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Anita Robbertse, SAMS

"You will hear of wars and rumours of wars... There will be famines and earthquakes in various places." (Matt 24:6 & 7 parafrased)

This sounds like something you might hear on the news today. With all of the war and unrest in the world and other natural disasters, things might feel a bit out of control and overwhelming.

On our island we can feel isolated and protected, but world events do affect us. We can see that in the rising cost of living and sometimes even with shortages of certain goods.

Even though this is true, we remain quite sheltered when it comes to the direct effects of disasters and unrest like people losing their homes, being displaced, injured and starving. Let's take a moment to be grateful for all we have and all the daily blessings.

This leads into what I want to leave you with today as I have truly had enough of entitlement, a trend worldwide, but also here on our little piece of paradise. For some people, enough is never enough. There is always something else that they complain about, criticize and feel discontented and negative about. I try to avoid negativity in my life as much as possible, but the faceless victimisation of others on social media and other media platforms are taking over to such a degree that it is virtually unavoidable.

Now I do agree that everyone is entitled to an opinion, but just because you have one, there is no need to share it with the world! There are ways and means to solve issues in a constructive way without dragging a whole community into personal vendettas.

I'll leave you with a quote by a wise man (my husband Deon :)) "If you have nothing good to say, rather say nothing at all." I wish you all a positive and edifying week.

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ST HELENA NEWS

Stay Vigilant

Caution advised after rocks reportedly fall at the Wharf



Liam Yon, SAMS

SHG advised last Friday that they had received reports of rocks falling between Coleyard and Needle's Eye at the Jamestown Landing Steps.

They add that, while the area remains accessible, swimmers are advised to enter the water at their own risk, before advising anyone in the area to stay vigilant and remain alert to their surroundings, looking out for any further rock movement whilst they are there.

If any rockfalls are witnessed, SHG are urging witnesses to report these immediately to the Joint Emergency Services Control Centre via 22626 or 999.

The add that a further assessment will be conducted this week.



SHG are asking people in the area to stay vigilant

Isolated, but not Immune

St Helena to be affected as Middle East conflict causes SA fuel prices to soar



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena's isolation often feels like a blessing and a curse. While it presents many challenges, from medical cases where treatment is not readily available to supply logistics to bring essential goods to the Island, it also means we are well away from the dangers of the outside world, including during times of conflict.

However, while we can feel safe on our little haven in the South Atlantic, we are not immune to the effects of war – as we saw with the conflict in Ukraine when fuel prices, among other costs, increased significantly.

Currently, the Middle East is engulfed in a high-intensity regional war. What began as a localised conflict has transformed into a direct confrontation between a US-Israeli coalition and Iran, alongside its regional allies.

On February 28, the US and Israel launched a massive aerial campaign against Iran, targeting military infrastructure, nuclear sites, and leadership. The strikes killed Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, and dozens of senior IRGC officials. Iran has responded with waves of ballistic missiles and drones targeting Israel and US bases in Qatar, Bahrain, Jordan, Kuwait, and the UAE, while they have effectively closed the Strait of Hormuz, a vital shipping lane which handles 20% of global oil; this has triggered a global energy shock and a sharp rise in oil prices.

South Africa - where St Helena gets most of its supplies, including fuel - is as a net importer of oil, and therefore, the country is facing immediate economic pressure through rising costs and logistical bottlenecks due to the ongoing conflict, which has injected what has been described as "extreme volatility into global energy markets" with Brent crude prices surging past $100 per barrel this month.

As such, South Africa has already seen an increase in fuel prices in early March, with diesel rising by approximately 62 to 65 cents per litre. Looking ahead, experts from the Central Energy Fund (CEF) warn of a "steep" increase in April, with 95-octane petrol potentially rising by over R5 per litre. Additionally, jet fuel prices have also soared, directly impacting the travel and tourism sectors.

In terms of food products, farmers in South Africa are said to be facing a "double blow" as the cost of diesel (used for machinery) and fertiliser (80% of which is imported, much from the Middle East) has spiked, with fertiliser prices having reportedly risen by 35% since late February. In addition, because over 80% of South African freight moves by road, higher diesel costs are being passed directly to consumers at the grocery till.

What all this means is that St Helena - who imports the majority of its goods, including fuel, from South Africa - will very likely feel the knock-on effect of what is happening there and, as such, the cost of living on St Helena looks set to increase even further with fuel and food products likely to be on the rise soon.

This will be of major concern to Island residents who admittedly already find it difficult to navigate the high costs on St Helena.

With St Helena Government having committed to exploring measures to assist low-income households with the cost of living pressures on the Island as it stands, the expectation of further rising costs due to global conflict will mean this workstream will need to be sped-up and given extra attention in order for Island residents to cope. SHG and Island leaders will no doubt be aware of this evolving concern.

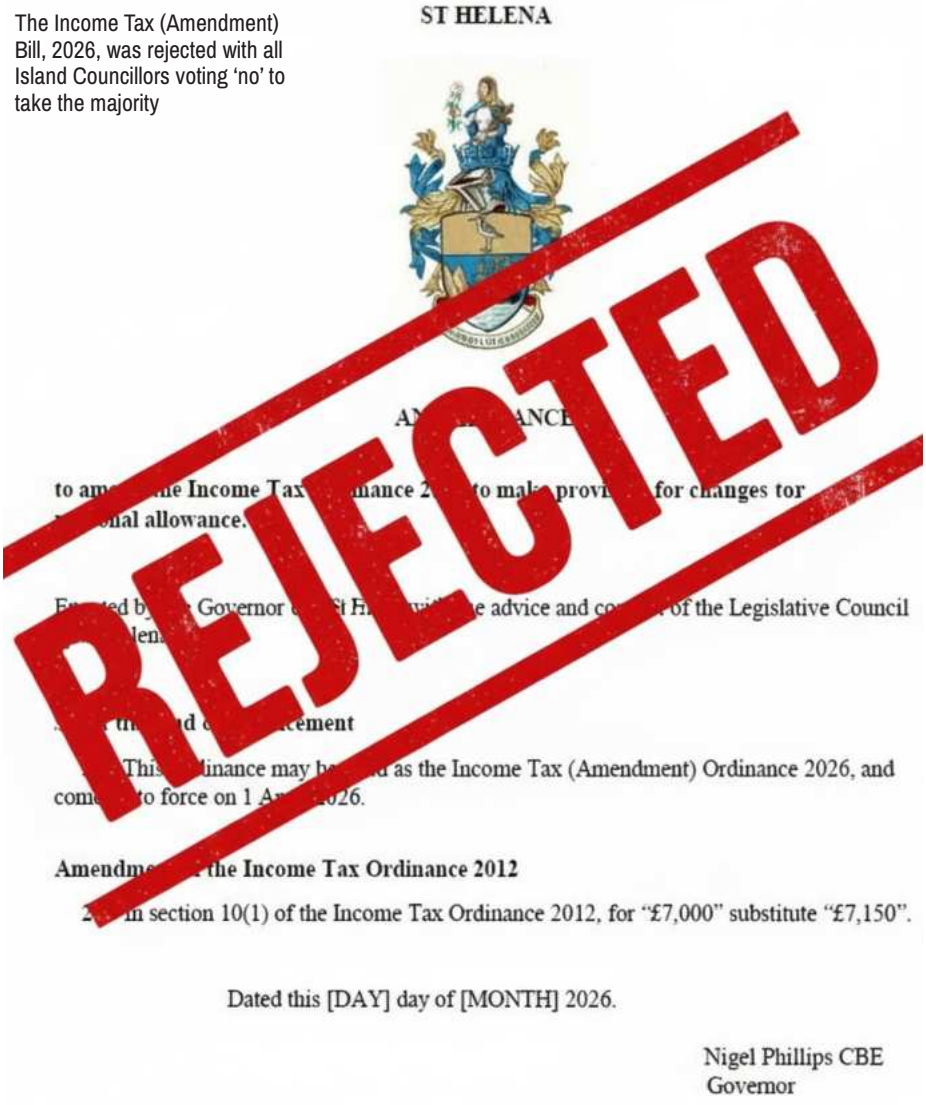
In terms of the Middle East conflict, while US President, Donald Trump, has floated the possibility of negotiations, the Iranian leadership has so far rejected direct talks following the assassination of Khamenei, meaning an end to this war is not yet in sight.


Devestating conflict continues in the Middle East

ST HELENA NEWS

No Changes to Income Tax Threshold

"Ministers disappointed" say SHG after Income Tax (Amendment) Bill is not passed with Island Councillors unanimously voting 'no' during Formal LegCo



The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2026, was rejected with all Island Councillors voting 'no' to take the majority

Liam Yon, SAMS

All members of the Legislative Council, bar Cllr Dennis Leo who was off-Island, met in the Council Chamber over two days last week for their fifth Formal Meeting and the final session before the end of the 2025/26 financial year.

While there was much to discuss over the two sittings, in the lead up to the meeting, there was one piece of legislation in particular that drew plenty of interest – that being the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill, which aimed to adjust the Income Tax Threshold on St Helena for the first time in 14 years, from £7,000 to £7,150 in line with inflation.

It had been made clear in the week prior to the meeting that this decision had been taken solely by the Ministerial Team, with Island Councillors not in agreement with the proposal. Instead, Councillors had given support to an increase of the threshold to, at least, £7,500, as detailed in a 'collective statement' they issued following publication of the Bill.

Public meetings were quickly held to gauge the views of the community prior to the paper being presented at Formal LegCo, with Councillors wanting to ensure that whatever decision they took represented the views of their constituents.

At the Formal Meeting, during the second sitting on Friday, Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks presented the Bill and put forward the Motion, with the Bill then being discussed by a committee of the whole Council. It was here, when the six Councillors in attendance stood by their decision not to support the proposal, and as such, when prompted by Madam Speaker, voted 'no' to the Bill, with their six votes outnumbering the five votes in favour of the Bill, provided by each of the Ministers.

"For the vote, we have six no's and five yes's; this means the Bill has not passed the committee stage, therefore the Motion falls away," confirmed Madam Speaker, Maureen Thompson following the vote. What this means is that the proposed amendment to the Income Tax Ordinance was not passed and, therefore, there will be no change to the current £7,000 tax threshold for the next financial year.

Some of the reasons cited for the lack of support by Councillors included what was described as "the fairness gap" whereby the proposal would, because of the structure of St Helena's tax system, see more savings go into the pocket of higher wage earners on the Island than those on lower salaries – defeating the primary purpose of the Bill to assist low-income households.

Another argument by Councillors was that there were better alternative options that were ignored which would've seen significantly more money being saved by the working population at a lower relative cost to SHG. It was added that the £150 increase which worked out to around 75p per week savings for most low-income earners was a "meaningless correction" to solve the issues of increased costs over the 14 years that the threshold has remained stagnant at £7,000, with the term "drop in the ocean" being used by Councillor Julie Thomas to describe the proposal.

Another point raised was that, according to Councillors, the funds collected from income tax and fees as detailed in the 2025/26 Supplementary Estimates (just short of £700k) suggests that an £8,000 tax threshold is affordable for SHG to implement and would represent a quicker and more meaningful change



The Income Tax (Amendment) Bill was discussed during Formal Legislative Council (photo is from a previous meeting)

than yearly "inflationary tweaks" - as was the plan of Ministers.

These suggested smaller annual uplifts to protect from inflation was also something that Councillors felt presented a risk of empty promises to the public with SHG unable to make a commitment on them, despite it being the intention of Ministers to implement these in future years.

Later in the Formal Meeting, during the adjournment debate, Ministers expressed their disappointment that the Bill was not approved and, following the meeting, SHG quickly issued a Press Release where, again, disappointment was expressed.

"At today's sitting of the Legislative Council, the Income Tax (Amendment) Bill 2026, brought forward by the Chief Minister, was not passed," said SHG. "Ministers expressed disappointment at this outcome, as the Bill would have delivered the first uplift to the personal tax-free allowance in 14 years."

They add that "the proposed amendment aimed to provide immediate relief to taxpayers through an inflationary increase to the personal allowance, recognising the limited timeframe for changes that must be in place by 1 April," before noting how, "as tax adjustments cannot be made mid-year, the proposal represented the most practical and timely route to offering short term support to the public."

The Chief Minister also added a comment to the Press Release. "This government wants to increase the personal allowance to £7,500," she noted. "Believe me when I say that I would have loved to be able to do that this year. But it was just not affordable."

Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks alluded to the "over 20 different options" that were explored by Ministers, however noted that "in reality, there was not enough time to be able to have a sufficiently robust assessment of the impacts of more complex options, like introducing a new tax band or changing the higher rate of tax."

To conclude, it was noted how Ministers acknowledged "that there are differing views on how best to provide support and expressed respect for the role of Elected Members in this process," however they are disappointed with the result on Friday.

"The outcome means that the opportunity to protect the real value of the tax-free allowance will not be realised this year," concluded SHG, before reaffirming that "the Government remains focused on supporting residents and will continue to seek responsible and sustainable ways to ease financial pressures on households."

Councillors have spoken further on their reasons for rejecting the Bill during this week's Island Pulse radio programme which will air again this evening at 7.30pm. Alternatively, check out the latest Island Pulse article in this edition of The Sentinel.

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"Findings will be made public"

Governor announces "independent investigation" into Airport Major Incident



St Helena Airport will be subject to an independent investigation soon

Liam Yon, SAMS

On Friday, HE Governor Nigel Phillips make the expected announcement, on behalf of the Executive Council, that "an independent investigation" into the reasons behind St Helena's Airport closure to commercial air services between 5 and 17 February 2026 is set to be undertaken; the first step being for St Helena Government (SHG) to appoint a suitable independent contractor.

"Intended to establish the root cause and learn lessons to prevent future recurrence, a selection exercise will be taken forward to identify a suitable, independent contractor to undertake the investigation," explained SHG, who noted that "this will also determine the cost of the investigation." This contracting is being taken forward by SHG themselves.

Detailing the purpose of the investigation, they say it "will focus on understanding why all three fire tenders developed similar faults within a matter of weeks of each other."

In terms of how this will be done, SHG placed onus on the appointed investigator/s "to decide who they wish to talk to and what they wish to examine," adding that "it is likely that they will want to review commissioning, usage, servicing and maintenance, consumables and other areas to build a comprehensive understanding."

According to SHG, it is important that the scope of the investigation is "proportionate and relevant" and that the findings should provide valuable knowledge ahead of the delivery and commissioning of the new airport fire tenders, as recently announced, which are expected "later in the year."

To conclude, SHG say they "are grateful to St Helena Airport Ltd and other partners for their co-operation in this matter," adding that once the investigation is complete, the findings will be considered before deciding on the necessity of any further work.

In addition, it was made clear that "a summary of the findings will be made public, ensuring transparency" with a further update expected "once an investigator has been appointed and the timescales for reporting better understood."

Recently, the Chair and Non-Executive Directors of St Helena Airport Ltd publicly expressed their support for any investigation that will take place at the Airport, as all parties work collectively to ascertain what went wrong prior to the Airport closure and, following on, to potentially implement any recommendations to avoid recurrence and improve resiliency for the future.



The investigation will focus on why all three fire tenders developed similar faults


Servicing and maintenance will likely be reviewed

"Show Commitment to Protecting the Planet"

Earth Hour 2026 to be celebrated on St Helena as part of global initiative



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

On Saturday, 28 March, Earth Hour will be celebrated globally.

On St Helena, the National Trust, in collaboration with St Helena Tourism, are calling on the community to participate in promoting this cause.

Earth Hour is a global environmental movement organised by the World Wildlife Foundation (WWF) to encourage individuals, communities, and businesses to give an hour for Earth. This initiative is marked by the switching off of non-essential electric lights, electronic devices and appliances, for one hour from 8:30pm to 9:30pm.

During this time, participants are encouraged to take video clips to show the impact of this initiative in their area and to share these clips with the National trust or the Tourist office. All video clips received will then be collated to produce a visual record of the celebration of this event on St Helena as the WWF encourage all observing the event to share actions on social media using the official hashtags to promote environmental awareness (available on their website).

Apart from switching off lights during this time, participants are also encouraged to take a walk in a park or natural space to immerse yourself in nature, bringing about a sense of enjoyment and comfort whilst also spending time away from electronic devices. Other activities suggested during this time include low-energy activities such as dinner in the dark, stargazing, or candlelit gatherings.

The theme for this year's Earth Hour is 'Celebrating 20 years of action, focusing on nature conservation, protecting forests and seas, and fostering a sustainable future.'

Martina Peters from St Helena's National Trust encouraged all on St Helena to show their support for this cause. "The idea is quite simple," she said. "Switch off your lights for one hour and show your commitment to protecting the planet. Although St Helena is quite small, it is a good way to recognise that the small choices, when multiplied across the globe, can create a meaningful change."

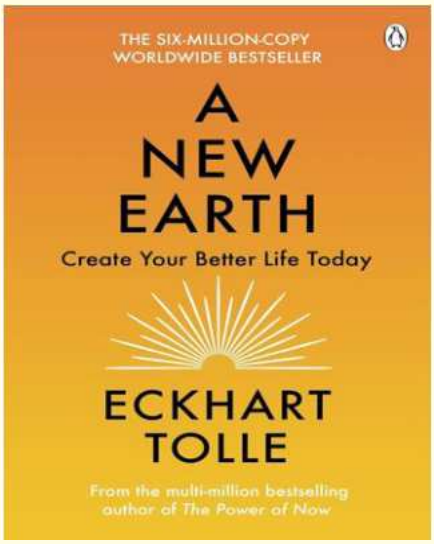
It is hoped that this initiative will again put the spotlight on burning issues such as climate change, biodiversity loss and also the importance of protecting natural resources.

In addition to the switching off of lights on Saturday night, the National Trust and St Helena Tourism are also encouraging the public to make an environmental pledge on a pledge board that will be on display at either of the two offices in Jamestown.

These pledges will encompass a more general environmental commitment and could include anything (for example, a pledge to reduce single-use plastic, or planting a tree in the Millennium Forest or even to car-share to cut down on emissions). Pledge boards will also be taken around to schools to facilitate the participation of the island's young people to contribute as they are the future of the island.

Book of the Week

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Saving the Best for Last

New record set as Ryan Stramrood completes around the Island swim in under 17 hours as the final competitor of Open Water Africa's Ultra Marathon Swims



Ryan at the Landing Steps with partner Leigh just before starting his swim

Liam Yon, SAMS

Last week, the third and final competitor in Open Water Africa's (OWA) Ultra Marathon Swim Challenge around St Helena, South African's Ryan Stramrood, took on the 47km challenge; completing it in an incredibly quick 16hrs 50mins and 42secs, setting a new record time, finishing around 23 minutes quicker than the previous best time set by Croatia's Dina Levacic.

52-yr-old Ryan is an established open water swimmer, having swam the English Channel and South Africa's False Bay, alongside an incredible 146 crossings from Robben Island to Big Bay, Cape Town.

He arrived to the Island, alongside his biggest supporter, partner Leigh de Necker, just days before taking on the challenge and with the recent successful swims by compatriot, Angus McPherson, and the first to complete the challenge, Dina Levacic, fresh in his mind and acting as inspiration ahead of his own attempt.

After meeting the main organiser, OWA's Howard James, and being introduced to the pilot crews from the Enchanted Isle and Seahawk Odyssey, Ryan's plan came together and, at around midnight on Wednesday, 18 March, he dived into the water at the Jamestown Wharf to take on one of the toughest endurance swims of his career.

Just like those who came before, Ryan swam unassisted; with just swimming trunks, a single silicone hat and goggles aiding his swim as per the traditional rules of open water swimming. With each passing hour he made excellent progress, supported by Johnny and crew of the Enchanted Isle, the two Jamie's and crew of Seahawk Odyssey, and crucially by his partner, Leigh, who helped Ryan push through the immense physical toll of the swim and tap into the mentality needed to persevere and push through tough moments.

As always, formal observer, Howard James, watched closely to monitor and track specific data to present to the World Open Water Swimming Association for ratification; including, alongside the time of the swim, Ryan's stroke rate and fluid intake as well as water temperature and wind direction at various points around St Helena's rugged coastline.

After a gruelling 16-hour 50-minute 42-second swim, Ryan returned to the landing steps to complete his circumnavigation and stop the clock, becoming the fastest person to swim around St Helena Island in an incredible showing.

The record setter himself took to Social Media to provide a quick response to his achievement just after finishing on Thursday evening, 19 March. "I did it!" he posted. "Third person to successfully circumnavigate St Helena Island, and the fastest



Ryan set a new record time of 16h50m42s



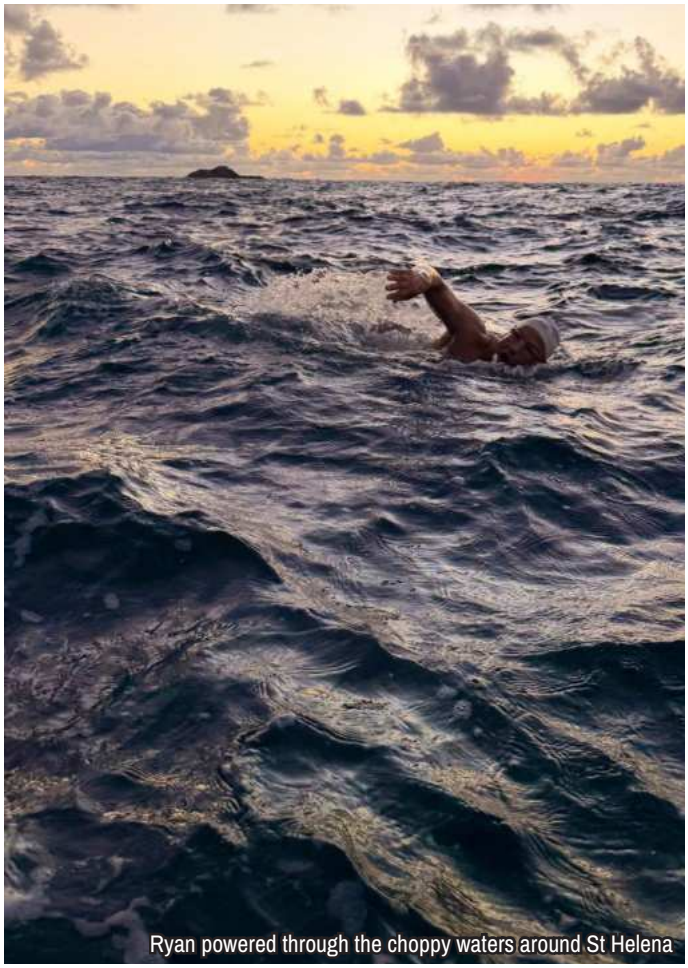
Pilots crews kept a keen eye on Ryan during the exhausting swim

at an unratified 48kms in 16h50min. A fuller debrief will follow, but it was beyond brutal and I'm broken in body and mind. It's a long way and it was rough. The support from Leigh, Howard, Jamie Essex, Jamie Yon, Johnny, plus their incredible crew, was superb!"

A massive congratulations to Ryan, the fastest person to swim around St Helena Island; a true ultra-marathon swimming challenge. This now brings to an end the three swims organised by Open Water Africa, with each entrant making history; Dina was the first person to complete the swim and remains the only and fastest lady to do it, Angus was the first man to complete the swim and remains the oldest person to do it, and Ryan, of course, is the fastest to ever do it!

A massive well done to all three of these swimming superstars and also to the organisers and crews that made it happen. Open Water Africa wanted to put St Helena in the spotlight, and they have certainly done so with loads of media coverage globally on the swims that took place.

No doubt, we look forward to the next round when, hopefully, more competitors will look to take on what is quickly becoming one of the flagship events and toughest challenges in open water swimming on the planet!



Ryan powered through the choppy waters around St Helena

SELECT COMMITTEE 1

LIVE HEARING

MONDAY 30 MARCH 2026

The public are advised that the Select Committee 1 live hearing originally scheduled for Monday 16 February 2026, will now take place on Monday 30 March 2026 at 9am in the Council Chamber, The Castle.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comprehensive updates from the relevant Ministers and Portfolio Directors regarding progress made against recommendations arising from previous inquiries.

On this occasion, the committee will discuss recommendations from the following inquiries:

09:00am - Inquiry 2	ENRP: Farming Support, Land Use Review and Poultry Production (Day Old Chicks / Incubation Unit).
09:45am - Inquiry 1	ENRP and H&SC: Fisheries – A Cross-Functional Review
10:30am - Inquiry 3	H&SC: Provision of Facilities and Services

The event is open to the public, and proceedings will be broadcast live on SAMS Radio 1.

Legislative Council, 23 March 2026

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

Maritime Matters

Maritime concerns discussed by Minister Brooks and members of the SSHA team while also giving feedback on MQT questions.



Opening ceremony of the new Maritime Centre

Anita Robbertse, SAMS

During the latest 'In the Know' program, hosted by Ministers, Gillian Brooks, Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs, invited Wendy Benjamin and Alex Mitham from her portfolio to share some information with the public.

Wendy is currently the Capacity Building Support Officer for the Maritime section. Last week, the Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA) paid a visit to the island and Wendy took the opportunity to give some feedback. In 2022, at the Red Ensign Group (REG) conference, concerns were raised regarding the decline in the number of persons pursuing a career in the Maritime Industry. This is a concerning state of affairs as a lot of the world's trade and travel is by sea, making this a critical industry. In the light of these concerns, the MCA decided to embark on a capacity building project across all of the Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies to increase the interest in the industry.

St Helena has a close affiliation with the sea due to our strong maritime history where a lot of our industry, culture, traditions and livelihoods are intertwined with the ocean. Until recent years, the maritime industry played a prominent role on the island before the opening of the airport brought along a shift in focus. In the 1970's, the late Captain Whatley delivered maritime lessons at the Secondary Selective School. He would facilitate theory lessons on a Monday afternoon and then on Friday's would take his students out on the lifeboat at the time to provide some practical experience. During the early 90's, Maritime was still part of the curriculum at the Secondary school, with a dedicated maritime centre, vessel (the Lady Sara) and maritime teachers. "Unfortunately maritime was removed from the curriculum because of a lack of available teachers," related Wendy. The RMS used to provide a lot of opportunities for those interested in pursuing a maritime career, but, with her decommissioning, careers in the Maritime industry are not as prevalent on island as it used to be.

In a survey conducted by the Maritime Team among Year 10/11 students on-island, it was found that many of them were unaware of the types of careers available in the maritime industry. Some children in the primary schools confuse maritime and marine related matters with many of the younger ones even unfamiliar with the RMS and St Helena's maritime history. This highlighted to the team how much work there was to be done to promote the maritime industry and career opportunities in this sector.

The aim of the capacity building initiative initiated by the MCA is to create viable, sustainable career pathways for young adults on St Helena by assessing, enhancing and expanding maritime education and training opportunities, ensuring alignment with industry needs and long-term workforce development. The importance of the maritime industry on St Helena is directly linked to some of the drivers of economic development identified on the island residing firmly within the sphere of this industry, specifically with reference to marine tourism and the fisheries industry as set out in the strategic agenda.

To promote safe fishing at the seamounts, it is critical to grow the capacity of qualified skippers and boat operators. In addition, it is critical to promote sea-based tourist activities by ensuring we have sufficient and competent boat handlers. To facilitate safety in our Maritime Section, it is critical to build capacity on St Helena in this industry. Even the work of the



Opening ceremony of the new Maritime Centre


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Marine Section is largely dependent on capacity within the Maritime Section as well as the ability to fulfil our international obligations like the Triple I code and the Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) and requirements of St Helena's Merchant Shipping Ordinance. "So we need people with maritime knowledge and experience to be able to meet our obligations to do this. If we want our shipping registry to grow, we need people with maritime experience and we need qualified surveyors and inspectors," said Wendy.

With the support of the MCA and the UK government, the role of Capacity Building Support Officer was created to let young people on the island know that there is opportunities available to have a career in the Maritime Industry. The SSHA portfolio (Sea Rescue, Port Control and Maritime Authority) and the Education section are working closely together to promote awareness through various events and initiatives.

During the visit of Dutch Topsail Schooner, Oosterschelde, last year, students of St Helena Secondary School (SHSS) had the opportunity to go aboard the ship and have a look at what it entails to be a sailor, while primary students were treated to a boat ride around the Tall Ship. A presentation was delivered to Year 10/11 students to promote maritime careers, while a survey among Year 10 to 13 students strove to ascertain their views and knowledge on the maritime industry.

Last year, in September, the team organised a week of celebrations focused on the Maritime Industry offering, among other things, an RMS-styled menu feast. As part of this, there was a historical walk tour of the Jamestown Wharf hosted by Adam Sizeland. The primary schools had a themed day as part of the celebrations and were also treated to demonstrations by the Sea Rescue Service in Rupert's. Another event that took place was the displaying of the old RMS journals in The Market, encouraging the public to come and view these. Sheena Benjamin and Shelley Magellan of the National Trust did a maritime program sharing extracts from the RMS journals and the island's maritime heritage. The team have also been facilitating enrichment programs from SHSS working with the Sea Rescue section and continue to encourage maritime themed sessions in the primary schools. All of these initiatives are aimed at encouraging the interest of young people in the maritime industry, while they are also working with Career Access to develop a maritime career development program.

All of the initiatives are supported by the newly established Maritime Centre where the MCA participated in the unveiling of this centre during their visit to the island. "If anybody is interested in maritime studies or anyone who has skills to share with and teach young people about the maritime industry, please do get in touch with the Maritime Section," encouraged Wendy.



Showcasing the RMS Journals during Celebrating Maritime Week

Alex spoke next on a question raised during the last sitting of the Legislative Council regarding maritime safety regulations. "The safety and security of mariners and anyone who goes out to sea is a top priority for the SS&HA portfolio and for the Minister as well," said Alex, continuing to explain that they will be looking at a phased approach to improving safety requirements. This approach is aimed at ensuring that the changes will be manageable and achievable and not to place undue strain on maritime users. "It is fine to sign up to all these international obligations, but we don't necessarily have all the resources and the funding that some of the larger countries do. It is important to make sure it is actually achievable for Saints and the community." New safety procedures and training will be rolled out over the next couple of years in phases. The SS&HA Portfolio looked at mistakes by other territories where legislation and rash decisions led to counterproductive results and sought to learn from this. They will now look at doing a round of consultations with all stakeholders to ensure they get it right for St Helena. With regards to ensuring the safety of vessels on St Helena, Alex said, "Obviously it is everyone's responsibility who owns boats. They know better than anyone the quality of their boats, the standard and the safety of their vessels. This is important not only for themselves but also for their crew, passengers and even for emergency personnel if something ever was to happen to them at sea."

The first part of the phased approach will be to determine what safety equipment boat owners and operators need in order to comply with accepted safety standards. Equipment will include things like safety rafts, life jackets and personal locators, amongst other things. "Everyone knows money is tight and we cannot expect everyone to



The late Captain Whatley with students of Secondary Selective School involved in maritime training. Photo courtesy of Glen Yon

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE



Primary school students watching the Sea Rescue demonstrations as part of Celebrating Maritime Week

put their hand in their pocket and provide everything. So certainly, in terms of the Maritime Authority, we are looking to work with the UKG and the MCA to support mariners on St Helena." After securing the necessary safety equipment, the next phase would be to put safety codes in place and facilitate safety training, again relying on a lot of support from the MCA.

The Maritime Centre will facilitate training and education in the maritime industry and can even be utilised to "promote St Helena working with tourism and education, because ideally the Maritime Centre is not just for Saints but we're hopefully going to offer opportunities for other Overseas Territories initially in the South Atlantic, but maybe even further afield as well. If we can get students from other territories and other countries, it obviously promotes St Helena and builds a better working relationship internationally," enthused Alex. This could also serve as an additional stream of revenue for the island. "We've been very fortunate in continuing to gain UK government support but in particular the MCA's support to work with us on these next steps.

"The MCA are fully supportive of how we want to proceed with our phased approach and very supportive of the Maritime Centre. They are very impressed with the work being done by our Capacity Building Support Officer and her team and all they have put in place and will be putting in place over the next few years. St Helena is thought of very highly within the REG which includes all of the 14 overseas territories and crown dependencies," Alex explained excitedly as he ended off saying. "Everyone knows we don't have all the resources and funding of the other overseas territories, but quite frankly I think we are leagues ahead of all the other OTs with everything we are doing on capacity building."

Minister Brooks commended Wendy and her team as well as the SS&HA portfolio staff for all their efforts, hard work and commitment.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

To: All Judo Players and Parents
Date: Wednesday, 8 April 2026
Time: 18:00 *(immediately after Judo class)*
Location: Jamestown Community Centre

The St Helena Judo Club will be holding its **Annual General Meeting** on Wednesday evening, 8 April. We invite all our players and their parents to join us briefly as the Wednesday training session concludes. The meeting will be kept **short and to the point**, focusing on essential club updates, plans for the year ahead, and the **election of the Committee**.

Your presence is important to us as we continue to support our judo community. We look forward to seeing you there.

For any enquiries, please contact: **sthelenajudo@gmail.com**

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PRESS RELEASE

SHG Public Transport Service Survey

The Central Support Service Transport Section is keen to hear your views on the SHG operated Public Transport Service (PTS), which launched on 1 December 2024.

We are conducting a short survey to gather your feedback, assisting in future decision about the PTS, from timetables and journey frequency to fares and overall user experience.

The survey is anonymous, takes only a few minutes to complete, and is open to everyone whether you use the PTS regularly, occasionally, or not at all.
A survey form is available from the SHG website, the Customer Services Centre, Public Library, Tourist Office in Jamestown, PTS buses, and selected shops.

The survey is also available online via the link below:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/PTSStHelena

Completed surveys can be left in the designated collection boxes at the Customer Services Centre, Public Library, Tourist Office, on PTS buses, and in participating shops.

The survey closes on **20 April 2026**, so don't miss your chance to have your say. Your views will make a real difference.

QR Code

#StHelena #PublicTransportService #Survey

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SHG
23 March 2026

Stepping into Nature: Community Walk!



Selvi Jeyaseelan, Contributed

Walking is often described as one of the most effective and accessible forms of exercise—and for good reason. It is free, low-impact, and suitable for almost everyone, regardless of age or fitness level. Beyond physical fitness, walking supports mental wellbeing, helps manage long-term conditions, and offers a valuable opportunity to connect with others and with nature.

As part of Tourism's Festival of Walking, New Horizons, in partnership with the Portfolio for Health & Social Care, hosted a welcoming, family-friendly community walk. The scenic route from Casons to Rosemary Plain was carefully chosen to ensure that people of all abilities could take part comfortably and safely.

To support participants, the Health Team provided guided stretching exercises before the walk, helping to reduce stiffness and prevent injury. The Tourism team also played an active role, encouraging participants and helping everyone stay on course. The event brought together over twenty walkers, aged between 3 and 58, on a beautiful Sunday morning—demonstrating just how inclusive and enjoyable walking can be.

Participants moved at their own pace, with some completing the route in under 40 minutes, while others took a more relaxed approach, finishing in just over an hour. Several walkers noted how much they appreciated the shaded route, making the experience both comfortable and enjoyable. Encouragingly, many expressed interest in taking part in similar walks in the future—highlighting the growing appetite for community-based physical activity. For the younger walkers, Minister Henry was on hand to give out prizes.

Why Walking Matters

Regular walking can play a powerful role in improving overall health, it:

- supports heart health, helps control weight, improves mobility and strength
- reduces stress, improves mood, and can help with anxiety and depression
- supports better control of conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, and joint problems
- encourages community engagement and reduces isolation

Minister Henry echoed these points: *"Walking on St Helena for me offers far more than just a way of exercising. It gives you space to think clearly, connect with family members and others and find a sense of calm in nature."*

Get Involved

Community walks are a simple and enjoyable way to improve your health while spending time outdoors with others. Whether you are looking to become more active, manage a health condition, or simply enjoy the natural environment, these walks offer something for everyone.

If you are interested in joining future walks or participating in stretching and strengthening sessions, please get in touch: selvi.jeyaseelan@sainthelena.gov.sh

Simple Stretches to Support Your Walk

If you experience stiffness before or after walking, these simple stretches can help.

***Tip:** Hold each stretch for 20–30 seconds, breathe steadily, and avoid bouncing.*

Calf Stretch	*Step one foot back, keep the leg straight, and press your heel into the ground while leaning forward*
Quad Stretch	*Stand on one leg, hold your ankle behind you, and gently pull your heel toward your body*
Hamstring Reach	*Place one heel forward with toes up and lean back slightly to feel a stretch in the back of your thigh*
Chest Opener	*Clasp your hands behind your back and gently open your shoulders*

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. Mar 27

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

SAT. Mar 28

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 12noon-1pm: 80's hour
- 1pm-3pm: Northward Sounds (Repeat)
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. Mar 29

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

MON. Mar 30

- 7am-10am: Sunrise with Luke Bennett
- 1pm-3pm: Indie Waves with Sue
- 3-5pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 5:30pm: Country Classics with Donna
- 7:30pm: In the Know with Ministers

TUE. Mar 31

- 7am-9:00am: Morning Show with Anita
- 11am: Vibes with Annika
- 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. Apr 01

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

THU. Apr 02

- 7am - 10am: Sunrise with Liam & Luke
- 1pm: In the Know (repeat)
- 3-5pm: Vibes with Annika (repeat)
- 5-7pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita
- 7:30pm: The Island Pulse

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Bringing you the

BBC World Service

100.7 (Briars)

88.1 (High Knoll)

102.7 (Blue Hill)

Featured this Week



Select Committee 1 LIVE Hearing

On Monday, 30 March, a Select Committee 1 hearing will take place in the Council Chamber starting at 9am.

Be sure to tune in to listen to this broadcast 'live' on SAMS Radio1.

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

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

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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Medium'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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



26th March 2022

The first commercial Airlink flight from Johannesburg since March 2020 arrives (flights were suspended due to Covid-19) (sainthelenaisland.info)

A nice quick and easy fishy dish with a twist for lunch or dinner!

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Ingredients

- 2 cans tuna in water, drained
- 2 carrots, grated
- 1 small onion, finely chopped
- 100g white or wholemeal bread-crumbs
- 1 egg, beaten
- 50g reduced-fat mature cheddar cheese, grated
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley or coriander, chopped
- 1 pinch ground black pepper
- 2 handfuls lettuce leaves, to serve

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 200C (fan 180C, gas mark 6). Grease a large baking sheet with a little vegetable oil.
2. Put the tuna into a large mixing bowl and mash it with a fork. Add the carrots, onion, breadcrumbs, egg, cheese and fresh herbs. Season with some pepper.
3. Shape the mixture into six burger patties and arrange them on the prepared baking sheet.
4. Bake for about 20 to 25 minutes, until golden brown. Leave to cool for a few minutes, then serve on the lettuce leaves.

Information: If you're really hungry, serve the patties in warm pitta breads or lightly toasted burger buns.

The Island Pulse

Westminster Insights, Public Scrutiny and a Tax Debate that Divided Opinion



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

Listeners tuning into The Island Pulse on SAMS Radio 1 this week were treated to a wide-ranging and substantive discussion that underscored the evolving nature of governance on St Helena. Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas, the programme brought together Councillors Denis Leo, Robert Midwinter and Ronald Coleman to explore three key areas: lessons from Westminster, the role of Select Committees in holding government to account, and the increasingly contentious debate surrounding the recently rejected Income Tax Amendment Bill.

The discussion, while conversational in tone, revealed deeper themes - accountability, transparency, economic fairness, and the importance of public engagement in shaping policy.

Learning from Westminster: Building a More Effective Parliament

Fresh from attending the 74th Westminster Seminar on Effective Parliaments in London, Councillor Dennis Leo offered listeners a detailed account of his experience and the lessons he believes could strengthen St Helena's legislative processes.

The seminar, attended by delegates from across the Commonwealth, focused on parliamentary standards, ethics, and the evolving role of elected representatives in a modern democracy. Councillor Leo highlighted a central message that resonated throughout the sessions: democracy is not static. Rather, it must continuously adapt to changing societal expectations and global pressures.

Among the most impactful sessions for Councillor Leo were those addressing leadership, communication, and the use of emerging tools such as artificial intelligence in political engagement. Discussions emphasised the importance of using social media responsibly - not only as a communication tool, but as a means of building public trust, while recognising the pressures it places on public figures.

Equally significant were sessions on parliamentary conduct and standards, including the application of the Nolan Principles - core ethical guidelines that underpin public service. Delegates explored how these principles can be actively practised rather than simply referenced, reinforcing integrity and accountability in governance.

Councillor Leo also reflected on the importance of confidence and clarity in public speaking. Practical exercises on communication techniques - such as structuring responses and managing nerves - were designed to equip parliamentarians with the skills needed to engage effectively in debates and questioning.

A particularly striking observation came from his attendance at Prime Minister's Questions in the UK Parliament. The experience illustrated both the intensity and, at times, the evasiveness of political exchanges. While lively, it also reinforced for Councillor Leo the value of maintaining focus on public interest when posing questions - ensuring that discussions serve the people rather than political point-scoring.

Beyond technical learning, the seminar also offered broader reflections on global uncertainty. With geopolitical tensions influencing economic stability, Councillor Leo stressed the importance of St Helena strengthening its financial independence and resilience.

Select Committees: Scrutiny in Action

The programme then turned to the work of Select Committee 1, with Chair Councillor Robert Midwinter outlining an upcoming public hearing scheduled for **Monday, 30 March**.

This session, to be held in the Council Chamber and broadcast live on SAMS Radio 1, will revisit three major enquiries conducted under the previous Council:

- **Agriculture and Food Security** – including farming support, land use, and poultry production
- **Fisheries Review** – a cross-functional assessment involving multiple portfolios
- **Health and Social Care Services** – focusing on facilities and service provision

The purpose of the hearing is not to revisit old ground, but to assess progress. Ministers and portfolio directors will be required to provide evidence demonstrating how previous recommendations have been implemented.

Councillor Midwinter emphasised that Select Committees operate differently from formal Legislative Council sittings. Rather than adversarial debate, the approach is that of a "critical friend" - seeking to extract detailed information that can inform better policy and improved service delivery.

Importantly, the public has been encouraged not only to listen but to attend in person. Councillors stressed that meaningful engagement requires citizens to stay informed, particularly when they wish to raise concerns or contribute to political discourse.

The Committee is also progressing work on future priorities, including a Labour Market Strategy and a review of Post-16 Education - both critical to the island's long-term economic sustainability.

The Income Tax Debate: A Bill Rejected

The most extensive and impassioned segment of the programme focused on the Income Tax Amendment Bill, which proposed increasing the personal allowance from £7,000 to £7,150.

While the proposal was framed as a measure to provide financial relief, it was ultimately rejected by a majority of Councillors - a decision that has sparked widespread public discussion.

Public Reaction and Consultation

Councillors were unanimous in highlighting the level of public engagement on this issue. Community meetings held in Longwood and Half Tree Hollow, alongside direct representations



from constituents, revealed strong opposition to the proposal.

Many residents expressed frustration that the increase would equate to approximately **75 pence per week** for most taxpayers - an amount widely viewed as insufficient to meaningfully address rising living costs.

Councillors made it clear that their decision reflected these concerns, emphasising their role as representatives of public sentiment.

Key Concerns Raised by Councillors

1. Limited Impact on Households

A central criticism was the minimal financial benefit. Councillors argued that the proposed increase would have negligible impact on household budgets, particularly for low-income families already facing economic pressures.

2. Disproportionate Benefit to Higher Earners

Councillor Midwinter provided a detailed analysis of the tax structure, explaining that increasing the tax-free allowance can disproportionately benefit higher earners. This is due to the way income thresholds interact with existing tax bands.

He proposed that a more equitable approach would involve restructuring tax bands - potentially introducing a lower rate for low-income earners while increasing rates for higher earners. Such a model, he argued, would better align with principles of fairness and ability to pay.

3. Missed Opportunity for Meaningful Reform

Several councillors questioned why more impactful options - some of which had been previously explored - were not pursued. These included raising the allowance to £7,500 or even £8,000, which they argued could have been funded through existing revenue streams.

4. Financial Priorities and Affordability

The proposed measure carried an estimated cost of £90,000. Critics argued that, given the limited benefit, these funds could be better allocated to targeted support measures - such as assistance for vulnerable groups or improvements in public services.

5. Communication and Transparency

Concerns were also raised about how the proposal was communicated to the public. Councillors suggested that accompanying statements referencing potential future measures - such as child benefits or minimum wage increases - created expectations without firm commitments.

This, they argued, risked undermining public trust.

A Divided Approach to Reform

While there was broad agreement on the need to improve the tax system, Councillors differed on how best to achieve this.

Councillor Midwinter advocated for structural reform rather than incremental adjustments, highlighting the narrow gap between tax bands in St Helena compared to jurisdictions like the UK. In his view, a more progressive system would deliver fairer outcomes without necessarily increasing overall costs.

Others supported raising the personal allowance more substantially but stressed that any changes must be financially sustainable and clearly communicated.

What Happens Next?

Despite the rejection of the Bill, Councillors were keen to emphasise that the issue is far from settled.

There is a shared commitment among the seven non-Ministerial Councillors to engage early in the next budget cycle and ensure that a more effective and equitable tax proposal is developed for the 2027–28 financial year.

This will involve:

- Reviewing a range of policy options
- Engaging with the public to gather feedback
- Ensuring transparency in decision-making
- Aligning fiscal policy with broader economic goals

The Bigger Picture: Participation and Accountability

Across all three segments of the programme, a consistent message emerged: governance is most effective when the public is informed, engaged, and actively participating.

From observing parliamentary best practice at Westminster, to scrutinising government performance through Select Committees, to debating fiscal policy in Legislative Council - the underlying principle remains the same.

As Councillor Julie Thomas noted in closing, the aim is to ensure that the people of St Helena remain "**at the heart of the process**."

Staying Connected

The Island Pulse continues to serve as an important platform for transparency, discussion, and community engagement. The programme airs every Tuesday at 2:00pm on SAMS Radio 1, with a repeat broadcast every Thursday at 7:30pm.

For listeners - and readers of *The Sentinel* - the message remains clear: staying informed is not just beneficial, it is essential. In a small island community, where decisions have direct and immediate impact, meaningful engagement is the cornerstone of effective democracy.



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In celebration of International Women's Day 2026

Connie Johnson A Life of Service, Gratitude and Giving Back to St Helena

On an island where traditions run deep and generosity shapes daily life, Connie Johnson has dedicated almost forty years to serving St Helena with commitment and heart. Her journey from humble beginnings to Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Council embodies the essence of "Give to Gain," the theme of International Women's Day 2026. Every step she has taken has been rooted in gratitude and every achievement has been returned to the community that raised her.

Connie's story is one of resilience, humility and quiet leadership, a reminder that giving back is not always loud or visible, but often found in the steady, consistent acts of service that help a community thrive.

A Childhood Rooted in Family and Island Life

Connie grew up in a large, close-knit family with eight siblings and a mother who worked tirelessly to provide for them. Her childhood memories reflect the simplicity and warmth of island life, swimming in the New Bridge pond, attending Salvation Army Sunday School twice each Sunday, running past the hospital mortuary in the dark because she had been taught to fear it and eating fresh fruits including prickly pears.

These early experiences shaped her outlook on life. "I learnt to always see the glass half full instead of half empty," she says, a lesson that has guided her through every stage of her journey. Gratitude became her anchor, reminding her that many face greater struggles and that kindness is always needed.

Motherhood, Responsibility and Strength

One of Connie's proudest achievements is raising her two sons, Gareth and Jorden. Becoming a mother at seventeen meant her life took a different path from her peers, but she embraced the responsibility with determination and love. Supported by her late mum, her husband Keith and her wider family, she balanced work, parenting and financial pressures, including repaying a housing loan on a modest salary.

Life was not always easy, but her sons remain her greatest pride. "They are different in so many ways, but they both have kind hearts," she says, a reflection of the values she instilled in them.

Achievements Built on Perseverance and Hard Work

Connie's professional journey reflects her commitment to lifelong learning. In 2002, she began the Certified Accounting Technician programme and, six years later, became the only SHG student in her cohort to complete the full qualification. "Sometimes I was the only one who showed up for class," she recalls, describing the pressure of one-to-one lessons with her tutors, including the late Jenny Corker.



In 2015, she earned her Level 5 Certificate in Leadership and Management, which opened the door to a Bachelor of Arts in Business and Enterprise with Edinburgh Napier University. Studying virtually while working full-time, she graduated in 2018 with Distinction, a moment she describes as one of her proudest.

These achievements reflect the heart of "Give to Gain," investing in herself so she could better serve her community.

Pride in Women's Leadership and Island Values

Connie believes St Helenian women are fortunate compared to many around the world. "Women here can often be seen taking the lead in senior roles across different sectors," she says, describing them as inspiring role models whose contributions strengthen the island.

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Her love for St Helena's culture is rooted in its community spirit, the warmth of people who look out for one another, the trust that allows unlocked cars, open windows and shopping bags left safely in shops, the willingness to give someone a lift and the joy of returning lost property. These everyday acts, she says, are part of who Saints are, a way of life that is rare in the outside world.



A Vision for Youth and the Island's Future

For Connie, International Women's Day 2026 is not only a celebration of progress, it is a reminder of the responsibility each generation carries for the next. Her hopes for St Helena's young people reflect the heart of this year's theme, "Give to Gain," a belief that when the island invests in its youth, the whole community grows stronger.

Connie is passionate about creating meaningful opportunities for young people to learn, contribute and build confidence. She believes in a compulsory youth programme, similar to a gap year, where school leavers spend time supporting essential sectors such as farming, fishing and the care of older people. To her, this is not just labour, it is a chance for young people to gain skills, independence and a sense of purpose while giving back to the island that raised them.

Connie's vision is rooted in the belief that empowerment begins with opportunity. By giving young people the space to grow, the island gains a future shaped by confident, capable and community-minded adults. It is a vision that echoes the spirit of International Women's Day, where investing in people, especially young women, creates a stronger and more inclusive St Helena for generations to come.

Leadership Grounded in Service

As Deputy Speaker, Connie remains impartial, but her long career in SHG has given her a deep understanding of governance and public service. Having worked in both financial and administrative roles, she hopes her journey inspires others to pursue leadership and contribute to the island's development.

Her varied experience, she says, is what sparked her interest in the Legislative Council and encouraged her to take on this role later in her career.

A Legacy of Giving

When asked how she hopes to be remembered, Connie's answer reflects the heart of International Women's Day 2026. She hopes to be remembered as someone who gave back, someone who worked hard, stayed grateful and used her experiences to uplift others.

Her journey is a reminder that when we give our time, our resilience and our compassion, we all gain. Through women like Connie, St Helena's future remains grounded in community, strengthened by service and bright with possibility. Connie believes the spirit of St Helenian women is defined by perseverance, carrying on through thick and thin, no matter the challenges.

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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

Customs/Immigration Officer
(£11,604 per annum)

If you're looking for a challenge, have an inquisitive mind and see yourself working as part of a team why not join the Customs and Immigration team. We need you on the front line where you will be required to help reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical and demanding role where you will interact with the public on a daily basis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Emerald Newman-Yon or Juliette O'Dean on Tel No. 22287 or Email: Juliette.odean@sainthelena.gov.sh or emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 02 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 07 April 2026
Interview date: 15 April 2026

Receptionist
(£9,573 per annum)

We are seeking to employ a Receptionist who will be based at Essex House and will be the first point of contact for all visitors, providing receptionist duties ensuring a positive and professional environment for the reception point. In addition to answering the telephone, directing and screening calls as necessary, you will be required to welcome visitors, direct them to their correct destination, maintain an awareness of staff movements in and out of the site, monitor visitor access and maintain security awareness. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon Tel No. 22470 or Email: Sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 02 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 07 April 2026
Interview date: 15 April 2026

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: 15 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 April 2026
Interview date: 27 April 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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BIG 4 WALK

SUNDAY, 19 APRIL 2026

10.00 A.M. to 5.00 P.M.

ST HELENA, KINGSHURST COMMUNITY CENTRE

One Heart. One Mind. Saints Together.

Live streaming via Facebook

COMMUNITY WALKS

3 Routes + Prizes

Wear green

10.00 A.M. Registration & Sponsorship Submissions

11.00 A.M. Long Route: Kingshurst> Knollcombes>W Road>Lemon Tree Gut>Ridges>Kingshurst

11.30 A.M. Medium Route : Kinghurst>Red Hill>Harpers Gut>Francis Plain>Knollcombes>Kingshurst

12.00 P.M. Easy Kiddie-Friendly Route: Kingshurst>White Gate>The Stables>Model Cottage>Merrimen's Forest (painted rock scavenger hunt will take place here) **or** Red Hill Road>White Gate>Kingshurst

AT KINGHURST

Entrance Fee

£1 for Adults, 50p for children under 12

Food Stalls Tea & Cakes | Hot Food | Uncle Borb's Ice-Cream Truck| JJZ Pick & Mix|| **Music** || **Info** Island Minds Foundation | Mental Health || **Kids Activities** Face Painting | Bouncy Castle

To take part in the walk: Collect sponsors or pay £5 on the day

Sponsor Forms available from Susan Knipe - tel.22930 after 5pm, or Shelby Bargo - tel.67983

Want to get involved? We'd love your help!

Call Shelby on tel. 67983

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CONNECT SAINT HELENA LTD APPOINTS NEW CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER



Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce the appointment of Roeland van der Hoeven as Chief Executive Officer. He took up the role on 16 March 2026.

Roeland brings extensive senior leadership experience from island-based organisations delivering essential utility services. His background spans operations, finance, and people leadership in small island environments, where maintaining reliable infrastructure and strong teamwork are critical.

A people-focused leader, Roeland is motivated to make a meaningful difference to Connect Saint Helena Ltd and the communities we serve. We look forward to welcoming him and working together under his leadership.

Nicole Shamier, Chair of the Connect Board, commented:

"We are excited to welcome Roeland to the team. With him comes renewed energy, a devotion to work with our staff to unlock our vision for 80% of energy from renewable sources, water and wastewater infrastructure improvements, and to build stronger relationships with Ministers and the community. We also sincerely thank Phanual Shangwa for doing an excellent job undertaking the interim CEO role since October and to all those who have been covering vacancies and stepping up in that time."

Roeland van der Hoeven added:

"Connect Saint Helena Ltd plays a vital role at the heart of island life. I'm proud to join the team and look forward to working together to deliver reliable services, strengthen our operations, and support the island's future development."

Together with staff, the Board of Directors extends congratulations to Roeland and wishes him every success in his new role.

Under Roeland's leadership, Connect Saint Helena Ltd will continue to pursue its vision to contribute towards a sustainable island environment that creates opportunity and inspires social and economic progress. The Company remains committed to ensuring a better quality of life for all while providing quality utility services safely and reliably for the island of St Helena.

19 March 2026

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Nursing Sister (*3-Month Fixed-Term Cover)*

Total package value up to £29,515 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £17,458 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a short-term opportunity to join the Health Services team on Ascension Island, helping to maintain the smooth delivery of patient care during a period of cover. Working in a small and supportive team, you'll take on a varied role that combines hands-on nursing with some pharmacy support, in a unique and remote setting where flexibility and teamwork are key. As part of a small team, you'll take part in a rota-based shift pattern, which can include evenings, weekends and occasional on-call cover.

What you'll do

You'll provide day-to-day nursing care across the hospital, support outpatient services, and assist with dispensing medication. You'll also respond to emergencies when needed and work closely with colleagues to keep services running safely and effectively. More broadly, you'll help maintain a clean, organised environment and ensure patient care remains consistent throughout your time with us.

What you'll bring

You'll be a registered nurse with experience in a hospital or acute setting, confident in delivering patient care and handling medication safely. You'll be a good team player, able to communicate clearly and stay calm under pressure. Just as importantly, you'll be adaptable, reliable, and comfortable stepping into a new environment and getting up to speed quickly.

What's it like to live and work on Ascension?

Ascension is a small volcanic island, situated in the South Atlantic, with a warm stable climate (26-34°C). We are part of the wider UK Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, situated approximately 1,000 miles from the mainland of Africa and 800 miles from our nearest neighbour, the island of St Helena. To thrive here in this high-profile role, you must be resilient, adaptable and able to live and work in a remote environment and small community.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £17,458 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- A Single status £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £ £1,921 pa
- 30 days' annual holiday (with an additional 9 days public holidays) pa
- Free primary dental and medical care and off island, with medical referral if required including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Death in Service insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: **Friday 03 April 2026**
Interviews: **Week Commencing 06 April 2026 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **As soon as possible**

For more information and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy: Human Rights Commissioner

The Equality & Human Rights Commission (EHRC) is inviting applications for the role of Human Rights Commissioner.

If you care about fairness, dignity and equality, and you're ready to play a meaningful role in strengthening human rights on our island, then we'd love to hear from you.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

We welcome applicants who:

- Act with integrity and impartiality
- Respect confidentiality
- Understand the responsibilities of public conduct in a small community
- Can demonstrate fairness, dignity and respect in everyday life

ABOUT THE ROLE

Commissioners are expected to:

- Provide independent oversight and guidance
- Support the advancement of human rights across St Helena
- Uphold the reputation and values of the Commission

Training and support will be provided. The role requires a commitment of a minimum of 10 hours per month and is paid at an attractive hourly rate

Closing date: 13th April 2026

The EHRC is committed to equality of opportunity and encourages applications from all members of the community. Previous applicants are welcome to re-apply.

Equality & Human Rights Commission Saint Helena Island

HOW TO APPLY:

Please send a CV and a covering letter, explaining why you are fit for this role, plus a copy of your most recent vetting certificate to

Carol@humanrightssthelena.org

or for further information, please contact:

Catherine@humanrightssthelena.org

or call +290 22133

CUSTOMER UPDATE - MONTHLY BILLING

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is introducing monthly billing for water and electricity, effective 1 April 2026. Currently, customers are billed once every three months for usage from the previous quarter. From April, bills will instead be issued monthly for the previous month's usage. This change affects how often you are billed, but does not change current tariffs.

Why this change is being introduced?

Moving to monthly billing will:

- Help you manage household budgets more easily by spreading costs across the year
- Provide more regular and up-to-date information on usage and charges
- Reduce the likelihood of larger, less predictable quarterly bills

How monthly billing will work

- You will receive a bill each month based on your estimated usage.
- For two months of each quarter, charges will be estimated based on your past usage.
- In the third month, your bill will be calculated using actual meter readings. At that point, any differences between the estimated and actual usage will be clearly adjusted, ensuring you are charged accurately.
- Empty property charges will continue to be billed for properties consuming less than 10 units of electricity in a quarter.
- Payment methods and arrangements will remain unchanged.

What it means for customers

- You will not pay more overall as a result of this change; the total cost of usage remains the same over time.
- Bills will be smaller and more frequent, rather than larger and less frequent.
- Estimated bills will be reconciled regularly through meter readings.
- No action is required from you ahead of the change.

Readings

At present, monthly bills are estimated using historical usage patterns. We will notify you once actual meter readings are accepted.

Support & Information

We recognise that any change to billing frequency may raise questions for some customers. Anyone who would like further information or support is encouraged to get in touch on tel. 22255 or email: enquiries@connect.co.sh.

We appreciate your ongoing support as we continue working to enhance our services and provide greater transparency for all customers.

24 March 2026

NOTICE BOARD

ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Nurse and Pharmacy Assistant

Total package value up to £34,636 per annum

Comprising salary of up to £17,458 plus food and utilities allowances, housing and other benefits – details below.

About the role

This is a unique opportunity to live and work on Ascension Island, where no two days in healthcare are ever the same. Based at Georgetown Hospital, you will play a key role in managing the pharmacy while also supporting the delivery of patient care. You will be responsible for overseeing medication supplies, dispensing prescriptions and ensuring the pharmacy operates safely and efficiently. Alongside this, you will contribute to clinical care across the hospital, including outpatient services and emergency response. This is a varied, hands-on role where you will use a broad range of skills and make a meaningful contribution within a close-knit community.

What you'll do

You will manage the day-to-day operation of the pharmacy, including ordering, stock control and the safe storage of medicines, ensuring accurate records are maintained at all times. You will dispense medication and support outpatient clinics as required. The role also involves providing nursing support when needed, including covering for colleagues and responding to emergencies. You will contribute to maintaining a safe, clean and well-organised clinical environment and work collaboratively with colleagues to ensure effective service delivery.

What you'll bring

You will be a registered nurse with experience in a hospital or acute setting, confident in administering medication and working with patients with a range of needs. You will have strong attention to detail, good organisational skills and the ability to work independently, using sound judgement. A flexible and adaptable approach is essential, along with the ability to respond to changing priorities. You will be IT literate, maintain confidentiality at all times and communicate clearly with both colleagues and patients. A Pharmacy Technician qualification would be desirable, or a willingness to work towards this.

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What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £17,458 (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an accompanied status contract and the following benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £3,000 pa (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa accompanied, or Single status £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £3,296 pa
- A water allowance worth £3,202 pa accompanied, or £1,921 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 and off island, with medical referral if required including medivac arrangements in an emergency.
- Free schooling for dependent 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 (employee and any accompanying dependents)

Closing date: **Wednesday 15 April 2026**
Interviews: **Week Commencing 20 April 2026 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **As soon as possible**

For more information, a full job description, and to apply, visit:
www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/

If you have any questions about the role, email: recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

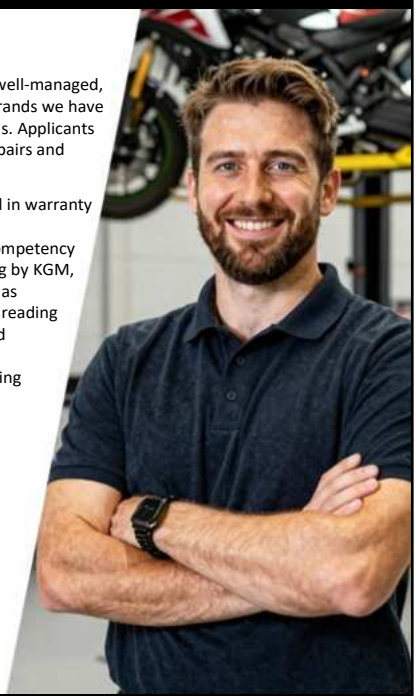
The Showroom

is a new business that will open at Ladder Hill in October 2026, bringing main dealer Franchise's to the public with full manufacturer warranties from Kawasaki & Vmoto Motorcycle's and KGM SUV's and Pickups.

Senior Mechanic and EV Technician, starting August 2026

You will play a critical role in ensuring that our customers receive the best possible service, and that our workshops are efficient, well-managed, and always up to standards. You will be responsible for diagnosing and repairing in warranty and out of warranty repairs on the brands we have sold, recommending and selling appropriate parts and accessories, and maintaining accurate records of all repairs and transactions. Applicants will have the ability to work within given timescales and be able to tackle all aspects of vehicle in warranty and out of warranty repairs and servicing. Main duties and responsibilities include:

- Performing all work assigned in a timely and economical manner and to Company and Manufacturer standards
- Safe removal and refitting of HV batteries from electric and hybrid vehicles prior to sale or repair
- Supporting vehicle preparation, including pre and post sale checks, following strict safety and quality procedures.
- Adhering to all high-voltage safety protocols, isolation procedures, and risk assessments
- Using appropriate lifting, diagnostic, and mechanical equipment safely and accurately
- Maintaining accurate records of all work performed, including inspection checklists and process forms and claim backs online.
- Participating in ongoing technical and HV safety training provided by the company or our brands.
- Mentoring other technicians
- Advising customers if additional work is required on a vehicle and seek manufacturer assistance and authority in all in warranty repairs.
- Maintaining a high level of competency by undergoing on-site training by KGM, Kawasaki and Vmoto, as well as attending online courses and reading technical bulletins as required
- Assisting customers with any questions or concerns regarding their vehicle



Hours of work are Monday to Friday 8am to 5pm, and one-in-four Saturdays 8.30am to 12.30pm.

Skills & Experience required:

- Applicants **must** be a qualified Vehicle Technician with a formal qualification in Automotive City & Guilds/NVQ Level
- 3 Light Vehicle Maintenance (or equivalent), IMI Level 2 or 3 Award in Electric/Hybrid Vehicle System Maintenance (or equivalent HV safety qualification), refrigerant handling qualification together with a commitment to achieve KGM Gold Level Certification within 12 months if not already held
- Exceptional communication skills with an aptitude for multi-tasking
- Strong teamwork skills with an eye for detail
- Ability to work under pressure with quality awareness
- Full UK driving licence

Extremely competitive salary (£18,000 to £25,000) plus bonus structure, 20 days holiday (plus bank holidays) raising to 25 after 5 completed years of service; plus a days holiday on your birthday, Company Pension Scheme and Death in Service Policy

If you can demonstrate the required skills and enthusiasm for customer service, and share my passion for our brands, please contact me today to discuss this opportunity, call +290 53222. To apply, send a copy of your CV and a covering letter to derek@dps.co.sh

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy
Bakery Assistant (Packaging)

Salary for the post will be £8,320 per annum (£160 per week) – 30 hours per week

Job Outline:
To perform the daily duties associated with slicing and packaging of bakery products, in accordance to company standards while ensuring the effective cleaning and maintenance of bakery equipment and facilities to meet health, safety, and hygiene requirements.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally possess knowledge and experience in food production, including Food & Hygiene and Health & Safety Awareness
- Have basic numeracy and literacy understanding
- Be able work efficiently in a fast paced environment
- Be able to stand for extended periods and carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks;
- Have good time management, organisational skills and observational skills
- Be competent with operating production equipment as required
- Be able to undertake cash handling duties as and when required
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
- Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team
- Be committed to work unsocial hours and meet tight deadlines

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

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

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- Staff Discounts

Vacancy
Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

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

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

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner

Rate of pay will commence at £5.60 per hour

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

The Aircraft Cleaner will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal on the days of aircraft operations and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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 customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure.

For further information contact:

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Vacancy

Safety & Compliance Officer

Salary for the post will range between £18,513.00 - £20,000.00 per annum; depending on qualifications and experience

Job Outline:

Responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing safety all elements of safety and compliance, through BOU Managers, in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices as applicable to the Company in respect of environmental management and workplace health and safety, as applicable to all aspects of the Company's diverse portfolio of business interests.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- Have 3 – 5 years' experience in a Health & Safety / Compliance role
- Have 3 years' experience in a supervisory or management role
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have the ability to multi-task, organise workload and meet tight deadlines
- Have excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy with attention to detail
- Be able to maintain total confidentiality within the Company
- Be experienced in data collation, analysis and able to create reports
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Food Safety practises.

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

Paul Gasteen, Chief Operating Officer via 22380 paul.gasteen@solomons.co.sh

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NOTICE BOARD

Festival of Walking
Walk of the Week

Date: Sunday, 29 March 2026
Start Time: 09:00
Meeting Point: Tourist Office at 08.30, for bus to starting point at Rosemary Plain
Location: -15.92633, -5.71718
Duration: approx 5 hours

Walk grade: Fairly Strenuous | 7 - 8

Lemon Valley is a popular walk for locals. Descending into the valley to historic ruins of farmhouses and fortifications. Discover how Lemon Valley played an important role in St Helena's history, it's importance as a quarantine station for the sick and how it became the first depot for the Liberated Africans. If sea conditions are favourable, there will be an opportunity to go swimming (bring swimming gear).

*Note: there will be a bus from Jamestown to Rosemary Plain and a boat from Lemon Valley back to Jamestown. Booking in advance for the bus and/or boat is essential (**by noon on Friday, 27 March**).*

Safety details - Please wear suitable footwear, wear sun protection and bring at least 2L of water. Terrain of various elevation and cliffside paths, with gravel underfoot, cliff-side walking at height on parts of the walk.

Walk led by Director of the Museum of St Helena, Adam Sizeland

Receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158

JOB VACANCY

Job Title: Accountant

Saints Tuna Corporation (STC) is seeking a **qualified and detail-oriented Accountant** to join our team.

The successful candidate will be responsible for maintaining financial accounts and records, preparing financial statements and reports, managing accounts payable and receivable, manage day to day transactions and ensuring compliance with relevant financial regulations.
The role may include additional responsibilities related to financial management and administration as required by the company.

Qualifications:

- Degree in Accounting, Finance, or relevant field.
- Relevant accounting experience
- Experience with accounting software and advanced MS Excel skills
- Strong attention to detail and analytical skills.

Please mail your CV to info@saintstunacorp.com

Closing date: 9/04/2026

NOTICE BOARD

BANK CLOSURE



Bank of St Helena will be closed on

Wednesday, 01 April

This closure is necessary to enable the Bank to complete its end of financial year procedures. We apologise for any inconvenience this closure may cause.

Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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

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www.sainthelenabank.com
Market Street, Jamestown
@sainthelenabank
Bank of St Helena Ltd

Vacancy

General Assistant (Bread Production)

Since 1790

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

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

The General Assistant will become a vital part of the day-to-day preparation and production of bread and related products, ensuring high standards of quality and hygiene are achieved.

Interested Persons Should:

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

Basic Applicable Skills include:

- Be able to carry out and understand basic measurements and follow written recipes
- Be able to prepare bread dough and other bakery products according to recipes and production schedules
- Ability to follow instructions accurately and work effectively as part of a team
- Operating production equipment as required
- Packaging and delivering products
- Ability to carry out routine and deep cleaning tasks to a high standard

Further details contained in job description

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

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

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NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Combine Service – Sunday, 29 March
Jamestown Chapel, 2.00 pm
No services will be held in the Sandy Bay
and Head O'Wain Chapels.

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 31 March - Baptist School Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, 1 April - Blue Hill Community Centre, 7pm
Thursday, 2 April - Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
Adventure Kids – Age 4 – 11 yrs old
Saturday, 28th March -
Baptist School Hall, 10.00 am to 11.30

Ladies Meeting
Wednesday, 1 April - Baptist School Hall, 10.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 24644



Hey Kids

Come and join Adventure Kids for some Fun & Games, Arts and Craft, Songs & loads of stories to be told.

WHERE: Baptist School Hall/Jamestown
WHO: Age 4-11yrs old
WHEN: 28/03/26
TIME: 10h00-11h30
Refreshments will be served.

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	Cathedral
	Wednesday 1st April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Swithin
	Maundy Thursday 2nd April	
9.00 a.m.	Chrism Mass	Cathedral
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	Cathedral
	Good Friday 3rd April	
12.00-3.00 p.m.	Devotions, Liturgy & Veneration	Cathedral
	Saturday Easter Eve 4th April	
7.00 p.m.	Easter Vigil & First Mass of Easter/Baptism	Cathedral
	Easter Sunday 5th April	
8.00 a.m	Eucharist	St Peter
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 29th March 2026 – Palm Sunday		
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St James
	Wednesday 1st April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St James
	Maundy Thursday 2nd April	
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	St James
	Good Friday 3rd April	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St James
	Easter Sunday 5th April	
6.00 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St John
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 29th March – Palm Sunday		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Procession	St Mark
	Wednesday 1st April	
5.00 p.m.	Confession	St Mark
	Maundy Thursday 2nd April	
7.00 p.m.	Mass of Lord's Supper/Vigil	St Mark
	Good Friday 3rd April	
12.00 p.m.	Mattins	St Mark
	Easter Sunday 5th April	
6.30 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St Mark
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 28th March 2026 at 8:30am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Men's Fellowship

Saturday 28th March 2026 at 5.30pm
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

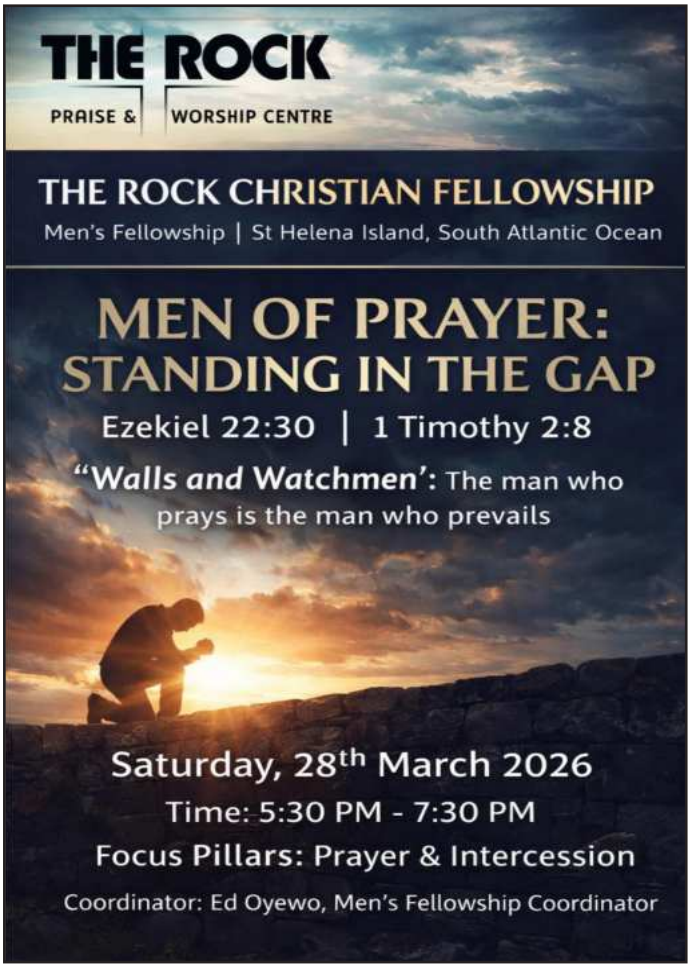
Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 29th March 2026 10.00am
@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 24th March 2026 - Jamestown @ 7.00pm
(Contact: Bramwell 62117)
Wednesday 25th March 2026 - Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm
(Contact: Mercy 61707)
The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm
(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)

NOTICE BOARD



THANK YOU

The family of the late Wilfred Stephen Young, affectionately known as Norris, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered support during this difficult time.

We are deeply grateful to the medical team at the General Hospital for the care and compassion shown to Wilfred at the time of his sudden passing. Our sincere thanks also go to Father Rudie for conducting the funeral service, to Mrs Karen Thomas and Mrs Kim Henry for the beautiful wreaths and floral arrangements, to all the generous people who gave floral tributes and to Roy and team for their assistance with the burial.

A special thank you to all family and friends for your overwhelming support, kind messages, and expressions of sympathy. Your love and presence have brought great comfort.

Wilfred's memory will forever remain in our hearts.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Reynold knipe would like to say a heartfelt thank you to everyone who supported us during this difficult time.

Thank you to Lisa, Nicole and to all helped with the funeral and with all the arrangements.

We are also grateful to everyone who attended the funeral, sent cards, messages and flowers, all has meant so much to our family.

Thank you to the hospital staff and to all who took part in Reynolds care before his passing and to those who visit him which brought much comfort during those moments.

Reynold has touched many lives and we will carry his memory in our hearts forever. He will be dearly missed.

Thank You

The family of the late Auntry May Lawrence from Cleugh's Plain would like to thank the Doctors and Nurses for their care and attention given to her during her long battle with cancer which she sadly lost on 8th March 2026.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere gratitude to Bishop Dale and Father Ernest for conducting the Funeral service and to all those who played the music in the church and at the Grave side.

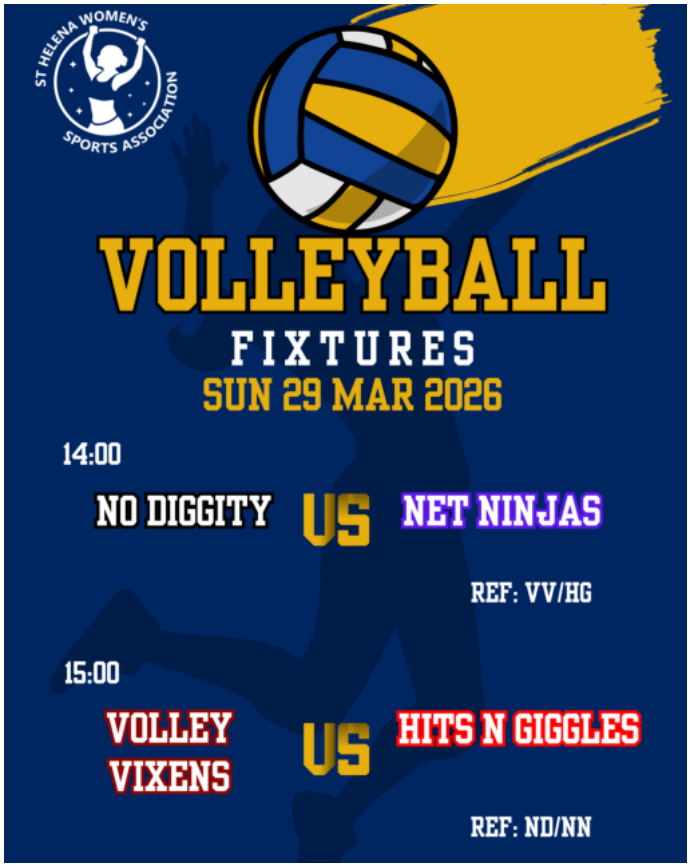
Also special thanks to all those who donated flowers, sent cards and messages of condolences and assisted with the funeral arrangements.

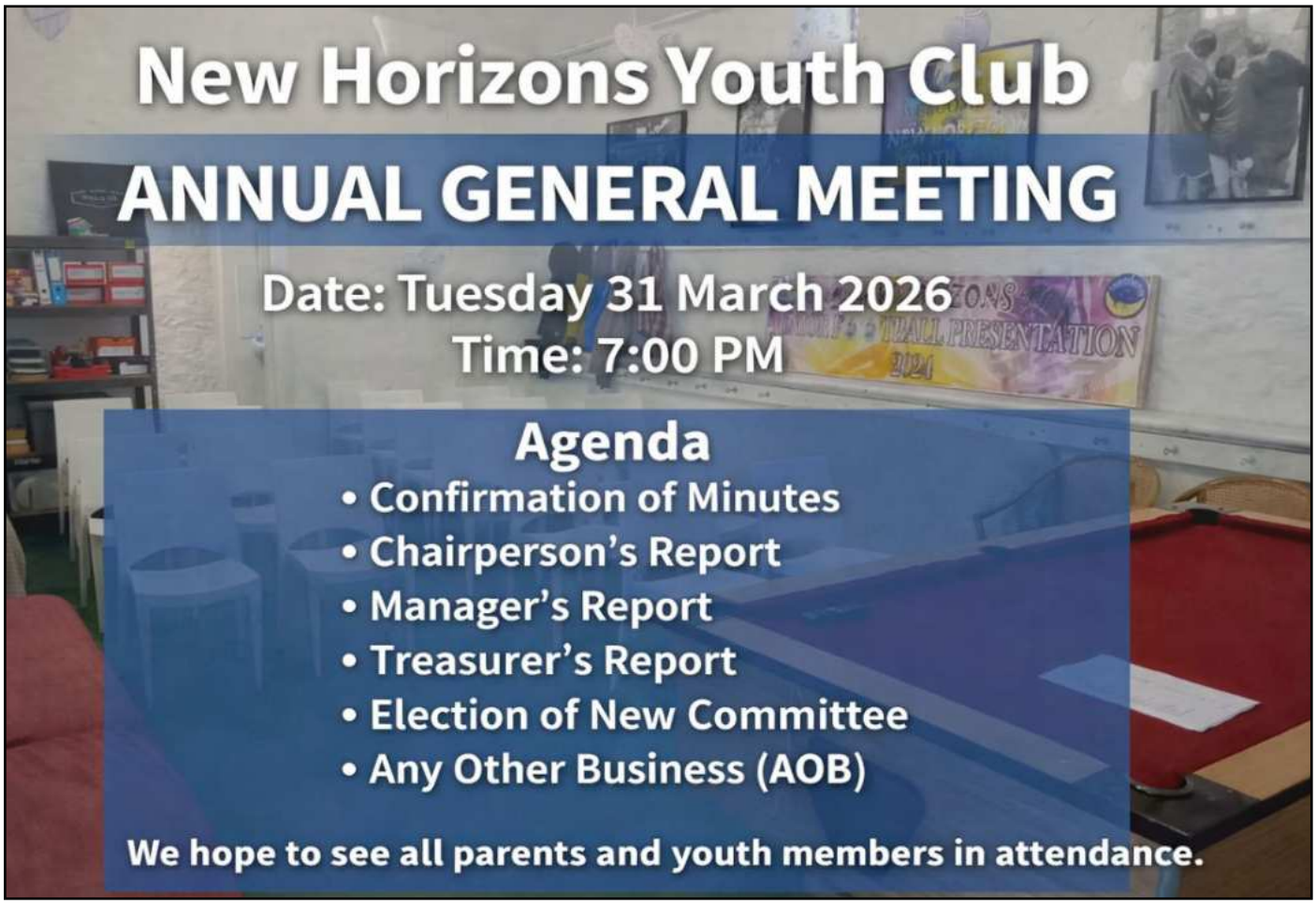
She will sadly be missed, but never forgotten.

SPORTS ARENA

WSA Volleyball League







Golf Report



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Sunday's competition at the St Helena Golf Club was played under cool, cloudy conditions, ideal for golf and produced a strong field performance in the Full Net format.

The day belonged to Harry Seelbach, who delivered an excellent round of 83 gross, net 64, to secure first place and overall winner. Finishing closely behind was Bramwell Bushuru, who claimed second place with a score of 78 gross, net 66, while also taking the accolade for Lowest Gross Score of the day.

Patrick Johnson and Gerald George both returned net 68, with Johnson edging ahead on countback to take third position. Other notable performances included Peter Bagley (net 69) and Nigel Leaver (net 72), rounding out the top six.

A total of 15 cards were processed, reflecting a solid turnout from club members.

In the Two ball pool, three players recorded twos on the day: Peter Bagley on hole 12, Jeffrey Stevens on hole 14, and Bramwell Bushuru on hole 18.

The club extends its congratulations to all prize winners and participants for an enjoyable and competitive outing.

The committee also advises members that a new disciplinary policy has been developed. A copy will be emailed to all members and will also be available on the club noticeboard for reference. This policy is out for consultation and will come into effect on 1 May. Members are asked to provide feedback by no later than 12 April.

Looking ahead, the next competition will be held on Sunday, 29 March, and will be the Monthly Medal Strokeplay competition. Tee-off is scheduled for 12noon.

Parents and guardians are also reminded that junior membership at the club remains free. Juniors up to the age of 18 are eligible, and application forms can be completed physically or online through www.sthelenagolf.com to register.

St Helena Golf Club continues to encourage participation across all age groups as it develops the game on the island.



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SPORTS ARENA



Liam Yon, SAMS

St Helena is currently competing in the ICC T20 World Cup Africa Sub Regional Qualifiers in Ghana, with the team looking to pick themselves up after two disappointing defeats on Tuesday and Wednesday against Eswatini and Seychelles, respectively.

The boys were first in action under the scorching Ghanaian sunshine on Tuesday afternoon where, despite a positive start, they fell to defeat with Eswatini winning by 27 runs. Being sent into bowl first, St Helena impressed with the ball and in the field, taking wickets regularly. Rhys Francis was the standout performer during the innings, taking three wickets for just 17 runs in his four overs, which included a maiden over, while he also took two catches in the field. Eswatini's Jangariya was the batsmen who did most of the damage for his side, finishing with 36 runs off 29 balls before being bowled by St Helena's Jordan Yon in the nineteenth over. Eswatini completed their 20 overs at the crease having lost eight wickets and posting a catchable score of 115 runs.

St Helena began their reply in a good vein, with the opening batsmen racking up 24 runs before Jordi Henry was dismissed in the fourth over. Unfortunately, due to a number of reasons, including the high standard of bowling by Eswatini, wickets began to fall regularly for St Helena, with key batsmen being dismissed for little runs. In fact, only Jamie Essex made it into double figures with the opener spending the longest time at the crease, looking the most settled, and racking up an impressive 30 runs, facing 44 balls over the course of the innings. Despite their best efforts, the loss of key batsmen meant it was always going to be difficult to chase the total set by Eswatini and St Helena were eventually bowled all out for 88 in the nineteenth over.

Onto Wednesday, when the boys were out on the pitch early to take on Seychelles in their second match of the tournament. This time around, St Helena were sent to the crease first to bat. Again, the usually prolific batsmen struggled to make their mark with opener, Jordi Henry, caught and bowled in the third over with just two runs, and big hitter, Delroy Leo, dismissed as well for just two. The most notable scores came again from Jamie Essex with 19 off 24 balls, Andrew Yon with 15 from 11, and the standout batsman for St Helena, Joey Thomas who finished not out with 26 runs off 29 balls. A three-wicket haul and maiden over by Seychelles Rukmal in four overs contributed to keeping St Helena's total below 100, finishing on 95/7 after the 20 overs.

During the chase, St Helena's bowlers did well to keep the Seychelle run rate low in the first few overs, however a half century from De Silva and a solid knock of 26 from Captain, Rajapaksha, was enough to help Seychelles chase down the total after 18 overs, finishing on 96/3 and beating St Helena by seven wickets.

No doubt the two wins will be disappointing for Team St Helena who went with an ambition to qualify, however everyone on the Island and beyond will continue to be proud of the boys for representing St Helena at the highest level – keep going boys!