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HAPPY ST HELENA DAY





Saints Making Waves on Social Media

OPINION

SENTINEL COMMENT

Donna Crowie, SAMS

What a crazy start to May we had right; power outages, hantavirus and few other things!

As a media organisation, it was frustrating when all systems went down on Monday, 4 May, and then to come back to work later that night and still nothing and not forgetting the look of the town; ghost town is what I called it.

Coming into work on Tuesday and having the office and studios in complete silence was extraordinary, however attending the St Helena Resilience Forum meeting on Tuesday morning, 5 May, showed great team work in my opinion.

Even though electricity falls under Connect St Helena, there were many other areas that needed to be looked at and assessed, from businesses to hotels and food vendors, and not forgetting the vulnerable. So, it wasn't just about having no electricity and full stop, thoughts had to be made outside the box.

The recent power issues really showed dedication and teamwork; even one afternoon, walking past the market area, I saw Isaac's Contractors on site, lending a helping hand.

I know it was a long-winded week and there were loads of frustrated people around the island with all the power issues, but a well done to all involved is deserved.

I must also take my hat off to the staff here at the SAMS office. For those of you who don't know, Tuesday's for us is like a final day for writing for The Sentinel, but during the power issues we lost the Tuesday in office, meaning Wednesday was all go for the team. Nevertheless, due to hard work and dedication, the paper made it to the printers by Wednesday afternoon; once again guys, good job!

With all that being said, our printers also faced issues with their part of the operations, again due to power issues. However, the guys up the hill worked hard and was able to get The Sentinel out in a timely manner despite the challenges; also, a thank you to Mickey for getting the papers out to the shops for everyone to enjoy!

Remember, there is no 'I' in TEAM. Enjoy your long weekend ahead and

happy reading!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I am writing to share some wonderful news with my home community on St Helena, a place that remains incredibly close to my heart and has shaped the person I am today.

On Thursday, May 14th, my business, Paws & Purrs Portland, was named the Winner of the 2026 New Business Award at the Weymouth & Portland Business Awards here in Dorset, UK.

Since opening our doors on March 2nd of this year, we have poured our hearts into establishing a luxury boutique pet care Spa that focuses on a gentle, floor-level grooming philosophy. To be recognized by a panel of judges as a high-end business making a significant impact in our local community, in such a short amount of time, feels completely surreal.

There is a lovely twist to this milestone that many readers back home might appreciate. My husband and business partner, Andy, who many Saints will remember from his time working on St Helena, actually relocated to Portland, which is exactly how our paths crossed! We are running this venture together, proudly wearing our signature purple.

Growing up in The Briars with my parents, Ivy and Orlando, and my brother, Shaun, I learned the true value of community, hard work, and looking out for one another. Those deep-rooted Saint values are at the very core of how we run our business every day.

While I am thousands of miles away across the ocean raising my own beautiful family, including my twins, Cassie and Scot, and my youngest, Chelsea, my island heritage is something I carry with immense pride. I wanted to share this milestone with the readers of The Sentinel to show that no matter how far a Saint travels, the spirit and encouragement of our island home continue to drive our success abroad.

Thank you to my family and everyone back home who has sent their love and support. We did it!

Warmest regards,

Shirl Osborne-Simpson



YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

This is the second part of my response to Mr Westmoreland about observer status for St Helena in the UK House of Commons.

Last week, I left The Sentinel's readers hanging from a cliff, waiting in an agony of suspense to read the shameful secrets that caused me - Russell (or Russel - French spelling, I've dual nationality now) James Thomson - to hide behind the nom de plume "Lucky Thomson".

Well, (1) I've not done a very good job of hiding - see my letter in the same issue saying I'm a retired lawyer and social scientist; (2) also a past merit student in Constitutional Law and History at the University of Glasgow, by the way; (3) soon to be a director and sole member of a newly-incorporated, non-profit company with its own brass plate on the island: (4) I never liked my forename, to be honest; (5) there was a Black American jazz saxophonist nicknamed Lucky Thompson (English spelling), a relentless perfectionist who fell out with all his colleagues and who died bankrupt and insane - I'd always wanted a nickname, and one with a touch of flair; (6) I'd an interest in the island and saw that topics were coming up on which I felt that other than the usual writers might contribute usefully; (7) as I wrote to the Editor of the other paper, when offering comments privately for him to send to other participants in that original discussion, I don't live on the island and I felt that my contributions should stand or fall on their own merits, not because of who I was, what qualifications I had, etc.; and (8) this topic (and any others on which I would comment) would not be arcane, complicated matters on which other than experts, self-appointed or otherwise, must be unchallenged; voters can and should inform themselves and if they wish, participate in such discussions without intimidation.

There, my secrets are out. Sorry, those were all they were.

Now, back to the point, I suggest that not only Mr Westmoreland, but others too read (or re-read) that article which he didn't notice and the points which I made on it, in my earlier letter, available on The Sentinel website: https://www.sams.sh/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/The-Sentinel-Vol-15-Issue-01.pdf (page 3).

Regards,
Russell Thomson

"There is NO link to hantavirus"

St Helena accepts sick passenger from passing cargo vessel in accordance with SOLAS international maritime obligation, with "no risk to the wider public"



SHG responded to a call for help from Bulk Carrier, MV Antipaxos

— **Liam Yon,** SAMS

Last week, despite the ongoing situation regarding hantavirus related to expedition vessel, MV Hondius, St Helena still honoured its international maritime obligations, and therefore provided assistance to a passing vessel in accordance with Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS) obligations; accepting a sick patient to the Island from aboard the vessel, with SHG making it clear that "there is NO link to hantavirus" with regard to this passenger extraction, and that "this operation poses no risk to the wider public."

It was on Sunday, 10 May, at around 7.40am local time, when an urgent request was posted to Facebook via the page 'Sea News' which alerted nearby authorities to a request for medical assistance by Bulk Carrier, MV Antipaxos, which was located in the South Atlantic Ocean, SSW of St Helena, and had, as detailed, "a crew member in urgent need of medical oxygen."

The following Monday, 11 May, in their daily update on the hantavirus situation, SHG confirmed that, under their international obligations, they would be assisting the vessel with their request for medical assistance, though that there was no relation between this operation and hantavirus.

"In accordance with our international maritime obligations, Safety of Life at Sea (SOLAS), we will be bringing a patient ashore from a passing cargo vessel, on or around 12 May," informed Government. "For the avoidance of doubt, the patient has an identified medical condition. The vessel began its voyage in Brazil and St Helena will be its first stop. There is NO link to hantavirus."

SHG went on to advise how the patient was "pre-screened remotely" by the on-Island medical team and that they would "undergo further assessment before coming ashore, including temperature checks." They added that it is "critical" that St Helena continues to deliver on its obligations, continuing that, "if we fail to do so, then we cannot reasonably expect reciprocal services in return."

SHG concluded by asserting clearly that this operation posed "no risk to the wider public."

Power Supply "under control and stable"

Gold Command for Island-wide power outage stands down



Connect, with the help of others, worked hard to fix faults identified in numerous feeders affecting the Island power supply

Liam Yon, SAMS

The St Helena Resilience Forum (SHRF) have confirmed that the Gold Command structure, activated specifically to manage the recent island-wide power outage, was stood down last Friday, after they described the electricity situation on the Island as "now under control and stable."

To ensure clarity, SHG informed how "St Helena is currently managing two separate major incidents under distinct response structures," adding that "while the Gold Command for the power outage is now standing down, a separate Gold Command remains active and focused on managing the hantavirus response."

Following the announcement that the Gold Command relating to power outages has been stood down, SHG, in the same announcement, gave an update on the ongoing works of Connect St Helena.

They noted how "although the emergency power response has concluded, Connect Saint Helena Ltd continues essential recovery works on Feeder 3 in the Deadwood area." The detail how "the final transfer of the power supply" was planned for Monday, 18 May and that, therefore, a planned outage would be required on Feeder 3. At the time of writing, no details on the timing for this outage had been communicated by Connect, as was indicated by SHG.

To conclude, Gold Commander for the power outage incident, Alex Mitham, expressed his gratitude to the community and the teams who worked around the clock to restore the grid. "On behalf of this Gold Command, I want to thank every individual involved in getting the island's electricity back to a stable level," he commented. "The dedication of the engineers, technicians, and multi-agency partners has been outstanding. We also want to thank the community for their cooperation and patience while we navigated this outage."



Power supply was described by SHG as 'now under control and stable'

Still Zero Cases on St Helena



Successful Titan flight relocates "highest risk contacts" from St Helena and Ascension to the UK as SHG issue latest hantavirus update

Liam Yon, SAMS

On Monday, St Helena Government (SHG) issued its first update regarding the hantavirus response, after having agreed to reduce official updates to three for this week, via press releases on Monday and Friday and a radio interview on Wednesday.

To begin, SHG advised how "a coordinated territorial operation was successfully completed over the weekend to relocate individuals identified as the highest risk contacts to the United Kingdom." This was done through a chartered Titan Airways Airbus A321 aircraft which successfully arrived to St Helena on Saturday and departed with the four individuals from St Helena onboard on Sunday morning for the UK, via Ascension to pick up the five individuals there.

"All individuals arrived safely in the UK, where they are continuing their isolation periods in proximity to specialised medical facilities," confirmed SHG, before adding that "none of these individuals were showing symptoms of illness, and the transfer was executed purely as a pre-emptive and precautionary measure."

With the relocation operation being completed successfully, SHG noted how "Gold Command wishes to express its sincere thanks to all stakeholders involved in ensuring this complex operation was completed safely and efficiently, including teams at St Helena Airport, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO), the UK Government, local Emergency Services, and Public Health officials."

SHG then gave their update on the territory, where they once again confirmed, reassuringly, that "there remain zero confirmed or suspected cases of hantavirus on St Helena."

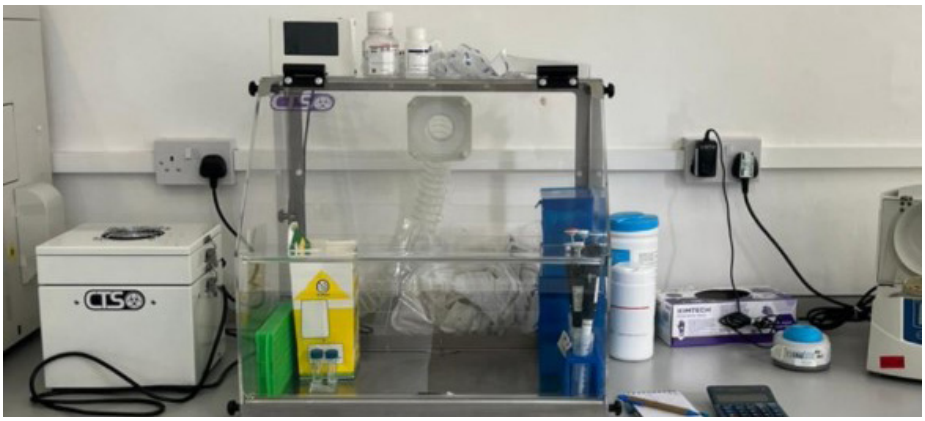
On Tristan da Cunha, it was advised that "the single probable case remains stable," while on Ascension Island, "further to the precautionary medevac of a patient last week, there are currently no confirmed cases on the island."

As confirmed by Dr Jake from Public Health during an interview on SAMS Radio 1 last week, SHG also mentioned the new on-Island testing capabilities. "Specialist UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) personnel continue to manage the newly established, limited on-island laboratory testing capability," they informed. "Testing remains strictly reserved for clinical screening as determined by the medical team and is not available on request."

Moving on, Government then advised of their new communications schedule in relation to hantavirus updates. "In line with our adjusted schedule, routine updates have decreased in frequency," they explained. "The next regular update will be shared via local radio broadcast this Wednesday, 20 May, followed by the next formal press release on Friday, 22 May." SHG did add however that "if any urgent developments occur, additional updates will be issued immediately."

To conclude Monday's update, SHG reminded the community that the Hantavirus Screening Line remains available via 25949 for anyone who had direct contact with the MV Hondius and may develop symptoms.

A further radio update with Chief Secretary, Ian Todd, and Dr Jake is scheduled to go ahead today, Wednesday, 20 May, on SAMS Radio 1.



LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

The Jonathan Magnet

From the University of Kansas to St Helena to meet the World's Oldest Living Land Animal



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

Recently, St Helena welcomed two visitors who works at the University of Kansas, United States, in their Ecology and Evolution Department.

Richard Glor is a Herpetologist who specialises in ecology which means he studies the habitat, behaviour, and environmental interactions of reptiles and amphibians to understand their role in ecosystems and conserve endangered species. Richard's specific field of expertise are lizards found in the Caribbean. His work with amphibians and reptiles piqued his fascination to meet the world's oldest living land animal – Jonathan - which just so happens to be a St Helena's most famous resident, living peacefully at Plantation House.

Richard is also the curator of the Natural History Museum at the University of Kansas where they house one of the largest collections of preserved reptiles and amphibians in the world. All of the data collected and stored at the museum is publicly available and can be accessed online for free. Their research and information are often used in mapping the distribution of species on various platforms and research projects.

"I think it is amazing that there is an animal on this planet who has seen things like the end of slavery, the industrial revolution, two world wars and whatever is going on these days; it's fascinating to think that when Jonathan dies, that will be the last set of eyes that might have witnessed all these things," Richard said to presenter Tony Leo in an interview on the Northward Sounds Show.

Richard said that one of the reasons he loves to study reptiles and amphibians is the continual discovery of new species and the efforts to preserve all species and their related research and information. "When we sample species from nature, we're preserving genetic material, parasites and their diet," he explained. "We are recording their colour, patterns and size. All of this is quite time consuming. When we are in the field, every moment is precious," he elaborated.

He ended off by reminiscing about the wonderful opportunity to "be around a creature that's lived on this earth for this long," describing meeting Jonathan as "a pretty magical moment for anyone, but especially for a herpetologist."

Richard also had the privilege to snorkel with whale sharks; a unique experience for a researcher used to dealing with lizards, snakes and crocodiles on a regular basis. "I could just swim and watch this beautiful creature swimming through the ocean so gracefully,"



he recalled. "It was a Zen moment for me, realizing I was seeing something magical." When asked what his feedback would be when he got back home, Richard replied: "I'm going to tell them that this is a beautiful island full of wonderful people that are tremendous hosts for a visit, people that are proud of their island, their history and to be the home of Jonathan, but also proud of having wonderful marine life and resources."

The other visitor to St Helena interviewed by Tony for the Northward Sounds show was Kyle Atkins-Weltman, a graduate assistant at the University of Kansas in the Ecology and Evolution Department, working in the area of palaeontology with a focus on paleoecology of the end-Cretaceous period (the third and final period of the Mesozoic era) and the dinosaurs associated with this period.

Kyle got involved in studying dinosaurs when he was invited to take part in a dig to recover some fossilised Tyrannosaurus Rex bones. This was when he realised this was where his true passion lay and what he wanted to do for the rest of his life. Kyle specifically works in the area of locomotor performance of dinosaurs from the Mesozoic era, exploring and discovering how they moved.

Kyle was part of a team who figured out what type of dinosaur a new discovery was and named it. "The name is Eoneophron infernalis, which translates to Pharaoh's Dawn Chicken from Hell," he elaborated. "They are from the family of Caningnathids, which basically look like a very big chicken, except they still have a three-fingered hand with fully formed claws. They had short tails and a big fan of tail feathers. They had a crest like a modern cassowary, a kind of half moon shape, and a toothless beak."

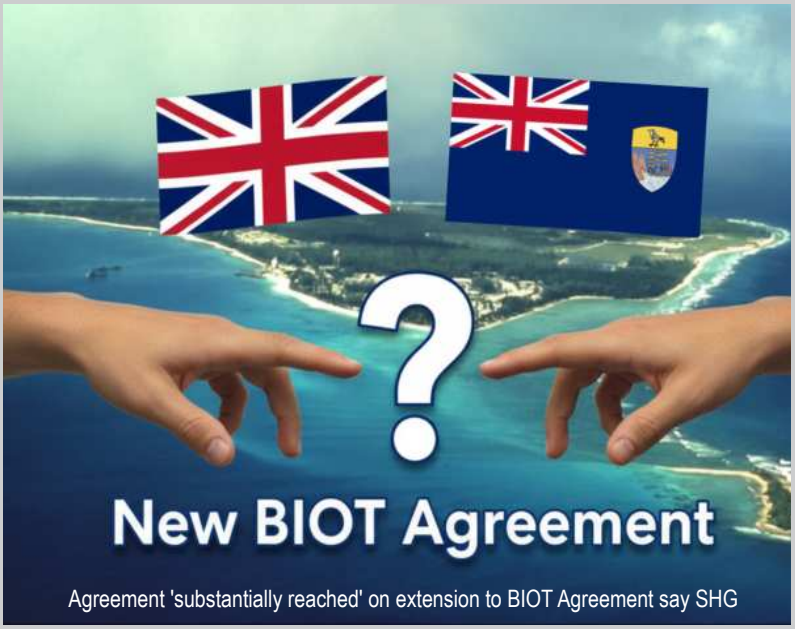
When referring to his time on St Helena and how this impacted him, Kyle related how "it gives a further appreciation of life. When you think about islands like this, they are not very old in geological time, they are what we call ephemeral - they come and go pretty quickly. There were probably thousands of islands like these that existed and we will never know anything about them. It really emphasises the importance of conserving and respecting nature, because it can be gone in the blink of an eye. Nobody will notice and there will be no appreciation for it except if we could keep it alive and keep the torch going."

Kyle ended off by commenting on his time on St Helena by saying, "It's been unforgettable and it is something that I will treasure for the rest of my brief existence (geologically speaking)!"



"Agreement has substantially been reached"

SHG issue brief update on extension of BIOT Agreement with UK Government



Liam Yon, SAMS

Late on Friday, SHG advised how "discussions between the St Helena Government and the UK Government regarding the extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding relating to the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) have progressed positively."

They further confirmed that an "agreement has substantially been reached," however that "final matters remain subject to confirmation before formal communications can be issued."

They add that "all parties continue to work constructively to conclude the process as quickly as possible" and that an update was expected to be issued early this week.

The Sentinel will look to report on this agreement once that update has been received.

LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

The Dutch Occupation and English Recapture

Reflecting on a heroic act of courage as we celebrate St Helena Day



Dutch ships anchored off St Helena Island during Willem Barents' voyage of exploration in the late 1590's

— **Aubrey George,** Contributed —

Our Island's day of discovery was 21 May 1502; five hundred and twenty-four years to our present day (2026), and efforts are underway by many, planning for our National Day alongside Culture Month to celebrate our unique and diverse society, that is embracing these modern times and its many challenges.

The birth of our community and our National Day as British began on 5 May 1659, with the English East India Company's Captain John Dutton's arrival on these 'pristine' shores with the first settlers, with their hope and intent to begin and transform the island into a working settlement. But previously to the English arrival, temporary settlements may have been undertaken by earlier occupiers, being the Portuguese and the Dutch.

This 'tranquil' island and it's gradual development was in its infancy when just thirteen years later, their hope and desire to progress forward was unexpectantly "shattered and overwhelmed" by a large Dutch invasion force that arrived here on 29 December 1672 from their nearby colony at the Cape of Good Hope, and not from Europe as such. The Dutch had taken the Island from the English on 31 December 1672. Island Governor, Anthony Beale, and his contingent of "loyal and unshakeable" defenders, and many others, had fought courageously against the attacking Dutch force, before they escaped from the enemy in the ship, Humphrey and Elizabeth, commanded by Captain Metford, sailing to Iseyle in Brazil.

Unlike invasions and conflicts of today's modern era in warfare and technology, that are witnessed by everyone in the comfort of their homes, the Dutch occupation was an invasion no less taken by force. Likewise, unlike communication of today as the "internet and hand held iphones" to the outside world, communication then was only by so called 'Packet Ships', or one-mask sailing ships delivering mail, dispatches, parcels, etcetera, that could endure three to four months to deliver, but at the time of the invasion there were no such ships at the island to inform the higher authorities in England.

As our day of discovery draws nearer in celebrating our British identity as 'Saint Helenians', all should "pause and reflect" to remember a small English fleet of Men-of-War ships under Captain Richard Munden, who was escorting the next India fleet outbound and was to convoy homeward bound India ships, fortunately came upon Governor Beale's small one-mask 'sloop' that had been lying in-wait off the island, to inform any English ships bound for St Helena of the Dutch occupation. Thereafter, Captain Munden made a plan with the other ships in his fleet to retake the island by force, which was successfully accomplished on 15 May 1673; five months after the Dutch occupation.

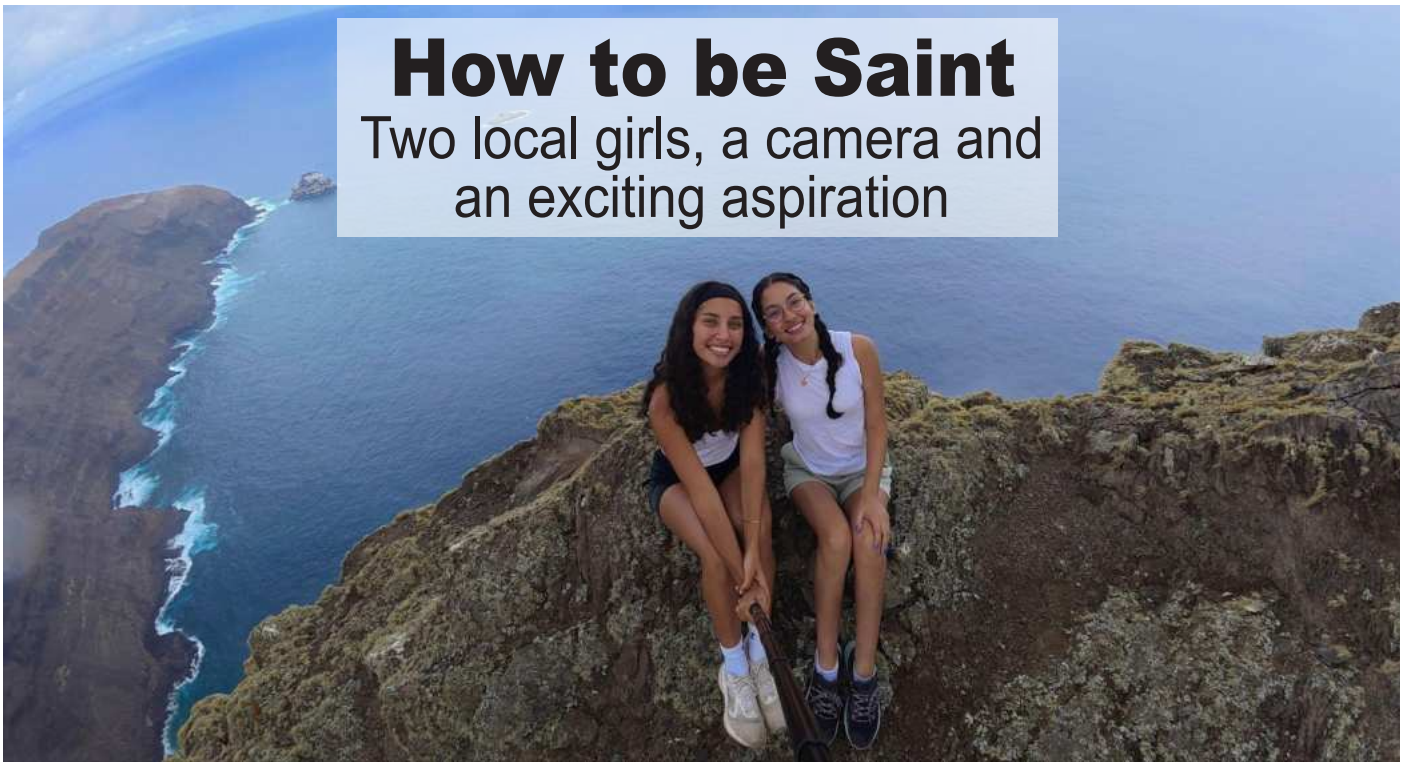
As there is no 'physical or visible' dedicated memorial plaque or monument to remind us of this historic event of three hundred fifty three years ago, except that of recorded records, and, as events and celebrations are anticipated this St Helena Day, all should "recall and reflect" on the heroic acts of courage and bravery demonstrated by a "small band of men" namely Governor Anthony Beale and his defenders in his one mask 'sloop', and that of Captain Richard Munden's fleet and his men, who, without orders from the higher 'echelons' of authority, rose to the task of reclaiming St Helena as a British territory that continues to our present day.

Captain Richard Munden is reputed to have entered into his ships log – quote "his crews have nothing better to do."

An extended summarised article of the Dutch Occupation and the English Recapture was published in the local newspapers during August and September 2025.

How to be Saint

Two local girls, a camera and an exciting aspiration



Selene Gough & Katie Raye Williams, Contributed

As young people on St Helena, it's very easy to look upon the outside world and think, "what does our home really have to offer?" or "what could possibly be so interesting about life here?"

Over the past few years, we realised the answer is everything!

We're documenting life on St Helena through our eyes, the fun and the authenticity behind the simple and everyday moments here on the island. Some of these things we may have taken for granted in the past, and most of these things are something the world outside St Helena rarely sees.

We had discussed starting a platform for a few years and vlogging our experiences has been something we have done with our friends for fun and, of course, kept in our video libraries only.

The turning point this year came to light on a weekend at Rockmount, which seemingly has been a place where so many of our "we should start a YouTube channel" or "we should start posting on social media" discussions have occurred. But, this time, we actually came up with a name – 'How to be Saint' – and with this new "identity" this aspiration of ours was hard to resist.

A big part of 'How to be Saint' is documenting Island life and our culture, and possibly things which young people may not be as interested in doing. Even things we are trying out for the first time! Katie recently caught her first fish on camera and there are so many other elements of Saints we want to capture. Making local dishes, understanding the history behind St Helena's cultural traditions, like crafting. All of the special qualities which make our home so unique. Sharing these with the wider world, from the lens of young Saint Helenians who have a genuine interest and passion for our home.

For the last month we have been posting shorter-form content on our Facebook, Instagram and Tik Tok (@howtobesaint), and we are so incredibly grateful for all the support we have received so far. Putting yourself out there is not always easy, but the amazing response has really encouraged us to keep going.

Whilst we have enjoyed posting on these platforms, moving to longer-form content on YouTube is the next step for us, giving these moments more time to be shown and appreciated. We'd love for the community to subscribe to our Youtube channel (https://www.youtube.com/@HowtobeSaint) - it's the start of what we hope will be deeply rewarding for us, and the island as a whole.

We hope you continue to enjoy our vlogs - see you in the next one!

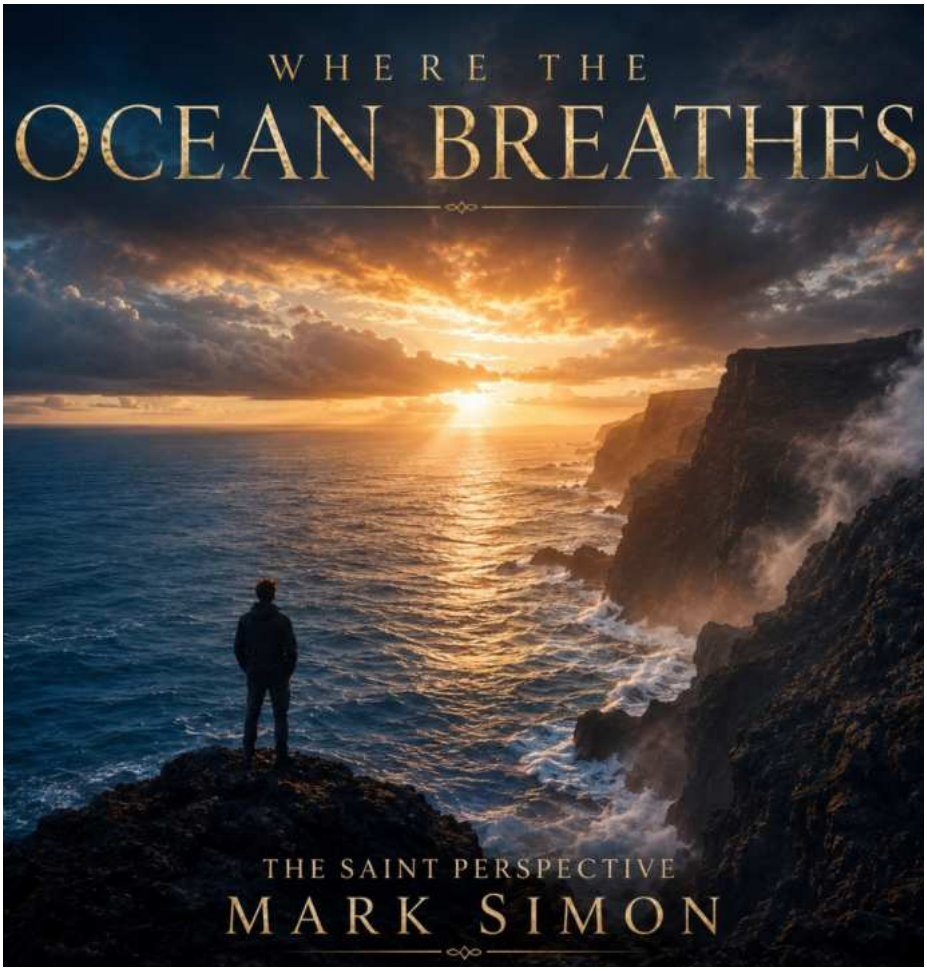




LIFESTYLE & CULTURE

The Saint Perspective

A Digital Voice Emerging from the Atlantic



The Saint Perspective, Contributed

In a digital era dominated by noise, trends, and short-lived attention, a quiet yet emotionally resonant creative movement is beginning to emerge from one of the world's most isolated inhabited islands — Saint Helena. Operating under the name 'The Saint Perspective', a local musician and songwriter, Mark Simon, is building more than just a social media presence; he is crafting a deeply personal artistic identity rooted in emotion, reflection, human struggle, and hope.

At first glance, the page appears to be another independent music platform. Yet beneath the cinematic visuals, oceanic imagery, and atmospheric branding, lies something far more profound — a creative attempt to reconnect humanity through vulnerability, storytelling, and music-driven healing.

The visual identity alone speaks volumes. The bold "REBUILD" banner stretching across the page symbolizes restoration, resilience, and transformation. Combined with the elegant minimalism of the logo and the dramatic artwork for 'Where The Ocean Breathes', the platform positions itself not merely as entertainment, but as an experience. The imagery of towering cliffs, endless Atlantic horizons, and solitary reflection, evokes themes of isolation, endurance, and spiritual discovery — all concepts deeply connected to island life and the emotional realities many people quietly face worldwide.

What makes 'The Saint Perspective' particularly compelling is its authenticity. Rather than presenting a polished celebrity persona, the creator openly discusses mental health, personal experiences, purpose, and the desire to support others through music. In a time when digital culture often rewards artificial perfection, this openness creates emotional credibility. The project acknowledges modern struggles while simultaneously offering optimism, inspiration, and connection.

Equally significant is the integration of artificial intelligence into the creative process. Instead of resisting technological evolution, Mark Simon embraces AI as a collaborative artistic tool — blending written lyrics, personal vision, and emerging technologies to expand creative possibilities. This reflects a growing global movement where independent creators are redefining music production outside traditional industry structures. The project becomes symbolic of a new era: one where creativity is no longer limited by geography, finances, or corporate gatekeeping.

There is also a wider cultural importance to this initiative. St Helena, a remote British Overseas Territory in the South Atlantic Ocean, is rarely repre-



sented within mainstream global music conversations. 'The Saint Perspective' therefore acts as both an artistic platform and a cultural ambassador — bringing visibility to Saint Helenian identity, creativity, and talent on an international stage. The recurring themes of ocean landscapes, introspection, and perseverance naturally align with the island's geography and historical resilience.

Perhaps the most striking aspect of the page is its emotional positioning. The language consistently emphasises possibility, healing, unity, family, love, and personal growth. Statements such as "Anything is Possible, Everything is Achievable" transform the platform into more than a promotional music account; it becomes a motivational philosophy. This is increasingly valuable in a digital environment saturated with negativity, division, and superficial engagement.

From a media and branding perspective, 'The Saint Perspective' demonstrates strong early foundations. The cinematic artwork, coherent messaging, emotionally intelligent storytelling, and purpose-driven identity provide the ingredients necessary for meaningful audience growth. While still in its early stages, the project carries the characteristics of a modern independent creative brand, capable of expanding beyond music into motivational media, visual storytelling, mental health awareness, and cultural representation.

Ultimately, 'The Saint Perspective' is not simply about songs; it is about perspective itself — the attempt to transform personal thoughts, island experiences, emotional struggles, and human hope into something universally relatable. In many ways, it represents the future of independent artistry; deeply human, technologically adaptive, emotionally aware, and globally connected despite geographic isolation.

As audiences increasingly search for authenticity in an artificial world, projects like this may prove that the most powerful voices are often the ones speaking quietly from the edges of the world — where the ocean breathes, and where creativity still carries soul.

Check out 'The Saint Perspective' via their Social Media platforms and channels below:
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NOTIFICATION

MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on **Thursday, 04th June 2026, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown**.

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

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

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

St Helena Government

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Handyman-Driver (Local interest only)
(£9,573 per annum)

The handyman driver is dedicated to enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and fostering the island's prosperity by assisting with the daily operations of the Central Support Service across various service areas. This includes performing minor maintenance tasks and taking on driving responsibilities as needed. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No.22470 or Email: sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 03 June 2026
Interview date: 16 June 2026

1:1 Teaching Assistant (SHSS)
(£10,966 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education? We are looking to recruit a dedicated Teaching Assistant to support the class teacher in delivering high-quality teaching and learning within the classroom environment. The successful candidate will be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Strong communication skills are essential, as the role involves working closely with students, parents, and colleagues. If you would like more information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

Enquiries: Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 03 June 2026
Interview date: 16 June 2026

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

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

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

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

Budget Officer
(£13,569 per annum)

Are you experienced in accounting or budgeting? If so, SHG is seeking a Budget Officer to join our Treasury team. In this role, you will provide expert guidance and support to budget holders in preparing, monitoring, and managing their budgets. You will review and analyse budget documentation, scrutinise departmental Budget Execution Reports, and advise Budget Holders and Senior Management on strategies to address variances, providing clear evidence to support your recommendations. If this opportunity excites you, we'd love to hear from you!

Enquiries: Mercy Chiseya on Tel No. 22470 or Email: mercy.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 03 June 2026
Interview date: 16 June 2026

Assistant PAYE Officer
(£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in being a part of a small dynamic team? If so, Treasury has an opportunity to join their Income Tax team. In this important role, the Assistant PAYE Officer will be providing day to day management of the PAYE system, auditing the Tax data for individual employee taxpayers and dealing with tax queries, ensuring all PAYE taxes are collected in line with the Income Tax Ordinance. The post holder will also be responsible for the storage and updating of all PAYE tax information (both physically and electronically) on a regular basis, for easy retrieval and to satisfy statutory obligations. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Connie Stevens on Tel No. 22825 or Email: connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 29 May 2026
Shortlisting date: 03 June 2026
Interview date: 11 June 2026

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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. May 22

- 7am - 9am: Sunrise Show with Luke Bennett
- 5:30-7pm: OUT OUT! with Liam
- 7:30pm: Country Classics (Repeat)

SAT. May 23

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 11pm: Northward Sounds
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Anita (Repeat)
- 5pm: In the know (repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: Out Out (repeat)

SUN. May 24

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Liam Yon
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse (repeat)
- 7pm: Baptist church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. May 25

- 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. May 26

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

WED. May 27

- 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. May 28

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

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What's cooking, Lurvvy?


Saint Cooks fish cakes

Saint Cooks, Contributed

We are so excited that May's month of culture is a celebration of food. Nothing says tradition, community and culture better in our minds than good ole saint cuisine. We've been celebrating with a cook-up all this month, and we thought we'd share our family favourites from our kitchen to yours.

Our little girl loves fish so much that not a week goes by that we don't eat tuna for lunch and dinner. Fish-n-Batter saint-style with curry powder (and extra bite for us) has gone down a treat. I always make sure to fry extra for leftovers in sandwiches for school the next day.

Robin is all about the Plo and would happily have it all the time if he could. The one-pot of love that keeps on giving and giving, nothing is better than Plo fried up in the pan the next day for a leftover 'do-down' with crispy burnt bits and a fried egg for breakfast. And we're planning on celebrating St Helena's day this year with a big ole pot of bacon bits white plo.

Bacon pumpkin do-down is one of EJ's absolute favourites. The perfect balance of salty bacon and sweet pumpkin...fried!!.. what's not to love? That's what we've been cooking, but what are your favourites?

This month, so many amazing home cooks have been spreading the love online, and we've seen amazing photos of fishcakes, coconut fingers, boiled pudding, tomato paste and curry puffs. The most favourite recipe on the Saint Cooks website is fish cakes. Why not make a batch this week! Here is the recipe:

You will need:

450g Tuna, 450g Potatoes, 1 Onion (Large, Chopped), 2 Rashers of Bacon (Finely diced), 1 Chilli (or chilli flakes), Salt and Pepper to taste, Fresh parsley (chopped), 1 Egg (beaten).

Here's how to make it:

1. Wash fish. Shred or mince fish with a knife until very fine. Set aside
2. Peel, dice and boil potatoes. Then mash them.
3. Heat oil and fry onion, bacon and chilli until onion starts to brown. Remove from heat.
4. Combine the onion, bacon and chill with the potatoes.
5. Add the fish to the mixture while the potatoes are still hot and combine
6. Mix in the beaten egg, and season with Salt and Pepper.
7. Form balls of the mixture in your hands and flatten slightly into a patty shape. Tip: Wet your hands regularly to prevent the mixture from sticking to your hands when forming patties.
8. Fry patties in a pan of hot oil until both sides are golden brown.

Serve as a main meal with rice and vegetables, or as a snack on a roll. Enjoy!

Happy St Helena's Day, everybody. Whatever you decide to make, we hope your celebrations are filled with laughter, fun and heaps of delicious food.

Cheers, Robin and Emma-Jane


Saint Cooks

Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Master

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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The Island Pulse

Unpacking a Record-Breaking Legislative Council Session



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

Broadcasting from the Castle Gardens on SAMS Radio 1, this week's edition of The Island Pulse delivered an extensive breakdown of one of the busiest and most scrutinised sittings of Legislative Council in recent memory.

Hosted by Julie Thomas in her role as Communications Champion for District Representatives, the programme brought together Councillors to reflect on ministerial responses, public accountability and the growing pressures facing St Helena.

The sitting itself proved historic, with Councillors tabling 29 questions in total - including the maximum 21 oral questions permitted - a figure believed to be a Legislative Council record. "Together, we put forward a grand total of 21 oral questions... We are fairly certain this sets a brand-new Legislative record for our island." – Julie Thomas

Joined by fellow Councillors Dr. Corinda Essex, Derek Thomas, Clint Beard, Denis Leo, Robert Midwinter and Ronald Coleman, the discussion covered everything from budget pressures and renewable energy to healthcare, education reform and fisheries.

Budget Challenges and Rising Financial Pressures

Opening the programme, Dr. Corinda Essex focused on Government's progress towards finalising the recurrent budget for 2026–27 through to 2028–29.

While Ministers confirmed that the minimum wage increase will proceed in July, Councillors expressed growing concern about the wider financial situation confronting the island.

New information shared during the sitting revealed estimates that statutory and mandatory government services alone cost approximately £44 million annually, while external pressures - particularly rising global fuel costs - are expected to significantly impact St Helena. "The sooner we can get the proper appropriation in place, the better for everyone." - Dr. Corinda Essex.

Councillors were particularly alarmed by warnings that fuel costs could rise by as much as 50%, alongside disclosures that aviation support costs may require approximately £900,000.

Julie Thomas questioned how Government intends to balance the budget without reducing services. "If you're not removing services or reducing services, I am struggling to understand how we're going to balance this budget." - Julie Thomas

Although Ministers indicated that child allowances remain unaffordable at present, discussions are continuing around targeted assistance for low-income families through alternative mechanisms, potentially via the tax system.

Clint Beard also highlighted concerns surrounding reviews of the Basic Island Pension (BIP) and Income Related Benefits (IRB). "Juggling the ball is quite heavy... it's going to be very tough to deliver everything." — Clint Beard

Shipping Restrictions Raise Economic Concerns

Dr. Essex's second question explored the decision to reduce the permitted lifting tonnage for 20-foot containers from 33 tonnes to 28 tonnes.

Government advised that the change followed operational concerns raised by shipping provider MACS after difficulties lifting heavier containers





safely from ship to shore.

While the explanation clarified the rationale behind the decision, Councillors stressed the likely impact on importers and freight costs.

Derek Thomas also warned that contingency planning for Jamestown Wharf must remain central to future waterfront development proposals. "Provision must remain in the event containers need to be offloaded at the wharf." — Derek Thomas

Conservation Plans Face Delays

The programme also explored ongoing frustration surrounding the National Conservation Area Management Plans.

Dr. Essex described her disappointment that work substantially completed under a Darwin-funded project had still not progressed to public consultation nearly a year after funding ended. "I don't really understand why that's lost us a year." - Dr. Corinda Essex

While staffing shortages and boundary discussions were cited as contributing factors, Councillors questioned why the first phase had not already advanced.

Denis Leo also expressed concern that significant externally funded projects risk losing momentum once initial funding periods conclude. "It would be disappointing to know they invested in something and there's no further traction." - Denis Leo

Airport Inquiry Delays Draw Criticism

One of the strongest exchanges focused on the delayed independent inquiry into February's airport closure.

Derek Thomas revealed that although a preferred investigator had initially been identified through a tender process, the selected party later withdrew, forcing the process to restart. "People are still trying to recover losses, and it is dragging on and on." - Derek Thomas

Councillors voiced frustration that neither Elected Members, nor the public, had been informed earlier. Julie Thomas further questioned why no anticipated timeline for the investigation could be provided, while Dr. Essex raised concerns that findings from an internal airport inquiry had reportedly not been shared with Government. "Ultimately, the airport is owned by SHG." — Dr. Corinda Essex

Casual Work Scheme and Labour Market Concerns

Frustration surrounding the long-discussed Casual Work Scheme became another major talking point. Derek Thomas criticised the lack of progress despite repeated public assurances that work was underway. "We've been in office now for eight months, and there's nothing else but disappointment." - Derek Thomas

Dr. Essex noted that efforts to establish a compliant casual work framework have now stretched back more than five years.

Clint Beard described the situation as another example of silo working within Government and argued that non-Minister Councillors were not being properly included in discussions. "The Ministers have a duty to use non-Ministers to also assist them." - Clint Beard

Denis Leo meanwhile focused on broader labour market stabilisation, skills development and the importance of involving the Chamber of Commerce in workforce planning discussions. "They might be looking for labour skills that are in short supply." - Denis Leo

He also raised the importance of improving pathways between schools and employment opportunities while balancing personal data protections.

Public Transport and Support for the Elderly

Derek Thomas also highlighted concerns over the affordability of public transport, particularly for pensioners living in outer districts.

He explained that some elderly residents are paying almost £8 for a return journey into Jamestown while surviving on modest pensions. "At least those who are struggling financially should be given a free bus pass." - Derek Thomas

Survey feedback shared during the sitting showed strong public satisfaction with the cleanliness and presentation of buses, though affordability remained a recurring concern.

Education Reform and COBIS Accreditation

Education reform featured prominently throughout the programme.

Clint Beard questioned Government regarding progress toward accreditation through the Council of British International Schools (COBIS), expressing concern over the lack of detail surrounding implementation plans and governance structures. "If Education is an economic driver, then you certainly need to be pushing that forward." - Clint Beard

Questions were also raised regarding the composition of steering groups and the level of local representation involved in shaping education reform.

Julie Thomas later connected the discussion to wider concerns surrounding workforce retention and international recruitment.

Recruitment, Renewable Energy and Telecommunications

Julie Thomas used her questions to examine several strategic projects that have received limited public updates in recent months.

Her questioning around international recruitment and returning St Helenians revealed concerns that no dedicated central budget currently exists to support relocation initiatives. "If there are Saint Helenians out there who would like to return to the island, they need to be given the same opportunity as other nationalities." - Julie Thomas



On renewable energy, Councillors learned that Government may now need to reset earlier ambitions of achieving 80% renewable generation by 2027–28.

Instead, Ministers suggested current projections may only realistically reach around 40%, with funding challenges continuing to affect long-term implementation. "That didn't fill me with confidence." - Julie Thomas

Discussions also touched on telecommunications and the future licensing arrangements connected to the island's telecoms sector, although Councillors acknowledged the commercial sensitivity surrounding ongoing negotiations.

Fisheries Review Under Scrutiny

Both Julie Thomas and Denis Leo focused heavily on the ongoing Fisheries Review.

Questions centred on whether legislative reform is being properly integrated into the review process and whether the same institutional shortcomings identified in previous reviews are being repeated.

"What's the point of the review if it is being done in isolation to the relevant laws?" - Denis Leo

Julie Thomas similarly expressed concern that many of the same individuals involved in previous reviews remain central to the current process.

Robert Midwinter also raised questions surrounding fuel duty arrangements for commercial fishermen and the challenges involved in monitoring duty-free fuel usage.

Minimum Wage Debate and Economic Realities

Robert Midwinter provided one of the programme's more significant economic interventions during discussions surrounding minimum wage increases.

While welcoming efforts to support lower-income earners, he questioned how many workers would actually benefit from the new rate. "The new minimum wage... is really not going to benefit many people at all." - Robert Midwinter

He pointed to recent wage statistics suggesting that most St Helena Government employees already earn above the new threshold, reinforcing concerns that the increase may have only limited practical impact.

Midwinter also welcomed confirmation that duty on fuel would remain frozen despite expected price increases.

Healthcare Improvements Provide Positive Contrast

While much of the programme focused on delays and frustrations, discussions surrounding healthcare offered a more positive tone.

Ronald Coleman highlighted a wide range of completed and ongoing improvements within Health and Social Care, including elderly care support, diabetic programmes, vaccination initiatives and physiotherapy restructuring. "It was pleasing to note the progress that is being made within Health for the people of St Helena." - Ronald Coleman

Particular attention was given to additional wet room facilities at Cape Villa and Deason's Centre, as well as expanded accommodation at Piccolo Hill.

Clint Beard nevertheless continued pressing for urgent improvements to the male ward at the General Hospital, particularly regarding privacy and accessibility. "We need suitable access to a toilet facility." - Clint Beard

Julie Thomas and Dr. Essex both remarked that Minister for Health and Social Care Martin Henry stood out because his responses focused largely on completed work rather than future intentions. "He was the only one who was actually able to give a range of things that had been completed." — Dr. Corinda Essex

Accountability and Communication at the Centre

Underlying nearly every discussion was a broader concern regarding communication, transparency and accountability.

Several Councillors openly stated that Elected Members frequently struggle to answer public questions because they themselves are not receiving sufficient information from Government. "Most times we do not know." — Clint Beard

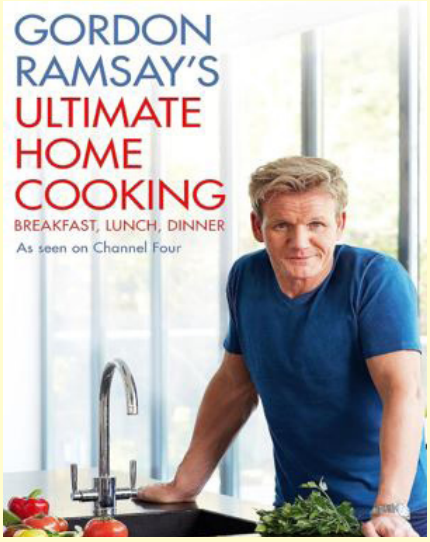
As the programme concluded, Councillors agreed that many of the strongest messages emerging from the Legislative Council sitting came during the adjournment debate - a discussion they intend to revisit during next week's programme.

Listeners were also informed that Connect St Helena CEO Roland van der Hoeven is expected to join the next edition of *The Island Pulse* to discuss electricity and infrastructure matters.

For now, however, this week's programme made one thing abundantly clear: scrutiny of Government performance is intensifying, while the public expectation for delivery, transparency and meaningful progress continues to grow across every major sector on the island.

Book of the Week

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Ultimate Home Cooking by Gordon Ramsay's

Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Home Cooking is a collection of over 120 delicious new recipes that are infused with Gordon's expertise and skill gleaned from his years in professional kitchens. Divided into chapters to see you through the whole day from weekday breakfasts through to Saturday night dinners, the book is all about the pleasure of cooking and sharing the very best home-cooked food with family and friends.

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Application has been received in respect of the following proposals:

1. **Application 2026/63:** FULL Planning Application for **Change of Roof, Installation of Solar Panels & Water Storage Tank** on Parcel SCOT0003, **Applicant:** Guy & Doreen Gatien.
2. **Application 2026/64**: FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage at Fairyland Flax Mill** on Parcel SBW0152, **Applicant:** St Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
3. **Application 2026/65:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage at High Knoll View Point** on Parcel HTH0513, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government
4. **Application 2026/66:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage at High Knoll Tower** on Parcel HTH0513, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
5. **Application 2026/67**: FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for High Knoll Legacy** on Parcel HTH0513, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
6. **Application 2026/68:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for High Knoll Interpretation** on Parcel HTH0514, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
7. **Application 2026/69:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for HTH Legacy** on Parcel HTH1493, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
8. **Application 2026/70:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for St Pauls Legacy** on Parcel FP0207, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
9. **Application 2026/71:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage: Noticeboard** on Parcel JT010002, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
10. **Application 2026/72:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage – "*Welcome to our MPA"*** on Parcel JT010002, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government. **Marine Protected Area*
11. **Application 2026/73:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for Marine Species** on Parcel JT010007, JT010024, JT010023, JT010022, **Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
12. **Application 2026/74:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Signage for Lemon Valley Legacy** on Parcel NG0002**, Applicant:** St. Helena Tourism, St. Helena Government.
13. **Application 2026/75:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of Photovoltaic Panels at The Mule Yard (Retrospective)** on Parcel JT020006**, Applicant:** Stephen McDaniel.
14. **Application 2026/76:** FULL Planning Application for **Installation of a Covered Area at The Mule Yard (Retrospective)**on Parcel JT020006, **Applicant:** Stephen McDaniel.
15. **Application 2026/04: Re-advertisement to include revised plans** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed One Bedroom Dwelling** at Lower Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH1491. **Applicant:** Claire George.
16. **Application 2026/28: Re-advertisement to include additional and revised drawings/ plans** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Jamestown Wastewater Treatment Works** at The Sand Yard, Jamestown on Parcel JT020013 & JT020018. **Applicant:** St. Helena Government.

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 08.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email planning.mailbox@sainthelena.gov.sh

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 4 June 2026

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

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What you'll do

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What you'll bring

You'll have good IT skills, especially in Microsoft Excel, Outlook, and Word, and ideally some knowledge of accounting software such as Sage. You're a confident communicator who can interact politely and professionally with the public, suppliers, and colleagues across Government. You'll be someone who works well both independently and as part of a team, with a methodical approach to handling sensitive information, cash, and data. Experience in income tax or customs duties would be a distinct advantage, but full training will be provided to the right candidate.

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- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
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- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
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- Satisfactory Employment References.
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- Satisfactory Medical Clearance.

Closing date:	**03 June 2026**
Interviews:	**week commencing 08 June 2026**
Start date:	**as soon as possible**

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

If you have any queries about the role, please email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

*** Internal applications from AIG employees currently on accompanied status contracts will be considered***

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Chief Minister's Adjournment Debate – 12 May 2026

On Tuesday 12 May I was unable to attend the Legislative Council Adjournment Debate due to an important meeting relating to ongoing discussions with the United Kingdom Government regarding the future BIOT Agreement.

Over recent weeks, supported by the Ministerial Team, I have been engaged in discussions with the UK Minister for the Overseas Territories, Stephen Doughty, and senior officials. The existing agreement between the St Helena Government and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is due to expire on Friday 15 May 2026. Discussions between all parties are continuing, and we hope to share further news at the earliest opportunity once an agreement has been reached.

I am grateful to my Honourable colleague, Minister Henry, for leading the Adjournment Debate in my absence, and to both Ministers Henry and Thrower for their thoughtful and heartfelt contributions, which reflected both the realities and responsibilities of the current situation.

I also recognise that Adjournment Debates are an important opportunity for Councillors to raise the concerns, frustrations and questions being expressed by members of the public. I will therefore review the minutes carefully to ensure those views are fully considered. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the reflections I had prepared.

St Helena operates under a Ministerial system of Government established under our Constitution. We are not a system of party politics with a formal Government and Opposition. We are one Government, collectively accountable to the people of St Helena and accountable to one another for both the decisions we take and the conduct we demonstrate. Within that system, we each hold different constitutional responsibilities.

Ministers are entrusted with strategic leadership, policy direction, decision-making and delivery across their portfolios. Councillors play an equally important role in representing community concerns, scrutinising decisions, challenging constructively where necessary, and helping ensure accountability and transparency in the public interest. These roles are complementary.

Healthy scrutiny strengthens Government. Honest challenge improves decision-making. But all of us in public office also carry a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a way that maintains public confidence in our institutions, particularly during periods of uncertainty when reassurance, stability and mature leadership matter greatly.

The people of St Helena rightly expect their elected representatives to work together respectfully and responsibly, even where there are differences of opinion. The public deserve leadership that informs, reassures and helps unite communities rather than deepening anxiety or division, particularly in difficult times. These have indeed been difficult times.

Since taking office, this Government has faced a succession of operational and national challenges - airport operational difficulties, the Foot and Mouth Disease situation in South Africa affecting food supply resilience, the recent hantavirus precautionary response, electricity outages, financial pressures, and wider resilience concerns linked to growing international instability and conflict in the Middle East.

Many of these challenges stem from years of underinvestment, deferred maintenance, ageing infrastructure, difficult financial realities, and the practical difficulties of operating essential services within a remote island environment and the weather. We are also particularly vulnerable to external shocks and events beyond our control, while having limited local capacity and resources to absorb their impact.

But despite this, our resolve has only strengthened because this is ultimately about securing the future resilience and wellbeing of St Helena. Our community deserves a Government prepared to face challenges honestly, work through disagreement constructively, and remain focused on solutions rather than division.

Again and again, whether through engagement with our shareholder-owned entities, the Utility Regulatory Authority, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, St Helena Airport, charities, community organisations or international partners, the message has been clear:
we must work together better, communicate better, and break down silos. With limited resources and capacity, there is simply no sustainable alternative. That is why partnership, collaboration and openness sit at the heart of the draft Vision and Strategy for St Helena going forward.

We are already addressing long-standing challenges and laying important foundations for change across fisheries, utilities, infrastructure planning, environmental management and public service reform, while continuing to build on progress within health and education.

We cannot solve every challenge all at once. If everything is treated as a priority, nothing truly becomes a priority. Instead, we must remain focused, work step by step on the areas that matter most, and move forward together as a community. I also want to place on record my sincere thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly in recent weeks to support the health, safety and resilience of our community.

I thank our healthcare professionals, Public Health teams, emergency responders, utility workers, engineers, civil servants, police officers, airport staff, technical specialists, and all those working quietly behind the scenes, often under immense pressure and public scrutiny.

During the recent hantavirus precautionary response, staff across Government and partner agencies worked calmly, professionally and responsibly alongside the UK Health Security Agency, UK Government and international partners to protect our community and ensure preparedness. Our Public Health teams acted quickly and responsibly in escalating concerns early, enabling vital international support and precautionary planning arrangements to be put in place at an early stage.

During the recent electricity outage, teams across Government, Connect St Helena and other essential services worked around the clock to restore power and minimise disruption to homes, businesses and critical infrastructure. Thank you to everyone involved for the professionalism, teamwork and commitment shown throughout the response. I also want to thank residents and businesses across the island for their patience, understanding and support during what has been an extremely difficult period for many households.

Looking ahead, Government will continue working closely with Connect St Helena to better understand the underlying infrastructure challenges, resource pressures and longer-term investment requirements needed to strengthen resilience across the island.

At the same time, our Resilience Forum continues important work to strengthen preparedness around wider risks and threats, including fuel resilience, biosecurity concerns such as Foot and Mouth Disease, and broader infrastructure and supply chain resilience. Much of this work is unseen by the public, but it is critically important, and those involved deserve our gratitude and support. St Helena has always endured through resilience, community spirit and people stepping forward when it matters most. St Helena is a remarkable community with remarkable people.

If we continue to work together with honesty, respect and shared purpose, I firmly believe we can build a stronger, fairer and more resilient future for the next generation.

Thank you.

Yours, Rebecca

12 May 2026

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Gospel Outreach Services – Sunday, 24th May
Kingshurst Community Centre 3.00 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 26th May:
Baptist School Hall, 7pm
Wednesday, 27th May:
Blue Hill Community, 7pm
Thursday, 28th May:
Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

Adventure Kids – Age 4 – 11 yrs old
Saturday, 23rd May:
Baptist School Hall, 10am to 11.30am

ALL ARE WELCOME

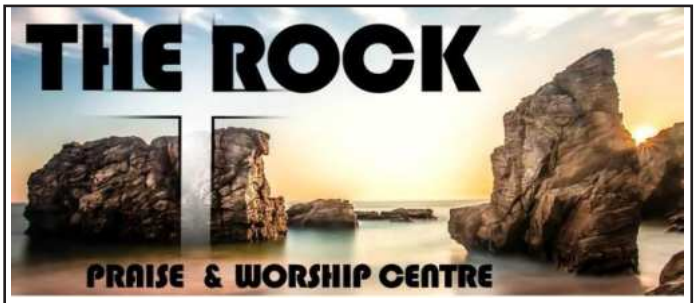
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The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 24th May 2026 – Pentecost		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
	Thursday 28th May	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Worship and Praise**	**Blue Hill Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 24th May 2026 – Pentecost		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 28th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 24th May 2026 – Pentecost		
11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist	St Matthew
	Tuesday 26th May	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Worship and Praise**	**St Mark**



Church Notices

We warmly invite you to join us for:

Prayer Meeting-Online

Saturday 23rd May 2026 at 8:30am

Contact Mercy –Prayer Co-Ordinator for details-65880 or 24212

Praise and Worship Service

Sunday 24th May 2026 11.00am,

@ The Rock Christian Fellowship Centre, Longwood Avenue.

Cell Meetings

Tuesday 26th May 2026

Jamestown @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Bramwell 62117)

Wednesday 27th May 2026

Half Tree Hollow @ 7.00pm, (Contact: Mercy 61707)

The Rock Christian Fellowship, Longwood Avenue at 7.00pm

(Contact: Tav 51727 for details)

Christian Gift/bookshop & DVD rental

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

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

Nursery Provision

The Education, Skills and Employment (ESE) Portfolio is offering non-compulsory nursery education for all children between the ages of three and four years.

ESE will be in contact with parents/guardians of those children born on island and who are eligible to enter nursery education in the school year September 2026 – August 2027. This is to offer a place and provide details of school placement and date of admission.

It would be appreciated if parents/guardians of children who were not born on St Helena could submit the following information in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence, so that an offer of placement can be made:

- The child's full name and date of birth
- Name and address of parent or guardian
- Telephone number and email address (if applicable)

Once all required information has been received, parents/guardians will be advised of their child's nursery placement.

It should be noted that ideally a child should attend the school within the catchment area where he/she is residing. However, for non-compulsory schooling, exceptions will only be made for regular attendance outside the identified catchment area should numbers in the requested school be low enough to accommodate the extra intake or if there is a valid reason for this, such as childcare.

Parents/Guardian who wish for their child to attend nursery schooling outside of their catchment area, must apply in writing to the Assistant Director of Schools, stating which school they would like their child to attend and the reason for the placement outside of their catchment area. In such cases, parents are obligated to take responsibility for transporting their child to, and from school if required.

All correspondence pertaining to this matter can be sent to the Assistant Director of Schools, Kerry Lawrence, at the Education and Learning Centre, Jamestown, by email to: kerry.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

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18 May 2026

MAY OPENING HOURS



Main Branch

Monday - Friday	08:45 - 15:00
Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Tuesday, 26 May 2026	09:30 – 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday, 27 May 2026	09:30 – 13:00

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VACANCY - ST HELENA GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The St Helena Growers is seeking to recruit a person to fill the role of a **Secretary/Manager** for the Society. The successful candidate will be required to work 08:30 – 16:00 Monday to Friday, with a one-hour lunch break, and may be required to work 08:30 – 13:00 on Saturdays. The post reports to the management committee

This is an exciting opportunity for someone passionate about fresh produce; local fruit and vegetable. The ideal candidate will bring strong leadership skills, a commitment to excellent customer service, and a genuine enthusiasm to support the agriculture sector.

About the role: As **Secretary,** you will be required to support the Management Committee through:

- arranging and recording minutes of meetings;
- undertaking all admin tasks associated with the Society and its Members;
- to record all financial transactions of the Society; to prepare annual statement of accounts, and to be responsible for all financial documents on behalf of the Society

As **Manager**, you will oversee the daily operations of the Shop and Stores, including:

- supervising staff;
- providing knowledgeable, friendly customer service;
- be responsible for the Cash Flow and the security of cash and stock;
- responsible for all financial transactions; cash and bank,
- maintain the Cash Book for both Cash and Bank transactions; including receiving cash from shop sales and other receipts and make all payments on the Society's behalf and reconcile Bank Statements with Cash book
- procure local produce and maintaining high standards of produce presentation and freshness, stock rotation and waste reduction;
- procurement of oversees ordering including completion of customs clearance declarations via ASYCUDA, payment of customs duty, collection of all imported cargo and costing, ensuring pricing accuracy;

What are we looking for: We welcome applications from individuals who:

- have strong financial and administration skills
- are confident in leading a team and creating a positive working culture
- have strong organisational and communication skills
- competent in Microsoft Office applications

How to apply: Please submit your application to Mrs Delia Allen at Lower Farm Lodge by the close of business 29 May 2026. This post attracts a salary of £13,260 per annum, with annual and sick leave benefits.

Vacancy

Grocery Sales Assistant

Since 1790

Salary for the post will be £9804 per annum (£817 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Star for a Grocery Sales Assistant.

As the Grocery Sales Assistant you will assist with the day-to-day running of The Star, including in the Food to Go area, and always ensure a high standard of customer service.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge and skills of food safety & hygiene
- Be customer focused and target driven
- Possess experience of working in a customer facing environment and have excellent customer service skills
- Be competent in Maths, English and IT
- Possess experience in Cash Handling
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment
- Be able to perform general cleaning duties
- Be available to work weekends

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

Charlotte Williams, Grocery Manager (The Star & Butchery) via 22683 charlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **28 May 2026.**

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts



Tyler who finished with an incredible five-wicket haul, conceding just four runs, and dragging Mustangs right back into the game. With the total at 83, having just three runs to send Pirates to the final, it would be down to Gareth Johnson to produce another unforgettable over; and so he did, bowling an incredible three wicket maiden over to keep Pirates at 83 runs, all out, and sending Mustangs to their first ever final.

The next semi final would see the always highly anticipated match between Challengers and Levelwood Allstars. Challengers would bat first, where they got off to a solid start; both openers looking solid in the early overs. After the first dismissal, another first ball dismissal followed, giving Allstars some momentum. However, it was Player of the Match, Joey Thomas, who would steady the innings with a brilliant batting display, exercising patience and explosiveness, producing 82 runs and allowing Captain Cliff Richards to play through the innings to produce 77 runs of his own, not out; taking all the sting out of the game and helping Challengers to an impressive total of 191 runs.

This tough ask of Allstars was made even harder when Allstars batting innings was met with the vicious bowling of Challengers who would take wickets consistently throughout the innings. This was led by Ashton Benjamin who took three wickets for 19 runs, depriving any hope of Allstars getting back into the game. A 27 from Clayton Leo would give Allstars a chance to rebuild the innings but it wasn't meant to be. Challengers would soon dismiss Allstars for 98, booking their ticket to this year's final.

In a shocking turn of events, the never say die Mustangs will meet the very dangerous Challengers in this year's RMS T20 final!



SPORTS ARENA



Tyler Wave Sinks Pirates

Mustangs to meet Challengers in RMS T20 final

Luke Bennett, SAMS

The first semi-final of this year's RMS T20 got underway when Sandy Pirates faced up against Western A Mustangs. Pirates elected to bowl first and the decision would prove to be a success when Pirates produced an outstanding bowling display from the start. Captain Rhys Francis would lead from the front with his deadly swing bowling collecting three wickets for 18 runs after 4 overs, dismantling the Mustangs top order in quick fashion. A knock of 20 from Captain Barry Stroud along with a solid 30 from Kyle Bennett would give Mustangs a little hope, however Pirate's bowling would restrict Mustangs to a total of just 86 runs after 20 overs. During the chase, Pirates took to the bat with business as usual; David Young smashing a quickfire 52 runs off just 15 balls. However, as Pirates cruised to 81 for the loss of three wickets, and with just five runs to win, Mustangs would find a new lease of life. In a shocking turn of events, Player of the Match, young Tyler Anthony, would unleash a ferocious spell of bowling that would see him brutally dismiss four batsmen for just two runs in a single over, stunning the Pirates. An unbelievable yet inspiring over from



RMS T20 Final

Mon 25th May

11am

Western A Mustangs v Challengers