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SENTINEL COMMENT

Luke Bennett, SAMS

Well, I can say that over the long weekend I was proud to be a Saint. First of all, a big shout out to the National trust and the Football Association for a very successful St Helena's Day celebration. I personally thought that it went very well and talking to others they were also very satisfied with the day. So good to see the float parade once again being the highlight of the day, I know how much work and community spirits goes into it, so hats off to all who took part proving that community spirit is still alive.

Speaking off community spirit, what a day we had at Rosemary Plain! Let's start from the top. Unfortunately, our fellow Saint, Julian Fowler, was diagnosed with cancer and along with that sad news, the family fell into even more hard times, so the Saint community came together to fundraise and give support to Julian and his family. So there have been a number of fundraisers in aid of Julian, leading up to the fun day at Rosemary. I've personally never seen so many people at Rosemary Plain, ranging from all ages, something different always gets the vibes going. A day full of fun with my highlight of the day, the sheep auction. Four bands showed up to play and a couple DJ's as well. From the band's perspective, I for one, never thought that I would see a concert at that level at the plain, having only witness one band performing there in my time, so a big shout out to all who helped to make it happen.

With the weather being naughty on the days building up to the event, it was a huge risk, but the dedication and determination to help our fellow Saint shone through and that's what I'm on about. We should be proud of what happened at Rosemary Plain; to the helpers, the people who had the idea, the support from the public and everyone who was involved, this is what we can do if we stick together and look out for each other!

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

An Open Letter from a Former Fish Processing Worker

I write as a former employee of St Helena's fish processing facility with more than seven years' experience working within the industry.

I am prepared for my identity to be disclosed confidentially to the Editor, if necessary, but I have chosen not to publish my name because the issues I wish to raise are bigger than any one individual. This is not about personal grievances or attacking any person or company. It is about public health, the future of our fishing industry, and the reputation of St Helena.

I have previously raised many of these concerns through the appropriate channels. Information was provided to elected representatives and concerns were reportedly passed on to the relevant authorities. Yet more than a month later, there has been little visible feedback to those who raised the concerns or to the wider public.

The recent histamine incident has brought public attention to our fish processing sector, but many of the concerns now being discussed are not new. In my view, some of these issues have existed for several years, dating back to the transfer of the processing facility into private operation.

At the time, the public was told that the new arrangements would modernise the industry, improve export opportunities, create sustainability and establish a compliant processing operation capable of supplying both local and international markets. Significant public investment supported those ambitions, and many of us wanted them to succeed.

However, as somebody who worked within the factory, I believe there is now a growing gap between those ambitions and the reality witnessed by many workers.

One of my principal concerns relates to cleaning and sanitation procedures.

During my time at the factory, concerns were repeatedly raised regarding the availability and use of appropriate food-grade cleaning and sanitising products. Questions were also raised about the cleaning of reusable ice bags, fish boards and other food-contact equipment.

Fish processing requires strict hygiene controls because fish is a highly perishable food product. Yet there were occasions when workers believed cleaning procedures were being compromised, alternative products were being used, or routine practices previously considered essential were no longer being followed consistently.

I also observed practices that raised concerns regarding fish storage and handling.

Workers questioned how long fish was being held in slurry systems, how frequently slurry water was changed, and whether chilling procedures used to preserve quality were being applied consistently. Concerns were also raised about whether fish was being washed, scrubbed and prepared to the standards previously expected within the facility.

These matters should not be left to opinion. They can be independently assessed through operational records, inspection reports and regulatory review.

Another concern relates to routine monitoring and inspections.

When I first became involved in fisheries, inspections, spot checks, environmental sampling and staff testing appeared to occur on a regular basis. Under the current arrangements, I personally observed far fewer visits and routine checks than I had previously experienced.

If inspection arrangements changed, the public deserves to know why. If they did not, the relevant authorities should be able to demonstrate that through records and reporting.

I am also concerned by what I perceived to be a gradual decline in some of the operational disciplines that previously formed part of the fish handling process.

Questions were raised regarding sanitation routines, employee monitoring, traceability procedures and product handling practices. There was a growing perception amongst some employees that standards once considered non-negotiable were increasingly being treated as optional.

One example relates to traceability. Workers understood that fish originating from different vessels was previously handled in a manner that maintained clear identification throughout processing. Concerns were raised that some of these practices were no longer being applied as rigorously as they once were.

I was also concerned by practices that, in my opinion, should never occur within a regulated fish processing environment.

On occasions, children were present within areas associated with factory operations. Workers witnessed children assisting with the packaging of fish products, raising questions regarding hygiene controls, supervision and compliance.

There were also occasions when recreational activities took place within

operational areas of the premises, including areas close to where fish processing activities occurred. In addition, the factory office was reportedly used for children's schooling activities during operational periods.

Whether these activities complied with the standards expected of a regulated food-processing environment is not for me to determine. However, they contributed to a growing perception that operational boundaries, which once appeared clear, were becoming increasingly blurred.

Perhaps my greatest concern arose from an incident involving fish that I and other workers believed should not proceed for processing.

Based on my experience, I believed the fish displayed characteristics that warranted rejection. Other workers shared similar concerns. I raised those concerns at the time and made it clear that I would not be associated with processing fish that I believed was unsuitable for human consumption.

I cannot prove what happened after that point. However, I can say that I challenged the decision-making and removed myself from the situation because of the strength of my concerns.

When reports later emerged of the histamine incident, it reinforced my belief that concerns raised by workers should have been taken more seriously. Whether there is any direct connection is for investigators to determine.

I also wish to make something clear. My decision to come forward was not prompted solely by the recent incident.

Long before reports emerged of members of the public becoming ill, I had already raised concerns regarding fish that I believed should not enter the food chain. I made my position known at the time and made it clear that if members of the public later became ill, I would feel duty-bound to disclose the concerns that had been raised.

When reports subsequently surfaced of illness linked to fish products, I felt a responsibility to honour that commitment.

Whether my concerns ultimately prove to be connected to the histamine incident is for investigators and experts to determine. I make no such claim. What I can say is that concerns were raised before the incident became public and that I believed they warranted serious attention.

What troubles me most is that despite public concern, reported illness, disruption to fish supplies and concerns raised by former employees, there remains little public information regarding what actions have been taken to address the wider issues that workers have been raising for years.

This uncertainty risks undermining confidence amongst consumers, fishermen and the wider public, while damaging St Helena's reputation as a producer of premium seafood products.

The public deserves clarity on whether the standards currently being applied within the processing facility continue to meet the requirements expected of a facility handling fish for both local consumption and export markets.

For years, St Helena worked hard to establish a reputation for quality. That reputation belongs to the island, not to any one company, department or individual.

If there are no problems, an independent review will confirm that. If there are problems, they should be corrected before further damage is done to public confidence and to the industry itself.

Before closing, I wish to raise one final concern.

Why has there been so little public communication?

Why have concerns raised by former employees seemingly disappeared into a system without meaningful feedback?

Why has it taken so long for the public to receive clear answers regarding the investigation, the standards being applied and the actions being taken to restore confidence?

These questions matter because perception matters.

When concerns are raised over a prolonged period, workers come forward, members of the public become ill, fish supplies are disrupted and little information is returned to the public, confidence inevitably suffers.

Some are now asking whether the organisation is being afforded a level of protection that would not be extended to others operating within the same industry. I sincerely hope that perception is misplaced. If it is, the remedy is simple: transparency.

Publish the findings.

Explain the actions taken.

Tell the public what standards are being applied.

Demonstrate that the same rules apply equally to everyone.

As a former worker, I am not seeking special treatment, nor am I seeking to target any individual. I am simply asking for accountability, consistency and openness.

The fishing industry belongs to the people of St Helena. Its reputation has been built over generations by fishermen, factory workers, exporters and the wider community. None of us can afford to see that reputation weakened through silence, uncertainty or a failure to address legitimate concerns.

I came forward because I believed it was the right thing to do.

I remain convinced that the right thing to do now is for the relevant authorities to provide the answers that the public deserves.

A Former Fish Processing Worker,
More than seven years' experience in the industry

St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

PRESS RELEASE

SHG Publishes its Situational Analysis of the Fishing Industry, and Next Steps

St Helena Government (SHG) has published a *Situational Analysis of the St Helena Fishing Industry, now available at* https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/documents/situational-analysis-of-the-st-helena-fishing-industry/. The document intends to serve as the information base needed to support ongoing development of the island's fisheries policies. The situational analysis was commissioned by Minister for Economic Development (ED) and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning (ENRP), Karl Thrower.

The report does not make recommendations. Its primary purpose is to support the next stage of the policy development process, which is direct consultation with the fishing community to help develop solutions for the sector.

SHG will soon be convening a series of workshops with representatives of the fisher's associations, processors, and others with interest in the industry to develop policy options. Invitations to the first workshop will soon be sent out. Two workshops and a final meeting will be organised and held and hosted by SHG's Head of Strategic Policy, after which fishers and public servants working in the marine environment will meet to discuss next steps. This opportunity will underpin future fisheries policy with the lived and experienced knowledge of fishers.

It is hoped to complete this part of the process by the end of June 2026.

The *Situational Analysis* is a working document which will be updated as the process develops.

SHG

"Stable and Contained"

Update on hantavirus, with global and territorial situation "stable and contained," as SHG express gratitude to those in their final week of isolation



MV Hondius during a former visit to St Helena

Liam Yon, SAMS

The hantavirus outbreak linked to the MV Hondius cruise ship is now being described as "stable and contained" globally, with the number of confirmed and probable cases at 13; the number of unfortunate fatalities remains at three, as reported early on during the outbreak.

All cases remain linked to passengers of the MV Hondius, with no spread to anyone outside of the ship having been reported or confirmed. As such, the global situation remains at baseline levels with no wider community spread and the World Health Organization maintains that the risk to the general global population is "very low".

On St Helena, Ascension and Tristan, the situation is described as stable and strictly contained, and therefore remains categorised as low risk by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA).

On Tristan, there remains one stable probable case in an island resident who travelled on the MV Hondius and developed symptoms in early May. The patient remains in stable condition while isolating, and a small number of close contacts continue to self-isolate as a precaution. Since British Army medics and emergency supplies were incredibly parachuted onto the island from an RAF aircraft, a new civilian medical team has arrived via naval vessel HMS Medway from the Falklands, including St Helenian, Jeremy Henry, to relieve the initial military personnel on the Island.

On Ascension, there are zero confirmed or suspected cases. A previous symptomatic high-risk contact was medically evacuated as a precaution and subsequently tested negative. As reported, because the island's resident medical team had close contact with a confirmed case on the cruise ship, they were designated as higher risk and were subject to pre-emptive relocation to finish their isolation. As such, a replacement UK medical team is currently on the island managing standard healthcare and ongoing surveillance.

Here on St Helena, there remains zero confirmed or suspected cases, while 18 people continue to self-isolate – with this period of isolation set to come to an end next week on Tuesday, 9 June.

Thanks to support from personnel from the UKHSA, St Helena has established a limited, on-island laboratory testing capability to rapidly screen clinical cases, if necessary. The expectation remains that there will be no cases of hantavirus presenting on the Island.

Though unconfirmed, The Sentinel have also received reputable information that the body of the first person to die from Andes hantavirus linked to this outbreak – known as the index patient, or patient zero – which arrived to the Island during the visit of the MV Hondius at the end of April, has now finally been repatriated, with a charter flight having operated during Friday of last week.

In terms of those people in isolation, while early last week there had been no communication from SHG to isolated persons regarding the financial support package announced two weeks ago, according to information received, The Sentinel have been updated by a resident in isolation that a letter has since been issued by Government, with those eligible to receive payments set to receive that support soon.

With isolated individuals having entered into the final week of their isolation periods, SHG in a recent press release issued this week, expressed gratitude to isolated individuals. "As they enter their final week of self-isolation, SHG would like to thank those 18 individuals who have shown remarkable fortitude and respect for the wider community by complying with the isolation requirements, which we accept have been very onerous. Thank you," they said.

With the situation now stable and controlled, SHG have discontinued their regular updates and will instead issue new information if and when it becomes necessary to do so.

In terms of the MV Hondius itself, according to 'Travel Weekly', the vessel has been "officially cleared of all health restrictions and approved to resume full service following a comprehensive sanitization process" during its time in Rotterdam, Netherlands, where she arrived on 18 May, "to undergo intense decontamination."



The MV Hondius has been officially cleared of all health restrictions and approved to resume full service following a comprehensive sanitization process in Rotterdam, Netherlands

"We have £8,250,000 that we can spend"

Chief Minister gives breakdown on committed funding from the UK Government, and how it will be spent, in relation to the extension to UK-SHG BIOT Agreement during interview on SAMS Radio 1



Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, broke down the investment commited to St Helena by the UKG as part of the BIOT Agreement

Liam Yon, SAMS

As reported during last week's edition of The Sentinel, St Helena Government, on Tuesday, 26 May, announced that after comprehensive negotiations and discussions with the UK Government, the Island's Ministerial Team have agreed to a two-year extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) relating to the BIOT Migrant Agreement between SHG and UKG, originally signed for 18 months back in October 2024, and which will now run to April 2028.

The agreement, as was the case during the initial MOU signing, will see St Helena accept the transfer to the Island of any migrants that arrive to the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) during the period that the MOU is active, subject to screening and SHG potentially exercising their right to deny the transfer of any individuals. For those that might arrive, St Helena would then accommodate these migrants on-Island and assume responsibility for their welfare, with any associated costs for this being covered by the UK Government.

As part of the agreed extension, St Helena is set to receive up to £9.05million of funding from the UKG, in a similar fashion to the £6.65million negotiated as part of the original agreement, in order to progress priority areas within the public service, as identified by Ministers.

This £9.05million is made up of an £8million payment to SHG to progress sustainable development workstreams, an ex-gratia payment of £250,000 to be used as seen necessary by SHG, as well as up to £800,000 towards preparing the Island for the potential arrival of any migrants.

In a recent interview on SAMS Radio 1, held on Friday morning of last week, Chief Minister Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks, gave a more detailed breakdown of this figure and indicated where the funds are set to be spent.

"So, up to £9.05million in total; we start with the £8million," she began. "Of the £8million, £2million will be for health, that is very similar to the first negotiation in terms of the ability to invest in much-needed equipment and replacement equipment for the hospital, and a continuation of the progression of the work that Minister Henry has been leading on with the Portfolio with regards to improving our ability to reduce Overseas Medical Referrals in the long-term, as well as work on that preventative strategy."

"Then there will be £2.3million for education and £3.7million for investing in our infrastructure, our telecoms and renewables," she continued. "I think it's important to point out that, these are the headlines, however how we spend it, in terms of the detail, and the time-period over which we spend it, that is very much down to us. So, these are the headlines; that is the £8million."

The Chief Minister went on to note how the £800,000 "contributes to preparedness" on the Island, while she also alluded to the total number of migrants, should any arrive, that SHG have informed the UKG the Island would be able to accommodate; with that number capped at 52 persons.

"Preparedness is a combination of things; in part, it's us committing to having accommodation available in the event that migrants arrive," she explained. "I think it's also important to note that, this time, we sort of reinforced what that might look like in terms of a cap. As people will know, there was work done to renovate the former Longwood First School, which we call Building 1 and 2 now; our commitment is to complete those works and also to continue to provide alternative accommodation through rentals. So, we've estimated that we could provide accommodation for up to 52 people."

"That's the accommodation side, but of course, the arrival of migrants requires support in terms of immigration," Chief Minister Cairns-Wicks continued. "There was initial training within the first programme to support the team in the event that people come and how they can manage the processing of asylum; there is work to continue to support the professional development of that team in order to be able to build their confidence, capacity and capability to do that, as well as other elements with regards to support that the Safety, Security and Home Affairs Portfolio would need in terms of building their resilience and capacity within that portfolio; for example asylum legislation and other things. So, there's a number of things that we'd be doing there in that respect."

The Chief Minister then concluded by informing that, "what we have on top of that is an unrestricted fund of £250,000; so we have £8,250,000 that we can spend, which is unrestricted, that is the money that is coming, and in terms of those headlines, those are the areas where we pay for them. Then the £800,000 is basically on receipt."

During the course of the near two-hour interview, various aspects of the BIOT Agreement was discussed at length, including reflection on the original agreement, details of the recent negotiations with the UKG, the relationship between SHG and the UKG, the likelihood of migrants arriving to the Island and how this process would work should it be necessary, details of how the £8m will be spent in Health, Education and Infrastructure, as well as the disappointment relating to UK State Pensions and the refusal to thaw the freeze for eligible persons on the Island, among many other interesting and relevant areas of enquiry.

This interview has been made available to listen to via the SAMS Podcast Page, while it has also been repeated via the 'In The Know' program on SAMS Radio 1 this week.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I must apologise to Russell Thomson for my arrogant, magisterial and dismissive tone in my earlier letter in response to his. While I felt that his letter about parliamentary representation was, sadly, not of the same high standard of his ones on human rights and compensation, I was at fault by not offering my own constructive criticisms and suggestions, for example, that rather than using the UN General Assembly as a model for what he was proposing, interparliamentary forums like the EU-UK Parliamentary Partnership Assembly, the British-Irish Parliamentary Assembly, the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe and the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, might be better ones. After all, they are, as their name suggests, parliamentary in nature.

Or that the non-voting members of the US House of Representatives from Puerto Rico and the other US island territories might serve as a better model for his proposed St Helena observer member in the House of Commons, as could the non-voting delegates from the Dutch Caribbean countries in the Dutch House of Representatives, elected by their parliaments. Some MPs and peers at Westminster will already be aware of these arrangements, which are detailed in the House of Commons Library's Research Briefing, 'Representing the Overseas Territories in the UK Parliament and Government', which is free to download, as is 'Parliamentary Representation of Overseas Territories in the Metropolis: a Comparative Analysis', Commonwealth & Comparative Politics. Who needs Wikipedia?

However, much of what Mr Thomson suggests an observer could do, is arguably already being done by SHG's existing UK Representative, who has the advantage of being able to approach all MPs and peers at Westminster, rather than a single one. That has long been the crux of the Falkland Islands Government's argument against having an MP, along with the concern that it would undermine the role of FIG's UK Representative, and risk giving Westminster more right to intervene in their domestic affairs. Consequently, while he suggests that other BOTs might seek to share an observer with St Helena, most would prefer ones of their own, assuming they wanted them at all; but rather than share an observer or an MP, would it not make more sense for St Helena, which currently does not have its own All-Party Parliamentary Group, to share one with the Falkland Islands, which does?

In addition, while St Helena's non-voting observer submitting proposals and amendments to bills applying to England, as Mr Thomson suggests, might make sense given that St Helena has an English Laws (Application) Ordinance, more independence-minded BOTs would be less keen; while the current Chief Minister of Gibraltar, Fabian Picardo, has spoken in favour of the Rock having its own MP and/or peer in Westminster, he does not want its domestic self-government to be affected, prompting one member of the Procedure Committee to accuse him of wanting to have his cake and eat it too.

As to Mr Thomson's reference to Standing Order 13. (1) ('The admission of strangers to the Chamber and the precincts of the House, whether or not the House is sitting, shall be subject to such orders and rules as the House may make'), unfortunately, this applies to the House of Lords, not to the House of Commons, which has a very different rule on the matter, as its title, 'Intrusion of persons other than Members into the Chamber', suggests: 'By Standing Order Nos 161 and 162, the Serjeant [at Arms] is directed to take into custody non-Members who are in any part of the House or gallery reserved for Members, and members of the public who misconduct themselves or do not withdraw when directed to do so.'

While there is a precedent for allowing legislators from outside the UK to sit in the House of Commons, namely the hosting of the Women MPs of the World Conference in 2018, this only came about through the agreement of MPs, not Standing Orders, as was the case with the UK Youth Parliament before it. That is why I have long advocated a Joint Parliamentary Assembly, in which elected members of BOT legislatures would sit alongside MPs, not in the antechamber of some committee room, but centre stage, on the iconic green benches of the House of Commons itself; it was demeaning that at the Women MPs of the World Conference, Spain was represented, but not Gibraltar, Argentina was represented, but not the Falklands, and South Africa was represented, but not St Helena.

Perhaps some may argue that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association's British Islands and Mediterranean Region's conference, which St Helena hosted two years ago, already allows the island's councillors to learn from parliamentarians not only in Westminster, but from other small British jurisdictions like Jersey, but then again, others may argue that there is room for improvement.

Anyway, enough from me; I'll leave it to the Chief Minister to tell us what she thinks about this; or is it all just a debate about how many angels can dance on the head of a pin?

Regards,
Ken Westmoreland



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Dear Editor,

I have read with interest the recent exchange of letters between Mr Thomson and Mr Westmoreland on an important topic: how to enhance relations between St Helena and the UK in order to maximise the former's political, economic, social, and environmental security. More specifically, the question is whether St Helena would benefit from having a direct presence in the Westminster Parliament (perhaps with observer status), a debate that has become more prominent in recent months.

There are several reasons for this, including growing signs of diplomatic vulnerability for the OTs, partly due to Brexit; the rise of Reform UK, whose members have expressed support for a strong OT voice at Westminster (particularly for Gibraltar); and an article in The Sunday Times by Ben Judah, a former Foreign Office special adviser, who discussed the idea of creating "Overseas Kingdoms" fully integrated into the UK. In this context, a form of representation at Westminster might offer greater diplomatic reassurance—an argument advanced by Gibraltar's Representation in Westminster Group, which is by far the most active group among the OTs on this issue.

However, the most important question is whether direct representation (in some form) would deliver tangible benefits. For example, would the UK Parliament become more attentive and responsive to OT affairs, given that the territories have differing interests? Would OT governments become more aware of UK legislation that affects them? Would additional aid be allocated to the territories? Would the existing avenues of engagement (UKOTA, London-based OT offices, joint ministerial council etc.) be side-lined? Based on research I have undertaken (https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14662043.2022.2065623#abstract), there is limited evidence to suggest that more direct representation would make a big difference. For instance, the frustrations experienced by Puerto Rico, the Faroe Islands, Greenland, and Åland are not markedly different from those of the OTs.

Nevertheless, these territories, albeit in different ways, do have more direct representation in their metropolitan parliaments. This is a well established approach, and if there was a good measure of support within the OTs for such a change (which, at present, there is not), it could be considered— especially if there were a more favourable government in London. Gibraltar, and its supporters in the UK, have been the most vocal in calling for representation at Westminster. Any interested parties in St Helena—or indeed other territories—should therefore start a conversation with kindred spirits on 'the Rock'. However, there is a problem for Gibraltar (and other OTs): with an MP, the UK may seek to take a more hands-on role—a difficult juxtaposition, though observer status might mitigate this tension.

In short, a debate on representation at Westminster is both welcome and healthy. Even if it does not ultimately lead to formal representation, it could nonetheless result in improvements in other aspects of the relationship between St Helena and the UK.

Professor Peter Clegg,
University of the West of England, Bristol, UK

Smoke on the Water

Bulk Carrier, MV Smoke, arrives to St Helena "to receive spares"



Donna Crowie, SAMS

Large vessel, Bulk Carrier MV Smoke, arrived to James Bay on Tuesday evening for assistance.

This vessel, which measures 289 meters in length and 45 meters in width, sails under the flag of Liberia and is recorded to have departed from Singapore on 26 April.

Having made enquires to Solomon's Shipping and Travel Office on Tuesday morning, it was confirmed to The Sentinel that the 'Smoke' has arrived to the island "to receive some spares". What these spares are and where they are being procured was not detailed.

It is assumed that, after receiving the necessary parts, the vessel will depart again to continue her voyage to her final destination of Point Lisas in Trinidad and Tobago.

YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

Oh no, not he (and not Saint-Pierre et Miquelon) again!

My wife and I, for several personal reasons, had decided to move to France when we would eventually retire. We had bought a ruin; it was being renovated while we still worked in Scotland. We would move some day and have EU residence rights, we thought.

Then Brexit supervened; fearing for Britain's future (and because the Withdrawal Agreement would deny non-residents future EU residence rights), we had to retire and move early in order to establish EU residence rights in France before Brexit.

At first, I had no thought of ever acquiring a second citizenship, but after a while the rise of anti-immigrant sentiment in France and elsewhere (and French insouciance* towards treaty obligations generally) made us fear that EU residence rights alone might not protect us from expulsion someday. We decided to seek French citizenship; I would go first, because I had allegedly studied French longer at school: reading and writing, at least.

For the French citizenship test, one has to learn a bit about France (and its overseas territories) and to understand and speak some French, too. So, I began watching the nightly TV news broadcast in French by the branch of France's overseas TV service in one such territory: Saint-Pierre et Miquelon ("SPM").

For a while, those news broadcasts were useful and even mildly interesting, but they began to irritate, for several reasons: (1) SPM are several small islands the British valued so little they allowed the French to keep them as a base for French boats fishing off Canada; (2) they are cold, foggy and wet, except in winter (when they are worse) - too like my native Scotland; and (3) they have what my partner calls the mainland French's Northern European aspirations (e.g., public social services) and Southern European attitudes (to working and paying for them), but even more so.

I obtained citizenship in late 2024 and, with relief, turned my back on SPM forever, or so I thought.

For, as soon as I began reading about St Helena for some sunshine, British people, etc., Blow me! There was an anonymous letter in the other paper, praising SPM as a model of a constitution which St Helena should seek for itself. And, at first sight, understandably so, because (as the writer wrote) SPM seems to receive enough grants. Yes, they receive more aid per capita than St Helena: in fact, ever since over-fishing forced Canada to impose a moratorium, destroying SPM's fishing industry, farming grant-making bodies (France, the EU) is SPM's principal industry.

SPM get away with it because France has overweening national pride/vanity: France's last remnant of its formerly extensive colony: a foothold in in North America. In short, quite a different dynamic from the UK-St Helena one.

Yet the constitutional model is actually quite similar: (1) defence and overseas relationships handled by the former colonial power ("FCP"): (2) much democracy done by a locally-elected council in the former colony ("LCFC") (three in SPM's case, for a population less than twice St Helena's!); and (3) crucially, a local representative of the FCP, watching what happens to all that aid, ensuring the LCFC obeys the law and wielding the FCP's ultimate power under the constitution, if the LCFC doesn't: a préfet (E: prefect) in SPM, a governor in St Helena. In short, the classic constitutional structure left in former colonies too poor or too strategic to be made independent.

Too diffident to expound on St Helena's constitution publicly, I wrote to the other paper, expressing my view and asking its editor to pass it on. Which he did, and no one replied, until some months later the same (or another) person wrote suggesting that St Helena should look at how constitutions have evolved in other former Commonwealth countries.

Which I think is an excellent idea, provided that one takes account of (1) the underlying economic position and prospects of the FCP and the LCFC; and (2) how much the FCP is willing and able to pay as aid to the LCFC.

So, I think that it is another excellent idea that St Helena is participating in at least one Commonwealth forum where former colonies meet to inform each other.

And I think that it is very important for voters/tax payers in St Helena to listen to what their participants bring back from such participation.

Sorry, that is all that I wished to say but I felt that I had to tell you how I had got there.

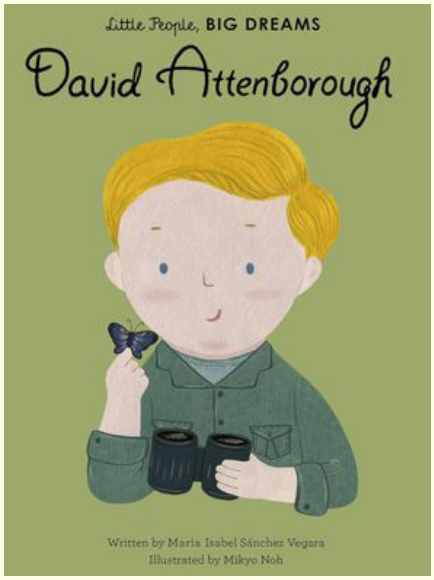
Regards,

Lucky Thomson

**Editor's note: insouciance is a French word, meaning (in English) insouciance, indifference, unconcern.*

Book of the Week

Public Library Service



David Attenborough

by Maria Isabel Sanchez Vegara

Little David grew up in Leicester on the campus of a university, where his father was a professor. As a child, he spent hours in the science library, collating his own specimens and creating a mini animal museum. When he was old enough to go to university, he studied science and zoology – but what he wanted most of all was to be close to the animals he was studying.

So, he started working in television, visiting animals in their natural habitats and telling the world the untold stories of these animals. Little David went on to become one of the most celebrated environmentalists on the planet, teaching generation after generation about the importance of the natural world.

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YOUR LETTERS

Dear Editor,

I recently wrote to the Speaker of the Legislative Council seeking clarification on matters that raise legitimate questions about the correct application of the Standing Orders at the Seventh Sitting of Ministers' Question Time on 19 May 2026. As these issues directly affect the transparency and accountability of our democratic processes, I believe it is appropriate to share my correspondence with the community, who are entitled to understand how these procedures are being applied.

Dear Madam Speaker,

I am writing to seek clarification on several procedural matters arising from the Seventh Sitting of Ministers' Question Time of Tuesday 19 May 2026, as I believe a clearer understanding will assist members of the public in ensuring that future sittings proceed in accordance with the Standing Orders adopted by the House.

Introduction and Subsequent Removal of the Eight Minute Rule

At the start of Ministers' Question Time of 19 May 2026, an eight-minute limit was introduced by yourself for each question. After reviewing the Standing Orders of the Legislative Council (approved 16 December 2022; amended 30 November 2023), I have been unable to identify any provision that authorises the Speaker to impose a fixed time limit on questions or answers, without prior consultation or a resolution of the House.

For reference:

Standing Order 1 (6) – Speakers and Chairperson powers to enforce order

This allows the Speaker to manage disorder, interruptions or conduct. However, it does not allow the Speaker to unilaterally create new procedural rules such as fixed time limits that alters the structure of Ministers' Question Time.

Standing Order 8 – Questions and Standing Order 9 – Ministers' Question Time

These orders set out the rules who may ask questions, how questions must be submitted, the Speaker's discretion on types of questions and the Speaker's ability to grant or refuse leave. It contains no authority for imposing time limits on answers or supplementary questions, a rule resembling an "eight-minute rule" or the Speaker having authority to introduce new procedural rules without Council approval.

Standing Order 15 – Rules of Debate

Applies to debates and speeches, not to Ministers' Question Time.

Standing Order 17 – Termination of Debate

Also applies only to debates.

Standing Order 21 – Suspension of Standing Orders

The mechanism through which a new procedural rule could be introduced, and it requires the agreement of the entire Council.

Section 68 of the Constitution states that Standing Orders are made by Legislative Council, not by the Speaker acting unilaterally.

I also note that later in the sitting, the eight-minute rule was withdrawn. This change at mid-proceedings appeared inconsistent and has contributed to uncertainty about the procedural basis for the rule.

I would therefore be grateful if you could confirm the specific Standing Order under which the eight minute rule was both introduced and subsequently withdrawn, and whether this procedural change was discussed with all Members of Legislative Council and formally approved by the House.

You have previously stated that you welcome and encourage feedback from meetings. In that spirit and in the interest of transparency and clarity for the listening public, I would be obliged if an explanation could be provided at the Eighth Sitting of Ministers Question Time, so that the listening public is fully informed and able to understand the procedural basis on which these decisions were made.

Requests for Clarification by the Chief Minister

During the Seventh Sitting of Ministers' Question Time, the Chief Minister requested clarification on three separate questions before responding. As all questions are submitted in advance and are only admitted once they meet the requirements of Standing Order 9(8), it is my understanding that any issues of clarity, form, or admissibility would ordinarily be resolved by yourself, the Speaker prior to publication of the Order Paper.

Given this, I would appreciate clarification on whether Ministers may request clarification on the wording of the substantive question during proceedings, noting questions have already been examined and approved by the Speaker under Standing Order 9.

Query Raised by the Chief Minister on Whether a Question Aligned with Standing Orders

At the same sitting, the Chief Minister raised concerns about whether another Member's question complied with the Standing Orders. Standing Order 9(8) does make it very clear, that the admissibility and form of questions are matters for the Speaker and are addressed prior to publication of the Order Paper.

I would therefore be grateful for clarification on whether Ministers may challenge the admissibility of questions during a sitting, or whether such matters remain solely within the Speaker's remit. Confirmation of the specific Standing Order would be appreciated.

Whether there is any Standing Order that permits a Minister to decline to answer a question that has been duly admitted. I have not been able to locate such provision.

There appears to be a number of procedural irregularities during the Seventh Sitting of Ministers' Question Time, including the introduction and later removal of a time limit rule, repeated requests for clarification on questions already approved by the Speaker, and challenges to admissibility that should have been resolved before the Order Paper was published. It is important that Members of the Legislative Council receives clear and authoritative guidance, on the correct application of the Standing Orders.

This clarity is not only essential for Council but also for the public, who expect Ministers' Question Time to operate transparently, consistently, and in full accordance with the rules adopted by their elected representatives. Procedural certainty is fundamental to maintaining public confidence in the work of the Legislative Council.

I therefore respectfully request a clear explanation of the procedural basis for each of the matters raised above, so that both Members and the public can have confidence in the consistency, transparency, and full adherence to the Standing Orders governing Ministers' Question Time.

Kind Regards,

Christine Scipio

Ships Getting Expensive

A look at recent changes to the St Helena Shipping Service, including increased charges; though freight itself has not increased, despite rumours



MV Karoline cargo operations at Rupert's Jetty

Donna Crowie, SAMS

The cost of living on St Helena is one of the primary concerns among residents of the Island, and recently there has been murmurs of an increase to freight charges that will further impact on the pay packet – however, The Sentinel have confirmed that, while there has been increases relating to the Island's shipping service, freight charges itself have not increased.

According to the Island's Shipping Service Provider, MACS Shipping, "the only increases have been to the terminal handling charges at Cape Town and Rupert's Bay, which are implemented by the stevedores/terminals," where they add that, "in Cape Town this is done on an annual basis and St Helena currently every two years."

Globally, due to ongoing conflicts, the cost of fuel is on the rise. As such, MACS also alluded to "the implementation of a fuel surcharge, based on the current fuel price increases."

Changes to the St Helena Shipping Service has also been a topic of discussion in the House, particularly during the May sitting of Ministers Question Time, when the Chief Minister noted how there will be an increase of £140 per 20-foot container. "At the moment, obviously, we don't know how that will change any further in terms of global increases in the cost of fuel."

Then, during a Formal Meeting of the Legislative Council, Councillor Dr Corinda Essex questioned why, "the permitted lifting tonnage for 20-foot containers has been reduced from the standard international maximum of 33 tons to 28 tons, and what action St Helena Government intends to take to mitigate the resulting negative impacts on importers?"

Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs, Gillian Brooks, responded.

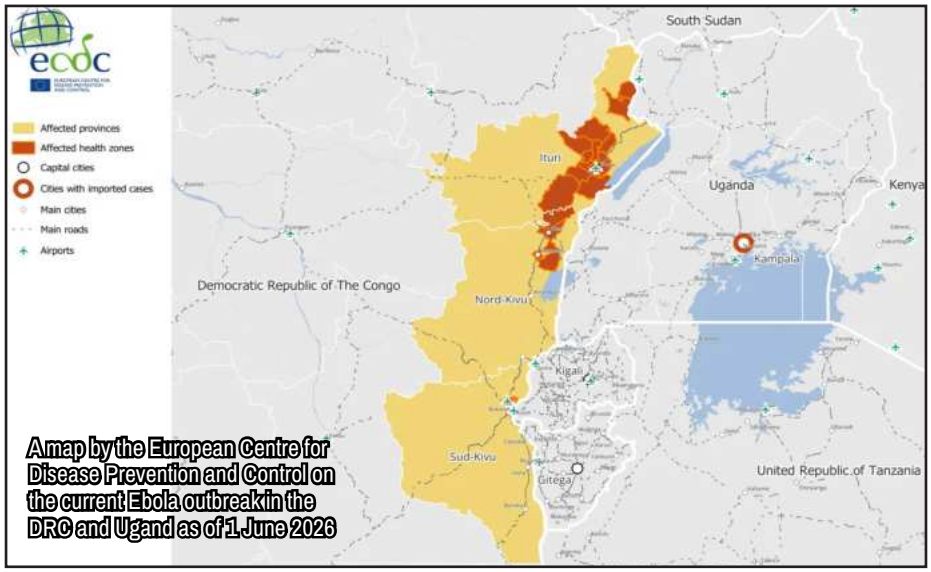
"MACS Shipping made the changes to restrict the weight on each container for health and safety and operational reasons pertaining to offloading in St Helena given the sometimes-difficult sea conditions at the jetty," she explained. "Any container arriving on the MV Karoline is offloaded by the ship's crane and it is the shipping company that provides any restriction on the maximum loads of containers. The MV Karoline's cranes can lift a total weight of 35 tonnes, but this includes both the cargo item which is in the container and, for example, the container plus the weight of our lifting gear which are chains, spreaders etc."

"For safety reasons, MACS would not normally operate at 100% of their lifting capacity, as there needs to be a safety margin as I've just mentioned," the Minister continued. "MACS have permitted the weight of a 20-foot container to be at 84% of lifting capacity and a 40-foot container to be at 93% of lifting capacity and the reason for a 40-foot container weights are slightly higher than that of 20-foot containers are that the frequency of shipping and lifting these is much lower than the 20-foot containers and therefore any associated risk with the lifts are lower."

It was also noted how the St Helena port crane can lift over 60-tonnes, but these cranes will only be used in the event that the MV Karoline's crane is not operational.

With the new reduced tonnage per container, and the additional costs that have been implemented, it begs the question of what this mean for the Island and the price of goods? For example, could we soon be paying close to £2.00 for a carton of milk?

"There is no appreciable risk"



A map by the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control on the current Ebola outbreak in the DRC and Uganda as of 1 June 2026

SHG address global health concerns relating to Ebola outbreak in DRC, following "hantavirus scare"

Liam Yon, SAMS

In a Press Release on Monday, St Helena Government have addressed global health concerns relating to the current outbreak of Ebola in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC).

As is widely known, Ebola disease is a rare, severe, and often fatal illness in humans caused by a group of viruses called orthoebolaviruses. First discovered in 1976 near the Ebola River in the DRC, the virus has an average fatality rate of roughly 50%, though past outbreaks have reached up to 90% mortality.

With an ongoing outbreak reportedly resulting in over 1,000 suspected and 282 confirmed cases having been reported in the DRC, resulting in over 340 total suspected and confirmed deaths, as of Tuesday, 2 June, SHG have sought to address concerns on the Island, particularly following the recent situation regarding hantavirus.

"We recognise that following the hantavirus scare, there will be a heightened concern within the community; most recently, we have seen an Ebola outbreak reported in the international media," they said. "The public can rest assured that our medical and public health teams receive regular (in many cases daily) updates on related issues from across the World, however, SHG commits to updating the public if the circumstances change significantly and or the risk rises for St Helena."

SHG then detail how "the current Ebola outbreak is based in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with some risk to bordering nations such as Rwanda and Uganda," before recognising that "these are not high-volume travel destinations, nor transit routes to other mainstream destinations."

SHG then noted how "there are a handful of possible cases elsewhere in the world (directly linked to DRC or Uganda)," however that "none of these has been confirmed," and they are "being closely managed."

With this information known, SHG assert that there is no risk to the Island and that, should the situation change, the public will be kept informed. "There is no appreciable risk and it is not appropriate for us to issue regular updates," they confirmed. "This will, of course, change if the disease spreads, for example, to South Africa (although the risk of this is currently considered low)."

Issuing advice, SHG then informed how "travellers should always proactively check their destination(s) prior to travel," adding that the "'FCDO - Foreign travel advice' provides a widely respected source of reliable information covering almost all global destinations," with 'Travel Health Pro' described as "an equally respected website dedicated to health advice."

To conclude, SHG committed to issuing relevant communications should there be a change in the situation that will impact St Helena, while they reiterated that St Helena's safety is a collective responsibility. "Where situations arise, which are likely to have a direct impact, then we will, of course, put out communications at the earliest opportunity," they informed. "Keeping this island safe is everyone's responsibility, individually and collectively. Thank you for your continued support."



Aid agencies intensify efforts to contain a new Ebola outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo

“A significant boost to local marine infrastructure”

AIG celebrates continued support and funding from UK MCA



Eight members from within AIG's Facilities and Operations Directorate underwent training towards Advanced Welding Qualifications

Liam Yon, SAMS

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) recently issued a press release stating how they are “proud to highlight a series of major milestones, training successes, and critical asset acquisitions made possible through the continued support of UK Government and funding of the UK Maritime and Coastguard Agency (MCA).”

According to AIG, their partnership with the UKMCA “continues to enhance maritime safety, boost local infrastructure resilience, and uplift the technical skills of its workforce.”

As such, in what was described as “a significant boost to local marine infrastructure,” AIG informed how “funding from the MCA has secured a new small dory boat for the Georgetown Port,” which they say will enable “the safe transfer of both boat owners and visiting yachtsmen between the boat span and the landing facilities.”

In addition, funding from the MCA have also “directly invested in the professional development of AIG personnel, yielding exceptional results across two intensive training programs earlier this year.”

The first of these training programmes was for Advanced Welding Qualifications, when, in March this year, eight members from within AIG's Facilities and Operations Directorate underwent what was described as “rigorous welding training and testing,” conducted by TWA Certifications. In the end, AIG revealed how “every single candidate passed their coding tests in various positions with flying colours,” something they alluded to as “a fantastic achievement,” adding how their small team “is now better equipped to carry out all welding jobs,” particularly repair work to the government's marine crafts.

The second programme related to Coxswain Training, with eleven of AIG's boat and barge coxswains successfully tackling what was described as “an intensive, three-part marine training and assessment program.” The training which covered collision regulations, navigation, firefighting, personal survival, and practical vessel handling, was said to demand “an outstanding level of commitment,” with AIG informing how “several candidates are now actively working toward completing their final sea hours to solidify this critical qualification.”

Following these recent collaborations, AIG also noted how in March, “Ascension welcomed a successful visit from the MCA's Overseas Strategic Policy Manager for Maritime Governance and Regulatory Compliance,” a visit which they said “underscored the strong strategic alignment between the MCA and AIG.”

AIG concluded their release by looking ahead to future planned initiatives and thanked the MCA for the valued contribution they are making to Ascension.

“Looking ahead, the partnership will continue to focus on environmental protection and emergency readiness,” they informed. “This coming July, AIG will host another round of the Counter Pollution Workshop, immediately followed by a comprehensive, live Oil Spill exercise to test and refine local response capabilities.”

“The MCA's continued support is making a tangible, daily difference on Ascension,” they continued, in conclusion. “From the arrival of the span boat to the training our welding and coxswain teams have just mastered, this funding directly elevates our safety, capability, and resilience. We extend our sincerest thanks to the MCA for their ongoing commitment to Ascension's port, and we look forward to working closely with them at next month's Red Ensign Group Conference and July's counter-pollution training.”



Eleven of AIG's boat and barge coxswains successfully undertook Coxswain Training hosted by the MCA



Funding from the MCA has secured a new small dory boat for the Georgetown Port on Ascension

Dairy Me!

Executive Council approve amendments to import prohibition, with certain dairy products now permitted to arrive



Standard Parmalat Yoghurt and Polar Ice Cream products from South Africa falls under category (ii) as they are explicitly made using milk powder

Donna Crowie, SAMS

In last week's The Sentinel, when reporting on the import prohibition of meat and dairy products relating to the Foot and Mouth Disease outbreak in South Africa, The Sentinel reported how Portfolio Director for Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Darren Duncan, indicated that the St Helena Government would be revisiting the prohibition on importing dairy products to St Helena under this ban.

As such, on Tuesday, 26 May, Executive Council discussed amendments to the prohibition on importing certain dairy products from South Africa, where they later approved amendments to come into effect from 14 May, with the new prohibition now being for "all dairy products other than— (i) dairy products that have been processed using an ultra-high temperature (UHT) treatment at not less than 135°C; (ii) dairy products made using milk powder and/or whey powder."

What this means is that, depending on the ingredients used and how the product is processed, St Helena can now see popular products such as yoghurts, ice creams and cream back in stock for islanders – which will be welcomed by merchants and the community alike.

While this allows for certain dairy products to be imported which were previously banned as part of the original prohibition order, the importing of meat itself from South Africa remains restricted. As such, those who would usually purchase imported meat and meat products will now look to the local market to fill their freezers. This itself presents an additional problem in terms of whether the local supply can meet the increased demand brought about by the current prohibition on imports from South Africa; observations and information received from The Sentinel have suggested that there is currently a shortage of certain meats by local suppliers.

She's Got a Ticket

First Island Minds Foundation 'Fly Away Raffle' winners announced, with more to look forward to in August



Donna Crowie, SAMS

The newly-established Island Minds Foundation charity held their first 'Flyaway Raffle' in May.

The initiative was two-fold; to allow the foundation to raise valuable funds for their cause, while also giving three lucky winners the opportunity to literally 'Flyaway', with prizes consisting of return flight tickets to Ascension, South Africa and the UK, respectively.

The 1,500 raffle tickets made available by the charity were on sale for approximately two weeks during May at £10 per ticket; a bargain when you consider the amazing prizes on offer.

On Friday, 29 May, members of the Island Minds Foundation committee, Shelby Bargo and Marcella Mittens, came in to SAMS Radio 1 to do the anticipated draw 'live' on the air; therefore, announcing their first three lucky winners.

Prior to the draw taking place however, Shelby acknowledged how the response to the 'Flyaway Raffle' was unfortunately not as overwhelming as they had anticipated or hoped, however with over 700 tickets having been sold, the committee was still pleased with the support from the community and said they hoped that, looking ahead, interest would grow each time.

Then came the big announcement; the winners of the first 'Flyaway Raffle', announced by Shelby as the Chairperson of the Foundation. Congratulations to Tyanne Williams (Ticket 1174) who won the grand prize of a return flight between St Helena and the UK; Ross Peters (Ticket 237) who won a return flight between St Helena and Johannesburg/Cape Town (direct); and finally, Anita Stevens (Ticket 1181) who won the return flight between St Helena and Ascension.

"The Foundation is grateful for the continued generosity shown by the public, noting that every ticket sold contributes to improving mental health support and reducing stigma on the island," said Shelby.

With the first of these quarterly fundraising initiatives now completed, the Island Minds Foundation are looking ahead to what will be on offer during their August initiative. "The next Flyaway Raffle will take place in August and will feature an exciting change; prizes will be awarded as cash equivalents of the return flight values, offering winners even more flexibility," smiled Shelby.

Listen out for when tickets for the next raffle will go 'live' and congratulations again to all the winners of the first draw.

SAMS RADIO 1 SCHEDULE

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FRI. June 05

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

SAT. June 06

- 9am-11: Indie Waves with Sue (Repeat)
- 1:00pm: Northward Sounds (Repeat)
- 3:30-5pm: Modern Country Chart with Donna (Repeat)
- 5pm: In the know (Repeat)
- 6pm: Artists through the Decades with Deon & Anita
- 8:30pm: OUT! OUT! with Liam (Repeat)

SUN. June 07

- 7am-noon: Sunday Show with Anita and Deon
- 1pm: Interview Hour
- 3-4:30pm: UK Chart Show with Liam Yon
- 5pm: Island Pulse (Repeat)
- 7pm: Seventh Day Adventist Church Service
- 20:30: Classical Compilations with Anita

MON. June 08

- 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. June 09

- 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. June 10

- 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.June 11

- 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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Sentinel Sudoku Session

This week's difficulty is 'Easy'

See solution to last week's Sudoku Puzzle:

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Throwback Thursday



4th June 1659:
Governor John Dutton completes the first phase of 'The Fort of St. John' (presumably named after its creator; now 'The Castle').

(sainthelenaisland.info)

Lentil Lasagne



Ingredients

For the lentil ragù

- knob of butter, for greasing and frying
- 200g lentils
- 1 vegetable stock cube
- 1 tbsp garlic infused olive oil, or olive oil, for frying
- 1 onion, chopped
- 1 garlic clove, chopped
- 110g mushrooms, finely diced
- 1 x 400g can chopped tomatoes
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper
- 6-9 sheets of lasagne
- handful grated Parmesan (or vegetarian alternative) or any cheese of your choice
- green salad, to serve

For the cheese sauce

- 110g butter
- 85g plain flour
- 850ml milk
- 6 tbsp double cream
- 110g grated cheddar
- Sea salt and freshly ground black pepper

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C/160C Fan/Gas 4. Generously grease a baking dish with butter.
2. For the lentil ragù, cover the lentils with cold water and bring to the boil. Crumble in the vegetable stock cube and cook for 15-20 minutes, or until the lentils are tender, then drain. Add a little more water if the mixture looks dry.
3. Heat the garlic infused olive oil and butter in a lidded frying pan over a medium heat. Add the onion, garlic, mushrooms and fry for about five minutes, or until softened.
4. Stir in the cooked lentils and simmer gently for five minutes, then stir in the tomatoes. Cover with a lid and simmer on a low heat for 10-15 minutes. Season, to taste, with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper.
5. Meanwhile, for the cheese sauce, melt the butter in a medium saucepan over a medium-high heat then mix in the flour and stir until bubbling. Gradually add the milk and cream, whisking constantly, until the mixture is smooth.
6. Simmer gently, stirring constantly, until the sauce starts to thicken, then stir in the cheese and season with sea salt and freshly ground black pepper and remove from heat.
7. To assemble the lasagne, spread a quarter of the lentil ragù over the base of the greased baking dish, cover this with a quarter of the cheese sauce, then arrange a third of the lasagne sheets over the top. Repeat, finishing with a layer of cheese sauce. Sprinkle over the parmesan cheese and bake in the oven for 30-40 minutes, or until bubbling and golden-brown.
8. Serve with a green salad.

Island Pulse

Highlighting Community Spirit, Economic Concerns and Calls for Greater Government Preparedness



Communications Champion Cllr Julie Thomas, Contributed

The latest edition of *The Island Pulse* on SAMS Radio 1 provided listeners with a broad overview of community events, concerns about St Helena's resilience in the face of global instability, and reflections on recent Legislative Council debates.

Hosted by Councillor Julie Thomas and joined by fellow elected members Denis Leo, Derek Thomas, Dr Corinda Essex, Robert Midwinter and Clint Beard, the programme blended celebration of community achievements with robust discussion about government preparedness, public communication and economic uncertainty.

Community Spirit Shines Through National Day Celebrations

The programme opened on a positive note, reflecting on the success of St Helena's National Day celebrations held on 21 May.

Councillor Denis Leo praised the organisers, particularly the St Helena Football Association and the St Helena National Trust, for delivering what he described as a successful and enjoyable event. "There will always be teething issues, but overall, I thought they did a very good job," he said.

The waterfront venue attracted widespread praise from the panel. Councillor Julie Thomas highlighted how the layout created a safe and inclusive environment, bringing residents together in a single community space. "The way the waterfront is designed meant everybody came together. It felt welcoming and community focused."

Particular praise was reserved for the district floats, which showcased St Helena's culinary heritage through creative displays celebrating traditional foods and culture. As one of the judges, Councillor Thomas said selecting a winner had been extremely difficult. "The level of detail and creativity was exceptional. The dancers accompanying the Longwood float ultimately made the difference for me, but every float reflected countless hours of dedication and community effort."



Councillor Derek Thomas also acknowledged the commitment required to create the floats and suggested that additional support may be needed in future to encourage greater participation from districts. "Floats remain one of the major attractions of National Day. Funding and support could help more districts take part in future years."

Dr Corinda Essex proposed that future National Day celebrations could once again rotate between Jamestown and rural locations. "A country venue would provide some variety and allow different communities to host the event," she suggested.

Councillor Robert Midwinter reflected on the significant volunteer effort involved in preparing floats but noted that participation appears to be declining. "What is noticeable is how the number of people actively involved is shrinking. Keeping these traditions alive requires community involvement."

Despite those concerns, all Councillors agreed that the National Day was a success, demonstrating the strong sense of community that continues to characterise St Helena.

Men's Mental Health Initiative Receives Strong Support

The discussion then turned to Councillor Denis Leo's "Man's Cave" initiative, organised to raise awareness of men's mental health during Mental Health Awareness Month.

The event, held at Jamestown Community Centre, brought together approximately 90 men throughout the evening for activities including cards, darts and skittles.

Councillor Leo explained that the idea emerged following encouragement from community members Juliet 'Dook' Williams and Kylie Peters and was motivated by concern over men's mental wellbeing. "We've lost too many men over the years. Men's mental health remains a serious issue, and it felt important to do something positive."

The event intentionally created an informal environment where men could socialise, relax and engage in





traditional activities. "There was no structure to it. People simply came together, talked, played cards, played darts and enjoyed each other's company."

Support was provided by the Bank of St Helena, which sponsored prizes, and the Standard Bar, which supplied playing cards. Councillor Clint Beard described the evening as an opportunity for men to reconnect socially. "It was about conversation, laughter and spending time together. That's something worth building on."

Councillor Robert Midwinter echoed those sentiments, noting that activities such as darts and cards have long played an important role in fostering social connections among men.

Several councillors expressed hope that the initiative would become a regular feature of the community calendar.

Community Comes Together for Julian Fowler Fundraiser

Another highlight discussed was the fundraising event held at Rosemary Plain in support of St Helenian Julian Fowler, who is currently undergoing cancer treatment in the United Kingdom.

Councillor Leo praised the organisation and atmosphere of the event. "It demonstrated what we can achieve when we come together as a community."

The fundraiser featured food stalls, bars, auctions, recreational activities, paintball and motorbike events, attracting strong support from across the island.

Councillor Midwinter particularly praised the event's simple and effective layout. "It felt very much like St Helena. Everything was accessible, straightforward and welcoming."

Throughout the discussion, Councillors extended their best wishes to Julian Fowler and his family, expressing hope for a successful recovery.

Minister's Question Time Dominated by Concerns Over Global Instability

The second half of the programme focused on Minister's Question Time held on 19 May, which examined the impact of global conflict and economic instability on St Helena.

The discussion revealed significant concern among elected members regarding preparedness for potential increases in fuel prices, supply chain disruption and rising living costs.

Calls for Cost of Living Strategies

Dr Corinda Essex opened the discussion by outlining her question regarding strategies to protect residents from the economic consequences of global conflict.

She expressed concern that no formal strategy currently exists. "I was surprised to hear that there was no strategy in place given how long these conflicts have been affecting global markets."

Dr Essex highlighted the impact rising oil prices could have on freight costs, electricity generation and everyday household expenses.

She warned that delays in implementing mitigation measures could place vulnerable residents under severe financial pressure. "If action is not taken soon, some people could face genuine hardship."

Supply Chain Security and Essential Goods

Councillor Ronald Coleman's question, presented by Robert Midwinter in his absence, focused on essential supply chains and whether government had identified priority areas requiring protection.



The panel expressed concern that existing contracts alone would not guarantee resilience if international shortages emerged.

Councillor Julie Thomas stressed that contingency planning must extend beyond contractual arrangements. "Having a contract is one thing. If the supplies aren't available globally, the contract itself won't solve the problem."

Several Councillors pointed to existing challenges obtaining pharmaceuticals and restrictions associated with agricultural imports as examples of vulnerabilities already affecting the island.

Freight Costs and Future Planning

Councillor Derek Thomas questioned whether government had adequately assessed the risks associated with rising freight costs.

While welcoming assurances that planning work was underway, he voiced disappointment that more preparation had not already occurred. "We cannot wait until we are in a crisis before we start planning."

He also welcomed assurances that any future strategies would be shared publicly once developed.

Controversy Over Disallowed Question

One of the most notable moments discussed during the programme concerned Councillor Julie Thomas's question, which was ruled out of order during Minister's Question Time. Her question focused on government communication, public engagement and community understanding of difficult decisions associated with national resilience and service continuity.

Thomas said she was surprised and disappointed that the question was disallowed after previously being accepted onto the Order Paper. "I was completely shocked. The question had gone through the normal process and appeared on the Order Paper."

She argued that the subject matter was directly relevant to the session's theme and pointed to several prepared supplementary questions that addressed supply chain resilience, budget pressures and cost-of-living concerns.

The matter has since been discussed further among members following the sitting.

Lessons from COVID-19

Councillor Robert Midwinter used his question to explore long-term resilience planning.

He highlighted the importance of learning lessons from the COVID-19 pandemic, particularly around contingency planning and support for

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importers. "There were measures available during COVID that recognised the challenges faced by businesses. We should be looking at what worked then."
Dr Essex agreed, noting that many of the circumstances currently being discussed share similarities with those faced during the pandemic. "I hope those lessons are not forgotten."

Food Security and Local Production

Councillor Denis Leo's question focused on supporting farmers, fishers and local producers to strengthen food security.
Although acknowledging existing subsidies for the fishing sector, Leo argued that greater urgency was needed. "There seems to be a sense that everything is okay, but we should be preparing now for future disruption."
He stressed the importance of reducing reliance on imported goods and increasing domestic resilience.
Dr Essex's supplementary question examined the availability of animal feed, highlighting its importance in maintaining affordable local production of eggs and pork.

Concerns About Air Access and Fuel Costs

Councillor Clint Beard concluded the session's questioning by seeking information about potential increases expected during the 2026-27 financial year.
He explained that his intention was not to alarm the public but to improve awareness and preparedness. "We need people to understand what may be coming so they can prepare."
Beard expressed concern that rising fuel costs could have widespread consequences across the economy.
He also highlighted discussions suggesting that reductions in air services could be considered if aviation fuel costs continue to rise. "That alone tells us that all is not well."
Throughout the discussion, Councillors repeatedly emphasised the importance of improved communication between government, elected members and the public.

Debate Highlights Broader Concerns About Government Performance

The final segment focused on recent contributions to the Legislative Council Adjournment Debate.

Budget Pressures and Support for Vulnerable Residents

Councillor Derek Thomas welcomed the introduction of multi-year budgeting but warned that future funding increases may not keep pace with inflation.
He also raised concerns about public sector efficiency and the need to eliminate wasteful practices.
Particular emphasis was placed on the financial challenges faced by pensioners and low-income households. "There are people struggling to put a hot meal on the table."
Thomas suggested that measures such as subsidised or free public transport for vulnerable residents could help alleviate some of those pressures.
He also highlighted concerns about delays in implementing the Casual Work Scheme, a programme that he said many residents continue to ask about.

Agricultural Strategy Frustrations

Dr Corinda Essex used her adjournment contribution to discuss two contrasting issues.
First, she welcomed progress towards establishing a Student Scholarship Trust, describing it as an important development after years of advocacy.
However, she expressed strong frustration regarding the pace of work on the Agricultural Strategy. "This has been discussed for more than five years and farmers are still waiting for certainty."
She highlighted ongoing concerns relating to farm licences, land ownership opportunities and future subsidy arrangements.
Essex also criticised the lack of acknowledgement to correspondence submitted on behalf of farmers. "I don't believe it is acceptable not to even acknowledge concerns that have been raised."

Productivity and Timely Delivery

A recurring theme throughout Dr Essex's contribution was the need for greater efficiency and productivity within government systems.
She argued that ineffective processes and silo working continue to delay progress. "In the challenging circumstances facing St Helena, productivity must increase, silo working must decrease, and timely outcomes must be achieved far more frequently."

Looking Ahead

As the programme concluded, Councillor Julie Thomas reflected on what she described as a common thread running through both Minister's Question Time and the Adjournment Debate.
The Councillors repeatedly returned to issues of planning, communication, efficiency and preparedness.
While celebrating the strength of St Helena's community spirit, they also voiced concerns about the island's ability to respond effectively to future economic pressures and global uncertainty.
The message emerging from the programme was clear: St Helena's communities continue to demonstrate resilience, generosity and innovation, but elected members believe greater urgency, stronger communication and more proactive planning will be needed if the island is to successfully navigate the challenges that lie ahead.
The Island Pulse airs every Tuesday at 2pm on SAMS Radio 1, with repeat broadcasts on Thursdays at 7:30pm and Sundays at 5pm.



Party on the Plain

Successful fundraiser held at Rosemary Plain in support of Julian fowler



Luke Bennett, SAMS

On Sunday, 24 May, a fundraiser was held at Rosemary Plain in aid of St Helenian, Julian Fowler. The day was designed as a day out for all of the family, with plenty to do, see and get involved in.

Julian Fowler, a St Helenian from Guinea Grass and currently based in the UK, was sadly diagnosed with cancer. On top of this, the hard times only increased when Julian, and his wife Julie, both loss their jobs and their home, due to circumstances around his illness.

Since this news reached St Helena, there has been multiple fundraising events from the community for the Fowler family, who were renowned for their participation in fundraising initiatives during their years residing on the Island. As such, all of the events to raise much-needed funds for the family have, so far, been well-attended and supported, including the highly-anticipate fun day at Rosemary Plain during the recent long weekend.

The day was a resounding success and proved to be an enjoyable day for all ages, offering activities such as paint ball shooting, bike rides, and a bouncy house for the kids, while Uncle Borbs Ice cream Bus made sure they were kept sugared-up throughout. A chicken and sheep auction could possibly have been one of the highlights of the day, along with a raffle and so much more entertainment, with Gavin (Jack) Thomas hosting the auction and the day as a compere. Another highlight was a dance performance from the "Just Dance" community, an initiative set up by Julian and Julie for people who just wanted to dance on the Island.

In terms of the musical entertainment, four bands showed up to show their support and provide entertainment for the day; a spectacle that hasn't been seen for a few years. Bands included The Big Easy, Young Turks, Tufted Sedge and Dirty Deeds; providing live music throughout the afternoon and into the evening. DJ's Theodore (Bobby Records) Lawrence and Justin Cranfield also took turns on the sets, playing popular music both before and after the band performances.

All in all, the day provided a brilliant atmosphere that catered for all ages, full of fun and laughter and possibly the first big event at Rosemary Plain for years. As such, the event raised an incredible £4,818.25 after expenses.

Of course, this could not have happened without the hard work and thoughtfulness of Anthony George and his team, the volunteers who helped before, after and on the day, and the community who showed up in good spirits in support of Julian and his family. It was a day that Saints can truly be proud off and serves as a reminder that our community looks out for each other in times of need.

Taken aback by the support shown to him and his family since his unfortunate diagnosis, Julian and the Fowler family, sent a message of gratitude on the same morning as the Rosemary fun day.

"Please will you kindly convey our sincere thanks to absolutely everyone on St Helena and around the world for their continued support throughout this incredibly hard journey," read the message. "Throughout our years of Fundraising for others, we never thought in a million years we would be on the other side."

"My journey started in May last year, and I continue to fight, pray and live in hope," said Julian, speaking on his difficult journey so far. "Alongside all the pain and heartache, and hurdles, we never expected to lose our jobs and our home because of Cancer, however we were just unfortunate. I celebrated my 50th birthday on Wednesday, 20 May; it was not the celebration I had in mind, but hey - at least I got to share it with my family, and that's all that matters. I will continue to have faith and trust in God that one day I can say 'I won'. Thank you to my friends, family and everyone; we are very grateful and feel extremely loved by you all. I hope today, Sunday, will be great and I trust that one day I can do it for someone else. St Helena will always have my heart! Much love, from Julian x."





I can see clearly now, the lights are on

Jacob's Ladder Lights Project nears completion as the public gets a preview on St Helena Day



Anita Robbertse, SAMS

In 2019, a project to upgrade the street lights across the island commenced by replacing the old mercury-vapour lights, working towards reducing electricity usage, as well as the need for constant and expensive maintenance. As part of this initiative, the streetlights in lower Jamestown were replaced with lights more representative of the period when Jamestown was established, to achieve a more aesthetic and authentic appearance. In addition, all other streetlights on island were replaced with LED lights, most of them solar powered, as well as lights that are in line with international Dark Skies-friendly criteria.

It was during this period that the idea came about to replace the lights on the ever-popular local landmark, Jacob's Ladder, also to align with this vision of being more dark sky compliant and additionally provide better and more energy efficient lighting to this well-loved St Helena attraction.

This kicked off the process of sourcing funding, research, design and planning permission, to ensure a pleasing and fit-for-purpose result. With the input from several consultants, various options were considered, taking the form and type of lighting into account with a focus on suitability, adequate lighting as well as longevity. Solar powered lights were considered, but this proved unfeasible requiring individual batteries and solar panels to produce the required illumination. With lots of input from various stakeholders and with guidance from David Taylor, who spent many hours designing and building a mock-up of the light, a proposal was finally submitted for approval by all parties involved.

In 2000, the current seventy lights (35 on each side) were installed with a space of 7.6m in between the lights alternating on either side. Light readings taken, proved that this produced inadequate lighting, with some steps effectively having no lighting at all. This lead to the proposal of increasing the number to 46 lights on each side as this would improve illumination of the steps. In addition, the proposed spacing of the new lights at 6.1m per side would resemble the wooden rollers that used to carry the haulage chain up the incline plane as seen in early photographs taken from Main Street and the Grand Parade. The design of the small grey bollard lights would then resemble the appearance of the historical wooden rollers in the original appearance of the ladder, enhancing the authenticity.

After approval of planning permission, an invitation to tender finally went out late in 2025 to find a contractor to undertake this momentous task. This would complete the ladder refurbishment project started in 2023 where comprehensive rehabilitation works were undertaken, involving repairing the steps, the metal structure, and the inclined plane, as well as fixing the tunnel section. The project was funded by Lord Michael Ashcroft through the British Napoleonic Bicentenary Trust.

In 2026, the ladder was once again closed to complete the installation of the new lights. Solomon & Company was successful in the tender to undertake this installation. The 92 newly designed, Dark Skies compliant lights were installed to improve the illumination of this important landmark at night, enhancing the experience of visitors and residents as well as improving the appearance of Jacob's Ladder at night.

Prior to St Helena Day, St Helena Government said they were "pleased to announce that Solomon & Company now expects Jacob's Ladder to temporarily reopen to pedestrians," and that "the ladder will remain open through the long weekend so it can be lit on St Helena's Day and enjoyed by the public."

"The Jacob's Ladder lights were officially switched on, on St Helena's Day," said Roads Manager, Deon Robbertse. "I checked and it is seven years ago that I started looking at a replacement strategy for the lights. It was a very good feeling seeing them from a distance driving down to town and then walking up some steps to see the lighting spread. It is a massive improvement and it really does look awesome. A big thank you to all that were involved with the planning, the procurement and the execution of the project. A special thank you to Kedell Worboys, David Taylor, Ian Gough and the team from Solomon's."

Looking ahead to the remainder of works, SHG say that "the public's patience is appreciated, and thanks are extended to Solomon & Company for their role as contractors in delivering this project."

Many will have seen the progress made to date on the Ladder Lights Project and it was great to see one of the Island's most iconic and historic structures lit up on our National Day.





NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper

Salary for the post will commence at £11,100 per annum (£213 per week)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for a Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper.

As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients and accountable for completion of documents. Provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties, fuel transfers between storage tanks and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally be familiar with the safe loading, transportation and dispensing of fuels in bulk via Road Tanker
- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have basic competency in Maths & English
- Be able to work unsocial hours, including shift work
- Be customer focused and able to deliver excellent level of customer service
- Honest, accountable and proactive
- Be safety conscious and have Health & Safety awareness in a fuels environment
- Able to work effectively in a team environment
- Able to work to a high degree of accuracy in a within a highly structured framework and comply with established procedures
- Ideally have experience or be knowledgeable of the safe handling of fuels
- Be comfortable to work in a hazardous environment and deal with hazardous substances
- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties
- Ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via 22332 bfi@helanta.co.sh

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- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Artisan

Salary for the post will commence at £12,252 per annum (£1,021 per month), depending on qualifications and experience

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Building Works Department for an Artisan.

As the Artisan you will perform a variety of tasks appropriate to the skills of a multi-skilled craftsman, ensuring all work is completed by the specified deadlines and which meets the required quality standards.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be competent in Maths & English
- Ideally have NVQ Level 2 or 3 in either carpentry, painting or construction
- Have at least 2 years experience working in the trade industry
- Have a Safety Awareness Certificate, or have undertaken Health & Safety on the worksite training and have the ability to carry out risk assessments
- Be knowledgeable of tools, equipment and materials common to the trade industry
- Have the necessary skills in the construction, repair and restoration in properties refurbishment or new builds
- Have the ability to operate power & hand tools
- Be able to make assessments of job requirements, estimate material requirements and provide method statements
- Be able to follow technical drawings and plans
- Have a clean & valid Driver's License in classes A & C
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent customer service skills
- Be able to work as part of a team as well as independently

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

Mr Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) via 22380 gm-services.properties@solomons.co.sh

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VACANCY

Connect SAINT HELENA LTD

IT ASSISTANT

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within the Business Support Team for an IT Assistant to carry out daily technical support for the company's IT infrastructure and employees. The role will report to the IT Officer and act as the first point of contact for IT queries, delivering professional end-user support in person and by phone. By consulting with departments to assess and address their specific requirements, the IT Assistant supports operational continuity and system reliability across the organisation.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- Knowledge of Computer Systems, hardware, software, networking, cyber security and cloud technologies
- Current experience working in IT Environment providing computer hardware and software support (1 year).
- Ability to troubleshoot and solve technical problems.
- Driving Licence, Class A.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- GCSE in ICT or Computer Science

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Saheed Oyewo on +290 22255 or email Saheed.Oyewo@connectonline.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 15 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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St Helena Government

FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

INVITATION TO TENDER

R2 Field Road - Netting Installation

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

PMO-0526-SHG - R2 Field Road - Netting Installation

A site visit to view the works will take place on Wednesday, 10 June 2026, at 09:00, meeting at Field Road Junction to Side Path Road.

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

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Friday, 19 June 2026, clearly marked **"Tender PMO-0526-SHG"**.

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

NOTICE BOARD

Vacancy

Freight Agent

Since 1790

Salary for the post will commence at £12,360 per annum (£1,030 per month), and will increase following completion of requisite training

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

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

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via 22523 asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh

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Vacancy

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent

Since 1790

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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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Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Security Officers 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 available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
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Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers

Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

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

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

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Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner

Rate of pay will commence at £5.60 per hour, increased to £6.50 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Since 1790

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.

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BIG 4 WALK - THANK YOU!

TOGETHER WE RAISED £3043.55 ON ST HELENA FOR MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT & AWARENESS

Thank you to everyone who joined the Big 4 Walk — here on St Helena and across the UK, Falklands, and Ascension.

Your support showed the strength of our island community and the power of coming together for mental health.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, donors volunteers, food vendors, activity hosts, walkers, and supporters for making the day possible.

Every step taken helps break stigma and ensures no one on St Helena feels alone when it comes to their mental health.

Island Minds Foundation

ST HELENA FUNDS BREAKDOWN

FINAL FUNDRAISING TOTAL

INCOME	
Registration fees, Sponsorship money, Gate entry fees, Tea sales	£2168.97
Donations	
Personal Donations	£15
JJZ	£10
Ascension Island Motocross Club	£165
New Horizons Youth Club	£100
Frankies	£50
SURE St Helena	£150
Burns Night	£300
Donations from printed shirts	£17.50
Wristband proceeds (St Helena Association)	£67.08

Thank you for supporting mental health on St Helena

Island Minds Foundation

We're Hiring:

Mantis St Helena

Commis Chef Kitchen

Build your experience in a professional kitchen

We're looking for a reliable and hands-on Commis Chef to join our kitchen team. As a Commis Chef, you'll assist with food preparation, maintain high kitchen standards and play an important role in ensuring our kitchen operations run smoothly.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Assist chefs in the preparation and cooking of dishes as per standard recipes
- Prepare ingredients including washing, peeling, chopping, and portioning
- Maintain cleanliness and organisation of workstations at all times
- Ensure food hygiene and safety standards are strictly followed
- Support in stock rotation, storage, and basic inventory control
- Assist with receiving deliveries and proper storage of goods
- Work collaboratively with the kitchen team to ensure smooth service

Kitchen Porter

Be the Backbone of our Kitchen Operations

We are looking for hardworking, responsible & dependable individuals who take pride in maintaining a clean, efficient & well-organized kitchen.

WHAT YOU'LL DO:

- Support chefs by keeping the kitchen running smoothly
- Wash dishes, utensils and kitchen equipment thoroughly and promptly
- Assist with basic food preparation when required
- Maintain high hygiene & food safety standards as outlined under HACCP guidelines
- Keep storage areas clean, stocked and orderly

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR:

- Previous experience is helpful but not required, basic training will be provided
- Strong work ethic and team focused mindset
- Ability to perform well in a fast paced environment
- Reliability, initiative and attention to detail
- Availability to work mornings, evenings, weekends
- Understand & follow all HACCP guidelines when it comes to food safety & handling of food storage & kitchen equipment.

APPLY NOW by sending your CV to Robyn-Tionette.FRANCONI@mantiscollection.com

A valid vetting certificate is required for employment.

VACANCY

Wind Farm Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for Wind Farm Technician. This role involves delivering professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment—primarily associated with the Wind Farm—to ensure a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to customers. Also, this position provides cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 5 years Technical Experience Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA
- Driving Licence, Class C.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering- Level 1
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 22 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

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VACANCY

Power Plant Maintenance Technician

Connect Saint Helena Ltd has a vacancy within our Electricity Generation team for a skilled Mechanical Technician. You will be responsible for the professional installation, planned preventative maintenance, fault rectification, and infrastructure refurbishment of mechanical power generation equipment — ensuring a safe, reliable, and high-quality power supply to our customers. This role also includes providing cover for the Power Station Operator and Assistant.

EXPERIENCE & QUALITIES

- 5 years Technical Experience in Power Generation
- 3 years Power Generation Operational Experience including SCADA, Plumbing, welding & fabrication.
- Driving Licence, Class C.

QUALIFICATIONS

- GCSE in English and Maths at Grade C or above
- City and Guilds Mechanical engineering - Level 1
- Possesses awareness of, or have relevant Health & Safety qualifications, including First Aid and Fire Safety

BENEFITS

- A competitive salary commensurate with qualifications and experience.
- 15% pension contributions of the base salary and 30 days annual leave.

For further information contact Merril Lawrence on +290 22255 or email Merril.Lawrence@connectonline.co.sh. Completed application forms can be handed into the Connect Saint Helena Ltd main office at Seales Corner, Jamestown or via email: Annalisa.Young@connectonline.co.sh by 9:00am on Monday, 22 June 2026. To be considered for this role please complete our application form, CV's will not be accepted.

www.connect.co.sh/vacancies.html | connectsainthelenaltd | https://www.linkedin.com/company/connect-saint-helena-ltd/

NOTICE BOARD

VACANCY

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

Customer Service Officer

Commencing at £11,472 per annum

Bank of St Helena is seeking to recruit a suitable person with the right mix of skills and experience to fill the exciting position of a Customer Services Officer.

Reporting to the Operations Manager, the Customer Service Officer will be responsible for providing an efficient and effective delivery of customer services and Banking products to all customers in a professional and timely manner.

You must provide excellent customer service at all times; be able to deal with customers and visitors in a professional manner and have the ability to deal with awkward/irate customers. Be highly organised and have a keen eye for detail, maintain confidentiality, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

Skills and experience the candidate should have:

- GCSE's in Mathematics and English at Grade C or above;
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills;
- Proficiency in IT skills, including Microsoft Applications and Database;
- Excellent interpersonal skills;
- At least 2 years' experience of working in an office environment and/or in a customer service environment.

Interested persons can contact the Operations Manager on email operationsmanager@sainthelenabank.com or you can contact them on telephone number + 290 22390 ext. 205 for more information.

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

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

Closing date for applications is Friday, 12 June 2026.

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

Bank of St.Helena Ltd.

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

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Bank of St Helena Ltd

ENCOMPASS

VACANCY NOTICE

TRAINEE RIGGER/RIGGER

Job Description

Encompass are looking to recruit a Trainee Rigger or Rigger on Ascension Island. The post holder will form part of the Rigging Team, primarily responsible for antenna maintenance of the Transmitting Station and other rigging and aerial maintenance related duties.

Requirements

- A thorough knowledge of safety regulations relating to rigging work and RF hazards.
- Qualified Category 1 climber. Operation and maintenance of specialised rigging equipment.
- Competent use of hand, power and specialist rigging tools and be familiar with workshop practise and safety.
- Be proficient at tying the various knots commonly used in the rigging department.
- Qualified winch driver.
- Knowledge of pneumatics systems.
- Mechanical/electrical aptitude with an understanding of basic mechanical/electrical systems.
- Knowledge of various components used in the different equipment such as HF switches and associated equipment.
- Able to interpret complex antenna and support structure drawings.
- Good communication, organisational and Time Management skills.
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work with a degree of autonomy and to use one's own initiative.
- Experience of PC use and basic keyboard skills.
- Possession of a current full driving licence.

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Practical Experience of motor vehicle mechanic.
- Certification in driving and operation of heavy plant.
- Formally trained welder.
- Experience with either a marine, masonry, construction or mast -painting department.

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two-year contract with Single Status and the salary is dependent on experience – please enquire for more details. You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A food allowance of £4,350
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of recruitment during your contract period

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory medical clearance, valid travel documents, basic criminal vetting check and references.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact JJoshua@encompass.tv.

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than **Friday 12th June 2026.**

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MARITIME Training

Are you considering a career in the maritime industry?

Would you like to learn more about different aspects of the maritime industry?

WHY NOT SIGN UP FOR ONE OF OUR COURSES!

Short Courses – £295.00

- Introduction to Ship Surveying
- Introduction to the ISM Code
- Cargo Surveying
- Marine Incident Investigation
- Maritime Emergency Preparation & Response Course

Diplomas – £3195.00 Certificates – £2295.00

- Diploma/Certificate in Health & Safety in Ship Operations
- Diploma/Certificate in Maritime Law
- Diploma/Certificate in Port State Control
- Diploma/Certificate in Ship Surveying

Courses are offered online through the Maritime Training Academy.

NB In addition to course costs an administration fee of £10.00 will be applied.

For more information please inquire at the St Helena Community College (SHCC) on the below details:

Carley.peters@sainthelena.gov.sh
Wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

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St Helena Government

SHCC

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FAIRNESS INTEGRITY TEAMWORK

JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING…

BENEFITS

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

HOW TO APPLY

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

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

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

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

Principal Statistician & Methodological Lead for preventative interventions

(£30,560 per annum) plus market enhancement £28,000
Fixed term – 2 years

The principal statistician and methodological lead for preventative interventions will contribute to enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and support the island's prosperity by bolstering the infrastructure and skills base to facilitate improved monitoring of the prevention and management of chronic illnesses. This position aims to enhance both the data management systems and the capabilities of the preventative health team. Essential responsibilities of this role include offering guidance on the design and evaluation analysis, aiding in the development of infrastructure, and mentoring staff involved in data management and analysis. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:Tracy Poole Nandy on Tel No.22500 or Email: tracy.poole-nandy@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026
Interview date: 07 July 2026

Apprentice Solicitor/Paralegal

(£13,569 per annum)

To improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by contributing to the legal team within Chambers. The Attorney Generals Chambers will invest the time and resources into ensuring our paralegals are fully equipped with the tools for success in the legal sector. Paralegals will be allocated a supervisor to provide them with quality training and opportunities to develop, as well as feedback and guidance. In return, we expect commitment, motivation and a genuine interest in helping our clients. “Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Andrew Duncan on Tel No.25526 or Email: andrew.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 June 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 June 2026
Interview date: 06 July 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.

NOTICE BOARD

BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday Services - 7th June
Sandy Bay Chapel, 8.45 am
Head O'Wain Chapel, 10.45 am
Jamestown Chapel, 6 pm

Bible Studies
Tuesday, 9th June:
Baptist School Hall, 7 pm
Wednesday, 10th June:
Blue Hill Community Centre, 7 pm
Thursday, 11th June:
Sandy Bay Chapel, 5.30 pm

SPECIAL EVENT
Adventure Kids: Age 6-10 yrs old
Saturday, 6th June:
Baptist School Hall, 10 to 11.30 am

ALL ARE WELCOME

For further information contact: Tel No 22388

DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Parish of St Paul's		
Sunday 7th June 2026 - 10th Sunday of the Year		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
	Tuesday 9th June	
7.00 p.m.	**Mission Praise and Worship**	**Sandy Bay Community Centre**
The Parish of St James		
Sunday 7th June 2026 – 10th Sunday of the Year		
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael
	Thursday 11th June	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
The Parish of St Matthew		
Sunday 7th June 2026 – 10th Sunday of the Year		
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 8th June	
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

ST. HELENA'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ENTERPRISE
SHAPE
Opportunities for all abilities

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Email: SHAPE@helanta.co.sh

Expression of Interest Notice

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)
Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

SHAPE invites Expressions of Interest from members of the public who would like to serve as a **Community** Member on the Board of SHAPE.

St Helena Active Participation in Enterprise (SHAPE) is seeking suitable candidates from the community to join the SHAPE Board as a Community Member.

Board Community Members support SHAPE's governance and strategic direction, while also helping to strengthen links between SHAPE and the wider community, including people with disabilities and other disadvantaged groups on St Helena.

Individuals who are interested in being considered are invited to submit a brief written Expression of Interest outlining:

- Why you would like to serve as a Community Member on the Board
- Any skills, experience or community involvement you feel is relevant
- Your full name and contact details

Expressions of Interest should be addressed and submitted via email to:
Ed Oyewo
Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay
Email: profjdislander@gmail.com

Expressions of Interest must be submitted no later than Friday, 19 June 2026.

ST. HELENA'S ACTIVE PARTICIPATION IN ENTERPRISE
SHAPE
Opportunities for all abilities

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)
Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given that the Annual General Meeting of Members of **SHAPE** (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) will be held on:

Date: Saturday, 20th June 2026
Time: 10:00 am
Venue: SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Agenda:
The agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
7. Any Other Business

Committee Nominations:
Members wishing to be appointed to the Committee must submit a signed written notice to the Company Secretary by **19th June 2026**. Employee members are not eligible.

Ed Oyewo
Email: profjdislander@gmail.com
Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay

Golf Report

Neil Joshua Claims Monthly Medal Prize for May 2026



SHGC, Contributed

Fifteen golfers enjoyed excellent weather conditions at St Helena Golf Club on Sunday, 31 May, as they competed in the club's Monthly Medal Stroke Play competition.

In near-perfect golfing conditions, it was Neil Joshua who produced the outstanding performance of the day, carding a net 66 (86 gross less 20 handicap) to secure the Monthly Medal title. Joshua's consistent play throughout the round saw him finish two shots clear of the chasing pack.



The battle for second place was closely contested, with Larry Legg and Bramwell Bushuru both returning impressive net scores of 68. Legg claimed the runner-up position on countback over the final nine holes. Bramwell was therefore forced to settle for third place despite matching Legg's net score.

Gerald George finished fourth on net 70, while Freddy Thomas completed the top five with a net 71. Anthony Green was sixth on 74, followed by Peter Bagley on 75.

A special mention goes to Bruce Howarth, who experienced the St Helena Golf Club course for the very first time. Bruce completed the round and, in recognition of the occasion, was presented with a Certificate of Participation. Club members were delighted to welcome him and hope to see him back on the fairways again soon.

No twos were recorded during the competition.

The club extends its congratulations to Neil Joshua on a well-deserved victory and thanks all players for their participation in what proved to be an enjoyable day of golf in beautiful weather.

The next event on the St Helena Golf Club calendar is the Furrows Stroke Play Competition, proudly sponsored by Fox Motors, which will be played on Sunday, 7 June 2026. Players are reminded that registration closes at 3:00pm on Saturday, 6 June 2026. Golfers are encouraged to enter early and support what promises to be another competitive day on the links. We also wish to remind our members that the biggest event on the St Helena Golf Club Calendar, the SHGC Open Championship, is scheduled to take place on 20-21 and 27-28 June 2026. Happy Swinging!



SPORTS ARENA

Quarters Down, Semis to Come

Challengers and Pirates through to SHCA Knockout T20 Semi-Finals






Luke Bennett, SAMS

The St Helena Cricket Association Knockout T20 quarter-finals got underway on Sunday with the RMS T20 Champs, Challengers, taking on the runners-up, the Western A Mustangs, in the first match of the day. Mustangs elected to bat first but lost wickets early in the innings thanks to the brilliant bowling of Challengers, led by Andrew Yon taking two wickets for six runs. It was Kurt Jonas who stood firm with 24 runs, accompanied by Captain Barry Stroud who produced a hard-fought half century for the Mustangs. However, Challengers' bowling attack once again proved too strong and they restricted Mustangs to a total of 114 runs. Mustangs then took to the field in hopes of causing another upset, but it wasn't meant to be. Challenger's openers, Captain Cliff Richards with 37 runs and Player of the Match, Andrew Yon, with 38 runs, stood strong and managed to comfortably guide the Challengers to a win. After the dismissal of Andrew Yon, Jordi Henry knocked 35 runs to see Challengers over the line and into the semi-finals.

The second quarter-final matchup saw Jamestown Heat take on Sandy Bay Pirates. The Pirates batted first but got off to a shaky start after losing four wickets for 69 runs. The bowling attack of Heat was led by the ever-dependable Jason Thomas with two wickets for 27 runs. It was Ronan Legg with 68 runs who settled the innings for Pirates, together with Player of the Match, Captain Rhys Francis, who came away with 66 runs of his own. This took the Pirates to a fine total of 217 runs. Pirates then took to the field and unleashed a vicious bowling attack with Rhys Francis taking an outstanding four wickets for just 10 runs. Heat's young star, Zach Francis, with 44 runs, fought to the bitter end, but it wasn't enough with Pirates dismissing his side for 100 runs, securing their place in this year's semi-finals. These matches concluded an exciting first round for the final tournament of the season, with Challengers and Pirates cementing their place in the semi-finals as they will now come up against the Levelwood Allstars and Cobras, who got the bye through, making the next round of fixtures an unmissable watch.

KNOCKOUT FIXTURES:

Sunday 7th June

09:30 Cobras v Challengers

13:30 Levelwood Allstars v Sandy Bay Pirates



League Runners Up and Knockout Wooden Plate Winners 2026 - No Dig'gity



Knockout Runners Up 2026 - Net Ninjas



Knockout Wooden Spoon 2026 - Volley Vixens



District Runners Up 2026 - Alarm Forest


District Winners 2026 - St Pauls


Lady of the Season 2026 - Danni Thomas (Ace Angels)


Young Lady of the Season 2026 - Jaymie Lawrence (Net Ninjas) and Katelyn Benjamin (Ace Angels)



Young Players Appreciation Awards



Most Improved Players Award



Novelty Awards

SPORTS ARENA



A Volley Good Season

Successful Volleyball Presentation Marks End of 2026 Season

WSA, Contributed

The Women's Sport Association's Volleyball Presentation 2026, held on Saturday, 30 May, was a resounding success as players, supporters, and members of the community gathered to celebrate the achievements of another exciting season of volleyball.

The annual event provided an opportunity to recognise the dedication, commitment, and sportsmanship shown by players throughout the season. Teams were honoured for their performances on the court, while individual achievements were also acknowledged during the presentation of trophies and awards.

The WSA recognised the many women whose dedication and commitment have contributed significantly to the continued development of the sport, praising the effort and perseverance shown by players throughout the competition.

Appreciation was also extended to the loyal supporters whose encouragement and enthusiasm throughout the season helped create a positive and enjoyable atmosphere at every game.

Several individuals and organisations were recognised for their valuable contributions to the success of the event. The St Helena Secondary School was thanked for opening the tuck shop and Raymond & Sandra Benjamin for catering the event.

Mrs. Barbara Osborne, serving in her capacity as an honorary member of the WSA, was thanked for presenting the trophies.

Special recognition was also given to Donny's Place for hosting the popular R&B Afterparty, which allowed players and supporters to continue the celebrations following the formal proceedings.

The afternoon was marked by a strong sense of camaraderie and pride as participants reflected on the highlights of the season. Throughout the year, teams demonstrated not only skill and competitiveness but also the values of teamwork, respect, and fair play, helping to make the 2026 season one to remember.

With another successful season concluded, attention now turns to the future. The WSA has ambitious plans for the continued development of sport, with a focus on expanding opportunities and encouraging participation.



League Winners and Knockout Winners 2026 - Ace Angels