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World Maritime Day 2025 *featuring* **Chef Roy**



The 'Thanks' We Deserve









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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Whoever made us value money over time should be chased down the hill. In a world where time is precious, some fool decided that we should work to survive it for almost 80% of our lives, leaving little time for us to enjoy life to the fullest.

We feel it when we're on vacation, having time to do whatever we want, and it refreshes us, gives us a recharge which we so need. It gives us an option to enjoy the little things in life which is hard to do when you're working for most of it.

Now it always comes up that we must make time, and that's fine, and I'm sure a lot of us do, but why do we have to survive more than enjoy.

We need time to feel the joys that life can bring and enjoy it, we need time to spend with the people we love, to do things outside of our comfort zone, to learn new things.

There our stories of people missing kids' birthdays, family gatherings, funerals, all sorts of things because we need to make money to survive.

I do feel it's important to do a job that you love, that way you will enjoy that time you spend trying to make money, but sometimes I feel like it just isn't enough, but hey it is what it is, this was made by people long before our time.

All I'm going to say is make the most of the time you have, don't look back and say I should've, have a think bout what's important to you and do it. Don't be afraid to stop the car and look at the sunset, and that person you say you haven't seen for a long time, go look them, don't worry about what others think, do what you want to do and enjoy it!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Please can I share some of my thinking and concerns, through The Sentinel, with the Electorate of St Helena and our newly Elected Representatives.

I would like to thank each one of the St Helena Electorate who took full advantage of their democratic right, and made the special effort to vote in the 2025 general election – regardless of the candidate or candidates voted for.

Based on who I considered to be in the very best interests of the island, I voted for 7 candidates, and 5 were elected; I am very pleased with that outcome.

St Helena is a contrastingly beautiful island with so much potential for economic and social development and growth. Yet, Saint Helenians are disillusioned, and frustrated with local government's failures to progress meaningful comprehensive development and economic growth throughout the island.

St Helena remains desperately reliant on financial aid from the United Kingdom.

Serious concerns have been expressed by members of the public, and in particular by members of the Private Sector; they are questioning why scarce and precious public funds are being squandered on failed government projects due to apparent gross mismanagement, inefficient planning, and the lack of responsible oversight by SHG officials.

Consequently, officials of the Public Service have been excusing themselves by repeating to the Public Accounts Committee: "We admit mistakes were made" and "Lessons have been learnt. But we could only work with the advice we were given." Such repeated statements clearly imply that advice has been blindly accepted and followed, without question, by government officials and Portfolios, and at great expense to the UK and the local taxpayers.

Such public statements, made by the top officials to the Public Accounts Committee, are unconvincing and thereby seen as SHG officials purposely evading direct accountability. Clearly, we have Public Service officials failing in their responsibilities, making costly mistakes, consequently draining the public purse; and simply avoiding accountability.

Yet another example: Calculations according to the Public Accounts Committee findings, following SHG's termination of the 'Design, Build and Transfer' contract with Maestro, is likely to result in more than £678,000 write-off of precious public funds.

Over the years, the Public Accounts Committee has been a formality to reach recommendations, but no one has ever been held accountable for the waste of public funds due to systemic failures to be vigilant and efficient with the public purse.

Accordingly, a more thorough and transparent official system must be established to identify who, within SHG, was ultimately in control, and who was responsible for the planning, the management and the oversight of any failed government projects, gross negligence, and the mismanagement of the public's financial resources.

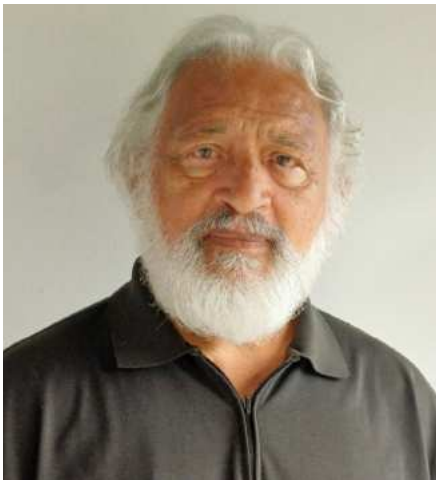
Unlike the St Helena Public Service, managers within the Private Sector do not have the luxury of a provided pot of financial resources to finance failed projects as a result of gross inefficiency.

Comprehensive accountability is urgently required to hold elected representatives and Public Servants to scrupulous account, and thereby help restore efficiency and public confidence in local government.

Clearly, there is renewed public expectation that our new Ministerial Government will restore the people's trust by increasing public engagement as part of democratic progression; and whilst responsibly protecting sensitive and personal information, it will maximise openness, transparency, and accountability with applied democratic principles.

All very best wishes,

Cyril Leo



"This is the 'thank you' we receive"

Criminal Damage on the rise as two vehicles, including local taxi and tour bus, get vandalised in the space of a week



Liam Yon, SAMS

Recently, a number of incidents of disgusting and unnecessary criminal damage have taken place on the Island, with a Transit Bus belonging to Williams Taxi and Tours becoming the latest victim after being damaged during last week following on from a private vehicle which was damaged during the weekend prior; with both offenses now under investigation by the Royal St Helena Police Service.

It was on 16 September when the RSHP put out an appeal for information from the public regarding damage caused to a car windshield between 11pm on Friday, 12 September, and the early hours of Saturday, 13 September, in Jamestown. The car was parked in the area near China Lane and, according to Police, "initial observations suggest that an object or instrument may have been used to cause the damage."

Just days later, and on Saturday, 20 September, a further Police Appeal was made regarding a similar incident to a Ford Transit Bus in the St Paul's area. This time, even more damage was caused to the vehicle parked outside of the entrance to the St Paul's Cemetery, with the front windscreen being damaged alongside a deliberate puncture to the rear right-side tyre. According to Police, this incident occurred sometime between 5.30pm on Thursday, 18 September, and 7:50am on Friday, 19 September.

This particular vehicle, an orange and white Ford Transit Bus, is one of a fleet of vehicles used by local taxi and tour operator, Williams Taxi and Tours, who took to Social Media to air their frustrations. "St Helena is known for being a low-crime community – which makes it even more disappointing when things like this happen," they said in a post on Facebook. "This vehicle isn't just a bus – it's a lifeline. It's used daily for home to duty runs for locals, airport transfers, and for welcoming visitors on cruise ship tours."

While the local operator expressed that they were "disappointed" at what happened, they also proudly stated that they were "not defeated" and gave praise to the Police and two local businesses for their swift action in getting the vehicle back in operation following the damage caused. Police were thanked for quickly attending the incident, taking statements and logging the report, in order for the vehicle to be moved, while Solomon's and a local car repair service were thanked for getting the vehicle back in running condition. "A big thank you to Solomon's Autoshop for having a replacement windscreen available, and to Engine Bay Garage for fitting it in just half a day," said Williams Taxi and Tours. "We also want to thank those in the community who have already shown us support and shared in our disappointment."

Continuing on in the post, the popular taxi and tour operator revealed how they have "always tried to go above and beyond for both locals and visitors – offering discounts, delivering a professional service, and sometimes even taking people home free of charge when they were stuck."

"We do this because we care about our community and about making St Helena welcoming for everyone; that's why it hurts all the more when this is the 'thank you' we receive," they said. "We remain committed to serving our island, but we do hope this kind of behaviour doesn't become a trend in our community."

Both of these recent incidents of criminal damage to vehicles are currently under investigation, with the Royal St Helena Police asking anyone with any information, regardless of how minor that information may seem, to come forward and speak to an officer or to call Police Headquarters. "All information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality," they said. "Even the smallest detail could be valuable."





Over the New Limit

Driver charged after providing breath test reading of 50mg as new 35mg drink-driving limit is enforced having come into effect from 1 September



Liam Yon, SAMS

From 1 September 2025, amendments to St Helena's Road Traffic Ordinance came into effect which included a comprehensive new licensing policy for Public Service Vehicles, including taxis, and a lower drink-driving limit of 35mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath; described as "a more internationally standard level" for drink-driving when compared to the previous limit of 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath.

This new law has already played its part with a driver having been arrested and charged over last weekend in compliance with the newly amended ordinance after providing a breath test of 50mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath – something which would've been within the limit prior to September.

"In the early hours of Saturday, 20 September 2025, one person was arrested on suspicion of driving whilst over the prescribed limit," reported the Royal St Helena Police Service. "They later provided a reading of 50mg on the evidential breath test and were subsequently charged. This follows another arrest last week, where the driver provided a reading of 60mg. Both drivers were charged."

Police then sought to remind the public of the new drink-driving limit of 35mg of alcohol per 100ml of breath which they say is "in line with international standards and is aimed at improving road safety for everyone."

They also indicated that they are "taking a proactive approach to reduce incidents of drink driving" on St Helena by posting regular updates and reminders on social media, working on the roads to educate the community and by requesting breath samples if a vehicle is stopped for any reason and officers suspect the driver may be under the influence..

"Drink driving puts lives at risk — yours and others," they concluded. "Please make safe choices and help us keep St Helena's roads safe."



Adjourned

Suspended Police Officer to face Magistrates Court today



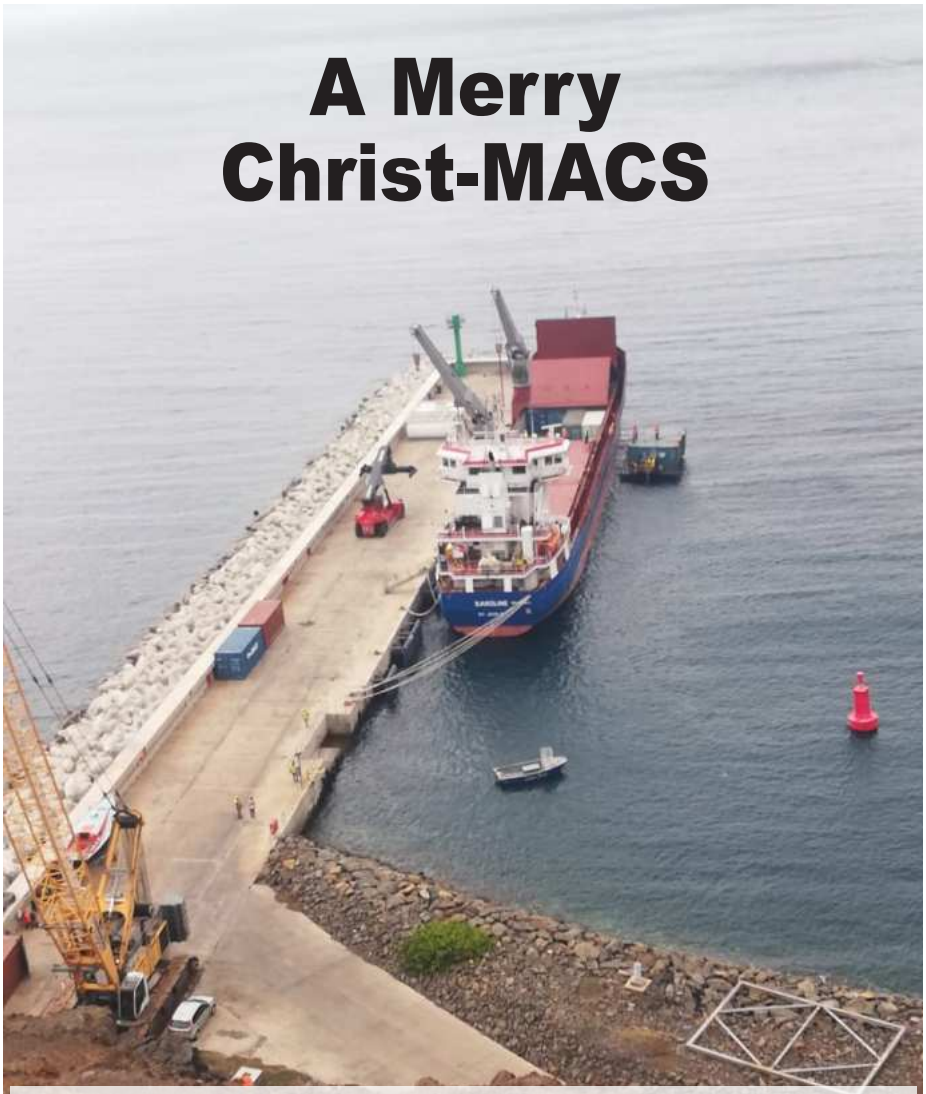
Liam Yon, SAMS

In a small update regarding the Perjury charge to a currently suspended Police Officer, Joshua DeVille, of the Royal St Helena Police Service, the case was adjourned on Thursday, 18 September, to take place today, Thursday 25 September, as advised by the Judicial Services.

It was two weeks ago when the RSHPS informed that DC Josh DeVille was "arrested by detectives" and "formally charged with one count of Perjury in relation to an ongoing investigation" where he will subsequently face the Magistrates Court.

The RSHPS made it clear at the time that they remain "fully committed to ensuring that no individual is above the law." SAMS will follow up with Judicial Services for any updates on this ongoing case.

A Merry Christ-MACS



MV Karoline schedule amended by MACS Shipping to allow for earlier arrival to St Helena during December's voyage

Liam Yon, SAMS

The MV Karoline, St Helena's dedicated freight vessel, has departed Cape Town and is on her way to the Island for Voyage 9 of 2025; she left the port at around 2pm on Thursday, 18 September, and is due to arrive to St Helena tomorrow, Friday, 26 September.

As confirmed last week by SHG, this will be the first voyage of the Karoline with cargo operations and management to commence at the newly developed port facilities in Rupert's.

With just three more voyages to go before Christmas, this will undoubtedly be a busy time with a likely increase in cargo for the Island. Concerns were raised around December's voyage of the Karoline which was due to arrive just three days before Christmas Day; allowing little to no time for merchants to receive goods ahead of Christmas.

Because of this, MACS Shipping, the Island's freight services provider, has amended their sailing schedule to accommodate St Helena's festive needs. They confirmed with The Sentinel last week that, due to numerous requests received from customers on the island, the December sailing of the MV Karoline has been brought forward by eight days; meaning the vessel will now arrive on 14 December and not 22 December, as originally scheduled.

This is a kind gesture and MACS Shipping are thanked for showing St Helena the Christmas spirit and accompanying these changes for the December voyage of the MV Karoline.

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A One-Stop Cargo Facility

Port Control, Customs and Immigration relocate to new facility in Rupert's



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Wednesday, 17 September, St Helena Government officially confirmed that, as of 18 September, all Port Control, Customs and Immigration services will operate from their new base at the recently constructed Rupert's Cargo Facility in lower Rupert's Bay, with Customs and Immigration merging into one section.

As such, when the next shipment of the MV Karoline arrives on 26 September, the discharging of cargo will take place from the new Rupert's Cargo Facility with all packages to be collected at Liberation House (the large blue warehouse).

In an interview, Alex Mitham (Director for Safety Security and Home Affairs) asked for the public to be patient during the transition process as there is bound to be some teething problems, especially as the facilities have not been fully completed; with the decision to move being based on the savings that could be made due to no longer needing the barging facilities. "If we waited for the port to be fully complete, we'd be looking to spend at least another hundred thousand pounds purely on barging; money which can be better used in the hospital or social care," explained Alex.

If all goes according to plan, St Helena will have a fully internationally compliant new port facility when all the work has been completed; for the first time in history. Having a secure internationally recognised facility is vitally important for the future of the island to attract investors and international business. It is envisaged that the port facility will be fully completed by the end of this year. "A lot of change is coming for St Helena and I know that is not always welcomed by everyone, but this is a good news story," assured Alex, with a lot of positive outcomes for the future.

Simon Wade (Acting Harbour Master) reminded the public that restricted access will continue to be in place during cargo operations, but also during the ongoing relocation process. The restrictions however will now apply from the main security gate, adjacent to Liberation House, through to the jetty as opposed to only the beach area being closed in the past. Restrictions for cargo operations will be in place from the time the MV Karoline arrives until she departs and also while cargo is being distributed and collected by merchants, freight forwarders and consolidators. During the time the Karoline is in port, no other vessels will be allowed to conduct activities in the Rupert's Bay area unless approved by the Harbour Master in line with the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) for international security levels and standards. During this time, only port workers and stakeholders that require access to the area due to operations there (for example the fisheries) will be allowed in the port area. "Once the ship leaves the security in the area reduces and, during the daytime, the merchants can come in to get their cargo as well as the public to collect their packages from Liberation House," informed Simon, "although the area from the gate house down to the historical wall and across the fisheries will still be a secured area." Members of the public who wishes to access the beach area during this time can do so via the walkway starting behind Liberation House. When cargo operations have been completed the security measures will revert to full access to the road and beach area, but with the yards being locked and secured. Although the port is not a sealed site like the Airport, Simon did say that security will have to be gradually increased in this area, where in the months to come access will only be for card holders during restricted periods to ensure the port authorities are informed of who is present in the secured area at all times.

Simon then touched on the increase in the health and safety aspect of the new secure facility. "I am actually really pleased that it is moving in this direction for one of the key reasons being the health and safety aspect on the wharf with things like forklifts and other machinery moving around in the area with the public collecting their packages and moving about as well," he said. "Going forward, all of that will be segregated with only the merchants having access to these areas."

Delmarie Williams (Acting Head of Customs) confirmed that "the process hasn't changed, it's just the location that has changed. The public will still have to supply their invoices and their waybills for the authorisation process." Pre-arrival payment procedures will still be available to customers and will continue to remain the same, with customers encouraged to email waybills and invoices to Customs Officials for assessment. Payment of relevant duties can then be made via the Post and Customer Services Centre or the Bank of St Helena prior to collection. This enables customers to avoid delays when collecting packages from freight forwarders and consolidators at the new facility. As to the process of collection, Simon explained that there will be an entrance at Liberation House where small packages can be collected. "You go to the public counter where you will meet the warehouse manager or your consolidator," he explained. "They will provide your package or the information you need for your clearance process as you would normally do at the wharf cashier and then you have your goods."

Owen Birkby (Head of Customs and Immigration) commented that



they have "been working towards" eliminating the presence of the public where cargo is being discharged for a while now. As the public are aware, the Customs and Immigration section have been undergoing extensive training as part of the BIOT agreement and the move to Rupert's will now allow these two sections to work even more cohesively with one public point of contact instead of separate reception desks as in the past. "It is now one counter whether you've got an immigration or a customs matter that you want to talk about, you just go to the same place and the officers will know how to help you," assured Owen.

Operating hours will remain the same for now, advised Owen, "with core times of nine until three" however he added that "we are mindful that public behaviour will change with the move to Rupert's, so we probably just need a little bit of time to work out what we can do to support the community." SHG stated that no appointments



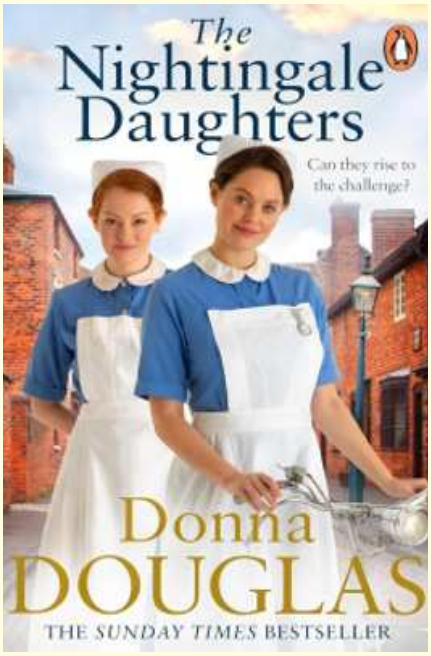
will be required on Mondays and Fridays between 9am and 3pm, but on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, appointments need to be booked in advance. These hours have been questioned within the community, with the move to Rupert's described by many as being an inconvenience for those working in Jamestown who would normally be able to collect packages during working hours. Owen did indicate however that operating hours will be reviewed by the new Customs and Immigration Department "to ensure they continue to meet the needs of the public and stakeholders."

Alex concluded by again urging the public to be patient and work with the team and support them during this changeover period. "As I mentioned, we are going from a system that we've been using for a couple of hundred years at Jamestown Wharf which is pretty much disorganised chaos to a brand new, purpose-built cargo facility at Rupert's Bay in the blink of an eye," he said. "There are going to be a number of changes, but it's going to be for the greater good. We've got designated cargo yards as Simon said that will reduce health and safety concerns. It should streamline the system and actually help the community in the long term, but inevitably on day one there will be a number of queries and we just need to all work together and support each other."



Book of the Week

Public Library Service



The Nightingale Daughters by Donna Douglas

It's 1957, and three young women are beginning their nursing training at the Florence Nightingale Hospital in London's East End.

Winnie desperately wants to win her mother's approval - but will following in her footsteps and becoming a nurse help?

Tearaway Viv has never been one to follow the rules, though the Nightingale may help her mend her ways.

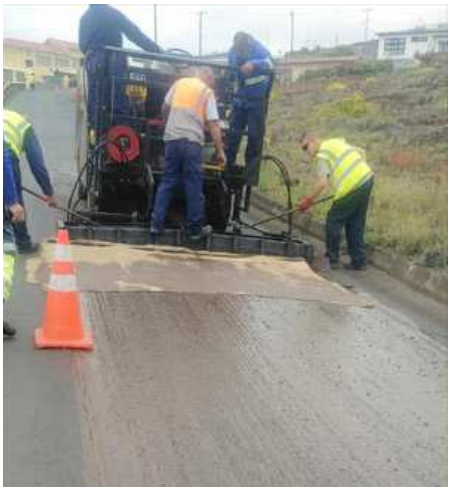
Beth is following her late sister's dream by training as a nurse. Will it be the right path for her?

There's a steep learning curve ahead. But with friendship on their side, the Nightingale Daughters are ready to rise to the challenge.

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On the Road again

Roadworks continue at Half Tree Hollow as Roads Section trial use of different dust, along with varying ratios of bitumen and cement, to improve efficiency



Liam Yon, SAMS

Following the full-width resurfacing of Ladder Hill Road in August, the Roads Section have moved on to the next phase of works on the main roads at Half Tree Hollow from Ladder Hill up to Whitewall. This is a part of the ongoing roads rehabilitation project underway to improve parts of the Island's Primary Road Network, funded by the Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), with the Roads Section having inspected all primary roads and developed a schedule to address priority areas.

In terms of the current section of roads being addressed in Half Tree Hollow, many have noticed that these sections often look different to the works having been done on Ladder Hill Road.While the same process is being used by the roads team, the difference in appearance is down to the trialling of different sources of dust and tests on the ratio of bitumen and cement, all in order to improve on the efficiency of works as the project continues.

Roads Manager, Deon Robbertse, spoke to The Sentinel and confirmed that "the exact same process for applying the slurry that we used on Ladder Hill road is been used on the road in HTH" utilising the "same type of bitumen" and the same method of application. He did however offer an explanation into why the texture and colour of these layers of road resurfacing might seem different.

"We are trialling the use of different dust from a different supplier to the dust on Ladder Hill," Deon explained."We are testing these different dust sources for the planned works in the future, where these works are situated closer to certain quarries."

Deon added that "additionally, we are also testing different percentages of bitumen content and different percentages of cement content, all in an effort to see if we can get a layer to cure quicker and to compare the different types of dust we can get. This will explain the different textures and difference in colour you might see in the different layers."

One of the reasons for trialling methods that allow the road surface to cure quicker during these current and planned works ahead is because there is no full road closure in place for these works as was the case with Ladder Hill Road in August. "We do not have the luxury of keeping the road closed overnight," noted Deon."Having it closed during the day only means the slurry does not have sufficient time to dry and cure as it would if we could keep it closed for longer. You might have seen cones up and sections closed a bit longer than what we were planning. This time of the year is always risky with the weather."

Providing more detail on the effect of the weather on these road works, Deon exampled a recent section of road where the "freshly paved slurry layer" was quite soft and not fully settled by the time the road was reopened; this becomes a bigger problem if temperatures start to heat up. He detailed how the bitumen in the layer will "soften" as the temperature of the layer rises. This can cause the fresh, not fully settled slurry, to be impacted by vehicles driving over it.

This was evidenced when, two weeks ago, over the weekend, a vehicle drove over the fresh slurry laid that week. "The weather was quite unseasonably warm with direct sunlight on the layer," Deon said when speaking about what had happened."Because of this, the layer must have been very hot and quite soft as the vehicle made marks and indents into the fresh slurry and in some places started picking up the slurry from the road. The Roads Section went and 'choked' or 'blinded' the layer with dry dust to prevent the slurry from sticking to vehicle's tyres, which is a normal procedure to do when this type of thing happens."

Deon did however state that "as soon as the layer has settled, then this is not a problem anymore" which understandably means that "the first few days are critical."

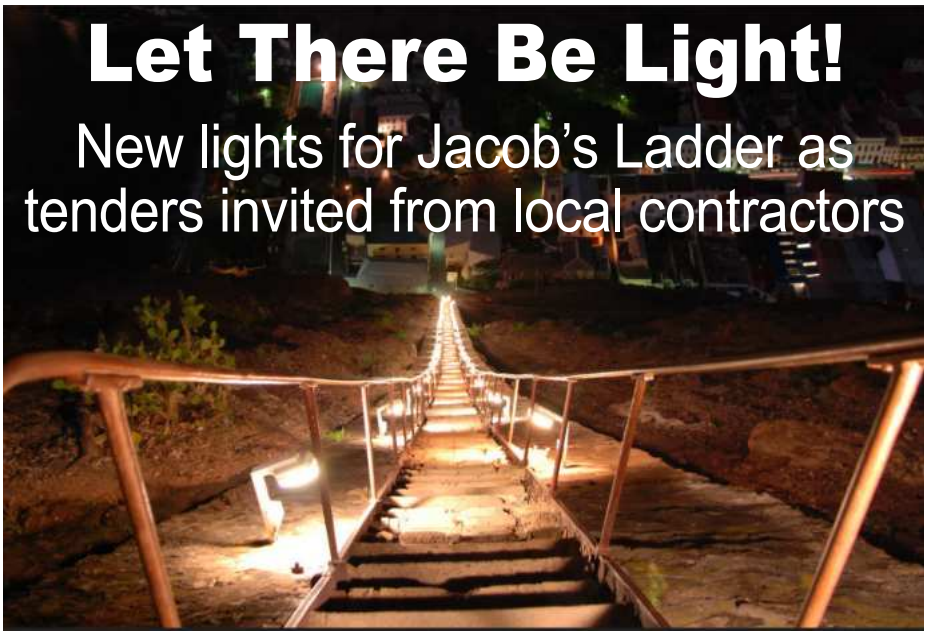
Despite these challenges, the works continue with many more kilometres of road to be worked on over this financial year, as the Roads Section continue to test methods to improve both the efficiency and the effectiveness of roadworks to improve the roads infrastructure on St Helena.





Let There Be Light!

New lights for Jacob's Ladder as tenders invited from local contractors



Liam Yon, SAMS

In a recent invitation to tender, St Helena Government announced that they were seeking interest from suitable contractors to install new lights on Jacob's Ladder; renowned globally as one of St Helena's most iconic historical landmarks and tourist attractions.

The replacement of the Jacob's Ladder lights has long been in the pipeline with planning permission and input from various stakeholders, including the Heritage Society and St Helena Tourism, having first been sought.

According to information from SHG, the new lights will provide better lighting for this important part of St Helena's history, improving both its safety and its aesthetic appeal. In addition, the new lights to be installed are Dark sky compliant and, again, should improve the aesthetic value and appearance of Jacob's Ladder.

Interested contractors for this project can attend a site visit to view the works that will take place on Wednesday, 1 October. This contract is only available for tender by local contractors and has not been advertised internationally.



Anticipated Housing Needs?

Call for property owners made "in response to long-standing housing challenges" say SHG



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government recently issued an Expression of Interest to the public calling on those with vacant properties on the Island to get in touch with SHG's Head of Property if they had an interest in generating income from their currently unoccupied properties.

"Considering renting out your property? Do you have an empty house, flat or apartment that could generate income?" read the advert published in this and last week's edition of The Sentinel. "St Helena Government (SHG) is seeking Expressions of Interest for suitable private accommodation to meet anticipated housing needs on the island. If you have a property that is not being used, and would like to make some extra income, get in touch."

With SHG stating in the EOI that they have "anticipated housing needs" that need to be met, The Sentinel enquired with them where this anticipation has arisen from – especially considering the downward trend in the Island's population – and whether Government were expecting and influx of people to the Island requiring housing.

In response, SHG clarified that "the advert was issued to support the creation of a housing register, which is intended to address both the potential future and existing housing needs on St Helena," adding that "this includes accommodation for local requirements, key workers, and any potential migrants."

While this reply did not delve into the "anticipated housing needs" that SHG indicated in their EOI, it did however provide an explanation to this call for properties; in order to build a housing register for the Island. "The register will help us better understand current housing availability and enable effective planning for future housing provision across the island," SHG explained. "This initiative is in response to long-standing local housing challenges and aims to support future decision-making."

Anyone with vacant properties that would be interested in their property being included in any housing register are encouraged to contact Head of Property, Nikita Crowie, either by telephone or email.



Share the Magic of Christmas

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* By 28 November 2025

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Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity

Celebrating Maritime Awareness Day today



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Maritime Awareness Day is today, Thursday 25 September, with a theme this year of 'Our Ocean, Our Obligation, Our Opportunity'. On St Helena, the Maritime Office have been raising awareness through displays, assemblies, mufti days and radio interviews.

Mia Henry, Head of Maritime, along with Wendy Benjamin, Capacity Building Support within the Maritime Authority, came to SAMS Radio 1 and talked about the initiative behind the capacity building support.

Mia explained how "this initiative started within the Red Ensign Group, it's an organisation that is led by the Maritime Coast Guard Agency, which is a UK agency; they take the lead on maritime matters." Mia has been privileged on a few occasions to attend the REG conference and she explained that, within the conference, the initiative of having a capacity building working group was born.

The Capacity Building Working Group on St Helena started two years ago but had a very slow take off, however now, with the help of Wendy as the Capacity Building Support, things have started to move forward.

Mia explained also that the "primary reason for the Maritime Coastguard Agency starting this throughout the UK state is because there is a significant decrease in British seafarers. British seafarers today, compared to 20 years ago, there's been a drastic decline. So, the UK strategy is also to pull those numbers up again and bring seafarers back to the UK, if you like, make it prominent as it once was."

Wendy explained that, "when this piece of work was shared with me, I was quite enthused about it. Primarily because it fits with my skills in education and it's all about working with young people, careers education, trying to get pathways into careers." Wendy continued, stating that "so much of the role is around what I know and what I did in education; so yeah, that's the reason why I was quite interested in it and enthused about it."

It was in June when Mia and Wendy, along with other SHG personnel, attended a conference in Guernsey where Wendy made a presentation to the working group present. "Attending the conference gave me a better idea of what the Red Ensign Group is all about and the MCA, what their role is," Wendy explained. "But also, being able to listen to other maritime authorities from different islands and seeing what they're all about and meeting with the maritime folk. The one thing that was consistent across the whole conference is that they're together as a team and everybody is there working together to help each other."

Wendy's presentation showcased the ideas that St Helena has, along with the challenges it faces; receiving positive feedback and support from other parties like the Maritime University in Gibraltar and the Falkland Islands.

Wendy also explained how the aim "of the project is to create a maritime development programme that enables capacity building in the maritime sector, not just on St Helena, but in the UK state as well." Another aim for the Maritime Authority is to develop a training suite so that all of the equipment resources needed to teach maritime studies are in one location.

Wendy did recall that, in past years, Prince Andrew School – now St Helena Secondary School – had maritime as part of the school curriculum. The school even had its own dedicated vessel, but unfortunately this was withdrawn due to a number of reasons; one being a dedicated teacher, which is also one of the challenges the authority faces today.

Both Mia and Wendy, during the interview, emphasised that even though St Helena no longer has the RMS St Helena, this does not mean that there are no career opportunities within the maritime industry for those on the Island.

There are many Saints today working within the maritime industry, like Captain Belinda Bennett, Captain Adam Williams, Ross Leo and Julian Anthony, to name just a few.

Mia also exampled a career like hairdressing, noting that you don't have to do this shoreside, as there are a variety of jobs on cruise ships for this type of work, and much more.

There are also opportunities to work on Super Yachts with Saint, Malcolm Bowers, from Atlas Crew Recruitment Ltd, available to help anyone with an interest in this career path.

To all seafarers – Happy Maritime Day!

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

With World Maritime Day being celebrated today, SAMS recently had the privilege of speaking to members who have worked in, or serviced, the maritime industry. This ranges from working on the RMS St Helena to being involved in yachting.

These interviews, in full, are available via the SAMS podcast page, while we will also share these stories in The Sentinel from today and in the weeks to come. Today, the spotlight is on Chef Roy!

Chef Roy



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Roy Richards, or as most will know him - Chef Roy - first boarded the RMS St Helena back in 2003 to take on the role of Head Chef. Roy took on the job thinking, "I'll do one or two years," however fifteen years after starting, Roy remained as one of the Head Chefs on board.

"I'll be honest, my love for it just grew every year and it was great as well because you worked two months on, then two months off," said Roy. "It was just an experience I will never ever forget and so many opportunities."

During Roy's fifteen years onboard the RMS, he made many fond memories; catering for Royalty when the RMS did her final UK trip, meeting new people, casino nights and crew discos are just a few that Roy mentioned from his memorable years at sea. "I can honestly say that 2016 was so remarkable, I had a very heavy heart when she did go offline," recalled Roy. "Then I decided to make St Helena my home after 2018."

Roy shared a funny story that, when he first joined the RMS, he thought everybody spoke Portuguese; which means when he got onboard, he couldn't understand a word being said. Roy laughed as he remembered the late Barry Jonas known as 'Bubba'. Roy said he couldn't understand Bubba at all. However, after spending time with his Saint crew, when Roy then went on leave in Cape Town, his partner had to tell him to "stop speaking Saint."

This was one of so many memories for Roy. "There are so many memories that can be made when working at sea," he smiled. "I think it is such a wonderful opportunity for people if they can get themselves a career in the maritime industry; you get to travel the world meeting the most amazing people."

One thing that Roy remembered as being tough during his time at sea was having to be away from home on special occasions or when things were happening and he couldn't be there. "I'm sure every single crew member out there will say it's hard at Christmas time; you're away from your family and there are times that things happen at home and there's absolutely nothing you can do about it, you're drifting thousands of kilometres out at sea," he explained. "The long hours," was another aspect of working at sea that could take its toll; with Roy detailing that his day would start at just after 5am, with a break from 10am to 11am and again after 1pm, then back to the Galley from 4pm until 10pm.

Roy's role as Head Chef was a truly demanding job, having to provide breakfast, lunch and dinner for all passengers onboard the RMS, which could reach upwards of 100 easily. Having to cater for passengers on a ship is also harder because the menu has to vary each day, as Roy explained. "We did not want to repeat any menus, because unlike a restaurant where you've got different guests every day, here you've got the same guests' (passengers) every day and you want to cater for their needs, so in that way it could be challenging," Roy recalled, before adding that, "I must say one thing for the RMS - we were always well provisioned."

Roy also reminisced on the challenging task of the long-haul voyage - to the UK and back - where he would again need to think hard about menus so as not to reuse menus. It was also important to familiarise himself and build relationships with the different teams - as he didn't always have the same team to work

with on each voyage. Dietary requirements also had to be considered. "You've also got some people who had some very interesting dietary requirements sometimes as well," he recalled, "so it was just a thing of keeping everybody happy." Roy did remember how passengers "always looked forward to the barbeque nights" out on deck, which was certainly a famous and popular night onboard the RMS.

Working onboard any ship means getting to travel, often to new and far placers. Roy admits that, if it wasn't for his time working on the RMS, he doubts that he would have went to places like St Helena, Walvis Bay, the United Kingdom and Tenerife.

Roy recalled how he only truly found what Tenerife had to offer on his final trip there. "It was actually Santa Cruz, Tenerife, and I never ever realized that," he said. "Also, there's so many things to see; all the years as well going to Tenerife I only discovered the fish market on the last voyage and that was something, I mean I've never seen so many different kinds of fresh fish and shell fish - they even had stumps there, they've got fresh octopus. We had a meal there and it was absolutely so amazing sitting in this fish market having this incredibly fresh seafood just produced right there and then. It's just little things like that, you cannot just find that on any day and that's what made it remarkable for me."

Even though Chef Roy's job was to "ensure there was food on the table, as they say" he also made sure he was up to date with his relevant courses and training from firefighting to first aid, safety of life at sea and not forgetting the weekly crew boat drills.

In closing, Roy's words of encouragement to anyone interested in working in the maritime field is to simply "go for it!"

After Roy's decade and a half on the RMS and the relationship he built with Saints, Roy has settled down on St Helena and is now the Chef at the St Helena Coffee Shop.



Through the Lens

Building Bridges Beyond the Horizon: What St. Helena Can Learn About Mentorship - Written By *Ed Oyewo*

"Living on a rock in the middle of the Atlantic doesn't mean our young people should feel isolated from opportunity," says Patrick, a retired Engineer. "But sometimes they need someone to show them the way forward." Patrick's observation captures a truth many Saints know but rarely discuss openly. Our island's beauty and tight-knit community are genuine strengths, yet our young people face unique challenges that mentorship programmes worldwide have successfully addressed.

While St. Helena's community spirit runs deep, we can learn valuable lessons from mentorship initiatives beyond our shores. In London, the Mayor's New Deal for Young People aims to connect 100,000 disadvantaged youth with quality mentoring opportunities. Australia's Life Changer programme transforms lives by pairing experienced adults with young people navigating difficult transitions. *"The principles are universal, but the application must be local,"* explains Michael Rodgers, who recently moved to the island from the UK. "What works in London or Sydney can work here, adapted to our unique circumstances."



Perhaps most relevant to St. Helena is the rise of virtual mentorship. Programmes like MCR Pathways now offer structured 10-week online mentoring, proving that meaningful guidance doesn't require physical proximity. For an island where expertise in certain fields may be limited, virtual mentorship opens doors to the wider world. "I mentor a young person in Edinburgh from my home in Cape Town," shares Dr. Sarah Johnson. "Technology means geography doesn't have to be destiny. Our young people on St. Helena could access mentors globally." St. Helena possesses something many larger communities lack: genuine connectedness. We know each other's families, histories, and struggles. This intimacy, often taken for granted, creates ideal conditions for effective mentorship.

Our youth often face limited local examples in emerging careers. While we have excellent teachers, nurses, and civil servants, young people interested in digital marketing, renewable energy, or international finance may lack local role models. "I wanted to study marine biology, but I'd never met a marine biologist," recalls Emma George, now studying at university. "A mentor who understood that career path could have made all the difference in my decision-making." Virtual mentorship could connect our students with professionals worldwide, providing insights into career paths rarely seen on island.

The Creative Mentor Network supports young people from disadvantaged backgrounds to break barriers in creative industries. St. Helena's young people, many from families without higher education experience, could benefit from similar support structures. Kidscape's peer mentoring programme shows how older students can effectively guide younger ones. St. Helena Secondary School students could mentor K1 & K2 school pupils, creating a natural progression of support.

Drawing from international best practices, St. Helena could launch a hybrid mentorship programme combining local and virtual elements; Local mentors could focus on island-specific challenges; navigating limited job opportunities, maintaining connections during off-island education, and contributing to community development upon return. Virtual mentors could provide career-specific guidance, university preparation, and exposure to global perspectives our young people need for success in an interconnected world.

St. Helena's government recently prioritised youth development. Learning from successful programmes elsewhere, we could establish a mentorship initiative that serves our unique needs while connecting to global opportunities. St. Helena stands at a crossroads. We can continue lamenting limited opportunities for our young people, or we can build bridges to the world's knowledge and experience. Other communities have proven mentorship works. The question for St. Helena is whether we're ready to adapt their successes to our context. **The time for learning from others is now. The time for action is today.** ***Till Next Time, Keep Well!***

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 26

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

SAT. Sep 27

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

SUN. Sep 28

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 12 noon: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations

MON. Sep 29

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

TUE. Sep 30

- 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. Oct 01

- 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



Today is Maritime Awearness Day and, during this week, SAMS have been interveiwing ex-seafarers.

If you missed them, then be sure to tune in on Sunday from 12noon.

These interviews will take you back to the good ole RMS days.

Wishing all seafares, past and present, a Happy Martime Awareness Day!

Local news and notices:

7am, 10am, noon, 5pm, 7pm, 10pm

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

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Guess who?



Today is Maritime Awareness Day 2025

Can you pick out these superstar seafarers from their days onboard the RMS St Helena?

International Quesadilla Day is celebrated annually on 25 September and in recognition of this traditional Mexican dish, our recipe this week will give you the opportunity to enjoy your very own Quesadilla!

The Ultimate Quesadilla



Ingredients

- *Large tortillas*
- *Grated cheese such as mild or sharp cheddar*
- *Olive oil or butter*

Fillings (can be added to your liking, but is also optional):

- Sliced mushrooms
- Green onions
- Slices olives
- Diced fresh tomatoes
- Cooked Chicken pieces or Spicy mince
- Avocado
- Lettuce
- Seasoning

Method:

1. Heat a large skillet over medium heat. Add a small amount of oil (1/2 teaspoon) and spread around the bottom of the pan with a spatula.
2. Take one flour tortilla and place it in the pan. Flip it over a few times every 10 seconds until air pockets form within the tortilla.
3. Take a handful of grated cheese and sprinkle over the top of the tortilla taking care that it does not land in the pan itself. Add whatever additional ingredients you choose. Take care not to layer the ingredients too thickly, as they might not heat through properly.
4. Reduce the heat to low and cover the pan to melt the cheese and brown the tortilla. If the quesadilla starts to smoke too much, remove from heat. After a minute, check to see if the cheese is melted. If not, return the cover and keep checking until the cheese has melted.
5. When the cheese is sufficiently melted, use a spatula to lift up one side of the quesadilla and flip it over the other side as if you were making an omelette. If the tortilla is not browned, turn up the heat to high and flip over every 10 seconds until sufficiently browned.
6. Remove the quesadilla from the pan and cut it into wedges.
7. Serve with thinly sliced iceberg lettuce sprinkled with cider vinegar and salt. Can also be served with salsa, sour cream and guacamole.

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CHURCH APPEAL

Due to rising costs in labour, fuel and equipment, it is becoming extremely expensive to maintain the upkeep of the old and new graveyards at Knollcombes.

The St Helena Baptist Church would greatly appreciate donations to help with the cost of maintenance from members and friends, here and overseas who have family and friends who have been laid to rest in the Knollcombes Cemetery.

Anyone who is keen to contribute towards this worthy cause, please send donations to our Church Treasurer, Nick Williams (Telephone No. +290 24644; E-mail: baptistsainthelena@gmail.com)

Also donation boxes have been placed in each of our three Chapels – Jamestown, Sandy Bay and Head O'Wain.

We thank you in advance for your support.

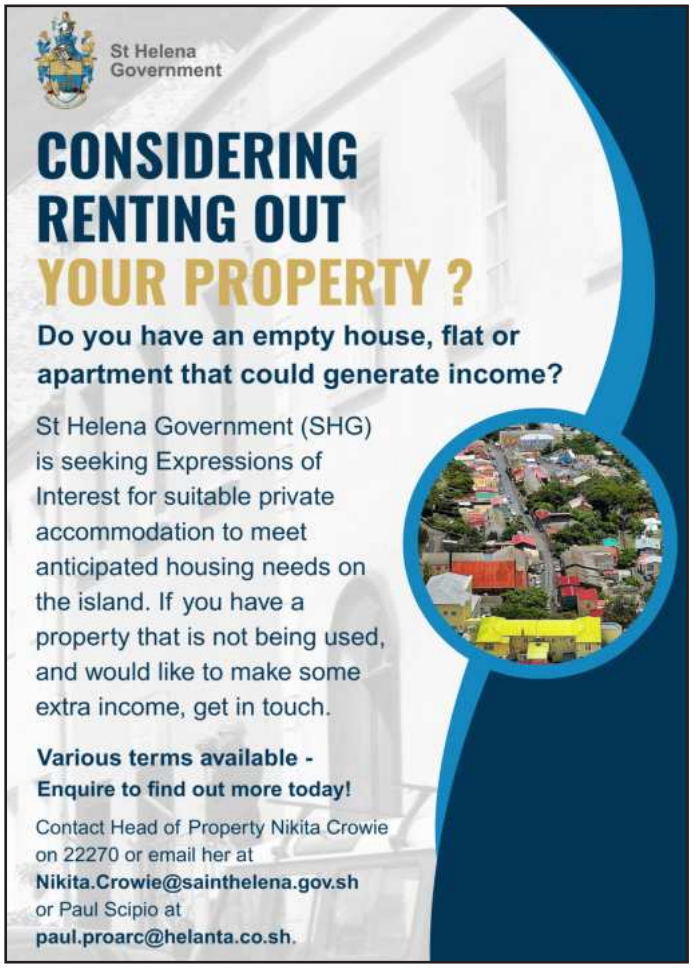
BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
28th September
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 30th September
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 2nd October
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644



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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 28th September 2025– 25th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	S Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
	Thursday 2nd October	
7.00 p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**St Andrew**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 28th September 2025 – 25th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 2nd October	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 28th September 2025 – 25th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/Back to Church Sunday	St Mark
	Tuesday 30 September	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

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SHFA Special Meeting

The Saint Helena Football Association is holding a special meeting on Monday 29th September at New Horizons Youth Centre at 7PM.

All captains, players and past players are invited to attend this meeting as we need to elect a new Secretary and additional member so as to function effectively. Your attendance to this meeting is of importance to the SHFA.

Please be advised, there will also be no football this weekend.

Thanking you, SHFA Committee.

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Reserve Sunday, 5 October 2025

For a FAMILY FUN DAY

at the Blue Hill Community Centre from 12 noon to 6 pm

No entrance fee will be charged but donations will be appreciated for the Cancer Awareness Fund

Bouncy Castle

Bar will be open; hot food and teas and refreshments

Games – skittles, bingo

Races – sack, egg in spoon, relay

DJ Colin Peters will keep you entertained

Stalls –face painting and lots more. Contact Jeannie tel. 24202 to book a stall

Raffles

Take part in a short walk at 11.30 am from St Helena and the Cross to the Community Centre

SEE YOU THERE!!



ST ANDREWS NEWSPAPER BINGO

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

This week the "red" bingo sheet will be used.
Numbers to be read across, from left to right

Claim on earliest number for full house will be the winner

Claims to be made to Karen Henry on 23401 by Saturday 27 September at 6 pm.

Prize - £20 per week

15	56	84	25	70	5	42	34	60	51
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41	36	90	4	61	14	53	79	88	45
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10	23	39	62	18	83	59	8	63	71
28	46	76	12	68	86	43	31	19	40
22	30	77	49	3	24	65	82	33	17

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VACANCY

TRAINEE LINESWORKER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within the Electrical Distribution Team for a Trainee Linesworker to assist in works on the 11kV High Voltage and 400V Low Voltage Electricity Distribution Network.

This role involves on-the-job training and will be performed under the supervision of qualified personnel. Duties include assisting with: Installation and servicing of transformers and HV switchgear, Specialist cable jointing operations, Low Voltage component installations, Data acquisition, logging and recording, and Liaising with consumers for domestic and commercial access. All activities will be carried out in accordance with strict health and safety protocols, and full PPE and safety training will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity to develop a career in electrical distribution, with future progression to a qualified Linesworker role.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Have a mature attitude to work within a safety critical environment
- Able to Communicate well within a team
- Physically fit
- Have good team working skills
- Driving Licence A or C
- GCSE's in English & Maths or equivalent

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 25 days annual leave.

For further information or a copy of the job description, please contact Mangala Wijesuriya on +290 22255 or email Jayamangala.Wijesuriya@connect.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed to Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connect.co.sh by **9:00am on Friday, 3 October 2025.** To be considered for this role please complete our application form. CV's will not be accepted.

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VACANCY

ELECTRICAL LINESWORKER

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within the Electrical Distribution Team for an Electrical Linesworker. This is a hands-on role working across both 11kV High Voltage and 400 Volt Low Voltage Electricity Distribution Networks,

The duties of the position include: Carry out refurbishment and maintenance of electrical infrastructure, including transformers, overhead power lines, pole-mounted equipment, and switchgear. Support data acquisition, logging, and record-keeping tasks to ensure accurate system monitoring. Liaise with residential and commercial customers to coordinate property access for installations and maintenance. Contribute to the safe and effective delivery of electrical services across the island. On-the-job training will be provided to help you build the skills and confidence needed for this role.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Physically fit, reliable and with the ability to climb poles to work at heights.
- Experience with hydraulic lifting platform operations
- Driving Licence A or C
- Ideally possess 2 years' experience working on 11,000-volt networks.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Ideally possess certification relevant to the Electricity Distribution sector Individuals that do not possess the relevant certificate are still encouraged to apply. Please contact us to find out more about training opportunities.

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VACANCY FOR MARINE PROJECT MANAGER (COASTAL)

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a conservationist to join the St Helena National Trust's team in a leadership role. We are looking for a Project Manager to lead the delivery of the newly awarded Darwin Plus project, "*Integrated Coastal Monitoring Project and Habitat Management Program*". This project aims to establish long-term coastal monitoring, strengthen coastal habitat management on St Helena.

The successful candidate will be required to work in partnership with the *Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, St Helena Government*, and other key stakeholders to achieve the project by 2028. Applicants must be well organised, highly motivated, and have experience in project delivery, preferably in a management role. They must also be able to build strong relationships with the St Helena Island community, explore innovative solutions to coastal and marine challenges, and co-create project outputs and reports.

The Trust is an independent non-governmental organisation driven by a passion for St Helena and its built, cultural, and natural heritage. We have a strong emphasis on teamwork and collaboration, and our staff are our greatest asset.

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. 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 get in touch with Neil Thorp on 22307 or email neil.thorp@trust.org.sh

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 9 OCTOBER 2025

St Helena Government

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INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Refurbishment – EX Longwood School Phase 1

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

ED9-2025/26 – Proposed Refurbishment – Ex Longwood School Phase 1

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 06 October 2025, at 09:00, meeting at the Ex-Longwood School.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after the given 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 document and 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 for this contract should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Wednesday, 15 October 2025, clearly marked: **"Tender ED9-2025/26"**.

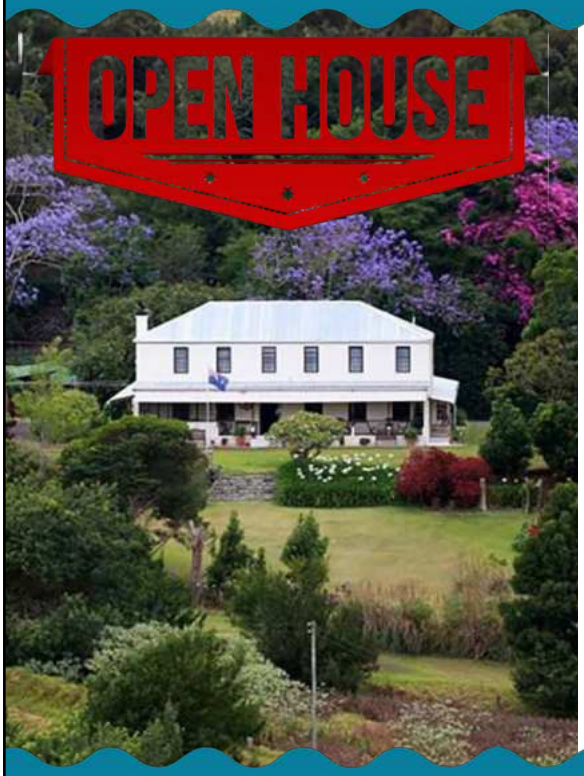
Interested parties should note that this opportunity is **not** being advertised overseas.

SHG, 23 September 2025

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World Tourism Day
Saturday 27th September

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air



Celebrate World Tourism Day with St Helena's Accommodation Open House!

This World Tourism Day on Saturday, 27 September, we are delighted to announce the unique opportunity to step inside some of the island's fantastic accommodation options!
Take this chance to honour and appreciate this hard work and commitment to the Tourism Industry.

These local accommodation providers will be opening their doors to the public:
Bertrand's Cottage Afropolitan Restaurant From 10am-2pm
The Blue Lantern From 10am-1pm
Huxtable St. Helena Ltd Lower Napoleons Street and Mundens Lane Accommodations From 10am-2pm
Farm Lodge From 11am-2pm
Fowler's Town House 2 (opp Seales Corner) From 10am-12pm
The Mantis Hotel From 10am-2pm
Somerville Flat (Seaview) From 10am-2pm
Harkate Guest House and Perry's Guest House (Gordons Post) From 12:30pm-1:30pm

For more information please contact the St Helena Tourism Office on 22158, or email katie-raye.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Thank you St Helena

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

St Helena recently had the privilege of hosting the Momentum Multiply Titans Cricket Team, and the feedback from both players and management has been overwhelmingly positive.

To all the service providers - thank you for working so hard to showcase the very best of your businesses.

To the sponsors - Sure South Atlantic, Mantis St Helena, Solomon's & Co, Bank of St Helena, and Airlink - your support was invaluable and went a long way in ensuring the team was well looked after.

Likewise, the people of St Helena should be proud of the way the Titans

were welcomed and embraced during their stay.

Without exception, the players and managers remarked on the warm and open reception they received, the friendliness of the community, and the sense of belonging they felt across the island.

The success of this visit was made possible through the efforts of the St Helena Cricket Association, with support from the UK-financed Tourism Development Fund. Their work not only enabled the island to host a professional sports team of this calibre, but also created lasting benefits: strengthening the skills and exposure of the St Helena Cricket Team, inspiring young people through the Titans' involvement in the Scouts Sports Day and a dedicated youth training session, and showcasing St Helena's potential as a unique sports tourism destination.

We extend our heartfelt thanks to the St Helena Cricket Association, the sponsors, and the Momentum Multiply Titans Cricket Team - but above all, to the people of St Helena for their incredible role in promoting the island.

Jonathan Passaportis
Head of Tourism
The Canister

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Become a Destination Management Professional

St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air

St Helena Tourism are pleased to offer Destination Management Company (DMC) training to support service providers and attract new business to this exciting sector. The training will be conducted by internationally acclaimed Destination Management expert, Andrew Lailvaux. With over 25 years tourism experience, Andrew has developed new markets and products around the world. Prior to starting his consulting company he was a senior manager within the Tourvest group and worked on events such as FIFA World Cups, Rugby World Cups and the Olympics.

The DMC training is FREE and will run over 2 or 3 days, during the week of 6 -10 October. You choose which days suit your schedule and the course will cover the following topics:

Day 1 (Mon, 6 or Tues, 7 October from 09:30 to 15:00)
Understanding the role of a DMC and the travel trade eco-system (relationship between suppliers, agents etc)
The structure of a Destination Management Company (DMC)

Day 2 (Weds, 8 or Thurs, 9 October from 09:30 to 15:00)
Tour itinerary - the detailed requirements for setting up an itinerary
Customer care - what should be considered for clients

Day 3 (Fri, 10 October)
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Gina Benjamin, Human Resources Administrator via email gina.benjamin@solomons.co.sh or by calling 22380.

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Transport Service Manager
(£13,569 per annum)

As the Transport Service Manager, you will be responsible for supporting the Transport Trading Account operations that underpin the delivery of an effective and efficient transport service including plant/equipment for the Public Service. Work closely with the sections budget, stores including procurement processes. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Theodore Fowler on Tel No.23643 or Email garage.manager@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 02 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 October 2025
Interview date: 23 October 2025

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(£16,248 per annum)
plus Market Enhancement of £2,000 per annum (pro-rata)

Do you possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience in working in an accounting or finance related role? If so, Treasury has an opportunity to join their Central Finance team as the Pensions & Payroll Manager. Duties include responsibility for administering all pensions-related work and overseeing the efficient day to day operations of the Payroll section. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Nicholas Yon on Tel No. 22470 or Email nicholas.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 October 2025
Interview date: 16 October 2025

Joint Emergency Services Control Centre Operator
(£12,432 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Cheyanne Furniss on Tel No.22626 or Email Cheyanne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 09 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 14 October 2025
Interview date: 23 October 2025

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Care Assistants (Ebony View)
(£10,213 per annum)

Are you interested in the well-being of service users within the Learning Disabilities units, encouraging independence and providing high quality, holistic care? If so, Ebony View has an opportunity for you to join their team as a Care Assistant.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 October 2025
Interview date: Week commencing 13 October 2025

Support Worker (Sheltered Housing)
(£10,213)

Are you interested in the well-being of service users and providing high quality support for tenants at the sheltered accommodation sites? If so, Social Care has an opportunity for you to join their team as a Support Worker. You will be responsible for providing practical support to service users and their families, such as helping with household tasks and personal care as required, whilst promoting their independence, choice and social well-being.

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Enquiries: Latoya Thomas on Tel No. 23151/23230 or Email latoya.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
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Shortlisting date: 08 October 2025
Interview date: 15 October 2025

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WIFI PHISHING

FREE WI-FI THAT COSTS YOU EVERYTHING

Wi-Fi phishing, also known as an "evil twin" attack, is a type of cyberattack where a hacker sets up a fake, free, public Wi-Fi network in places like coffee shops or airports, to mimic a real hot spot, hoping victims will connect to it.

Most official airport Wi-Fi networks will prompt you to open a web page where you must accept the terms and conditions before being connected to the internet. If the "Free Airport Wi-Fi" doesn't do that, this is a massive red flag.



When an unsuspecting user connects to an "evil twin" network, a hacker can then intercept internet traffic to steal sensitive information like user-names, passwords, and debit card details, or even install malware.

Evil twin attacks are a type of Man in the Middle (MitM) attack, where secretly, an attacker intercepts and can also alter, communications between two unsuspecting parties, such as between a user and a website.

HOW TO SPOT WIFI PHISHING

LISTEN TO ANY ALERTS

If your device warns you that a Wi-Fi connection is insecure, you're better off not connecting to it, even if it looks legitimate. Better safe than sorry.



PAY ATTENTION TO WI-FI NAMES

Not all hackers are savvy, and some are lazy enough to set up fake Wi-Fi connections with misspelled words, so look at any obvious errors as a big red flag.

STAY SAFE

BE SCEPTICAL OF FREE WI-FI
Be extra cautious when connecting to public Wi-Fi networks, especially in busy areas.

LOOK FOR HTTPS
Check that websites you visit use the secure HTTPS protocol (indicated by a padlock icon in your web browser's address bar), especially when entering sensitive information.

VERIFY NETWORK NAMES
Be sure you're connecting to the correct network and avoid networks with suspicious or non-specific names.

USE A VPN
A Virtual Private Network (VPN) encrypts your internet traffic, making it much harder for attackers to intercept and read your data, even on a compromised network.

DISABLE AUTOMATIC CONNECT
Turn off the auto-connect feature on your devices so they don't automatically join malicious networks.

LIMIT YOUR ONLINE ACTIVITIES
If you're unsure if you're connected to a compromised hot spot or not, avoid visiting websites that, if seen, can further compromise you i.e. don't log into sites/apps that use sensitive data.

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CYBER SECURITY AWARENESS CAMPAIGN 2025

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Golf Report

4 Ball Better Ball Competition

SHGC, Contributed

Despite overcast skies and very windy conditions, a fantastic turnout of 22 players took part in Sunday's 4 Ball Better Ball competition, generously sponsored by Christine Scipio. By our club's standards, this was a great show of support and enthusiasm for the game.

Teams were carefully paired, and in a refreshing twist, no handicaps were applied, making for a level playing field and some exciting golf.

At the top of the leaderboard, two pairs tied with a score of 75. After a countback, the team of Gerald George and Jeffrey Stevens edged out Bramwell Bushuru and Paddo Johnson to claim first prize. Bramwell and Paddo settled for a well-earned second prize.

A special mention goes to Helena Stevens, who was the only lady golfer in the field and received a prize in recognition of her participation.





Other prizes included:

- Most Golf – Awarded to a spirited team of 2 participants
- Lucky Prize – Won by Danny Thomas

There were no Two Ball Pool winners this week.

A big thank you to Christine Scipio for her continued support and generosity. Congratulations to all the winners and participants for making it a memorable day on the course.

Next Competition:
Sunday 28th September 2025
Monthly Medal – Stroke Play
Sponsored by the Club
Tee-off: 12:00 PM

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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SPORTS ARENA

Dust Off the Bats Ladies

Women's Rounders League to start soon under newly-elected WSA Committee



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Women's Sports Association (WSA) have elected a new committee to continue the momentum of the past year; with interest already being invited for the next Women's Rounders League.

The WSA recently completed a year in operation after previously being inactive for five years. During this year, friendly matches in both rounders and volleyball was held, followed each time by competitive tournaments. These initiatives were very well attended, with the WSA revealing how 98 players participated in rounders and 40 ladies joined in with their Volleyball League.

The WSA also introduced some meaningful individual and team honours to recognise former members and advocates of women in sports. "We introduced the Marie Jonas Floating Cup in memory of our dear friend Marie Jonas, awarded to a member that shows the same great sportsmanship qualities as Marie," they revealed. "Also, thanks to Sally Hickling for sponsoring new Floating Cups for the Rounders League in honour of her mum, Ann Sim, who was a great contributor to the association."

With the first successful year back in operation done and dusted, the Annual General Meeting of the WSA was held on Tuesday evening of last week. During this meeting, a new committee was elected to continue the running of the Association.

This saw a sad goodbye to former committee members, Juliet Williams and Danni Thomas, while Kati-Rose Thomas and Rebecca Young committed to continuing their time on the committee under new roles. In addition, other members stepped up to form the final committee which are Chairperson, Kati-Rose Thomas; Vice Chair, Cerys Joshua; Treasurer, Rebecca Young; and Secretary, Tanisha Benjamin.

Plans are now underway for the next Rounder's League competition with the WSA seeking interest for teams wanting to register to participate in the next edition of rounders tournaments at Francis Plain. Deadline for team registration has been set for Tuesday, 30 September, for an anticipated start in early October.





Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

Another productive, enjoyable afternoon of shooting from eight youth members; they were all fired up, ready to shoot trying to improve their performances from their last shooting activity. A reminder was given to them that in order to gain a good performance they must stay focus and concentrate on the target, not the score. Daniel D shot 95.3 & 98.5, Josie D 89.2 & 85.2, Sarah shot 92.4, Josie T 86 & 97.1, Gilby 88.2, Ellis M showed consistency and shot 90.1 & 90.2, Bobbi shot 91.1 & 83, young David finished with 81 & 90.3; good shooting and well-done guys. It's clearly noticeable how well these young people aim to shoot the highest scores, but also interact and support each other; sports are an important learning tool.

It was wonderful to see and welcome new people for the first time who came to have a go at shooting. It's always good to welcome new employers and visitors to the club, it's a good way of meeting people, knowing whose working or who's visiting the island. Our club gives us that golden opportunity to acknowledge these folks when we bump into them on the streets, an ideal way of educating us as a community, so welcome to St Helena, Jamestown Rifle Club will help you to enjoy your stay.

Everyone was ready to take to the platform, those who did need assistance were given that and found it easy to-follow, and then the shooting began; Danae L shot well, punished her target with 90.2 & 93.2, Andrew shot 91.1, Elli 98.7 & 98.7, Ellie H 92.1, Cherilee 89, Donna 92.2, Lebron with 92.1, Kyle shot 96.4 & 97.6, Simon 98.7, Patricia 88, Katy P 88.2, Jude 93.3, Pete 93.5, Emma 92.3, Rachael 94.3, Rosemond shot 81, Elizabeth 78 and Jeff Spence shot 92.8 & 94.4. It's wonderful to see how adults react just like kids, measuring or comparing their scorecards on their performances.

Next week there will be a Two-person Team competition, members can select a shooting partner if not, will be given someone; only one target will be shot from each team member and both scores will be calculated to define the 1st, 2nd & 3rd winners with the three best scores, should there be a tie in team scores, they will shoot ONE shot each to earn that position in winning. Cost to enter is £5.00 (£3 per shoot, £2 for competition). See you all at the club. Please note that no Juniors will be allowed to take part or shoot during this event. A notice to our youth group: We regret there will not be a shooting session on Tuesday, 30 September; our sincere apologies.

Wishing everyone a wonderful weekend.



ments for 2025.

The SHFA just informed that there will however be no matches played this weekend following the resignation of their Secretary this week; with a meeting called for Monday, 29 September, to allow the committee to elect a new Secretary and an additional committee member to allow this year's league to continue.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 20 September 2025

Bellboys 10
J Thomas (5) T Phillips (3) T Brady, W Clingham
MoM: Joey Thomas

Fugees 1
Omence

Sunday 21 September 2025

Inter Galactic 1
C Buckley

Rovers 23
R Benjamin (8) B Baldwin (7) R Legg (3) B Isaac (2) S Benjamin (3)
MoM: Rico Benjamin

Wirebirds 2
K Shoesmith, E Harris
MoM: Ethan Harris

La Verde 2
R Stevens, T Anthony
YPoM: Tyler Anthony

JUNIOR FOOTBALL RESULTS

Sunday 21 September 2025

New Horizons FC 3
L Joshua, Z Fick, K Lawrence
PoM: Louis Joshua

Rumblers 22
C Williams (6) C Sim (3) L Yon (4) A Williams (3) C Leo (2) R Wade
PoM: Cruz Williams

NH Stars 5
A Henry (5)
PoM: Ajay Henry

Dabbling Devils 1
Z Benjamin
PoM: Zayden Benjamin

Vikings 2
R Fabian, OG
PoM: Kylen Piek-Williams

Golden Galdiators 8
L Williams, Om (3), Hayden K Scott (2), J Jacobs
PoM: Om

Black Mambas 9
T Anthony (5), K Glanville L Robbertse (2), D Peters
PoM: Tyler Anthony

Flix 5
L George (3) J Peters (3)
PoM: Joel Peters

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Sunday 28 September 2025

9.45am	**Black Mambas**	**vs**	**G-Galdiators**
9.45am	**Rumblers**	**vs**	**Dabbling Devils**
10.30am	**Monarchs**	**vs**	**Flix**
10.30am	**NH Stars**	**vs**	**Young Gunners**

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 27 September 2025

11.30am	**Brentford**	**vs**	**Man Utd**
2pm	**Chelsea**	**vs**	**Brighton**
2pm	**C Palace**	**vs**	**Liverpool**
2pm	**Leeds**	**vs**	**Bournemouth**
2pm	**Man City**	**vs**	**Burnley**
4.30pm	**N Forest**	**vs**	**Sunderland**
7pm	**Spurs**	**vs**	**Wolves**

Sunday 28 September 2025

1pm	**Aston Villa**	**vs**	**Fulham**
3.30pm	**Newcastle**	**vs**	**Arsenal**

Monday 29 September 2025

7pm	**Everton**	**vs**	**West Ham**



SPORTS ARENA



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Bellboys remain undefeated as second round of SHFA League 2025 concludes

Liam Yon, SAMS

Round two out of three in the St Helena Football Association League 2025 is done and dusted with the final matches of the second round being played over the past weekend at Francis Plain as Bellboys and Rovers both win, with La Verde and Wirebirds playing out the season's first draw game.

On Saturday, Bellboys made it a perfect two rounds picking up their tenth win in ten games after beating Fugees by ten goals to one in the only match of the day. Once again, it was Joey Thomas who played a starring role for Bellboys; scoring five and picking up Man of the Match honours. A Taylan Phillips hat-trick along with goals from Tyler Brady and Weston Clingham rounded off the scoring for the league leaders. Fugees, who always seem to find a way to score, had Omence to thank for their only goal of the match. Bellboys young star, Zac Francis, was named as the games Young Player of the Match.

Over to Sunday, when in the first match of the day, title-holders Rovers ran rampant on the Inter Galactics, finishing with 23 goals to Inter's one. Captain Rico Benjamin was in devastating form, bagging eight goals and picking up Man of the Match honours. Blaze Baldwin was also goal-hungry, scoring seven himself. A hat-trick each for Ronan Legg and Shaquille Benjamin, along with a brace from Brett Isaac, tied up the scoring for Rovers. A rare moment to celebrate for Inter Galactic saw Captain Cruyff Buckley get on the scoresheet.

Finally, finishing up the weekend's action on Sunday afternoon was La Verde and Wirebirds, who played out the first draw game of the season, ending two goals apiece. Once again, it was the young stars who would come up with the goods for La Verde, with Ryan Stevens and Young player of the Match Tyler Anthony getting on the scoresheet – with Tyler in a rich vein of form. Wirebirds turned to Kyle Shoesmith, who has been among the goals all season, to score their goal, with Man of the Match for a second week running, Ethan Harris, also bagging for the 'Birds.

There is now just one round left to be played in this years SHFA League, while two postponed matches are still to be fitted in before the end of the league when attention will turn to the SHFA District and Knockout tourna-

