

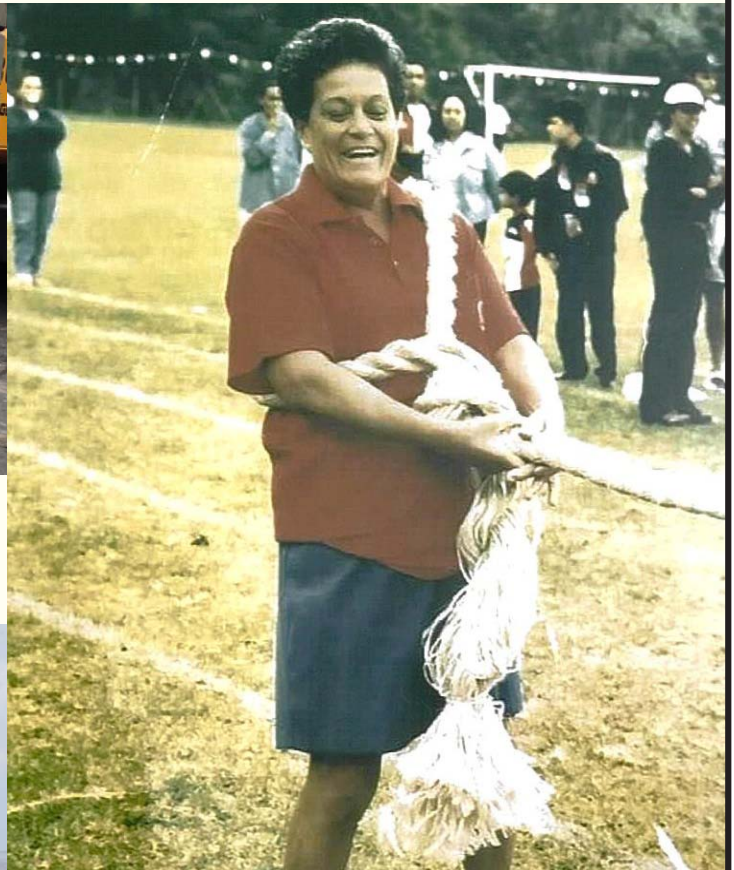


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'A Delicate Balance to be Struck'

Maundy Thursday Disaster



Later, the Kristina could be salvaged together with most of the floating debris from the vessel. Thanks to the assistance provided by Adrian Duncan and team, together with others did the repair work of the Kristina over the weekend. The engine and gearbox were cleared of salt water and is in running order.

Thanks to the quick response by the Sea Rescue team to the mayday call, Mr Adrian Duncan who salvaged the boat and all the other helpers who assisted in any way.

A serious accident occurred during the traditional Maundy Thursday fishing night when the fishing vessel No 47 Kristina sustained serious damage under the water line and sank within three minutes.

The Sea Rescue Service responded promptly after receiving the mayday signal and the four people from the Kristina were rescued from the water and taken ashore to safety. Nobody was physically injured but in shock.



Yacht Supply Vessel

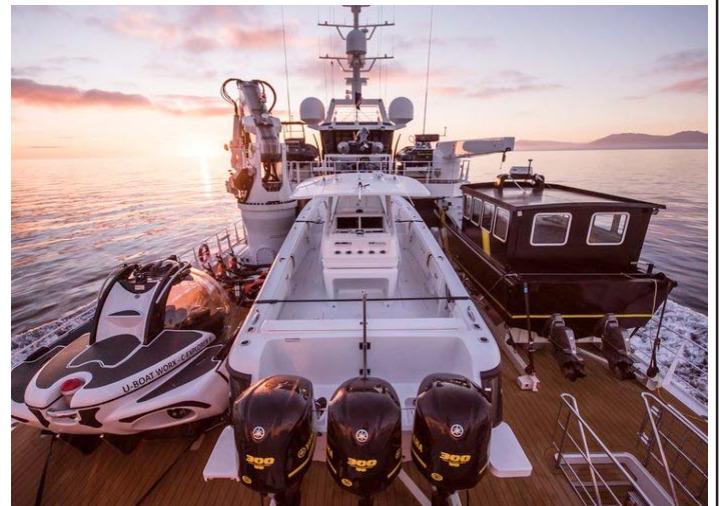
A Yacht supply vessel – Game Changer arrived in James Bay on Tuesday 2 April. This is the first of its kind to come to St Helena. The 227ft vessel was designed by the Dutch firm Damen as a solution to the problem of what do to when your superyacht gets too crowded. It is currently sailing under the Marshall Islands flag, the 5th most popular flag state for superyachts with a total of 423 yachts registered. She is known to be an active superyacht and has most recently been spotted cruising near Saint Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha.

Game Changer is the latest plaything for the world's super-rich elite who already have everything, it is a support vessel for a superyacht. Billionaire superyacht owners can now buy this £40million support vessel to store a helicopter, staff so they can bathe in peace.

The vessel's top speed is 21.0Kn, her cruising speed is 18.0



kn, and boasts a maximum cruising range of 4,500.0 nm at 16.0 kn, with power coming from four MTU diesel engines. She can accommodate up to 11 guests in 5 staterooms, with 21 crew members. She has a gross tonnage of 1,200.0 GT and a 11.5 m beam.



Rupert Jones Judgement Called 'Irrational'

St Helena's Supreme Court Judge, Rupert Jones, made news in the UK media when his ruling was criticised as 'incorrect and irrational'. Sitting in judgement on a case where the UK financial regulator, the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA), imposed a fine of £25,000 on an agent whose business was selling loans for house-buying and for insurance. The FCA said the agent had ignored risks, acted recklessly and lacked integrity.

Judge Rupert Jones ruled that he had "considerable sympathy" for the agent and that he did not act recklessly and remained a fit and proper person to remain as an agent selling loans and insurance.

The FCA oversees the conduct of around 45,000 similar businesses in the UK. One of the FCA's responsibilities is to protect the interests of customers seeking loans and insurance and ensure loan companies conduct their business to a required standard. The FCA maintained the loan agent had put his company at risk of being used by others for financial crime and did not protect the interests of customers. The FCA had already inspected the agent's business practices both in 2011 and 2015. In 2021 they took action to prevent him continuing his business.

In a statement issued immediately after the ruling made by Judge Rupert Jones, the FCA stated, "The FCA believes that the decision is incorrect and irrational. We will be seeking permission to appeal the decision." The FCA has unsuccessfully brought legal action against the same agent on at least one previous occasion. The business at the centre of the controversy appears still to be active, although 5 of the 7 directors of the company have resigned.

HONOURABLE SPEAKER TO ATTEND COMMONS AND OVERSEAS TERRITORIES SPEAKERS CONFERENCE 2024

The Honourable Speaker of the St Helena Legislative Council, Mr Cyril K Gunnell, will depart the Island on Saturday 29 March 2024 to attend the Commons and Overseas Territories Speakers Conference (COTSC) 2024 in the Turks and Caicos Islands, from 2 to 5 April 2024. He will be accompanied by Legislative Council Office Assistant, Miss Shanice Phillips.

The Honourable Speaker will return to the Island, following a period of personal leave, on Saturday 27 April 2024. Miss Phillips will return on 13 April 2024.

In the absence of the Speaker, the Honourable Deputy Speaker and Legislative Council Office Staff will conduct business accordingly.

**Legislative Council
28 March 2024**



DELEGATION RETURNS FROM OFFICIAL VISIT TO MONTSERRAT

On Saturday 23 March 2024, HE Governor Nigel Phillips, Chief Minister Julie Thomas and Chief Secretary Susan O'Bey returned to St Helena following an official visit to fellow Overseas Territory, Montserrat.

The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office facilitated the trip to promote ties between the two Overseas Territories. During their visit, the delegation met with HE Governor Sarah Tucker, Premier Easton Taylor-Farrell, members of Parliament and a wide range of officials and community representatives. These meetings enabled the two Overseas Territories to learn about the challenges and opportunities each island is facing, share approaches on how to address them and to better understand where collaboration between St Helena and Montserrat would be best implemented.

The delegation also attended a variety of events aimed at strengthening the social and cultural links between the two territories. These festivities included the annual flower show and tea party hosted by the Montserrat National Trust, and a tour of the Montserrat Volcano Observatory. A visit to the Plymouth Exclusion Zone was cancelled due to bad weather. On Sunday 17 March, the delegation attended the annual St Patrick's Day Parade, the culminating event of a 15-day festival, Montserrat's biggest national festival.

The delegation also took the opportunity to meet with the High Commissioner to Antigua Karen-Mae Hill OBE, en route back to St Helena.

Reflecting on their trip to Montserrat, Chief Minister Julie Thomas commented:

"Concluding a highly successful week in Montserrat, I am pleased to have been able to engage in so many detailed and enlightening discussions and make so many valuable connections with the Montserratian Parliamentary leaders along with their civil service counterparts. These will be critical in further strengthening our ties with the people and government of Montserrat."

"Discussions on topics of governance, policy and corporate leadership, fiscal policy, outcome framework and programme management of the Montserrat Capital Investment Programme for Resilient Economic Growth (similar to St Helena's EDIP) will help our Executive Council with future decision-making approaches and best practices. Equally, I know that our counterparts in Montserrat found great value in hearing about the enormous strides that St Helena has made in our blue and green agendas, development in terms of access and the steps we are taking to strengthen our essential infrastructure; areas of which are similar in priority for both islands."





Editorial

This week I'm handing over to someone else. Tracey Thomas crewed the Aurora with Josh Herne and others. This is her contribution to the daily blog for the voyage. It's amusing and a little mad. I like it. It includes Tracey's first impressions of St Helena.

Our boat Aurora set sail from the very bottom of Africa, and headed north - up the west coast of South Africa and Namibia. We passed schools of leaping flying fish, raced with tuna fish we could never catch, tracked lots of cargo ships heavy with goods, and marvelled at sunsets spun from the dust of the Namibian desert.

Gently, following the wind, Aurora curved west, away from Africa, straight into the middle of the deep blue ocean. Out here, there's no ships or fishing boats. No land, no islands, not even a big pile of rocks. All there was just us, and Aurora.

We sailed for a week like this. All day, all night, through breakfast, lunch and dinner. All we could do was watch the ocean go by, the sun and moon rise and set, and the stars of the Milky Way. Once in a while, we saw the International Space Station fly over. At long last, far on the horizon, a huge rock appears. Its top is ringed in clouds; the rock wears the clouds like a crown. It's still a long ways off.

As you grow up, you will hear big people say something like, "Take any port in a storm." And what they're trying to say is that you should find a safe place when there's trouble. Which is, trust me, very good advice.

And yet, and yet... When you approach St. Helena - when this is the First and Only Thing you've seen in a week, you cannot help but be a little unnerved. I mean, it's a rock. Are there people there? What if we've come all this way - and no one's home? I am driving the boat as we approach, and the skipper thoughtfully advises me: Don't hit the rock. He's helpful that way.

We pull into the shadow of the rock, and get a better look. It's very brown and black. And some off the rock looks sagging and melty. Because a long time ago, before St. Helena was an island, it was a volcano blowing up lava out of the ocean and trying to become an island. And that lava flowed over the sides and into the ocean, and as the lava cooled, it sagged. And stayed that way.

There is nothing growing on this rock - no bits of vine clinging to a crevice. Nothing. Just rock. And there's certainly no place to park a boat and get off.

We curve around the north side of the island, and there are signs of life. Three tiny white birds breeze by the rock, riding the thermals near the clouds. And way up there, the birds

pass a cleft in the rock. And in that cleft is lush green field, just bathing in sunshine and cloud droplets. We only get the briefest glimpse. But if someone told you that field was home to sparkle unicorns? You might believe them.

First, we see Rupert's Bay, home of the island's commercial marine pier. There are huge yellow cranes to lift containers off cargo ships. There's a beautiful new sea rescue station, with their boats. And someone is building a new tuna cannery - here's hoping they have better luck catching tuna than we did! In minutes, you're in James Bay, filled with small sailboats, catamarans, and a little tugboat-looking ferry taking sailors to shore.

We look for a mooring spot to park our boat. And another sailor calls advice to us. It is morning, but it's not super early morning - and this sailor is on deck in his jockey shorts. So of course, my first thought is if this guy is the real-life little people's book character, Captain Underpants. As Captain Underpants continues to talk to us, his cat wanders out on deck. As far as I could determine, Captain Underpants' cat is trouser-free.

The ferry man brings his boat alongside Aurora, and we jump in with our luggage, and the garbage we've accumulated since leaving Cape Town.

We motor up to the pier. This is where it gets all a bit jungle gym-y. To climb off the ferry, you grab hold of a rope hanging from something like an enormous swing set. You pull down on the rope, and when the waves are co-operating, swing onto the pier. The Queen of England visited St. Helena years ago, and I cannot imagine her rope swinging onto the island. Her son, the Duke of Edinburgh, just visited a few weeks. But I'm betting he came on an airplane.

We walk up a little path, past a tiny yacht club, the Happy Days Fish Monger shop, a line of cargo containers. We stop at the immigration office, and then see the gates of the old fort that was start of Jamestown a couple of hundred years ago.

Before us is a long, narrow valley, with very steep sides, filled with a Georgian-era English village that looks like something out of a story book.

And just then, the most beautiful tropical breeze tumbles down the valley all over us, a breeze that is warm and wonderful - and I wonder if that breeze came from the field of sparkle unicorns.

Vince

EULOGY

Elizabeth Ann Sim nee Thompson 1940 – 2024

It is with great sadness that we are here today to say farewell to Elizabeth Ann Sim who was a well-known member of our society who passed away on 22 March after some fifteen years of being in care and hospitalised.

Better known as Ann she is survived by her children Patricia, Patrick, Richard, Sally Roberta and Olivier and grand and great grand children. Her son Michael, and husband Keith passed on some years before. It is so nice to have Patrick and Oliver, who have come home to be with Sally and Paul and the rest of the family at this sad time.

Ann was brought up by her grandmother Annie and Aunt Vivienne Thompson. She was quite a character, - the life and soul of any party, very energetic, lively and spirited. She attended the Jamestown schools and later the Secondary School at Ladder Hill. Ann was always very ambitious and strived to do well at school and by the time she reached age of 15 years was ready to take a job.

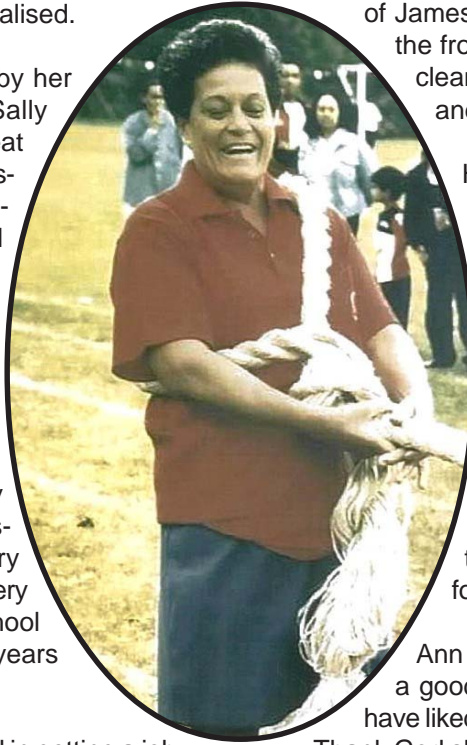
After leaving school she was successful in getting a job as a clerk with Solomon and Company. She met the love of her life Keith Sim, they got married and soon after they left the island and went to the United Kingdom to work in domestic service. Whilst they enjoyed living and working in the UK after completing their contract they decided to return home. Eager to get settled and move ahead she applied for and was successful in getting a job with the St Helena Government as clerk in the Housing Section.

Ann enjoyed her work in the Treasury Department's housing section and gave assistance to those seeking to own/repair or build a house from a loan in the Housing Section. This was during the time people had an urge to want to move out of Jamestown. Ann and Keith moved to Jamestown and lived at Moore's Flats.

The time spent in the United Kingdom gave her so much enjoyment and also confidence. This set her up for life and made her ready to take on any challenge that presented itself, especially with dealing with and managing people. She was always ready to help but could, if need be, calling a spade a spade. She saw Half Tree Hollow expand tremendously during this time.

Ann was very much into sports and loved swimming which could be at any time of the day, it could be the first thing she did in the morning and the last she did at night. She was full of fun and very good at mimicking and impersonating people putting people in stitches of laughter. She was quite capable of creating a show on own in this respect. She was paranoid about cleanliness – this was no doubt instilled in her from an early age living with her grandmother and Vivien.

One of her main objectives in life was to set up a restaurant in Jamestown which she was able to do after she successfully secured the lease of the old stables in the Gardens of Jamestown. This in itself was a challenge as the frontage was in desperate need of a good clean-up. Hard work was not problem for Ann and she did this in record time.



Having done this Ann and Keith set up the restaurant, Keith planted a garden that made the entrance to the restaurant looking really lovely and set it up with tables and chairs. Walking through the gardens also was a plus as gave the restaurant as nice walk-in setting. The Restaurant became very popular with people from far and wide, on the island and from abroad. Ann excelled herself in the good food she produced and its presentation. Her cleanliness was exceptional so the business started off on a good footing.

Ann was a very good sports person, she was a good swimmer. She always said she would have liked to have been a mermaid flashing her tail.

Thank God she wasn't. One of the things that she did for the community was to introduce women's sports. At that time there were only men's sports at the weekend. This was much appreciated by all as there were scheduled games at Francis Plain each week end. Women from all parts of the island took part. She also arranged and provided for prize giving parties.

As usual her helpfulness and energy knew no bounds, as she also provided entertainment for young people. Arranging "Hops" in the Jamestown Community Centre, which allowed the young ones to let their hair down with song, dance and music.

At the wharf she would organise swimming races to Needles Eye and round the Papanui. She was very kind to visitors, also yacht people, cooking and doing their washing.

Ann was beyond any doubt a proper ambassador for the island she was very highly thought of by the visitors especially the yachtsmen that called. It is believe that when the Police cleared yachts the first thing that they would ask was "where is Ann Sim?". She was beyond doubt of one those who put the island on the map. Apparently she was in contact with the Cape Town Yacht Race and the Durban Yacht Club.

***Ann has left but she will
never be forgotten.
God bless her soul.***



A Delicate Balance to be Struck

Draft Immigration Policy – version 4, Published Yesterday

This new policy runs to 47 pages and is filled with detail. A quick read of what is the result of years of preparation leaves the impression there are two main issues the new immigration policy strives to address. First, the Island’s aging and declining population means we need more people here if the Island is to remain as we know and love it today. Secondly, despite the need for ‘new blood’, that is, trained, skilled, experienced people who thrive working on their own initiative and like hard work, there is an equal need to keep out the undesirables. Apart from skills, experience and hard work, a youngish couple either planning to start a family or already have one or two off-spring, are the ultimate dream team.

As for the undesirables, the new policy document includes a table which shows that 47% of e-visa applications are refused. Often the reason is that information provided by the applicant has been found to be false. The unspoken message is, you cannot fool the girls in the Immigration Office.

Table 1.3.d: Numbers of E-visas for visa nationals issued and refused, 2018 to 2023 Short term and long term permits (which are being replaced)

	Number approved	Number refused
2018	24	46
2019	62	48
2020	8	24
2021	7	20
2022	52	19
2023 to November	48	24
Total	201	181

The document opens with “A report produced by Immigration Enforcement International (IEI), part of the Home Office Immigration Intelligence Network, in August 2018 recommended extensive work on immigration legislation and policy. St Helena’s borders need to be protected to ensure the island is safe and secure.” In almost the same breath it is added, “Increasing the population, in particular the working age population, is critical to growing the economy and sustainable prosperity for the island.” Both points are repeatedly made in different ways.

There is a delicate balance to be struck where the people wanted are encouraged while those who will be a liability to us all are kept away.

E-visa applications, introduced about 6 years ago, appear to have proved their worth. The policy document states, “The

IEI Report 2018 showed that organised crime groups have identified St Helena as a potential target. There has been an increase in the number of enquiries from nationals of higher risk countries. Since the E-visa system was introduced, there have been applicants who have submitted false documents using aliases and attempting to mislead the Immigration Department as to their true circumstances. It is therefore essential that the immigration service has the necessary safeguards in place to protect the interests of St Helena yet at the same time, attract persons who will contribute positively to the island.” Also, “SHG will continue to seek access to the **UK Watch List** to maximise available information to identify people who would otherwise not have been granted entry.”

It is planned to expand the e-visa application system. It has often been criticised because it does not give applicants all the information in one hit. As an application is progressed, an immigration official may ask for further, previously unmentioned, documentation. The impression sometimes given is that the e-visa system is not transparent and/or the immigration official enjoys the deepest satisfaction through being bloody minded.

E-visa applicants will be given all the information from the outset and the system will be changed to include holiday permits and permission to stay and work permits as well as visas for people from counties where visas are required.

The range of visas will be changed. Some remain unchanged, others do not.

The new policy document states: -

Replacements

1. The short-term entry permit will be replaced with a holiday permit.
2. The long-term entry permit, the immigrant employment certificate and the current work permit for the self-employed will be replaced with the single permission to stay and work permit. This will simplify the application process.
3. The landing permission will need updated to state 72 hours.
4. A new appeal form will be needed - revised to reflect the permission to stay and work permit and to state the appeal process.

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To remain

1. Declaration of St Helenian Status
2. Application for a grant of St Helenian Status.
3. The declaration of exemption from the requirement for an entry permit as the spouse/ life partner or other dependent relative of a person with St Helenian Status.

The right to St Helenian Status by descent and by grant remains the same. Many St Helenians use a UK passport rather than a St Helenian passport, they will be entitled to a stamp in their passport indicating St Helenian status. This will speed up airline and immigration processes for travellers. Information on the advantages of a stamp will be provided through the SHG website, social media and press and radio on the island.

Funding for Improvements

SHG are gearing up for funding to be available so other improvements can be made with modern security systems. This will include, “the use of biometric security, hand scanners and e-gates, which will allow for quicker data collection from databases such as the OTRICS and allow for automatic recording. This could also mean more sophisticated means of identifying false documents as false documents are becoming more sophisticated. These costs will be included in the 2025/26 budget.”

After several years preparing the new policy document the pace must be stepping up a couple of gears. It is recognised there remains much to do and the next financial year (when the funding is expected for the techno-improvements) is pretty much tomorrow. The new policy document tells us, “There is no policy on immigration. Current immigration practices are based on the Immigration Ordinance 2011 and do not fully support the requirements for St Helena post air access and for future development.” There is more, “The Immigration Department has had to develop its own guidelines, processes, procedures and checks in the absence of overall policy which includes the absence of a policy intention. This has resulted in processes which could have been more efficient and effective had there been overall guiding policy. The immigration policy will strengthen and modify current practices where appropriate and introduce new practices to ensure that the immigration system meets the needs of the island and its future development. This policy will be used to revise immigration legislation.” As is so often the case, SHG have an urgent need to play catch-up. Border Control and external security are responsibilities which remain directly with His Majesty’s Government. It could be the FCDO and maybe the Home Office are putting their own effort and resources into St Helena’s border security – who knows. If FCDO / Home Office are immediately involved, with their support it might be possible to keep the tight deadlines.

Going back to the IEI Report of 2018, they recommended “improvements / changes to border control, visa requirements, use of immigration intelligence, Immigration Control Board, immigration rules, and legislation and policy.” This means just about everything connected with border security is af-

ected. The Immigration Control Board is to be disbanded.

One of the themes running through the new policy is ‘reciprocity’. The new policy raises the suggestion, “UK passport holders could live and work freely on the island without the need for permits in the same way St Helenians with British passports can live and work in the UK. Reciprocity is the guiding principle behind this option.”

Another interesting passage in the document tells us, “Through the services of a vetting agency St Helena will target displaced people / asylum seekers / refugees who want to leave their current legal place of residence and have difficulty securing work.

Organizations such as **Talent Beyond Boundaries** work with governments, the private sector, impacted communities, and refugee-serving organisations, to open up safe, regular pathways to ensure displaced people have equitable access to skilled migration. This organisation or another similar could be used by SHG in recruitment.”

The advantages and disadvantages of this option are then set out. “This may take a lot of human resources for little gain. **Talent Beyond Borders** has a database of job candidates of 78,000 and covers the UK, Canada, the USA and Australia. There is a target of 200 to 250 candidates for the UK and only 25 candidates have found work, this does not bode well for St Helena which is remote and culturally very different to the countries of the Middle East where most candidates come from. The UK is losing out to, for example, Ireland and Canada.

Elsewhere the document points out, “there is no lack of prospective migrants in the world, they just do not currently migrate to St Helena” and, “Even with the modest reforms proposed, there is no real risk of the island being “inundated” with migrants.”

The 47-page document is not just a recitation of a new policy. It is an explainer of past events and future intentions; it holds a detailed record of the entitlement given by present and future types of visas and much more besides. It should be downloadable from the SHG website soon.

FOR PRESENTATION TO THE PUBLIC



SHG IMMIGRATION POLICY

The URA Issues New Directive to Connect St Helena but a Previous Requirement is Missing

Starting 1st April, Connect St Helena are required to submit to the Utilities Regulatory Authority (URA) annual reports based on more specific requirements. The information required by the URA covers different areas of Connect's operation; service delivery, reliability, quality, customer service, efficiency indicators, affordability and innovation.

The information required by the URA is similar to the previous requirement. The main difference is the URA are more specific about what is required and how it should be presented. Despite that, it is very noticeable one of the previous requirements is omitted from the new directive which came into force on 1st April. Previously, Connect were required to show "Downward pressure on bills via appropriate and well-focused tariffs and charges". There is nothing which aligns with this in the Directive which was in place from Monday this week. There is also nothing in the St Helena Government Gazette, which announced the new Directive, to suggest why this requirement is omitted.

The new Directive does include Connect providing information which compares its debt burden to the value of its assets which is not tied to debt. Called a 'gearing ratio', this kind of information is useful to know, and certainly interesting. Also required by the URA is the amount of money Connect spend on research and development and the value of external grants received compared to the cash they have in the bank. The definition of 'grant' is not explained. If it does not include all income not generated by Connect through the operation of their business it would be an indicator of little value.

Under the heading 'Affordability' the URA want to know the cost to the customer for 200 units of electricity/quarter (£) and for 15 units of water/quarter (£). The URA also want the number of electricity disconnections due to non-payment of bills.

Customer service is measured by the time taken to complete an electricity or water connection (presumably to new properties) and the total number of customer complaints 'handled within the code of practice.'

The only information required under the heading 'Efficiency' is the total number of employees and the rate of staff turnover. Other efficiency related information is listed under Service Delivery or Reliability.

The Energy Situation That Needs to be Dealt With

The best year for Connect St Helena was 2018-19. All the main indicators for that financial year are shown to be the best performing according to Connect's own figures. The average price charged for electricity in 2018 was the only indicator to fall, compared with the previous two years. The total revenue from electricity sold, the total number of customers, the total number of units (kWh) charged and the total number of kWh generated were all the highest recorded in 2018-19 since Connect was formed in 2013.

In the four years to 2022-23, the last full year recorded, there has been a gradual decline on all these numbers. Total revenue from electricity sold and the total number of units generated and charged for has dropped by 15%. The number of metred customers has dropped by 9% and the total electricity generated has fallen by 13%.

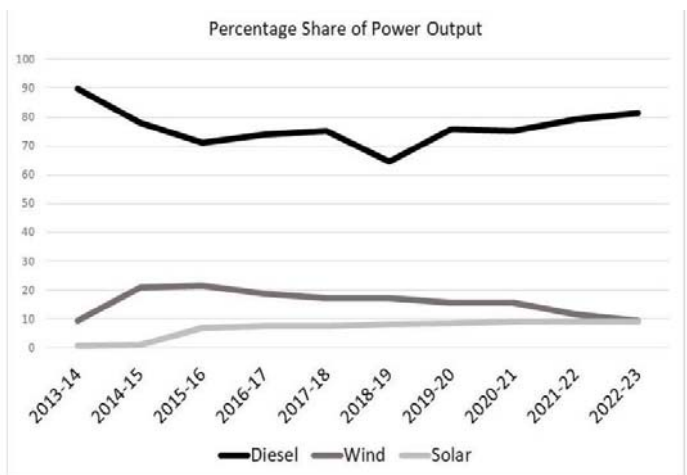
The estimated figures for the full year 2023-24 show a continuing fall in the number of customers; 2,651 compared with 2,983 in 2018-19. Total revenue from electricity sold is expected to improve, but still showing a 13% fall compared with 2018-19.

In 2015-16 the wind turbines on Deadwood Plain generated 2,453,329 kWh of electricity. In 2022-23 generating output had fallen to 978,526 kWh. A staggering 60% reduction in output. For solar power, 2015-16 saw output jump from 106,341 kWh for the previous year to 801,608 kWh. In 2022-23 solar power output stood at 966,857 kWh but total output of solar power has progressively declined over the previous 4 years.

In 2015-16 the diesel-powered turbine generators produced 71.2% of all electricity generated. This is drop from the previous two years but the share of output from diesel fuelled generators increased in the following years. Over the same years the share of generated output from renewable sources reduced.

The percentage share chart shows the share of diesel generated power (black line) fell progressively to its lowest level in 2018-19 – Connect's best year. Since then, diesel generated power has taken an increasingly larger share of the three power generation sources.

Wind power took a slightly larger share after the number of turbines was increased to 12 but has had a continual decline since 2015-16. Solar power (light grey line) also shows a short, noticeable increase but has levelled off since.

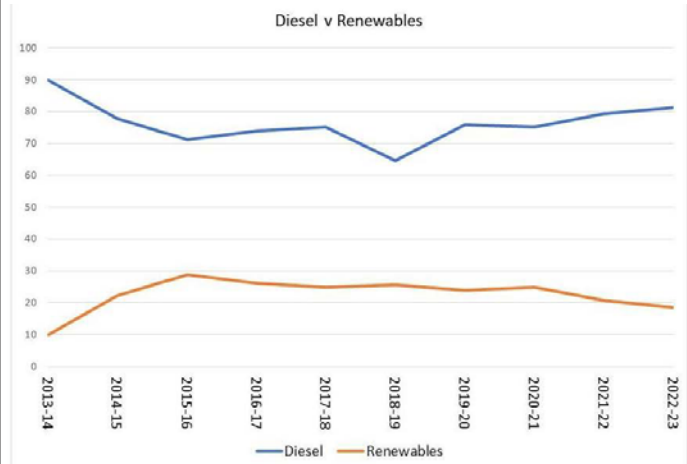


% Share	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Diesel	89.9	77.9	71.2	73.9	75.2	64.5	75.9	75.1	79.3	81.4
Wind	9.4	21.1	21.7	18.7	17.1	17.2	15.6	15.8	11.7	9.4
Solar	0.6	1	7.1	7.5	7.7	8.3	8.4	9.1	9	9.2

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The diesel v renewables chart shows it was downhill all the way for renewables after 2015-16 – Connect’s best year for all major business performance indicators. There is a similar trend for the share of renewables as a power generating source and the success or failure of Connect using all the main business performance indicators available.

There are other influences which affect business performance but is it the case that Connect and SHG are underestimating the importance of renewables in bringing Connect to a healthier financial position? The recently published Energy Development Plan emphasised the disadvantages of renewables and seemed cautious or dismissive of the benefits they can bring. Is this an oversight or misinterpretation? If so, will it lead to another missed opportunity?



% Share	2013-14	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23
Diesel	89.9	77.9	71.2	73.9	75.2	64.5	75.9	75.1	79.3	81.4
Renewables	10	22.1	28.8	26.2	24.8	25.5	24	24.9	20.7	18.6

The Price of Oil Will Stay High – Unless There is a Global Crisis



The Price of Oil chart shows that over the last five years the price of a barrel of oil (a barrel is 159 litres) remained at around \$80 - \$100 unless there was a global crisis which caused a big reduction in demand and therefore a reduction in the price of oil. In 2015-16 the world economy took a hit which caused the price to fall as low as \$30. In 2020-21 the COVID pandemic has a similar but bigger impact on the demand for and the price of oil.

Strangely, taking the overall trends as a whole, St Helena imports more oil when the price is high. At first sight, renew-



able energy has had little impact on market management when buying oil.

With proper research it is possible we will find the lack of support for developing renewable energy and using renewable energy sources to provide the opportunity to buy oil at the right time, when the price is low, has cost this island dearly in money and missed opportunity.

The BFI is a big white and expensive elephant. They say that if you are in a hole, stop digging, but SHG seem committed to finding a use for the BFI. This fuel storage facility can hold more than we can ever want at any given time. The use of tanktainers has been repeatedly dismissed. So why cannot SHG try a different approach. The government/Solomons probably do not have the flexibility in the way they have to spend UK money to allow them to buy more diesel when the price is low. Why not try inviting the main players in the private sector to make advance purchases of diesel? This could open up the opportunity for the private sector to buy the diesel or petrol they need (and the rest of us need) when the market price is favourable? The private sector could commit to a share of what will be pumped ashore at Rupert’s when the price is right. When the diesel or petrol is pumped aboard the oil tanker, private sector businesses would know what price they have committed to. This will make their own money management open to less risk and more opportunity.

A cautionary note, diesel can be stored for about 12 months if treated with biocides and stabilisers and kept, ideally, at a temperature of 21 degrees C or less. Petrol can also be stored for 12 months without most of the rigorous storage requirements needed for diesel. Savings achievable with the changes in prices on the international markets could produce a useful windfall. Worth investigating, or looking at again?





Wife Olive and Sons Steve & Ryan of the late Edward Bagley of Nr High Knoll who passed away on the 14th February 2024.

Would like to thank the Doctors, Nurses, Ambulance Staff and all who helped in anyway during and after Edwards passing. Special thanks to Father Clarence Roberts for conducting the funeral. Thank you to Roy Williams and team, Douglas's bus service and to everyone who supplied flowers and wreaths.

Thank you to those who attended the funeral, sent cards and condolences via telephone calls, emails and Facebook messages.

Thank you for the continued love and support as we try to accept our loss.



Someone we love has gone far away

We miss your presence, your voice, your laugh, your smile

Days has gone by and life will never be the same

We lost a loving husband and dear father, the day God came

We promise to continue to speak your name

And share your stories of the days gone by

Rest in the arms of Jesus my darling

Until we meet again

Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal

Rest In Peace

Forever in hearts



Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor,

I am writing to emphasise the importance of councillors attending overseas seminars. I recently returned from participating in the 75th Commonwealth Day celebrations and the Commonwealth Parliament Association's 72nd Westminster seminar. While some may perceive these events as insignificant, they hold considerable value for our island community's progress and development.

Let me emphasise that attending overseas events and seminars is not merely about travelling to distant places at someone else's expense. It is about bringing back knowledge and ideas that can significantly benefit our island. These seminars serve as platforms for learning and collaboration, where individuals from around the globe come together to exchange knowledge, insights, and experiences. By understanding what works elsewhere, we can adapt and implement similar strategies here, directly benefiting our island. It's often the case that other people and the countries they represent have already experienced and solved many of the problems we are now facing.

Moreover, attending overseas seminars and events allows us to build connections with people from other governments and legislatures worldwide. These connections are invaluable, as they open doors for collaboration and partnership. For St Helena, we must develop connections with our UK counterparts and other UK Government agencies; after all, our island relies on these people and agencies to decide how we move forward. Whether sharing expertise on a particular issue or working together on a joint project, these relationships can strengthen our ability to address local challenges effectively.

Furthermore, these seminars provide insight into global issues that impact our community. From global pandemics and climate change to economic trends, understanding these broader issues is

essential for making informed decisions as LegCo and ExCo members. By staying informed about global developments, we can better anticipate challenges and opportunities, positioning our island's development in an ever-changing world. While some may question the expense of attending these seminars, the benefits far outweigh the costs, especially considering that hosts often cover most expenses. For example, my recent trip to the UK cost the island a few hundred pounds; it costs the island nothing for someone to attend a UN C24 seminar.

For a few hundred pounds and the time it took, I had the privilege of representing our island alongside Kedell Worboys at two significant events in Westminster. The first was a special dinner hosted by the UK Speaker, followed by the Commonwealth Day celebrations at Westminster Abbey the next day. These gatherings drew attendees from around the globe, including numerous UK MPs and Ministers, providing ample opportunities for meaningful discussions. The subsequent day marked the commencement of the seminar, which welcomed 65 delegates from 29 Commonwealth legislatures and spanned four days.

In conclusion, attending overseas seminars and events shouldn't be viewed as an extravagant waste of time and money; the airport allows for much shorter trips, modern technology allows people overseas to remain in touch with the Island, and the costs to the Island are usually relatively low. Instead, they should be viewed as an essential part of moving the Island forward.

As your councillor, I am dedicated to promoting every chance for learning and collaboration and bringing back valuable insights that will enhance the prosperity and well-being of our community.

Having served as a councillor for over two years, one thing has become evident: unless we seek out new opportunities and make the most of them, our island will continue to regress. One concerning statistic which continually comes to mind is the population decline of -120 individuals between the ages of 0 and 64 from January 2023 to January 2024. We can no longer ignore the fact that the 'old ways' are no longer working.

I look forward to continuing to serve you to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
Councillor Karl Thrower



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***The Queen Mary Store,
Victoria Shop &
Barracks Warehouse will be closed for
business on
Tuesday the 9th & Wednesday the 10th
of April for stock taking.***

Normal opening from Thursday 11th.

***We apologise for any inconvenience
caused.***

Farewell From a Dietitian

In January dietitian, Sarah Mattinson with the support of Lee Burrows, launched a 12 week programme focused on helping people living on Saint Helena set goals to achieve better health. The weekly 'Better Health' group sessions took place at the airport, customs offices, Harford community hall and the CCC in half tree hollow and has supported over 40 people during the time it has been running.

The sessions were designed to help people understand simple changes they could make with diet and exercise that are suitable and achievable here on Saint Helena. The aim of the sessions was to help stop people developing and/or reduce complications from poor health.

Over 60% the people who attended the first 'Better Health' session, report they were living with a chronic health condition. Many people reported having jobs that meant the spent most of the day sitting or did not undertake any physical exercise. When asked about eating habits 40% of people reported eating cakes or confectionary 1-2 times a day. While 70% of responders consumed less than 2 portion of vegetables per day, and 80% less than 2 portions of fruit per day.

The World Health organisation suggests that being overweight, not being physically active, a low consumption of fruit and vegetables and high consumption of ultra processed food, like cakes and confectionary, can put people more at risk of developing heart disease, diabetes, stroke and several cancers. Islanders enthusiastic to improve their health learnt about to what foods to include to promote health and how to build up physical activity that was suitable for each individual.

Topics included

- What is a healthy balance diet
- Portion sizes for weight management or to promote weight loss
- Finding suitable exercises that fit into people's life styles, building up to achieve 150 minutes of exercise a week
- Learning the difference between physical hunger and food cravings and how filling up on fibre can help keep the hunger pains from catching you.
- Where hidden sugars and empty calories are in common on island drinks
- How to make life long changes for better health in to small achievable goals to ensure success
- Calories in common take away foods cooked on Saint Helena, and how these can impact your weight, diabetes control, heart health and blood pressure
- How to spot emotional eating and how to try and distract yourself from using food as comfort or a reward

The 'Better Health' sessions have been an amazing success. At the end of 12 weeks those that weighed in the final week had lost, as a group, just over 50 bags of sugar (50kg)! This means the average weight loss was about 3.5%. With weight loss ranging up to an amazing 15Kg. Many completers reported increased physical activity levels, trying new activities and finding the online resources very helpful.



Sarah said "These 12 week session have been a great way for me to consolidate my time, knowledge and learning from living here on island for the last 2 years. I have been able to design leaflets, recipe cards and make suggestions of how to start or increase peoples physical activity that take into account this islands unique food supply system and challenging terrain to begin exercising. The feedback has been very positive and I am so proud of each individual and the personal health goals they have achieved" - keep up the good work !

Best wishes

Sarah-Jane Mattinson

(Previously dietitian for Saint Helena !)

APRIL OPENING HOURS

Main Branch

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

Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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Remote Banking

HTH Supermarket	Friday, 26 April	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Monday, 29 April	09:30 - 14:00

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DIOCESE OF SAINT HELENA

The Cathedral Parish of St Paul

Friday 5th April

6.30 p.m.	Sung Eucharist & Opening of Diocesan Synod	Cathedral
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Saturday 6th April

8.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Cathedral
12.00 p.m.	Angelus	Cathedral
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer	Cathedral

Sunday 7th April – Low Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Morning Prayer	Cathedral
12.00 p.m.	Angelus	Cathedral
3.00 p.m.	Closing Eucharist Diocesan Synod	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Monday 8th April

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
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Thursday 11th April

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John
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The Parish of St Matthew

Tuesday 9th April

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
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MINIMUM WAGE TO INCREASE FROM 1 JULY 2024

At a meeting of the Executive Council on 5 March 2024, an increase to the minimum wage of 35p per hour was approved. This will take effect from 1 July 2024. When it does, the minimum wage will increase to £4.00 for persons over 18 and £3.05 for persons aged 16 or 17.

The approval of this is in line with the Minimum Wage Policy of 2021. This policy sets out the principles for establishing a longer-term path to a more ambitious minimum wage, benefitting workers and providing adequate time for businesses to plan and adapt. The Minimum Wage Policy is available on the SHG website at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/.

This year's increase follows previous consultations between the Employment Rights Committee and employers, employees and other relevant stakeholders, such as charities and the Chamber of Commerce. These consultations informed a target minimum wage and proposed a timetable for achieving that target over the next three to seven years. Additional consultation took place in early 2023 with the Chamber of Commerce.



Seventh-day
Adventist Church



Come and enjoy a Sunday afternoon with a difference at the Guinea Grass Community Centre with the Seventh Day Adventist church, Health Ministries and the Singspirationals.

We will be sharing some Natural Remedies/ Health Nuggets and Healthy Recipes that you can sample.

Please bring along your singing voices for a good afternoon of fellowship.

Date: 7 April 2024

Time: 3:30 pm

Although it varies for different types of people based on their circumstances, the current Minimum Income Standard (MIS) is at least £4.92 per hour, depending on the type of housing and car ownership. The MIS is the income level that allows a person to reach a socially acceptable minimum standard of living.

Although a target minimum wage level and timetable were published in 2021, when determining whether to increase the minimum wage level this year, consideration was given to the current cost of living pressures on both employees and employers. The Minimum Wage Policy recognises that there is a limit to the size of increases that businesses can absorb in a single year, whilst at the same time establishing a clear pathway for raising the minimum income level in St Helena.

Since its publication in 2013, the minimum wage has been raised from £2.30 to £4.00 for persons over 18, and from £1.45 to £3.05 for persons aged 16 or 17. This is equal to a 73% and 110% rise respectively.

In 2024-25 the Minimum Wage Policy of 2021, particularly the trajectory and timetable for achieving the target of £5.00 per hour over the next few years, will be reviewed. This will involve consultation with employer and employees.

SHG
28th March 2024

UPDATE ON DRAFT IMMIGRATION POLICY

In our last update, we advised that a new draft Immigration Policy was being prepared.

The Minister for Safety, Security and Home Affairs, Jeffrey Ellick, felt that work done previously on developing a new immigration policy was overly focused on border protection and operational issues. It did not go far enough to support growing the population, particularly the working age population, and they wanted to consider all options for opening up the island to encourage inward migration.

In late 2023, Minister Ellick instructed officials to take a strategic approach and develop options for addressing the immigration situation.

St Helena has an aging population with a declining working age population, resulting in economic decline. Labour shortages exist for a wide range of positions. There is a strong belief that immigration policy and legislation reforms are necessary to help to address the issue.

Increasing the population, in particular the working age population, is critical to growing the economy and sustainable prosperity for the island.

Minister Ellick commented:

"Changes to immigration legislation and practice alone will not be the magic bullet that makes the necessary difference to the population challenges that we face. These changes can however facilitate entry and welcome immigrants, whilst also maintaining border security. This government is committed to making the changes needed to attract people to come to St Helena to work, invest and positively contribute to life on our island. Other policies across SHG will also be amended in line with the immigration policy to help deliver this."

The draft Immigration Policy has been finalised and is now open to final public comment. It can be viewed online at www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/ from 12:00 on Thursday 04 April. Hard copies will also be available in the Public Library and Post and Customer Services Centre in Jamestown.

A number of public meetings to discuss the final draft Immigration Policy will be held in the coming weeks.

These will take place from 19:30 to 21:00 on the following dates, and at the venues listed:

Date	Location
Monday 08 April	Jamestown Community Centre
Wednesday 10 April	Kingshurst Community Centre
Thursday 11 April	Harford Community Centre
Tuesday 16 April	Half Tree Hollow Community Centre
Wednesday 17 April	Blue Hill Community Centre
Thursday 18 April	Sandy Bay Community Centre

If you have any questions or views on the draft policy in the meantime, please submit these to Head of Infrastructure and Strategies, Derek Henry, by email through Derek.Henry@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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'WALK TO WORK' DAY CHALLENGE – FRIDAY 5 APRIL

'Walk to Work' day is celebrated every year on 5 April 2024.

It is a chance to change your routine, add a little more time to it, and see how a slower start to the day that incorporates a brisk walk can lead to a more efficient life overall. We know that being sedentary has negative effects on a person's health, and walking to work can make a huge difference to your life and your lifespan.

Not only will walking to work reduce your carbon footprint, it can also help improve your memory and mood, get your muscles moving and can help instil healthier habits into your lifestyle. People who walk to work regularly are also generally healthier and more productive at work.

We are encouraging everyone in St Helena to participate in the 'Walk to Work' challenge this year. To help support this initiative, SHG has granted an additional 30 minutes physical activity time on 5 April 2024 to SHG employees who would like to participate.

Tips to take advantage of 'Walk to Work' day:

- If you can't walk all the way, get off the bus at an earlier stop and walk the rest of the way
- If you need to drive, consider parking at least a kilometre away from your destination
- If you can't fit your walk in during the morning, try a short walk at lunch time

So get ready for 'Walk to Work' day to enjoy personal benefits as well as helping out the planet.

#StHelena #WalktoWork

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2 April 2024



Happiness can exist only in acceptance - Our Story

"Don't worry he'll be alright, my child didn't talk until he was 6!" Was something we constantly heard from others! In the back of our minds we kept questioning the development of our perfect little boy. There were times I would find myself sucked into Google, numerous questions highlighting what google suggested as 'red flags'. Limited speech, lack of eye contact, no response to name, sudden meltdowns, repetitive behaviours and the list goes on. We found ourselves comparing Kylo to other children, then out of the blue he would say a random word, our hearts would melt reassuring our doubts. Until that word would then just fall away as if it was never said, yet another suggested 'red flag'.



As time went on, Kylo's behaviours presented differently and very challenging. Kylo would turn over cars to spin the wheels, become dysregulated in busy places, and line up toys in order of colours, picky over foods and textures. We were quick to say 'this isn't normal!'

As parents we knew deep down that something wasn't quite right, even though we didn't want to believe it. It wasn't until Kylo's pre-school assessment that things became very real, with a referral to the Speech and Language team. We can honestly say that it was onwards and upwards from there and we haven't looked back. What seemed like a lengthy meaningless process, with patience and determination our little whirlwind started to speak and engage in face watching.

At 4 ½ years old, Kylo was assessed and diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder here on St Helena. As parents, a day that will stay with us forever, a day our suspicions confirmed and our fears reassured.

Life became a little easier as Kylo learnt to express himself more, implementing boundaries and consistency in his routine right from a young age really worked well for us as a family. Kylo knew exactly when or what to expect next, and this eliminated any sudden changes which would normally result in meltdowns.

A huge positive for us as a family was joining the Au-Some parents group. The support given through words of advice, strategies, and having a safe place to vent if need be, made us feel we were not alone. Being a part of the group has also given us the passion to raise awareness and be the support for others who may be experiencing the same.

Little by little, Kylo made small but significant improvements in his development. What felt like to us a rollercoaster of emotions and changes we started to see a little ray of light at the end of the tunnel. Unkind as it sounds, we started to enjoy our Kylo.

Kylo has wowed us in so many weird and wonderful ways. Our journey together has tested us as a family but we wouldn't have it any other way. We look forward to our next chapter whatever that may be. We have learnt that happiness can exist only in acceptance. Autism is all we know and can say our tour guide has given us the ride of our life!





Autism is a lifelong development disability which affects how people communicate and interact with the world.

We can support those living with Autism by including them in society and the community.

We should all create an environment that is inclusive of them, recognise their strengths and differences, giving them opportunities that are available to others.

It is important for those with Autism to enjoy life, have opportunities and a sense of belonging.

As a community you can make a difference





AUTISM

**love me, support me, understand me,
encourage me, teach me, guide me, motivate me,
have patience with me, but most of all
*accept me***



VACANCY: EQUALITY & HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSIONER

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) invites interested persons to apply for the position of Commissioner. Commissioners work to influence law and policy makers and support organisations, groups, and individuals to protect and promote human rights in St Helena, allowing everyone an equal opportunity to reach their full potential.

The functions of the Commission include:

- investigating complaints of human rights infringements, conducting inquiries and investigations
- researching of laws, keeping up with human rights news, trends and thinking to keep St Helena on par with the UK and current best practice
- raising awareness throughout the community about human rights, providing information to help people understand and assert their rights
- monitor the operation of the Constitution and Human Rights Instruments, and to produce reports for the UK and United Nations
- Advocating for and empowering by raising awareness on equality and human rights across all parts of the community

Interested persons should possess excellent communication skills and the ability to communicate at all levels, empathy, and patience, be approachable and a good listener, have a flexible approach to the demands of the role, operate in strict confidence and be able to work independently as well as in a team. Interested persons are encouraged to apply no experience is necessary and full training will be given.

Commissioner roles are currently part time with regular meetings and training.

For further details and terms of reference please contact Catherine on telephone 22133 or email catherine@humanrightsthelena.org . A motivational letter and CV should be sent to Catherine Turner, CEO by Monday 30 April 2024 at 16:00hrs.



COMMERCIAL PROPERTY FOR LEASE

4 BUSINESS UNITS FOR LEASE

Known as units 8, 14 and 15 situated within the Ladder Hill Business Park, Ladder Hill, and unit 7 situated within the Longwood Enterprise Park, Longwood. These units offer a great space; preference is for first time businesses for a two year lease but established businesses can also apply for a five year lease. The units will be advertised via an open market tender, the terms of which will be subject to negotiation between SHG and the preferred bidder.

Main conditions of the units are:

Minimum operating of 20 hours per week, which shall include a least one peak interval for example: 07:00-09:00, 12:00-14:00 and 16:00-18:00 per day.

First time business - rent per month to be paid on the first of every month are:

<u>Unit 7</u>	<u>Units 8, 14 and 15</u>
Year one - £172	Year one - £221.70
Year two - reviewed + RPI	Year two - £245.10 + RPI

Lease term: two years for first time businesses. If the decision is made by the existing tenants to continue their lease, this will be considered from year three rates as below:

Commercial rates from year three to year five

<u>Unit 7</u>	<u>Units 8, 14 and 15</u>
To be reviewed	Year three - £268.49 + RPI
	Year four - £291.89 + RPI
	Year five - £315.29 + RPI

Five year lease rates for established businesses at commercial rates

<u>Unit 7</u>	<u>Units 8, 14 & 15</u>
To be reviewed	Year one - £221.70
	Year two - £245.10 + RPI
	Year three - £268.49 + RPI
	Year four - £291.89 + RPI

The closing date for the Business Units is 12:00 on Friday 19 April 2024.

For more information, please contact the Head of Trade and Investment or the Investment Coordinator on tel: 22470 or via emails: Michael.ormrod@sainthelena.gov.sh or kyle.snow@sainthelena.gov.sh. Alternatively, you collect the forms from the Castle, Jamestown.



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST PURCHASE OR LEASE OF PROPERTY

The Economic Development Portfolio is inviting Expressions of Interest for the purchase or lease of property known as the former playground, near the Quarry, Jamestown, and the property known as the former pig pens near the Longwood Enterprise Park, Longwood.

For further information, please contact Crown Estates Officer, Gina Henry, via email: gina.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh or on telephone: (+290) 22270, Ext 224.

The closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday 19 April 2024.

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27 March 2024



EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST - CLEANING SERVICES

Bank of St Helena Ltd is seeking expressions of interested for cleaning services within the Bank premises in Jamestown, including the Ark Building.

For further information on requirements, please contact Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager on telephone number 22390 or email hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for Expressions of Interest is Friday, 19 April 2024 and should be submitted to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.



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VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Assistant Lending Services Officer (Admin)

Commencing at £8,400 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person to fill the vacant position of an Assistant Lending Services Officer (Admin).

Responsible to the Assistant Lending Services Manager, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands and have excellent customer service skills. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Responsible for the conversion of all pertinent documentation to electronic filing and maintaining an accurate filing system;
- Compile and send letters to clients;
- Maintaining lending records on excel applications;
- General administration assistance across the Lending Section;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Mrs Julie-Marie Yon, Assistant Lending Services Manager on email asst.lendingmanager@sainthelenabank.com or contact her on 22390 for more information.

An Application form and a job profile is available upon request from the Bank. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 19 April 2024

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



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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

Festival of Walking Walk of the Week



Date: Sunday, 7 April 2024

Start Time: 9am

Meeting point: Blue Hill Bus Stop

Join Tom Wortley from Rock Mount Walking Tours and Martina Peters from the National Trust on this Post Box walk through attractive woodland. At the top, take in the spectacular views and learn about some of St Helena's endemics.

Remember to bring water, suitable walking shoes and sunscreen.

Walk grade: Post Box Walk, suitable for families

3-4 Fairly easy

Upcoming walks

Date	Walk	Host
Sunday 14/04/2024	Great Stone Top	Tom Wortley
Saturday 20/04/2024	Lemon Valley	Adam Sizeland

Lemon Valley - register for transport
Register for the bus from Jamestown to the start of the walk (Rosemary Plain) and boat from Lemon Valley to Jamestown by noon on Wednesday, 17 April 2024. If you have registered previously for this walk, please register again.

To register your interest and receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' contact Dianne via dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office T:22158 or M:67245

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners



Rate of pay will be £5.60 per hour

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc have vacancies for Part-Time Aircraft Cleaners to join the team at St Helena Airport.

The Aircraft Cleaners will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal during operational days and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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

Interested Persons Should:

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

For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via  22523  agencies.admin@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 **16 April 2024**.

Join us!
We are recruiting...



**St Helena
Government**

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Blue Belt Project and Communications Administrator (1- year Fixed Term) (£11,542 per annum)

An exciting opportunity has arisen within the Marine & Fisheries Conservation Section of ENPR, this role will be primarily responsible for the communication requirements and project administration in relation to the UK Governments Blue Belt Programme. The aim of the role is to raise awareness of St Helena's category 6 Marine Protected area within the local and global communities and to ensure SHG has sound governance and timely action of the programme requirements in terms of resources, financial and administrative management. We are seeking a motivated individual who has a keen eye for detail, has the ability to apply sound judgement and who possesses excellent communications and project planning skills.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kirsty Jones on Tel no. 25966

Closing date: 17 April 2024

Economic Development Officer (£9,197 - £11,239 per annum)

SHG's Economic Development Portfolio is seeking a dynamic individual to help deliver the island's economic development strategy. You will work flexibly across the services and functions of the Portfolio - assisting with research, analysis, policy writing, project coordination, and operational delivery of policies and projects. These areas of work will include tourism, trade and investment, civil aviation, property, and financial services development.

You will work directly with stakeholders from a variety of growing economic sectors, including those set to be enabled by improved digital connectivity.

This is a varied role with the opportunity for significant training, development, and career growth in one or more of the Portfolio's services and functions. The successful applicant will display a commitment to making St Helena an attractive place to live, learn, work, and invest. You will be expected to display a genuine desire to work with a diverse team to deliver positive outcomes for the community.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Damian Burns on Tel no. 22470

Closing Date: 16 April 2024

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/governments/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.

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JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

**Assistant Gardener (Fixed term 19 April – 28 June 2024)
(£7,341 per annum)**

Central Support Services has an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Assistant Gardener. The Assistant Gardener will assist the Head Gardener with the day to day upkeep of plantation kitchen gardens and the production of a variety of vegetables to supply Plantation House with fresh vegetables all year round. Contact us for more information a discussion.

Enquiries: Debbie Yon on Tel no. 24453
Closing date: 11 April 2024

**Human Resources Support Officer
(£7,341 per annum)**

We are looking for an enthusiastic individual to fill the role of Human Resources Support Officer, responsible for undertaking a range of important financial and administration duties. This includes setting up and maintaining spreadsheets for expenditure accounting of our budgets, producing documents to support reporting and decision-making, and HR payroll administration, Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Delma Stevens on Tel no. 22470
Closing date: 17 April 2024

**Sea Rescue Crew (Coxswain)
(Starting at £9,197 per annum)**

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants must be 18 years of age and must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on Tel no. 25215
Closing date: 09 April 2024

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

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT
~ TWO BOATS SCHOOL ~
VACANCY NOTICE
Deputy Head Teacher



Total package value including allowances and benefits up to £42,558.00 per annum
(depending on qualifications, experience and family status – details below)

About the role

Two Boats School is a delightful primary and secondary school on the beautiful and tiny island of Ascension in the South Atlantic. We have approximately 80 students between the ages of 3-16 (Primary 53, Secondary 27) and we offer a range of subjects up to IGCSE level.

What you'll do

We have a vacancy for a Deputy Head Teacher to start in September 2024. As a key member of the three-person leadership team, we are looking for someone to manage and lead our Primary sector. Additionally you will Act up and take responsibility for the whole school in the absence of the Head Teacher. This is a teaching role (reduced timetable) and therefore you will have recent and relevant Primary teaching experience and knowledge of the UK National curriculum. The role also includes being the SENDCo and DSL for the whole school.

What you'll bring

With ideally 2-3 years' of leadership experience in a Primary school setting, you'll hold qualified teacher status, ideally to UK or IB standards. You'll have strong interpersonal and communication skills (oral and written) and you'll be excited and passionate about working as part of a small team of professionals making a big difference to the education and development of children on Ascension Island.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of between £27,750 and £29,300 – dependent on qualifications and experience (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts accompanied status contracts and the following benefits:

- Rent free accommodation worth £200 a month (taxable benefit)
- An Accompanied status food allowance of £7,200 per annum or £3,600 if single status (taxable benefit)
- Electricity allowance worth £938 per annum
- Water allowance worth £2,720 per annum accompanied or £1,360 if single status
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with the shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of a 2-year contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Medevac provision in an emergency
- Free schooling for dependent children under 16
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Enhanced Criminal Records Check and Teacher Status checks
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance (employee and any accompanying dependents)

What's it like to work on Ascension?

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

Closing date: Friday 12th April 2024.

Interviews: Week beginning 15th April, by Skype

For more information, a full job description, and to apply visit: www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/ If you have any queries about the role, email recruitment@ascension.gov.ac

LOBSTER SCIENCE WORKSHOP – THURSDAY 18 APRIL

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section invite all fishers to an educational workshop focusing on lobster, crayfish and stump. The workshop will be held at the Canister in Jamestown at 18:00 on Thursday 18 April 2024. It is expected to last around x.

The aim of this workshop will be to inform fishers on methods for biological sampling, how landings are calculated and how fishers can help with the scientific process of data collection.

The workshop will include a presentation on the science that informs lobster quotas, a demonstration of practical skills, including free calipers for attendees to use when measuring lobsters, and information on how fishers can support science efforts.

For further information please contact Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer Kirsty Jones by email through Kirsty.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh, or by telephone on 25966.

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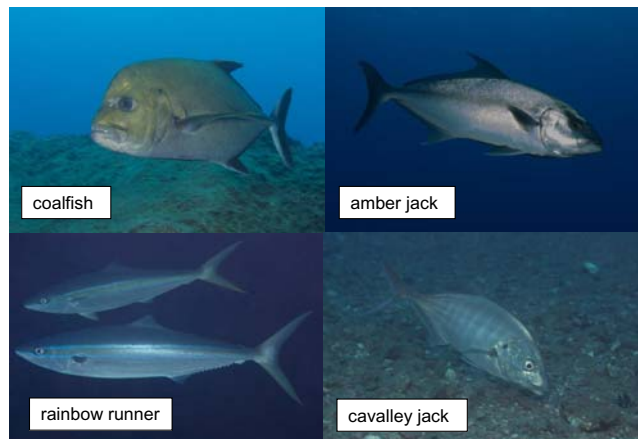


NEW SEMI-PELAGIC HABITAT CONNECTIVITY ASSESSMENT STUDY

The Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section has started tagging amber jacks, coalfish, cavalley jacks and rainbow runners with internal acoustic tags. This is part of a new semi-pelagic habitat connectivity assessment study.

If you find a fish with an orange and yellow conventional tag this means it has an internal tag. Please contact the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section and submit the internal tag and tag ID, fish length, date and location landed.

If all the necessary information and tag is provided a £10 reward will be given.



For more information please contact the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section by telephone on 25966 or visit the Marine Centre at Jamestown Wharf.

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Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers

Rate of pay will be £6.20 per hour



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

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

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure

For further information contact:

Tegan Turner, Agencies Business Co-Ordinator via 22523 agencies.admin@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 **09 April 2024**.

ALL ROSE & CROWN OUTLETS WILL BE CLOSED ON TUESDAY 9 APRIL 2024

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and thank our customers for their understanding and ongoing support.

NORMAL OPENING HOURS

ROSE & CROWN SHOP

T: 22427

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



T: 22728

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T: 22468

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

ARCH SHOP

T: 22728

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



LONGWOOD SUPERMARKET & FUEL STATION

T: 24679

Serving the community 7 days a week

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

LONGWOOD HARDWARE

T: 24462

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





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RENOVATION WORKS AT THE POST OFFICE COMPLETED

We are pleased to advise that renovation works at the Post Office building in Jamestown are now complete.

The public notice outside the Post Office is once again in use. Public notices, such as marriage certificates, were temporarily displayed at the Essex House notice board while renovation works were carried out.

Additionally, access to the Social Security, Income Tax, Statistics, and Procurement Offices has reverted back to the main Post Office entrance.

The public are thanked for their cooperation and understanding whilst the renovation works were taking place.

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JACOB'S LADDER CLOSURE – WEDNESDAY 10 APRIL AND THURSDAY 11 APRIL 2024

The public are advised that Ambledale Workshop Ltd will be undertaking works on Jacob's Ladder on Wednesday 10 April and Thursday 11 April 2024. This work is being delivered as part of the refurbishment contract and will determine future defect prevention measures.

Whilst these works are in progress, Jacob's Ladder will be closed to the public.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

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Premier League Football

Liverpool Keeps the Top Spot after a String of Tense Matches



Last night Liverpool went back to top of the Premier League table after a hard fought victory against Sheffield United.

Liverpool battled to victory over bottom-placed Sheffield United to move back to the top of the Premier League and maintain control of the title race.

The hosts were gifted a 17th-minute lead when Darwin Nunez charged down goalkeeper Ivo Grbic's clearance with the ball rebounding into the net.

Despite having 84% of possession in the first half and wasting numerous chances, Liverpool conceded a 58th-minute equaliser as Gustavo Hamer's header bounced off Conor Bradley and into his own net.

But Argentina's World Cup-winning Alexis Mac Allister - nominated for March's Premier League Player of the Month award - produced a stunning 20-yard strike which flew into the top corner to put the hosts back in front with 14 minutes left.

Mac Allister nearly grabbed a wonderful second but saw his curling free-kick bounce off the crossbar.

But it did not matter as substitute Cody Gakpo headed in Liverpool's third in the 90th minute to seal the victory.

The result takes the Reds two points clear of Arsenal and three ahead of reigning champions Manchester City, with each side having eight league matches left.

More importantly, it keeps Liverpool's title destiny in their own hands.

They know if they beat Manchester United, Crystal Palace, Fulham, Everton, West Ham, Tottenham, Aston Villa and Wolves, it will secure their second Premier League title and confirm them as top-flight English champions for a 20th time.

Arsenal overcame the absence of Bukayo Saka to move back to the top of the Premier League table with victory over struggling Luton at Emirates Stadium.

Leading scorer Saka was missing after suffering a knock against Manchester City at the weekend, but Mikel Arteta's much-changed side did enough to defeat their hard-working opponents and move back above Liverpool at the summit.

Captain Martin Odegaard fired the hosts into the lead in the 24th minute after Pelly Ruddock Mpanzu was bundled off the ball by Emile Smith Rowe, before the Gunners doubled their advantage shortly before half-time.

Japan defender Daiki Hashioka inadvertently put past his own keeper Thomas Kaminski in the 44th minute while trying to stop Reiss Nelson after Smith Rowe was afforded too much space in the penalty area.

Luton were decimated by injuries to the extent that they had 16-year-old schoolboy defender Christian Chigozie on the substitutes bench.

They never allowed Arsenal to run away with it, while Gunners keeper David Raya was forced to keep out Ross Barkley's free-kick on the stroke of half-time.

Arsenal, however, were largely untroubled as they moved on to 68 points - one point clear of Liverpool, who play bottom-of-the-table Sheffield United at Anfield on Thursday (19:30 BST kick-off).

Manchester City are third, also on 67 points, after they defeated Aston Villa 4-1 on Wednesday.



The awaited big showdown between Manchester City and Arsenal was a bit of an anticlimax. Manchester City and Arsenal handed Liverpool the advantage in the Premier League title race as they played out a bitterly disappointing goalless stalemate at Etihad Stadium.



Premier League Football



Liverpool are now top of the table, two points clear of Arsenal and three ahead of City, after they came from behind to beat Brighton at Anfield, their delight increased by their two closest rivals cancelling each other out.

This was a game that made a nonsense of its billing as a potential classic, as Arsenal's containing tactics snuffed out City while the Gunners had only limited chances of their own in a desperately poor affair.

Nathan Ake had an early close-range header saved by Arsenal keeper David Raya before going off injured while former City striker Gabriel Jesus posed an occasional threat, just failing to connect with Bukayo Saka's cross inches from goal after the break.

All Results From the Week

SATURDAY 30TH MARCH

Newcastle United 4 West Ham United 3
 AFC Bournemouth 2 Everton 1
 Chelsea 2 Burnley 2
 Nottingham Forest 1 Crystal Palace 1
 Sheffield United 3 Fulham 3
 Tottenham Hotspur 2 Luton Town 1
 Aston Villa 2 Wolverhampton Wanderers 0
 Brentford 1 Manchester United 1

SUNDAY 31ST MARCH

Liverpool 2 Brighton & Hove Albion 1
 Manchester City 0 Arsenal 0

TUESDAY 2ND APRIL

Newcastle United 1 Everton 1
 Nottingham Forest 3 Fulham 1
 AFC Bournemouth 1 Crystal Palace 0
 Burnley 1 Wolverhampton Wanderers 1
 West Ham United 1 Tottenham Hotspur 1

WEDNESDAY 3RD APRIL

Arsenal 2 Luton Town 0
 Brentford 0 Brighton & Hove Albion 0
 Manchester City 4 Aston Villa 1

THURSDAY 4TH APRIL

Liverpool 3 Sheffield United 1
 Chelsea 4 Manchester United 3



Premier League

Fixtures

SATURDAY 6TH APRIL

Crystal Palace 11:30 Manchester City
 Aston Villa 14:00 Brentford
 Everton 14:00 Burnley
 Fulham 14:00 Newcastle United
 Luton Town 14:00 AFC Bournemouth
 Wolverhampton Wanderers 14:00 West Ham United
 Brighton & Hove Albion 16:30 Arsenal

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

Manchester United 14:30 Liverpool
 Sheffield United 16:30 Chelsea
 Tottenham Hotspur 17:00 Nottingham Forest

LEAGUE STANDINGS

Team	P	GD	Pts
1 Liverpool	29	40	67
2 Arsenal	29	46	65
3 Man City	29	35	64
4 Aston Villa	30	20	59
5 Tottenham	30	18	57
6 Man Utd	29	0	48
7 West Ham	31	-5	45
8 Newcastle	30	12	44
9 Brighton	29	5	42
10 Wolves	30	-4	42
11 Bournemouth	30	-9	41
12 Chelsea	28	2	40
13 Fulham	31	-3	39
14 Crystal Palace	30	-16	30
15 Brentford	30	-13	27
16 Everton	30	-11	26
17 Nottm Forest	31	-14	25
18 Luton	30	-19	22
19 Burnley	31	-34	19
20 Sheff Utd	29	-50	15



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Champions League Fixtures

TUESDAY 9TH APRIL

QUARTER-FINALS

Arsenal 19:00 Bayern Munich
 Real Madrid 19:00 Manchester City

ST. HELENA**April to June 2024 SHGC Competition Calendar**

Date	Competition Format	Sponsor
	APRIL 2024	
7th	Stableford	SHGC
14th	Gruesome (Pairs)	Douglas Augustus
21st	KJ's Sponsored (Stableford)	KJ
28th	Monthly Medal (Strokeplay)	SHGC
	MAY 2024	
5th	Tombstone competition	SHGC
12th	Gwyneth Howell Trophy Challenge Cross Country (Tentative)	GH
19th	Stableford	SHGC
26th	Monthly Medal (Strokeplay)	SHGC
	JUNE 2024	
2nd	Stableford	SHGC
9th	Monthly Medal	SHGC
16th	18 Holes Strokeplay No Handicap	SHGC
22/23	St Helena Open Championship	SHGC
29/30	St Helena Open Championship	SHGC

NOTE;

- This calendar is subject to change at short notice
- Normal tee off will be 12:00 except for the Open.
- Morning Tee off will be permitted subject to approval by the Games Manager provided there is more than 3 players.
- Members are advised to register in advance for competitions to avoid inconveniences.

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CULTURE MONTH

MAY 2024



MAY 2024

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The Seaventure Arrived This Morning and Leaves Tomorrow Here She is At Tristan Six Days Ago

Report from Kelly Green

With the visit of the cruise ship MS Seaventure, we had another successful day of landing passengers and crew although when she initially arrived off the settlement on Friday 29th March 2024, the weather had not been suitable to work the boats. On Saturday 30th March there was still a swell on the ocean in the morning and the wind was slightly puffy. However, Conrad Glass was on the radio early in the morning, and the conditions were expected to start looking better towards the afternoon. At 11:00am the vessel moved closer to the harbour and operations started. The visitors were so happy to be ashore; there were grins from ear to ear! Many of them saying such things as "how fantastic it is to be here" and "I have waited so long to come here". By 2:00pm all passengers had landed and were on their way on the tours. One smaller group headed to the top of the 1961 Volcano, the other went to Park '61, lower on the Volcano, where they could still get stunning views of the settlement.

Our island Administrator Philip Kendall and his wife Louise are off on leave, and have the privilege of getting to travel on the ship! We hope they enjoy their time off island, and we will be welcoming them back in June.



The Chief Islander (left), the Admin and his wife exchange plaques with captain. Photo: Philip Kendall



The MS Seaventure off Tristan, with Big Point in the background. Photo: Philip Kendall



Passengers about to leave the harbour after a memorable day. Photo: Kelly Green



Visitors pause for a photograph near Park '61 on the lava flow. Photo: Connor Glass-Green



Passengers on their Edinburgh of the Seven Seas village walk. Photo: Kelly Green

Sunday 31st March

The ship remained among the islands on the Sunday, doing zodiacs tours around the coasts of the Nightingale and Inaccessible Islands. As the Seaventure later headed off towards St Helena passengers were treated to a braai on deck with a menu including fresh Tristan Rock Lobster tails.

With Thanks to: -

