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Donna Crowie, SAMS

Hello Everyone. Well, another Thursday is upon us once again, and guess what? It's 105 days away from Christmas Day - just thought I'd let you know.

Oh well, what an eventful couple of weeks it has been. Anita's comment last week stole the words right out of my mouth, but yeah it's been a busy couple of weeks, but the interaction we have had with all parties was overwhelming.

Anita also mentioned about our door always being open and this for me is critical since taking on the role as CEO of SAMS; it has been one of my goals. Our services are here for all to use, not just our regular paying customers.

Those of you listening via your radio or reading the paper in the comfort of your home might not realise the behind-the-scenes action that goes on; I can tell you, it's not something that just happens; it comes with hard work, team work and dedication.

All I can say is THANK YOU to my small hard working team, you guys are great. Now stop grinning and get back to work!

So, last week we saw the announcement of the relocating of the Customs, Immigration, and Port Control teams to Rupert's.

I know those working within those teams will kill me for saying this but I was wondering, would the operating times now change? As normally, when containers open, we see a lot of people rushing down the seaside in their lunch breaks getting their goods etc. (me included), but now with the relocating, collecting goods will be a little difficult to do during half hour/hour lunch breaks, so will the operating times change to accommodate collections to happen after working hours?

Sorry, it's just my opinion/ suggestion. Anyway peeps, enjoy your edition of The Sentinel; happy reading and happy Thursday!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Letter to newly-elected Ministers and Councillors from The Green Fish Company.

RE. ST. HELENA FISHERY

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ST. HELENA ISLAND'S HISTORY, 8-WEEKS AGO, OUR GOVERNMENT (SHG) ALLOWED A FOREIGN-FLAGGED VESSEL (**ST ALBATROS / MMSI 601927600 / CALL-SIGN ZS4861 / DTC8008A**) TO FISH IN OUR ISLANDS CATEGORY VI MARINE PROTECTED AREA, BOTH INSHORE AND OFFSHORE, FOR YELLOWFIN TUNA.

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING, SHG ALLOWED TUNA FROM THE SAME CATCH TO BE PUT ON SALE LOCALLY, LABELLED AS **'CAUGHT BY LOCAL BOAT 153'**.

A WEEK AGO, FOR THE FIRST TIME IN ST. HELENA ISLAND'S HISTORY OUR GOVERNMENT ALLOWED THE SAME CATCH TO BE EXPORTED AS FROZEN TUNA TO SOUTH AFRICA.

With many of you citing fisheries in your election manifestos, below is the crisis that awaits your urgent attention...

On the 25th July, I raised the issue of a foreign-flagged vessel fishing in St. Helena's waters with Darren Duncan, Chief Fisheries Officer (CFO)—an event supported by real-time evidence and images captured from two international observers (Marine Traffic and Global Fishing Watch).

After 7-weeks persistent outreach to SHG officials seeking answers and clarifications, the below ten key points remain unanswered, despite a Press Statement from SHG on 4th August assuring the public that the nature of the questions posed would be investigated, and an update would be forthcoming.

1. Did the ST Albatros arrive in St. Helena broadcasting **false** AIS and Call-sign information, which went unnoticed or was ignored by SHG for approximately 5-months, and does a vessel broadcasting false AIS and Call-sign information violate our island's commitments to International Maritime Law?
2. If (1) above is confirmed and as is required by ICCAT, was James Bay and Rupert's Bay registered with ICCAT to receive a foreign registered fishing vessel over 12-metres long?
3. As a vessel of over 12-metres long, was the Albatros registered with ICCAT to fish in FAO-47, including St. Helena's MPA, UN FAO-47?
4. Was the ST Albatros knowingly permitted by the Chief Fisheries Officer (CFO) to fish both inshore and offshore under its South African registration, or was there a lack of due-diligence on the vessel's arrival?
5. If (4) is confirmed, did any inshore or offshore fishing activities of the ST Albatros contravene any local or ICCAT, Regulation, Policy or Ordinance?
6. Did any inshore or offshore fishing activities of the ST Albatros contravene any agreement made between SHG and 3rd parties e.g. the operator of the island's processing factory?
7. Was any of the tuna landed by the ST Albatros mislabelled when sold locally i.e. labelled as caught by **local boat 153** when in fact, the vessel was still registered in **South Africa**?
8. Will any of the tuna catch landed by the Albatros be exported and if so, will it be documented as caught by **local boat 153**, or under its **South African** registry?
9. If the ST Albatros did fish in St. Helena's waters as a South African registered vessel—prior to any fishing activities, was any arrangement made with the South African authorities to re-allocate the catch against the South African quota?
10. Re Q.9 - If no such arrangement had been prior made, has the catch been recorded against St. Helena's Total Allowable Catch (TAC), even though on 6th August the CFO retrospectively wrote to the Department of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries (DFFE) in South Africa asking them to accept the quota caught by the ST Albatros? As is confirmed by an email from DFFE.

Compounding this, it is now reported that a container containing the ST Albatros catch was exported to Cape Town just over a week ago on the MV Karoline.

Why is this significant?... Simply put, without substantive clarifications to the above points and the conclusion of an investigation (confirmed by the island's Attorney General below), by allowing an export of potentially **mislabelled** and **illegal**, **unreported** and **unregulated (IUU)** catch to leave the island, SHG has now exposed St. Helena and our fishery to international scrutiny, condemnation and potential, international policy, regulation and agreement breaches.

Additionally, SHG has allowed the ST Albatros to continue fishing even though I have received official communication from the Attorney General stating...

"You will of course, understand that on occasion the information you have requested cannot be provided to you; for example, whilst investigations are ongoing, and where there may be legal implications, including for third parties".

The Attorney General later writes...

"The new Minister with responsibility for fishing matters will need to be briefed and then seek, with the assistance and advice of Officers, to determine the next steps".

So, if as stated, an investigation is still ongoing and outcomes require Ministerial involvement... why and who has allowed the fish to be exported, and, why and who has allowed the vessel in question, to continue operating?

Surely, it would have made more sense to quarantine both the fish and the vessel until such time as the facts had been fully investigated and established, and if needed, the necessary corrective actions, precautions or policy put into place prior to allowing the above—preventing any such further and potentially damaging events of this nature.

Kind regards,

Malcolm Williams
Founder

Your New Leaders

St Helena elects twelve new Members of Legislative Council

Liam Yon, SAMS

The new Legislative Council for St Helena is set after twelve out of twenty-three candidates were successfully elected to serve as the second Ministerial Government for St Helena during the General Election 2025.

After a few weeks of campaigning, candidates relinquished the power to the people of St Helena on Wednesday, 3 September, when the Island went to the polls to cast their votes for who they would want to serve as the Members of Legislative Council for the next four-year term.

Polling stations island-wide opened at 10am and closed at 7pm sharp, when each ballot box was then transported to the Court House for the official count. Jamestown, unsurprisingly, was the first ballot box to arrive, with Longwood being the last.

Each box was then opened, emptied and each ballot paper checked and counted by officials. In total, 1,151 votes were cast, though four of these were found to be invalid, meaning there were 1,147 valid votes casted; representing approximately 56% of those eligible to vote. This is compared with 60% in 2021, 49% in 2017, 55% in 2013, 58% in 2009, and 47% in 2005. According to SHG, the number of votes cast "reflects the continuing commitment of the community to St Helena's democratic process."

Once all ballot papers were checked and counted from each district, they were all mixed and collated into piles of 25 to be called out by the dedicated callers on the night; namely Jacqui Moyce, Anya Richards, Nicholas Yon and Linda Glanville, along with their eagle-eyed teams of tally counters, ensuring each vote was accounted for in order to formulate the official results. The counting got underway at around 10pm and continued all the way through the night until around 5am the follow morning, Thursday 4 September.

Returning Officer, Carol Henry, who kept a keen eye over proceedings the entire night, then gave the official results, starting with the number of votes for each candidate in alphabetical order by surname. These were Colin Douglas Bargo (309 votes), Clint Richard Beard (407 votes), Gillian Ann Brooks (543 votes), Mark Alan Brooks (352 votes), Cruyff Gerard Buckley (314 votes), Rebecca Elizabeth Cairns-Wicks (823 votes), Ronald Arthur Coleman (389 votes), Jeffrey Robert Ellick (326 votes), Corinda Sebastiana Stuart Essex (730 votes), Melissa Kim Fowler (306 votes), Anthony Arthur Green (333 votes), Martin Dave Henry (541 votes), Elizabeth Knipe (174 votes), Cyril Kenneth Leo (217 votes), Dennis Karl Leo (644 votes), Robert Charles Midwinter (441 votes), Derek Pedley (326 votes), Derek Franklin Thomas (629 votes), Julie Dorne Thomas (403 votes), Kevin Adrian Thomas (128 votes), Karl Gavin Thrower (650 votes), Andrew James Turner (761 votes) and Patrick Arthur Williams (59 votes).

Following this, Carol declared the candidates that had been duly elected to serve as Members of the St Helena Legislative Council. In order of number of votes received, starting with the highest, the new Legislative Council was officially announced as Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, Andrew Turner, Corinda Essex, Karl Thrower, Dennis Leo, Derek Thomas, Gillian Brooks, Martin Henry, Robert Midwinter, Clint Beard, Julie Thomas and Ronald Coleman.

Good luck to our new Legislative Council and let's hope that the next four years will be a time of progress and success for St Helena.

See full GE2025 results on pages 4 and 5

Introducing Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks

Liam Yon, SAMS



On Wednesday, during the inaugural meeting of the Island's newly elected Legislative Council, Councillor Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks was elected unopposed as the new Chief Minister for St Helena.

With His Excellency, Governor Nigel Phillips, still acting as President of the meeting following the failure to elect a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker at the meeting, nominations were invited for the position of Chief Minister.

Councillor Andrew Turner duly nominated Councillor Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, seconded by Councillor Gillian Brooks. No further nominations were received and the Motion was put to the House that Councillor Rebecca Cairns-Wicks be duly elected to serve as St Helena's Chief Minister, to which the ayes had it. The Governor was the first to congratulate St Helena's new Chief Minister on her appointment.

Soon after this election, a statement was issued by the Legislative Council. "Legislative Council have today voted in a new Chief Minister for St Helena," they said. "Initially there were several expressions of interest for this role, however after considerable discussion among all Elected Members, only one expression of interest remained. Today, the Honourable Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks received the unanimous support of all Elected Members to be the island's new Chief Minister. Elected Members take this opportunity to congratulate Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks and to reiterate their support for her as the Chief Minister."

The Sentinel congratulates Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks on her appointment and wishes her the best of luck. Her first duty will be to carefully decide which four Councillors will take on the other ministerial positions to form the Island's new ministerial team.

GENERAL ELECTION 2025 THE RESULTS





Colin BARGO - 309 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Clint BEARD - 407 Votes
ELECTED



Gillian BROOKS - 543 Votes
ELECTED



Mark BROOKS - 352 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Cruyff BUCKLEY - 314 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Rebecca CAIRNS-WICKS - 823 Votes
ELECTED



Ronald COLEMAN - 389 Votes
ELECTED



Jeffrey ELLICK - 326 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Corinda ESSEX - 730 Votes
ELECTED



Melissa FOWLER - 306 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Anthony GREEN - 333 Votes
NOT ELECTED

GENERAL ELECTION 2025 THE RESULTS



Martin HENRY - 541 Votes
ELECTED



Elizabeth KNIPE - 174 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Cyril LEO - 217 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Dennis LEO - 644 Votes
ELECTED



Robert MIDWINTER - 441 Votes
ELECTED



Derek PEDLEY - 326 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Derek THOMAS - 629 Votes
ELECTED



Julie THOMAS - 403 Votes
ELECTED



Kevin THOMAS - 128 Votes
NOT ELECTED



Karl THROWER - 650 Votes
ELECTED



Andrew TURNER - 761 Votes
ELECTED



Patrick WILLIAMS - 59 Votes
NOT ELECTED

First Decision, No Decision

New Legislative Council indecisive on Speaker as elections adjourned to Thursday during first Formal LegCo Meeting

Liam Yon, SAMS

With the election of Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks being tied up quickly in the first Formal Meeting of Legislative Council on Wednesday, the same could not be said for the election of a new Speaker and Deputy Speaker of Legislative Council after the decision was made to adjourn these elections until Thursday due to two candidates for the Speaker role both receiving six votes each – even after Members were given the chance to discuss before giving their final vote.

The Governor, acting as President, called for the election of Speaker before the Attorney General put forward an amendment to the standing orders to allow the election to take place, which was seconded by Councillor Turner and agreed by the whole council. The AG then announced the six candidates for election as Speaker; Keith Brinsden, Cruyff Buckley, Anthony Green, Cyril Gunnell, Christine Scipio and Maureen Thompson.

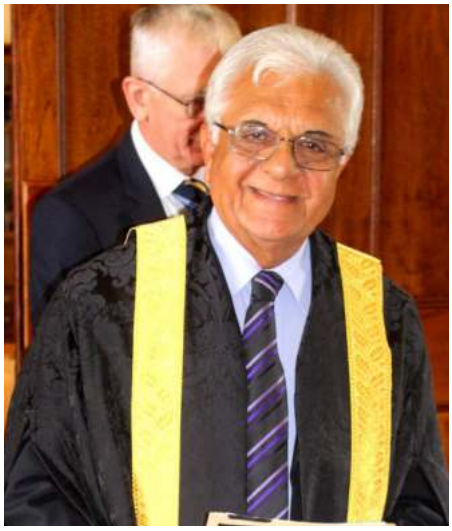
Each of the candidates were given five minutes to plead their case on why they should be elected as the Council's new Speaker of the House before the twelve Elected Members were issued a ballot paper to vote in secret. If a candidate received seven votes, they would duly be elected. If less than seven were received, those with the lowest votes would be withdrawn and another vote held.

After the first round of voting, Brinsden received no votes, Buckley received one vote, Green received no votes, Gunnell received four votes, Scipio received five votes and Thompson received two votes. Following procedure, Keith Brinsden and Anthony Green were withdrawn from the list and a second round of voting was called.

After round two, Buckley received no votes, Gunnell received five votes, Scipio received six votes and Thompson received one vote. Again, following procedure, Cruyff Buckley was withdrawn and a third round of voting was called.

This round produced the same result with Gunnell receiving five votes, Scipio receiving six votes and Thompson receiving one vote.





Thompson was then withdrawn before a fourth vote was called, though there was at this point a few minutes needed for the printing of more ballot papers.

After a fourth round of voting, there was a deadlock with both Gunnell and Scipio receiving six votes each. The Attorney General then explained how this meant a break of 20mins would be held to allow Elected Members to have an informal discussion before once again casting their votes in a fifth round of voting.

Despite having been given the chance to discuss, after the fifth round of voting there remained a tie between Cyril Gunnell and Christine Scipio, both with six votes each. This was described as a "dead heat" by the Governor who confirmed that, as is procedure, the election of Speaker would be adjourned to the following day and that the meeting would move on to the next item of business; the election of a Deputy Speaker.

In terms of the Deputy Speaker elections, the Attorney General again put to the House an amendment to the standing orders which was seconded and agreed by the Council, to which he read out the nominees for the role which included all of those running for Speaker with the addition of Connie Johnson, who was then given the chance to speak for five minutes, as was done by the other candidates during the Speaker elections.

The task was then to elect a new Deputy Speaker, however, with both Gunnell and Scipio indicating their desire to be considered for election as Deputy Speaker if they were to not be elected as Speaker, there was confusion on how this could and should be handled, with Councillor Dr Corinda Essex questioning the process and suggesting that this election also be held off until a Speaker has been appointed.

The Attorney General confirmed that if a Motion was put forward and the Council agreed, then this could indeed be done. Councillor Essex then duly put forward the Motion to adjourn the election of a Deputy Speaker until the resolution of a Speaker; this was seconded by Councillor Julie Thomas and supported by the whole Council.

Therefore, the first decision of the new Legislative Council resulted in indecision, with no candidate having been elected to serve as Speaker of the House and subsequently Deputy Speaker. These elections will now take place on Thursday along with the Adjournment Debate which was also postponed until the end of the meeting on Thursday, once the Speaker situation is resolved, with the AG revealing that, if a deadlock remains between the two candidates for Speaker, it would come down to a simple drawing of straws or toss of a coin to make the ultimate decision.

To hear these elections, including the election of the Island's new Chief Minister, and the rest of Wednesday's meeting in full – listen to the recording available on the SAMS Podcast Page.

Through the Lens

Bridging the Digital Divide- St Helena Journey to Tomorrow- Written By *Ed Oyewo*

Picture this scenario: Maya, a Year 11 student at St. Helena Secondary School, stares out at the endless Atlantic Ocean surrounding St. Helena Island and wonders if she's destined to be left behind in the digital revolution. With intermittent internet connections and limited tech resources compared to major cities, how can a small remote island possibly compete in an increasingly digital world? The answer lies not in having the most advanced technology, but in developing the right skills and mindset to thrive in a technology-driven future.



Redefining Digital Advantage: St. Helena's perceived disadvantages might actually be its greatest strengths. This real-world application illustrates why digital literacy has become as fundamental as traditional reading and writing. Today's students must learn to critically evaluate online information, distinguish between reliable and questionable sources, and understand how to use emerging technologies like artificial intelligence responsibly. These skills are particularly crucial for island communities, where access to diverse information sources and global perspectives can bridge geographical isolation. Consider Kenya's revolutionary M-Pesa mobile banking system, which transformed global finance despite originating in areas with limited banking infrastructure. Similarly, some of today's most successful remote work professionals and digital entrepreneurs operate from locations far from traditional tech hubs. St. Helena students aren't disadvantaged—they're uniquely positioned to develop innovative solutions born from resourcefulness and necessity.

Transforming Traditional Subjects for the Digital Era: The key to catching up with—and potentially surpassing—the rest of the world lies in reimagining how digital competencies integrate with existing strengths rather than replacing them. St. Helena's curriculum doesn't need a complete overhaul; it needs strategic enhancement. History lessons can incorporate advanced research techniques and source verification skills, preparing students to navigate an era of information abundance and misinformation. Mathematics classes can explore data visualization and basic programming concepts, making abstract concepts tangible through real-world applications. English studies can embrace digital storytelling and multimedia communication, expanding traditional literacy into digital fluency. The growing popularity of Computer Science, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, and Design Technology reflects a global recognition that these aren't niche subjects—they're becoming universal languages of the modern world.

Vocational Pathways and Micro-Credentials: Not every student will pursue traditional university education, and the digital economy recognizes this reality through alternative credentialing systems. Micro-credentials and specialized certifications in areas like Google Analytics, Adobe Creative Suite, drone operation, or digital marketing provide direct pathways to employment without requiring four-year degrees. These vocational qualifications often carry more immediate job market value than traditional academic credentials. A St. Helena student certified in digital marketing could manage social media campaigns for tourism businesses across the South Atlantic region. Someone trained in data analysis could support research projects for marine conservation efforts around the island. The key is connecting specific, job-relevant competencies with local opportunities and global possibilities.

The Path Forward: Maya's initial concern about being left behind reflects a common misconception. St. Helena isn't racing to catch up with the rest of the world—it's charting its own course toward a digitally integrated future. The submarine cable may occasionally fail, but the skills students develop—computational thinking, critical analysis, creative problem-solving, and adaptive learning—remain constant. These competencies prepare them for careers that don't yet exist and challenges not yet imagined. The future belongs to those who can think both digitally and practically, regardless of their geographic starting point. ***Till Next Time, Keep Well!***

Hey Jude

Saint, Jude Corker, takes up post as Detective Constable for St Helena



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Royal St Helena Police Service has recently announced a number of new staff within the service from fresh recruits to a Temporary Director and new Chief Inspector. Now, the latest to add to this list is new Detective Constable, Jude Corker; son of Saint, Mark Corker, of New Bridge, Jamestown.

The RSHP said they were "pleased to welcome Jude" as their new Detective Constable in a recent post via their official Facebook Page.

Jude was born and raised in the UK, though has visited St Helena and Ascension on a number of occasions over the years to spend time with his dad on the Islands. Jude brings with him solid experience having worked for the past four years as a Detective Constable with the Metropolitan Police Service in London where, according to the RSHP, he worked on "serious investigations including domestic violence, robberies, murders, drug supply and firearms."

Police added how, "with his skills in intelligence work, call data analysis, and complex investigations, Jude brings a wealth of experience to our island."

They went on to mention Jude's pride in his Saint roots and the bond he has built with the life and culture of the Island over his many visits; with St Helena's traditions, community spirit and local food ensuring the Island always felt like home.

"For Jude, joining the Service isn't just about a career move – it's about giving back to the place he feels connected to, and supporting its progress," said the RSHP. "He hopes more young Saints living abroad will also take the opportunity to return and share their skills to help shape the future of the island."

Congratulations and welcome home to Jude!

"A Phased Plan for a Smooth Transition"

SHG announce new three-phase plan for Primary School restructure to start in January 2026, "necessary" to allow safe renovations to future school sites, though concerns have been raised around the decision-making process and the effect that multiple relocations will have on children

Liam Yon, SAMS

On the same day that a new Legislative Council was elected for St Helena - and ahead of the appointment of a new Minister for Education – big news was released by the Education, Skills & Employment (ESE) Portfolio in relation to the planned primary school restructure, with a number of changes being made to the originally-agreed schedule.

The ESE announced on Thursday, 4 September, that they would now be moving forward the reorganisation of the primary school restructure – which is to create two new schools dedicated to Key Stage 1 (KS1) and Key Stage 2 (KS2) – with this "transition" now planned to start in January 2026 instead of the original date of September 2026; and involving a lot of movement of students from one school site to the other over the next eighteen months.

According to an SHG Press Release, as well as a letter to parents and guardians by the newly appointed Portfolio Director for ESE, Ceri Morgan, "this change is necessary to ensure the safety of all students and staff during extensive renovations at the future school sites, Harford Primary School and St Paul's Primary School, which were agreed earlier this year." The go on to add that "construction on this scale cannot be safely completed with pupils on-site, and the revised timeline allows the contractors to efficiently carry out this crucial work."

SHG go on to detail what they describe as "a phased plan for a smooth transition."

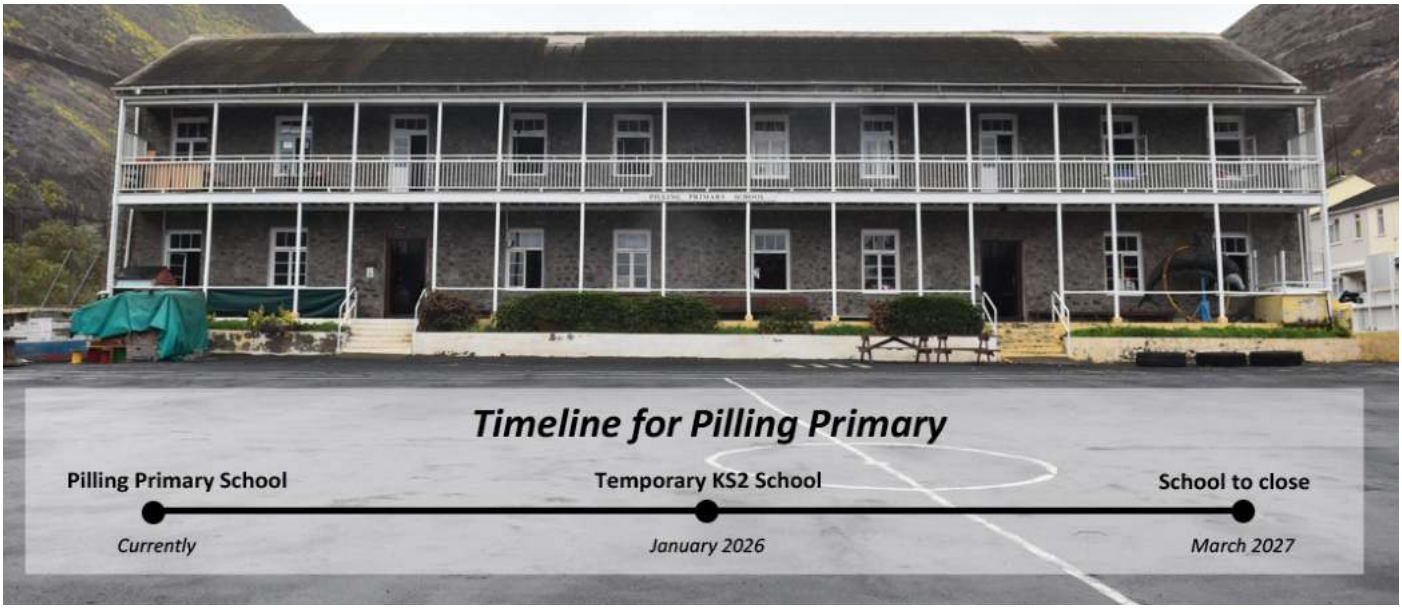
They explain how "several temporary options" were "carefully explored" by the ESE Portfolio including the potential use of community centres and office buildings on the Island. These were found to be unsuitable "due to scheduling conflicts and the significant cost and time required to make them fit to meet educational standards." Consideration was then given to "relocating students to other schools, including the secondary school."

In the end, after "detailed analysis" the ESE Portfolio saw "one clear option" emerge as the best way forward; to introduce the new KS1 and KS2 model for all primary-aged children from January 2026. With the decision made, a three-phase approach was worked up which aims "to minimise disruption to learning and limit the number of moves for students and staff."

Phase One of this transition, labelled by ESE as the 'launch preparations' stage in January 2026, will see all KS1 students on the Island from Harford, St Paul's, and Pilling (Nursery through to Year 2) be relocated to the St Paul's Primary School site as the temporary KS1 School. Alongside this, all KS2 students from the current primary schools (Year 3 through to Year 6) will relocate to the Pilling Primary School site as the temporary KS2 School. This will allow for the necessary building works to begin at the Harford Primary School site; eventually to become the permanent KS1 School.

According to SHG, "this approach allows all children to remain





together with their friends during the renovations and provides valuable time for staff training and planning."

Phase Two of the transition in September 2026 will see the 'KS1 School Launch'; this is when the new permanent KS1 School will officially open at the renovated Harford Primary School site, allowing all KS1 students to then relocate again from St Paul's to the new school. Works will then take place to the St Paul's School site to become the permanent KS2 School; with KS2 students remaining at Pilling Primary School while renovations take place on their future school site.

Finally, Part Three of the transition will see the 'KS2 Launch' in March 2027, when the KS2 students will relocate from their temporary placement at Pilling to the newly renovated permanent KS2 School at the St Paul's Primary site, following the completion of works and official launch.

SHG then spoke on their 'Commitment to Students and Families'.

"We understand that this change may bring concern and will work closely with the community during this period," they said. "We know this impacts many families, from daily routines to transport arrangements. The ESE Portfolio is actively working behind the scenes on all logistical details to ensure a seamless transition."

"The safety, learning, and well-being of our students remain our top priority," they conclude. "We will ensure ample time is given before January 2026 to help prepare them for the upcoming changes.

In the days following this big announcement from the ESE Portfolio, many in the community have raised concerns about the number of relocations for Island children from one school site to the next over SHG's planned three phases; with the main apprehension being with regards to the effect of these location changes on students, many of whom might struggle to adapt, including and particular, those students with autism spectrum disorders.

Another question having been raised is why this decision, which will have an impact to all families with children on the Island, was made without prior consultation with parents and guardians and additionally, why the ESE Portfolio did not first wait for the appointment of their new Minister for Education before making such a decision.

Anyone with enquiries are however encouraged to contact the ESE Portfolio via email to info@sainthelena.edu.sh.



In Operation Soon

Customs, Immigration, and Port Control begin relocation to new Rupert's Cargo Facility after "significant progress over recent months"



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Rupert's Development Project – one of the largest projects to be undertaken on the Island in recent years – which aims to transform Rupert's Valley into a modern port and cargo handling facility, replacing operations at the Jamestown Wharf, is now nearing completion, with SHG's Customs, Immigration, and Port Control departments beginning their relocation to the new facility this week.

Key components of the project include a new permanent wharf for freight services, rock fall protection to ensure safety, and, most recently, the construction of cargo handling infrastructure including a new Port Control, Customs, and Biosecurity (PCB) facility and Container Freight Station (CFS) buildings.

The project also importantly included improving infrastructure for access roads, with the R2 Road Project seeing both Side Path and Field Road undergo major renovations and rehabilitation in recent years to ensure the road connecting Jamestown and Rupert's Valley is fit for purpose with regards to the transporting of cargo in and out of Rupert's.

These works, funded under the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), is being overseen by the Programme Management Office (PMO), who reported to The Sentinel that "significant progress has been made on the Rupert's Cargo Handling Facility over recent months."

The PMO detail how "the Port Control, Customs and Biosecurity Building (PCB), the Container Freight Station (CFS), the Main Container yard, the CFS Yard, the Stevedores Building and the Public Toilet facilities have now reached practical completion," with only "some minor snagging works" left to be completed; though this was "anticipated to be completed as early as this week."

The PMO also confirmed that "these areas have now been handed over to the Safety, Security and Home Affairs (SSHA) Portfolio, who are hoping to bring these areas into operation later this month."

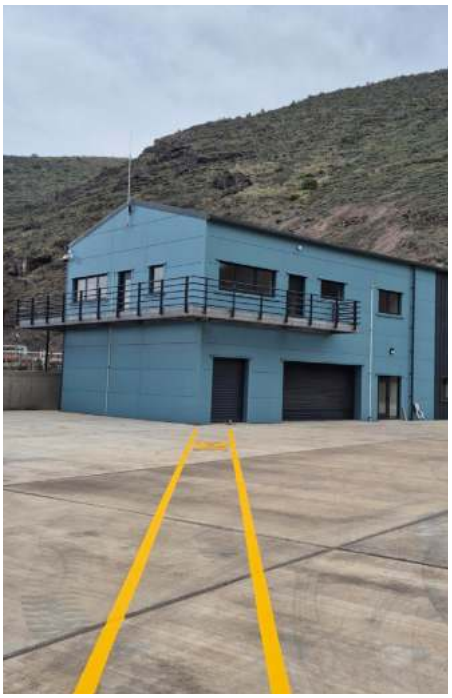
As such, SHG advised on Friday of last week that, starting Monday 8 September, their Customs, Immigration, and Port Control departments would begin the relocation to Rupert's.

"The public are advised that Customs, Immigration, and Port Control will begin relocating from Customs House at the Wharf to the new Rupert's Cargo Facility starting Monday," they said. "Services in Jamestown will continue as normal until the move is complete; however, please note there may be some disruptions during the transition. Staff will also have limited access to email and telephone communications during this period."

This will come as a positive update towards Lower Rupert's Valley becoming the Island's main port facility for shipment and freight handling. In terms of the overall









project, the PMO did advise that "there still remain some outstanding construction activities, and these are programmed for completion by March 2026."

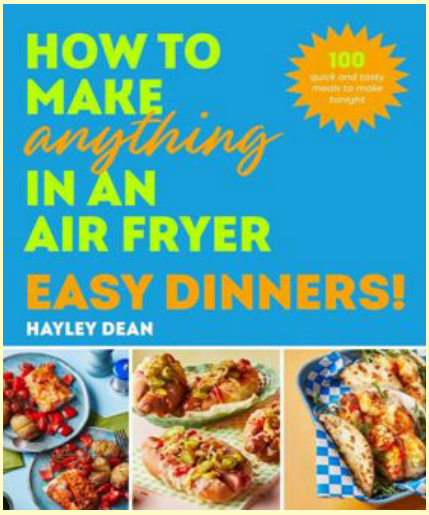
Although unconfirmed by SHG, it is widely believed that the new facility at Rupert's will be used for operations from the next voyage of the MV Karoline at the end of the month, with consolidators having already indicated this to customers ahead of her arrival, currently scheduled for Saturday, 27 September.





Book of the Week

Public Library Service



How To Make Anything In An Air Fryer Easy Dinners by Hayley Dean

Not sure what to cook tonight? Air fry it.

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"I really hope to come again"

Political Geography Professor Visits St Helena



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In August, Dr Michael Pretes visited St Helena and took some time to do a radio interview at SAMS Radio 1 to share his knowledge and ideas with listeners. Dr Pretes is a professor of Geography at the University of North Alabama in the US where his research and teaching areas focuses on economic development in remote regions, tourism and national parks specifically in Western North America, Southern Africa, Australia and the Polar regions.

Although he has a variety of areas of interest, his main focus centred on tourism and geography. Dr Pretes spent the past year as a visiting professor in the Department of Economics and Geosciences at the United States Air force Academy and is also a research fellow at Stellenbosch University in South Africa. He has also been involved in research projects here on the island and was one of the speakers at the St Helena Research Institute's conference in November last year.

Michael was born and raised in San Francisco but he has moved around a lot within the USA, living in eight of the 50 states, including Hawaii. Apart from the US, Michael has also lived in Australia, Canada, Finland and the UK.

Michael explained the difference between two of his areas of interest - political geography and geopolitics. "Political geography looks at all of the spatial or geographic aspects of politics and that includes a lot of different things, including geopolitics. Political geography includes a lot of things, for instance the geography of elections. Geopolitics focuses more on international relations, so it looks at the geographic aspects of how countries relate to each other. So a lot of it had to do with borders and boundaries. So that is basically what geopolitics is, looking at the geographic aspect of politics, international relations and conflict."

An interesting class taught by Michael correlates the influences of geography to the production of beer, wine and spirits. Michael spoke a bit about the influences of things like microclimates, annual temperature, amount of rainfall, soil types and slope, but also cultural practices in the production of specifically something like wine. He explained why a class like this is taught. "So in a way, beer, wine and spirits exemplify every aspect of geography, from the physical, all the weather and the soils etc. to the cultural, the economic and the political aspects. Also students tend to be intrigued by the topic so that's a way of introducing them to geography, by something that they're familiar with and want to learn more about."

Michael is interested in tourism; the geography of tourism and what motivates people to visit places. This is one of the reasons for his visits to St Helena. One of the important things in attracting tourism is offering something that is unique. As an example of this, he referred to the city of Rovaniemi, Finland, in the Lapland region in the Arctic Circle. This town markets an attraction dubbed Santa Claus' village, claiming that this is where the 'real Santa and his reindeer' live. Tourists are invited to come and visit the village and his workshop, although people know that these are only fictional. The drive behind the success of this marketing campaign is the desire to capture the nostalgic feelings of childhood and to experience something different and unique.

Relating this back to St Helena, he said that one of the things that make the island unique is its self-contained nature and extreme remoteness as well as being difficult to access. The perception that St Helena is a place that few people have the opportunity to visit, adds to the sense of adventure of travelling to the island. Another aspect that adds to the charm of the island as Michael described it, "it feels for outsiders, like me and others, it's almost like stepping back in time. You come to a place where you have, essentially, an 18th century village environment in Jamestown. Everyone's very friendly and things seem to go at a kind of slow pace. This relates again to that idea of nostalgia. People think, oh, what an idyllic world if we could avoid the bombardment of media, all of the traffic, the congestion, pollution and commercialism. If we could come to a place where things are still as much of how the world used to be, like a long time ago." Although there are other attractions like the natural beauty and marine life, the essence of the island which makes it unique and desirable is the preservation of this old-timey feel and the remoteness. In addition it also has a big appeal to travellers interested in visiting historical places. Michael did also say, "I think if too many people would come to St Helena, it would lose that feeling. The island must be careful about balancing encouraging tourism to provide more revenue, but not overdoing it to the point where it damages the things that is the main appeal of the island."

If tourist attractions are over-commercialised it detracts from the experience and is something that should be avoided especially when most tourists only visit during a 'peak season'. The option of having attractions declared as UNESCO World Heritage sites does come with some advantages, but it also brings the disadvantage of having to comply with various regulations and having to submit reports on a regular basis, as Michael explained. "Things like this can be burdensome and may be more trouble than it's worth." As to the advantage of declaring areas as national parks, Michael said, "National parks can get a lot of visibility. So if you want to highlight the nature and environmental aspects of a place, designating that place as a national park will increase the attention on it, increase the visitation on it and potentially increase the protection that the place gets." He also stressed that protected areas could also include national monuments, historical sites as well as park areas. Michael referred to a model used in the UK where "you have national parks that actually have people living in them. So this may include some open space, but they may include agricultural fields and even villages. That model of national parks might be more applicable in a place like St Helena where you do not have a lot of land. What if all of St Helena was

considered a national park," Michael considered. "People would still be living in it and have the right to do all the same things they do now, but the entire island could be branded as a national park."

With regards to sustainable development and economic growth, another one of Michael's areas of interest that he put the spotlight on, was exploring more options to develop niche agriculture like coffee production, possibly cocoa and chocolate production as well as small scale agriculture like honey. Other speciality agriculture products can be explored and developed by agricultural experts and individuals with local knowledge. Something like beer, wine and spirit production would also be an option as there is a trend for producers to not necessarily grow the input crops, but source these from vineyards and farms elsewhere. As such, St Helena could import grapes or other raw material to produce and bottle products here with the added appeal of being produced on our remote island.

Michael discussed the possibility of establishing a sovereign wealth fund for St Helena as modelled in several places he had visited to do research on this topic. Kiribati is one of the islands where this model works very well in practice to create funds for the island established in the 1950's based on phosphate mining on the island. Their sister island of Tavula did not have the advantage of such a mine and instead looked to larger countries to donate to the establishment of a sovereign wealth fund for the island which is currently worth in the region of £120 million to provide for the 10,000 residents of the island. Most sovereign wealth funds are based on a resource but could also be established through donor aid to assist a territory in becoming financially independent. Each sovereign wealth fund is unique, but according to Michael this is an option that could be explored to support St Helena to become self sustaining.

Another publication that Michael researched in Uganda and Kenya relates to micro-finance and micro-equity. The project that he looked at provided small loans to individuals to start up businesses while also stimulating the economy and provide more job opportunities. A similar project could benefit economic growth on St Helena in the private sector providing start-up funding for smaller businesses. Michael said, "there is an entrepreneurial spirit here with people wanting to have their own businesses and interest in small businesses that provide them with a livelihood. So this is something that might work here and there is growth potential on the island." One business idea that Michael proposed was a 3D-printer. "I think getting a 3D printer on the island would be fabulous because then you can create things like auto-parts if you urgently need them and have to wait on the ship to come in from South Africa. You can just print it here! Yes, I think if someone could get a small grant to purchase a sizeable 3D printer that could be a good business opportunity." The other business idea he proposed was for the setting up of a water bottling plant using a reverse osmosis purifier. This would cut down on plastic waste and provide good drinking water at more affordable prices. In addition, this could be a business opportunity in exporting water that was bottled in a unique location to the international market.

The last area Michael talked about centred on education. "Developing a university here on St Helena arising out of the existing Community College and the St Helena Research Institute would provide access to higher education opportunities to residents as well as enhance overall educational capacity on the island. This is something that is being considered but it is still too early to give details about that. Yes, to develop the potential of this idea and to potentially add an online component for people who are non-residents." Michael elaborated that a local university would "give people here the opportunity to study locally and earn a degree here, but you could also have experts from outside the country come and present courses and lecture here. The online component provides a platform for people who could never come to the island. It also opens up opportunities for students from other countries like the USA and China to enrol in the university and they would be paying university fees and so that would essentially fund such a university."

Michael ended off the interview by thanking everyone on St Helena for being so friendly and welcoming. "I really enjoyed being here on St Helena and I really hope to come again," he said.

Baby Boxes continue to bring joy to families



EHRC, Contributed

Last year, the Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC), in proud partnership with the St Helena Association UK, received twelve beautiful baby boxes—each one a symbol of care, generosity, and hope. To date, nine of these boxes have been gifted to new mothers and their precious babies, bringing comfort and joy to families across our island.

We were especially honoured to welcome Mrs Vilma Clingham-Toms and Mr James Miller, both dedicated members of the St Helena Association UK, who visited the island and personally presented several of the baby boxes. Their presence and kindness made the moment even more meaningful.

The Baby Box Scheme is a deeply valued initiative in St Helena, designed to give every child the best possible start in life. Parents have responded with heartfelt gratitude, praising the quality, thoughtfulness, and usefulness of the items included. These boxes have not only provided essential newborn supplies but have also offered emotional and financial relief—especially for families navigating rising costs.

Here is what our recent new Mum had to say: "Everything in the box was very useful and such a welcoming gift. We truly appreciate receiving it. Starr absolutely loves her comforter" —Taylor & Jorden, parents of baby Starr.

On behalf of the Equality & Human Rights Commission and the families of St Helena, we extend our deepest thanks to the St Helena Association UK. Your generosity has made a lasting impact, and we are proud to stand alongside you in ensuring that every child—regardless of circumstance—is welcomed into the world with love, support, and the promise of a brighter future.

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. Sep 12

- 7am -10am: Sunrise show with Luke Bennett
- 10:30: Interview with Dr Dean Allen
- 11am: American Connections (Repeat)
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. Sep 13

- 9am-12 Noon: Saturday Show with Sebastian Stent
- 1pm: Rebroadcast: Inaugural Meeting Part 1
- 3-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Sep 14

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Donna Crowie
- 1pm : Interview Hour / Inaugural Meeting part 2
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations

MON. Sep 15

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna

TUE. Sep 16

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Annika
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Sep 17

- 7am-8:30am : Sunrise with Deon
- 11am: Northward Sounds with Tony Leo
- 1-3pm 1548 show with Cyril Gunnell
- 4-7pm: Afternoon Drive with Luke Bennett
- 7:30pm: Vibes With Annika

THU. Sep 18

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie

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Featured this Week





On Friday at 10:30 we will be broadcasting an interview with best-selling author and keynote speaker, Dr Dean Allen.

Dean recently visited St Helena and did a presentation on his book: The Man Who Changed A Landscape- The Adrian Gardiner Story (founder of the Mantis collection).

Be sure to tune in to hear this interview as we will also be giving away a signed copy of this interesting book!

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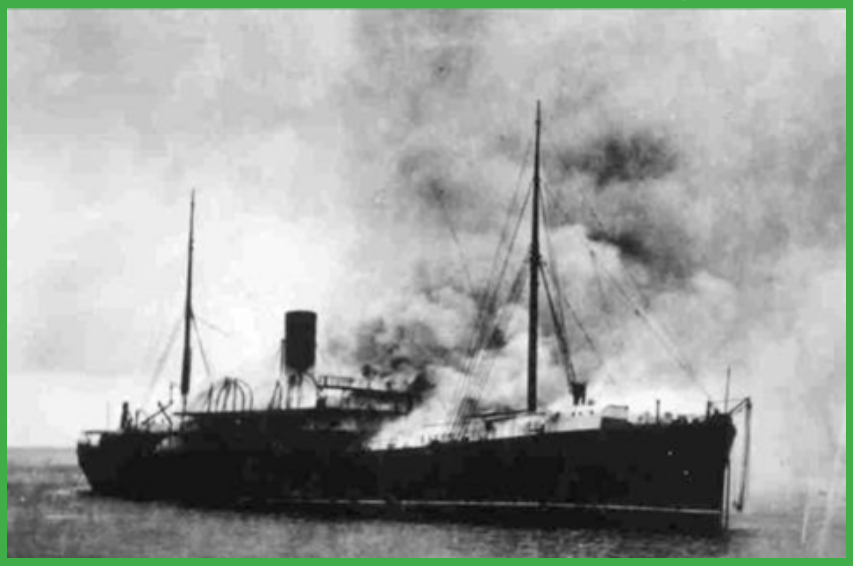
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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Master'

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Throwback Thursday



11th September 1911:
SS Papanui arrives on fire and burns out the following day; all aboard are saved.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Saturday is National Peanut Day. These small, crunchy snacks come in many varieties from boiled to roasted, are packed with protein, and have been enjoyed for centuries. So, putting a sweet twist to these crunchy snacks, why not try Mary Berry's Peanut Brittle recipe?

Peanut Brittle



Mary Berry's Peanut Brittle is a classic treat that combines the perfect balance of sweet caramel and crunchy peanuts. This easy-to-make candy is ideal for snacking or gifting, and it takes only a few ingredients and minimal time to prepare. With a golden, crunchy texture and a delicious nutty flavour, peanut brittle is a timeless dessert that everyone will enjoy.

Ingredients

- 200g Caster Sugar
- 125ml Water
- 100g Golden Syrup
- 200g Unsalted Roasted Peanuts
- 50g Butter (optional for added richness)
- 1tsp Vanilla Extract (optional for extra flavour)
- ½ tsp Baking Soda

Method

1. Prepare the Baking Tray - Grease a large baking tray or line it with parchment paper. You'll need this ready for when the brittle mixture is done cooking.
2. Cook the Sugar Syrup - In a large, heavy-bottomed saucepan, combine the sugar, water, and golden syrup. Place the pan over medium heat and stir gently until the sugar has completely dissolved. Once dissolved, stop stirring and bring the mixture to a boil.
3. Add the Peanuts - Let the sugar mixture cook and bubble until it turns a golden amber colour, which should take about 10-15 minutes. You can use a candy thermometer if you have one — the mixture should reach around 150°C (300°F), also known as the "hard crack" stage. Once it reaches this stage, quickly stir in the roasted peanuts.
4. Add the Butter and Vanilla (Optional) - If you're using butter for extra richness, stir it in along with the vanilla extract at this stage. This will give the brittle a deeper, more complex flavour.
5. Add the Baking Soda - Remove the saucepan from the heat and immediately stir in the baking soda. The mixture will bubble up slightly and lighten in colour, giving the brittle a lighter, airy texture.
6. Pour and Spread the Brittle - Quickly pour the hot mixture onto the prepared baking tray. Use a spatula to spread it out as evenly and thinly as possible. Be careful — the mixture will be extremely hot!
7. Cool and Break the Brittle - Let the peanut brittle cool completely, which will take about 30 minutes. Once it's hardened, break it into pieces by hand or using a rolling pin.

One Month, One Hundred Miles, One Amazing Cause

Danielle Anthony walks 100 miles in August for Macmillan Cancer Support



Liam Yon, SAMS

Local resident, Danielle Anthony, recently completed the incredible challenge of walking 100 miles in the month of August to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support after being inspired by her son and motivated by those who have, and are still, battling with cancer; including a number of people close to her heart.

Danielle first flirted with the idea of this challenge when she saw the advert for it on Facebook while she was in the UK in July. Her decision to register was fuelled by the commitment she was seeing at the time from her son, Tyler Anthony, as he represented St Helena on the international sporting stage. "My inspiration for wanting to do something challenging came from my son, Tyler; who participated in the Orkney Island Games 2025," she told The Sentinel. "Tyler's commitment to the Games motivated me to challenge myself and the Macmillan Cancer Support fundraiser was the perfect option for me and my ability."

Danielle sees herself as "already an active person" and loves to walk for both fitness and pleasure, stating that she finds walking to be therapeutic, hence why this seemed like the perfect challenge for her. Once she returned home from the UK, she got underway planning how she would accomplish 100 miles in just one month. "I began working out my daily distance needed in order to achieve 100 miles by the end of August," she explained. "I figured out I needed to walk approximately 3.5 miles per day and I would do this either first thing mornings or after work."

Starting off, Danielle would walk routes around Jamestown, often looping back on herself to make up the distance required, though she admits that "this soon became boring, seeing the same sites" and decided to expand her route; going from Jamestown to Mundens, Rupert's, Side Path Road and Peak Hill during the week, and, on the weekends, she would "focus on longer distances to walk in the countryside; having walked from Blue Hill to Jamestown via Sandy Bay ridges and Lemon Tree Gut."

Despite Danielle being active and enjoying walking, the miles that she was racking up as part of this fundraiser did begin to take its toll on her body; specifically having to battle with painful shin splits, which she admitted was her "main challenge" throughout. "I had experienced shin splints throughout the challenge as a result of walking on various different terrains that impacted on my muscles, but after much recovery and stretching I was able to continue with this challenge," she recalled. "The weather was not always on my side, as I endured many days of walking in the rain and wind, but my reason for doing this - to support cancer patients - really helped me to stay focused."

Expanding on her motivation when taking on these daily walks, Danielle again spoke about all of those who have fought cancer, many who lost their battles, and how this pushed her and ignited a gratitude and responsibility for her own health. "For me, it was about the love for those people who have fought cancer and those who have lost; I did this challenge in support of cancer survivors and in memory of those we have lost," she explained. "That kept me motivated to continue and allowed me to give thanks for the good health of myself and everyone I know."

In terms of how she would raise funds, Danielle setup a donations platform via Facebook to allow supporters to make donations directly, however she later found that this was often difficult for friends and supporters on the Island. To solve this, she downloaded a Macmillan Cancer Support sponsor form that could be used to collect sponsors from those wanting to support on-Island. By the end, despite aiming to raise £160.00, Danielle generated a total of £500.00 in donations; surpassing her goal by over 300%.

When quizzed on why she chose Macmillan Cancer Support, she recalled a childhood memory. "I chose the Macmillan Cancer Support charity as I







remembered a local charity shop that I used to live near in the UK, as a kid. When I saw the registration platform I wanted to get involved to give my support to the charity and for all those who have been affected, in some way, by cancer," she told The Sentinel. "Macmillan, like other support groups, does a lot in support of cancer patients and I wanted show my support from here on St Helena."

One thing that was evident during the month of August, as Danielle took on the arduous challenge of walking 100 miles for cancer, was the support she received from family and friends, not just by way of donations, but in terms of encouragement and recognition. "I received a lot of support and well wishes throughout the entire challenge; as I kept friends and family updated with daily posts of my routes and distances achieved."

This support even extended to people wanting to join her during certain walks, with many accompanying Danielle on her final walk on 31 August to complete her 100 miles. "I received messages and had friends wanting to walk with me to show their support, so I decided to open my final mile up to those who wanted to join, as a way to celebrate this great achievement," she explained. "I was pleasantly surprised by the turnout of friends and family on Sunday, 31 August; we walked the final 3.95 miles from Francis Plain, met supporters at Red Hill, then at White Wall, HTH Community Centre and at the top of Ladder Hill. It was amazing for me to see the masses of support and it was very emotional when I finally reached my last mile."

Having crossed the finish lane in front of her home in Jamestown, Danielle felt "immensely proud" of what she had accomplished and was "grateful to everyone who gave support," showing this appreciation by holding a small celebration following the completion of the challenge. "As part of our celebrations, I invited my supporters to my home for an afternoon of tea and treats - it was a delicious end to an amazing journey."

Danielle, speaking to The Sentinel, reflected on her amazing achievement and gave thanks to those who supported her, in any way, during the past month. "I'd like to give a big shout out to everyone who helped me to raise funds for Macmillan Cancer Support," she said." "Thanks are extended to my son, Tyler, for inspiring me with his dedication and commitment - thank you son. I did this for everyone who has been affected by cancer but especially for my Nanny Heather & Nanny Eileen, Aunty Joyce, Godmother Wendy, Aunty Cheryl and Mr Peter. There were days when I thought I wouldn't make it, as time was against me, but with commitment and the love for these significant people, I was able to achieve my goal and complete 100 miles in August."

A massive well done to Danielle – an incredible feat for an even more incredible cause; you are a true inspiration!



LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Standing on the shoulders of Titans

New Horizons Cricket Club continues momentum from Titans' visit



— **Selvi Jeyaseelan,** Contributed —

The excitement sparked by the South African Titans' recent visit to St Helena is now officially a new cricket club! Building on the momentum from the professional team's visit, a brand-new youth cricket club has been launched by New Horizons to continue inspiring the island's young cricketers.

The Francis Plain Sports Ground will serve as the hub for the new club, with a focus on players aged 17 and under. The club's first session saw an impressive turnout of almost 50 children, many of whom were part of the initial coaching clinic with the Titans. This strong start shows the clear enthusiasm among St Helena's youth to keep playing and developing their skills and follows the advice provided by Karen Smithies (from the Titans). Karen also commented that the benefits of playing cricket go beyond just the physical, as it helps children develop social and even leadership skills.

A Community Effort

The club is a true community collaboration. Local coaches, members of the national team and dedicated volunteers, many of whom were involved in the Titans' visit, have stepped up to support the sessions. The club focuses on a mix of fundamental skills, including batting, bowling, and fielding, all while making sure the sessions are fun and accessible for everyone.

An organiser shared their excitement, stating that the new club is a direct result of collaborative efforts catalysed by the Titans' visit. Derek Richards from the St Helena Cricket Association said "that it was brilliant idea"....and that it was good to see a great turn-out, despite the weather.

With the new club up and running, the Titans' visit is proving to be much more than a one-off event. It has become a crucial first chapter in what is shaping up to be a thriving future for cricket on St Helena. The sound of bat on ball at Francis Plain is a testament to the fact that the island's cricketing story is still being written, one session at a time.

For more information and to register, contact New Horizons on tel. 22034 or email youth@helanta.co.sh.

Invitation to Tender

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

St Helena Tourism would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contract:

Maintenance of St Helena's Post Box Walks and select footpaths

Copies of the tender document and further information can be obtained from Dianne Venning, Tourism Manager at the Tourist Office, the Canister, Jamestown, who can be contacted on tel: 22163 or via email: dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh

This contract is for two years and will commence in November 2025.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Monday, 29 September 2025, clearly marked **Maintenance of St Helena's Post Box Walks and select footpaths.**

www.sthelenatourism.com

How Time FLIES

Tenth anniversary since the first fixed-wing aircraft landed at St Helena Airport



James Kellett, Contributed

On the afternoon of Tuesday, 15 September 2015, history was made when the first fixed-wing aircraft landed at St Helena Airport.

A gargantuan effort was undertaken by many people over many years to design, fund and build the airport and its essential infrastructure to enable this momentous day to be realised.

So that afternoon, members of the SHG Air Access Team, employees of Basil Read, and representatives of the local Press scanned the horizon for its first glimpse of the aircraft that would mark the beginning of the aviation age on St Helena.

The skies were rather grey and, not unusually for September, it was somewhat breezy, but nevertheless, these eager and excited individuals (which included me) watched and waited for the first aircraft from another country to arrive.

And there it was, at around 2.30pm, a small dot on the horizon grew bigger and bigger until it eventually revealed itself as the Beechcraft Super King Air 200 aircraft registration ZS-TAE. It made two fly pasts, one with wheels down to celebrate this auspicious occasion, before making its final turn onto Runway 20 (as it was then) and descended to touchdown at around 2.45pm. In doing so, it changed access to the Island forever.

Onlookers were thrilled to see their combined and considerable efforts bear fruit, and as such the aircraft's touchdown was greeted with applause and the odd 'whoop'. Having then come to a stop on the apron, those directly involved with this major project were allowed to visit the parked aircraft like excited children with a new toy. It was a great day for everyone involved with the project, both for those on and off Island.

We are now ten years on from that significant day. Those who have followed the fortunes of the airport will know that it has had a challenging birth and early years, with delays and an unfair 'kicking' by the ill-informed UK Press and UK PAC to start with.

Nevertheless, whilst those challenges still exist, the staff at the airport continue to rise to them professionally; Gwyneth, Tav, Gerald, Suelaine, Marten, Mark and everyone else at the airport work incredibly hard to keep the airport open and safe. It was through their efforts that despite 'fake news' from some on Island, the airport never closed during the COVID pandemic, and indeed it was the lifeline that allowed resources and vaccines to get quickly and safely to the Island. Likewise, the airport has enabled an increase in visitors to the Island, whether they be friends, family or tourists, and has allowed Saints to quickly access advanced medical investigation and treatment in South Africa and further afield.

So whether you are flying to or from the airport, visiting it, or you just have a passing interest in the Island or the airport, spare a thought for the effort involved in building and operating one of the world's remotest airports, and for those working to support the airport such as Air Traffic Control, weather forecasters, refuellers, security, and sea rescue, and for those who worked hard to minimise the environmental impact of the project by rehabilitating areas of the Island. Similarly, there are those in SHG who continue to strive to support air operations to the Island through managing the contracts with Airlink, SHAL and others.

Whether you are for or against, the airport has enabled more people to access St Helena Island and the rest of the world quickly and safely. And whilst challenges continue, particularly weather-related (not uncommon for an Island-based airport), those working at and supporting the airport continue to work hard to keep it open and in compliance with international aviation safety standards.

So, let's wish St Helena a happy tenth anniversary since the first fixed-wing aircraft landed at its airport!





NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
14th September
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 16th September
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 18th September
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 17th September
Baptist School Hall/J Town 10.30 am

Outreach Service
Sunday 21st September
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 14th September 2025– 24th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Thursday 18th September	
7.00 p.m.	**Praise & Worship**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 14th September 2025 – 24th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 18th September	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 14th September 2025 – 24th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
	Tuesday 16th September	
7.00 p.m.	Forgiveness 70x7	St Mark

THANK YOU from Rebecca Cairns-Wicks

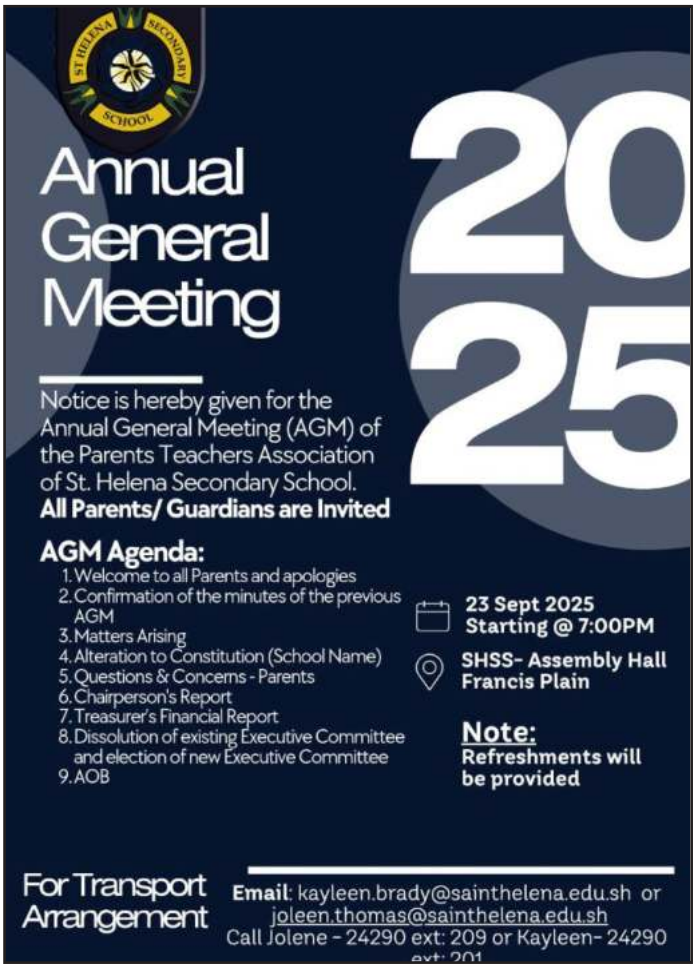
A BIG thank you to everyone who voted for me, sent congratulations, or shared kind words. Campaigning, and then being elected, has been one of the most humbling and profound experiences of my life.

I am especially grateful to my nominators and supporters Louis Youde, Ed Thorpe, Wendy Benjamin, Vanessa Thomas-Williams, Darren Williams, Serena Thorpe, and Cerys Joshua, and to Elsie Hughes, whose help with campaigning was invaluable. My thanks also go to Ian Hughes and Russell Yon, and most of all to my husband Greg, whose love and support make what I do possible.

Thank you to everyone who gave me your time, advice, and guidance during the campaign. Thank you to the Youth Parliament; SAMS; Independent; St FM and SURE teams for campaign media, debate and discussion with all candidates to give the public a chance to scrutinize and consider who might represent their interests.

Finally, sincere thanks to Returning Officer Carol Henry and everyone who supported the election process, from the start to the end; from the polling stations in the districts to the Courthouse in Jamestown – to everyone for your professionalism and dedication.

There are big challenges ahead. I now look forward to serving the whole community as a member of Legislative Council over the next four years. I will work hard, and with the best interests of people and our island at heart.



NOTICE BOARD

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Date: Tuesday, 30 September, 2025
Time: 6.30 - 8.30 pm
Where: Community College

Join us for our AGM to hear about our achievements for 2024 -2025 year and our plans for the future.

Those wishing to join the Trust Council are kindly requested to inform the Office Manager by 4pm on 26 September 2025. Society members must, by notice in writing to the Office Manager, nominate the person who may vote or stand for election on its behalf at the AGM.

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

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

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St Helena Government

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Post and Customer Services Centre: Trial Change to Saturday Opening Hours

The Post and Customer Services Centre (PCSC) would like to inform customers that, due to the low customer numbers the PCSC will close on alternate Saturdays on a trial basis. This will take effect from Saturday, 13 September 2025 to Saturday, 22 November 2025.

An opening hours schedule will be posted on the notice board outside the PCSC, on our website at https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/2025/public-announcements/post-and-customer-services-centre-trial-change-to-saturday-opening-hours/ and on social media.

Thanks are extended in advance to the public for their co-operation.

SHG
9 September 2025
www.sainthelena.gov.sh

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

St Helena Heritage Society Ltd
Friday26th September
Museum of Saint Helena @ 4.30pm

Agenda:

1. Welcome
2. Chairperson report
3. Financial report
4. Museum report
5. Elections
6. Any other business
7. Presentation by Matthew Woodthorpe (MWAI) on the St Helena Culture Centre

St Helena Heritage Society

MUSEUM of St. Helena

St James Parish Tea Dance

The St James Parochial Church Council will be having a tea dance.

Where:
Jamestown Community Centre

When:
Saturday, 20 September 2025

Time:
3pm to 6pm

Cost:
£3 per person or £5 per couple

For more information contact 22814

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Part-Time Passenger Services Agent

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Passenger Services Agent to join the team at St Helena Airport.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training, including training in Johannesburg, as well as the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to continuous learning and development

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via 22523 gm-agencies@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 **18 September 2025.**

Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying

AUDIT ST HELENA
External Auditors

VACANCY FOR ASSISTANT AUDITOR

Salary range £11,091to £12,929 per annum

Audit St Helena is seeking to recruit an Assistant Auditor to join its Audit Team.

The person will assist with financial and performance audits across the public sector and will support other business processes.No prior experience in this field is required.

Prospective candidates are required to have good GCSE grades or Functional Skills Level 2 in English and Mathematics and be prepared to study for the ACCA Foundations in Accountancy programme. On-the-job training will be provided.

Key skills for this position include efficiency in business processes, good communication skills and an aptitude for figures. IT proficiency including Excel, Word and Outlook is also essential.

For further information, Job Profiles and Application Forms please contact Helene Williams by telephoning 22111 or emailing helene.v.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.Completed application forms should be submitted to this email address or by hand to Audit St Helena, First Floor, New Porteous House, Jamestown, by no later than close of business on **Monday 15 September 2025.**

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

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

General Assistant (Bread Production)

Salary for the post will be £11,940 per annum (£995 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a General Assistant within the Bakery.

The General Assistant will become a vital part of the day-to-day bread production and help to ensure quality standards are achieved.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have basic numeracy and literacy ability
- Ideally possess knowledge and experience in this field, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness with the ability to carry out manual handling duties
- Have the ability to take on physically demanding duties and stand for extended periods
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment and follow instructions
- Be able to manage time effectively to ensure production deadlines are met
- Be available to work unsocial hours

Basic Applicable Skills include:

- Ability to carry out and understand basic measurements and follow written recipes
- Operating production equipment as required
- Packaging and delivering products
- General cleaning

Further details contained in job description

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

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

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

VACANCY FOR FIELD & LIVELIHOODS OFFICER

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a supporting role. We are looking for a Field & Livelihoods Officer to join the team to complete the last six months of the Darwin Plus project "Improving St Helena's grasslands to benefit people and wildlife" (DPLUS190). This project aims to improve pasture management to enhance local livelihoods and grassland biodiversity by testing land management methods through the removal of invasive plants species, support agriculture efforts and change mindsets to ensure longevity of quality pastureland management.

Applicants must have an interest in conserving St Helena's valuable biodiversity and be willing to learn and 'get stuck in'. Experience of working with, or knowledge of wirebirds on St Helena will be strongly favoured. This is a sensitive project and willingness to be involved with suitable vertebrate control is required, ensuring high standards of welfare at all times.

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If you feel you could contribute to the Trust's mission, then we want to hear from you. The salary for the post is dependent on experience. A full job description and application forms can be obtained from Amanda Constantine at the St Helena National Trust office at Broadway House, Jamestown. Alternatively email amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh or call 22190. For further information please contact Helena Bennett on 22197 or email helena.bennett@trust.org.sh .

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

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INVITATION TO TENDER

FIRE ASSEMBLY POINT, WET ROOM CONVERSIONS & TOILET FACILITY EXTENSION

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably experienced contractors to submit tenders for the following contracts at Cape Villa Care Centre:

HSC6-2025/26 – Fire Assembly Point
HSC7-2025/26 – Wet Room Conversions
HSC8-2025/26 – Toilet Facility Extension

Site visits for the above-mentioned works will be held at Cape Villa Care Centre, St Pauls, as follows:

HSC7-2025/26 – Wet Room Conversions: Monday, 15 September at 09:00
HSC8-2025/26 – Toilet Facility Extension: Monday, 15 September at 09:30
HSC6-2025/26 – Fire Assembly Point: Monday, 15 September at 10:00

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Copies of the tender documentand further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, Tiffany Lawrence, located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building, Jamestown on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on theTop Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Wednesday, 24September2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

SHG, 01 September 2025

NOTICE BOARD

CHEVENING

Apply for Chevening Scholarship

Applications for the prestigious Chevening Scholarships are still open.

Chevening offers a period of one year's study at any UK university in any subject.

Aimed at future leaders, the scholarship is fully funded and offers a bespoke programme of events that gives access to a wide range of exclusive academic and professional experiences.

To be eligible for a scholarship when applying through the St Helena route, applicants must:

- Be a citizen of St Helena
- Have an undergraduate degree that will allow entry into postgraduate study at a UK university.
- Have at least two year's work experience from the date of completion of their undergraduate degree
- Must not have previously studied in the UK through a UK Government funded scholarship.
- Must return home at the end of their study for a minimum period of two years
- Apply to three different and eligible UK university course choices and receive an unconditional offer from at least one of their choices by the 9th July 2026

Applications must be made via the Chevening website at www.chevening.org by the deadline of 7th October 2025.

Applicants must demonstrate strong examples of leadership and influencing skills and show how their course choice aligns with their career plan for addressing local as well as UK priority areas, as well as how it will support their ambitions to drive change.

More information can be found at www.chevening.org or by contacting the St Helena Chevening Officer, Kerry Lane at Kerry.Lane@fcdo.gov.uk, tel +290 22308.

Governor's Office, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan Da Cunha
9 September 2025

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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

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Prosperity Through Partnership

10 September 2025

Dear Customer,

When purchasing insurance through the St Helena Insurance Agency at Solomon & Company Plc, you will in fact have purchased your policy from the St Helena Insurance Cell Captive (SHICC).

SHICC is based in Mauritius, being an Insurance Cell Captive within Guardrisk Insurance Company (Mauritius). SHICC is regulated by the Mauritian Financial Services Commission and complies with international standards of the Financial Action Task Force. SHICC is also regulated by the Financial Service Regulatory Authority.

Since 2022, we have been collecting identification documentation from you to comply with the above regulatory requirements. These requirements are continuously changing, and we are now required to perform enhanced assessments of all customers.

We would like to advise customers that these enhanced assessments may require a little more of your time and may also mean that you are not able to purchase your insurance cover immediately.

Also, for those who have provided documentation in the past, this may require updating if any details have changed or expired.

We would like to thank you in advance for your cooperation, and please feel free to contact us if you would like further information. We are happy to discuss.

St Helena Insurance Agency
Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc

Registered Office: One St Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 3DE, England
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(St Helena) Cancer Support Awareness Charity
Registered Charity No. 00024

Chairperson: Colin P Yon -Tel No 23030
Email colin.marlene.yon@helanta.co.sh
Secretary, Wendy E Benjamin – Tel No 23942
Treasurer, Nicholas Yon – Tel No 25311
Members: Olive Williams - Tel No 22392
Marlene Yon– Tel No 23030
Sandra Sim - Tel No 24677
Joy George 24717

Bank of St Helena Account No 22165002

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY FOR OCT0BER 2025

Sun 5th	Fun Day –Blue Hill Community Centre – Donations welcome	For further info – Contact Jean Yon 24202, Earl Williams 24571 or Gillian Francis 24594
SAT 11th	Coffee Morning – Jamestown Community Centre, 10.00 am	Tickets £3.50 each – Contact any Committee Member
THU 16th	Miscellaneous Stall in front of Canister	10am – Cakes/Cup Cakes/Plants/Fruity & Vegetable/ Gifts etc., most welcome
FRI 17TH	MOFTI DAY – (COLOUR – ORANGE)	YOU ARE INVITED TO WEAR SOMETHING IN ORANGE
SUN 19TH	PRIVATE LUNCHEON for REGISTERED CANCER PATIENTS AND THEIR SPOUSES	BY INVITATION ONLY
THU 23rd	HEALING SERVICE – 7PM AT ST JOHNS CHURCH	ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND
SUN 26th	SPONSORED PINK WALK (AT LONGWOOD)	Cancer Charity Working Group will advise further details
WED 29th	CONTINUOUS DANCING FOR 1 HOUR	Contact Joan Thomas 23464
	PLEASE NOTE – IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO ORGANISE A FUNRAISING EVENT DURING OCTOBER 25	PLEASE CONTACT ANY OF THE CANCER CHARITY MEMBERS OR THEIR WORKING GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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

1. **Application 2025/80:** FULL Planning Application for **Construction of Two-Storey Building to Comprise Use Class B1 Business, Warehouse & Distribution,** Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH1047 & HTH1050. Applicant: Chris Bargo
2. **Application 2025/81:** FULL Planning Application for **Retention of Gate**, The Coffee Shop, Jamestown on Parcel JT020034. Applicant: Jill Bolton
3. **Application 2025/82:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Installation of a Fence and Gate,** Front of Coffee Shop, Jamestown on Parcel JT020034. Applicant: Jill Bolton

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 08.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.
Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 25 September 2025

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Money Laundering Reporting Officer

Commencing at £14,052 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of a Money Laundering Reporting Officer (MLRO).

Reporting to the Treasury and Finance Manager, the MLRO will act as the Bank's designated officer for Anti-Money Laundering (AML) compliance. The role includes:

- Overseeing the Bank's compliance with AML Regulations.
- Assisting with the development and implementation of AML Policies and procedures.
- Monitoring daily transactions and reporting suspicious activities to authorities.
- Supporting the Treasury and Finance function with daily operations.

Working closely with the Bank's management team, the successful candidate will also:

- Conduct risk assessments to identify potential money laundering vulnerabilities.
- Develop and implement mitigation strategies to address identified risks.
- Manage regulatory relationships.
- Foster a strong AML culture across the Bank.

About You

The ideal candidate will be:

- Highly motivated, self-reliant, and able to work to their own initiative.
- Flexible and adaptable to meet work demands.
- Accurate and detail-orientated, with both a practical and strategic approach to tasks.
- A strong communicator with excellent interpersonal and influencing skills.

Essential Requirements

- A background in financial and/or business management.
- Proven organisational skills with the ability to build effective working relationships at all levels.
- Evidence of high professional standards in relation to compliance with legislation, regulation, policy, and standards.

Training and Development

- Training for the position will be provided, which will include international training sources.
- Candidates will be expected to study towards a relevant professional qualification if one is not already held.

How to Apply

For more information, please contact the Deputy Managing Director on + 290 22390 ext 222 or email deputy.managingdirector@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 26 September 2025.

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

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

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Bank of St Helena Ltd

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

BENEFITS

→ 30 days annual leave + public holidays

→ 15% SHG pension contribution (defined contribution scheme)

→ Training & development opportunities

→ Paid sickness absence

HOW TO APPLY

Job profiles and application forms: www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/vacancies or from Central HR & OD, The Castle, Jamestown.

For queries, contact the recruitment team on **22470** or recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Submit completed application forms (not CVs) via your Director/Line Manager (if applicable) to the HR Officer, either by email or paper copy, by the closing date.

Senior HR Assistants
(£11,604 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin or Anya Richards on Tel No.22470 or Anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh or Sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 18 September 2025
Shortlisting date: 24 September 2025
Interview date: 07 October 2025

Trainee Mechanic – 2 years fixed term
(£10,088 per annum)

The Transport Division is seeking to recruit a Trainee Mechanic to join their team. If you are a motivated individual who has the ability to work independently when required and have a sound knowledge of practical mechanics and diagnostics with good attention to detail this could be a good opportunity for you. The role requires you to be fully conversant in applying health and safety procedures to guarantee the safety of employees and products/services ensuring that the vehicles and heavy plant equipment are maintained in a safe operational condition.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Theodore Fowler on Tel No. 23643 or Garage.manager@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 25 September 2025
Shortlisting date: 01 October 2025
Interview date: 14 October 2025

The St Helena Public Service welcomes applications from all members of our community, including St Helenians overseas wishing to return home (contact recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh for support).

We encourage applications regardless of age, gender, disability, sexual orientation, religion or belief. Selection is based solely on merit against the role profile and person specification.

All appointments require satisfactory clearances (medical, vetting/DBS, references). SHG may verify information provided. Benefits may vary by role and are subject to change.

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Senior Staff Nurse
(£14,956 per annum)

Staff Nurse
(£14,031 per annum)

The Hospital Nursing team within the Health & Social Care Portfolio currently have opportunities for motivated individuals to join their team of nurses.

As a Senior Staff Nurse you will be required to deliver high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Senior Nursing Officer. The Senior Staff Nurse will support the Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and will be responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care.

As a Staff Nurse you will be responsible for delivering high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Nursing Sister. 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: Erika Bowers on Tel No. 22500 or erika.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 25 September 2025
Shortlisting date: 01 October 2025
Interview date: 16 October 2025

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ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

VACANCY FOR MILLENNIUM FOREST OFFICER

An exciting opportunity has arisen to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a supporting role. We are looking for a Millennium Forest Officer to join the Millennium Forest project. The Millennium Forest, is a habitat restoration project focusing on restoring what was once the Great Wood.

Applicants must have an interest in conserving St Helena's valuable biodiversity and be willing to learn and 'get stuck in'. Experience of working with, plant propagation, invasive species or St Helena's endemic species will be strongly favoured.

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CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 25 SEPTEMBER 2025

Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

Good day everyone, trust you're all doing well and looking ahead for some favourable weather allowing us to feeling a bit more comfortable. However, we would like to sincerely apologise to our Youth Groupfor cancelling their early shooting activity, various unforeseen disruptions were encountered at such short notice, and as always, safety remains number one.

A rather quiet night, just as we were expecting, considering the weekend flight arrived, including other important events taking place. Nevertheless, it's important that all members were acknowledged. Although only eight members attended, it demonstrates how much members look forward to their club night in our weekly calendar, as usual, it was nice to catch-up on our activities over the past week.

Settling in on the platform was Tamika making slight adjustments to her prone position ironing out what suits her best. Quiet nights can be ideal to run these exercises without disruptions. She shot 89.2 & 93.2, which is not her best, but finding a comfortable position and for her she was happy to give it a go. Nina was back for her last shoot before she leaves on the flight on Sunday, settling in nicely before shooting; showed good groupings, unfortunately just missing the 10's, she shot 96.3 & 96.4. Sadly, Kyle was not on top form, he struggled this week with 95.5 & 94.3; unusual for him. Elli W came in to see us and had her shoot; keeping in tune, she shot 98.2. Daniel gave it a miss this week, but was good for him to pay us a visit.

Thanks guys for your attendance and hoping all will be back to our normal operations next week. Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Golf Report



SHGC, Contributed

The 2025 Turkey and Ham series got underway at the St Helena Golf Club on Sunday with a solid turnout of 18 players. Despite the low temperatures, the weather held up well with no showers, allowing for a smooth and competitive round of stroke play.

Arthur Francis finished in first place to win Turkey, posting an excellent net score of 66. Fredrick Thomas followed closely with a net 68, earning second place and taking home the Ham.

In the Two Ball Pool, Larry Legg claimed all the balls after scoring the only two of the day—a brilliant birdie on the 7th hole. Congratulations to all the winners!

Looking ahead, the next competition will be held on Sunday, 14th September—a Par 3 Strokeplay Competition with tee-off at 12noon. All members are encouraged to participate. The event is sponsored by an anonymous sponsor and has attractive prizes.

The club would also like to apologise to members and sponsors for the errors in the competitions calendar that was circulated last week. The corrected version will be published next week to cover competitions for the rest of the year.

For more information and to access past golf reports, visit our website: www.sthelenagolf.com.





SPORTS ARENA



Bye-Bye Birdy

Bellboys, Rovers and La Verde win in action-packed Sunday at Francis Plain

Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHFA League 2025 continued in an action-packed day of football over at Francis Plain on Sunday with La Verde, Bellboys and Rovers all picking up wins in Matchweek 8.

In the early 11.30am fixture, La Verde displayed their goal-scoring prowess with a 15-0 victory over the Inter Galactic. Young star, Tyler Anthony, continued his fine form bagging a double hat-trick and picking up his second Young player of the Match award in two weeks. La Verde's other young talents also shone brightly with Ryan Stevens scoring a hat-trick and Harry Winfield getting a brace. Goals from Paul, Jorden Johnson, Aiden, and Man of the Match, Captain Jordan Yon, rounded off the scoring for the boys in green.

In the middle fixture at 1.30pm, all eyes were on Wirebirds and whether they could put a stop to the dominance of the Bellboys in 2025, with the league leaders yet to taste defeat. Despite a closely contested start and a good showing from Wirebirds, Bellboys eventually ran away with the tie finishing as 5-2 winners. Joey Thomas was once again the star of the show for Bellboys, scoring four and being named as Man of the Match, with Tyler Brady also getting on the score sheet. Shane Stroud put in a valiant performance for Wirebirds and finished the game having scored both their goals. Young league debutant for Bellboys, Zach Francis, was named as the Young Player of the Match.

Finally, closing out the action at 3.30pm was reigning champions Rovers, who ran out as 9-2 winners over the Fugees in the last match of the day. Blaze Baldwin put in another good showing finishing with five goals as the Man of the Match. Captain, Rico Benjamin, bagged himself a brace while Jake Letori's powerful strike and a Jason Williams own goal made it nine for Rovers. Fugees were rewarded for their efforts throughout the ninety with two late strikes from Cristen Yon and Lars Williams, giving them reason to cheer.

