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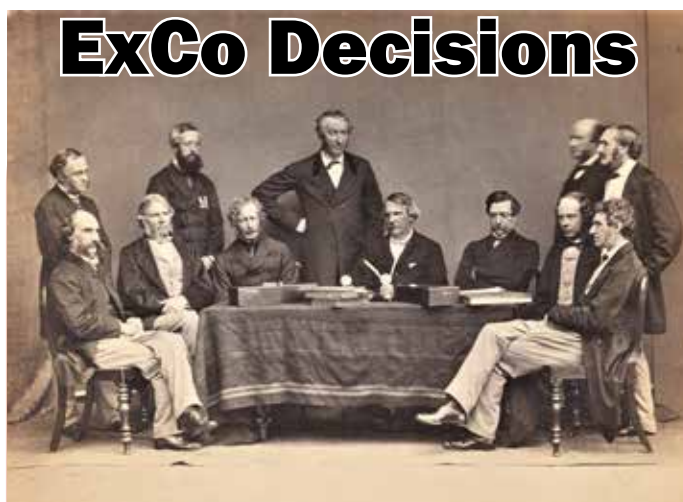
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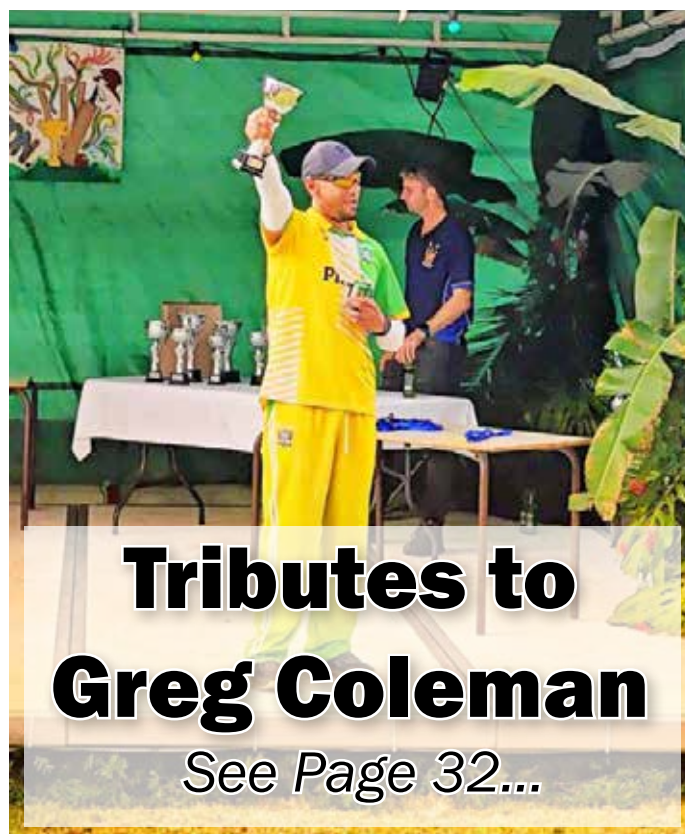
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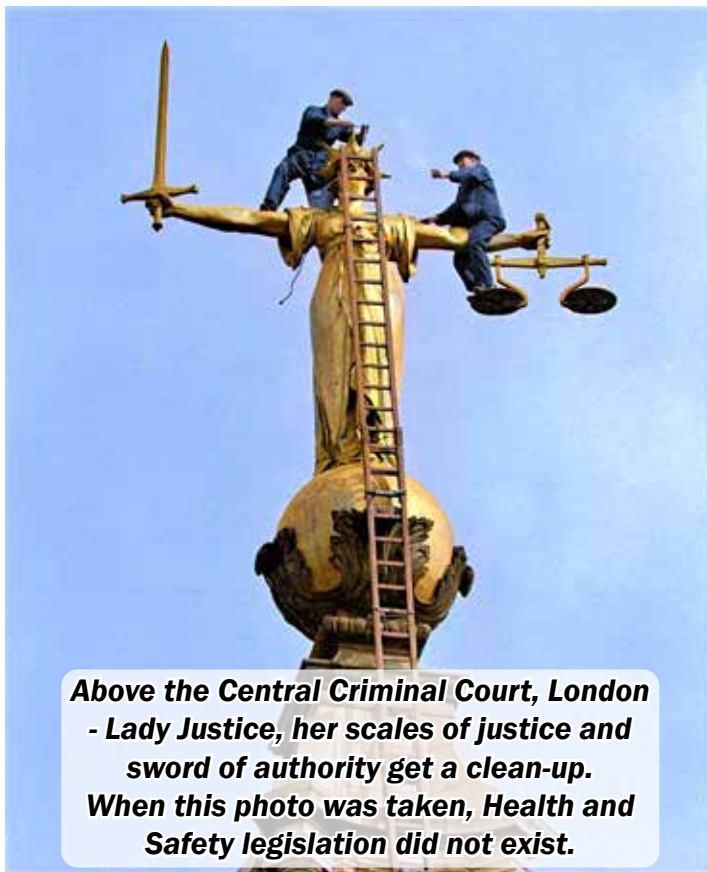
Last week the Independent reported that no comment had been received from the clinical negligence team at Hugh James Solicitors in connection with their legal challenge to the Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance. This legislation was passed at by Legislative Council at their last sitting before the general election.

Both the St Helena Equality and Human Rights Commission and Hugh James Solicitors are applying to the St Helena Supreme Court for a Judicial Review challenging the legal integrity of that Ordinance.

On Monday this week a communication was received from Hugh James Solicitors in response to two questions the Independent had asked.

In response to the first question, Hugh James have not yet received a date for a court hearing on their application for a judicial review.

The second question asked on what grounds their legal challenge is based.





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Hugh James' argument is that the Ordinance renders it practically impossible for Saints to secure adequate legal representation in complex legal claims, and that this deprives Mario Peters and all the other Saints they represent, of legal representation and effective access to the courts in their claims against SHG.

Specifically, Hugh James will argue the Ordinance is a violation of section 10(10) of the Constitution of St Helena. This section sets out the provisions for securing a fair trial.

Additionally, they will claim the Ordinance also violates Mario Peters' constitutional rights which are protected by Section 10 (10) and 19(1) of the constitution. Section 19 includes 'prompt payment of adequate compensation' and 'right of access to the Supreme Court'.

In the communication Hugh James wrote, 'we think that there was a specific objective (or at least a known consequence) of the Costs Ordinance.

We've informed the Hugh James clinical negligence team will be back on the island on 25th October.

Published This Week – Options Report on Jamestown Wharf Improvements

On Wednesday this week the SHG Economic Development Team published an Options Report outlining how the wharf and seafront might be developed. It is a report to promote discussion and encourage as many people as possible to give their opinion on how the wharf/seafront should be developed. The report is set out using options based on cost, and four zones based on usage. The facilities available in each zone vary according to how much money it is eventually planned to spend on them.

This article looks quickly at Option 1 and then Option 3. Option 3 is described in more detail according to the Zone uses applied in the Options Report. Further details will be provided next week on Option 2 and other issues.

Options

Three options are presented ranging from

- expensive, called ‘Complete re-development that considers an eco-resilient Seafront & Wharf’
- to budget, called ‘A naturalistic approach’.

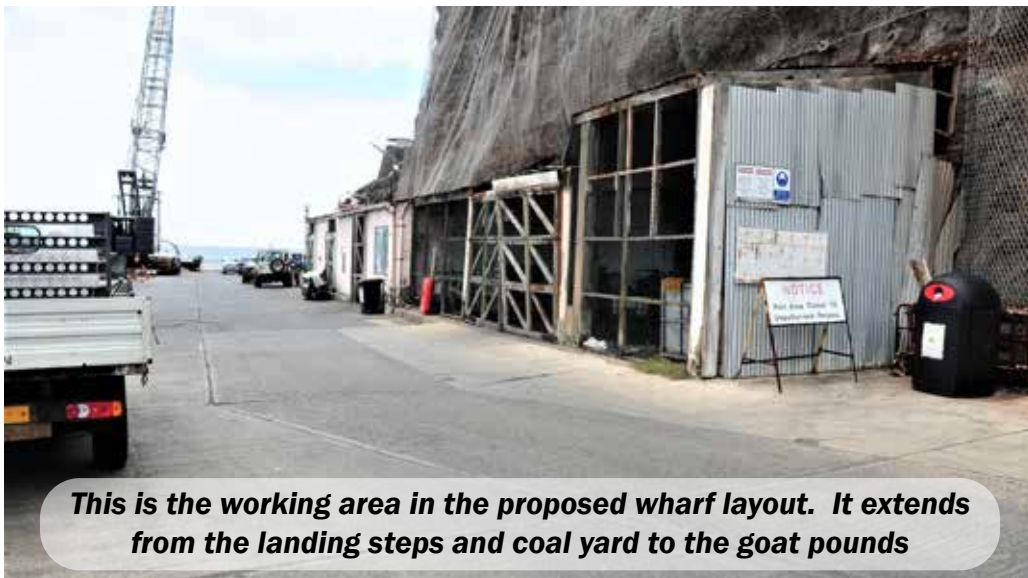
The expensive option includes a breakwater and jetty, covered working areas for boat maintenance and additional sea defences. The illustrations in the report are low resolution, making it impossible to read the detail shown. One illustration looks like a lighthouse built to accommodate a beacon on the top; similar to, but much bigger and taller than, the green beacon at the end of Rupert’s Jetty.

The extensive construction work indicated for the expensive option would obviously cost £millions and it is not clear what the sheltered harbour area would accommodate. The extent of tetrapod protection for the breakwater and jetty seem to leave limited opportunity for small vessels to tie-up alongside. Put simply, the expensive option, if proceeded with, offers plenty of opportunity for disastrous outcomes.

Zones

The wharf and seafront from the old coal yard through to the start of West Rocks is divided into zones with each zone treated differently depending on whether it is option 1, 2 or 3.

Option 3 - A naturalistic approach Commercial Zone



This is the working area in the proposed wharf layout. It extends from the landing steps and coal yard to the goat pounds

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If the cranes and remaining containers are removed there will be plenty of useful space for boat owners to complete boat maintenance. It is proposed to allow space for storage and manoeuvring any heavy equipment, as well as safe spaces for boat maintenance learning and training. The area will have public access to the landing steps along an easily visible and protected route, most likely routed alongside the sea wall/railings.

Hospitality and Leisure Zone

The Hospitality Zone is in two sections. One extends from the Dive Club through to the footbridge over the moat near where the customs cash office used to be. The second section starts at the entrance to the Coffee Shop and finishes where the dirt track to West Rocks starts.



Option 3 is a flexible mix between commercial and leisure uses. The buildings from the Dive Club to the Marine Centre are expected to remain unchanged in appearance. Any change of use will require a development application and conformity with the Land Development Control Plan. A pedestrian walkway alongside the sea wall/railings is envisaged and 'in-character' lighting creating a suitable ambience is proposed. Seating is also envisaged, located in appropriate spaces. The former Customs Building

can offer space for various commercial/retail uses according to public consultation suggestions and market demand. This applies if the former Customs Building is not appropriated for another use.

Community Zone

The Community Zone includes the Swimming Pool, the Mule Yard, the Moat and the seafront promenade in front.



Option 3 envisages a revamp of the Mule Yard to create a community space that's accessible to families 24/7. The Moat is seen as an area where some public facilities can be offered. Mini golf, Go-Ape climbing and kids play areas have been suggested. The pedestrian walkway running from the landing steps alongside the sea wall would continue, as would the style of lighting similar to that proposed for the Hospitality and Leisure Zone. Seating would be provided as space allows. Vehicle parking is foreseen as limited or not

provided in the seafront area. Park and ride has been proposed and could be trialled.

Option 3 is seen as having a low impact, softer approach to development that blends with the prevailing coastal environment.

How Microplastics May be Reshaping our Bodies and Minds

The particles are in our blood, brains and guts – and scientists are only beginning to learn what they do

Microplastics have been found almost everywhere: in blood, placentas, lungs – even the human brain. One study estimated brain alone may contain 5 grams of the stuff, or roughly a teaspoon. If true, plastic isn't just wrapped around our food or woven into our clothes: it is lodged deep inside us.

Now, researchers suspect these particles may also be meddling with our gut microbes. When gut bacteria from five healthy volunteers was exposed to five common microplastics, the bacterial populations shifted – along with the chemicals they produced. Some of these changes mirrored patterns linked to depression and bowel cancer.

While it's too early to make definitive health claims, we depend on the vast army of microbes inside us to stay alive. They protect us against germs, break down food to release energy, and produce vitamins. They play a central role in many aspects of wellbeing, from digestion to mental health.

The advice for now is to reduce microplastic exposure where possible is a wise and important precaution.

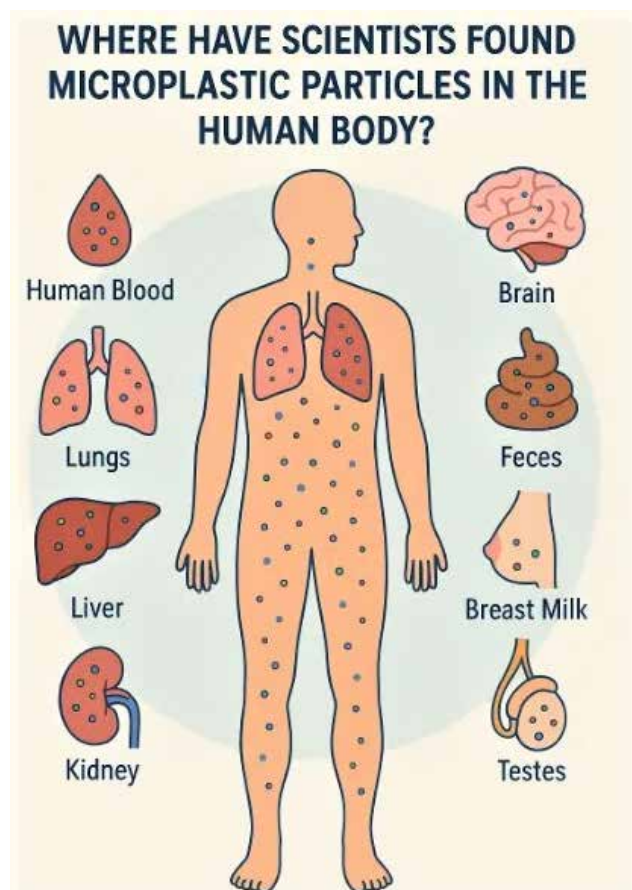
Microplastics are shed from packaging, clothes, paints, cosmetics, car tyres and other items. Some are tiny enough to slip through the linings of our lungs and guts into our blood and internal organs – even into our cells. What happens next is still largely unknown.

Research including experiments with mice shows that if you place mice in a brightly lit box, they hug the walls defensively. But those exposed to plastics restlessly ventured into the open – a behaviour more often seen with ageing and neurological disease. When the mice were dissected, plastic was found in every organ, including the brain, where a key protein linked to brain health, GFAP, was depleted – mirroring a pattern seen in depression and dementia.

Since then, human studies have added to the unease. Microplastics have been detected in the brains of dementia patients, and in arterial plaques from people with heart disease. Those with plastic-laden plaques were almost five times more likely to suffer a stroke, heart attack or die within three years.

No one really knows what a “safe” level of microplastic looks like. The research field is extremely young. Test results suggest you've got 40 particles per ml of blood – but it is not known if that's bad or good, what are the types of plastic, where they've come from, what they're doing or where they're going.

Where does that leave us? We're continually exposed to these particles, and historically, it is known that exposure to too many particles is bad, air pollution is an example. “We just have to understand whether there's anything about these particles that makes them disproportionately harmful” said one researcher interviewed in the report.

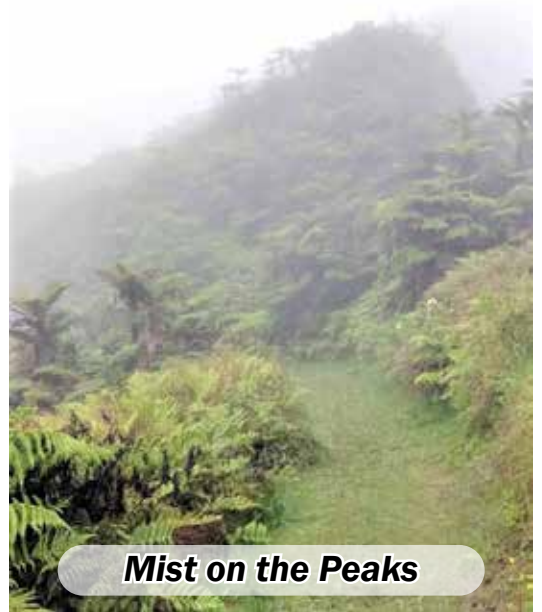


Funding Boost for National Trust

Project funding for the St Helena National Trust took a major hit earlier this year when the UK government had a Spending Review and cut funding for environmental projects in the Overseas Territories. On Thursday last week the UK department for environment announced funding is being restored for 80 projects across the 12 UK Overseas Territories and 36 developing countries. The total funding in the new package is more than £35 million across the 80 projects. Details showing the funds allocated to each project are still to be published.

St Helena's Cloud Forest Announced as Flagship Project

The announcement described the cloud forest as 'unique' and that we depend upon it for capturing fresh water. It was confirmed the project will be protected. Led by the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB), in addition to water security the project addresses the key threats of plant pathogens and invasive species.



Mist on the Peaks

The announcement added, recovering St Helena's cloud forest for wildlife & water security will provide a model for other important habitats by addressing the key threats of plant pathogens and invasive species, and creating a framework for restoration.

Shayla Ellick, the RSPB's St Helena project manager was featured in the announcement. She is quoted saying, "Thanks to vital support through the Darwin Plus programme, we're continuing essential research and conservation work to restore St Helena's cloud forest, home to over 250 species of plants and invertebrates found nowhere else on Earth and the main water source for the people of St Helena."

We were delighted to receive this latest grant, which builds on the partnership with the St Helena Government, the St Helena National Trust, and Connect Saint Helena."

Postscript

There is a Santa Elena cloud forest in Costa Rica. Descriptions of it are similar to the St Helena cloud forest, apart from one big thing, money! There is a £13.50 entrance fee to the forest. You can also have your very own, personal guided tour, including taxi pick up from your hotel, that will be at least £150 - please.

Cloud Forest featured at International Conference This Week

The UK Overseas Territories Conservation Forum held its 7th conference this week. One of the many St Helena presentations on the schedule was the Cloud Forest Project and the work the St Helena National Trust is doing as part of the project. Lisa Fowler made the presentation. She described the research she has done, and continues to do, on the hundreds of endemic invertebrates (insects) that call the cloud forest their home. The time limited presentation was a quick skip through years of research but was fascinating nonetheless.

Two general points that stuck with conference attendees are, first, as with most research the more you know, the more you find out you need to know. Secondly, the insect populations thrive better

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***A Masked Booby nesting on a ridge
alongside Lot's Wife.***

in habitats that have been restored. In the discussion after Lisa's presentation, there were indications the St Helena National Trust is pushing the boundaries with some of its work. Other Overseas Territories commented that insects and their habitats is an important area of research they know they must do, but haven't yet. Similar observations were made about seabird monitoring after Kernickie Andrews' presentation on the recolonisation and expansion of Masked Booby colonies in Sandy Bay. The Sandy Bay success story is especially heartening as seabirds have declined globally by at least 70% in the last 50 years.

Poems to remember

The Power of One Poppy

Hope was crushed through the darkest night
No senses, noise or even fright
Once loved, once warm
Before the world, its darkest corners were unfurled.

One Poppy saw it all,
Saw the love and desires fall.
As the silence fills the land, we will remember, hand in hand
The men that sacrificed hope and love as they rest in
heaven up above.

Will the Poppy always remember
How the fighters watched them bloom and flower
Amongst the blood, the battle for power?

The first clear sign of hope and light
It helped them survive the darkest night.
The gunshots, the pain, the silence of death
The loudest sigh, their final breath.

One small Poppy overpowers the lord of war
Who really knows what that poppy saw?
written by a twelve-year-old student, Emilia Neale, at Two
Boats School

In Flanders Fields

In Flanders fields, the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved and were loved, and now we lie,
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw



The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.
Canadian Lieutenant Colonel John McCrae
1915

Ode of Remembrance

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow
old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years
condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the
morning
We will remember them.
From 'For the Fallen' - Laurence Binyon 1914

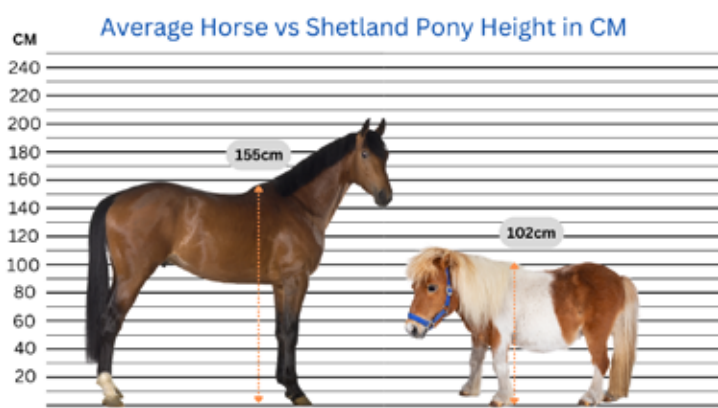
This Dog is the Size of a Small Horse

Meet a Giant Alaskan Malamute. This dog is not a freak; some malamutes are bred to grow to something enormous.

This malamute is called Mal, a 13 stone (82.5 kg) canine that is roughly the size of a Shetland pony.



A recent media report quoted the owner saying, "His collar is as big as someone's belt. We didn't think he'd get this big,". Well, they should have thought. Giant Alaskan Malamutes are selectively bred by inter-breeding the largest of the litters. The breeder the dog was bought from would have known. This selective breeding produces dogs that are not only giant but can have health and temperament drawbacks.



The owner also said she "didn't really notice" how big her dog had grown until he started to grow quickly out of harnesses and collars, "He just got bigger and bigger." Another major consideration is keeping the dog's coat clean and in good condition. Recently she had to make an appeal on social media to ask for help brushing him because previous groomers were not able to do it anymore. Having a small horse in the house has drawbacks, "He's a gentle giant. It's Mal's world and we're all just living in it," says the owner.

THANK YOU

The family of the late Peter Earl Peters of Red Hill would like to express their sincere thanks to the following people for their kindness and support during the short illness of Peter and after his passing:-

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Ernest who came to his home every Tuesday to give Peter communion and prayers. Bishop Dale for his home visit and assisted Fr. Ernest at the service and interment. Doctor Jannas and Community Nurses. Joy George the organist, Ronald Young and Barbara Osborne the Vergers. Jonathan Green for reading the Eulogy and tributes and Envoy Coral Yon for reading the lesson. Daniel Leo for the musician at the grave. Roy and his team. Family and friends who visited Peter during his illness and was there at his home during the time of his passing. Joyce Greentree and Tina Wade-Peters for making the wreaths. All those who donated flowers and special thanks to Timothy Clingham for collecting the flowers and for all of his help. All who attended the funeral. The attendance was overwhelming. All who sent condolences via social media, cards and phone calls. Melvin Benjamin for allowing us to hold the WAKE at The Rock Club and Daryl Legg, Julie and Darren Benjamin, Pam Benjamin, Elaine Crowie for your help at the The WAKE. We would like to thank all of you who contribution in any way it was very much appreciated. Special thanks to Fr. Clarence who conducted the Memorial Service on Ascension Island, Yvonne Henry and Samantha Arms-Lawrence for Organising The WAKE at the Saints Club. We cannot thank you all enough.

Peter has gone from this earth and will be sorely missed, but we'll forever hold memories of him in our hearts.

Love and God's blessings to you all from

Daphne, Cheryl & Robert, Carl & Hilary, Amanda, Tessa, Grandchildren, Great-Children and Maisie



Toby's Cottage – Where Two Major Chapters in History Meet

Next week, an event has been organised to mark the completion of the restoration of Toby's Cottage. Never heard of it? That's not surprising. The cottage is over 200 years old and a more humble dwelling on this island would be difficult to find.

Toby's Cottage was in use when William Balcombe took over the Briars in 1811. Toby was one of Balcombe's enslaved domestic servants. The cottage is an outbuilding of the Briars; Toby was in residence when Napoleon stayed at the Briars Pavilion in 1815.

Toby, no second name, just Toby, endures through history for two reasons. First, he was a remarkable old man. Secondly, he caught the attention and gained the interest of Napoleon. This is a story where slavery and Napoleon on St Helena come face to face.

Balcombe's daughter, Betsy, who became a friend of Napoleon, wrote that Toby was, "an old Malay slave[...]who had been captured and brought to the island as a slave many years before, and had never since crossed its boundary. He was an original, and rather an interesting character. A perfect despot in his own domain, he never allowed his authority to be disputed; and the family stood almost as much in awe of him, as they did of the master of the Briars himself."

She continued, "Napoleon took a fancy to old Toby, and told papa he wished to purchase him, and give him his freedom; but for some political reason it was not permitted. The old man retained ever afterwards the most grateful sense of Napoleon's kindness, and was never more highly gratified than when employed in gathering the choicest fruit, and arranging the most beautiful bouquets, to be sent to Longwood, to "that good man, Bony".



Napoleon and Toby

There are two main reasons why Toby's Cottage has been restored. First, the people associated with it are known to us because they are recorded in history. Second, 'the building represents one of a few surviving dwellings of enslaved people on the island'. So says one of the descriptions of the restoration project, but we should remember, many of the basements of buildings in Main Street accommodated the enslaved domestic servants. The entrance to the basement is at street level. Those who have their liberty climbed the steps to the front door. However, the completed project will shed light on the period of slavery on the island.



The first stage in restoration was to clear the vegetation to do a detailed survey of what was left of the structure

The Restoration

The cottage was in use through to the 1960s. Since then, it has deteriorated to a ruin. The mud mortar and dry-stone walls have crumbled and the vegetation has taken over.

The cottage has been restored according to the records showing the oldest known appearance and arrangement of the rooms. There is an extension on the right, probably to include a kitchen. The cottage will eventually have a garden. Construction methods used where, as much as possible, those used at the time of the original construction.

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The work has been carried out by Johnny Isaac and his staff. The project was started by the UK-St Helena Heritage Trust (then known as the British Napoleon Bicentenary Trust). The Trust produced 3D scans of the cottage and developed plans for restoring it as a faithful replica of the conditions Toby would have lived in at that time.



The rooms will be furnished to show a likeness to the dwelling of 200 yrs ago.

In December 2023, thanks to generous donations towards the restoration project, works commenced under the direction of St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd. The British Napoleon Bicentenary Trust launched a fund-raising campaign which would have helped at the beginning. The breakthrough came when Ben Delo, who made his name as Britain's youngest self-made billionaire, became interested in the project. He is an entrepreneur, philanthropist and co-founder of BitMEX. He is described as "living in the same modest flat in Hong Kong he rented twelve years ago. His T-shirt cost a tenner."

Monument or Shrine, or Both

St Helena Napoleonic Heritage Ltd is the organisation that is involved most with the restoration project. As such it is led by Michel Dancoisne-Martineau but Toby's Cottage is a stand-alone project, it is not part of the French Properties.

Michel explained, "Toby's Cottage is not, at this stage, part of any defined or structured project. It was never conceived with a business plan, nor with the intention of becoming another stop on a visitor circuit. Its restoration was not driven by profit or by policy, but by a quieter impulse – the desire to see one of the island's most modest ancestral dwellings returned to dignity."

He added, "No decision has yet been made concerning its future use. If one day it serves a purpose, I would hope it might help sustain an association devoted to the preservation of the island's ancestral crafts – like the Arts and Crafts Association or any other kind endeavour". The purpose would be to keep alive the customs, skills and knowledge of our ancestors.

Michel wishes to give particular gratitude to Mr Andy Pearce, Johnny Isaac and to the late Nick Thorpe, whose insights and enthusiasm guided much of the process.

In conclusion Michel reflected, "Toby's Cottage, as it exists today, is not a project with a purpose but a gesture of remembrance – an homage to the quiet artistry of those who built, repaired, and endured, and to the fragile beauty of what they have left behind."

SAINT HELENA ‘ABOUT TO FALL OFF A CLIFF EDGE’ AND SOME WRITTEN PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS TO REPORT

FROM OUR UK CORRESPONDENT

Kate Adie’s ‘From Our Own Correspondent’ on Radio 4 last Sunday featured an item about Saint Helena, including the above quote from Bishop Dale. The main theme was the depopulation of the island, but there was also all the usual stuff about remoteness, access difficulties and Napoleon. Particular mention was made of the island seeing only 8 births this year and whole families moving away because of the lack of economic opportunity. The amount of the island’s minimum wage was stated with what sounded like incredulity on the part of the presenter.

A particularly telling part was a further quote from Bishop Dale asking what the children born this year will be faced with when they reach school age in five years time and what prospects they will have in the way of employment twenty years down the line, even assuming that they are still in Saint Helena. The overall tone of the broadcast was to paint a picture of an idyllic island with great natural beauty and other wonderful attributes such as its wealth of endemics, but with little in the way of a viable future for its human inhabitants. Unless, of course, the United Kingdom Government properly addresses its responsibility for this British island and those who live there. Which brings me to the latest Written Parliamentary Questions concerning Saint Helena.

QUESTION: Andrew Rosindell MP ‘To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, whether she plans to meet with the Government representatives of (a) Bermuda and (b) St Helena to strengthen dialogue between her Department and these respective territories.’

ANSWER: Due for answer by 13 October 2025 but this is still awaited as I write this on 15 October. The question was tabled on 15 September. Presumably the extended delay is attributable to Parliament having been in recess for the Party Conference Season.

QUESTION: Sir Andrew Mitchell MP ‘To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what recent discussions she has had with the Chief Minister of Saint Helena on the unfreezing of pension benefits for entitled residents.’

ANSWER: Due for answer by 20 October 2025. This concerns the fact that residents of Saint Helena who are entitled to a United Kingdom State Retirement Pension only receive it at the rate it was when they left the United Kingdom. The loss in value is considerable over a period of time and can cause hardship. The problem is that maintaining it at its current level is dependent on what is termed reciprocity. Even relatively wealthy jurisdictions such as Canada and New Zealand do not offer this, so it would seem to be a big ask for Saint Helena.

QUESTION: Andrew Rosindell ‘To ask the Secretary of State for Defence, whether his Department plans to take steps to make it easier for people in the British Overseas Territories to enter army officer training in the UK.’

ANSWER: Due for answer by 14 October 2025 but this is still awaited as I write this on 15 October. Where better to recruit from than an island whose motto is ‘Loyal and Unshakeable’?

QUESTION: Andrew Rosindell ‘To ask the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs, what discussions she has held with the Governor of St Helena on his signification of the Saint Helena Civil Litigation (Costs) Ordinance 2025.’

ANSWER: Due for answer by 16 October. So, we will have this in time for next week’s Independent. In theory at least.

ExCo Reveals Some Secrets

Top Lines Returns

A meeting of Executive Council (ExCo) was held on 14 October 2025.
The agenda for the meeting was as follows:

CLOSED AGENDA

1. Declaration of Interest
2. *Bank of St Helena (BOSH) Dividend (ExCo Memo 61/2025)
3. Confirmation of Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 17 June 2025
4. Matters Arising from Minutes of 17 June 2025
5. Confirmation of Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 24 June 2025
6. Matters Arising from Minutes of 24 June 2025
7. Confirmation of Minutes of the Executive Council Meeting held on 30 June 2025
8. Matters Arising from Minutes of 30 June 2025
9. Commencement of Customs and Excise (Tariffs and Exemptions) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2025 (ExCo Memo 60/2025) 9.1 Publicity/Briefing to Press
10. Addressing the Short Notice Period on the current Sure Licence (ExCo Memo 62/2025)
11. Any Other Business 11.1 Legal Assistance Funding Criteria

NB Items marked (*) are commercially sensitive and depending on the subject matter, might not be referred to in the top lines

The following items were considered:

2. BOSH Dividend 2025

The Head of Financial Services Regulatory Authority (FSRA) attended for this item.

3 - 8. Confirmation of Minutes and Matter arising from the Minutes

It was agreed that the minutes for 17 June 2025 would be tabled at the next ExCo meeting.

Minutes for 24 and 30 June 2025 were signed off and all matters arising captured in minutes of 14 October 2025.

9. Commencement Customs Excise Regulations

Executive Council was asked to consider and advise whether the Customs and Excise (Tariffs and Exemptions) Regulations 2025 could commence from 16 October 2025.

At the meeting:

- It was noted that the Customs and Excise (Tariffs and Exemptions) (Amendment) (No 2) Regulations were presented to the Executive Council and approved on 20 May 2025. At the time it was agreed that the Regulations would come into force when Rupert's Cargo Facility became operational. As a date could not be confirmed, the Regulations provide that they will come into force on a date fixed by the Governor by Order.

ExCo approved the commencement date of 16 October 2025.

10. Addressing the Short Notice Period on the current Sure License

The Portfolio Director for Economic Development, Chief Digital Officer, and Head of Communications Policy, Regulation and Compliance attended for this item.

ExCo was asked to consider and advise whether the Sure South Atlantic Ltd (Sure) telecoms rolling license notice period of six months should be amended to 12 months.

At the meeting:

- It was noted that ExCo agreed with Sure to amend the notice period that has to be given if either party (SHG or Sure) wanted to terminate (end) the current license for telecommunication provision from a six month to a 12-month notice period. This amendment is in the best interests of all parties and is essential to ensuring continuity and stability of services at their current level while the government determines its approach to longer term licensing for telecommunications.

ExCo approved to extend the rolling notice period from six months to 12 months.

11. AOB

Legal Assistance Funding Criteria

At the request of the Chief Magistrate, HE the Governor brought to the attention of Ministers, the updated Legal Assistance Funding Criteria document.

Thanks to retiring Chief Secretary, Susan O'Bey

On behalf of ExCo past and present, HE the Governor extended thanks to Susan O'Bey, Chief Secretary as this was her final ExCo meeting. In turn, Susan conveyed her thanks and appreciation, and offered her best wishes to the recently appointed ExCo.

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Empowering St. Helena's Youth: A Blueprint for Government-Led Initiatives in Education, Wellbeing, and Community Engagement-

Written By *Ed Oyewo*

Our young people are St. Helena's greatest asset. Yet as our island navigates its future, a critical question demands our attention: **Are we truly investing in the skills, mental wellbeing, and civic engagement of the next generation who will lead us forward?** The answer, if we are honest, is not what it should be. While pockets of excellence exist, the systematic support our youth deserve remains fragmented and underfunded. This is not a criticism of individuals working tirelessly in our schools and communities; rather, it is a call for the new government to make youth development a visible, prioritised pillar of its governance and budget allocation.

St. Helena's future depends on our ability to retain talent, build resilience, and create pathways for young people to thrive locally. Economic opportunity, community stability, and island pride all hinge on whether we equip our youth with the skills they need and the confidence to use them. When



young people feel unsupported or undervalued, we risk losing them to outmigration or, worse, leaving them disconnected from their own island. Mental health challenges among young people are neither unique to St. Helena nor invisible. Yet support structures remain limited. Depression, anxiety, and feelings of isolation do not announce themselves loudly; they often emerge quietly, unaddressed, until crisis strikes. Investing in accessible mental health services, peer support networks, and trained community counsellors is not a luxury; it is essential infrastructure for wellbeing.

What would genuine youth prioritisation look like? First, it means allocating dedicated resources to schools and extracurricular programmes. Music, sport, drama, and arts provide more than entertainment; they build confidence, teamwork, and a sense of belonging. Yet many young people lack access to equipment, coaching, or venues because programmes operate on shoestring budgets. Second, it means creating visible leadership pathways. Youth councils with real decision-making power, internship schemes within government and private enterprise, and mentorship programmes would signal that we value young voices. When youth are consulted on decisions affecting their lives, engagement follows naturally. Third, practical skills matter enormously. We have seen the impact of initiatives like the cloud forest restoration project, where young people engage in meaningful conservation work. Young people completing such programmes carry confidence, capability, and a sense of civic purpose. Yet this energy meets a stubborn wall: school leavers struggle to find suitable apprenticeships and entry-level

pathways into meaningful work. Government must lead here by establishing structured apprenticeship schemes within its own departments and services. By creating real positions with training and mentorship, government sets the standard for private sector employers to follow. Scaling initiatives like the cloud forest restoration project, digital literacy, and vocational programmes alongside these apprenticeships prepares our young citizens for employment and self-reliance.

Consider the young people who have already led projects in their communities. Their efforts demonstrate both hunger and capability. Yet these successes often emerge despite gaps in

systemic support, not because of planned investment. Imagine what could be achieved if government channelled resources into youth-led initiatives, providing training, mentorship, and modest funding to test and expand promising ideas. The return on such investment would be measurable in retained

talent, stronger communities, and young people who see futures here on St. Helena.

A Conversation Worth Having: The new government has an opportunity to reshape how we support our youth. This requires honest dialogue between policymakers, young people, teachers, families, and community leaders. What do our young people actually need? What barriers do they face? Which initiatives deliver real impact? These questions cannot be answered in government offices alone. We invite the government to commit to the following: Schedule formal consultations with youth and their families. Commission a review of spending on youth services, mental health support, and extracurricular provision. Develop a multi-year strategy for youth skills development and community engagement, with clear targets and accountability. Allocate budget proportionate to the challenge. Celebrate and scale successful youth-led projects.

St. Helena is at a crossroads. We can continue with modest, disconnected efforts and hope for the best. Or we can choose to invest deliberately, visibly, and generously in our young people. The choice will shape our island's trajectory for decades. Our youth are watching. They want to contribute. They deserve to see themselves reflected in government priorities and budgets. They deserve access to mental health support, skill development, and genuine opportunities for leadership. They deserve to know that their island believes in them. The blueprint exists. The time to act is now. Let us make youth empowerment not an afterthought, but a cornerstone of St. Helena's progress and resilience. *Till Next Time, keep Well!*

World Maritime Day Celebrations

St Helena Government

The St Helena Maritime Authority spearheaded a successful week of activities to mark and celebrate World Maritime Day 2025, promoting and valuing the island's deep-rooted maritime connections. The events, which took place across the island, engaged the community, schools, and local businesses in a vibrant display of St Helena's seafaring heritage.

The week of celebrations kicked off on Sunday, 21 September, with an insightful 'Walk and Talk' event. The Museum of St Helena Director, Adam Sizeland, led attendees on a journey through the evolution of the wharf and highlighted historic points of interest. This educational experience coincided with a spectacular display of humpback whales in the harbour.



On Thursday, 25 September, primary schools hosted a Maritime Theme Day, immersing children in sea-themed activities. Pupils created boats, learned about the Titanic, sang and danced to newly-composed sea shanties, made treasure maps, and practiced the Phonetic Alphabet, Morse Code, and knot-tying. The highlight of the day was a fancy dress competition featuring impressive and creative costumes, including a yacht, the ferry, a marine scientist, the RMS funnel, a scuba diver, and a variety of pirates, captains, mermaids, and sharks. The Maritime Authority extends a big thank you to all teachers, parents, and pupils for their enthusiastic participation, and to the Tourist Office for donating the prizes.



Thursday evening offered a taste of nostalgia with an RMS-styled dinner at 'The Deck,' where Chef Roy Richards prepared an exceptional menu. Guests were treated to the familiar sound of the RMS dinner bell announcing service, evoking fond memories. The food received high praise, with guests describing the steak as "exceptional", the prawns as "amazing", and the vegetarian option as "delicious".

Throughout the week, radio programmes were dedicated to maritime history, showcasing the careers and experiences of past seafarers and offering a moving tribute to the beloved RMS St Helena. Listeners provided positive feedback, noting that the programmes brought back sentimental memories.

Shared memories of the RMS were further celebrated on Friday afternoon, 26 September, with readings and extracts from the RMS Journals broadcast on the radio and shared in the Market, prompting laughs and reminiscing about life on-board.

Additionally, two engaging maritime displays were available for public viewing. The Tourist Office featured a collage of RMS St Helena memories, profiles of current and former seafarers, and historical photos, including images from the sinking of the SS Papanui in 1911. Visitors to the museum also had the opportunity to view further maritime-themed exhibits.

The Maritime Authority extends its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to everyone who participated in the week's events. A special mention goes to Chef Roy Richards, Anya Richards, Mia Henry, Malcolm Bowers, Adam Sizeland, Sheena Benjamin, Shelley Magellan-Wade, Sebastian Stent, Sharon Wade, Ross Leo, Cheryl Herne,

World Maritime Day Celebrations

St Helena Government



all primary schools, the Tourist Office staff, Donna at SAMS, Saint FM, and the Sea Rescue team for their invaluable contributions and support.

Get Involved

If you have an idea to promote or support maritime on St Helena, or have maritime skills you would like to share, please contact:

Wendy C Benjamin by telephone on 63351 or via email at wendy.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

DANCE FOR A CAUSE!

Join "Let's Dance" for a Special Freestyle Fundraiser!

When: Wednesday, 29 October 2025



Time:
7 PM (for one hour)

Where: Half Tree Hollow Community Centre



Who:
Everyone is invited!



Get Ready To:

- Dance non-stop with LIVE DJ!

- Show Your Support:
Wear a color that represents a cancer of your choice!

- Make a Difference: ❤️
All funds go to St Helena Cancer Support & Awareness Charity.

Complimentary Refreshments Provided

COME DANCE YOUR HEART OUT FOR A GREAT CAUSE!

Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 19th October 2025– 29th Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist/ChurchParade/Harvest Festival/Back to Church Sunday	Cathedral
7.pm	Giving Praise in Song	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 23rd October	
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing/Cancer Awareness	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 19th October 2025 – 29th Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Mass	St Mark
	Tuesday 21st October	
7.p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

BAHA'I FAITH

HE IS THE GLORY OF GLORIES



O SON OF LIGHT !

Forget all save Me and commune with My spirit. This is of the essence of My command, therefore turn unto it.

O SON OF SPIRIT !

Ask not of Me that which We desire not for thee, then be content with what We have ordained for thy sake, for this is that which profiteth thee, if therewith thou dost content thyself.

O SON OF THE WONDEROUS VISION !

I have breathed within thee a breath of My own Spirit, that thou mayest be My lover. Why hast thou forsaken Me and sought a beloved other than Me?

O SON OF SPIRIT !

Noble have I created thee, yet thou hast abased thyself. Rise then unto that for which thou wast created.

If the Baha'i Faith may be of interest to you, please phone Delia or Cliff Huxtable 24342



EARLY BANK CLOSURE



Our Bank Branch will close at 2pm on Wednesday 22nd October. Normal opening hours will commence on Thursday 23rd October 2025. This early closure will not affect our online banking or debit card services.

We would like to thank customers for their support and apologise for any inconvenience caused.



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Bank of St Helena Ltd

Vacancy

DIY Ordering Administrator



Salary for the post will commence at £11,640 per annum (£970 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a DIY Ordering Administrator.

The DIY Ordering Administrator will assist the DIY Manager with the administrative processing of purchase orders and stock control matters to meet customer and organizational requirements, ensuring an efficient and effective business, with the view to increasing annual turnover and net contribution.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have the ability to manage multiple tasks, prioritise workloads and maintain accurate records.
- Have the ability to interpret data and draw logical conclusions to make informed decisions.
- Have the ability to use own initiative and remain calm under pressure achieving targets within deadlines.
- Possess Grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English, or equivalent.
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and ideally Access Dimensions & Point of Sales software.
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills.
- Possess experience with administration and be able to analyse and identify sales trends and facilitate sales recommendations.
- Be knowledgeable of Stock Management.
- Have excellent interpersonal, communication and organisational skills.
- Have the ability to identify and resolve issues relating to fulfilment of orders effectively and efficiently.

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

William Smith, DIY Manager



22104



William.smith@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **23 October 2025**.

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- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

JOIN OUR TEAM AT THE SHCC ST HELENA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

 Are you passionate about sharing knowledge and inspiring others?

 Do you want to make a difference in our community while growing your own skills?

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WHY TEACH WITH US:

- ✓ Flexible opportunities across Functional Skills, GCSE, IT, Vocational Training & more within Adult Learning.
- ✓ Help shape the future of learning on St Helena
- ✓ Inspire Adult Learning
- ✓ Be part of a friendly, supportive learning community

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, OR TO EXPRESS YOUR INTEREST, YOU CAN CONTACT US ON THE DETAILS BELOW:

 +290 22607  www.sainthelena.edu.sh/community-college

 Carley.Peters@sainthelena.gov.sh
Angela.Benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh



Baptist Church Gospel Outreach

MAKE A
**JOYFUL
Noise**
TO THE
LORD

sing!
When: Sunday:
19th October 2025

Where: Kingshurst Community
Centre

Time: 3.00 pm

sing!
Gospel in Song
Refreshments
Preached Word



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SAFETY, SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER

Charter Vessel and Crew to Undertake Tagging of Grouper on the Windward Side of St Helena's Inshore Waters

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

ENRP12-2025/26 – Charter Vessel and Crew to undertake Tagging of Grouper on the Windward Side of St Helena's Inshore Waters

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 Monday, 20 October 2025, clearly marked "**Tender ENRP12-2025/26**".

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

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06 October 2025

WINNERS OF MULTI RAFFLE IN AID OF THE LADIES FUND RAISING GROUP

The Ladies Fund Raising Group would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who bought raffle tickets in support of the Group's on-going efforts to raise funds for the senior citizens and less fortunate on the Island. Special thanks are also extended to those who donated prizes and to the Tourist Office for their assistance. The raffle was drawn on Thursday 25 September and the winners were:

PRIZE/WINNER	TICKET NUMBER		TICKET NUMBER
1. Multi Cooker/Steamer Leatrice Vanguard, Sandy Bay	381	6. Cooler Bag Pamela Duncan, Longwood	30
2. Sandwich Toaster Brian Young, Woodlea	235	7. Egg Cups & Eggs Eric Roberts, Sapper Way	198
3. Electric Opener Carolyn Greentree, Longwood	464	8. Picture Frame Connie Stevens, Half Tree Hollow	397
4. Duvet Set Roy Williams, Sea View	261	9. Dolphin Set Beatrice Njini, Half Tree Hollow	327
5. Wall Clock Jessina Abouelghac, Pounceys	455	The sum of £492.00 was raised.	

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest'

News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



Welcome to another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

Today, we are over the moon to announce that the St Helena Cloud Forest Project has successfully secured additional financial backing from the UK's Darwin Initiative for the next three years of the project!

Check out this Press Release published by the UK Government's Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA):
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/threatened-species-and-precious-habitats-to-be-better-protected-with-new-funding-boost-for-overseas-conservation-projects>

In addition to the generous funding from the UK's Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCDO) for 2025/26, the UK's Darwin Initiative are providing further financial backing of our critical St Helena Cloud Forest Project from 1 October 2025 all the way through to 30 September 2028, ensuring the continuation of vital work by local and international partners to safeguard and restore cloud forest habitat on St Helena for water, wildlife and people.



A massive 'Thank You' to both the FCDO and Darwin for continuing to support our globally-significant, highly-collaborative project underway right here on St Helena — our mission continues!

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

Website



Facebook



Twitter/X





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CENTRAL SUPPORT SERVICES

PRESS RELEASE

Call for Nominations for UK State (2026 Birthday Honours) and St Helena National Awards

Nominations are now being invited for the following awards:

- 2026 Birthday Honours

To find out more about the different types of Honours Awards please visit: www.gov.uk/honours.

- Certificate and Badge of Honour
- Acts of Bravery Award
- Badge of St Helena
- Freedom of the City of Jamestown.

Information on the above awards can be found on the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/2025/press-releases/call-for-nominations-for-uk-state-2026-birthday-honours-and-st-helena-national-awards/>. Alternatively are available, together with nomination forms from Central Support Service at the Castle, Jamestown, or can be requested via email: linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed forms should be returned to the Castle in a sealed envelope marked 'Confidential' addressed to 'The Secretary, Honours and Awards Committee', by Friday, 31 October 2025.

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01 October 2025



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VACANCY - MARINE PROJECT MANAGER (COASTAL)

Full-time, £13,395 per annum



An exciting opportunity has arisen for a conservation enthusiast/professional to join the St Helena National Trust as Marine Project Manager (Coastal).

The postholder will lead the Darwin Plus project *Integrated Coastal Monitoring and Habitat Management Programme*, a three-year initiative aimed at establishing long-term coastal monitoring and strengthening habitat management across St Helena's coastline. This position is directly tied to the project's delivery.

Working in partnership with the RSPB, St Helena Government, and other key stakeholders, the successful candidate will coordinate and manage project activities through to 2028. Applicants should be well organised, highly motivated, and experienced in project delivery, ideally at a management level. Strong communication skills and the ability to build positive relationships within the community and with partner organisations are essential.

The St Helena National Trust is an independent NGO committed to protecting the island's natural, cultural, and built heritage. We value teamwork, innovation, and a shared passion for conservation.

To apply, request an official application form by emailing amanda.constantine@trust.org.sh, or collecting it from the Trust Office, Broadway House, Jamestown. A full job description is also available. For more information, contact neil.thorp@trust.org.sh

Please note that closing date for this post has now been extended until Midnight on 30 October 2025

Self Catering Accommodation Now Available

A PREVIOUS BOOKING OF HARLYN FLAT, ON A LONGTERM BASIS, HAS NOW BEEN CANCELLED, DUE TO UNFORESEEN FAMILY DIFFICULTY.

THEREFORE, HARLYN SELF CATERING FLAT (H.T.H) WILL NOW BE AVAILABLE FOR VISITORS TO HIRE, AS FROM 15TH NOVEMBER 2025.

A WARM WELCOME AWAITS YOU.

PLEASE CONTACT MRS J.PATSY FLAGG (PROPRIETOR) TEL 290 23727 OR MRS MONICA YON ON EMAIL – yons.ambledale@helanta.co.sh .



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST

Member of the Panel of Investigators

The St Helena Legislative Council is inviting Expressions of Interest from members of the public who wish to serve as Members of the Panel of Investigators (POI).

The panel plays a vital role in supporting the Council's commitment to transparency and accountability by assisting with the investigations into the conduct of Members of the Legislative Council. Serving on the POI offers an opportunity to contribute meaningfully to good governance and uphold public confidence in the Legislative Council.

We are seeking individuals who are:

- non-partisan, fair-minded and of good standing within the community
- able to demonstrate relevant knowledge, experience, investigative skills and personal qualities appropriate to this role.

When appointed, from the POI, to serve on an Investigative Commission, members of the Commission will receive remuneration of £35 per meeting. Mileage incurred while carrying out Investigative Commission duties may be claimed at a rate of 77p per mile.

Interested persons should submit a résumé to the Legislative Council Office, The Castle, or via email to marita.bagley@sainthelena.gov.sh by 4pm on Friday 31 October 2025.

**Legislative Council
14 October 2025**

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Fixed Term Vacancies

Shop Floor Assistants

Rate of Pay is £4.50 per hour



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc are recruiting Shop Floor Assistants to work on a fixed term basis over the festive period being 15 to 24 December 2025 in The Star, Greenlands, DIY Store and Half Tree Hollow Supermarket.

Shop Floor Assistant duties will include:

- Providing a high standard of customer service at all times
- Assisting with the pricing of stores and stacking shelves
- To assist with the general cleaning of the shop
- Any other related duties as required by Management

Applicants must be:

- Responsible and trustworthy
- Have good customer service skills
- Able to work as part of a team in a fast-paced environment
- Able to undertake physically demanding and manual handling duties
- Flexible to work the required shifts

Applicants must be resident on St Helena and a minimum of 15 years old at the time of applying.

Successful applicants will be responsible for arranging their own home to duty transport.

For further information please contact:

Nicola Constantine, Senior Mercantile Manager via ☎ 25989/22137 📧 nicola.constantine@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hadmin@solomons.co.sh. Completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **20 October 2025**.

Vacancy

Packaging Assistant/Relief Driver



Salary for the post will be £5,819 per annum (£112 per week) – 21 hours per week (Mon, Wed, Fri)

Job Outline:

To carry out the general day to day duties related to the packaging of bakery products, as well as delivery of bakery products as and when required, whilst providing an excellent standard of customer service and ensuring an effective cleaning program of the equipment and facilities.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge Food & Hygiene, HACCP and Health & Safety Awareness
- Have basic numeracy and literacy understanding
- Be in possession of a clean and valid Class D drivers licence
- Be able to carry out manual handling and repetitive tasks; have good time management, organisational and observational skills
- Be competent with operating production equipment as required
- Be able to undertake cash handling duties during deliveries
- Be able to perform cleaning duties in accordance with operational requirements
- Be willing to assist with production processes as and when required
- Be energetic and able to communicate and work well within a team

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

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

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Come Visit Our Health Expo

1-1 HEALTH COUNSELLING
19TH OCTOBER 3-6 PM

ADOPTING THE NEWSTART PRINCIPLES

We Look Forward To Seeing You There!

SAMPLE HEALTHY FOOD OPTIONS

VISIT OUR WELLNESS TEAM
SDA CHURCH HALL

Trust
Exercise
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Sunlight
Temperance
Air
Rest

BODY MASS INDEX

The Seventh Day Adventist Church are having Nature Sabbath At

Guinea Grass Community Centre
Saturday 25th October 2025
Starting at 9:30 am

You are welcome to Come and Join us!

PLEASE NOTE THE JAMESTOWN CHURCH WILL BE CLOSED ON THIS DAY



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.

Watch Manager (£13,569 per annum)

Do you want to take your career to the next level and enhance your skills within the Fire and Rescue Service? If so, this could be the perfect opportunity for you! The Watch Manager has supervisory management of the assigned Watch, offering leadership and coordinating the activities of all personnel. Additionally, the Watch Manager will oversee the daily utilisation of allocated station resources to guarantee the effective provision of protection, prevention, and emergency incident response services to the community, with the aim of saving and safeguarding life, property, and the environment.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	Jason Lawrence on Tel No.23344 or Email Stno.fire@helanta.co.sh
Closing date:	20 October 2025
Shortlisting date:	24 October 2025
Interview date:	06 November 2025

Community Preventative Healthcare Assistant (£10,088 per annum)

The Community Preventative Healthcare Assistant is dedicated to enhancing the well-being of everyone in our community and fostering the prosperity of the island by proficiently executing preventative and community health tasks for the Health & Social Care Portfolio. This role involves working under the guidance and oversight of qualified personnel to perform a diverse array of responsibilities in preventative and community health, aimed at caring for, supporting, and providing information to patients and their families in either a clinic or home setting. The responsibilities and duties associated with this position are divided between community nursing and public health.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:	Selvi Jeyaseelan on Tel No.22500 or Email Selvi.jeyaseelan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date:	23 October 2025
Shortlisting date:	29 October 2025
Interview date:	06 November 2025

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.



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BENEFITS

- **Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- **Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
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Fuel Infrastructure Project (FIP) Maintenance Worker (£11,341 per annum) (Fixed Term Contract until October 2026)

The Fuel Infrastructure Project within the Programme Management Office is seeking a Maintenance Worker. In this role, the Maintenance Worker will be required to work to the FIP's fuel facilities preservation and maintenance programme and keep accurate records of all preservation maintenance work. You will also be required to take responsibility for site maintenance, particularly relating to the SHAP fuel systems in Rupert's and at the Airport. From time to time this may involve work in other parts of the Airport Development Area. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Darrell Clingham on Tel No 22289 or Email darrell.clingham@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 31 October 2025

Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025

Interview date: 13 November 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (SHSS) (£10,714 - £10,966 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are seeking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Carolyn Yon on Tel No 24290 or Email carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 31 October 2025

Shortlisting date: 05 November 2025

Interview date: 13 November 2025

Trainee Dental Technician (£11,604 - £12,267 per annum)

The Trainee Dental Technician will assist in enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and contribute to the prosperity of the island by collaborating closely with the Senior Dental Technician and Dentist. This role involves working on prescriptions or directly with patients to provide or repair dental prosthetics and devices, thereby improving patients' oral health, appearance, speech, and overall wellbeing. The trainee will acquire practical skills necessary to perform key duties and responsibilities while engaging in a structured modular and self-directed learning platform. Upon successfully completing all modular and end-of-training assessments, the trainee will progress to a Grade C5. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No 25387 or Email charmaine.buckley-thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 29 October 2025

Shortlisting date: 13 November 2025

Interview date: 20 November 2025

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you. SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.

Stevedores, Sea Stories and Shared History: Solomon & Company Celebrates Maritime Legacy on St Helena



A warm sense of nostalgia and pride filled Anne's Place on Wednesday evening, 8 October as Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc hosted a special buffet dinner to celebrate the long and storied history of stevedoring and barging on St Helena.

The evening brought together past and present members of the Company's Shipping and Lighterage Teams to reflect on decades of hard work, camaraderie and service that have kept the Island supplied and connected to the world.



Chief Operating Officer, Paul Gasteen opened the evening by thanking everyone who has been part of the Company's shipping operations. "You've weathered more than just the elements," he said. "For many of you, this has been more than a job — it's been a community, a family." Paul shared some of the team's most memorable moments, from the days of no hard hats and optional steel-toe caps to eight-hour shifts worked around the clock. "Some of the things we did back then would make our Safety and Compliance Officer break out in a cold sweat today!"

Paul then spoke about more recent challenges, including the early months of the COVID-19 pandemic. In April 2020, when the *MV Helena* made its first call since the global outbreak, new procedures and strict safety measures had to be introduced for the first time. It was far from business as usual - barge operations were more complex and the uncertainty of the pandemic added a new layer of difficulty. Yet, as Paul noted, the team rose to the occasion, working together to ensure essential supplies reached the Island after nearly two months without a ship. The evening truly highlighted the remarkable resilience, ingenuity and dedication of the men and women who worked 'the Wharf'. Paul also paid tribute to those who lost their lives at sea and to long-serving team members, saying their contributions "will never be forgotten."

General Manager (Agencies), Jason Thomas added his own reflections on the enduring legacy of the Island's Stevedores..."Some of you may not be continuing with us at Ruperts, but that doesn't separate you from this team. Whether past or present, we all share the same experience of being part of the Island's history - where men stopped their usual routines to come down to the harbour, working together to load and unload ships, bringing goods and provisions on and off the Island. That history is ongoing. It comes from generations before us and we will continue in much the same way for generations to come. You are all part of that history."

The evening featured a slideshow of old photographs and video clips, sparking laughter, storytelling and moments of quiet reflection. Colleagues long gone were remembered fondly, their faces and contributions etched into the Island's collective memory.

Many Stevedores reminisced about the long, continuous shifts. Stevedores would work for eight hours, then rest for eight, but for those living in the country, with the limited number of vehicles on the Island, returning home in that short time was impossible. Instead, they slept in what was known as the 'Rest House' (now Harbour View accommodations), a single large room with a toilet at one end. Workers would lie down on the same bed in shifts, getting up to make room for the next person, a testament to practicality and camaraderie. Whilst they were making their temporary accommodations in the Rest House, a single truck would drive around the Island each day where families would be waiting with food to bring into town for the workers. "And that was just the food in one tin" said Leslie Williams, whose stevedoring career spanned 45 years "We didn't have no fancy containers back then." Leslie also recalled an incident one night, as they were returning to the landing steps. "a wave lifted the boat onto the steps, bow high and stern in the water." Most of the ship workers fell into the sea. "that was the days before lifejackets...their rucksacks kept them floating". It was danger and humour, hardship and ingenuity; all rolled into one.



Anthony Henry, fondly known as Futcher, has spent his entire working career of 47 years working within the Ligherage Department. Futcher recalled a time of just 3-4 containers on a ship (the rest of the cargo came break-bulk) that would be barged to Thompson's Crane for lifting. Boisie recalls emptying these containers from near the crane and manually carrying the goods to the 'Sand Yard' for storage. Futcher noted the lifting capacity of Thompson's Crane being just 22-tonne in comparison to the 180-tonne lifting capacity now. Even after the purchase of a new crane due to increased container goods, Thompson's Crane was still needed as the new crane arrived in parts and each part had to be hoisted ashore individually.



For more than 190 years, Solomon & Company has been intertwined with St Helena's shipping story — from provisioning passing vessels in the 1800s, to working alongside the RMS St Helena, and operating the Island's barges through rough seas. Generations of stevedores have kept the Island's lifeline afloat with skill, determination, and teamwork.

As the Island transitions to operations at Rupert's Jetty, Solomons continues to honour the people and stories that built this remarkable legacy. The evening celebrated not just the past, but the humour, unity, strength and enduring spirit that continues to carry St Helena forward.



PRESS RELEASE

Council Announces First Round of Constituency Meetings

Join Your Elected Members for Upcoming District Meetings

Elected Members invite all residents to a series of District Meetings aimed at strengthening communication and collaboration between the Council and the Community.

These meetings are your opportunity to:

- **Meet and greet** with your elected representatives
- **Share your views** on local issues
- **Raise concerns** and highlight priorities
- **Help to shape the future** of your district and our island

This is a key step toward open, two-way dialogue - ensuring that every voice is heard and community ideas help guide decisions.

Strong communication builds good governance. Together, we can find solutions that meet your district needs whilst planning for our shared future.

Meetings will be held across all districts, giving everyone a chance to discuss what matters most locally with the entire team

Everyone is encouraged to come along, ask questions, and play an active part in contributing to shaping the direction of our community and the work of your elected Council.

Your voice matters — be a part of the conversation!

Schedule of Meetings		
Date	Venue	Chairperson
Monday, 20 Oct 2025 7:30pm	HTH Community Centre	Cllr Derek Thomas
Tuesday, 21 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Jamestown Community Centre	Cllr Dr Corinda Essex
Thursday, 23 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Sandy Bay Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard
Monday, 27 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Harford Community Centre	Cllr Denis Leo
Tuesday, 28 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Alarm Forest Meeting held at Jamestown Community Centre	Cllr Julie Thomas
Wednesday, 29 Oct 2025 7:30pm	St Michael's Church, Ruperts	Cllr Dr Corinda Essex
Thursday, 30 Oct 2025 7:30pm	Kingshurst Community Centre	Cllr Robert Midwinter
Monday, 3 Nov 2025 7:30pm	Levelwood Bar	Cllr Ronald Coleman
Thursday, 6 Nov 2025 7:30pm	Blue Hill Community Centre	Cllr Clint Beard

Please note that Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Karl Thrower will be overseas.

Legislative Council
15 October 2025

ROSE & CROWN OUTLET OPENING TIMES

ROSE & CROWN SHOP

T: 22247

Monday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 8.30 pm
Sunday	CLOSED



THE HIVE

T: 22468

Monday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Friday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 1.00 pm
Sunday	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

ARCH SHOP

T: 22728

Monday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	8.00 - 7.00 pm
Friday	8.00 - 7.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 1.00 pm
Sunday	6.30 - 8.30 pm
Sunday	CLOSED

LONGWOOD HARDWARE

T: 24462

Monday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Friday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Saturday	8.00 - 5.00 pm
Sunday	8.00 - 11.00 am

LONGWOOD SUPERMARKET & FUEL STATION

T: 24679

Monday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Wednesday	9.00 - 5.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Friday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 - 1.00 pm

CROWN SUPERMARKET

T: 25507

Monday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Tuesday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Wednesday	9.00 - 6.00 pm
Thursday	9.00 - 9.00 pm
Friday	9.00 - 9.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 9.00 pm
Sunday	9.00 - 1.00 pm

CROWN BAR & CAFE WEEKEND OPENING

17th - 19th October 2025

Friday	3.00 - 9.00 pm
Saturday	9.00 - 9.00 pm
Sunday	11.00 - 7.00 pm

Our normal Wraps, Toasties, Light Bites, Savouries & Cake will also be available.

Saturday Brunch at



2 X EGGS
2 X BACON
2 X SAUSAGE
TOMATO
MUSHROOMS
BEANS
TOAST

+ FREE COFFEE

The Royal Breakfast

STANDARD BREAKFAST @ £7.50*
KIDS BREAKFAST @ £5.00*

*also includes a drink

CALL 25507 TO BOOK A TABLE



FOOTBALL

5-A-SIDE FIXTURES



Wednesday 1st October Result					
Goal Diggers	GS: 5 / GA: 0	Scott (2) Ethan (1) Kevin (1) Julian (1)	3	Ethan (5) Scott (2) Kevin (2) OG (1) Gareth (1) Jedi (1) Julian (1)	GS: 13 / GA: 27
Grease Monkeys	GS: 0 / GA: 5		0	Rico (2) Reid (2) Dave (2) Steve (1) Darren (1) Kieran (1)	GS: 9 / GA: 24

Wednesday 1st October & Saturday 11th Match Review

Wednesday 1st October game was a rescheduled game between Goal Diggers and Grease Monkeys that was played on the day of Joshua Yon-Bowers passing. The game started evenly contested, but as the game progressed, the Goal Diggers finally got their goal touch and secured their first win of the tournament, leaving Grease Monkeys still winless. It proves that you need to have substitutes and make use of them effectively. After the game, both teams and members of the other teams, and fans, got together to remember Josh with a few drinks at the bar. Compliments to his sister Robyn.

Saturday 11th October saw the last day of the mini league tournament which would decide the tournament winners, and the fixture schedule for the double elimination knock out tournament on the 25th October. **Early game** kicked off at 2pm between Two Boats N Hoes and Grease Monkeys. It was the last chance for Grease Monkeys to pick up three points. Two Boats N Hoes played with intent and was well organised. Grease Monkeys tried their best but came up short, leaving them winless. **Second Game** of the day was the title decider, between the Falcons and Slippery Balls. With only two points separating the teams, it was fiercely contested game. The Falcons started by playing defensively with Slippery Balls having more possession of the ball. The first half finished evenly with a goal difference. The second half, Falcons turned the game and went on to score nine goals, and won the game convincingly in the end, taking the title. **Third Game** between Goal Diggers and Rigger Boots was well attended, with both teams having full squads. Goal Diggers were looking to continue their winning ways from the mid week game, and Rigger Boots had other ideas. Both teams played competitively with good attitudes towards each other. The game was evenly matched, with Rigger Boots eventually coming out winners. Thank you to all the players for being flexible with times and having good sportsmanship and a big thank you to the fans for coming out to support each week. Look forward to seeing everyone on the 25th for an afternoon/evening of knock out football. The double elimination knock out tournament will be played on 25th October from 3pm, followed by the presentation in the evening at Two Boats Club. Food will be on sale followed by a Disco.



Sponsored by Two Boats Club

FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

Every week we will bring you the latest results, table standings and all information relating to the SHFA football season 2025.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

After two weeks break due to not having a full committee , Round 3 of the SHFA league went ahead.

Each game this weekend saw a minute silence and portraying the message that they all must standing together for Mental Health Awareness and In Memory of Greg Coleman and Bargo, two young players that was taken away to soon.

Sunday 11th October Wirebirds 8 – Fugees 1

Goalscorers Wirebirds – James Carniswicks 2, Korban Minto 2, Own Goal 2, Shane Stroud, Kyle Shoesmith

Goalscorers Fugees— Lars Williams

Man of the Match— Shane Stroud (Wirebirds)

Sunday 12th October Rovers 9— Le Verde 0

Goalscorers Rovers – Tyler Benjamin 2, Jake Letori 2, Ronan Legg 2, Clayton Benjamin 2, Rico Benjamin

Man of the Match— Clayton Benjamin (Rovers)

Young Player of the Match—Ephraim Stroud (Le Verde)

Sunday 12th October Bellboys 17— Intergalactic 0

Goalscorers Bellboys – Joey Thomas 7, Taylan Phillips 2, Sidonio Benjamin 2, Shane Benjamin 2, Tyler Brady, Weston Clingham, Zach Francis, Kyle Yon

Man of the Match— Joey Thomas (Bellboys)

Young Player of the Match— Zach Francis (Bellboys)

FOOTBALL TABLE

<u>TEAM</u>	<u>PLAYED</u>	<u>WIN</u>	<u>DRAW</u>	<u>LOST</u>	<u>G/FOR</u>	<u>G/AGAINST</u>	<u>G/DIFFERENCE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
Bellboys	10	10	0	0	129	7	122	30
Rovers	10	8	0	2	78	18	60	24
Wirebirds	11	5	1	4	88	28	60	19
La Verde	11	4	1	6	46	62	-16	13
Fugees	10	2	0	7	33	61	-28	6
Inter Galactic	10	0	0	10	2	200	-198	0

TOP 5 GOALSCORERS

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>GOALS</u>
Joey Thomas	Bellboys	54
Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	27
Kyle Shoesmith	Wirebirds	23
Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	19
Tyler Brady	Bellboys	16

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Saturday 18th October @2pm Wirebirds vs Intergalactic

Sunday 19th October @ 1:30pm Fugees vs Le Verde

Sunday 19th October @ 3:30pm Bellboys vs Rovers

FOLLOW THE WSA ROUNDERS SEASON 2025

The WSA Rounders Season has kicked off with 7 teams entering .
Follow us here every week for the latest results , statistics and fixtures.

RESULTS



FIREBALLS 3.5 - 20.5 BALLZY LADIES

WLOM: Renee Coleman

Fireballs V Ballzy Ladies

Renee Coleman	0.5	Charlotte Williams	2.5
Gemma Glanville	0.5	Kati-Rose Thomas	2.5
Tina Brady	1	Dani Thomas	3.5
Ziara Thomas	1	Hathaikan Sawangwang	0.5
		Nicola Constantine	1
Penalty Score	0.5	Katelyn Benjamin	3
		Danielle Benjamin	1
		Helen Joshua	1
		Penalty Score	5.5
3.5		20.5	

BATTITUDE 12.5 - 24 INCREDIBLES

WLOM: Qhi Green

LOM: Tanisha Benjamin

Battitude V Incredibles

Justine Green	0.5	April Stevens	2.5
Qhi Green	2.5	Tanisha Benjamin	2.5
Whitney Young	3	Anisa Moyce	4
Georgia Bennett	3	Sinead Green	4
Alfreda Yon	1.5	Chloe Thomas	4.5
Julie Anthony	1.5	Danielle Anthony	1
Jaymie Lawrence	0.5	Sara Thomas	4.5
		Penalty Score	1
12.5		24	

BALLBUSTERS 14.5 - 9.5 FUSION

LOM: Britney Williams

Ballbusters V Fusion

Georgia Young	2	Teryn Phillips	2
Rhiann Joshua	1	Julianne Stevens	1.5
Britney Williams	3.5	Melissa Fowler	1.5
Jordana Crowie	2	Erin Wade	0.5
Tyanne Williams	1.5	Terri Clingham	1
Nyreeka Lawrence	0.5	Niala	1.5
Marcella Mittens	1.5	Sabrina Young	0.5
Alyiah Crowie	0.5		
Penalty Score	2	Penalty Score	1
14.5		9.5	



BALLBUSTERS

LEAGUE
FIXTURES

SUN
19th Oct
2025

12:00pm

THUNDERBATS

V

BATTITUDE

Umpires: F & FB

13:30pm

FUSION

V

FIREBALLS

Umpires: IN & BB

15:00pm

INCREDIBLES

V

BALLBUSTERS

Umpires: TB & B

FIREBALLS



FOLLOW THE JUNIOR LEAGUE SEASON 2025

Every week we will bring you the latest results, table standings and all information relating to the Junior League football season 2025.

FOOTBALL RESULTS

New Horizons Stars 2 — New Horizons FC

Goalscorers New Horizons Stars — Ajay Henry 2

Goalscorers New Horizons FC — Louis Joshua

POM— Ajay Henry (New Horizons Stars)

Axel Peters (New Horizons FC)

Young Gunners 28 — Dabbing Devils 0

Goalscorers Young Gunners — Lamar Peters 13, Kian Stroud 10, Seth Lawrence 2, Jacob Benjamin, Fergus Stead, Own Goal

POM—Kian Stroud (Young Gunners)

Logan Yon (Dabbing Devils)

Golden Gladiators 4 — Monarchs 2

Goalscorers Golden Gladiators — Levi Williams 2, Jude Jacobs, Elijah Young

Goalscorers Monarchs— Harry Winfield, Zach Francis

POM—Jude Jacobs (Golden Gladiators)

POM - Zach Francis (Monarchs)

Vikings 2 — Black Mambas 10

Goalscorers Vikings — Kylen Piek Williams, Robson Fabian

Goalscorers Black Mambas— Tyler Anthony 6, Dirk Peters Benjamin 2, Lukas Robertse, Kaiden Glanville

POM—Kylen Piek Williams (Vikings)

POM—Tyler Anthony (Black Mambas)

TOP 5 GOALSCORERS

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Kian Stroud	Young Gunners	64
Lamar Peters	Young Gunners	64
Cruz Williams	Rumblers	51
Luten Yon	Rumblers	22
Conan Sim	Rumblers	20

NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Tyler Anthony	Black Mumbas	29
Lebron George	Flix	22
Levi Williams	Golden Gladiators	21
Jude Jacobs	Golden Gladiators	16
Robson Fabian	Vikings	15

FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G/F	G/A	G/D	PTS
Young Gunners	8	7	1	0	164	6	158	22
Rumblers	8	6	1	1	134	16	118	19
New Horizons Stars	8	4	0	4	14	100	-86	12
New Horizons FC	8	2	0	6	19	94	-75	6
Dabbing Devils	8	0	0	8	8	123	-115	0

TEAM	P	W	D	L	G/F	G/A	G/D	PTS
Golden Gladiators	8	5	1	2	57	36	21	15
Black Mumbas	8	3	2	3	39	44	-5	9
Monarchs	8	2	1	5	38	49	-11	7
Flix	8	0	1	7	27	64	-37	1
Vikings	7	0	1	5	25	54	-29	1

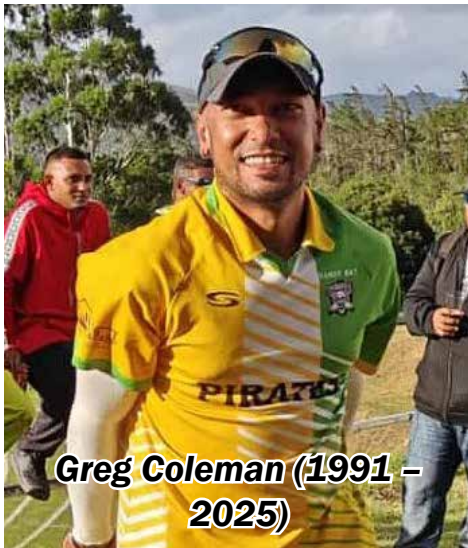
UPCOMING FIXTURES

Please Note: Unfortunately games will take place Saturday and Sunday this week to make up for time lost to bad weather

SAT 18 OCT	SUN 19 OCT	SUN 26 OCT	SAT 18 OCT	SUN 19 OCT	SUN 26 OCT
PRELIMINARY 1PM Young Gunners			PRELIMINARY 1PM Monarchs		
	SEMI FINAL 1 3AM			SEMI FINAL 1 3AM	
New Horizons FC		FINAL 3AM	Golden Gladiators		FINAL 3AM
	Dabbing Devils			Flix	
	SEMI FINAL 2 9-45			SEMI FINAL 2 9-45	
	Rumblers			Vikings	
				Black Mambas	
	NH Stars				

Tributes to Greg Coleman

St Helena Cricket Loses a Top Cricketer



Greg Coleman (1991 – 2025)

St Helena Cricket yesterday, learnt of the sudden passing of one of its top Cricketers and a top sportsman.

Gone Too Soon – The St Helena Cricket Association mourns the loss of Greg Shavon Coleman (34) – a talented player, loyal teammate, and true friend of the game.

Greg Coleman from Silver Hill in Levelwood aged just 34, died suddenly, shocking the community and those involved with it. It seems just weeks since he lifted the Knockout Cricket Trophy with the Sandy Bay Pirates and personal accolades including the top bowler for the season.

Having had an outstanding cricket season with the Sandy Bay Pirates he added silverware to his collection accumulating since he was just a junior.

Playing earlier for Levelwood and latterly for Sandy Bay Greg was a much-feared bowler and batsman, a bowler of varying pace and the ability of being able to hit a boundary on a whim, he will be missed by his teammates and friends.

Greg was one of the Pirates star players this past season and captain Rhys Francis in the wake of his death said “Greg was a cricketer we loved in countless ways. He wasn’t just a teammate, he was family. We shared laughs, victories and moments that creates memories that will never fade. He was a true champion of the game.



Derek Richards, President of St Helena Cricket said

” This is such sad news that we have learnt of the sad passing of Greg, and on behalf of the St Helena Cricket Association, I would like to extend heartfelt condolences to Greg’s family, friends and teammates during this time of immense loss”. “Greg was a talented and dedicated player whose passion for the game inspired everyone around him” said Derek. “He will be remembered not only for his skill on the field, but for his positive spirit, sportsmanship, and the warmth he brought to the cricketing community.”

The St Helena Cricket Association joins the entire island in mourning Greg’s passing and celebrating the legacy he leaves behind. Our thoughts and prayers are with all who knew and loved him.

Tributes to Greg Coleman

From the St Helena Football Association

Standing Together for Mental Health Awareness & In Memory of Greg Coleman ☐

Before yesterday's football match at Francis Plain, I asked players and supporters to gather behind a banner carrying a simple but important message 'it's okay not to be okay'. As Sports & Culture Champion, I wanted to use this moment to highlight the importance of mental wellbeing and to encourage everyone to speak up, reach out and support one another. The banner which we made with the support of the Chairman of the SHFA also paid tribute to Greg Coleman #Forever34 and Kenon Bargo #Forever17.

After taking a photo with the banner, we held a minute's silence for Greg, who sadly passed away on Thursday. Greg was an incredible cricketer and footballer, one of the finest all-rounders this generation has seen and his skill on the field was matched only by his character off it.

Greg, my brother, it was an absolute privilege to play alongside you. If we can say one thing about you...You most definitely did it your way. While you excelled as a sportsman, it was your character that truly made you a legend — a real MVP on and off the field. We all have our stories of you and may we tell them for a long, long time.

If anyone is struggling, please don't stay silent. Reach out — to a friend, a family member, a professional, or even to me personally. And remember, The Samaritans Helpline (20000) is always there for free, confidential support.

Let's keep showing up for each other...on and off the field. ☐



From the Women's Sports Association

Yesterday, Sunday 12th October we gathered with heavy hearts to honour the life of Greg Coleman, a remarkable athlete whose talent, dedication, and passion inspired so many.

While we mourn the loss of Greg, we also celebrate his life—a life that brought joy, inspiration, and hope to many. He will forever remain in our hearts as a symbol of resilience and humanity.

May you rest in peace. Your legacy will continue to shine in the lives of everyone you touched. May you find the peace that you so richly deserve.

Before each game today, the WSA members paid their respects by holding a minute's silence in honour of Greg.

Let us remember that seeking help is not a sign of weakness but of strength.

'It's okay not to be okay'

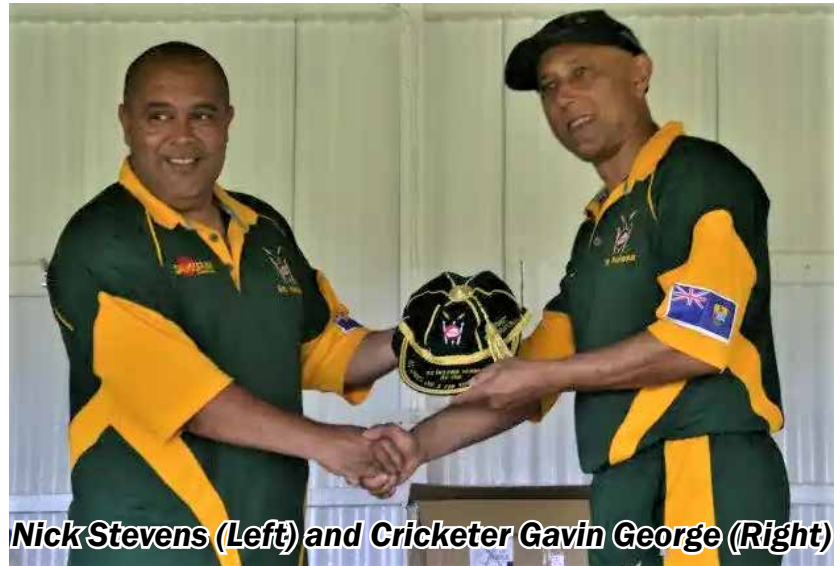


Donate and Support St Helena's Spin on a World Cup Dream at 70

Lifelong cricketer Gavin George is chasing his dream to promote St Helena on the world stage – and you can help make it happen.

Gavin, a proud St Helenian, and lifelong cricketer, has been invited to represent the Rest of the World XI in the Over-70s Cricket World Cup in Christchurch, New Zealand (**February 17 – March 5, 2026**)

<https://restoftheworld.co.uk/>.



Cricket is a beloved sport on St Helena, and the Island has its own cricket association which is an affiliate member of the International Cricket Council (ICC) The St Helena Cricket Association

(SHCA) manages the national league as well as competing in international competitions. Founded in 1903, the St Helena Cricket League on St Helena has been a cornerstone of community life, and Gavin has played a pivotal role in this league, competing in many St Helena cricket competitions over the years, mentoring younger players, and promoting cricket across the island for decades.

From barefoot cricket on the streets of Jamestown to becoming one of the island's most respected players, Gavin's passion for the sport has never wavered. Over the years, Gavin has won numerous awards for his performance and Sportsmanship. Now, over the ripe age of 70, Gavin continues to play, proving his enduring fitness, skill, and dedication to the game. This World Cup invitation is the culmination of a lifetime devoted to cricket and a chance to showcase St Helena on a global stage. Travel from St Helena is challenging. Even with the new airport, Gavin must take a **4.5-hour flight to Johannesburg** before connecting to international flights. To make this dream a reality, he needs to raise £6,000 to cover his share of the costs:

- Return international flights
- 18 nights' bed & breakfast accommodation
- Ground transfers and taxes
- Team fees and logistics

The final payment is due 6 December 2025.

Every contribution, no matter the size, brings Gavin closer to representing St Helena cricket internationally. If you're unable to donate, simply sharing this campaign can make a huge difference. Your Support really does matter as for Gavin, this isn't just a personal milestone; it's an opportunity to promote St Helena and show that age, distance, and small beginnings have no barrier to big dreams.

Every contribution, no matter how small, will bring Gavin one step closer to representing St Helena and Cricket on an international field. If you are unable to donate, simply sharing this article or the campaign could help this dream reach the eyes of the right people.

Let's help show that age, distance, and humble beginnings are no barrier to big dreams. Your generosity will help promote St Helena, celebrate grassroots sport, and fulfil a lifelong ambition.

Donate here: <https://gofund.me/7ad817175>

Captain's Challenge Cup – 2025 Edition

St Helena Golf Club

Sponsored by: Captain Bramwel Bushuru supported by: Benji (St Helena Airport)



Despite mostly cloudy conditions, the spirit of competition was high as 17 players took to the course on Sunday for the much-anticipated Captain's Challenge Cup.

This year's champion is Keith Joshua, who delivered an outstanding performance with a net score of 60, securing the top spot to win the cup and first prize. Fredrick Thomas followed in second place with a commendable net 65 to win second prize.

Special prizes were also awarded:

- Longest Drive (4th Hole): Martin Joshua
- Nearest to Pin (7th Hole): Keith Buckley

The excitement continued with two twos recorded: Arthur Francis birdied the 5th and Martin Joshua birdied the 11th. The twos balls were shared between them.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for making the event a memorable one. A special thanks to Captain Bramwel Bushuru and Benji for their generous support and commitment to the club.

Looking ahead, the next major event at St Helena Golf Club is the **Annual Solomons Challenge Cup**. This will be a **36-hole strokeplay competition** held over two days: Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th October 2025.



Registration for the Solomons Challenge Cup will close on Friday 17th October 2025 at 3pm. Players are encouraged to register early to secure their spot in this prestigious event.

The total prize pool for the Solomons Challenge Cup will be £240, awarded in cash and vouchers.



Prize Breakdown for the Solomons Challenge Cup: 1st Place, 2nd Place, 3rd Place, Longest Drive (Gents), Longest Drive (Ladies), Nearest to Pin (Gents), Nearest to Pin (Ladies)

For more information check out our website www.sthelenagolf.com as well as our Facebook page.

Unsecured Loan

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Decide what you would like to use your loan for this Christmas.

Complete your loan application form and submit to the Lending Section (can be completed and submitted online).

Sign your loan agreement and receive your funds following the application processing (minimum of 3 weeks required).

Repay your loan as you have agreed in your loan agreement (up to a maximum of 3 years).



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	BRIGHT SKY 251217	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251219	GOLDEN KAROO 251221
Immingham	09-Aug	06-Sept	04-Oct
	KAROLINE 251709	KAROLINE 251710	KAROLINE 251711
Cape Town	18-Sept	12-Oct	07-Nov
Rupert's Bay	26-Sept	20-Oct	15-Nov
Ascension Island	-	-	20-Nov
	KAROLINE 251809	KAROLINE 251810	KAROLINE 251811
Cape Town	09-Oct	29-Oct	29-Nov

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