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SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

Hello and welcome. I would like to introduce you to the last month of 2025 – December.

He will be around for the next 27 days before he has to go back to the end of the calendar. But at this rate we will blink and he will be here again.

The Christmas season is upon us, with Saints arriving home for the holidays, along with visitors who want to experience an island Christmas. From Tuesday we will be seeing even more arrivals from the weekly flights from Cape Town.

This is also the time of year you need to watch your calendar like a hawk with all the Christmas activities from School events, fairs and gatherings.

I'm not sure what's happening with Mr Sun as he is still playing games with us, peeping in and out when he wants to.

It was also nice to see the Christmas lights are up in Jamestown and a few appearances of Christmas lilies knocking about too. It's not Christmas without a nice bunch of lilies (for me anyway).

So yeah, the Christmas season is here.

I think as I get older it's not about the presents under the tree, it's about cherishing family and friends that surround you. A quote comes to mind from Charlie Brown "it's not about what's under the Christmas tree that matter, it's who's around it." This is a true saying to me.

It is also this time of year when we miss those who are either overseas or no longer with us.

As this is my final comment for 2025, I would like to thank you the readers and our listeners, contributors, radio presenters and the wider community and wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy and healthy 2026.

Finally, to the 3 people that send me home with high blood pressure and grey hairs (only joking), to Anita, Liam and Luke, words cannot express how thankful I am to have such a hardworking, dedicated team behind me!! I wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and A happy new year – Enjoy your well deserve holiday.

Merry Christmas Everyone.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

After watching Palestine's suffering for the past two years, it deeply disturbs me to see so many people still kept in the dark about the on-going genocide. We might be sheltered as a small island in the middle of the ocean, but we are still a part of Earth's community, with a responsibility to remain informed and help where we can.

There's been a lot of rhetoric about the 'struggle between Israelis and Palestinians' starting on 7 October 2023. But in fact, Israel has been violently occupying Palestine since 1948. At the start of their occupation, Israel forced over 700,000 Palestinians to leave their homes. Since then, Israel has been stealing more and more land over the decades, and committing several mass murders of Palestinians.

This is a recent example of a long, long history of violent European colonialism. Europeans 'conquered foreign lands' while committing mass murders of indigenous people in North America and Australia, and erasing Indian culture (to name just a few examples of many!). This led to things like the very recent segregation in the US and apartheid in South Africa, as well as ongoing violence in Congo and Sudan.

As Saints, racist exploitation is entrenched in our own history. The British used our Island as a port for the slave trade, growing their own economy through violent domination. Not to mention the irreparable harm the slave trade did to our endemic life! This is our history and ancestry, as Saints and as citizens of the world. I'm tired of this pattern!

In Palestine, Israel has been committing sexual violence against Palestinians, torturing prisoners, and denying aid and food to citizens. The death toll of Palestinians is now at least 70,100 people. There have been multiple reports of oxycodone pills found in flour bags given to Palestinians. Wifi has been restricted and journalists have been banned. During the genocide, more than 260 media workers and journalists have been killed by Israel. Palestinians face widespread malnutrition, disease and starvation. Palestinian children now make up the largest cohort of child amputees! Israel has banned Palestinians from swimming and fishing. Costs have astronomically soared, and there are very few escapes for Palestinians.

Environmental activist, Greta Thunberg, has highlighted the huge damages of this genocide. Israel's bombing of Palestine has caused 50 million tonnes of debris and hazardous material. This genocide has erased 69 years of human development, reducing Palestine's infrastructure to rubble. Greta has tried to reach Palestine with aid on multiple flotilla. Earlier this year, Israel kidnapped Greta and other activists on a flotilla, torturing them before their release.

Israel continues to deny accountability, backed by other major powers around the world. The US has funnelled billions into the murder of Palestinians. The UK police are now arresting peaceful pro-Palestinian activists, while allowing pro-genocide protesters to go free. Germany is accepting entry to Palestinian donkeys while denying refuge to actual people.

Many Israelis now argue it is anti-semetic to argue against genocide. Israelis have been playing the victim for far too long; how can we buy into their propaganda when we can see the violence against innocent Palestinians with our own eyes? When Palestinians are live-streaming their suffering, how can we still deny the genocide?

What can we do for Palestine?

Learn more - critically engage with articles on Israel's genocide, learn about Palestinian's history, research more ways to help.

Boycott - companies funding/benefitting from Israel's genocide include: Coca-Cola, Amazon, Expedia, Booking.com, Google, Dell and, unfortunately, many more. Boycotts and targeted pressure does work! Before your next purchase, maybe do a quick online check. More ethical search engines include Firefox or Ecosia. Targeted pressure from consumers does work! You can also report Google's use of Israeli propaganda at this link: notechforapartheid.com/ads

Talk about it - have a simple conversation with a friend, family member or stranger! We all have the power to positively influence others. Conversation promoted learning and thinking critically. Don't be afraid to stand up for what you believe in.

Repost - use platforms like Facebook to support Palestinian creators and spread awareness. Show support for pro-Palestinian voices, like Ms Rachel and Mark Ruffalo.

Donate - there are many organisations currently trying to bring food and aid to Palestinians. Try UNRWA, Medical Aid for Palestinians, British Red Cross, Palestinian Solidarity Campaign or the UN World Food Programme.

At the beginning of Israel's genocide, I knew nothing of their violent occupation of Palestine. But it was my responsibility to unlearn the propaganda, open my eyes to the Palestinian people, and do what I could to help. I am an ordinary person, still very much learning and just trying to start a positive conversation.

Palestinian people deserve our time and our compassion. This letter has mentioned only a drop in the ocean of Israel's atrocities. Remember, the only thing separating them from us is pure geographical luck. Please help where you can. FREE PALESTINE.

Yours sincerely,

Hannah Braaf

"On St Helena, the problem is tenfold"

Global shortage of medication affecting St Helena as Health Portfolio face an "uphill battle" to find a long-term solution to this "very serious" issue



Liam Yon, SAMS

The current and ongoing global shortage of medication, affecting countries worldwide, is causing St Helena's Health Service to face an "uphill battle" – as described by Health Minister, Martin Henry – in order to procure the drugs necessary to treat patients on St Helena. Minister Henry admitted at present, no long-term solution has been found to this "very serious" issue, as the Health Portfolio continue to "make every effort" to source at least a "short-term arrangement" for patients on St Helena.

A BBC article issued toward the end of October, spoke about the seriousness of this ongoing medication shortage on a global scale as they reported, "Worldwide, hundreds of thousands of patients are struggling to access their medication because of ongoing, unprecedented drug shortages around the world. Medications for ADHD, cancer treatments, statins, opioid painkillers, anesthetics and antibiotics have had persistent or recurring shortages in recent years. Popular weight-loss drugs such as Mounjaro, Wegovy and Ozempic have experienced rapidly rising demand as their use has become popular alongside sudden increases in price, leaving many of those who need the drugs to manage conditions such as type 2 diabetes struggling."

Noting how many larger countries and health institutions are struggling to procure the necessary medications needed to treat their patients, St Helena is, understandably due to our isolation and small population, having an even more difficult time in this market – with Minister Henry being open that "if stockouts are occurring at this level, on St Helena, the problem is tenfold."

The Minister expanded on that by explaining some of the factors that makes this global issue an even bigger one for an Island like St Helena.

One of the obvious reasons is that St Helena has "no buying power" considering the quantities we order are significantly smaller than other larger institutions and organisations. As put bluntly by Minister Henry, "we can't even compete with a large CLICKS store" who would have a much bigger order than St Helena would. He advised how "we have tried to approach producers directly as a Government, but we are way too small for their minimum orders," again for perspective, the Minister described that as St Helena are looking at procuring "cases" while producers are daily sell "containers" worth.

Another issue being faced on St Helena is our isolation and the clear difficulties that brings in terms of the supply-chain when procuring medication. As explained by Minister Henry, this is especially true for newer, more temperature-sensitive drugs, which have only a limited time to get from the supplier to St Helena. Minister Henry noted how even if the Health Portfolio can get the drug in the UK, "it takes too long in the supply chain before we receive it." This is exacerbated by the fact that South Africa have enforced a law, likely due to the global shortages, that prevents St Helena from procuring drugs from anywhere outside of South Africa, and unfortunately, many of the medications required here on the Island are not available from South Africa.

One of the other big issues for St Helena, as detailed by Minister Henry, is that "because of the global shortage issues, the cost of drugs are increasing at an alarming rate in a number of areas," which is an obvious issue for St Helena considering that this would be an added cost "on top of the current cost we are facing with freight."

All of these factors evidence the fact that the issue with procuring drugs in the UK, and globally, are intensified for St Helena.

"Given our size and other factors, it is an uphill battle that currently we are making short term arrangements for, but, at present, there is no long-term solution. The UK itself is not in a good place on this front. While every effort is being made, St Helena has a very limited say in the global market, even in areas like this which are important to human health," stated Minister.

According to reports, action is being taken by governments around the world to address the supply shortage in medications, which will hopefully assist St Helena in times to come. For now, as made clear by Minister Henry, every effort is being made by the Health Portfolio to mitigate the difficulties currently being experienced to try, as best as possible, to ensure patients on St Helena are looked after.

"We all know that fishing isn't working"

SHG announce "wide-ranging review" of the Fishing Sector

Liam Yon, SAMS

The fishing industry on St Helena is one that always, and continues to, draw high public interest. There is often a notable divide within fisheries on the Island and this saga has gone on for a number of years; with many of the opinion that it is an industry that is far from what it should be for an Island like St Helena.

With a new Government now in place, fishing has been made a priority area of work and, as such, St Helena Government (SHG) announced last week that a "wide-ranging review of the fishing sector has been initiated."

They add that this comprehensive review will include an evaluation of policy and strategic management; licensing and regulatory framework; food security and domestic affordability; current fleet (including fleet safety), infrastructure, and cold chain; processing and quality assurance; market access and distribution, including export; governance and institutional roles; and sustainable resource stewardship.

While SHG announced this fisheries review last week, Minister for Environment, Natural Resources and



Planning and Economic Development, Karl Thrower, had already spoken about it on SAMS Radio 1 during a Ministers update.

"Basically, we all know that fishing isn't working. No matter who you ask, they know that it's not working and they identify different reasons why they think it's not working," said Minister Thrower. "But actually, once you really start looking at it more holistically - and I'm on about everything from tax, fuel subsidies, to how little fish is getting through onto people's plates - there are serious concerns and I've just got to the stage where rather than to try and repair the systems we've got, I think what we need to do is just start right at the foundations again. We're going to start there."

Minister Thrower alluded to "a huge amount of public consultation" that will form part of the review, adding that "we'll be talking to everybody who's involved in fishing; whether you're a fisherman, whether you're one of the producers, whether you're a merchant, whether you're the person who buys it - the idea is to do that."

Recognising the magnitude of such a review, the Minister admitted to being "under no illusion that that is going to be an easy piece of work."

With SHG having now officially confirmed that this review of the fishing sector "has been initiated," the next step is to appoint a fisheries review task, which they state "will be appointed along with clear terms of reference to help guide its work."

Anyone requiring further information at this time are encouraged to contact SHG Portfolio Directors, Darren Duncan or Damian Burns.



Lights Up

Christmas lights up in Jamestown to bring the festive feel

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Sunday, 30 November, Adam Grocock and his team started early in the morning to put up the Christmas lights in Jamestown.

These lights are put up annually on the Grand Parade and on The Stand in Jamestown to beautify the heart of the island in readiness for the festive season and the various parades associated with this time of the year. Everyone on the island knows that Christmas is just around the corner when these lights go up and their colourful presence spread Christmas cheer all through the town.

The installation of these lights is awarded as a tender every year to a contractor who are then responsible to put up the 600+ lights and the accompanying supports throughout the town on the first Sunday of December and remove them again on the second Sunday of the New Year.

This year Adam and his team again did a sterling job and the lights are now twinkling their warm welcome to residents and visitors alike, hailing the start of the season of joy and giving on St Helena.



Police Appeal for Information on "senseless" destruction of newly-installed Castle Garden solar lights

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Royal St Helena Police Service have issued an appeal for information from the public for any information regarding an incident of criminal damage that took place in lower Jamestown over a recent weekend.

They report that, "between 9.30pm on Saturday, 22 November, and 7.30am on Sunday, 23 November, nearly £350 worth of damage was caused to the newly installed solar lights inside the Castle Gardens."

These lights were just recently fixed in place throughout the Castle Gardens by local resident, Mark Brooks, and added an extra glow to an already beautifully kept area in lower Jamestown; thanks to Martin 'Kunya' Buckley and his team.

According to the RSHP, during the incident, "the lights were broken off the stake screwed to the concrete" and "the light casings were smashed."

This has been met with outrage from members of the community who are describing the act as "ignorant," "senseless," and "completely unnecessary".

Police would like to get to the bottom of this incident quickly and therefore are appealing to the public for any information at all that may assist with their investigation, including if there is anyone who may have seen or heard anything suspicious in the area during the stated times.

Anyone with information should contact Police on 22626 or speak to an officer in confidence. The RSHP made clear that all information will be treated with the utmost confidentiality, adding that "even the smallest detail could be valuable."



Out with the Old, in with the New

New Toilet and Shower Facilities opens at Rupert's



Liam Yon, SAMS

Last week, St Helena Government (SHG) advised of the imminent opening of what they describe as "new, modern public toilet and shower facilities located in Rupert's" to replace the old facilities as part of the overall Rupert's development.

These new facilities, adjacent to the Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) building, opened for public use last Friday, 28 November, and includes gender-neutral toilets, showers, and a dedicated baby changing cubicle.

SHG informed that the facilities will remain open to the public at all times, except for when the port is operating at Level 3, which they exampled as "when a ship is in the harbour."

In terms of the old facilities, they advised that "the public should no longer use the old toilet facilities, which will be locked and permanently closed." They add that "it is intended for the old structure to be demolished and its footprint remediated to blend with the surrounding area."

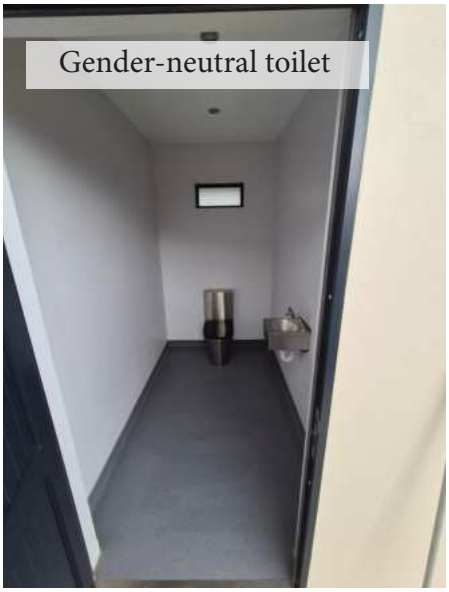
With the new facilities now open, SHG are requesting that they are used "respectfully to ensure their longevity and cleanliness for all users," while any issues regarding fixtures or fittings, can be reported to SHG's Crown Estates Officer.

They add that Waste Management Services will be responsible for the routine cleaning of the facilities and any issues in relation to cleanliness should be reported to the Environmental Officer for Risk Management.

The facilities at Rupert's have long been considered to be below the required standard in terms of cleanliness and, therefore, the new facilities will be welcomed by the community of St Helena at one of the most popular recreational spots on the Island.



Showers



Gender-neutral toilet



Baby-changing facility

Caught Red Footed!

History made as Ascension Island Conservation discover Red-Footed Booby nests on mainland Ascension



A Red-footed booby nesting on Letterbox Nature Reserve, Ascension Island (Photo by Tom Barnes)

Liam Yon, SAMS

In August,AscensionIsland'sConservation team reported that they had observeda Red-footed Booby nesting on the Letterbox Nature Reserve – marking history as the first time for this to happen on mainland Ascension. Now, the conservation team have informed of a second Red-footed Booby nest,found close to the site of the first nest on the Letterbox Nature Reserve.

They detailed the distinctive species, whose population is known to be decreasing globally. "Red-footed Boobies come in several colour morphs from crisp white to chocolate brown and have huge variations in-between," they posted to their Facebook page when reporting on the exciting discovery. "The second nest has two brown morph parental birds."

It was also explained how,"at the beginning of nesting, the male has green markings around the eyes and they can also be identified by their longer tails," which is how the team identified one of the nesting birds as a male at Letterbox.

Ascension Conservation described the nests created by the Red-footed Boobies at Letter Box as "extravagant" with their egg raised high off the ground, suitably making it difficult for rodents to access.The team says that they "are monitoring the nests closely and are hopeful they will be successful."

They also commented on the noticeable increase in seabird nesting numbers on Ascension since the feral cat eradication over twenty years ago.

"Since the feral cat eradication in 2002, the number of seabirds recolonising old nesting sites has increased exponentially and areas such as the Letterbox Nature Reserve are now a haven for nesting birds," they reported positively."Last year, AIG Conservation recorded 1,430 nesting attempts by Ascension Frigatebirds as well as over 3,000 Masked Booby nests."



A second red-footed booby nest has been found on Letterbox NR. The long tail and green eye spot suggests this is a male (Photo by Tom Barnes)



Female red-footed booby incubating its egg (Photo by Laura Shearer)



Red-footed booby nest is well camouflaged against its surroundings (Photo by Laura Shearer)

SCHOOL PAGE

St Paul's Primary Year 5/6 Impress in Live UKPW debate on School Reorganisation



Year 5/6 Class Teacher, Miss Anne Clarke, Contributed

As part of UK Parliamentary Week 2025, Year 5 and 6 students from St Paul's Primary School took centre stage on Thursday, 27th November, delivering a live debate broadcast on SAMS Radio 1 from the Council Chambers at 1:20 p.m. The event showcased the pupils' confidence, maturity, and growing understanding of democratic processes as they tackled one of the island's most significant upcoming changes — the primary school reorganisation.

The debate focused on the question: "What will be the biggest challenge of the new primary school reorganisation, and how should St Helena address it?"

With the transition from three primary schools to a new model of one KS1 school and one KS2 school already underway, students explored the impacts of this shift across five key themes: student transition, transport and travel times, loss of community identity, larger cohort sizes, and adjusting to new teachers and environments.

Despite the complexity of the issue, the young speakers rose to the challenge. Their well-structured arguments, thoughtful reflections, and island-specific solutions demonstrated weeks of dedicated preparation and strong critical-thinking skills. Students also discussed the importance of maintaining traditions that form part of St Helena's school culture, including athletics days, swimming galas, St Paul's Christmas Parade, Pilling's Festival of Lights, and Harford's Farm Day.

Teachers involved praised the pupils for their enthusiasm, teamwork, and creativity throughout the process, noting how valuable the experience was in building confidence, communication skills, and an understanding of debate etiquette. For many of the children, speaking from the Council Chambers — a place normally reserved for the island's elected representatives — was a memorable and empowering moment.

As part of the UKPW 2025 programme, organisers extended sincere thanks to Children's Champion, Councillor Julie Thomas, for her continued support and meaningful engagement with both staff and students. Appreciation was also expressed to Ministers Andrew Turner, Martin Henry, Karl Thrower and Gillian Brooks, as well as Councillors Derek Thomas, Rob Midwinter, Ronald Coleman, Clint Beard, and Deputy Speaker Mrs. Connie Johnson, who all offered their encouragement and support throughout the week.

Students reported thoroughly enjoying their UK Parliamentary Week lessons, and the opportunity to take part in a live debate — broadcast to the whole island — was a highlight







they will not soon forget. A special thank you was also extended to SAMS Radio 1 for airing the debate live and helping share the students' hard work with the wider community.

The success of the event reflects the enthusiasm and potential of St Helena's young people, who continue to embrace new challenges with curiosity, confidence, and pride.





A Sunday morning job well done

Sometimes not all is appreciated in the task to hand





Cyril Gunnell, Contributed

A road-works team from the Roads Section, early on Sunday morning 30 November 2025, expeditiously and professionally completed the task of tarring the road under the Arch Bridge in Jamestown, well before vehicular traffic and pedestrians had need of it.

One of the team said, "Once you start, you've got to keep going!" A passerby said that sometimes not all that is required to get the work done is appreciated by the public.

A tar machine and truck filled with grit shifted along the road keeping pace with the men skilfully spreading aggregate and tar, while levelling uneven surfaces with their shovels. The road roller operator then ensured the material was well compacted by rolling back and forth over it. Finally the road-closed-signs were removed and replaced by signs alerting motorists to drive carefully to avoid damage from pieces of flying grit as vehicle tyres travelled over it.

The job was completed just in time for customers to start enjoying breakfast at the Coffee Shop.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Two wheels, one love and a cup of coffee



Bikes and Coffee concludes men's mental health month.

Donna Crowie, SAMS

November, the month where men's mental health care recognised globally, culminated in the final event- a bike ride organised by bike enthusiasts Lee Yon, Alonso Henry and Kyle Bennett.

The bike ride took place on Sunday the 30thof November and started with coffee and eats at the Crown Café in Ladder Hill. Before the riders jumped on their bikes, Minister for Health and Social Care, Martin Henry said a few words about Men's mental health month: "I think this is absolutely awesome, we are here today as it is men's mental health month and I was thinking about it earlier. Thinking what to say and what can you talk to men about mental health, it's telling by itself as we just don't talk about it. So I think this is a nice opportunity for us to get together to have a good ride and conversation."

Minister Henry concluded by saying "I think this should be done a bit more often – we take good care of our bikes so at the same time let's take good care of our health."

Shortly after the speech, the Crown car park resounded with the bike engines starting to head out on the cruise. The convoy of bikes travelled through Half tree Hollow, Blue Hill, Sandy Bay, Levelwood, Longwood, Bottom Woods along the Haul road to Rupert's and on to Jamestown, ending at the Mule Yard.

An estimate of around 50 bikers showed up on this perfect sunny day to enjoy the company of their fellow bike enthusiasts and to show their support for this important event in working towards creating awareness of the importance of promoting men's mental health on St Helena.

Lee Yon, one of the organisers, posted a quote on Social media saying "What an incredible day for Men's Mental Health Bike Ride 2025 and to 'Celebrate Men and Boys'. I am grateful for the awesome turnout and the energy that everyone brought to the event. A massive thank you to every single person who was part of and involved with the day. We rode together, shared stories and stood shoulder to shoulder for a cause that matters. The shared passion for bikes and camaraderie in our biking community is truly moving. This wasn't just a ride for some, and you helped to smash the stigma and show it's OK for us men and boys to talk about mental health. Thank you to all the vendors that helped to make this possible"





Double vision in the ocean

Not 1 but 2 Jamie's share the love for the ocean with new business initiative, Seahawk Odyssey



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Jamie Essex and Jamie (Max) Yon, started diving together 10 years ago in St Helenian waters, mainly enjoying deep sea diving while looking for big fish.

Many will recall an article the Sentinel did in 2024 on Essex and Yon diving their way through the waters of Madagascar, describing it as "an eye-opening experience". The duo is now offering "an eye-opening" experience to their very own customers, as Essex and Yon have collaborated in starting their own business called "Seahawk Odyssey".

The two Jamies followed the closing down of Anthony 'Nails' Thomas' local business, 'Sub-Tropical Adventures with interest, realising that this could afford them an opportunity to expand their hobby into a business. "There was an opportunity for us then to kind of buy the boat off him and to carry on, start to do tours and stuff like that," said Jamie Yon.

'Sub-tropic Adventures' used to offer scuba-diving tours as their main attraction but 'Seahawk odyssey' will be offering free diving and spear fishing activities to their customers. Other attractions the Jamies will be offering include dolphin, whale and bird watching while also providing a water taxi service.

Since starting their operations in June this year, 'Seahawk Odyssey' has had customers from various locations around the world, showcasing what St Helenian waters has to offer.

With their business just starting to take off, the duo are already planning their next adventure, hoping to travel over 11,000km to Mexico to explore the next chapter in their 'eye-opening' experiences.













The Wine & Crown

Cheers to another successful Rose & Crown wine tasting event



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

The much anticipated Annual Wine Tasting Event has come and gone. This year the event was hosted at the recently opened venue at The Crown.

Although the event had been hosted at this venue in the past, this was when it was still known as Rosie's Taste for Life; prior to its new lease of life as The Crown Café & Bar, under the umbrella of Rose & Crown.

The theme for this year's event was 'A Royal Affair' where guests were encouraged to attend wearing crowns, tiaras and other glittering jewels.

As in the past, this event attracted a lot of eager guests and tickets were sold out well in advance with the over 200 guests arriving dressed to the nines to attend this glamorous evening.

On arrival, guests were greeted with their keepsake 2025 Tasting Glass and a Personal Tasting Card listing the 15 wines available to sample. The café-area upstairs was transformed into a tasting area, where the guests could mingle and taste the wines while taking in the breathtaking views from the deck.

Five new wines were introduced on the evening, two from Chile, two from Argentina, and one from the wine regions in New Zealand. Some all-time favourite South African wines, like Springfield's Ms Lucy, Robertson, Arabella and Dunstone wines were also on offer as well as a Bordeaux from France and two Pinot Grigio's from Italy. In addition, two sweeter wines were available for tasting for those who prefer the later harvests.

Once guests had tasted the wines available, they could select their favourite and redeem their token to get a free glass of the wine of their choice. Tasty canapés were served during the event with other drinks also being offered at The Crown Bar for the non-wine drinking guests.

"It was very special to be able to host our Annual Wine Tasting back at this venue under our brand, The Crown," commented Tara Wortley, Organiser of the event. "It brought a whole new host of challenges, but the team came together and delivered another successful event."

After the event officially closed, guests were able to enjoy an after party with music playing allowing guests to dance and socialise late into the evening - kicking off the festive season in style. For everyone who missed out on this year's event, make sure you are ready to book a ticket next year!



































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. Dec 05

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

SAT. Dec 06

- 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. Dec 07

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Donna Crowie
- 5pm: The Island Pulse
- 7pm: Baptist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. Dec 08

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

TUE. Dec 09

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Donna
- 11am: Vibes with Aninika
- 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. Dec 10

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

THU. Dec 11

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

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Featured this Week





100th Midweek Morning Show

Join Deon on the 10th of December for this momentous occasion of the 100th Midweek Morning Show.

On this special show, he will be featuring his favourite songs from the past 100 shows.

To all his loyal followers, don't miss out, tune in and start your Wednesday on a positive note.

Local news and notices:

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

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TIME OUT

Can you spot 12 differences between the images?





Competition time!!

During the month of December, The Sentinel will be offering both kids and adults a chance to win a £5 voucher each week, thanks to Solomons for their generous donation to allow this to happen.

Kids - complete the 'Spot the Difference' puzzle,

Adults - complete the 'Word Srcamble'

Return completed puzzles with your name/number to SAMS by 12noon on Tuesday. Winners will be announced next week.

Good Luck!



WORD SCRAMBLE!

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OTH COOLTHACE _____
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Did you forgot to make your Christmas cake? No worries here a quick Christmas loaf you can whisk up in no time

Easy Christmas Loaf Cake



- 500 g mixed dried fruit ideally including mixed peel
- Juice of 1 orange
- 100 ml sherry or brandy / whisky / gin / rum - or use apple juice if you want this to be alcohol free
- 100 ml boiling water
- 150 g butter softened plus extra for greasing
- 150 g soft dark brown sugar (or muscovado sugar)
- 2 large eggs
- 150 g self-rising flour
- 2 teaspoons mixed spice
- 1 teaspoons cinnamon
- 200 g glacé cherries halved

Instructions

For the cake…

1. Place the dried fruit in a large saucepan. Squeeze over the juice of the orange and pour over the sherry and boiling water. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 10 minutes, stirring every couple of minutes. Leave to stand until needed.
2. Preheat your oven to 160C / 140C fan / gas mark 3 / 325F. Line 2 x 1lb (450g) loaf tins with loaf tin liners.
3. In a large mixing bowl, beat together the butter and sugar thoroughly.
4. Add the eggs, one at a time, beating the mixture until smooth after each one.
5. Gently fold in the flour, mixed spice and cinnamon until fully incorporated.
6. Add the glacé cherries and the dried fruit, plus any remaining liquid from the saucepan. (There should be very little liquid left, as most of it will have soaked into the fruit or evaporated.) Stir gently until the fruit is evenly distributed.
7. Tip the cake mixture into your prepared loaf tins and get them straight into the oven. Bake for 50 minutes to 1 hour or until a skewer, inserted into the middle of the cake, comes out clean. (I check every 5 minutes from 50 minutes. It usually takes 55 minutes in my oven.)
8. Leave to cool for 10 minutes in the tin (or until cool enough to handle without burning your hands!), then remove the cake from the tin and allow to fully cool on a wire cooling rack… The cake should take approximately 2 hours from the time it comes out of the oven to cool fully. Do not decorate until completely cool!

You can decorate if you wish with marzipan and roll icing.

THE ISLAND PULSE

The Island Pulse makes its airwaves debut

New weekly radio programme launches with Councillors outlining priorities, concerns, and hopes for the year ahead

– **Councillor Julie Thomas,** Contributed –

SAMS Radio 1 welcomed a fresh voice to its weekly line-up with the launch of *The Island Pulse*, a programme designed to strengthen communication between St Helena's newly formed Legislative Council and the community. Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas, the inaugural episode brought all seven councillors into the studio to introduce themselves, describe the committees and groups they serve on, outline their championship roles, and share the key themes raised during recent district meetings.

St Paul's – Councillor Robert Midwinter

Committee & Representation Roles: Chair of Select Committee 1 (scrutinising policy processes and procedures for Education, Skills and Employment; Environment, Natural Resources and Planning; and Health and Social Care) and Member of the **Liberated African Advisory Committee.**

Councillor Robert Midwinter discussed concerns raised by St Paul's residents, where road safety dominated conversation—from overgrown vegetation to blind corners and deteriorating road surfaces. Long-standing worries about water loss and the high cost of non revenue water resurfaced, alongside updates on progress with the Cape Villa sewage system.

Jamestown & Ruperts – Councillor Corinda Essex

Committee & Representation Roles: Chair of Select Committee 2 (scrutinising Safety, Security & Home Affairs and Economic Development, member of the **Public Accounts Committee, Business and Innovation Champion**, member of the **Highways Authority**.

Residents raised calls for improved public transport - especially late night services - and queries around continued access to Ruperts Beach following port developments. Other concerns included the need for strengthened business advisory support, tidier public spaces, and community anxiety over escalating freight and utility costs. Cllr. Dr. Essex noted that Select Committee 2's remit is expected to expand to include areas of corporate services following a revision to the committee's Establishment Order.

Levelwood – Councillor Ronald Coleman

Committee & Representation Roles: Member of Select Committee 1, Charities Champion, and Disabilities Champion.

Levelwood residents voiced a wide span of issues, including the need for better feedback following public meetings, concerns around police - community relations, delays in public service recruitment, high living costs, and frustrations with renewable energy progress and utilities. Cllr. Coleman also highlighted his commitment to supporting the revitalisation of the Levelwood Community Centre.

Half Tree Hollow – Councillor Derek Thomas

Committee & Representation Roles: Member of the **Public Accounts Committee**, member of **Select Committee 2**, **Elderly Persons Champion**, member of the **Police & Crime Panel**, and member of the **Safeguarding Board.**

Half Tree Hollow hosted one of the island's best attended district meetings. Residents highlighted struggles securing fresh fish, rising port charges at Ruperts, sewage system delays affecting housing, and concerns about recent changes to drink drive enforcement. Cllr. Thomas also emphasised worries around Technical Cooperation (TC) posts, road deterioration around High Knoll, and rising household pressures linked to income related benefits and transport costs.

Sandy Bay & Blue Hill – Councillor Clint Beard

Committee & Representation Roles: Chair of the Employment Rights Committee, member of the **Tax and Revenue Working Group, Diaspora Champion**, and member of **Select Committee 2**.

Cllr. Beard reported productive community discussions, with particular focus on road maintenance, high transport costs, public facility improvements, and youth opportunities. Additional topics included land prices, communication within the health service, forestry and timber usage, and access to Diana's Peak. Cllr. Beard also described his new work as Diaspora Champion, aimed at strengthening information sharing and engagement with Saints abroad.

Longwood – Councillor Dennis Leo

Committee & Representation Roles: Sports & Culture Champion, member of **Select Committee 1**.

Longwood residents raised concerns around cemetery access, off grid communications, immigration delays, housing pressures, and the long debated Deadwood road link. Cllr. Leo highlighted water access for farmers as a priority and expressed enthusiasm for developing the role of Sports & Culture Champion, including work on his updated terms of reference.

Alarm Forest – Councillor Julie Thomas

Committee & Representation Roles: Member of **Select Committee 1, Children's Champion**, member of the **Safeguarding Board**, and **Communications Champion.**

Residents raised concerns about the Bunkers Hill development, supply chain reliability - especially around medical supplies, youth behaviour and discipline, benefits and casual work opportunities, post 16 educational pathways, and disability inclusion. Cllr. Thomas also reflected on her previous term as inaugural Chief Minister, explaining how her ministerial experience will go a long way in informing her current roles.

As The Island Pulse continues weekly, councillors hope the programme will become a dependable channel for timely updates, transparent discussion, and deeper community involvement.

The programme concluded with the host, Julie Thomas, advising the public that the entire Legislative Council would be busy this week delivering activities and hosting events in recognition of UK Parliament Week that will run from 24–30 November 2025.

The Island Pulse – UK Parliament Week 2025

A Resounding Success that Inspired St Helena's Leaders of Tomorrow



– **Councillor Julie Thomas,** Contributed –

This week's edition of *The Island Pulse* - presented by our island's Councillors - shone a bright and celebratory spotlight on UK Parliament Week 2025. The programme provided a comprehensive overview of the Legislative Council's meaningful engagement with all four of St Helena's schools, highlighting the very heart of this annual event: strengthening dialogue, deepening understanding and fostering genuine connection between elected representatives and the island's youth. Through compelling stories, reflections and feedback shared on air, this week's broadcast showcased a powerful partnership in action - one that informs, inspires and supports the next generation of leaders.

UK Parliament Week 2025 was marked with pride, purpose and a powerful sense of possibility across St Helena as students, teachers and councillors came together for a week of learning, debating and meaningful engagement. What unfolded was far more than a series of activities - it became a celebration of democracy, a strengthening of community ties, and a clear reminder that the island's future is in capable hands.

Led locally by Councillor Julie Thomas in her capacity as Children's and Communications Champion, this year's programme went above and beyond expectations. Schools across the island embraced the initiative wholeheartedly, transforming classrooms, assemblies and even the Council Chamber into spaces of open dialogue, critical thinking and civic discovery.

Action-Packed, Informative and Inspiring

The week began with the distribution of UK Parliament Week packs provided by Speakers' House, complete with activities, crafts, videos and virtual tours designed to make democracy accessible and engaging. From here, each school built its own programme, supported by councillors who visited classrooms, attended debates and hosted students in the Council Chamber.

Councillor Thomas described the week as "action-packed, interactive, engaging and enjoyable" - a sentiment echoed strongly by teachers and pupils.

Harford Primary School praised the "high engagement" of pupils during assemblies and highlighted the excitement of their visit to the Council Chamber, where students eagerly participated in activities and asked questions with growing confidence. Teachers emphasised the value of pupils connecting faces to their councillors, helping them understand their roles on a more personal level.

Debating for the Future

St Paul's Primary School delivered one of the standout moments of the week through a polished and thoughtful Year 5/6 debate on the island's upcoming primary school reorganisation. Students explored real-world challenges - transport, transitions, community identity and class sizes - presenting arguments with clarity, maturity and deep understanding.

They spoke passionately about the traditions that bind the island community, and their ability to propose practical solutions left teachers and councillors equally impressed. The debate not only reinforced democratic skills but also allowed pupils to meaningfully engage in a topic that will shape their own educational future.

A Focus on Inclusivity and the Future: Pilling Primary School

Pilling Primary School also played a meaningful role in UK Parliament Week, with their students visiting the Council Chamber to observe a Minister's Question Time focused on **Technology and Connectivity**. This was followed by a thoughtful Q&A session centred on Education and Learning, during which pupils demonstrated impressive maturity and a genuine desire to see improvements in the island's Education, Skills and Employment portfolio. Their questions reflected a deep awareness of the needs of their peers, particularly students with learning challenges and disabilities. Teachers noted that pupils showed empathy, insight and a strong commitment to inclusivity - an especially important focus as St Helena prepares to embed COBIS educational standards in the coming months. Their engagement reinforced the vital role young people play in shaping a fair, supportive and forward-looking education system for all.

Seeing Democracy in Action

At St Helena Secondary School, UK Parliament Week provided a platform for Years 7–9 to explore decision-making, policy development and governance. Year 7's delved into the role of a councillor, Year 8's debated mobile phone use in schools, and Year 9's experienced a highlight of the week: a visit to the Council Chamber to observe a live Minister's Question Time.

Students later said this opportunity made the work of Parliament "feel real" and helped them understand how ideas become action. Teachers, including lead organiser Ms Jemimah Kibengo, praised students for stepping up with confidence, curiosity and respect for the process.

THE ISLAND PULSE

Strengthening Bonds and Building Confidence

Across all schools, one message rang clear: UK Parliament Week deepened the relationship between St Helena's youth and the Legislative Council. Through open dialogue, shared experiences and visible support from councillors and ministers, students discovered that their voices matter - that they can ask questions, express concerns and actively contribute to shaping island life.

Councillors, in turn, gained insight into the priorities and perspectives of young people. This reciprocal engagement has laid the foundation for stronger, ongoing connections, including future youth forums, classroom visits and termly civic engagement initiatives.

A Collective Effort and a Proud Achievement

The success of the week was made possible through the dedication of teachers, the enthusiasm of students and the commitment of the entire Council, including the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Clerk of Councils. Their involvement ensured every school had meaningful access to local democracy in action.

As Councillor Thomas shared on The Island Pulse, the experience showcased just how politically aware, thoughtful and capable St Helena's young people truly are.

UK Parliament Week 2025 did more than educate - it inspired; it empowered students to see themselves as active citizens and future leaders; it brought schools and Council closer together; and it strengthened the island's collective belief in the potential of its youth.

If this week is any indication, the future of St Helena is bright indeed!















NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services
7th December
Sandy Bay Chapel 08.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel 6.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday 9th December
Baptist School Hall 7.00 pm
Thursday 11th December
Sandy Bay Chapel 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Ladies Meeting
Wednesday 10th December
Baptist School Hall/J Town 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact:
Tel No 24644

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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 7th December 2025– 2nd Sunday in Advent		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/Confirmation	Cathedral
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 7th September 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Advent		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
6.30 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	St James
	Monday 8th December	
7.00 p.m.	**Eucharist**	St Mary
	Thursday 11th December	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 7th December 2025 – 2nd Sunday in Advent		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 9th December	
7.00 p.m.	Harford Primary School Advent Service	St Matthew

Application Cut-Off Date

Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2025 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by no later than

Friday 12th December 2025.

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until January 2026.

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh for further information.



'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY!

RESERVE SUNDAY, 14 NOVEMBER 2025

FOR A FUN CHRISTMAS SING- ALONG

AT THE BLUE HILL COMMUNITY CENTRE FROM 3 – 6 PM

Gavin Jack will be there to keep you entertained. Do come along and get into the festive spirit. The Bar will be open and teas and refreshments will be on sale.

See you there!

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THE GREEN FISH COMPANY
WITHOUT COMPROMISE

THE DAMAGE IS DONE.

The Marine Management Organisation (MMO) in the UK, has confirmed that the activities of the ST Albatros between February and July 2025 in St. Helena's waters under a South African registry **did breach areas of non-compliance of the ICCAT Regulations**. The breaches were:

1. Recommendation 23-17. SHG had not notified ICCAT that Ruperts Port had been designated to allow foreign vessel landings, for vessels measuring more than 12m.
2. Recommendation 14-07. SHG did not have an excess agreement with South Africa in relation to the landing of fish by the ST Albatros when registered in South Africa.

The MMO has also confirmed that:

- The breaches fall within the definition of **Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported (IUU)** catch.

Simply put, this confirms that all catches from both the inshore and offshore trips prior to 29th July that were landed, sold locally and exported were in fact, **illegal.** It also implies that the Chief Fisheries Officer (CFO) had knowingly authorised both the local crew and the SHG's observer to go offshore and participate in fishing activities on a **foreign registered, unverified, vessel.**

As St. Helena's signatory to ICCAT there can be no credible excuses on behalf of the CFO for the above breach's when the CFO was directly involved with (1) the excess agreement for the MFV Southern Cross when it fished in our island's waters and (2) the de-registration of the Extractor as a foreign vessel prior to its arrival in St. Helena.

The above breach's and the confirmed IUU status from the MMO were finally shared in a document from SHG to TGFC sent by Minister Thrower on Monday 17th November, some 17-weeks after continued and persistent challenge—challengers TGFC initiated to ensure the integrity of St. Helena's fishery and Marine Protected Area (MPA) in respect of its own proposed venture and its future export of tuna products produced on St. Helena.

Following TGFC alerting the CFO, that during February and July 2025 the ST Albatros was operating in St. Helena's waters whilst broadcasting an incorrect MMSI and Call-sign from its AIS system, SHG also confirms that both the Head of Maritime and the Attorney General's Office have to date, been unable to validate the vessel's identity with South Africa Maritime Safety Authority (SAMSA)—confirmation that the necessary due diligence on the ST Albatros **was not** carried out by either the CFO or the Head of Marine prior to, or during, the 5-month's the vessel undertook fishing operations in St. Helena's waters (both inshore and offshore).

It has also been disclosed that the CFO did not report the ST Albatros's catch to ICCAT in the last quarterly update, but no reason has been given for this as yet. Perhaps related to the retrospective request made by the CFO to the South African authorities on 6th August asking them to accept the catch to their quota—which we know, has been rejected.

A fishery's association to any activity labelled under IUU **(illegal catch)** is the most reputational damaging that any fishery could endure, and St. Helena's association to IUU is a direct result of the lack of due diligence by SHG officers, however, upon repeatedly asking Minister Thrower if accountability or responsibility has been accepted by the CFO and if SHG would offer assurances that the necessary processes have now been put into place to ensure this situation could never happen again, he has declined to respond.

So, it appears that St. Helenians who in good faith bought tuna caught by ST Albatros have been knowingly misled and mis sold and perhaps for the first time in our island's history, our much-love tuna delicacies e.g. fishcakes and mince etc has been made from **illegal, foreign caught fish,** and all because our officials failed in their duty to the community**.**

Does this give reasonable grounds for anyone who was sold or bought tuna caught be ST Albatros to request a full refund and/or compensation for being misled and mis sold **illegal** tuna?







Harford Primary School presents

Baboushka!

A Musical Drama

On

Tuesday, 9th December 2025 at 7pm

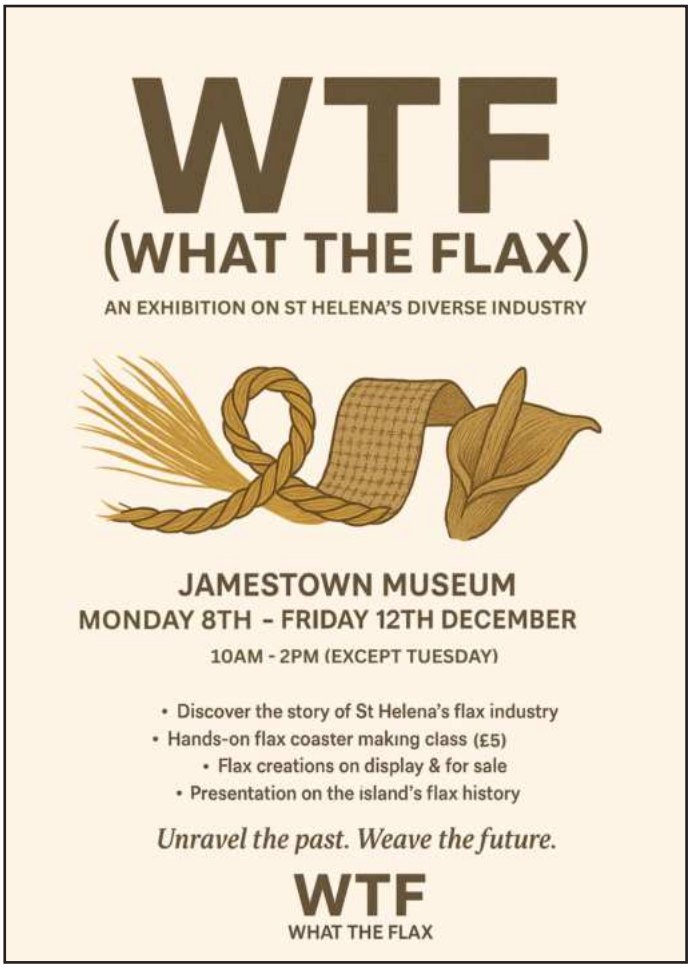
At

St Matthews Church, Hutt's Gate

A collection will be taken and shared between the School and St Matthews Parish.

All are welcome

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Scout Jackpot Draw

The winners of the November Scout Jackpot were as follows:

1st Prize - £100 – Dot Lawrence
Ticket No. 242

2nd Prize - £50 – Marilyn Benjamin
Ticket No. 353

3rd Prize - £25 – Ethel Henry
Ticket No. 314

4th Prize - £25 – Sybil Thomas
Ticket No. 198

The draw for December will take place on 27 December

Remember to have any chance of winning, you must participate.

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

PRESS RELEASE

New Planning Office Mailbox

To improve efficiency and effectiveness, the Planning Office has established a new general email mailbox. This address should be used for **all future email communication** with the Planning Office, including:

- Planning Application Submissions
- Revised Plans/additional information
- Responses to public consultation
- Planning Queries
- Pre-application Enquiries
- Checks re processes for submissions
- Planning Enforcement Matters

All Planning Officers and relevant support staff have access to the General Planning Mailbox and any email sent to the mailbox will be checked and responded to appropriately by officers and/or support staff.

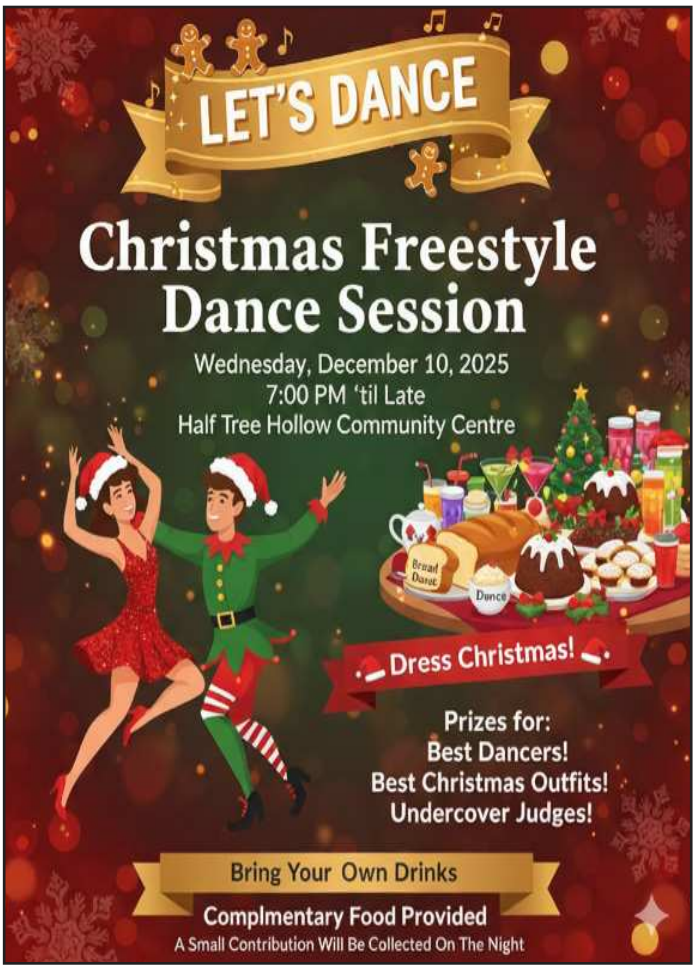
The Planning Office kindly asks the public to no longer send emails to personal or multiple personal email addresses, unless directed to do so.

The new mailbox is planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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02 December 2025

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THANK YOU

St James Church would like to thank Mickey Yon and his band along with the guest Singers for a brilliant performance on Friday evening, thanks is also extended to Stevie McDaniel.

And not forgetting all who came and support this church fundraiser, your support this was very much appreciated.

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

Since 1790

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via 22523 gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 11 December 2025.**

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Works at St Helena Secondary School

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

CS16-2025/26 – Proposed Alterations to Learning Support
CS17-2025/26 – Proposed Toilet Conversion

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 08 December 2025, at 16:00 and at 16:30, meeting at St Helena Secondary School, Francis Plain.

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 Wednesday, 17 December 2025, clearly marked with the tender number.

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

SHG, 26 November 2025

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Resealing of Joints at the Swimming Pool

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

CS15-2025/26 – Proposed Resealing of Joints at the Swimming Pool

A site visit to view the works will take place on Friday, 12 December 2025, at 10:00, meeting at the Swimming Pool, Jamestown.

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 Wednesday, 07 January 2026, clearly marked **"Tender CS15-2025/26"**.

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

SHG, 26 November 2025

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

Education, SKILLS & EMPLOYMENT

INVITATION TO TENDER
PRIMARY SCHOOL RE-ORGANISATION PROJECT

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit a Tender for the main works for the rehabilitation of the infrastructure at Harford School.

CS-1997-SHG – Primary School Re-organisation – Harford Main Works

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: https://intendhost.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, Lesa Davidson, on tel no: 22270 or email : lesa.davisdon@sainthelena.gov.sh

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, and the tender deadline has been set for 12:00 on Wednesday 19 December 2025.

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

SHG, 01 December 2025



Son Keith Johnson, brothers Bert and Donald, nephews David and Simon along with their families of the Late Eleanor Maureen Johnson who passed away at the General Hospital on the 14 November 2025 would like to express their heartfelt thanks to the nurses and doctors who took care of her whilst she was in hospital.

Thank you also to Bishop Dale and Father Ernest for the funeral service and to all those who supported the family with telephone calls, messages, sympathy cards and those who generously gave flowers.

Thanks to Roy Williams and his team for the funeral arrangements, a very special thank you to Karen Thomas for the beautiful wreaths and the Secretariat Department, Solomon & Company for the Service sheets.

Thank you to all her regular visitors and callers who always made her happy, there are too many to mention here but especially Raymond Yon, Joan Phillips, Audrey George and Dulcie Francis who meant so very much to her.

Sincerest thanks to Elsie and Ian Hughes for all your constant and unwavering support throughout the decades.

To Sonia Lawrence, Pam Benjamin, Jenny Thomas and Sandra Sim, we really appreciated all the assistance you gave to our family at this sad time.

To all the carers of the CCC who cared for our Mum Eleanor in Sunnyville who always went the extra mile to make her feel so very welcome and so at home in the months she stayed there; your professionalism and kindness made a huge difference to all of us.

In all our hearts, minds and lives she will always remain - until we meet again our dearest "Auntie" - Rest in Peace

NOTICE BOARD

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Select Committee 1 – Topics for Scrutiny

Select Committee 1 is pleased to announce the two key topics that will be scrutinised early in the new year:

- **Labour Market Strategy**
- **Sustainable Use of Natural Resources and Enhancing Our Natural Capital**

These topics have been selected due to their importance to the long-term well-being, development, and resilience of St Helena. The Committee welcomes contributions from all members of the public to support these inquiries.

We encourage anyone with relevant knowledge, lived experience, data, or professional insight to share their input. Submissions may include observations, case examples, or recommendations that could assist the Committee's work.

Submissions can be sent to the Committee Secretary via email at marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh, or by letter addressed to:
Committee Secretary, Legislative Council Office, The Castle.

All submissions must be received by **4pm on Friday, 9 January 2026**. Your contribution could help shape future policy —thank you for taking part.

Legislative Council, 25 November 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 (on a rota basis) and 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

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

NOTICE BOARD

Thanks from St Paul's Parish

St Paul's Parochial Church Council would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to all those who contributed to the success of their two fundraisers held on the King's Birthday Fun Day and Agricultural show Day, 14th and 15th November respectively.

This was made possible through the generosity, dedication, and voluntary spirit of our parish and wider community. We are most grateful for the donations to our cake stall, our other various stalls and to those who so kindly donated prizes towards our m ulti raffle. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated. The music provided by our DJ Mr Colin Peters filled the day with cheer and fellowship. Your kindness and support not only ensured the success of the event but also strengthened the bonds of friendship and service that lie at the heart of our parish life.

We are deeply appreciative of all who donated, supported, and volunteered. Together, you have shown what can be achieved when a community comes together in faith and goodwill. Thank You and God Bless.

The winners of our multi raffle were as follows:

Bread Maker	Nate Wade	Sheet No 11	Ticket No 16
Ice Cream Maker	Leo Thomas	" 11	" 13
Bottle of Wine	Delia Allen	" 3	" 6
Cake	Diana Roberts	" 2	" 9
Garden Tool Set	Jeffrey Ellick	" 13	" 2
Gents Gift Set	Sharon George	" 4	" 20
Food Hamper	Lucinda Richards	" 7	" 20
6 Pack Beer	Keith Johnson	" 13	" 20
Ladies Scarf	Cynthia Bowers	" 8	" 8
Ladies Gift Set	Logan-Rose Backhouse	" 6	" 5
Face Mask	Thea Beard	" 13	" 4
Chamdor	Patricia Henry	" 7	" 19
Bottle of Wine	Carmen Piek	" 4	" 13
6 Pack Beer	Perry Maggott	" 3	" 7
Pan Protector Set	Shirley Francis	" 6	" 14

What's happening at the God Fathers Rock Club?

5/6th Dec – Private Functions

7th Dec – Carol Singing – Chicken meals and Fish meals on Sale

12th Dec – Fish Fry (the last one for 2025) – on the menu will be Fish n Batter, Boned Conger, Fish and Gravy, Tuna Pasta, Coleslaw, Tossed Salad and Dessert. Music for dancing by Neil Joshua

16th Dec – Christmas Family Bingo

19th Dec – Private Function

22nd Dec – Christmas Ball, tickets for meal sold-out, club open to the public from 9pm – Music by Barry Vanguard.

25th Dec – Christmas Day – family gathering with meals on sale. On the menu will be Beef and Chicken Curries, Rice, Gammon, Chicken, Belly Roll Pork, Sliced Ribeye Steak and Gravy, Potatoes, Mixed Veg, Tossed Salad and Coleslaw, followed by Dessert. Tickets cost £20.00 and children 11 years and under are half price. Call Melvin to book your tickets! Light music in the afternoon from the bar.

31st Dec – Old Years Night. Why not join us to bring in the New Year 2026. All are welcome

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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.

Legislative Council Office Assistant
(£11,604 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity then we would be keen to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anita Legg on Tel No. 22470 or Email: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 07 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

Police Constable
(£13,569 per annum)

A unique and challenging opportunity has arisen for an enthusiastic and dynamic individual, to join the Royal St. Helena Police Service (RSHPS). The Royal St. Helena Police Service covers both Ascension Island and St. Helena and, at full strength, consists of 34 officers. We are seeking to recruit further Police Constables to support current Policing on both Saint Helena and Ascension.

In line with the requirements of the Police Service Ordinance 1985, the post holder must be under the age of 60 on the date of appointment.

Why join us?
Career Progression – Clear pathways for advancement within the Service, with opportunities to specialise and take on supervisory roles.
Training & Development – Access to professional training, accredited courses, and continuous development to help you grow in your policing career.
Salary Advancements – Competitive incremental pay structure as you gain experience and qualifications.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Mark Coombe on Tel No. 22626 or Email: mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh
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Shortlisting date: 12 January 2026
Interview date: 19 January 2026

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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Administration Team Leader

(£13,569 per annum)

The Administration Team Leader will contribute to service delivery by coordinating the daily operations of the Senior Administration Assistants and Administration Assistants within the Administration Support Service operate smoothly, ensuring that all administrative tasks are performed efficiently and effectively to enable the Portfolios to operate smoothly. Located in the Central Support Service but mobile across the Portfolios, this role promotes efficiencies and assists the Senior Administration Team Leader in creating an effective administration service that adapts to the evolving requirements of a contemporary Public Service.

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Enquiries: Carol Henry on Tel No. 22470 or Email: carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
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VACANCY

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Credit Control Officer

Commencing at £13,296 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the new and exciting position of a Credit Control Officer.

The Credit Control Officer will report to the Lending Services Manager and will be responsible for the debt recovery for Bank of St Helena by monitoring loan repayments and unauthorised overdrafts, they will also be responsible for educating and supporting clients to manage their payment options, finding appropriate resolutions to their payment queries or issues and negotiate payments and payment plans with clients.

The position will require the successful candidate to have the ability to identify potential debt risks, be able to work with the Bank's Legal Representative to initiate legal proceedings on non-performing loans via the St Helena Court system, be highly motivated, have a high level of accuracy, and good organisational and time management skills.

In addition, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have experience of working in a customer service environment, and ideally have a qualification in Banking and/or Finance or be willing to work towards one.

Candidates should also possess:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Experience working in Accounts Receivable, Credit Control or similar;
- Ideally having some understanding of legal matters.

Interested persons can contact the Lending Services Manager on + 290 22390 ext 212 or email lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 5 December 2025.

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

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CHRISTMAS BUFFET MENU

STARTER

PRAWN COCKTAIL WITH TAMARIND DRESSING
Prawns, lettuce, and tamarind-spiked Marie Rose sauce, served in a martini glass.

SOUP

ROASTED PUMPKIN & YAM VELOUTÉ
Silky and comforting, combining roasted pumpkin and yam with hints of nutmeg and coconut cream, topped with crispy yam chips.

MAIN PROTEINS

ROAST ISLAND BEEF WITH ROSEMARY & RED WINE JUS
Locally raised beef roasted to perfection, paired with Red wine reduction.

GRILLED TUNA STEAK WITH LEMON BUTTER & PICKLED ONION RELISH
A nod to the island's fishing heritage - meaty tuna fillets lightly grilled, topped with lemon-dill butter and island relish.

SLOW-COOKED PORK BELLY WITH SPICED MANGO GLAZE
Tender, caramelised, and perfectly balanced with sweet mango and aromatic spice.

ROAST TURKEY WITH YAM & HERB STUFFING
Traditional Christmas served with guava-cranberry relish.

BRAISED GOAT CURRY WITH COCONUT & CINNAMON
A fragrant Saint specialty, slow-braised and finished with coconut milk and fresh coriander.

SIDES

ROASTED SWEET POTATO MASH WITH GARLIC & LOCAL HONEY
Smooth, golden, and lightly sweet with a buttery finish.

TURMERIC RICE WITH TOASTED CASHEWS & HERBS
A vibrant golden pilaf gently spiced.

BUTTERED GREEN BEANS & PUMPKIN CHUNKS
Seasonal vegetables sautéed in butter and thyme.

SWEET POTATO CRISPS WITH THYME SALT
Delicately thin crisps, lightly seasoned with sea salt and fresh thyme.

FRESH GARDEN SALAD WITH PASSIONFRUIT VINAIGRETTE
Mixed greens, tomatoes, and cucumber with a bright, tangy dressing.

DESSERTS

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS PUDDING WITH RUM CARAMEL SAUCE
Pudding infused with local rum and dried fruit, served warm with spiced caramel.

COCONUT & PINEAPPLE CHEESECAKE
Creamy, tropical, and luxurious, on a ginger biscuit base.

BANANA TOFFEE TART
Ripe Saint Helena bananas layered with toffee cream and chocolate shavings.

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You Define Your Banking Experience

Online banking , provides access to your accounts, pay bills, and move money safely, right from your phone or computer.

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Banking with a card makes handling your money much more convenient, giving you easy access to your funds, all with bank-level security.





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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

VACANCY NOTICE

Social Worker

Total Package value up to £44,950 per annum

(comprising salary of up to £27,772 per annum + food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits – details below)

About the role

The Ascension Island Government is currently seeking a qualified and experienced Social Worker to lead the delivery of social care services in a truly unique environment. This is a high-impact, autonomous role within a remote island community in the South Atlantic, where you'll provide essential safeguarding and welfare services across both children's and adults' social care. Working collaboratively with local services and supported by off-island professional supervision, you'll play a vital role in promoting community wellbeing and ensuring effective statutory support is in place for those most in need.

What you'll do

As the island's only Social Worker, you'll take on a wide-ranging and varied caseload, delivering responsive support that meets the diverse needs of individuals and families. You'll lead on safeguarding investigations, manage risk, and coordinate multi-agency responses to complex cases. Your day to day work will involve assessments, care planning, outreach visits, and offering practical support in areas such as mental health, domestic abuse, child protection, and adult vulnerability. You'll also contribute to local policy development, deliver training and awareness sessions, and act as an advisor to the Ascension Island Safeguarding Children's Board.

What you'll bring

You'll be a qualified Social Worker, registered with Social Work England (or equivalent), with substantial experience applying UK social care legislation, statutory guidance, and best practice. This may have been gained in a UK setting or through equivalent international roles where UK frameworks were directly applied. You'll be confident working independently, with sound judgement, strong communication, and a trauma-informed approach. Resilient and adaptable, you'll build trust quickly and be focused on ensuring individuals and families receive the support they need in a remote setting.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £27,772 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth up to £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,850 single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays)
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free schooling for dependant children from 4 to 16 years.
- Free annual travel insurance
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Closing date: 05 January 2026
Interviews: Week Commencing 05 January 2026 (via video link if off island)
Start date: As soon as possible
For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: https://www.ascension.gov.ac/vacancy/social-worker-5
If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

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The Azamara Journey is expected to arrive at St Helena on Friday 12 December 2025 at 8am and depart at 6pm.

SHE IS CARRYING:

700 PASSENGERS **AND** **400** CREW

DID YOU KNOW?

For as little as* £11 a month you can purchase Hire & Reward Insurance – the 'Taxi Cover'.

*Premiums calculated on Engine Size and range from <1400cc at £11 to 6000cc at £26

A Fee of £26.50 will also be payable to SHG, to upgrade your current Private Road License to a Public Service License and will run the length of your current license until your next MOT

SCHEDULED STOPS FOR PRE-ARRANGED ISLAND SCENIC TOURS ARE:

- Two Gun Saddle
- Stitches Ridge
- Napoleon's Tomb
- Plantation House
- Napoleon's House (Longwood Green)
- Ladder Hill Viewing Platform

OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

These scheduled stops, along with prime spots in Jamestown (for those walking around), provide open opportunities for sales and promotions

Set up a Refreshment Stand...Bring along your Locally Made Souvenirs...

Contribute to the Visitor Experience!

Be Friendly

Be Prepared *(show off your Local Knowledge)*

Be Organised

Be Flexible *(changes may be required due to sea conditions)*



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HOLIDAY OPENING HOURS
St Helena Main Branch

Wednesday, 24 December	9am - 12pm
Thursday 25 & Friday 26 December	Closed
Saturday, 27 December	9am - Noon
Monday, 29 December	9am - 1pm
Tuesday, 30 December	Closed
Wednesday, 31 December	9am - 1pm
Thursday, 1 January	Closed
Friday, 2 January	9am - 3pm

Please Note:
International Remittance Services will be accepted up to an hour before closing on 24th, 27th, 29th and 31st December.

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

New Bridge Deck Installation & Refurbishment Works

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

CS-1989-SHG – New Bridge Deck Installation & Refurbishment Works

A site visit to view the works will take place at 09:00 on Monday, 08 December 2025, meeting at New Bridge, Jamestown.

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 through 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, 16 December 2025, clearly marked **"Tender CS-1989-SHG"**.

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

SHG
01 December 2025



PLANTATION HOUSE CHRISTMAS FAIR

SUNDAY 7th December 2025

* A Fundraising event 1pm to 5pm
* Various traditional crafts, confectionary & Christmas stalls
* Ice cream van, Mulled Wine & Mince Pies and lots more
* Photo Shoot with Santa
* Face Painting, Nail Painting & Kiddies Scavenger Hunt
* Colin Peters will provide music to entertain you throughout the afternoon
  - Hot Food on sale:
  - Melvin Benjamin with various curries
  - Other Hot Tasty food
  - The Dook's will serve afternoon teas/coffees and confectionary
  - Amphibians Bar facilities who will also be selling hot food
  - You can relax on the lawn with your afternoon tea/Drink

Come & and support this fund raising event

Entrance fee – Adults £1.00, children 10 years to 15 years 50p under 10 years free

If you like to book a stall or require further details, please contact Debbie Yon on 24453 or 61883 or email ph.resmanager@helanta.co.sh



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 06 December 2025 at 8:30am

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 07 December 2025 at *10:00am*

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

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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.

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PROJECT MANAGEMENT OFFICE

PRESS RELEASE

SHG Launches Next Phase of Wastewater Management Project

St Helena Government (SHG), working alongside Connect St Helena, has released tender documents for the fabrication and installation of two new wastewater treatment plants at the proposed locations located of The Guns, Ladder Hill and The Sand Yard, Jamestown marking a significant step forward in upgrading the Island's wastewater infrastructure.

This marks an exciting step forward in modernising the island's wastewater infrastructure. The new plants will support improved environmental protection, strengthen public health outcomes, and ensure more sustainable wastewater management for our communities.
This project forms part of the £30 million Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), funded by the UK Government. Through EDIP, SHG remains committed to delivering essential infrastructure upgrades that improve quality of life and support St Helena's long-term development

Please see us at the Canister on Thursday, 11 December 2025, to chat about the wastewater systems—we'll be there from 09:00 to 13:00.

For further information on this project, please send enquiries to: Richard.Wotton@sainthelena.gov.sh.



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SPORTS ARENA

Arthur Young Triumphs in Peter Francis Memorial Challenge

Thrilling playoff drama marks St Helena Golf Club's prestigious event



SHGC, Contributed

On Sunday, 30 November, the St Helena Golf Club hosted the Peter Francis Memorial Challenge, proudly sponsored by Richard James International. Ideal golfing conditions prevailed throughout the round, setting the stage for an exciting contest.

Arthur Young emerged victorious, finishing at the top of the leaderboard with a superb 63, claiming the trophy and first prize. He edged out Bramwell Bushuru, who posted an impressive 65, by just two strokes.

The battle for third place was intense as Laura Buckley and Douglas Augustus tied on 67, alongside Tony Green, who was absent for the playoff. After a dramatic playoff that saw the 18th hole played twice and the 1st hole twice, Laura Buckley clinched third place on the fourth playoff hole. Laura also secured Nearest to Pin and Longest Drive honors for the ladies, while Lawson Henry claimed Longest Drive for the gents and Freddy Thomas took Nearest to Pin.

Prizes were presented by Eddy Bowers, representing the sponsor. The club extends its sincere gratitude to Richard James International for their generous support.

Looking ahead, on Sunday, 7 December, the club will host the final round of the Turkey and Ham Series for 2025, played in Stableford format. Registration closes on Saturday, 6 December at 1 pm.

The club also wishes to apologise for an omission in last week's report: Leroy Caswell was among the sponsors of the SHGC Players Championship and has supported the event since its inception. We regret the oversight.

Finally, please note that the Annual Dinner and Dance, originally scheduled for Friday, 5 December, has been postponed until further notice. We apologize for any inconvenience caused.

Happy swinging!





BALLZY CHAMPIONS *YET AGAIN*

ST HELENA WOMEN'S SPORTS ASSOCIATION

ROUNDERS LEAGUE TABLE

POSITION	TEAM	GP	W	L	D	PTS	ROUNDERS
1	BALLZY LADIES	6	5		1	17	174
2	INCREDIBLES	6	5		1	17	161.5
3	BATTITUDE	6	4	2		14	111
4	BALLBUSTERS	6	3	3		12	74
5	FIREBALLS	6	2	4		10	70
6	THUNDERBATS	6	1	5		8	54
7	FUSION	6		6		6	46



Cruz Williams
Player of the tournament X2
Fantasy Player of the year
Outstanding Player award X3
Top Goal Scorer of the tournament
Player of the season



Ephrem Stroud
Goalkeeper of the tournament
Goal keeper of the season



Golden Gladiators
5 a side League Winners



Tyler Anthony
Top Goal scorer of the tournament
Player of the tournament, Fantasy Player of the year
Player of the season, Top Goal Scorer of the season



Jacob Benjamin
Goal Keeper of the Tournament x 3
Fantasy Goalkeeper of the year
Goal keeper of the season



Harry Winfield
Top Goal Scorer & Player of the Knockout

The presentation then got underway, recognizing both team achievements and individual honours throughout the season's competitions, as well as overall season-end awards for the best goalkeepers, top goalscorers, and players of the season; both male and female.

A special presentation was also made by representatives of Brian's Tyres who sponsored lower-age side Young Gunners this season; where a donation of merchandise and a special trophy was presented, donated by none other than Arsenal Football Club.

The fantasy teams of the season were also recognized, which has become a tradition at the end of each season, where the organisers select their pick of players to form the overall team of the season in each age bracket.

To conclude, Scott thanked all for their support throughout another successful season and said he looks forward to going again next year.



Kayden Leo
Top Goal Scorer 9 a side League



Upper age Fantasy Team of the Year



Lower age Fantasy Team of the Year



Kian Stroud
Joint Top Goal scorer 5 a side League
Outstanding Player award 9 a side League
Outstanding Player award 5 a side League
Player of the Tournament 5 a side League
Fantasy Player award



Callum O'dean
Goal Keeper of the Tournament for the Knockout & 9 a side League



Holly Bennett Lower age Female Player of the Season
Bethany Bennett Upper age Female Player of the Season



Lamar Peters
Joint Top Goal scorer for 5 a side tournament
Outstanding Player award
Fantasy Player of the year

SPORTS ARENA



Rumblers
Lower age Knockout Champions
Lower age 9 a side League Winners
Lower age 5 a side League Runners Up

New Horizons Junior Football Season concludes with Presentation

Liam Yon, SAMS

Another successful Junior Football Season has come to an end on St Helena with the New Horizons hosting the final matches and presentation on Saturday over at Francis Plain.

Being the last day of the 2025 season, the New Horizons pulled out all the stops, with hot food, drinks, music and more all setup for the large crowd that had gathered to watch the 9-a-side Knockout Finals and Third-Place Playoffs.

With the atmosphere primed off the field, the action on the pitch did not disappoint; the matches being nothing short of exhilarating, with two out of the four fixtures needing a penalty shootout to decide the winners, including a nail-biting Lower-Age Final between Rumblers and Young Gunners, which included all the drama you would expect of a World Cup Final.

In the end, it was the Rumblers and the Black Mambas who would emerge as the lower age and upper age 9-a-side Knockout Champions, respectively.

Following the matches, everyone gathered to witness the presentation of trophies, with Director of New Horizons, Scott Crowie, welcoming all and thanking the sponsors of this year's junior season.



Black Mambas
9 a side League Champions
5 a side Knockout Winners
5 a side League Runners Up



Young Gunners
Lower age 5 a side League Champions
Lower age Knockout Runners-Up
Lower age 9 a side League Runners up