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OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Well it's coming to the end of the year again; it really did fly by but a lot has happened - that's for sure. A lot of ups, and a few downs, but I think we did ok overall. It has definitely given me some perspective on life. For instance, always appreciate the little things, get out and about more, have a look around; we live in pure beauty, it's pretty hard to find and enjoy such beauty in one little place, this we are lucky for. The next thing is to be interested in people's differences, don't dislike someone because they see things differently or do things different. I remember as a young teenager I would often be amused by people doing things different to what I do, or the way they see things even if I didn't agree with it, because you can't not like somebody for having a different view on things, and I used to love when people dressed differently to most people, I found that impressive.

Don't get stuck in your own way of seeing things, this island is small but there are so many different personalities out there, just take time to listen and understand, not just listen to reply.

The next thing would be, you're not the smartest person in the room, you're not going to be right every time, so again, listen to understand or research, there is always room to learn no matter who you think you is.

And finally, we all have a right to our opinion, but for me, I use it wisely; don't put something out there just to make someone angry or upset. If your putting out your opinion then be willing to understand others. Too many times people dish out nasty comments and then say "but it's my opinion". We have got to be responsible with it; if you get a kick out of upsetting people then you should seriously consider what good you're putting out in the world. We got to look out and look after each other on this tiny island... and this is what I learnt... the end.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Thank You

I extend my heartfelt thanks to the St Paul's community for your support of our district stall at the 2025 Agricultural Show Day. Your enthusiasm, generosity, and hard work helped make the event a tremendous success.

I am truly grateful to everyone who contributed—whether by volunteering time, sharing your talents and products, setting up the stall or simply showing up. The spirit of community was truly evident, and we could not have done it without you. Thank You!

The produce in all the district stalls was simply amazing so well done to everyone who took part.

Thank you for helping make the Agricultural Show Day 2025 a memorable and meaningful
celebration for all.

Tracey Williams





"Investigations are Currently Ongoing"

SHG inform of successful multi-agency operation which saw "several items detained" as The Sentinel enquires about unconfirmed allegations relating to recent yacht arrival with information to be shared "as soon as it becomes available"



Liam Yon, SAMS

Two weeks ago, The Sentinel was made aware of an alleged stop and seize operation regarding a yacht arriving to St Helena, with unconfirmed reports that the arriving yacht was stopped and searched by authorities with a number of items having been seized.

On Friday, 7 November, St Helena Government (SHG) issued a press release where they praised the recent skills gained by Border Force UK training to Customs and Immigration staff, and informed of a successful operation, in collaboration with the Royal St Helena Police Service, whereby "several items were successfully detained."

Titled 'Strengthening Border Security Through Joint Efforts' the release informs how "the Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio is pleased to report that the skills and knowledge gained from training delivered by our Border Force colleagues in the UK earlier this year continue to enhance the capabilities of our Customs and Immigration Team" adding that "building on this training, and through close collaboration between Customs and Immigration, and the Royal St Helena Police, several items were successfully detained last weekend by Customs."

According to SHG, "this achievement reflects the effectiveness of joint working and the commitment of all agencies involved."

Having only the day prior received information on an alleged stop, search and seize operation on an arriving yacht, The Sentinel enquired with SHG whether their press release related to these reports.

SHG have since responded this week that "at this time, we are unable to provide further comment as investigations are currently ongoing" They did however advise that they would "share verified information as soon as it becomes available."

Oh Karoline

MV Karoline arrives for penultimate Voyage of 2025



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's dedicated freight vessel, the MV Karoline, operated by MACS Shipping, the Island's contracted shipping service provider, sailed into St Helena on Monday morning at around 9am, with labour take-on for cargo operations taking place at 11am, following the vessel being docked alongside Rupert's Jetty.

This will be the penultimate voyage of the Karoline for 2025, with just one more voyage left in December, ahead of Christmas. For this latest arrival, the Karoline brought with her 69 containers and over 12 tonnes of break bulk cargo, as confirmed by Solomon's Shipping on Monday.

Following cargo operations at Rupert's, the vessel will head to Ascension Island, for the final Ascension shuttle of the year. She will then return to St Helena with cargo from Ascension before heading off to Luderitz to begin the last voyage of 2025.

With this arrival of the Karoline, shops should be restocked with goods, while those having ordered packages will need to collect from the New Cargo Facility in Rupert's as is now normal procedure with HM Customs encouraging people to utilise the prepayment process to reduce waiting time at Liberation House.

"St Helena's voice on the global stage"

Chief Minister interviewed by BBC World Service on the island's Climate Priorities at COP30





Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, recently represented St Helena on a BBC World Service broadcast to discuss the critical challenges facing the EU & UK Overseas Countries and Territories at the United Nations' COP30 Climate Change Conference in Belém, Brazil.

As reported by Island Innovation - an expert consultancy specialising in innovation, sustainability and development for islands (who informed The Sentinel of this interview) - the Chief Minister, during the segment, "focused on St Helena's unique vulnerability as a small island territory and its key role in the global climate conversation."

Key points that were highlighted in the interview included Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks emphasising the need to bridge the climate finance gap that limits the ability of OTs, like the Island, to build resilience and implement effective adaptation measures, while she mentioned and revered initiatives like the EU-funded Green Overseas (GO) Programme, which supports St Helena in strengthening capacity and allowing access to crucial funding for climate change resilience.

As leaders convene in Brazil for COP30 to discuss the alarming findings that the world is falling short of the 1.5°C global warming target, the Chief Minister advocated for greater recognition and support from international decision-makers to help islands like St Helena protect their communities, unique biodiversity, and economies from escalating climate impacts.

The interview with our Chief Minister on the BBC World Service can be heard via https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BR8xG953M1E.

Island Innovation described this interview as "a significant opportunity to raise St Helena's voice on the global stage and advocate for the resources required to secure a sustainable and resilient future for the island."

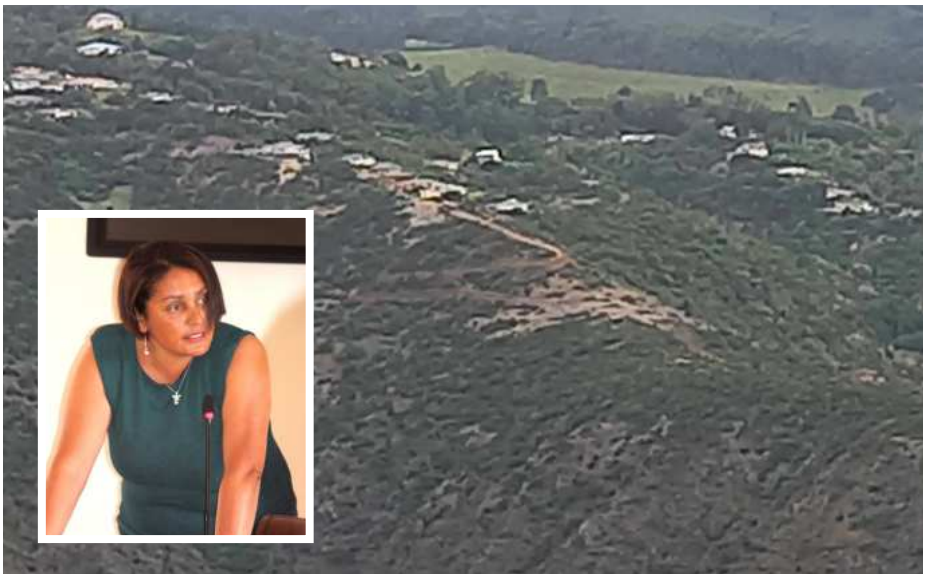
They add that, "St Helena will continue carrying this message forward throughout COP30, including on Thursday, 20 November, during the Island Voices @ COP30 session led by Island Innovation."

It was also revealed that, during this session, Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources & Planning, Karl Thrower – who just recently returned from representing St Helena at a Green Overseas Workshop – will speak on the Island's behalf.

Island Innovation

"We are taking it very seriously"

Bunkers Hill Development discussed in Formal LegCo, with concerns around worsening road conditions for residents in the Alarm Forest area



— **Anita Robbertse,** SAMS —

During the last Formal Meeting of the Legislative Council, Councillor Julie Thomas raised a question around the Bunkers Hill Development, particularly with regard to the worsening road conditions for Island residents caused by this "long overdue" project and what commitments St Helena Government could make to address this.

Given that the Bunkers Hill Development Project is long overdue and that legal advice has already been provided on the path forward, will the Honourable Chief Minister account to this House for the continued lack of progress and advise what specific commitments, if any, the Government will make to remedy the worsening road conditions being endured by affected residents?

In her response, Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks first recognised the Bunkers Hill Development as a project that has been going on for a long time with little progress. "I am aware that successive Governments have attempted to develop a residential site at Bunkers Hill as early as 2019, with limited results," she said. "The Cabinet are currently reviewing advice from the Attorney General's Chambers and other officials to understand why no progress was made over the past four years to develop the site."

The Chief Minister then made it clear that she could "make no further commitments or comments on this matter at this time," however revealed that she would, along with other Ministers, "be visiting the site with the Roads Manager to review the current state of the road."

Councillor Thomas then questioned and requested a timeline to address this issue, noting that residents are growing increasingly frustrated with the condition of the roads, to the point where they might consider investing themselves in improvements. "I know residents have seen many a winter go past where I think they just need to know what is going to be the solution or the outcome, so that they know whether it is worth investing themselves to rectify their individual roads," said Councillor Thomas on behalf of her constituents. "They would not wish to do that, and then for heavy equipment to go back down to start the project; so, I am just wondering if we could have a timeline so I can go back to my constituents."

The Chief Minister revealed how she "cannot give a timeline at this stage" however she was clear that this matter is "a priority" for Government, who are "taking it very seriously."

"We want to move to understand the situation and the state of the road and any mitigation that can be made to address that," she continued. "So, in terms of timeline, I cannot give a timeline at this stage, and I can certainly feedback on that, but for the moment, to confirm that it is a priority, we have already taken steps to address it, and we will continue to do so with utmost speed."

Councillor Thomas thank the Chief Minister and said she would "look forward to any updates" that can be provided "in the very near future" so residents of the Alarm Forest area, "will know what is happening as we proceed forward."

Joining the conversation, Councillor Robert Midwinter then asked the Chief Minister "if she is aware that similar concerns have also been raised by residents in the vicinity of the High Knoll Fort residential development area, and if she can say if she will include this in their site visit."

Madam Speaker, Maureen Thompson, did intervene to question whether this follow-up would be relevant to the original question put forward by Councillor Julie Thomas, to which Councillor Midwinter indicated that the both developments were being done by the same developer, and that the concerns were similar.

Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks accepted the supplementary question and confirmed that she is aware of the concerns relating to the High Knoll Fort residential development area as "it was raised in the District Council meeting that we had in Half Tree Hollow" before she replied positively that "we can include that in the site visits."

Councillor Dr Corinda Essex then weighed in to enquire whether "appropriate engagement with the developer will also take place" as part of SHG's actions to address these concerns, to which the Chief Minister confirmed that that would be the case.

Affordable X-rays and Blood Tests

Minister Henry clarifies current fee structures and policy available allowing access to diagnostic and screening procedures to all, whilst maintaining service provision through cost recovery charges



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

During the questions section of the last Formal Meeting of Legislative Council, Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry, provided clarity on policies in place to support individuals with lower income of all ages to allow access to vital diagnostic procedures, like x-rays and blood tests, in response to the question put forward by Councillor Derek Thomas. Will the Honourable Minister for Health and Social Care state whether consideration can be given to reducing the cost of X-rays and blood tests to those persons over the age of sixty five years?

Thanking the Councillor for the "important" question regarding diagnostic costs for senior citizens, Minister Henry responded by stating it is "Government's long-standing policy direction to ensure that the most vulnerable citizens of any age bracket have access to the necessary medical services." The Minister continued to explain that individuals aged 65 and over in receipt of income-related benefits (IRB) (of which there are just under 300) are already entitled to free x-rays and blood tests as he elaborated that, "the targeted approach is designed to support those at the very lowest income within all age groups."

The existing exemption framework is based on income and assets, not on age alone, clarified Minister Henry. "This is a deliberate Government policy as it identifies that not all individuals over 65 are on low incomes and not all members throughout other age brackets have the necessary resources." It was also noted that it is important to keep in mind that these services will be more frequently utilised by the senior members in the island's society, impacting the cost component for these individuals and, "adjustments may be required for a number of members who have been affected by the recent increases in July 2025," said the Minister.

Although the NHS in the UK offer these services for free to senior citizens, Minister Henry noted "as I have mentioned on many occasions, we are on a financially aided remote island and we will never be able to achieve anywhere near all of the offerings available in many other areas. These are admittedly difficult choices to make. As a Government we want to support our elderly, especially those who sit just above the threshold, but at the same time, be mindful of providing a fair and equal service to all."

Minister Henry gave a commitment to the Council to undertake a sample cost review of diagnostic services and the impact the increase in costs are having on the income of patients as well as what the effect of cost exemptions or reductions will be on the income of Health and Social care in providing the wider service delivery of the H&SC Portfolio. "However, from a long-term perspective, work has also started on the age and demographic policy, which started in Health and Social care, but because of the complex dynamics of the island-wide impact, it had now become a national policy," continued Minister Henry stating also that this policy will have to include an, "overarching approach," balancing physical stability and the protection of vulnerable groups with elected members being afforded the opportunity to contribute their input to this framework.

Minister Henry reiterated that it is important to keep in mind that service charges "help ensure the sustainability of limited resources of the Health service which is facing an ever-expanding increase and demand on all fronts year-on-year without

the necessary sustainable uplift it requires for a holistic approach to meet such needs."

Councillor Derek Thomas followed up his question by asking the Minister to provide a timeframe for the review he committed to, to which the Minister replied as this "is an initial sample review" he would think a timeframe of four to six months would be reasonable.

Cllr Thomas continued by questioning whether persons on Basic Island Pension receiving £85 per week, without any other form of income will be expected to pay for blood tests and x-rays? "In some cases, they are," replied Minister Henry continuing to elaborate, "under the 2019 policy, which my Honourable Friend would certainly know about, if such circumstances do apply that they cannot fulfil or meet some of these needs, there is a formal application and they can go through the process to see if they can be exempted. It is all part of that particular policy." In response to Minister Henry's answer, Cllr Thomas requested that an effort be made to make the public aware of this policy. Minister Henry undertook to bring this to the public's attention and also to contact the Post Office where benefit payments are processed, to also make the policy available at this venue. He also proceeded to encourage all members of the Council to do their part in making the public at large and individuals aware of this policy and framework stating, "I think it is important that we all do our part in making this policy available and we all do our part in helping members in vulnerable positions through the process."

"I think it is all our responsibility to put the information out there to the public as best we can," affirmed Councillor Clint Beard. "We have constituent meetings and we are district representatives, so we should be doing that."

The final question on this topic came from Councillor Beard concerning the possibility to explore the reduction of costs for x-rays and blood tests. "As I said I will do an initial review because I have to understand the circumstances and the consequences a reduction will have on other services across the Health and Social Care Directorate," Minister Henry replied. "But I would prefer if we capture this in the much wider demographic policy because that will speak to a lot of other elements which must be considered rather than doing this review in isolation."

A Win without Winning

St Helena's nomination for Wanderlust Award celebrated, despite not taking the win



Tourism Manager, Dianne Venning and Economic Development Officer, Marcella Mittens at awards ceremony

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

A while back, The Sentinel reported on St Helena's nomination as a candidate for 'Most Desirable Island' at the 24th annual Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards.

The winners of the awards were announced at the World Travel Market (WTM) hosted recently in London. Marcella Mittens and Dianne Venning represented the island at this year's WTM with Minister for Economic Development, Karl Thrower, also making an appearance at the WTM to strengthen relationships with partners abroad.

Although St Helena was unsuccessful in winning the prestigious award this year, the fact that the island was nominated signifies St Helena's growing reputation and positioning in the international market. The awards are voted by the well-travelled readers of Wanderlust, one of the UK's leading travel magazines.

"Our nomination at the Wanderlust Reader Travel Award confirms that the unique beauty, history and genuine warmth of the St Helenian people, resonates deeply with discerning travellers," commented Minister Thrower. "It signals a growing appetite for unique, off-the-beaten-path destinations offering authentic, immersive experiences, which St Helena has in spades."

He continued to thank everyone who took time to vote for St Helena while expressing the hope that the island could count on similar support in the future.

"One of the Days of the Year"

St Paul's win Best District Stall in successful Agriculture Show Day as popular tradition is revived through dedicated volunteers and community spirit



Liam Yon, SAMS

On Saturday, Francis Plain came alive with the highly-anticipated Agriculture Show Day, which has been hailed as a roaring success and "one of the days of the year" – all thanks to the hard work and dedicated efforts of a group of community volunteers, under the leadership of Susan Knipe.

Susan's vision is to bring back traditional Island community events that were popular in days gone-by, including and starting with Saturday's Agriculture Show Day. The event was opened by Councillor Dennis Leo who described agriculture as "something that lies at the heart of who we are; our land, our people, and the hard work that binds us together."

Cllr Leo spoke about the Island's history and the first known inhabitant, Don Fernando Lopez, who had to live off the land to survive his time on St Helena. "In every field, garden, and backyard today, we can still see the echo of his quiet determination," he told. He then spoke of Governor Alexander Walker (early 1800's) who introduced the first agricultural ploughing methods. "His vision was simple; to build pride and self-reliance through local production," stated Cllr Leo. "Standing here today, surrounded by the incredible displays of local talent and effort, I believe we are living proof that his vision endures."

Cllr Leo recognised the challenges of farming on-Island, but noted that on St Helena, "we are resilient, resourceful, and rooted in our land," adding that "as Culture Champion" he believes this resilience reflects our identity. "We have weathered droughts, storms, and shortages, and each time we have adapted, innovated, and kept faith in our land,"



Team St Paul's – Best District Stall







Some of the District Reps



he said. "Today's show celebrates exactly that; not just the farmers, but everyone who plants a garden, raises animals, bakes or carves something with their hands. It is all part of our story."

After announcing the Agriculture Show Day officially open, large crowds flocked to Francis Plain where there was plenty to see and do. The impressive District Stalls setup at the Peak Hill end of the field were nothing short of spectacular, beautifully arranged by the respective community volunteers and showcasing the products and stories that make each district unique. From locally-grown fruit to preservatives, from craftwork to baked goods, each stall instilled a sense of district pride and talent.

Past the district stalls and an incredibly crafted giant Jonathan the Tortoise, was the tent that housed all of the competition entries, including craftwork, baked goods and impressive home-grown products. These were being vigorously judged as part of the best overall district competition – however with so many entries, the plan to announce the winner of the best overall district on the day had to be pushed to allow for all of the judging points to be collated. Susan recognised that this would have been disappointing for those who entered, however described it as a











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"victim of our own success" situation, with the difficulties stemming simply from the sheer number of contributions to the event alongside a lack of volunteers available to get through every competition entry in time to announce the result on the day – she called for more support from the community going forward to avoid these types of setbacks.

Nevertheless, while those attending the event awaited the announcement of the Best District Stall – which could be judged and announced on the day – there was plenty to past the time. This included a petting zoo that featured local livestock and pets; from cows to sheep, goats to pigs, geese to ducks, chicks to rabbits and even some cuddly guinea pigs, making it hugely popular with the kids.

Away from this, there was food of every kind available through numerous food vendors and stall holders, while goods were also on sale from sweets and toys for the kids, to gifts and locally-made products, as well as pot plants and veggies.

Colin Peters kept the crowds entertained with some good music,



















while the first match of the St Helena Football Association's District Tournament took centre stage from 11am, with footballers from Half Tree Hollow and Jamestown putting on a show.

Later in the day came the announcement of the Best District Stall, with Susan revealing the winners as St Paul's, much to the joy of the St Paul's reps and volunteers who came forward to collect the coveted shield, lifting it high with pride.

Congratulations to St Paul's and the volunteers that came together to set-up their winning stall, however this is extended to all districts and their teams who should feel proud of what they showcased on the day.

Already people are hailing the event as "one of the days of the year" and everyone is looking forward to the next edition. A massive well done to Susan, the organising group, and everyone who helped in any way to the success of the day – safe to say this is one tradition that was well and truly revived thanks to community-led efforts – great job to everyone!













LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

The Battle of Muizenberg, 10 June to 16 September 1795



Aubrey George, Contributed

A Brief Introduction and Summary

The French Revolutionary wars expanded in January 1793, upon the declaration of war on the Netherlands (Dutch Republic) and Britain. The Stadholder - William V Prince of Orange (Netherlands) as Captain - General of the Dutch Republic, took refuge in Britain, which was deemed as a major factor. William V issued the Kew Letters instructing Dutch civil, military authorities, colonial governors and others to cooperate with British occupation forces. In 1795, the British government decided to mount a military invasion of the Dutch colony at the Cape of Good Hope.

The Naval Expedition

Rear-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone was summoned from his position as Admiral in the Channel fleet to attend the Admiralty. Here, he was directed to take up the post of commander-in-chief in East Indian waters, with instructions to seize the Dutch possessions. Included in his orders were a requirement to capture the Dutch colony at the Cape of Good Hope on his voyage out to his station.


Rear-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone

The Battle Squadrons

The Admiralty sent two battle squadrons to the Cape of Good Hope on 3 April 1795, one under Rear-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone, the second under Commodore John Blankett. A larger force under Major General Alured Clarke was to follow on 15 May for a longer campaign, with orders to hold at San Salvador, Brazil, until summoned. En-route, the merchant ship, Honourable East India Company (HEIC) Arniston, diverted to St Helena Island, arriving on 2 June 1795. On board was the island's Governor Robert Brooke's family and with despatches for Governor Brooke of Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's expedition to the South Atlantic and the Indian Ocean. (Governor Brooke and Captain William Essington of HMS Sceptre 64 were preparing a force with the HEIC ships at the island, to intercept and seize a Dutch East India trade fleet which had departed the Cape on 18 May).

A Summary of The Arrival

Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's squadron arrived at the Cape of Good Hope on 10 June, and immediately rendezvous with the second battle squadron under Commodore John Blankett in his ship HMS America, with HMS Stately, and the ship-sloop HMS Echo, carrying a small expeditionary force of five hundred and fifteen soldiers from the 78th Regiment of Foot, under Major-General Sir James Henry Craig, after an enduring passage from Falmouth. On 12 June, the combined fleet of Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's warships found shelter from the South Atlantic winter storms in Simon's Bay, South of Cape Town.

The Royal Navy Fleet

- HMS MONARCH (FLAGSHIP) 74 gun, Rear-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone, Captain John Elphinstone
- HMS VICTORIOUS 74 gun, Captain William Clarke
- HMS ARROGANT 74 gun, Captain Richard Lucas
- HMS AMERICA 64 gun, Commodore John Blankett
- HMS STATELY 64 gun, Captain Billy Douglas
- HMS SPHINX (ship/sloop) 20 gun, Captain George Brisac
- HMS ECHO (ship/sloop) 16 gun, Captain Temple Hardy
- HMS RATTLESNAKE (ship/sloop) 16 gun, Captain John W. Spranger

The Negotiations

Talks began in Simon's Town with the local Governor, Abraham Josias Sluysken, for a peaceful handover and an alliance against the French Republic, which was rejected completely. Sluysken had a three thousand six hundred strong garrison, including one thousand Dutch regular troops, in addition to Boer Commandoes and the Pandour Corps, commanded by himself and Colonel Robert Jacob Gordon. The garrison was centred on the Castle of Good Hope, which operated from a chain of coastal fortifications protecting Table Bay; False Bay, on the other hand, was weakly defended with only two lightly armed batteries.

The Start of Hostilities (A Summary of The Muizenberg Battle)

Rear-Admiral Elphinstone and Major-General Craig commenced an amphibious landing of eight hundred

troops and marines of the 78th Regiment of Foot on the 14 July, who occupied Simon's Town after learning Sluysken had evacuated the civilian population in early July, which also prevented Sluysken from destroying the town thereafter, before the Dutch forces withdrew to the pass at Muizenberg which passed the road to Cape Town. As talks continued in Simon's Town, parties in Cape of Good Hope, Cape Town, argued weather Elphinstone's expedition was a smokescreen. Admiral Elphinstone now ordered HMS Sphinx to Brazil to summon Major General Clarke and the regiments to Simon's Bay. The British situation ashore worsened as they waited. Rear-Admiral Elphinstone and Major-General Craig decided to attempt the removal of the Dutch from their Muizenberg Camp. On 7 August, as the army did not have any artillery to support an advance, to assist Craig's troops, Elphinstone re-deployed two battalions of seamen (one thousand sailors) under Commanders Temple Hardy of HMS Echo and John Spranger of HMS Rattlesnake. At noon, five hundred yards ahead of the advancing troops, Commodore Blankett authorised the ships, HMS America, HMS Stately, HMS Echo, and HMS Rattlesnake, to get underway. Their target was a forward battery and at 1pm, the ships drove the Dutch defenders from their position. Withdrawing with only two artillery weapons in confusion, a second attack captured a rocky height by the 78th (RoF). Major-General Craig was able to take possession of the Dutch Muizenberg Camp at 4pm. During the naval operation conducted by Commodore Blankett and Rear-Admiral Elphinstone in attendance, the HMS America lost two men, killed, and four wounded. The HMS Stately suffered one man wounded. Rear-Admiral Elphinstone dispatch dated 18 August reporting the operation was received in London by Henry Dundas, the Secretary of State for war on 21 October.

A Contribution from St Helena Island to The British Expedition (Deserving of a Dedicated Memorial Plaque)

On 10 July 1795, HMS Discovery commanded by Captain George Vancouver arrived at St Helena Island. Later, the ship had transfer to the HEIC merchant ship the ARNISTON, four artillery field-guns and ammunition for onward transmission to Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's expedition. Dispatched by the Island's Governor, Robert Brooke, in all, were nine artillery field-guns, one company of artillery, three companies of infantry, three hundred and ninety-three soldiers in all of the Honourable East India Company's St Helena Regiment. HMS Discovery's boats supported the ferrying of the equipment and the troops from shore to the ship, Arniston, which arrived at the Cape of Good Hope on 9 August. Poor weather conditions proved difficult for the unloading of equipment, but, without these, the British troops could not have progressed.

Continuance of Hostilities

As the Dutch had retreated north of Muizenberg to Wynberg, British forces were not strong enough to advance due to shortages of food and ammunition, however, Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's positions improved by the arrival of the ship Arniston from St Helena, and also by disorganisation in the Dutch command. Conveniently, the British seized five Dutch East Indiamen ships in Simon's Bay on 18 August. Skirmishing continued during the month. On 1 September, the Dutch attacked the British camp from the nearby hills, but with enormous difficulty their attack was repulsed. Rear-Admiral Elphinstone and Major-General Craig conferred the following day and concluded, if Major-General Clarke did not arrive within the week, they would attempt another attack. Fortunately, Major-General Clarke was on his way with the troop reinforcements aboard fourteen vessels, after receiving the summons from HMS Sphinx at San Salvador on 25 July. On 3 September, in the early hours, the Dutch Governor, Sluysken, committed all of his reserves and, with sixteen artillery field guns, the Dutch forces advanced to attack Major-General Craig's camp at Muizenberg. But, as the colonist's appeared in large numbers, a signal announcing the arrival of Major-General Clarke's ships and the reinforcements in False Bay was received, thereafter the Dutch retreated from their heavy advance. Major-General Clarke's ship's entered Simon's Bay where Rear-Admiral Elphinstone and Major-General Clarke agreed to land the troops immediately to supplement Major-General Craig's nineteen hundred combined troops at Muizenberg. Maior-General Clarke landed four thousand troops from the 95th and 98th Regiments of Foot, and the 2nd Battalions of the 78th and 84th Regiments of Foot, and a contingent of the HEIC troops from aboard the ship Arniston from St Helena for an overland campaign against Cape Town. As before, weather conditions hindered the offloading of the guns, ammunitions, and the stores to shore. Finally, on the morning of 14 September, the British troops marched from Muizenberg to Wynberg to attack the colonists, losing one, killed, and seventeen wounded in skirmishes. To further alarm the enemy, under Commodore Blankett's orders, the ships HMS America, HMS Echo, HMS Rattlesnake, and the East Indiaman ship, Bombay Castle, sailed into Table Bay to blockade Cape Town and to provide artillery support. Realizing the fight is now over, the Dutch displayed a flag-of-truce at 11am requesting a forty-eight-hour ceasefire; Major-General Clarke agreed to a short twenty-four cessation.

The Capitulation and Surrender

On 16 September 1795, the Dutch colony at Cape Town, Table Bay, formally surrendered to Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's forces. Later, Rear-Admiral Elphinstone with HMS Monarch joined Commodore Blankett at Table Bay where the Dutch vessels, Castor and the armed brig Star, had been captured. Dispatches delivered by the sloop-packet ship, Orpheus, dated 21 September 1795, announcing the conquest, was received on 23 November 1795 by the Secretary of State, Dundas.

In Conclusion

In celebration, the Park and Tower guns at noontime were fired in recognition of Rear-Admiral Elphinstone's successful expedition in the Southern Atlantic to the capture of the Dutch Cape colony at Table Bay. Thereafter, Rear-Admiral Sir George Keith Elphinstone reinforced the Cape colony and stationed a Royal Navy squadron to prevent a counter-attack, before departing to undertake the next part of his orders in the East Indies.



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FRI. Nov 21

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

SAT. Nov 22

- 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. Nov 23

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Luke Bennett
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7pm: Seventh Day Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Nov 24

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

TUE. Nov 25

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Anita
- 2pm: The Island Pulse
- 3:30pm: American Connections with Brian Clough
- 5:30-7pm: UK chart Show with Liam Yon
- 7:30pm: Classical Compilations with Anita

WED. Nov 26

- 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. Nov 27

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna Crowie
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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

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Bringing you the

BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

88.1 (High Knoll)

102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week



Tune in to "The Island Pulse" on SAMS Radio 1!
Meet your seven newly-elected Councillors on 'The Island Pulse' a new weekly programme that brings you closer to the work happening across our Island. Hear them introduce themselves, explain their roles, highlight district priorities, and share updates from committees and community initiatives.

Listen on Tuesdays at 2pm, with repeats on Thursdays and Sundays.

"The Island Pulse" – keeping in step with the rhythm of island life: people, progress, and pride.

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

SAMS South Atlantic Media Services Ltd

Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Expert'

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Throwback Thursday



20th November 1625:
An Anglo-Dutch fleet arrives to St Helena and later attempts to capture St Helena from the Portuguese.

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Sunday, 23 November, is known as National Cashew Day! Cashew Nuts are lovely lightly-salted, but there are other ways you can incorporate them into your diet, so why not try out the recipe below.

Chicken and Cashew Nut Stir Fry



Ingredients

For the chicken

- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp cornflour
- Pinch sea salt
- 500g skinless chicken breast fillets, sliced
- 300ml oil

For the stir fry

- 1 onion, sliced
- 1 yellow pepper, de-seeded, sliced into strips
- 1 red pepper, de-seeded, sliced into strips
- 3 tbsp chicken stock
- 2-3 tbsp light soy sauce
- 2 large spring onions, sliced
- 4 tbsp roasted cashew nuts
- sea salt and pepper
- steamed rice, to serve

Method

1. For the chicken, place the egg into a bowl, add the cornflour and a pinch of salt and whisk well to combine. Add the chicken to the mixture and coat well in the egg.
2. Heat a wok until smoking and add the oil. Fry the chicken for 4-5 minutes, or until golden-brown and crisp, then remove with a slotted spoon and drain on absorbent kitchen paper.
3. For the stir fry, pour off all the oil from the wok, except for one tablespoon. Reheat the oil over a high heat, add the onion and stir fry for a few seconds. Add the yellow and red pepper slices and stir fry for one minute, or until softened. Add the chicken pieces and stir fry for 1-2 minutes, then add the stock and soy sauce. Simmer for another minute, or until the chicken is cooked through.
4. Stir in the spring onions and cashew nuts, season to taste with sea salt and ground white pepper and transfer to a serving dish. Serve immediately with steamed rice.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
23rd November
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 25th November
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 27th November
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 23rd November 2025– Christ The King		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	S Helena & The Cross
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Christ The King		
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 27th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 23rd November 2025 – Christ The King		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
3.00 p.m.	**Praise and Worship**	**Open Air**
		Longwood Green
	Tuesday 25th November	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

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

CS-1964-SHG – Proposed Upgrade of Hot and Cold Water Plumbing – Plantation House

A site visit to view the works will take place on Tuesday, 18 November 2025, at 10:00, meeting at Plantation House.

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

Copies of the tender 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 Tuesday, 02 December 2025, clearly marked **"Tender CS-1964-SHG"**.

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

SHG
12 November 2025

THE SALVATION ARMY

THE SALVATION ARMY INVITES YOU TO JOIN THEM

SUNDAY 30th November – Mince pies and Carols at the HTH Community Centre at 6pm.

TUESDAY 2nd December – Carols at the Sandy Bay Community Centre at 7.30pm.

SUNDAY 7th December – Carols by Candlelight at the HTH Army Hall. 6pm

TUESDAY 9th December – Carols at St Michaels Church in Rupert's at 7.30pm

SATURDAY 13th December – Open Air Carols on the Bridge at 7pm.

SUNDAY 14th December – Open Air Carols at Rosemary Plain at 4pm.

SUNDAY 21st December – Ecumenical Carol Service at the Court House steps at 7.30pm.

THURSDAY 25th December CHRISTMAS DAY family service at the HTH Army Hall at 10am

"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth."
(John 1:1, 14 NIV)

NOTICE BOARD

Thanks!!

The Chapel Warden, Sidespersons and Members of St Peters Church would like to thank all who gave so generously towards the raffle and stall on 14 November 2025 (Kings Birthday).

Your generosity is very much appreciated. The total amount raised was £209.00.

Raffles Prize Winners are as follows:

1st - Food hamper - Ryan James
2nd - Towel Set - Amelia Knipe
3rd - Cutlery set & placemats - Annette de la Count
4th - Bath Mat - Tracey Buckley
5th - Collapsable storage bin - Joan Flagg
6th - Kitchen Accessories - Christine Scipio
7th - Loaf cake - Noleen Stevens



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 22nd November 2025 at 8:30am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 23rd November 2025 at 11:00am
Kidzone (Sunday School) at 11.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Cell Meetings

Tuesday 25th November 2025
Jamestown at 7:00 pm, (Contact: Bramwell on 64352 for details)
Wednesday 26th November 2025
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm
(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)
Half Tree Hollow, at 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 61707 for details)

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Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

The Christian gift/bookshop & DVD rental (as well as second-hand goods shop) is available. For further information contact Priscilla: 51919.

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

APPLICATION CLOSING DATE FOR WATER AND WASTEWATER SERVICES – DECEMBER 2025

Connect Saint Helena Ltd would like to inform the public that applications for the following services should be submitted to the Connect Administration Office by **Monday, 8 December 2025:**

- New water and sewerage installations
- Reconnections/disconnections
- Routine emptying of septic tanks

Applications received after this date will be attended to in the New Year starting from Friday, 02 January 2026.

The Connect enquiry line at Seales Corner 22255 can be contacted should customers require any additional information.

19 November 2025

EXTENDED DEADLINE - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Member of the Panel of Investigators

St Helena Legislative Council invites 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:

- 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.

The deadline has been extended to 4pm on Friday, 5 December 2025, for interested persons to submit a résumé to the Legislative Council Office, The Castle, or via email to marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Legislative Council, 18 November 2025

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

SAFETY SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER

New Prison Project

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit tenders for site excavation and haulage for the new Prison site within the Longwood area – Bottom Woods:

CS-1946-SHG – Site Excavation & Haulage

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025, at 09:00, meeting at "Reggies" in Bottom Woods

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena/aspx/Home following registration on the system. User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the e-procurement system.

If contractors would like a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact the Project Manager, James Hayton, on tel no: 22270 or email: James.Hayton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, with the tender deadline being Wednesday, 26 November at 12:00.

Contractors should note that this tender is not being advertised overseas.

NOTE TO EDITOR:
This project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with FCDO.

SHG, 22 October 2025

Vacancy

Freight Agent

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £10,968 per annum (£914 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc is seeking a motivated and detail-driven Freight Agent to join our Shipping & Travel Department.

In this dynamic position, you will be responsible for coordinating both sea and air freight operations, ensuring the smooth and efficient movement of cargo. You will handle all aspects of freight management—from documentation and cargo handling to responding to customer enquiries—while providing outstanding service and supporting the daily operations of the Shipping & Travel Department.

Interested Persons Should:

- Hold GCSE Maths & English at Grade C or above (or equivalent), and be confident using IT systems
- Have strong customer service skills with a friendly, professional approach
- Demonstrate excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Be analytical with strong attention to detail
- Have experience in cash handling and general administrative duties
- Be committed to learning and professional development, including the ability to undertake overseas training when required
- Thrive in a fast-paced environment—able to multitask, prioritise, and meet tight deadlines
- Be driven to achieve targets and deliver exceptional service
- Work well independently, using initiative to solve problems proactively
- Be flexible and willing to work weekends or outside normal business hours when needed.

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via 22523 asstshipping-travelmanager@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 **Thursday, 27 November 2025.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

ST HELENA NATIONAL TRUST

INVITATION TO TENDER

The St Helena National Trust would like to invite suitably experienced boat operators to submit tenders for the following contract:
Operational Support for Whale (Bone) shark research and data collection in St Helena's Marine Protected Area, during the 2026 season (Jan - March).

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

- Boat trips from Jamestown Wharf to Bone shark aggregation sites around the Island, within coastal waters. These sites include (but are not limited to): Barn Cap, Barn Ledge, Flagstaff Bay, Egg Island, Speery Island Cap, George Island and specific windward sites.
- Anticipated start date: **January 2026** *(whale shark sightings dependent).*
- Anticipated end date: **31 March 2026** *(contract may be extended depending on whale sharks continued presence).*
- Anticipated frequency of 3 to 5 trips per week.
  - Quotes required for both **half-day** *(3 to 4 hours)* and **full-day** trips *(6 to 7 hours);*
- Please provide details on the suitability of the vessel and crew to undertake this research work.
- Tenders must provide a current copy of their Health and Safety policy, Risk Assessments, and valid Insurance as part of the tender application.

For further details, please get in touch with the Trust Marine Team on *22190/22569* or email the Marine Conservation Project Manager *kenickie.andrews@trust.org.sh*
Interested persons should submit tenders in a sealed envelope to the Office Manager, Amanda Constantine, by no later than 16:00hrs on Friday, 5th December 2025.

NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 04th December 2025, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown**.

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

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

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

NOTICE BOARD

JOIN OUR TEAM

HUMAN RESOURCES MANAGER

SOUTH ATLANTIC & DIEGO GARCIA (SADG)

Sure is seeking an experienced HR professional to join their Senior Management team in the Falkland Islands. This pivotal role involves delivering a proactive and collaborative HR generalist service within the Sure SADG group. If you're passionate about people, strategy and making an impact, we'd love to hear from you.

Requirements:

- **Professional HR certification (CIPD level 5) or equivalent work experience in a senior management role**
- **Proven experience in HR Management or generalist role within a fast-paced commercial environment**
- **Strong understanding of employment law and compliance**
- **Excellent communication and interpersonal skills**
- **Ability to demonstrate confidentiality and handle sensitive information**
- **Experience with SAGE payroll, desirable**
- **Commitment to employee engagement and wellbeing**

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory Police Disclosure

Join us and you can enjoy some of the benefits Sure offers: competitive salary, bonus scheme, company pension and continued professional development.

We are proud of the way we do things: We work together as One Team; We strive for Customer Satisfaction; We are Reliable; We have a passion for Technology and Learning; We are Community & Sustainability focused.

To apply send your CV to recruitment@sure.com by COB 3 December 2025

For further information, please contact Roma.Stewart@sure.com

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The Sentinel Xmas Messages

Would you like to wish your family and friends a very Merry Christmas? The Sentinel and SAMS Radio 1 are once again inviting you to send in your Christmas messages to be published in The Sentinel's last issue for 2025 on 18th December, as well as to read out on SAMS Radio 1 on Christmas Day!

Don't miss the opportunity to spread the love and send well wishes to those close to you this Festive season – get in contact with us via news@sams.sh, call 22727, or message via our Facebook page.

Deadline for messages to be submitted is 4pm Monday 15th December.

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

SAFETY, SECURITY, AND HOME AFFAIRS

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Road Closure – Longwood Avenue

The Road Section would like to inform the public of a planned temporary road closure on a section of Longwood Avenue from 09:00 on Monday, 24 November through to 15:00 on Sunday, 30 November 2025. This closure is necessary to safely carry out major layer works upgrades on the section of road between the entrance of the **Piccolo Hill complex** and the house known as **"The Boot"**.

Access and Diversions

- Piccolo Hill Residents: Access to the Piccolo Hill complex will not be affected.
- Public Diversions: Depending on your destination, alternative routes will be necessary. Please plan your journey using routes such as Bottom Woods Road, Haul Road and Colt Sheds Road.

Emergency Services: We regret to inform that Emergency Services will be affected by this closure. We advise all emergency personnel to note the closure times and plan their routes accordingly during this period.

Travellers, especially those going to the airport, are advised to allow extra time for travel and make use of the diversion routes. Please adhere to all signage and instructions from personnel on site.

Ongoing Daily Closures – Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate

Please note that in addition to the planned closure mentioned above, roadworks are continuing along the section between Bottom Woods and Longwood Gate until late January 2026. These works involve daily closures between 09:00 and 15:00, but only on the specific section being worked on each day (approximately 150–200 metres at a time). The entire stretch from Bottom Woods to Longwood Gate will not be closed all at once.
Because the exact location changes daily, we cannot provide precise points in advance.

Drivers should expect a short closure somewhere along this section during the stated hours and plan accordingly. Again, please adhere to all signage and instructions from personnel on site. The Road Section apologises for any inconvenience this essential maintenance work may cause and thanks the public for their cooperation.



> A map showing the location of the planned roadworks (on Longwood Avenue)

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING…

BENEFITS

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

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

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

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

BIOT Preparedness Project Manager

(Rate of Pay: competitive, dependent on experience)

Central Support Service is seeking to recruit a Project Manager on a casual contract basis to coordinate, plan and manage activities to ensure St Helena Government are suitably prepared in the event further migrants arrive on the British Indian Overseas Territory and are subsequently sent to St Helena. You will be required to communicate and interact fully across SHG and the private sector, and to provide oversight and reporting on key project activities being undertaken. A logical approach and the ability to communicate clearly is essential. Previous experience managing projects is desirable.

Please note that as a Casual Worker you will only be entitled to receive payment for the hours worked. Annual leave etc. will not apply. This role is funded by the FCDO in support of BIOT planning work. The rate of pay is negotiable and will take account of experience and qualifications.

This role is advertised to start as soon as possible therefore candidates will be shortlisted on submission of interest and the advert will close when we have successfully appointed. We can share the terms of reference for this role on request. To apply please submit a statement outlining your interest and suitability for this role to recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Enquiries: Stephen Thwaites (Governor's office) Tel: 25393 /
Ian Todd (Head of the Public service) Tel:22252 /Tasha Harris (Governor's office) Tel: 22869

Teacher - Science (SHSS)

(£12,432 – £20,645 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education and a love of science? We are seeking a dedicated and enthusiastic Teacher of Science to join our team to support in inspiring the next generation of learners. In this role, you will deliver engaging and high-quality teaching across Key Stages 3, 4, and 5, helping students develop both academically and personally. You will plan, prepare, and teach well-structured, differentiated lessons that spark curiosity and foster scientific thinking. You will also set meaningful home learning tasks that consolidate learning and support steady progress. We're looking for a teacher who can bring science to life, encouraging students to question, explore, and understand the world around them. If you are passionate about creating positive learning experiences and committed to helping every student achieve their potential, we would love to hear from you.

In line with COBIS Standards, the Education Skills and Employment is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people. We expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful candidate will be required to provide proof of identity and qualifications, and will be subject to reference checks, an enhanced police background check, and any other safeguarding checks relevant to the role. We promote equality of opportunity and welcome applications from all sections of the community.

Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 December 2025
Shortlisting date: 08 December 2025
Interview date: 17 December 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.



Nestled within the community of Silver Hill, this well-known Tavern now opens the door to its next chapter. With its familiar charm and Island character, the property offers a unique opportunity for someone ready to breathe new life into a favourite local spot.

The Tavern is an ideal base for a vibrant, well-run business that serves both residents and visitors alike.

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

SOLOMON & COMPANY (ST HELENA) PLC INVITES 'EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST' (EOI) FOR THE LEASE OF SILVER HILL TAVERN, ON A COMMERCIAL LEASEHOLD ARRANGEMENT FROM 8 DECEMBER 2025

A detailed Lease Agreement will be provided to the successful applicant.

However, a summary of Key Terms is as follows:

- The Tavern will be leased on a commercial leasehold basis at £450 per calendar month.
- Upon signing the lease, the successful applicant will be required to pay the following registration fees:
  - SHG Administration Fee – £25
  - SHG Stamp Duty – £75
  - Solomon's Lease Administration Fee – £35
- Proof of Public Liability Insurance will be required.



INTERESTED PARTIES ARE ASKED TO PROVIDE A SHORT PROPOSAL OUTLINING:

-your plans for operating the Tavern
-intended business hours
-the type of entertainment or events you would offer to the community

Interested persons should contact Ian Gough for further details:

Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
+290 22380
gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh

Interested persons should submit their EOI in a sealed envelope, addressed to:
Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties), Solomons Main Office, Jamestown
Envelopes should be marked 'EOI Silver Hill Tavern' and submitted by 1 December 2025

NOTICE BOARD

AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY

THANK YOU

The Agricultural Show Working Group are humbled by the community attendance and appreciation of the Agricultural Show. The success of the event depended on the generous support provided by sponsors, businesses, organisations and volunteers. We extend our sincere gratitude to all who contributed.

The Chamber of Commerce, Bank of St Helena and St Helena Tourism for sponsoring the prizes for the Livestock, Art and Crafts and Horticulture and Homebaking competitions.

Connect St Helena for supplying powerboxes. Island Images for the use of their marquees and live streaming. Johnny Isaac for his invaluable assistance, The volunteers involved in the transportation, set up, and packing up of the shelters especially Simon Francis, Martin Buckley (Kunya), Legco Members, The Prison for creating the sign. Stevie McDaniel, HTH & Jamestown Community Centre

Other sponsors including Sure, Rose and Crown, Solomons, Printech, GK Crafts, Heads up Salon, Isobels Cakes and Bakes, Phil Toal

St Helena Fire Service, Tom Wortley, Lisa Henry, Austin Francis for setting up the Petting Zoo, David John, Timeon Hopkins, Ajay Bennett, Ty Young for looking after the animals and and all those who bought animals for the Petting Zoo.

DJ Colin Peters, Johnny Clingham, Wendy C Benjamin,

Supporting organisations: St Helena Secondary School, The Police and Paramedics, St Helena Red Cross, Girl Guide Association, Scouts, ENRP – Farmer Support team, Forestry Team and EMD. St Helena Secondary Technology department for creating the overall district shield.

Rodney O'dean for litter collection on the day, Colin Thomas 'Shoe' for the overnight security. Olive Williams, Cheryl Anthony, Rob Midwinter and Marsha for manning the gates

The Art and Craft Committee, Lesa Davidson, Cherry Murray and Cecily Lindsay for registering the entries, Helen Lawrence and all those that pitched in to help on the day

Information stalls: Martin Joshua hydroponics Demo, GIS, St Helena Natural Trust

The Public Transport companies, The Vendors and finally the Judges who had the most difficult job on the day: Alice Cant, Jonathan Passpatorius, Katy Peters, Ellie Hewitt, Louise Hoole, Ed Thorpe, Ken Henry, Arthur March, Hensil Phillips, Rich Edwards, Liz Harrison, Pamela Ward-Pearce, Pamela Young, Daryl Legg, Michel Dancoisne Martineau, Barbara George, Cllr Julie Thomas, Connie Johnson, Andy Sylvester and Jessie Hillman

All prize winners will be published in next weeks paper.

Jamestown Community Centre Skittles League 2025

1/10/2025	**Lickity Splits**	**440**	**beat**	**Young Stars**	**431**
Gents Highest Score	Joey Thomas	59		Brett Isaac	54
Ladies Highest Score -	Keeley Yon	56		Rebecca Young	49
Highest Spare	Joey Thomas	18		Rebecca Young	13
06/10/2025	**Extractors**	**468**	**beat**	**Guys and Dolls**	**444**
Gents Highest Score	Deon Thomas	71		Mark Anthony	55
Ladies Highest Score	Wendy Roberts	51		Julie Anthony	55
Highest Spare	Deon Thomas	14			
	Graham Peters	14			
08/10/2025	**Parttimers**	**498**	**beat**	**Alley Cats**	**440**
Gents Highest Score	David Reynolds	70		Anthony Phillips	60
Ladies Highest Score -	Tanya Augustus	68		Carrie Williams	54
Highest Spare	Tanya Augustus	18		Anthony Phillips	14
13/10/2025	**Strugglers**	**463**	**beat**	**Stallions**	**433**
Gents Highest Score	David Thomas	65		Jordon Yon	65
				Tristan Thomas	65
Ladies Highest Score	Mavis O'Bey	54		Danielle Anthony	35
Highest Spare	David Thomas	16		Jordon Yon	17
15/10/25	**Young Stars**	**469**	**beat**	**Guys & Dolls**	**449**
Gents Highest Score	Richard John	62		Neil Joshua	64
Ladies Highest ScoreL	Danni Thomas	54		Delia Carter	51
Highest Spare	Richard John	13		Neil Joshua	14
20/10/2025	**Extractors**	**462**	**beat**	**Lickity Splits**	**435**
Gents Highest Score	Phillips Thomas	57		Robert Constantine	58
Ladies Highest Score	Asita O'Bey	52		Keeley Yon	52
Highest Spare	Dane Wade	15		Robert Constantine	14
22/10/2025	**Strugglers**	**453**	**beat**	**Lickity Splits**	**429**
Gents Highest Score	David Thomas	61		Marco Fowler	57
Ladies Highest Score	Kaylee Piek-Yon	53		Ashlyn Furniss	50
	Sally Hickling	53			
Highest Spare	David Thoma	9		Marco Fowler	11
27/10/2025	**Stallions**	**460**	**beat**	**Young Stars**	**458**
Gents Highest Score	Jordon Johnson	62		Ashton Benjamin	59
	Jordon Yon	62			
	Kyle Yon	62			
Ladies Highest Score				Rebecca Young	50
Highest Spare	Jordon Yon	15		Ashton Benjamin	16
	Kyle Yon	15			
29/10/2025	**Parttimers**	**483**	**beat**	**Lickity Splits**	**446**
Gents Highest Score	Patrick Peters	69		Robert Constantine	57
Ladies Highest Score	Andria Timm	63		Keeley Yon	54
Highest Spare	Patrick Peters	16		Robert Constantine	12
Postponed Match 11/08/2025	**Parttimers**	**517**	**beat**	**Young Stars**	**408**
Gents Highest Score	Patrick Peters	61		Vontray Thomas	64
Ladies Highest Score	Stacey Williams	61		Rebecca Young	52
Highest Spare	David Reynolds	14		Vontray Thomas	15

The Team Knockout Finals and Presentation will be held at a Family Night on Friday, 5 December 2025.

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Power of the Paddle

Lukas Robbertse crowned St Helena Table Tennis Champion 2025



— **Anita Robbertse,** SAMS —

At 11am on Sunday, 16 November, the third annual St Helena Table Tennis tournament kicked off in Levelwood, at the residence of Walter Barshai.

Walter is a keen table tennis enthusiast and started this annual tournament while on the island in 2023. He has equipped one of the rooms in his house with a table tennis setup, including appropriate flooring to facilitate games.

A notice was posted on Facebook inviting all interested parties to register to participate in this year's tournament. Walter also stated that he will again be sponsoring medals as well as a trophy for this year's competition. To encourage more people to participate, he also offered a first prize of £100 if there were 20, or more, entries.

Any individuals who wanted to practice on the competition table were warmly welcomed to make arrangements with Walter to do so in the week running up to the competition. There were a couple of participants that made use of this opportunity to familiarise themselves with the setup and get some practice in before the big day on Sunday.

On the day, there were six participants who showed up to compete for the title of Table Tennis Champion 2025. After the first round, where all participants had an opportunity to compete against everyone, the individuals who won the most matches were selected to compete for the top spots. Johann Bezuidenhout played against a very able Peter Johnson, just managing to capture the bronze medal. In the final match, Deon and Lukas Robbertse competed against each other in a highly contested game for the title and the trophy.

In the end, youth and skill prevailed against the previous year's champion with Lukas taking the laurels and bragging rights for 2025. Well done to all who participated in this year's tournament and a special word of thanks to Walter for yet again arranging and sponsoring this tournament.

Be on the lookout for next year's tournament announcement and join in to make the next competition an ever bigger and better contest. Who knows, maybe you could be next year's St Helenian Table Tennis Champion!

Golf Report



— **Anita Robbertse,** SAMS —

Sponsored by the Committee of Management, the distinguished Galway Cup—recognised as the Governor's Cup in honour of Sir Henry Lionel Galway KCMG DSO—commenced with great anticipation on Sunday, 16 November 2025. This esteemed tournament pays tribute to Sir Henry's enduring legacy as the founder of the Longwood Golf Course.

A total of twenty-two players participated in this event, bringing both competitive spirit and camaraderie to the fairways. The sun shone brightly throughout the day—perhaps a little too generously—adding an extra layer of challenge to an already spirited contest. Despite the heat, the atmosphere remained upbeat, with players demonstrating resilience and sportsmanship.

Tony Green claimed the win for the Gents with a net score of 68, while Peter Bagley and Paddo Johnson both scored 71, battled in a playoff for second. Paddo Johnson graciously stepped aside, and Peter Bagley, in true sporting spirit, shared his prize.

Two ladies took part in the competition, with Laura Buckley securing top honours with an impressive net score of 78. Helena Stevens followed in second place, finishing with a net score of 92.

Additional prizes were awarded as follows: Longest Drive (Gents) – Jeffrey Stevens; Longest Drive (Ladies) and Nearest to Pin (Ladies) – Laura Buckley; Nearest to Pin (Gents) – Jason Hopkins. No twos were recorded. The prizes were presented by the President, Christine Scipio.

Heartfelt thanks to all who made the 2025 Galway Cup a memorable success. To the twenty-two players—your enthusiasm, sportsmanship, and resilience in the sunshine truly honoured the legacy of Sir Henry Lionel Galway. Special congratulations to Tony Green on his well-earned victory.

Upcoming Events

22-23 November: SHGC Players Championship

30 November: Peter Francis Memorial Challenge

5 December: Annual Dinner Dance

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Attitude with the Battitude

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Sunday's clash saw the spirited youngsters of Ballbuster face off against the seasoned side Battitude in a thrilling rounders contest.

Battitude's Captain, Emma Bennett, won the toss and opted to field first, setting the tone for a competitive afternoon. Ballbusters struggled to find their rhythm early on, battling to reach first base, while Battitude initially found it equally tough to dismiss their opponents.

Once settled, both sides showcased their defensive skills. Ballbusters impressed with a string of amazing catches in the field, keeping the pressure on Battitude's batters. But Battitude's fielding came alive too, with sharp plays that restricted Ballbusters to six rounders in the opening innings.

Taking their turn at the bat, Battitude showcased their attacking flair, racking up an impressive 11 rounders to seize control of the match.

Despite trailing by five, Ballbusters mounted a spirited comeback in the second innings, adding 6.5 rounders to their tally. But Battitude responded with authority, piling on the runs to secure a decisive victory. The final score stood at 18–12.5 rounders, cementing Battitude's dominance.

The standout performer was Julie Anthony, named Lady of the Match, whose all-round brilliance in both batting and fielding proved unstoppable. Ballbuster's Jordana Crowie earned Young Lady of the Match recognition, delivering a commendable performance that highlighted her growing talent.





FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday 15 November 2025

Half Tree Hollow 6	**Jamestown 1**
R Benjamin (2) J Thomas (4)	T Anthony
MoM: Joey Thomas	*YPoM: Tyler Anthony*

Sunday 16 November 2025

St Paul's 4	**Longwood 2**
T Phillips, C Benjamin, E Stevens, B Baldwin	R Legg (pen), S Thomas
MoM: Shane Stroud	*YPoM: Zac Francis*

KNOCKOUT FIXTURES

Sunday 23 November 2025

1pm	**Bellboys**	**vs**	**Fugees**
3pm	**Rovers**	**vs**	**La Verde**





PREMIER LEAGUE FIXTURES

Saturday 22 November 2025

12.30pm	**Burnley**	**vs**	**Chelsea**
3pm	**Bournemouth**	**vs**	**West Ham**
3pm	**Brighton**	**vs**	**Brentford**
3pm	**Fulham**	**vs**	**Sunderland**
3pm	**Liverpool**	**vs**	**Nott'm Forest**
3pm	**Wolves**	**vs**	**Crystal Palace**
5.30pm	**Newcastle**	**vs**	**Man City**

Sunday 23 November 2025

2pm	**Leeds**	**vs**	**Aston Villa**
2pm	**Arsenal**	**vs**	**Spurs**

Monday 24 November 2025

4.30pm	**Man Utd**	**vs**	**Everton**



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Onto the Final We Go

Half Tree Hollow and St Paul's advance to SHFA District Final

Liam Yon, SAMS

The SHFA District Tournament got underway over the weekend with both Half Tree Hollow and St Paul's advancing to this year's final after beating Jamestown and Longwood, respectively.

It was Jamestown and Half Tree Hollow who would play out the first of the two semi-final matchups in this year's District Tournament in front of large crowds as part of Saturday's Agriculture Show Day at Francis Plain.

The two former champions took to the field at 11am, both with eyes on advancing to this year's final. Despite Jamestown's best efforts however, a Half Tree Hollow team boasting top players from both the Bellboys and the Rovers – the Island's two top teams this season – dominated the proceedings, cruising to a 6-1 victory to book their ticket to the final. Two Rico Benjamin goals gave Half Tree Hollow a first half lead, with Joey Thomas adding four in the second half, earning him Man of the Match honours. A future star for Jamestown in Tyler Anthony scored a consolation goal for town in the second half, while his overall performance saw him named as the Young Player of the Match.

Onto Sunday, when St Paul's and Longwood squared off in the second Semi-Final matchup. This proved to be a much tighter affair which required a 30-minute extra time period to separate the sides, with St Paul's ultimately winning the game in extra time to advance to this year's final by four goals to two. It was Taylan Phillips who would score the only goal of the first half, giving St Paul's the early advantage. Clayton Benjamin would do the same in the second for St Paul's, though Longwood fought back with Ronan Legg and Sean-Lee Thomas levelling the score to take the game past the ninety minutes and into a tense period of extra time. St Paul's, with seemingly more in the tank, would regain their lead through strikes from Edson Stevens and Blaze Baldwin, ensuring a 4-2 victory and a place against Half Tree Hollow in this year's final. Despite not getting on the scoresheet, Shane Stroud's influence for St Paul's saw him named as the Man of the Match, while Zac Francis of Longwood picked up the Young Player honours.

The District Final between Half Tree Hollow and St Paul's is set to take place on Sunday, 7 December, with the Knockout Tournament set to get underway this weekend.

