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Liam Yon, SAMS

Writing is easy for me; I've been doing it for a living since aged 16. However, this week is different; I have so much on my mind, I just don't really know how to put it into words.

Bridget, my brother, I am sorry that I did not know what you were going through. I, like many of us, am still struggling to come to grips with what happened and the fact that you're actually gone. You were an incredible sportsman, one of the best, and I'm not just saying that now – I have always placed you high on the list of the most naturally-gifted sportsman on this Island and I think a lot of people would agree. Whether football or cricket, if Bridget felt like doing damage today then damage you would do! I'm so glad that I had the chance to play alongside you in my early Fugees days and to witness up close how much of a warrior you were in the midfield.

Away from that though, you were an awesome person to be around. If I was having a bad day and bumped into you – half cut too most times – you would make me laugh without fail! You brought so much energy and good vibes to whatever crowd you were in that we couldn't help but have a good time around you. The Francis Plain vibes will never be the same without you brother! I guess all I can say now is rest easy and hopefully someday I will see you again in the next life.

Mental Health has been the big topic on the Island over the past week – and rightly so. How many of us struggle everyday with mental health problems? Depression, anxiety, stress, ADHD. Maybe it's not just an Island thing, maybe it's global. I don't have the answer. If I did then I wouldn't struggle so much myself. I know things like meditation, yoga, physical exercise – these things help. But sometimes your so down in the dumps that finding the motivation to try these things is just not possible, then feeling bad because you're not doing it adds to the depression. All I can say is keep going, remember that you are not alone, speak to someone you feel comfortable speaking to and just keep pushing through – don't give up, even if it feels like the only option.

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ST HELENA NEWS

"Priority work has begun"

Refinement of Immigration Ordinance underway to correct uncertainties



Liam Yon, SAMS

The Immigration (Amendment) Ordinance, 2025, created to amend the outdated Immigration Ordinance, 2011, was set to commence from 1 October this year; however, on 23 September, the Executive Council approved a decision to revoke the Commencement Order of the new ordinance due to uncertainty and a lack of clarity, with the 2011 Ordinance remaining in effect, as work begins to refine the new ordinance.

SHG advised last week that refinement of the Immigration Ordinance labelled by Government as "priority work" has begun, with the refined ordinance expected to go back to the Legislative Council for approval before the end of this year.

"Following the recent revocation of the Immigration Ordinance commencement date of 01 October 2025, the St Helena Government (SHG) is pleased to report that priority work has begun on refining the legislation," they said in a Press Release last Wednesday. "The revision to the Ordinance will ensure closer alignment with the policy intent whilst also adequately protecting the community's needs."

SHG continued by informing that "the revised draft of the legislation will be presented at Legislative Council towards the end of this year for approval."

Additionally, and in line with the legislative process of this ordinance, SHG also detailed how the new immigration digital platform is set to be "adjusted to meet the requirements of the updated legislation." They add that "SHG is focused on ensuring the system is as streamlined and user-friendly as possible for all users."

According to SHG, "should Legislative Council approve the revised Ordinance, a transition period of approximately three months will be necessary to publicise the changes and ensure everyone is aware of how to use the new immigration digital platform before it comes fully into effect."

This is in line with the new approach to communication around enacted legislation on St Helena by SHG, as informed recently by St Helena's new Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks.

Government concluded by reaffirming their commitment "to a robust, fair, and transparent immigration system" as they advise that further updates will be provided as the process of refining the Immigration Ordinance progresses.

A Discovery that provides Hope



Insect remains found in the cave Julien Joseph

New Giant Earwig Fossils unearthed during recent expedition

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In August, a scientific expedition team unearthed a remarkable find while exploring a cave in the Sharks Valley area; the cave was discovered to house a large number of insect remains and, among the fossils found, were a number of specimens of one of the island's most famous invertebrates - the St Helena Giant Earwig.

SHG said they welcomed this significant find as it "offers critical new insights into the island's lost biodiversity and creates a renewed focus on conservation in the eastern part of the island."

The expedition team were made up of researchers from the Université de Lyon, The Natural History Museum, London, as well as local members from the St Helena National Trust and the St Helena Research Institute. The team were exploring sites on the eastern side of the island for fossilised bird bones when they came across this new fossil site; numerous bones from extinct endemic seabirds were discovered together with a large number of insect remains in this cave.

Among the insect fossils there were remains of the supposedly extinct St Helena Ground Beetle as well as a total of two female forceps and four large male forceps of the Giant Earwig, with one of the forceps being the largest ever recorded at 3.1cm.

The Giant earwig was declared extinct in 2014 with the last sighting of a living specimen recorded back in 1967 at Horse Point. "It is of immense importance as it significantly expands the known range of this iconic creature far beyond the last known sighting at Horse Point, suggesting it likely inhabited the whole eastern side of the island," commented SHG on this discovery.

All the recovered remains will be handed over to the St Helena National Trust to add to their new insect reference collection. This discovery will also play an important role in future conservation and education related to the island's unique invertebrates.

SHG states that, whilst the species remains officially listed as extinct, the team's assessment do create hope that "the island's extensive eastern habitats could still hold isolated, undiscovered populations of this, or similar, unique invertebrates."

The international team working under the "AtlantAves" project, funded by the French National Research Agency, completed their third excavation campaign in August this year. SHG extended their thanks to the team for "their dedication to uncover the island's natural history," and reaffirmed their commitment to protect the island's endemic biodiversity making use of this new information to inform future efforts and conservation strategies.



The Entrance to the cave - Liza Fowler



Male giant earwig forceps. Credit Anaïs Duhamel



Liza Fowler in the search for bones and insects. Credit Anaïs Duhamel



Eddie Duff celebrating the discovery. Credit Anaïs Duhamel

More Needs to be Done

Greg Coleman's sad passing places focus on mental health provision and lack of support on St Helena





Liam Yon, SAMS

Last Friday was celebrated globally as World Mental Health Day. Unfortunately, a sad development on the day prior emphasised the need for better mental health provision on St Helena – particularly with regard to men's mental health issues.

It was on Thursday afternoon, after an appeal from Police for help from the community to locate a missing resident on the Island, that 34-year-old resident of Levelwood, Greg Coleman, was found by a search party having allegedly taken his own life, with Police confirming that "no foul play is suspected" to have occurred surrounding his passing.

"Today, as a result of a report of a missing person, the Royal St Helena Police Service, activated its missing person procedures, together with its partner agencies. During the course of our initial inquiries, RSHPS, issued a press statement to the public seeking any information of the last known whereabouts of Mr Greg Coleman," reported The Royal St Helena Police Service in a statement on Thursday afternoon. "Sadly, later today, Mr Coleman was found passed away. The duty coroner has been informed and a coroner's officer and family liaison officer have been appointed. The RSHPS can presently confirm no foul play is suspected."

This sad news shook the Island of St Helena after it became clear that another young male had taken his life, making it three occurrences within the space of just 12 months on the Island.

Because of this, questions have been raised in the community about the lack of mental health provision on St Helena and why mental health issues, particularly in men, is not being looked into as a priority area within St Helena Government.

While there is a Mental Health Team within the Health and Social Care Portfolio of SHG, there are calls now from the community, following another alleged suicide, that more must be done to help those on-Island struggling with their mental health, which, it is hoped, can then go some way in avoiding the tragic outcomes that have sadly become a regular occurrence on the Island, particularly in the last twelve months.



There is one service, setup in 2015, which remains available to those on Island who are dealing with emotional distress and that is the The Samaritans free-to-call telephone support line.

This confidential telephone support line for people in distress on St Helena was set up in partnership with the UK's Samaritans charity and can be contacted through dialling telephone number 20000 and will go straight through to trained counsellors in the UK.

Sure SA Ltd on St Helena has, since the setting up of this support line, agreed to cover all the costs of the calls, meaning residents of the Island can use this service completely free of charge.

The Samaritans answer calls round-the-clock, every single day of the year, to provide emotional support for people who are experiencing feelings of emotional distress. Its volunteers are trained to listen without judging and to give people time to talk, to help them see a way through their troubles.

Again, the number to call, for anyone who feels they would benefit from this free professional service, is 20000.

In terms of the incident on Thursday, the RSHPS sought to "thank all of the partner agencies who assisted with this matter and members of the public who provided assistance" while they added that they would be providing no further comment on the matter.

SAMS and our staff join the RSHPS in



sending heartfelt thoughts and deepest condolences to the family of Greg Coleman along with all of his friends on the Island. Greg was a talented sportsman and regarded as a top player in both cricket and football on the Island, having won titles in various teams over both sports throughout his playing career. He will no doubt be sadly missed by all.

In the days to follow, many tributes and special memories of Greg was shared by family, friends and sports associations on St Helena – including the St Helena Cricket Association – while all sought to raise awareness of the silent mental health issues that many people face, particularly men on St Helena. If you are struggling, you are not alone, do not be afraid to speak up and speak out and always remember – it's okay not to be okay!



Return of the ~~Mack~~ ExCo Top Lines

SHG to publish Agenda and Top Lines for Executive Council meetings to improve Openness and Transparency



— **Liam Yon,** SAMS

The new Council, elected just one month ago, are continuing to act on their commitment for more openness and transparency during their term of office with St Helena Government having this week announced that the publishing of agendas and top lines for meetings of the Executive Council are set to return, "ensuring the public remains informed and engaged with the business of Government," as stated by SHG.

"In keeping with the Chief Minister and Ministers' commitment to openness and transparency, St Helena Government is pleased to announce that the top lines and agenda of Executive Council meetings will be published following each meeting," they announced on Tuesday.

This is reminiscent to how things worked under the old Committee System of Governance and will be the first time this is enacted under the new Ministerial System.

As detailed by SHG, "these top lines will offer a broad overview of the key matters discussed and the outcomes reached, ensuring the public remains informed and engaged with the business of Government."

They do however add that "items which are sensitive and/or contain personal information will be marked as such on the agenda and, depending on the subject matter, might not be referred to in the top lines."

Going forward, The Sentinel will look to share and report on the top lines provided by SHG on meetings of the Executive Council in order to aid the agenda of better communications by our new Government.

Getting Gavin to the World Cup

Fundraising campaign underway to get St Helena Cricket Legend, Gavin George, to "dream" Over-70's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand in 2026



Liam Yon, SAMS

A St Helena cricket legend has the golden opportunity to fulfil a lifelong dream of promoting St Helena on the world cricket stage, with Gavin George (aged 70) of New Bridge, Jamestown, having been invited to compete at the Over-70's Cricket World Cup in New Zealand in early 2026.

Getting all the way to Christchurch, New Zealand, is no small feat however and Gavin's daughter, Gemma, has set up a crowdfunding page in order to help fund what was described as Gavin's "lifelong dream," with the campaign having already gained early momentum on Social Media.

Setup by Gemma, the campaign aims to raise £6,000 and is now 'live' via popular crowdfunding website, GoFundMe, appealing to anyone willing to help.

"A lifelong dream is within reach - and you can help make it happen. Help Gavin promote St Helena in the Over-70s Cricket World Cup," reads the GoFundMe campaign. "Gavin, a proud St Helenian and lifelong cricketer, has been invited to represent the Rest of the World XI in the Over-70s Cricket World Cup, taking place in Christchurch, New Zealand (17 Feb – 5 Mar 2026)."

It goes on to state how "this is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for Gavin to showcase his talent on the world stage and to promote St Helena Island, where his love of cricket began."

Giving some background on Gavin's local cricket journey, the appeal recalls how Gavin began, like many, "playing barefoot street cricket in Jamestown" and how, in the decades to follow, Gavin grew to become "one of the island's most respected players" adding that his "passion for the sport has never wavered."

In fact, Gavin still, despite turning 70 in March this year, continues to play cricket in the local league each year, which, as detailed, is "proof of his enduring fitness, skill, and dedication to the game."

Described as "the dream opportunity," Gavin has been invited to join the 'Rest of the World Seniors Cricket' squad for the 2026 Over-70s World Cup in New Zealand. "This honour reflects not only his talent but his decades-long contribution to cricket in St Helena," reads the online campaign. "Participating in this event would be the culmination of his lifelong devotion to the sport."

As indicated, the total goal of the campaign is £6,000 which will cover Gavin's share of the tour costs including return international flights, 18 nights' accommodation with breakfast, ground transfers and taxis, as well as team fees and logistics. The final payment, if Gavin is to participate, must be paid by 6 December 2025.

"For Gavin, this isn't just a personal milestone - it's a chance to promote St Helena and show that age, distance, and small beginnings are no barrier to big dreams," concludes the campaign. "Every contribution, no matter how small, will bring him one step closer to representing St Helena cricket on an international cricket field. If you're able to donate, we'd be so grateful. If you can't, please consider sharing this page - your share could help this dream reach the right people. Your generosity will help Gavin fulfil a lifelong ambition and make St Helena proud on the world stage. Thank you for believing in the power of sport, community, and dreams that never fade."

To donate, visit https://www.gofundme.com/f/help-gavin-represent-st-helena-in-over70s-cricket-world-cup. Good luck Gavin!



Citizen Science at Longwood

Huggy Bear and his small ionospheric research station



— **Dr Gerard Bulger,** Contributed —

Garry Mercury, aka Huggy Bear, is hosting and expanding a small ionospheric research station on St Helena.

Garry was put on to this by Dr Gerard Bulger, who worked at the General Hospital in 2021, with Dr Bulger having configured and sent over the kit to Garry.

The system looks at reflections off the ionosphere made by radio hams' "weak signal" radio transmissions from around the world; the reflections were the basis of all radio and ships communication until satellite and wide band cable technology come along.

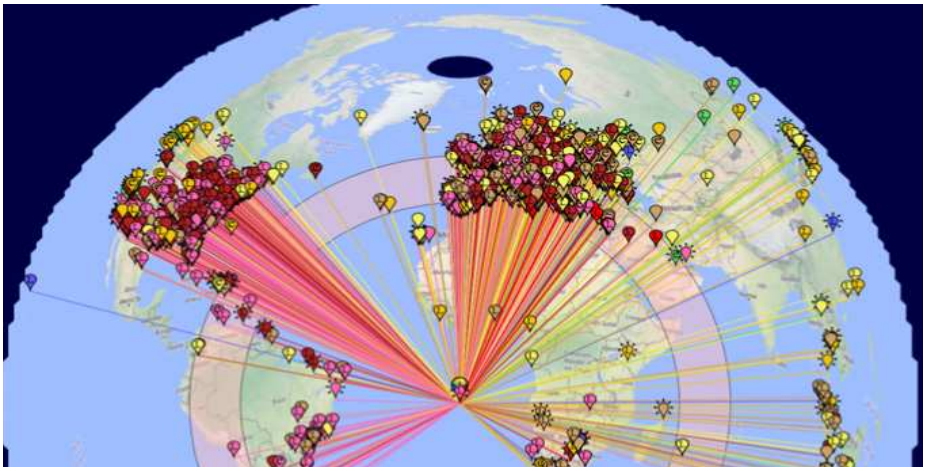
These reflections and how they change depends on the time of day and the suns' activity and interaction with the upper atmosphere. Using GPS Navigation Satellites as accurate clock sources, tiny movements in the ionosphere can now be measured and researched (https://tinyurl.com/4yr7akww and https://hamsci.org/).

Gary's setup is one of the top spotters in the world and has put St Helena on the map. The next stage is to use very low power transmissions as well; the equipment is ready. Check out https://tinyurl.com/44uxk9w8 (wait a few seconds to load) – although it is currently offline as we are now transmitting instead. The signals are being seen around the world as here, https://tinyurl.com/yc2uvs42.

We are seeking volunteers to help host part of the station as we now need to split the kit parts to be at least a mile apart at a good height above sea level. The kit uses just 24watts of electrical power has very low internet use (60mb a day as this is digit strings, no images). It just sits there doing its thing after set-up. The transmitter kit does not send data, but connection kept in case a need to maintain the system.

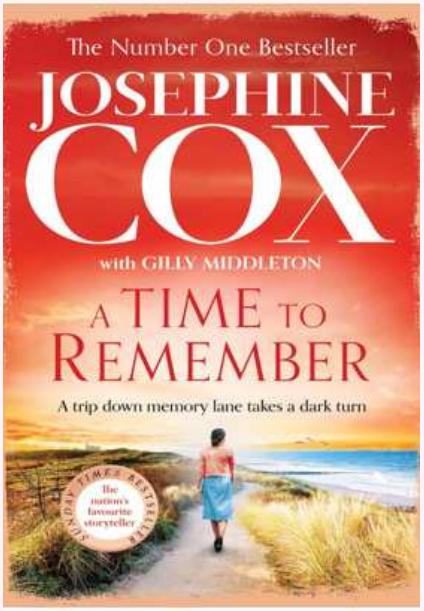
We are attempting to place a station on Ascension Island at The Museum. There's also slower progress, so far, in getting stations at Rothera with British Antarctic Survey and at Casey Station with the Australian Antarctic Division.

Anyone offering to help on St Helena can Contact Gary via huggy.bear@helanta.co.sh or tel. 64048, or Dr Gerard via gerard@bulger.co.uk.



Book of the Week

— Public Library Service —



A Time To Remember by Josephine Cox

Are some memories best forgotten? Maureen Bancroft has never learned the art of putting herself first. As a widow with a gentle temperament and humble ways, she's been easy to take advantage of.

All that changes when an unexpected windfall comes her way. Determined to make up for lost time, she decides to take a holiday and, needing a companion, looks up her friend, Barbara Hayle.

Glamorous, and with a successful career on the stage, Barbara seems to be everything that Maureen is not. But things aren't as they seem, and what starts out as a nostalgic trip between friends, becomes something different altogether. Much has changed in the years since they first met now Maureen has something that her friend desperately needs, and Barbara is used to getting exactly what she wants.

As their journey takes them down some dark byways, will this be the one friendship that Maureen should have left firmly in the past?

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Beautifying History

St Helena Heritage Society introduces new Built Heritage Grant Scheme



Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Heritage Society have recently announced the introduction of a new initiative on the Island; the St Helena Built Heritage Grant Scheme.

Funded by the Tourism Development Programme, this scheme is aimed at providing financial assistance towards the conservation of buildings in the Jawmestown Conservation area.

As detailed by the Heritage Society, "grant awards give particular attention to buildings of historic and architectural merit and applications where urgent and important conservation work is judged to be necessary" adding that "emphasis is placed on increasing the visual appeal of buildings."

As such, they reveal how applications for funding under this scheme are now being welcomed from owners of heritage properties in the Jamestown Conservation Area, adding that "this usually means, but is not limited to, listed buildings as catalogued in the Crallan Report."

They detail how the funding pot for the scheme is limited at £50,000 and therefore grants will be capped at £5,000 per application and, importantly, must be match funded in order to be approved.

For those wanting to apply for funding under this new scheme, an application form, list of criteria and further information required for an application can be obtained through contacting the Museum of St Helena via museum@helanta.co.sh or by telephone to 22845.

"If you are unsure of your eligibility or whether your project will meet our criteria for funding then you can still contact us for a consultation," concluded the Heritage Society.

Applications to the St Helena Built Heritage Grant Scheme will close on 1 November.

No Longer OBE

Former Acting Sheriff of St Helena stripped of UK State Award



Donna Crowie, SAMS

It was back in June 2024, when former Acting Sheriff of St Helena, Harry Legg OBE, was sentenced to 66 months imprisonment after being found guilty for seven offences of indecent assault involving minors.

In September of this year, an Extraordinary Gazette Notice was published via the SHG website announcing that "His Majesty the King has directed that the appointment of Harry Bazett LEGG to be an Officer of the Civil Division of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire, dated 13 June 1992, shall be cancelled and annulled and that his name shall be erased from the Register of the said Order."



‘Letters’ know what you think



Proposal to install British Royal Mail Post Boxes on St Helena’s Walking Trails

Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena Government (SHG) are exploring an idea to further develop the popular Post Box Walks located around the Island by installing the iconic British Royal Mail Post Boxes at the end of each trail – replacing the current locally-made boxes – with a proposal having been submitted to Royal Mail UK for 25 decommissioned classic Letter or Lamp Box-style postboxes for our Post Box Walks.

SHG set the scene for their unique proposal. “Imagine this - you finish your hike to Flagstaff or reach Great Stone Top and, instead of the current box at the end, you find a classic Royal Mail Post Box,” they describe. “These boxes would still house the completion stamps and visitors’ books, however would have the added advantage of providing striking photo opportunities that highlight St Helena’s natural beauty alongside it’s British heritage.”

They go on to explain how “this idea builds on our connection to the Royal Mail”. This link runs deep with the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) St Helena having served as the Island’s lifeline for many years; an iconic treasure that the Island community remembers with great affection. Additionally, flax was also an important lifeline and industry on the island for many years, with its primary use being as twine to wrap Royal Mail parcels.

St Helena’s 25 Post Box Walks already draws locals and visitors to spectacular locations across the island and varies in difficulty and the attractions on offer. For example, Flagstaff is a gentle 1.5hr walk across Deadwood Plain where you might spot the endemic Wirebird, while Great Stone Top provides dramatic sea cliffs and views across Prosperous Bay



Plain, excellent for seabird watching; The Barn and Powell’s Valley present challenging routes for experienced walkers, while Heart Shaped Waterfall forms part of a new circular walk from Jamestown that includes High Knoll Fort.

From a tourism and marketing perspective, the installation of Royal Mail Post Boxes at the end of these popular trails could be a new and unique selling point for St Helena. “Classic Royal Mail post boxes at these viewpoints would create unique landmarks,” explained SHG. “We would produce professional photos and videos of the boxes in their island settings and this content could help promote St Helena internationally, and would be used by the Royal Mail in the UK for their own promotions - ensuring that St Helena was showcased wherever the Royal Mail ran their own advertising.”

At this current time, each walk ends with a locally-made box – although SHG notes how “many of these are PVC pipes rather than actual boxes and are currently in need of repair and replacement at the end of many of the walks.” Inside these boxes are a unique ink stamp and visitors’ book, which have become synonymous with the success of completing a walk on the Island. “These boxes have worked well for years; they give walkers a clear goal and a place to record their thoughts,” acknowledged SHG. “The proposal doesn’t dismiss what we already have. It suggests an upgrade that could bring more attention to our island while keeping the same core purpose.”

With this proposal now known, SHG are keen to hear the views of the public. “Your opinion matters,” they said. “You know these walks. You use them. You care about how our island presents itself to the world. Tell us what you think.”

SHG added some relevant questions that people might consider in order to develop an opinion on this proposal; would Royal Mail post boxes improve your walking experience? How important is our British heritage in this decision? Which walks would benefit most from these installations? Do you have concerns about maintenance, practicality, or appearance? Should we keep the current locally-made boxes instead? What other ideas do you have for marking these trails?

“Are you a regular walker who has completed all 25 trails? Did you visit St Helena and fall in love with our walks? Do you have thoughts on how we should present ourselves to visitors? Your voice counts,” continued SHG. “This project lets us think about how we showcase our island. We have breathtaking scenery. We have British cultural ties. How do we celebrate both?”

To get the ball rolling, SHG are encouraging residents to talk to their neighbors, to raise the topic during community meetings, and to contact their district representatives with their views. “Support the idea, question it, or offer alternatives,” they say. “Any changes to the Post Box Walks should reflect what the St Helena community wants. The walks belong to all of us. Let’s make sure we get this decision right.”



Shipwrecked at St Helena

Spangereid, formerly Fairport, arrives in 1920 with a fire in her cargo of coal



Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

Tuesday evening, 28 September 2025, marked 105 years since the Norwegian tall ship Spangereid appeared off Jamestown with a fire in her cargo of coal; Spangereid, formerly Fairport, was enroute from South Africa to Goteborg, Sweden.

The St Helena Guardian reported about the ship's arrival on 9 October 1920. "The burning of the Norwegian ship Spangereid caused quite a sensation and the Wharf and Glacis were crowded with interested spectators," read the report. "Although at one time it appeared as though she was going to burn out from stem to stern, the precautions taken by the Captain of the vessel in having her towed into the beach stern first, and by this means preventing the fire spreading after, and then having her swamped by making two holes in her bow, saved the after portion of the vessel entirely and will enable much valuable property to be salvaged. We congratulate the Captain on his action which certainly prevented a total loss of cargo and ship fittings. It remains to be seen whether anything can be done with the wreck, but we rather fancy her days of work are over and she will rest peacefully beside what remains of her old friend the Papanui."

Destroyed by fire, the steamer SS Papanui which also arrived at St Helena with fire in one of her holds, was beached on 12 September 1911.

The fire on Spangereid didn't get out of control, but the ship was still lost as it was decided she should be scuttled. Through the precaution taken in having her towed onto the beach stern first and then swamped by making two holes in her bow, prevented the fire spreading aft and saved the after portion of the vessel entirely. This action enabled much valuable property to be salvaged, including the ship's yards (a long beam on a mast for spreading square sail) along with her winches, other fittings and the stores.

These and the wrecked ship itself with coal on board were offered for sale by public auction. The St Helena Guardian newspapers of 30 October 1921 and 19 November 1921 describes a partial list of the articles sold either under the Trees in front of the Canister or on the Wharf. These included canned goods, butter, lard, meat oysters, cake powder, hare sausages, salmon, mixed vegetables, baking powder, curry powder, sago, spice, washing soda, soap, lime juice, Quaker oats, macaroni, peas, lamps, crockery, kitchen utensils, brooms, chairs, tables, sofas, chest of drawers, cooking stove, motor engine, Captain's boat, two lifeboats, iron tanks and about 300 feet of deck planking.

The wreck was mostly destroyed by heavy seas in February 1922. Significant quantities of coal were deposited on the shore below the wharf which provided the island with a source of cheap fuel. For many years soft coal from the Wharf was sold at £1 per tonne and used to fuel the suction gas engines of the flax mills. These engines had been designed for anthracite, but were modified for soft coal because of this providential supply of cheap fuel.

The Spangereid was a large steel-hulled three-masted sailing barque built by Russell and Co. in Port Glasgow for British owners of the Corsar Line and launched in March 1896 under the name Fairport. She was 1,996 gross tonnes, 265.9 feet long with a 40-foot beam. Subsequently the vessel was renamed Spangereid and sold in 1915 to S.O. Stray & Co. at Kristiansand, Norway. She traded for many years between Europe and Chile.

Fairport gained a certain amount of publicity during the First World War. At the height of the fighting, Fairport

and another sailing vessel which was returning with her to Britain via Cape Horn, sailed unwittingly between the British fleets and became quite famous among the last of the big sailing ships for this wartime experience. According to the February 1965 issue of St Helena Wirebird, on 8 December 1914, a British squadron defeated a German naval force in that battle, and who knows Jamestown may have been saved from shelling by German battle cruisers. The victorious commander was Admiral Sir Frederick Doveton.

Spangereid's remains lie on the sand in James Bay in about 40 feet of water approximately 50 to 75 yards west of the Papanui wreck. Spangereid's stern along to mid-ship can still be seen with a face mask. The wreck then dissipates into the sand.

The Captain's boat 'Fairport' was almost completely rebuilt with Iroko wood. It was still in use in the late 1990s. This boat, a whaler, is now the property of Mr Len Coleman who is currently overseas. He had it fibre-glassed and presently the vessel is in Levelwood. Mr Coleman told The Sentinel that the boat was awaiting a replacement engine and gearbox and it would then be put back into use. The previous owner of Fairport was the late Freddie Johnson who used it for fishing, and prior to that the boat served for many years as the harbour launch.

The ship's wheel showing her original name 'Fairport' on its brass hub, one of the larger wooden pulley blocks and also part of a wooden mast which spans the length of the dining room supporting an upper floor, can be seen on display in the Consulate Hotel.



Who are they and where are they now?



Tony Leo, Contributed

Test your knowledge; how many of these people do you know? They are mostly children from the Jamestown area, and many have departed this life or have gone overseas somewhere and settled. It would be fair to say that many have made a return visit and stayed. How many in this picture can you name or know of their whereabouts? Do you have any old photographs that you want to share with readers? Just pop by the office.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

"Farming Must Come from the Heart"

Roddy Yon talks to Tony Leo about farming; his frustrations, SHG's lack of efficiency and valuable support, and his vision for 'St Helena Farmers Growing together'



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Rodney Yon, or Roddy, is a well-known St Helenian egg farmer and recently sat down for a chat with Tony Leo on the Northwards Sounds show to talk about his experiences and vision for the agriculture sector here on St Helena.

Agriculture is not an easy road to follow, as Tony rightly pointed out, but food security and the cost of fresh produce remains a very important topic on an island largely dependent on imported goods.

Roddy talked with Tony about starting up his poultry farm. "When I first started my chicken farm, I had 400 chickens and a little farm building," he detailed. "The Lohmann Brown chickens had just come out and they were good chickens. Out of my 400 chickens, I was supplying most of the island with eggs and, at that time, Basil Read was still here; so I was also supplying them. That went on for two years. We never imported eggs between me and you Tony and the small farmers." During this time, Roddy even supplied the main bakery on the island.

Unfortunately, Roddy could not replace his chickens and had to close down his farm. The chicks were supplied to the farmers through ANRD at the time, but due to issues experienced with the supplier, could not be replaced after 18 months when laying hens need to be replaced.

As part of Roddy's business plan, he proposed to bring in day-old chicks as the incubation of fertilised eggs on island did not prove to be very successful. This would give all interested parties access to chicks, boosting the egg supply on-island to provide sufficient for the demand here. After the success of the initial two years however, the farm never quite recovered from the setback of losing the steady supply of new chicks.

The first batch of day-old chicks that ANRD ended up bringing in was 4000 chicks. According to Roddy, this was an oversupply, as the island does not need a supply of 4000 eggs per day. With supplying this number of chicks, it flooded the market and, in the process, destroyed his business.

"I had 800 chickens that I bought and I had to cull all my chickens even before they started to lay, because I was throwing eggs away at this stage," he recalled. The input cost of producing the eggs was more than the profit made due to the oversupply of eggs driving down the retail prices. This oversupply of eggs, in Roddy's words, "killed the private sector."

Through the support of ESH and SHG, Roddy managed to establish another chicken farm in the Scotland/Sunnyside area, although things never quite took off again with the same success. The facilities where he established the farm was renovated to accommodate between 800 and 2000 chickens, but Roddy yet again started off with around 800 to 1000 chickens, guaranteeing him a production of 800 eggs per day. The total money invested in establishing the facilities to increase chicken farming on St Helena was in the region of £500,000. "I do not know whose single-minded idea it was to put all that money into chicken farming," commented Roddy. "You cannot create farmers; you've got to love farming for it to work. It takes dedication all the time, every morning you have to get up and go to your farm. So to try and create farmers and spend loads of money in the process is a waste to me," he elaborated.

When talking on the topic of importing goods, Roddy was quite passionate about improving local produce and investing in the farming market to make things more efficient and fit for purpose. "We need the broccoli, the cauliflower, the beetroot, we need everything," he explained. "At this moment in time, all this is being brought to the island. The people who've got the shops need the stuff in the shops and they have to get it here somehow. But at the end of the day, we can grow it here; we have got the land to grow it here, we've got the people who want to grow it here, we've got people who are dedicated here." Rod-

dy came to the conclusion that "we need to look at farming in a different light. Government really have to look themselves as well. They always say the farmers are not talking, but I have been in farming for 12 years and have never even had a call from the Agriculture Development Officer to ask how my farming is going or what they can do to help!"

Roddy continued to express his frustration with how things worked in the past with money being spent ineffectively on projects that the farmers did not want and did not require, whilst their suggestions and true needs were ignored, garnering no support or funding. Roddy gave many examples like an unsuitable and outdated irrigation system at a Longwood farm, pack and storage facilities that is too small to accommodate more than one farmer's produce, and toilet facilities in areas where they were not needed. While a lot of money was invested in sending some farmers abroad to gain new ideas and suggestions, these suggestions were then never implemented or even considered for investment funding. "So that money to me, again, was just wasted," he opinionated.

Roddy is now trying to get all registered farmers together to work on solutions for the future of food supply on St Helena. He suggests encouraging young farmers by supplying them with a minimum wage income to start off with until they can get on their feet and establish their farm, after which they can then be self-sufficient. As Roddy explained, instead of investing money in projects that have little benefit to only a select few, the funds could be spent in a different way. "That money could mean a lot for farming if the money is spent differently," he said. "I could have spent it a lot more efficiently."

There are farmers on the island that are keen to learn how to farm efficiently without over-farming and over-supplying whilst still providing a steady sufficient supply of produce. "You know farming is all about being efficient, trying to include farming with the environment so that we efficiently produce nice fresh food."

Another idea voiced by Roddy is to start small businesses to process surplus produce to provide useful products, instead of wasting the produce, for example "with excess tomatoes, we can make tomato ketchup. Carrots can be chopped up and frozen. Beetroots are the same, we can make pickled beetroots and pickled onions. All of this is by-products. We shouldn't be throwing anything away that we cannot sell as fresh vegetables." There are many possibilities once processing methods like freezing, bottling and pickling are being explored and implemented on island. "We need to fill the void in the market, supplying the shops with good quality frozen produce. How can we make this happen? It is all down to innovation and working together! My hope is that our group of farmers will be growing together."

Roddy expressed his desire to work with the farmers on the island to pull them all together in a Farmers' Association with the slogan of 'St Helena Farmers Growing together'. As Roddy rightly said, "all the data is there, the missing link is someone to get things kick-started so we can start producing food and bring prices down again. We can farm more efficiently, but we go back to things like the inefficient leaky irrigation system again. Somebody has to pay for that old system to be upgraded," continued Roddie, laying out his vision. "So that is my vision and my way forward. I want to go to Longwood and see the fields full of fresh produce. We can use day workers to help with harvesting." Roddy again emphasised the importance of allocating funds wisely and not wasting the limited resources available on unnecessary projects that do not benefit the greater farming community as a whole.

He ended off his interview by sharing his thoughts on the future of farming on St Helena. "We need food security here. It is very important and we need people, the farmers, to work together. So I want to try to get the group a little bigger, but we don't need a hundred farmers. We need dedicated farmers; people who want to farm. We cannot create farmers. Farming must come from the heart."



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. Oct 17

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

SAT. Oct 18

- 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. Oct 19

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita & Deon
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Salvation Army Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Oct 20

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

TUE. Oct 21

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

WED. Oct 22

- 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 Anita

THU. Oct 23

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

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Featured this Week



What do you do on a Tuesday afternoon?

Well, whatever you might be doing, make sure tune in for the American Connections show with Brian Clough!

Brian takes you back in time with some country classics, while he also looks at modern takes on country music.

So be sure to tune in every Tuesday afternoon from 3:30pm for American Connections on SAMS Radio 1!

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

Reach us on ***22727*** or at ***news@sams.sh***

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Hard'

3	5							
		2			8	7		
	7				1		3	
4		5		9			2	
				5		3		
		1		4		6		
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Throwback Thursday



16th October 2024: SHG announces an agreement with the UK for St Helena to receive any future migrants arriving at the British Indian Ocean Territory until the transfer of the Chagos Islands to Mauritius is finalised

(sainthelenaisland.info)

I bet many of us enjoy watching 'The Great British Bake Off' right? Well, today is World Food Day and also National Baking Week and School Lunch Week. So, we thought we would share a recipe that covers all three; here is Great British Bake Off contestant, Liam Charles, variation of a tear and share!

Liam Charles Pizza Star Bread



Ingredients

For the pesto:

- 50g basil leaves
- 30g parmesan, finely grated
- 30g pine nuts
- 1 tbsp lemon juice
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- ½ tsp salt

For the dough:

- 350g self-raising flour, plus extra for dusting
- 1 tsp baking powder
- ½ tsp salt
- 300g natural yoghurt

For the White Sauce

- 4 tbsp passata
- 100g pre-grated mozzarella, grated

Method

1. Heat the oven to 200°C/180°C fan/400°F/Gas 6.
2. Make the pesto. Place all the pesto ingredients in a food processor and blitz to a smooth paste. Set aside.
3. Make the dough. Sift the flour, baking powder and salt into a bowl. Make a well in the centre and pour in the yoghurt. Mix with a fork, then use your hands to bring the mixture together to form a dough. Turn out the dough onto a lightly floured surface and knead it lightly until just smooth. Divide into 3 equal balls.
4. Roll out each ball into a large circle about 29–30cm in diameter. Using the dinner plate as a guide, cut out 3 circles each of 28cm diameter. Carefully place 1 circle of dough onto the lined baking sheet.
5. Spoon the passata over the dough and spread it out using the back of the spoon, leaving a 1cm border around the edge. Sprinkle half of the mozzarella over the tomato sauce, then cover with second circle of dough.
6. Spoon 4 tablespoons of the pesto over that circle of dough and spread it out using the back of the spoon, leaving a 1cm border around the edge. Sprinkle the remaining mozzarella over the pesto, then cover with the last circle of dough.

Eight Years Fly By

Near 50,000 passengers reached as Airport celebrates eighth anniversary of commercial flights by Airlink



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Eight years ago this week, on 14 October 2017, St Helena Airport welcomed the first scheduled commercial flight from South Africa, operated by Airlink (then, SA Airlink).

The inaugural flight brought with her 72 passengers to the island from Johannesburg. To mark this momentous occasion, passengers travelling on this flight were issued a duplicate boarding pass, a certificate for travelling on the first flight and a welcome pack containing souvenirs.

This milestone flight for St Helena from South Africa not only made headlines on St Helena but also across the world, including the BBC.

On that day eight years ago, the viewing deck of the newly opened St Helena Airport was the place to be, with the arrivals hall also packed with friends and curious islanders keen to witness the first ever commercial flight.

Even though the airport has now been in operation for a number of years, the excitement is still palpable on flight days; with many residents making their way to the airport weekly to welcome the new arrivals – similar to what would happen at the Sea Front during the arrival of the RMS St Helena in years gone by.

Eight years on since this inaugural flight and Airlink remains St Helena's only commercial air service provider, bringing in one weekly flight for the better part of the year. However, during the past few peak seasons there have been a second flight during the week from Cape Town International Airport, with flight days being Saturday along with a Tuesday midweek flight; this is set to be the case again from December 2025 to February 2026.

To mark the eight-year anniversary of Airlink flights to St Helena, CEO and Accountable Manager for St Helena Airport Ltd, Gwyneth Howell, confirmed that 49,921 passengers have been transported on the Airlink flights since the inception of the commercial air service.

"Today marks eight years since the inaugural commercial Airlink flight, a milestone that signifies not only the growth of air connectivity but also the enduring strength of our partnership," commented Gwyneth. "Despite the temporary suspension of operations during the COVID-19 pandemic, Airlink has remained a steadfast and reliable operator, contributing significantly to the airport's progress and the broader success of our team."

The Sentinel congratulates all involved in providing air access to St Helena and celebrates another fantastic milestone for St Helena Airport.





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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist/ChurchParade/Harvest Festival/Back to Church Sunday	Cathedral
7.00 p.m.	Giving Praise in Song	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 23rd October	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing/Cancer Awareness	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Mass	St Mark
	Tuesday 21st October	
7.p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Service
Sunday 19th October
Kingshurst Community Centre
3.00 pm

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

Bible Studies
Tuesday 21st October
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 23rd October
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME!

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644



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 "Pink" 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 18 October at 6 pm.

Prize - £20 per week

Last week's winner was Mrs Catherine George.

85	60	56	22	39	78	15	88	62	6
57	79	90	37	24	82	54	7	12	65
73	52	42	34	76	66	19	8	80	44
32	61	53	74	28	84	43	30	9	13
86	51	72	36	4	50	27	69	81	41
38	87	47	77	25	55	18	2	64	10
70	5	29	33	45	59	63	20	35	83

Apologies for last week's mistake.



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PRESS RELEASE

World Maritime Day Celebrations

The St Helena Maritime Authority spearheaded a successful week of activities to mark and celebrate World Maritime Day 2025, promoting and valuing the island's deep-rooted maritime connections. The events, which took place across the island, engaged the community, schools, and local businesses in a vibrant display of St Helena's seafaring heritage.

The week of celebrations kicked off on Sunday, 21 September, with an insightful 'Walk and Talk' event. The Museum of St Helena Director, Adam Sizeland, led attendees on a journey through the evolution of the wharf and highlighted historic points of interest. This educational experience coincided with a spectacular display of humpback whales in the harbour.

On Thursday, 25 September, primary schools hosted a Maritime Theme Day, immersing children in sea-themed activities. Pupils created boats, learned about the *Titanic*, sang and danced to newly-composed sea shanties, made treasure maps, and practiced the Phonetic Alphabet, Morse Code, and knot-tying. The highlight of the day was a fancy dress competition featuring impressive and creative costumes, including a yacht, the ferry, a marine scientist, the RMS funnel, a scuba diver, and a variety of pirates, captains, mermaids, and sharks. The Maritime Authority extends a big thank you to all teachers, parents, and pupils for their enthusiastic participation, and to the Tourist Office for donating the prizes.

Thursday evening offered a taste of nostalgia with an RMS-styled dinner at 'The Deck,' where Chef Roy Richards prepared an exceptional menu. Guests were treated to the familiar sound of the RMS dinner bell announcing service, evoking fond memories. The food received high praise, with guests describing the steak as "exceptional", the prawns as "amazing", and the vegetarian option as "delicious".

Throughout the week, radio programmes were dedicated to maritime history, showcasing the careers and experiences of past seafarers and offering a moving tribute to the beloved RMS St Helena. Listeners provided positive feedback, noting that the programmes brought back sentimental memories.

Shared memories of the RMS were further celebrated on Friday afternoon, 26 September, with readings and extracts from the RMS Journals broadcast on the radio and shared in the Market, prompting laughs and reminiscing about life on-board.

Additionally, two engaging maritime displays were available for public viewing. The Tourist Office featured a collage of *RMS St Helena* memories, profiles of current and former seafarers, and historical photos, including images from the sinking of the *SS Papanui* in 1911. Visitors to the museum also had the opportunity to view further maritime-themed exhibits.

The Maritime Authority extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who participated in the week's events. A special mention goes to Chef Roy Richards, Anya Richards, Mia Henry, Malcolm Bowers, Adam Sizeland, Sheena Benjamin, Shelley Magellan-Wade, Sebastian Stent, Sharon Wade, Ross Leo, Cheryl Herne, all primary schools, the Tourist Office staff, Donna at SAMS, Saint FM, and the Sea Rescue team for their invaluable contributions and support.

Get Involved

If you have an idea to promote or support maritime on St Helena, or have maritime skills you would like to share, please contact:

Wendy C Benjamin by telephone on 63351 or via email at wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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Through the Lens

Empowering St. Helena's Youth: A Blueprint for Government-Led Initiatives in Education, Wellbeing, and Community Engagement – Written By *Eo Oyewo*

Our young people are St. Helena's greatest asset. Yet as our island navigates its future, a critical question demands our attention: **Are we truly investing in the skills, mental wellbeing, and civic engagement of the next generation who will lead us forward?** The answer, if we are honest, is not what it should be. While pockets of excellence exist, the systematic support our youth deserve remains fragmented and underfunded. This is not a criticism of individuals working tirelessly in our schools and communities; rather, it is a call for the new government to make youth development a visible, prioritised pillar of its governance and budget allocation. St. Helena's future depends on our ability to retain talent, build resilience, and create pathways for young people to thrive locally. Economic opportunity, community stability, and island pride all hinge on whether we equip our youth with the skills they need and the confidence to use them. When young people feel unsupported or undervalued, we risk losing them to outmigration or, worse, leaving them disconnected from their own island. Mental health challenges among young people are neither unique to St. Helena nor invisible. Yet support structures remain limited.



What would genuine youth prioritisation look like? First, it means allocating dedicated resources to schools and extracurricular programmes. Music, sport, drama, and arts provide more than entertainment; they build confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. Yet many young people lack access to equipment, coaching, or venues because programmes operate on shoestring budgets. Second, it means creating visible leadership pathways. Youth councils with real decision-making power, internship schemes within government and private enterprise, and mentorship programmes would signal that we value young voices. When youth are consulted on decisions affecting their lives, engagement follows naturally. Third, practical skills matter enormously. We have seen the impact of initiatives like the cloud forest restoration project, where young people engage in meaningful conservation work. Young people completing such programmes carry confidence, capability, and a sense of civic purpose. Yet this energy meets a stubborn wall: school leavers struggle to find suitable apprenticeships and entry-level pathways into meaningful work. Government must lead here by establishing structured apprenticeship schemes within its own departments and services. By creating real positions with training and mentorship, government sets the standard for private sector employers to follow. Scaling initiatives like the cloud forest restoration project, digital literacy, and vocational programmes alongside these apprenticeships prepares our young citizens for employment and self-reliance.

A Conversation Worth Having: The new government has an opportunity to reshape how we support our youth. This requires honest dialogue between policymakers, young people, teachers, families, and community leaders. What do our young people actually need? What barriers do they face? Which initiatives deliver real impact? These questions cannot be answered in government offices alone. We invite the government to commit to the following: Schedule formal consultations with youth and their families. Commission a review of spending on youth services, mental health support, and extracurricular provision. Develop a multi-year strategy for youth skills development and community engagement, with clear targets and accountability. Allocate budget proportionate to the challenge. Celebrate and scale successful youth-led projects. St. Helena is at a crossroads. We can continue with modest, disconnected efforts and hope for the best. Or we can choose to invest deliberately, visibly, and generously in our young people. They deserve to know that their island believes in them. The blueprint exists. The time to act is now. Let us make youth empowerment not an afterthought, but a cornerstone of St. Helena's progress and resilience.

Till Next Time, Keep Well!

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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 Monday, 20 October 2025.** To be considered for this role please complete our application form. CV's will not be accepted.

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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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INVITATION TO TENDER

Charter Vessel and Crew to Undertake Tagging of Grouper on the Windward Side of St Helena's Inshore Waters

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

ENRP12-2025/26 – Charter Vessel and Crew to undertake Tagging of Grouper on the Windward Side of St Helena's Inshore Waters

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh .

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Monday, 20 October 2025, clearly marked **"Tender ENRP12-2025/26"**.

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

SHG, 06 October 2025

THANK YOU

The family of the late Peter Earl Peters of Red Hill would like to express their sincere thanks to the following people for their kindness and support during the short illness of Peter and after his passing:

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Ernest who came to his home every Tuesday to give Peter communion and prayers. Bishop Dale for his home visit and assisted Fr. Ernest at the service and interment. Doctor Jannas and Community Nurses. Joy George the organist, Ronald Young and Barbara Osborne the Vergers. Jonathan Green for reading the Eulogy and tributes and Envoy Coral Yon for reading the lesson. Daniel Leo for the music at the grave. Roy and his team. Family and friends who visited Peter during his illness and was there at his home during the time of his passing. Joyce Greentree and Tina Wade-Peters for making the wreaths. All those who donated flowers and special thanks to Timothy Clingham for collecting the flowers and for all of his help. All who attended the funeral; the attendance was overwhelming. All who sent condolences via social media, cards and phone calls. Melvin Benjamin for allowing us to hold the wake at The Rock Club, and Yvonne Henry, Daryl Legg, Julie and Darren Benjamin, Pam Benjamin, Elaine Crowie for your help at the wake. We would like to thank all of you who contributed in any way; it was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Fr. Clarence who conducted the Memorial Service on Ascension Island and Samantha Arms-Lawrence for organizing the wake at the Saints Club. We cannot thank you all enough.

Peter has gone from this earth and will be sorely missed, but we'll forever hold memories of him in our hearts.

Love and God's blessings to you all from

Daphne, Cheryl & Robert, Carl & Hilary, Amanda, Tessa, Grandchildren, Great-Children and Maisie

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Are you passionate about sharing knowledge and inspiring others?

Do you want to make a difference in our community while growing your own skills?

We're looking for expressions of interests for Tutors who would like to join our team at the St Helena Community College

WHY TEACH WITH US:

- Flexible opportunities across Funtional Skills, GCSE, IT, Vocational Training & more within Adult Learning.
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- Inspire Adult Learning
- Be part of a friendly, supportive learning community

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PINK WALK 25

BRING YOUR STRIDE

BE READY WITH YOUR COLOUR

SUNDAY 26th OCTOBER 2025

(ST HELENA) CANCER SUPPORT & AWARENESS CHARITY
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 00024

Registration opens from 1pm
Walk starts at 2pm



Route 1: Harford Community Centre - Longwood Gate - Deadwood - Coltsheds - Longwood Avenue - Harford Community Centre

Route 2: Harford Community Centre - Longwood Gate - Deadwood - Coltsheds - Bottom Woods - Ropery Field - Longwood Avenue - Harford Community Centre

Sponsor forms available or alternatively a £5 registration fee may be paid.
Refreshments on completion of the walk and prize presentation at approximately 4pm

Contact: Mia Henry - 22699 | Tracey Williams - 51855 | Nicole Richards - 23702

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'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Welcome to another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

Today, we are over the moon to announce that the St Helena Cloud Forest Project has successfully secured additional financial backing from the UK's Darwin Initiative for the next three years of the project!

Check out this Press Release published by the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA): https://www.gov.uk/government/news/threatened-species-and-precious-habitats-to-be-better-protected-with-new-funding-boost-for-overseas-conservation-projects

In addition to the generous funding from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) for 2025/26, the UK's Darwin Initiative are providing further financial backing of our critical St Helena Cloud Forest Project from 1 October 2025 all the way through to 30 September 2028, ensuring the continuation of vital work by local and international partners to safeguard and restore cloud forest habitat on St Helena for water, wildlife and people.



A massive 'Thank You' to both the FCDO and Darwin for continuing to support our globally-significant, highly-collaborative project underway right here on St Helena — our mission continues!

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

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Vacancy

DIY Ordering Administrator

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Salary for the post will commence at £11,640 per annum (£970 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a DIY Ordering Administrator.

The DIY Ordering Administrator will assist the DIY Manager with the administrative processing of purchase orders and stock control matters to meet customer and organizational requirements, ensuring an efficient and effective business, with the view to increasing annual turnover and net contribution.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have the ability to manage multiple tasks, prioritise workloads and maintain accurate records.
- Have the ability to interpret data and draw logical conclusions to make informed decisions.
- Have the ability to use own initiative and remain calm under pressure achieving targets within deadlines.
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English, or equivalent.
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and ideally Access Dimensions & Point of Sales software.
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills.
- Possess experience with administration and be able to analyse and identify sales trends and facilitate sales recommendations.
- Be knowledgeable of Stock Management.
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.
- Have the ability to identify and resolve issues relating to fulfilment of orders effectively and efficiently.

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

William Smith, DIY Manager 22104 William.smith@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **23 October 2025.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

VACANCY - MARINE PROJECT MANAGER (COASTAL)

Full-time, £13,395 per annum

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

An exciting opportunity has arisen for a conservation enthusiast/professional to join the St Helena National Trust as Marine Project Manager (Coastal).

The postholder will lead the Darwin Plus project *Integrated Coastal Monitoring and Habitat Management Programme*, a three-year initiative aimed at establishing long-term coastal monitoring and strengthening habitat management across St Helena's coastline. This position is directly tied to the project's delivery.

Working in partnership with the RSPB, St Helena Government, and other key stakeholders, the successful candidate will coordinate and manage project activities through to 2028. Applicants should be well organised, highly motivated, and experienced in project delivery, ideally at a management level. Strong communication skills and the ability to build positive relationships within the community and with partner organisations are essential.

The St Helena National Trust is an independent NGO committed to protecting the island's natural, cultural, and built heritage. We value teamwork, innovation, and a shared passion for conservation.

To apply, request an official application form by emailing amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh, or collecting it from the Trust Office, Broadway House, Jamestown. A full job description is also available. For more information, contact neil.thorp@trust.org.sh

Please note that closing date for this post has now been extended until Midnight on 30 October 2025

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Vacancy

Packaging Assistant/Relief Driver

Salary for the post will be £5,819 per annum (£112 per week) – 21 hours per week (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Job Outline:
To carry out the general day to day duties related to the packaging of bakery products, as well as delivery of bakery products as and when required, whilst providing an excellent standard of customer service and ensuring an effective cleaning program of the equipment and facilities.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge Food & Hygiene, HACCP and Health & Safety Awareness
- Have basic numeracy and literacy understanding
- Be in possession of a clean and valid Class D drivers licence
- Be able to carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks; have good time management, organisational and observational skills
- Be competent with operating production equipment as required
- Be able to undertake cash handling duties during deliveries
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
- Be willing to assist with production processes as and when required
- Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team

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

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

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Fixed Term Vacancies

Shop Floor Assistants

Rate of Pay is £4.50 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc are recruiting Shop Floor Assistants to work on a fixed term basis over the festive period being 15 to 24 December 2025 in The Star, Greenlands, DIY Store and Half Tree Hollow Supermarket.

Shop Floor Assistant duties will include:

- Providing a high standard of customer service at all times
- Assisting with the pricing of stores and stacking shelves
- To assist with the general cleaning of the shop
- Any other related duties as required by Management

Applicants must be:

- Responsible and trustworthy
- Have good customer service skills
- Able to work as part of a team in a fast-paced environment
- Able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Flexible to work the required shifts

Applicants must be resident on St Helena and a minimum of 15 years old at the time of applying.

Successful applicants will be responsible for arranging their own home to duty transport.

For further information please contact:

Nicola Constantine, Senior Mercantile Manager via 25989/22137 nicola.constantine@solomons.co.sh

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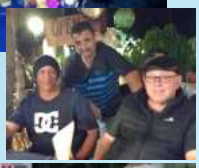
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Stevedores, Sea Stories and Shared History: Solomon & Company Celebrates Maritime Legacy on St Helena

A warm sense of nostalgia and pride filled Anne's Place on Wednesday evening, 8 October as Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc hosted a special buffet dinner to celebrate the long and storied history of stevedoring and barging on St Helena.

The evening brought together past and present members of the Company's Shipping and Lighterage Teams to reflect on decades of hard work, camaraderie and service that have kept the Island supplied and connected to the world.









Chief Operating Officer, Paul Gasteen opened the evening by thanking everyone who has been part of the Company's shipping operations. "You've weathered more than just the elements," he said. "For many of you, this has been more than a job — it's been a community, a family." Paul shared some of the team's most memorable moments, from the days of no hard hats and optional steel-toe caps to eight-hour shifts worked around the clock. "Some of the things we did back then would make our Safety and Compliance Officer break out in a cold sweat today!"

Paul then spoke about more recent challenges, including the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, when the *MV Helena* made its first call since the global outbreak, new procedures and strict safety measures had to be introduced for the first time. It was far from business as usual - barge operations were more complex and the uncertainty of the pandemic added a new layer of difficulty. Yet, as Paul noted, the team rose to the occasion, working together to ensure essential supplies reached the Island after nearly two months without a ship. The evening truly highlighted the remarkable resilience, ingenuity and dedication of the men and women who worked 'the Wharf'. Paul also paid tribute to those who lost their lives at sea and to long-serving team members, saying their contributions "will never be forgotten."

General Manager (Agencies), Jason Thomas added his own reflections on the enduring legacy of the Island's Stevedores..."Some of you may not be continuing with us at Ruperts, but that doesn't separate you from this team. Whether past or present, we all share the same experience of being part of the Island's history - where men stopped their usual routines to come down to the harbour, working together to load and unload ships, bringing goods and provisions on and off the Island. That history is ongoing. It comes from generations before us and we will continue in much the same way for generations to come. You are all part of that history."

The evening featured a slideshow of old photographs and video clips, sparking laughter, storytelling and moments of quiet reflection. Colleagues long gone were remembered fondly, their faces and contributions etched into the Island's collective memory.

Many Stevedores reminisced about the long, continuous shifts. Stevedores would work for eight hours, then rest for eight, but for those living in the country, with the limited number of vehicles on the Island, returning home in that short time was impossible. Instead, they slept in what was known as the 'Rest House' (now Harbour View accommodations), a single large room with a toilet at one end. Workers would lie down on the same bed in shifts, getting up to make room for the next person, a testament to practicality and camaraderie. Whilst they were making their temporary accommodations in the Rest House, a single truck would drive around the Island each day where families would be waiting with food to bring into town for the workers. "And that was just the food in one tin" said Leslie Williams, whose stevedoring career spanned 45 years "We didn't have no fancy containers back then." Leslie also recalled an incident one night, as they were returning to the landing steps. "a wave lifted the boat onto the steps, bow high and stern in the water." Most of the ship workers fell into the sea. "that was the days before lifejackets…their rucksacks kept them floating". It was danger and humour, hardship and ingenuity; all rolled into one.









Anthony Henry, fondly known as Futcher, has spent his entire working career of 47 years working within the Lighterage Department. Futcher recalled a time of just 3-4 containers on a ship (the rest of the cargo came break-bulk) that would be barged to Thompson's Crane for lifting. Boisie recalls emptying these containers from near the crane and manually carrying the goods to the 'Sand Yard' for storage. Futcher noted the lifting capacity of Thompson's Crane being just 22-tonne in comparison to the 180-tonne lifting capacity now. Even after the purchase of a new crane due to increased container goods, Thompson's Crane was still needed as the new crane arrived in parts and each part had to be hoisted ashore individually.






For more than 190 years, Solomon & Company has been intertwined with St Helena's shipping story — from provisioning passing vessels in the 1800s, to working alongside the RMS St Helena, and operating the Island's barges through rough seas. Generations of stevedores have kept the Island's lifeline afloat with skill, determination, and teamwork.

As the Island transitions to operations at Rupert's Jetty, Solomons continues to honour the people and stories that built this remarkable legacy. The evening celebrated not just the past, but the humour, unity, strength and enduring spirit that continues to carry St Helena forward.

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PRESS RELEASE
Council Announces First Round of Constituency Meetings

Join Your Elected Members for Upcoming District Meetings

Elected Members invite all residents to a series of District Meetings aimed at strengthening communication and collaboration between the Council and the Community.

These meetings are your opportunity to:

- **Meet and greet** with your elected representatives
- **Share your views** on local issues
- **Raise concerns** and highlight priorities
- **Help to shape the future** of your district and our island

This is a key step toward open, two-way dialogue - ensuring that every voice is heard and community ideas help guide decisions.

Strong communication builds good governance. Together, we can find solutions that meet your district needs whilst planning for our shared future.

Meetings will be held across all districts, giving everyone a chance to discuss what matters most locally with the entire team

Everyone is encouraged to come along, ask questions, and play an active part in contributing to shaping the direction of our community and the work of your elected Council.

Your voice matters — be a part of the conversation!

Schedule of Meetings		
Date	**Venue**	**Chairperson**
Monday, 20 Oct 2025 7:30pm	HTH Community Centre	Cllr Derek Thomas
Tuesday, 21 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Jamestown Community Centre	Cllr Dr Corinda Essex
Thursday, 23 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Sandy Bay Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard
Monday, 27 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Harford Community Centre	Cllr Denis Leo
Tuesday, 28 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Alarm Forest Meeting held at Jamestown Community Centre	Cllr Julie Thomas
Wednesday, 29 Oct 2025 7:30pm	St Mary's Church, Ruperts	Cllr Dr Corinda Essex
Thursday, 30 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Kingshurst Community Centre	Cllr Robert Midwinter
Monday, 3 Nov 2025 7:30pm	Levelwood Bar	Cllr Ronald Coleman
Thursday, 6 Nov 2025 7:30pm	Blue Hill Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard

Please note that Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Karl Thrower will be overseas.

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15 October 2025

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- → **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- → **Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- → **Training and Development**
- → **Paid sickness absence**

HOW TO APPLY

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

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

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

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

Watch Manager
(£13,569 per annum)

Do you want to take your career to the next level and enhance your skills within the Fire and Rescue Service? If so, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! The Watch Manager has supervisory management of the assigned Watch, offering leadership and coordinating the activities of all personnel. Additionally, the Watch Manager will oversee the daily utilisation of allocated station resources to guarantee the effective provision of protection, prevention, and emergency incident response services to the community, with the aim of saving and safeguarding life, property, and the environment.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	Jason Lawrence on Tel No.23344 or Email Stno.fire@helanta.co.sh
Closing date:	20 October 2025
Shortlisting date:	24 October 2025
Interview date:	06 November 2025

Community Preventative Healthcare Assistant
(£10,088 per annum)

The Community Preventative Healthcare Assistant is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of everyone in our community and fostering the prosperity of the island by proficiently executing preventative and community health tasks for the Health & Social Care Portfolio. This role involves working under the guidance and oversight of qualified personnel to perform a diverse array of responsibilities in preventative and community health, aimed at caring for, supporting, and providing information to patients and their families in either a clinic or home setting. The responsibilities and duties associated with this position are divided between community nursing and public health.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	Selvi Jeyaseelan on Tel No.22500 or Email Selvi.jeyaseelan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date:	23 October 2025
Shortlisting date:	29 October 2025
Interview date:	06 November 2025

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

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- → **Leave –** 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
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Fuel Infrastructure Project (FIP) Maintenance Worker

(£11,341 per annum) (Fixed Term Contract until October 2026)

The Fuel Infrastructure Project within the Programme Management Office is seeking a Maintenance Worker. In this role, the Maintenance Worker will be required to work to the FIP's fuel facilities preservation and maintenance programme and keep accurate records of all preservation maintenance work. You will also be required to take responsibility for site maintenance, particularly relating to the SHAP fuel systems in Rupert's and at the Airport. From time to time this may involve work in other parts of the Airport Development Area.
Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Darrell Clingham on Tel No 22289 or Email darrell.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 31 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025
Interview date: 13 November 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (SHSS)

(£10,714 - £10,966 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Carolyn Yon on Tel No 24290 or Email carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh
Closing date: 31 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025
Interview date: 13 November 2025

Trainee Dental Technician

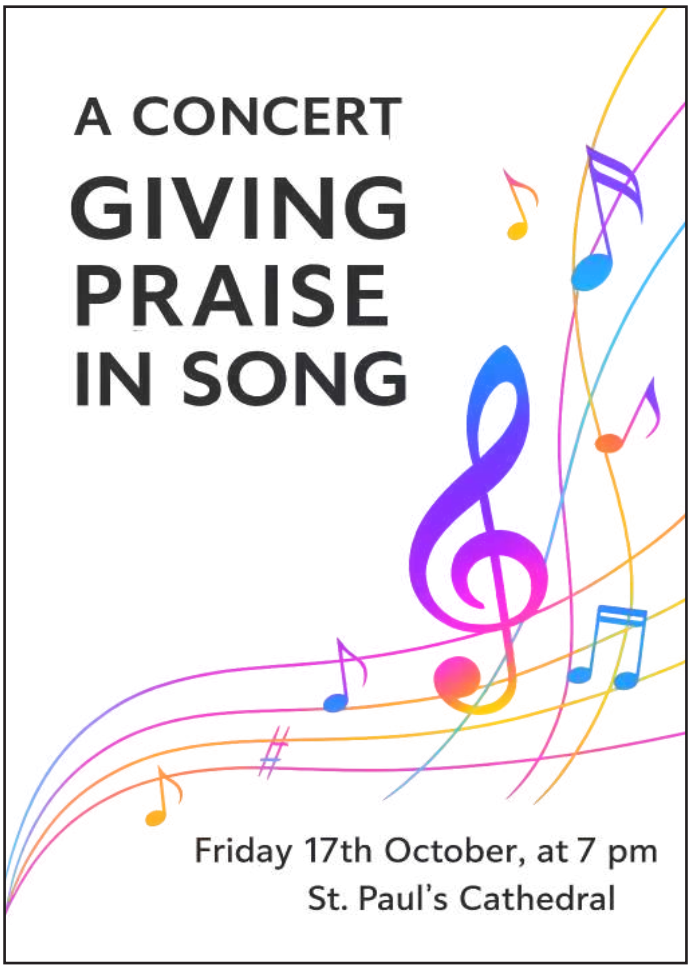
(£11,604 - £12,267 per annum)

The Trainee Dental Technician will assist in enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and contribute to the prosperity of the island by collaborating closely with the Senior Dental Technician and Dentist. This role involves working on prescriptions or directly with patients to provide or repair dental prosthetics and devices, thereby improving patients' oral health, appearance, speech, and overall wellbeing. The trainee will acquire practical skills necessary to perform key duties and responsibilities while engaging in a structured modular and self-directed learning platform. Upon successfully completing all modular and end-of-training assessments, the trainee will progress to a Grade C5. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No 25387 or Email charmaine.buckley-thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 October 2025
Shortlisting date: 13 November 2025
Interview date: 20 November 2025

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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Member of the Panel of Investigators

The St Helena Legislative Council is inviting Expressions of Interest from members of the public who wish to serve as Members of the Panel of Investigators (POI).

The panel plays a vital role in supporting the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability by assisting with the investigations into the conduct of Members of the Legislative Council. Serving on the POI offers an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to good governance and uphold public confidence in the Legislative Council.

We are seeking individuals who are:

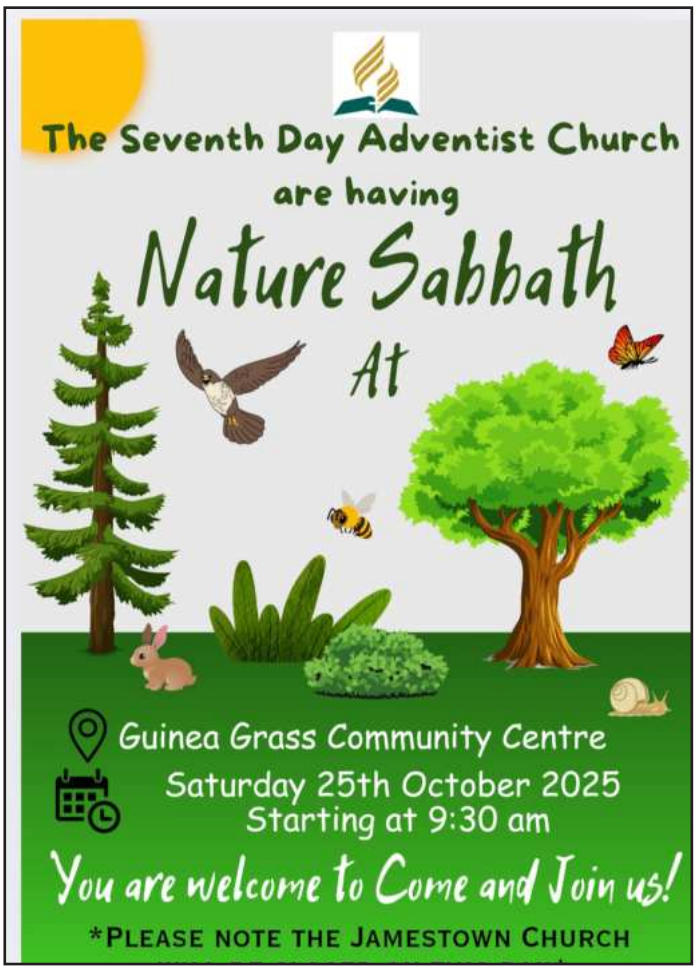
- non-partisan, fair-minded and of good standing within the community
- able to demonstrate relevant knowledge, experience, investigative skills and personal qualities appropriate to this role.

When appointed, from the POI, to serve on an Investigative Commission, members of the Commission will receive remuneration of £35 per meeting. Mileage incurred while carrying out Investigative Commission duties may be claimed at a rate of 77p per mile.

Interested persons should submit a résumé to the Legislative Council Office, The Castle, or via email to marita.bagley@saintthelena.gov.sh by 4pm on Friday 31 October 2025.

Legislative Council, 14 October 2025





Golf Report - Captain's Challenge Cup 2025



SHGC, Contributed

Despite mostly cloudy conditions, the spirit of competition was high as seventeen (17) players took to the course last weekend for the much-anticipated Captain's Challenge Cup 2025.

This year's champion is Keith Joshua, who delivered an outstanding performance with a net score of 60, securing the top spot to win the cup and first prize. Fredrick Thomas followed in second place with a commendable net 65 to win second prize.

Special prizes were also awarded:

Longest Drive (4th Hole): Martin Joshua

Nearest to Pin (7th Hole): Keith Buckley

The excitement continued with two twos recorded; Arthur Francis birdied the 5th and Martin Joshua birdied the 11th. The twos balls were shared between them.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for making the event a memorable one. A special thanks to Captain Bramwel Bushuru and Benji (St Helena Airport) for their generous support and commitment to the club.

Looking ahead, the next major event at the St Helena Golf Club is the Annual Solomons Challenge Cup. This will be a 36-hole strokeplay competition held over two days; Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2025.

Registration for the Solomons Challenge Cup will close on Friday, 17th October 2025 at 3pm. Players are encouraged to register early to secure their spot in this prestigious event.

The total prize pool for the Solomons Challenge Cup will be £240, awarded in cash and vouchers.

Prize Breakdown for the Solomons Challenge Cup: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Longest Drive (Gents), Longest Drive (Ladies), Nearest to Pin (Gents), Nearest to Pin (Ladies)

For more information check out our website www.sthelenagolf.com as well as our Facebook page.





Greetings from the Jamestown Rifle Club



Pat Henry, Contributed

We often find, from time-to-time, that there's an unexpected issue(s) that arises and affects your planned events; apologies are extended to our youth group cancellation again this week, we will however set a date when convenient for you all and have a surprise shooting event with prizes to be won.

The late evening event got started with a good vibe sharing our greetings and friendliness with thirteen of us. One thing that could not go without mentioning was 'All You Need is Love' - congratulations to Tom and Danae – for when he popped the question and she said 'Yes' to their engagement; what a special moment at one of the historic sites on St Helena. Congratulations again to Tom and Danae and thanks to The Sentinel for sharing.

Some very interesting shooting scores were recorded this week. Tinika was more relaxed as she settled in with 92.2 & 94.5; well done to this young lady. Cherilee stepped back this week with 89.1, speedy Rachael shot 88, 91.2 & 90.2, Danae did well with 95.4 then dropped to 86.1, Tom gave himself a 85 & 88.1, Jude shot consistently 87.2 & 87.1, Ellie shot 91.2 & 96.5, good seeing Elli back this week, she shot 98.7, we also welcomed back Nina from holiday, she did good with 93.3 & 92.2, however Kyle still hungry for his 100 shot 99.7, 96.6 & 99.5; good shooting!

Thanks everyone for attending and supporting our club. Next week we are planning to have a different prize-winning event, it's a blind competition, shooters get to decide what score card they will discard or use, this will be an exciting night, hoping to see you all there for this confusing but exciting night. Have a safe and wonderful weekend.

SPORTS ARENA

Fire on the Field



WSA, Contributed

Week 2 of the WSA Rounders League saw the Fireballs take to the field for their first match of the season against the formidable Ballzy Ladies. Despite a final score of 20.5–3.5 in favour of Ballzy, the Fireballs showed real determination and heart throughout the game. A standout performance came from YPOM's Ranae Coleman, who delivered a spectacular fielding display that kept the energy high and the pressure on. The Fireballs managed to score 3.5 rounders, showing flashes of promise and great team effort. While Ballzy Ladies ultimately proved too strong this time around, the Fireballs walk away with heads held high, ready to build on their performance in the coming weeks.

The second match of the week featured a thrilling showdown between two top-performing teams from last week; Incredibles and Battitude. Incredibles emerged victorious with a convincing 24–12.5 win, thanks to excellent team communication and standout performances. Player of the Match was awarded to Tanisha Benjamin, whose quick fielding, reliable backing up, and solid batting played a crucial role in the Incredibles' success. Battitude put up a strong fight in the second innings with an impressive batting display. However, the Incredibles maintained control throughout and secured the win. Young Player of the Match went to Battitude's rising star, Qhi Green, for her composed batting, effective bowling, and strong game awareness.

The last game of the day featured an exciting matchup between the Ballbusters and Fusion. Fusion took to the bat first, delivering some impressive hits early on and building a solid score. Being a young team, the Ballbusters showed great resilience and skill, ultimately overcoming Fusion in an exciting finish with a final score of 14.5-9.5. Ballbuster's standout performance came from their strong trio; the baller, wicket keeper, and first base fielder, Britney Williams, who was determined to not let a ball pass. Her efforts earned her the Lady of the Match (LOM) award.





SPORTS ARENA



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and Kenon Bargo #Forever17."

With this powerful message, and the memory of two talented young sportsmen in the minds of all, the matches got underway with two of Greg's former teams, Fugees and Wirebirds, fittingly going head to head in the Saturday lunchtime matchup.

Wirebirds, who drew the only match of the season last time out, came out with a strong determination and this saw them dominate proceedings to win the match by eight goals to one. Shane Stroud was once again named as Man of the Match, contributing two goals to his team's total. James Cairns-Wicks also bagged a brace, as did Korben Minto, with two own goals rounding up the scoring for Wirebirds. Fugees late consolation goal was scored by Lars Williams.

Over to Sunday, when reigning champions and the team which Greg played for this season, Rovers, ran out eight nil winners against La Verde in the first match of the day. Clayton Benjamin was on form, scoring two and picking up Man of the Match Honours. Further braces from Tyler Benjamin, Jake Letori and Ronan Legg, along with a goal from Rico Benjamin, tied up the scoring for the holders in a dominant day at the office for Rovers. La Verde's Ephram Stroud was however named as the Young Player of the Match for his performance.

Finally, in the last match of the day, league leaders Bellboys ran riot on bottom-tabled Inter Galactic by seventeen goals to nil. The league's leading goalscorer, and one of the favourites for this year's Player of the Season award, Joey Thomas, was once again in lethal form bagging seven goals and picking up Man of the Match honours. In addition to Joey's haul were braces from Taylan Phillips, Sidonio Benjamin, and Shane Benjamin, with other goals coming from Tyler Brady, Weston Clingham, Kyle Yon, and Young Player of the Match, Zach Francis.

With just a few weeks of league action left, Bellboys look likely to continue their undefeated run all the way to the League Title 2025, though Rovers will no doubt want to at least put a damper on that parade when the two sides meet on Sunday afternoon!





FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 11 October 2025

Wirebirds 8
S Stroud (2) K Minto (2)
J Cairns-Wicks (2) OG (2)
MoM: Shane Stroud

Fugees 1
L Williams

Sunday 12 October 2025

Rovers 9
T Benjamin (2) R Legg (2)
C Benjamin (2) J Letori (2)
R Benjamin
MoM: Clayton Benjamin

La Verde 0
YPoM: Ephrem Stroud

Bellboys 17
J Thomas (7) S Benjamin (2)
T Phillips (2) S Benjamin (2)
T Brady, W Clingham,
K Yon, Z Francis
MoM: Joey Thomas
YPoM: Zach Francis

Inter Galactic 0

FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 18 October 2025

2pm	**Wirebirds**	**vs**	**Inter Galactic**

Sunday 19 October 2025

1.30pm	**Fugees**	**vs**	**La Verde**
3.30pm	**Rovers**	**vs**	**Bellboys**

**Fixtures subject to weather conditions*

JUNIOR FOOTBALL FIXTURES

Saturday 18 October 2025 - Preliminary Round

1pm	**Monarchs**	**vs**	**Golden Gladiators**
1pm	**Young Gunners**	**vs**	**New Horizons FC**

Sunday 19 October 2025 - Semi-Final Round

9am	**Flix**	**vs**	*Prelim. Winner*
9am	**Dabbling Devils**	**vs**	*Prelim. Winner*
9.45am	**Vikings**	**vs**	**Black Mumbas**
9.45am	**NH Stars**	**vs**	**Rumblers**

PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 18 October 2025

11.30am	**N. Forest**	**vs**	**Chelsea**
2pm	**Brighton**	**vs**	**Newcastle**
2pm	**Burnley**	**vs**	**Leeds**
2pm	**C Palace**	**vs**	**Bournemouth**
2pm	**Man City**	**vs**	**Everton**
2pm	**Sunderland**	**vs**	**Wolves**
4.30pm	**Fulham**	**vs**	**Arsenal**

Sunday 19 October 2025

1pm	**Spurs**	**vs**	**Aston Villa**
3.30pm	**Liverpool**	**vs**	**Man United**

Monday 20 October 2025

7pm	**West Ham**	**vs**	**Brentford**



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Thank You Greg, We Miss You





Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHFA League 2025 continued over the weekend with the first fixtures of Round 3 being played out over Saturday and Sunday. With the fresh news of the sad passing of footballer and former league champion, Greg Coleman, last week, the matches this week gave the opportunity to pay tribute to Greg for his warrior mentality on the pitch and his positive and infectious attitude off of it. To this end, a minute silence in Greg's memory was held prior to each match at Francis Plain.

In addition, the SHFA, led by committee member and recently appointed Sports & Culture Champion for St Helena, Councillor Dennis Leo, used the opportunity to shine a light on mental health awareness on St Helena with players, supporters and committee members standing in solidarity behind a banner with the message 'It's Ok not to be OK.'

Denny posted to Social Media on Sunday. "Before yesterday's football match at Francis Plain, I asked players and supporters to gather behind a banner carrying a simple but important message 'it's okay not to be okay'. As Sports & Culture Champion, I wanted to use this moment to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing and to encourage everyone to speak up, reach out and support one another. The banner which we made with the support of the Chairman of the SHFA also paid tribute to Greg Coleman #Forever34

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