Supervisor (Prince Andrew School) (£10,361 per annum)

Within the role of Cover Supervisor you will be required to provide effective and efficient support to the school in organising and undertaking cover for absent colleagues. In addition where applicable, be also involved in planning, teaching and assessing students in designated subject areas.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Isabel Andrews on Tel No. 24290 or Email isabel.andrews@sainthelena.edu.sh**
Closing date: 29 April 2024

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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Trainee Helmsmen (Sea Rescue)

(£7,700 per annum)
Applications will be considered from 16 years +

Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary)

(£5.37 per hour) 18 years + and must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.
The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

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 the above opportunities for you to join their team. Contact us for more information and a discussion on the above posts.

Enquiries: **Mark Caswell or Leeroy Caswell on Tel No. 25215 or Email:** mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh or leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: **22 April 2025**

Housing Officer

(2 month Fixed-Term Contract to commence 9 June 2025)
(£9,781 per annum) **(Available for local interest only)**

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Management Service. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Melissa Fowler on Tel No. 22270 or Email:** **Melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh**
Closing date: **24 April 2025**

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

How to apply

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Temporary Painters

Total Package value up to £20,621 pa

(comprising salary up to £10,589 pa plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for 2 Painters to work on the exterior decoration of AIG properties in Two Boats. The maximum duration of employment is 6 months.

What you'll do

You'll carry out exterior decoration of bungalows and other buildings, including preparation works.

What you'll bring

You'll have previous experience of painting / decorating duties and may also have gained a qualification in this area. You'll have a good level of fitness, which will include the ability to lift reasonable weights, work at heights and in varying temperature and work conditions. You'll also have a high level of attention to detail and will be able to work both independently and as part of a team. You will need a clean and valid driver's license for Classes A & B in St Helena and Ascension.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £10,589 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a six-month single status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £3,140 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,852 pa
- 30 days paid annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

Additional Information

- There are 2 posts available in total.
- These final two vacancies will complete the 6 posts will be split into 2 teams of 3.
- AIG will nominate 1 person in each team of 3 to be a working Chargehand. The Chargehand will receive an additional £100 per month.

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing date: **05 May 2025**
Interviews: **from w/c 12 May 2025**
Start date: **As soon as possible**.

For more information, a full job description, and to apply, visit:
www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

NOTICE BOARD



SPRINGDALE PROPERTY TO LET

AVAILABLE NOW

Situated in Guinea Grass, St Pauls
Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has this property available to let as accommodation

HOME FEATURES

The property consists of the following fully furnished rooms:

- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Toilet
- Kitchen
- Open-Plan Dining Room and Lounge
- Store Room
- Sizeable front Lawn *(grounds maintenance included)*

Less than 5-Minute Drive to the Nearest Store

TV and Internet Facilities Available; Tenant to arrange connection with Local Service Provider

Rental Price: £450.00 per Month

CONTACT US

Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties)
Telephone: 22380
Email: GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh

VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Lending Services Officer (Commercial)

Commencing at £12,732 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of Lending Services Officer (Commercial).

Responsible to the Assistant Lending Services Manager, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- To ensure all loan applications received are accurately completed, all supporting documentation is included and that loans are processed in line with the Bank's policies and procedures;
- To ensure key principles of professional credit management are maintained and the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Liaising with clients throughout the loan approval process providing a high standard of customer service;
- Analysing loan applications in line with Bank's Policies and Procedures, to ensure they meet the Lending criteria;
- Liaising with clients to ensure they are compliant with the terms and conditions of their Facility Agreements

Interested persons can contact Mrs Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager on email asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com or contact her on 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank.

Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 02 May 2025.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Established and regulated in St Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 and 2017, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017, the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the

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NOTICE BOARD

St Helena Government

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

CHARITY COMMISSIONER

St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for the role of Commissioner of the Charity Commission of St Helena.

The Charity Commission operates under the Charities Ordinance 2005, which outlines its key responsibilities. Full details of the legislation can be found here: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/legislation/laws-of-st-helena/alphabetical-list-st-helena/.

As a Commissioner, you will play a vital role in:

- Encouraging and facilitating better management of charitable organisations
- Ensuring compliance with legal obligations, investigating mismanagement and misconduct of operations where required.

This is an opportunity to bring fresh energy and reform to the role, helping to revitalise the charity sector and further embed it within the island's social fabric and future development.

The appointment is for a three-year term. Commissioners receive a remuneration of £35 per meeting, along with a mileage allowance of 77p per mile for personal vehicle use when attending meetings.

The relevant form – "Expression of Interest" – Charity Commissioner can be obtained from Information and Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin, at The Castle by telephone on 22470, via email at linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on the SHG website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/EOI-Form-Charity-Commissioner.pdf

Completed forms must be returned to Information and Research Support Officer, Linda Benjamin by Friday, 25 April 2025.

SHG, 01 April 2025

BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Service
Easter Sunday 20 April
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

No services will be held in the Sandy Bay, Head O'Wain and Jamestown Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday 22nd April
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 24th April
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

Good Friday Service
18th April Sandy Bay Chapel 09.00 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.00 am
Jamestown Chapel 10.00 am

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

Vacancy

Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors)

Salary for the post will commence at £10,068 per annum (£839 per month)

Since 1790

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Finance Department for an Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors).

As the Accounts Clerk (Costing/Creditors) you will be responsible for ensuring a reliable and efficient service is provided for the costing of all goods imported for the Company, and processing of data into the Company's Finance data file.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess grades C or above in GCSE Maths & English or equivalent and desirably an Accounting qualification
- Be competent in the use of Microsoft Office applications, essentially in the use in Excel and desirably Access Dimensions
- Have the ability to multitask, organise workload and meet tight deadlines in a fast-paced environment
- Be analytical, with a high degree of accuracy and attention to detail
- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and the ability to liaise effectively with staff on all levels
- Be able to work independently and to use own initiative.

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

Belinda Ellick, Senior Accounts Clerk (Costing) via 22380 seniorcostingclerk@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 **24 April 2025.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts



Golf Report

SHGC, Contributed

The Par 3 Competition held on 13 April was a thrilling event that showcased the guile and competitiveness of the 15 players who participated. This report details the results and highlights from the day.

The Par 3 format is known for its unique challenges, requiring precision and accuracy over shorter distances. On this day, players demonstrated their abilities, leading to an exciting finish.

Peter Bagley emerged as the Champion of the Day, demonstrating remarkable consistency throughout his rounds. He finished with a net score of 57, which was matched by Keith Joshua "KJ", who had to settle for second place due to a countback rule. The countback system is used in golf competitions to break ties by comparing scores on the last nine holes, then the last six, and so forth until a winner is determined.

In third place was Hensil Beard, who also performed admirably with a net score of 58. His performance earned him recognition and applause from fellow competitors, well done Henzie!

Additionally, there were two players who shared the two-ball pool prize: Keith Buckley and Reuben Oliphant. Their contributions added an extra layer of excitement to the competition.

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, 20 April - 18 Hole Stableford Competition

Sunday, 27April - Monthly Medal

Please sign-up in the usual way or you can leave your name and telephone number on 24421. Happy swinging!



Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club

Pat Henry, Contributed

This week we saw the arrival of two passenger vessels which settled in James Bay for a longer stay; which is very unusual, but it was good to see them joining our harbour fleet, staying overnight with different groups of people visiting and having time to explore a bit of St Helena before sailing off on their next destination.

Therefore sadly, our children's Tuesday shooting events had to be cancelled; safety is the clubs No.1 priority, not only our club and members, but also the extra traffic flow of pedestrianswalking around the seaside area is vitally important and cannot be ignored.

Children are fascinated about archery; it should be recognised that these fun and skilful events are a major health ingredient for our everyday lives. Each week, they develop and make incredible progress, not only by shooting the arrows and hitting the target, but through the respect and discipline given to each other, contributing to their artistic trademark.

We've notice more events taking place on Tuesday evenings, which is good to see. Eleven (11) people visited the club to see what was going on and to have a shoot. It's also interesting for holiday visitors to meet others to have a chat and exchange ideas and views. What an incredible and exciting moment having two holiday visitors from Sweden who noticed some pictures posted of St Helena's shooting team in uniforms receiving medals in Gotland, Sweden; this was an incredible moment for them to come to St Helena and find this exciting piece of information, what a small world, and to top their visit off, they both had to have a shoot in our club. Alexey shot 86.1 & Clara shot 91.1, visiting family member Jordan Wilkins also shot for his first time 89 & 92.2, keeping it in the family, Kyle shot 92.2 & 88.1, Helena 94.1 & 95.2, Imogen shot 98.7, Dr Derek Burke 91.1 and Elli finishing again on a high this week with 100.6; well done and thanks to all.

We didn't have enough people to enter the competition this week therefore it's been carried over for another night.

We would like to wish everyone a very Happy Easter and enjoy the holidays, stay safe and well.

SPORTS ARENA

Snakes on the Plain

New leaders as SHCA RMS T20 2025 continues



Luke Bennett, SAMS

This weekend saw some outstanding swing bowling - almost snake like – along with sixes, wickets and shifts in the table; making it a very exciting weekend for local cricket as the SHCA RMS T20 continued at Francis Plain.

In the first game on Saturday, Challengers defeated the Western A Mustangs as they moved to the top of the table in this year's tournament. Mustangs elected to bat first but the innings belonged to Challengers, dismissing Mustangs for just 76 runs, thanks largely to Player of the Match, Jordan Yon, with three wickets for 15 runs. Despite losing three wickets during their chase, a quick 30 from Andrew Yon would see Challengers reach the required total within nine overs.

The second match of the weekend saw Jamestown Heat defeat Cobras to move above Mustangs in the race for the playoff spots. Heat batted first and produced a solid 184 runs thanks to a well played 65 from Player of the Match, Dax Richards. An all round bowling performance from Heat which included three wickets from Jamestown faithful, Jason Thomas, would restrict Cobras to 106, ensuring the victory for Heat.

The final match of the weekend was the most highly-anticipated one with holders Sandy Bay Pirates up against the undefeated Levelwood Allstars. The hype was however short-lived when an outstanding bowling performance from Pirates would dismantle Allstars batting line-up for just 67 all out, with AJ Bennett producing a three wicket haul, conceding just 13 runs. Player of the Match, Rhys Francis, would help his team to a relatively comfortable chase reaching the total within eight overs.

This was another statement win from Pirates announcing their arrival to form and shooting themselves up to third place in the table with Allstars dropping to second and Challengers moving to the top of the perch with a game in hand as they remain undefeated for the season. All three however have the same points and are currently separated by net run rate.

With that said, there remains one more playoff spot for the fourth placed finishers this year, meaning there is still all to play for in this year's RMS T20.