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THE WRECK-TO-WRECK OPEN WATER SWIM IS HERE

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Registration Starts 9am on the day outside the Yacht Club
Yacht Club Bar and Fish Fry are Open All Day
The distance is 1760m. There is an Open and Junior Male
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Further Details contact Duffy or Derek on 67022 or 67632

Christmas and New Year on Tristan

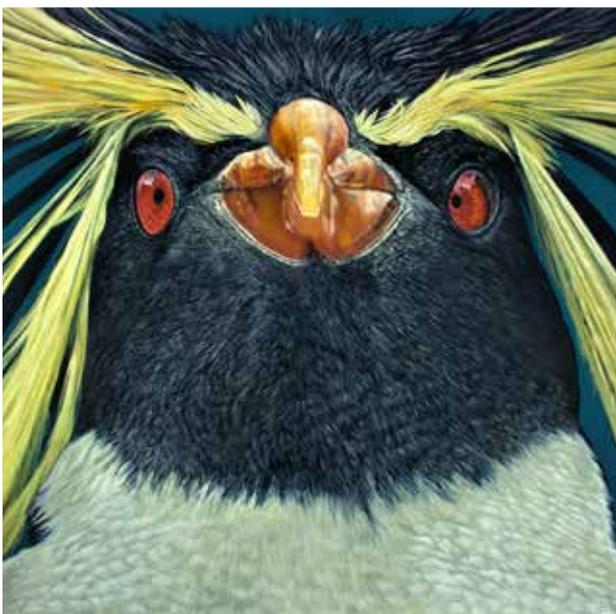
Tristan celebrates Christmas differently. Everything closes down today. That means everything, including the only pub and the single store. Tristanians have to stock up for 23 days, because the Christmas / New Year holiday continues through to 13th January. There will be midnight mass at St Mary's and St Joseph's on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day families will gather for the traditional Christmas dinner with stuffed roast mutton as the centrepiece. At other times there are get-togethers for BBQs/braais and camping in the huts at the potato patches.



Tristan's potato patches, where storage in the huts of gardening tools and produce gives way to social gatherings and sleeping out at Christmas time.

Old Year's Night is a bit different. Both the Administrator and the Chief Islander hold receptions and the traditional Okalolies attempt, mostly unsuccessfully, to spook people. Last year, even the Island's youngest baby remained completely unconcerned. Also last year the Okalolies kidnapped Louise Kendell and Felicity Glass – the wives of the Administrator and the Chief Islander. They were paraded around the Settlement on a tractor trailer and followed by a TV film crew. The 'captured' women were eventually taken to Prince Philip Hall where Old Year's Night festivities were starting to warm up.

The Okalolies, who appear every year on Tristan.



Tristanians are not on their own over the Christmas/New Year break. Lots of Rockhopper penguins come ashore for their annual moult. Take your pick – Okalolies or Rockhoppers.

The Other Story of the Three Wise Men



The three wise men followed a star from the east and arrived when Jesus was said to be about two years old.

A women would figure out a good hot meal would be more use to a poor homeless family than gold, frankincense and myrrh. A women would have had the sense not to tell King Herod they had come to find 'he who was born King of the Jews' as foretold by the prophet. This caused King Herod to order the Massacre of the Innocents. In an attempt to kill his rival 'King of the Jews', King Herod ordered all children aged two and younger to be slaughtered. It also caused Mary and Joseph to flee with Jesus to Egypt to protect him from the slaughter. Jesus was a refugee in Egypt until King Herod died.

Three wise men?
Are you serious?



Three Wise Women
would have asked for directions,
arrived on time, delivered the baby,
cleaned the stable, made a casserole.



and there would have been
Peace on Earth

The three 'wise' men were clearly more disastrous than wise.



The Massacre of the Innocents as portrayed by Nicolas Poussin (*Musée Condé de Chantilly*)

CONSTITUTIONAL REVIEW: MINISTERIAL GOVERNMENT

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During the 1960s and 1970s the United Kingdom launched out into a period of divesting itself of a large number of overseas possessions, primarily in Africa and the Pacific. Obviously, there had to be a process for this. It was important that those who were to become independent should be made ready for it. The process involved increasing, in stages, local responsibility for running government. What was described at the time as the 'penultimate step', prior to the ultimate step of independence, was the introduction of a Ministerial system. For a period, a Governor (at that time an experienced person usually drawn from the then Colonial Service) would remain in place to assist the Ministers in getting used to how to exercise their new and unfamiliar functions. After this transitional period of having both a Governor and elected Ministers, independence would come and the Governor would depart.

There remain a number of United Kingdom Overseas Territories, Saint Helena included, that do not aspire to independence. But the process of progressing to a Ministerial system of government has continued. When it is introduced, as it has now been in Saint Helena, the territory is parked in a constitutional cul de sac, i.e. the penultimate stage of constitutional development, but with no question of a Governor ceasing to hold executive power. This results in the United Kingdom Overseas Territories being listed by the Committee of 24 (C24), the United Nations Special Committee on Decolonisation, as 'non-self-governing territories'. Unlike those former British possessions that have become independent, the arrangement by which there will be both a Governor and elected Ministers, including a Chief Minister, will remain in place indefinitely in the Overseas Territories. This is an uncomfortable position for those elected to govern to find themselves in. That said, the Ministerial system is still in its infancy in Saint Helena, so Ministers clearly need support in what still remains an unfamiliar role for them.

We no longer have a Colonial Service so we no longer have Governors appointed from it. Saint Helena does at least have a Governor who has previously served in an Overseas Territory, but not one that has yet adopted a Ministerial system. The most recent Attorney General did have extensive experience in Overseas Territories with Ministerial systems, but he has departed this week.

Perhaps the most surprising aspect of the introduction of the Ministerial system here is the lack of preparation for it. There was, for example, no Ministerial Code of Conduct in place for over a year after the Chief Minister and other Ministers came into office, even though it is a requirement of section 71 of the Constitution that there be one. The recommendation that a Ministerial system be introduced should have been accompanied by the preparation of all things necessary for its introduction, including a draft Code of Conduct. Some thought should also have been given to what assistance the new Ministers would need in their roles, which nobody on the island had any experience of. As stated above, the most recent Attorney General, who was not here in 2021, did bring with him extensive experience gained in Overseas Territories with Ministerial systems but he has left the island this week.

It is a fact of life in any jurisdiction, including the United Kingdom, that those becoming Ministers may have no experience of the role. The recent General Election in the United Kingdom led to there being a Prime Minister and a significant number of other Ministers who had no previous experience of being in Government, but they enjoy the support of an experienced Cabinet Secretary. The Cabinet Secretary is the most senior civil servant in the United Kingdom and brings a wealth of relevant experience to the role. It is the Cabinet Secretary who is responsible for administering the Ministerial Code. Perhaps most importantly, the Cabinet Secretary offers support and advice to Ministers as to their roles, not what to decide but how to properly go about the process of making decisions. Saint Helena has no such person, but it should have. Of necessity, a suitable person would need to come from outside the island. But no such person has been recruited, and there seems to be no plan to do so. This is astonishingly unfair to the Ministers, who may well be blamed for apparent shortcomings that are not their fault. It is also unfair to those who elected them. Constitutional Review Team please take note of this in your recommendations.

There is also the question of what the role of a Governor should be in the longer term. On the face of it,

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his or her role is now diminished under the Constitution as amended in 2021. The Constitution provides at s.36A that Ministers may meet together to consider advice to be tendered to the Governor. S.35 makes them collectively responsible to the Legislative Council for any advice so given. On the face of it, these requirements are met by simply agreeing on what advice to give (and being collectively responsible to the Legislative Council for it) and tendering it to the Governor. There is no obvious need in these circumstances for him or her to preside over Executive Council when receiving it. In Bermuda, like Saint Helena an Overseas Territory, there is a Cabinet rather than an Executive Council. The Premier presides at its meetings and the Governor does not attend. He or she is simply sent its Minutes after the meeting. This is not much different to agreeing what advice to tender to a Governor and informing him of it at a meeting of Executive Council, but it provides a much clearer division of roles, showing transparently who the decision makers are. As far as the Governor's special responsibilities are concerned, on which he or she must receive advice but does not have to follow it, there is a separate Governor's Council in Bermuda. It consists of the Premier and 3 other Ministers. The Governor does preside over this. Again, the distinction from decisions made by Ministers is entirely clear. If a similar model was introduced in Saint Helena then the Chief Minister and other Ministers would be more clearly seen as running the island's affairs. It is, after all, what they are elected for.

In time, although Governors will not be withdrawn, as is the case when a British possession became independent, they should have less in the way of executive powers and their role should be more a representational and ceremonial one, as is the case with the Lieutenant Governors in the Crown Dependencies of the Channel Islands and the Isle of Man; and is to some extent the case in Bermuda and Gibraltar.

Judge Rules the Diego Garcia Refugees were Unlawfully Detained

In a ruling handed down on Monday, the long-running legal wrangle finally concluded on the human rights of the Sri Lankan Tamil migrants who were detained three years ago on Diego Garcia. The acting British Indian Ocean Territory Supreme Court judge said in her ruling that the camp in which the 64 asylum seekers were detained was a prison "in all but name" and "had been a prison from the outset". She ruled the migrants had been unlawfully detained in a case brought against the Commissioner for the British Indian Ocean Territory.

In addition to being unlawfully detained, the descriptions of the treatment the migrants endured during their detention are horrific. Their living accommodation was rat-infested tents in a restricted fenced-off area where they were permanently under guard. The judge accepted evidence from the asylum seekers that those in the camp were collectively punished, and that they were told that if they left the camp, they would be shot by US military personnel.

One asylum seeker gave evidence to the judge describing life in the camp as "slow death every day" and "hell on Earth". Another said that although he and his family felt that they were living in a prison, unlike prisoners they did not know how long their sentence was for. They said: "We have no control over our lives here. If we are commanded to stand, we stand, if we are commanded to sit, we sit. I feel like a bird being kept in a cage."



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Judge Margaret Obi found that the UK Home Office impeded the progress of the claims for international protection because of the political impact on the government's then flagship Rwanda policy. This prevented asylum claims from being determined and either being granted or refused.

In August last year, at another Supreme Court hearing in this long-running saga, Judge Obi granted the asylum seekers bail to leave their 140-metre by 100-metre compound for limited walks, the Commissioner on the island initially prevented them from leaving their camp. When they were allowed out, they were not allowed to sit down, to use toilets or to refill their water bottles despite the tropical conditions.

In a diplomatic cable from the US authorities to the UK government sent on 12 June this year, the US said that if the asylum seekers left their camp it "presents an unacceptable and significant security risk to US base operations".

In her ruling handed down on Monday this week, Judge Margaret Obi outlined the events leading to, and during, the unlawful detention.

She said, "On 3 October 2021, a boat containing each of the Claimants (apart from RG) fell into distress close to BIOT whilst en route from Sri Lanka to Canada where they had intended to claim international protection. The Royal Navy came to the rescue and escorted the vessel to Diego Garcia. RG arrived on a boat with other asylum seekers on 10 April 2022.

Since then, five further boats have arrived in BIOT; the most recent arrival was on 29 December 2022. In total 349 asylum seekers arrived in BIOT between October 2021 and December 2022. To date 285 migrants have left voluntarily, either on flights arranged by the Commissioner, or in their own boat with the assistance of the Commissioner.

At the time of the hearing the BIOT Administration remained responsible for 64 asylum seekers (including 16 children): 56 on Diego Garcia and 8 in Rwanda on a medium-term basis for medical care.

On 2 December 2024, all of the people held in the Camp on Diego Garcia were flown to the UK, where they have been granted permission to enter and leave to remain outside the Immigration Rules for six months. The following day, all of the people sent to Rwanda for medical treatment were flown to the UK. Consequently, all of the Claimants save for KP and VT are now in the UK. There is one family from the Camp on Diego Garcia who are now in Bahrain. They are not Claimants in these claims. This family was evacuated to Bahrain for urgent medical treatment because the youngest child (who has just turned five) is gravely ill. It is expected that this family will travel to the UK as soon as they are able to do so.

All of the other Claimants were unlawfully detained from their arrival to Diego Garcia on 3 October 2021 until they left for the United Kingdom on 2 December 2024.

I accept that the conditions in which KP was detained contributed to a deterioration in his mental health. He has suffered several fits and has deliberately self-harmed multiple times, which required urgent medical attention. He was temporarily medically evacuated to Bahrain on 24 August 2024, for urgent treatment to remove a twisted metal wire he had ingested in an attempt to self-harm. Prior to his arrest on 21 March 2024, VT was in poor mental health. I accept that his ongoing indefinite confinement, and the lengthy periods in isolation have caused him considerable distress.

UNHCR stated that the long-term uncertainty about the future, and the conditions of detention are contributing to elevated levels of distress, suicidal thoughts, and behaviour and a "rising hopelessness." For example, ME (the wife of SE) swallowed a razor blade and a coin, and required medical attention. KP has self-harmed and attempted to take his own life several

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times. VT has also self-harmed. The children are exposed to the trauma, angst, and mental health difficulties of the adults in the Camp.

These unlawful events occurred during the time of the previous UK government. The present government has moved quite fast to resolve the migrant's intolerable existence and handover the British Indian Ocean Territory (Chagos Islands) to Mauritius; although the draft agreement remains to be signed off. Despite this, the UK government could now face a bill of £millions in damages for unlawfully detaining more than 60 people for such a long period.



Judge Margaret Obi, was appointed as a Deputy High Court Judge in 2018, sitting in the then Queen's Bench Division, Royal Courts of Justice in London. Since her appointment as a Deputy High Court Judge she has been appointed as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of the British Indian Ocean Territory and Deputy Upper Tribunal Judge (Immigration and Asylum Chamber).

Judge Obi's ruling included the number of migrants who have arrived on Diego Garcia. The SH Independent has tried without success to get this information from the British Indian Ocean Territory Administration. All migrant arrivals at Diego Garcia between October 2021 and December 2022 have left voluntarily – excluding the 64 who were unlawfully detained by the UK Government.

Big Rush for a New Attorney General

SHG are recruiting a Locum Acting Attorney General on a 4 to 6 month contract. The closing date for applications was yesterday. David Ballantyne publicly announced his resignation on Friday 6th December at Legislative Council. While the date the advert for his successor is not known, the recruiting period seems only to have been a matter of days.

The job advert states, "*Applications should be sent to shgukrep@sthelenagov.com and received by 19 December 2024. To be considered for the role you must complete our application form. Applications will be assessed as received; therefore, the closing date may be brought forward if a suitable applicant is identified.*"

Making an immediate assessment raises questions into the adequacy of enquiries into the background of applicants and indicates a haste in filling the appointment which can be interpreted as panic.

The intention is obviously to find a temporary legal professional to fill the post while a search is made for a suitable candidate to take the job on a permanent basis. However, the old cliché, 'decide in haste, repent at leisure' immediately comes to mind.

How much havoc can the wrong person do while being paid at a rate of £100,000 a year, receiving an international supplement equal to £19,000 per year and a relocation allowance of £1,250? Also thrown in is a pension contribution of 7.5% of salary payable at the end of the completed period.

The Acting Attorney General is responsible to the Governor and responsible for crown counsel, legislative drafter and legal support staff. Fourteen main duties and responsibilities are listed for the post, none of them simple, easy or quick.

St Helena eyes strong economic growth



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TOURISM UPDATE

A diver off the coast of St Helena. Source: Expert Tours

For a small island of 115km², St Helena punches above its weight in terms of the diversity of its offerings:

- The island has over 500 years of history and a pristine ocean environment with fantastic marine life.
- St Helena's habitats and biomes are incredibly varied, largely due to the ranging topography, which is ideal for adventure activities.
- The island has unique culture and people, the "Saints".

So says **Mark Brooks**, St Helena's Minister of Treasury and Economic Development, who oversees the island's tourism portfolio. In this exclusive Q&A, he discusses opportunities for growth.

Q: How much development has there been on St Helena to date?

A: "We are doing much work to shape 'brand St Helena' and have seen increased recognition and traction post-COVID, particularly with the travel trade. But we're only in our fourth full year of air access-based tourism since the airport opened in late 2017. We recognise there's work to be done to raise awareness to securely position the destination."

Q: What's a misconception about St Helena?

A: "One of the main misconceptions is that St Helena and the waters around the island are cold. This stems from years of our marketing slogan 'St Helena, South Atlantic' when we should be saying 'St Helena, sub-tropical Atlantic' as sea temperatures vary between 19-26°C and the climate is a very comfortable 15-28°C."

Q: How is St Helena's tourism strategy evolving?

A: "We've changed our strategy in recent years as we've shifted to do more work with the travel trade but also to bring tour operators and agents to experience St Helena for themselves along with journalists. There's nothing like experiencing the island firsthand to develop a passion for it. "It's very difficult to sell St Helena with confidence if you've never visited. We're spending more money bringing people in, like our showcase event in April this year, rather than spending money just 'going away'. There are other ways we are evolving our strategies but I just mention this one as an example."



Mark Brooks

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Q: How does the island encourage sustainability?

A: "We're promoting eco-tourism on the island with a strong commitment to sustainability through our blue and green agendas.

"Solar and wind power account for up to 21% and an average of 15% of our current energy production. The island has about 12 hours of sunlight daily nine months of the year and there's always a breeze, which is good for wind turbines.

"We're aiming to achieve 80% renewable energy generation by 2028. It's an ambitious target but one we can meet because of our small demand (three megawatts).

"We're changing legislation around energy provision for the island in terms of how energy is charged and distributed with plans to expand our renewable energy infrastructure.

"We're undertaking a modelling and design exercise to determine the system that would best suit the island as well as how to update and incorporate it into our current energy infrastructure. Next, we'll seek expressions of interest for an external company to build our renewable energy infrastructure.

"Once in place, we'll look at policies to transform the island to using more green technologies. Electric vehicles are becoming cheaper and more efficient but cannot claim to be green if they're being charged using fossil fuels.

"We want to get the infrastructure right to roll out a pilot system that encourages the community to import more electric vehicles, especially as the island is small with short distances and the cost of imported petrol and diesel is high."

Q: How is the island prioritising marine tourism?

A: "Marine tourism is one of St Helena's biggest sellers as whale sharks come to the island in the summer months, between January and April, when the sea is at its warmest and clearest. The visibility is on average 25 metres, and the average temperature is 22-23 °C, so you don't need a wetsuit for swimming or snorkelling.

"There's a pristine ocean around the island with hardly any pollution because we're so isolated. We protect this with a 200-mile (322km) Category VI Marine Protected Area around the island that includes strict laws and regulations. We regulate how tourists interact with marine wildlife to ensure that snorkelling with whale sharks is done in a controlled and responsible manner that doesn't stress the animals."

Q: How is St Helena driving tourism product development?

A: "As we're located in the middle of the ocean, we are a strategic stopping point for marine visitors. We're developing a new port in Rupert's Valley, which will handle all cargo operations that currently take place in Jamestown, to free it to become a leisure space for recreational tourism for visitors and locals.

"I envision Jamestown waterfront and marina as a place with coffee shops, restaurants and nightlife where people can have cocktails during sunset and enjoy our warm climate while private businesses can sell their products directly.

"My aspiration is for yachts and small cruises to dock for a few days with access to power, fresh water, bathroom facilities and grocery stores for supplies to encourage them to spend money on the island. We're hoping it'll be a cheaper alternative to other ports around the world. St Helena welcomes around 250 yachts annually.

"We've formed a waterfront development group and hope to have concept designs by mid-2025 when we'll submit strategic business, economic and social cases to our funders – whether they be private or the UK government. This will help us to develop the island to become more self-sufficient while creating a better tourism environment for our community and visitors.

"If we build and promote it, hopefully they will come, especially as the island has a long history as a marine jurisdiction with high marine traffic that served many ships. We want to attract more yachts to recreate the kind of marine tourism the island was used to.

"Before the Suez Canal opened in 1869, St Helena was a strategic stopping point for trade ships coming from India and Madagascar around the Cape of Good Hope before heading back to the UK and Europe."

Q: How are you addressing the challenges of developing tourism on St Helena?

A: "One of the biggest challenges, even if you have a great tourism plan, is getting funds to grow the tourism and hospitality sectors. St Helena relies heavily on grant-in-aid from the UK and – as a small, isolated island – we have challenges with our remoteness and access.

St Helena eyes strong economic growth

“The island has a small population of 4 000 and no real volume exports. Like many small islands, tourism is pegged as a key economic driver.

“We recognise that no singular activity is going to significantly enhance tourism so we’re simultaneously focusing on business-to-business and business-to-consumer marketing activities, product development (key infrastructure upgrades) and capacity building (training, upskilling and staffing for the public and private sectors).

“The UK government has graciously supported our tourism recovery strategy with additional ring-fenced funding while initiating a tourism development programme (in its second year) to support tourism development. St Helena won’t become self-sustaining overnight but we are making important strides in the right direction.”

Q: How does the island hope to attract more travellers from Africa?

A: “In the past two years, we’ve grown our visibility in South Africa with a dedicated South African-based agency, Big Ambitions, to support our marketing and public relations efforts. We have also attended more South African trade shows such as WTM Africa.

“In 2025, we hope to partner with more inbound operators looking for alternatives to Indian Ocean islands with twin centre trips (as safari and scuba sell well) and shorter bolt-ons made possible with the mid-week Airlink flights in peak season.

Q: How is St Helena commemorating slave trade history?

A: “Much of our maritime history is based around the East India Company and the abolition of slavery. In the late 1830s, the British Navy intercepted ships that were still trading slaves. Some were so malnourished and afflicted by disease that they didn’t survive. Although they were no longer slaves, they never returned home.

“**Adam Sizeland**, Director of the St Helena Museum, is working to respectfully commemorate our slave trade history along with significant work by the St Helena National Trust. We recently reburied the remains of over 325 slaves who were excavated from mass graves in Rupert’s Valley during construction of the airport road. This was possible thanks to the involvement of the whole community who volunteered their time, skills and services coupled with funding from the UK government.

“There’s a circle of stones on the reburial site that is located on neutral ground near a small church. Each year, we’ll mark the reburial by showing our respects. Additionally, St Helena Tourism and other stakeholders organise educational activities such as the Routes/Roots Walk that visits key slave sites across the island during a walking challenge.

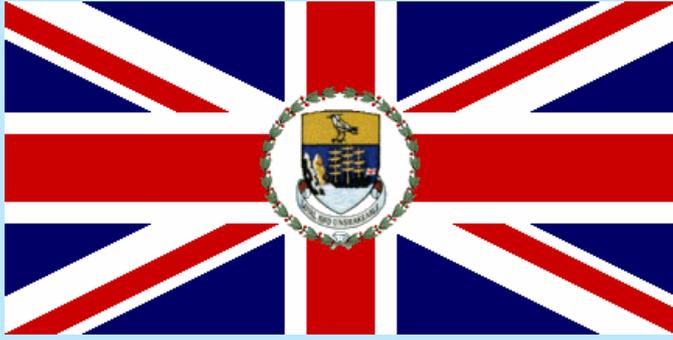
“We’re planning to build an interpretation centre on the slave trade and its abolition in Rupert’s Valley to tell the story of its impact on St Helena. It’s a slow process but we want to get it right so that people understand the history.”

His Excellency, Governor Nigel Phillips CBE, is due to depart St Helena on Saturday, 21 December 2024. The Governor is taking two weeks leave before returning back to St Helena on Saturday, 4 January 2025

Stephen Thwaites, Development Attaché, will be sworn in as Acting Governor until Governor Phillips’ return.



Governor's Christmas Message



And so Christmas is upon us once again. It seems extraordinary how quickly this year has passed, or perhaps I have just reached that age. Yet no matter how quick it feels, there can be little doubt it has been another busy year.

The year started with a wonderful visit by HRH The Duke of Edinburgh. This was quickly followed by the Speaker of the House of Commons; Speaker Hoyle brought with him his infectious passion for the

Overseas Territories. Such visits demonstrate the close relationship between the people of this Island and the United Kingdom. The links are built on deeply forged experience. They help assure the peace and security we on St Helena enjoy. That tranquillity is not something we should ever take for granted. Over the past year the world in which we live has seen increasing instability, intolerance and suffering. The impacts are global. We on this Island, like so many elsewhere, have seen an increase in cost of living expenses. The financial assistance provided by the United Kingdom has offset the worst excesses and is a key component of stability, but that of itself is not enough. The attitude of the people who call St Helena home is critical. Through resilience and a commitment to treat one another with respect, offering a caring hand where required, we have not had to endure the social dislocation so many across the world experience every day. As I said at the Kings Birthday Party, we help ourselves as a community when we commit to maintaining those values.

Talking of community, I cannot help but notice how many residents have sadly passed away in the last year. I have spoken previously of just how important it is that we address the visible reduction of our population. Yet of course behind the numbers are the human stories. A host of families will be mourning a loved one who was present at this time last year. Christmas is a time traditionally of family and I am sure the hurt will be felt more keenly. Please do spare a thought for those facing what might be a difficult time.

Turning now to less difficult matters. It is wonderful news that Field Road has reopened. The new road is a pleasure to drive upon. When one sees such achievements, I am often reminded that in so many things we stand on the shoulders of our forebears. Cutting roads before we had the equipment available today would have been no less vital, but perhaps rather more challenging. It is in confronting challenge that we move forward. We will take an even greater step when the new Port facilities in Ruperts open in 2025.

And continuing to move forward we must. Key to our future success are our children. Significant effort has been committed over the past year to understand what is required to improve educational outcomes. I am grateful to those who gave time to offer their views; informed evidence is the bedrock of good decision making. It is my earnest hope we can build on the education foundations already laid. And talking of foundations, let me offer my praise to the staff and students who delivered such fantastic school nativity plays, full of joy and talent. It is evident that there is so much potential here.

Helping people to realise that potential, in whatever way my team and I can, has over the past two years become one of the most important motivations of my entire career. Accordingly, I wish to inform you that I have accepted an invitation to extend my appointment to fullest extent possible. My revised departure date will be August 2026. It is my earnest wish this meets with your approval.

As I come toward the end of this message, I will as ever ask everyone to raise a glass of thanks to those on duty over the festive period. They keep us safe and come to our aid if required. We are truly grateful.

And so, whether you call this Island home or you are enjoying this extraordinary place as a first-time visitor, my wife Emma and I would wish to echo the children in those wonderful nativity plays in proclaiming the joyful message of Christmas to you all. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Chief Minister's Christmas Message



Each year when I begin to write my Christmas message, I find myself slipping into a mode of reflection. A time to recall what was said last year and then to question whether we have achieved what we set out to do. If we haven't, we need to be confident enough to ask ourselves why, what made it unattainable? If we have, then we should celebrate the achievement, ask ourselves how was this achieved, what worked well, what were the key ingredients to success, and is there room for improvement? This will help us to define what is needed to keep on accomplishing in these challenging times.

Just as importantly, I believe we need to be courageous. We need to allow ourselves to dare to dream and to tell others what we see when we look forward. What are our plans and aspirations for the year ahead? Are they genuine? Are they reachable? Can we afford them and importantly do they fill you with a sense of purpose?

These are all thought-provoking questions. Questions that we should be encouraged to ask ourselves on a regular basis. I am sure such reflection resonates with most of you, whether it relates to your work or

business environment or that of your home. Although basic in there ask, the responsibility associated with answering such questions honestly, are at most times burdensome. This is because the responses provided, can and will differ depending on our circumstances at the time. When responding we will need to consider our limitations, current commitments, affordability, our priorities at any such given time, and the impact such answer may have on our team, our colleagues, our family and of course, ourselves.

In its simplicity, this defines the role of Chief Minister and that of Ministers, but with one significant difference – because as leaders of our island, we are expected, and responsible for taking informed decisions that must be of legal standing, which incorporates the best interest of St Helena and our people. This is a huge responsibility and one that should not be taken lightly. Any decision taken, must consider the impact on our social, economic and environmental obligations and is exactly what was deliberated upon, when formulating our Vision, which was then published in March 2022. It was recognized then, that if through our decision making process, these core principles were at the forefront of our debates, we would in turn and time ensure a better quality of life for all.

This remains our principal objective, however due to lack of resources (in terms of financial and human capacity and capability), linked very closely with our declining and aging population, our geographical location and of course our high reliance on importation of most goods and services, we are forced to continuously prioritize our priorities. This is unfortunate and not ideal but, it depicts the realism of St Helena's situation and until such time that we can address these problems, St Helena will continue to face great difficulty in changing our trajectory.

This concern was captured in 'Our Vision', whereby I stated that to "enable us to achieve our vision, our policy priorities would focus on specific areas, which are instrumental if we are to address the current challenges impinging on our ability to create a more optimistic and viable future for our island". To date, we have continued to adhere to the strategic objectives set, which keeps us attentive and true to our pledge made.

We promised that we would invest in a more robust health service which would acknowledge and focus on holistic health, taking into account our ageing population and the complexity of our health and social needs, whilst encouraging a more responsible approach to improving our individual lifestyles. This is evident in the fact that approximately 33% of our budget allocation is invested in essential improvements necessary to stabilize and in some areas improve the Health & Social Care offering. We also remain determined to initiate and implement preventative care measures, which over time will result in reduced pressures on other parts of SHG's budget, but it will also help to grow a more healthy and wealthy society, which is essential if it is our desire to achieve a more vibrant and thriving economy.

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We also committed to developing Renewable Energy and Water Security Plans which would ensure that we primarily protect our environment, whilst delivering both resources at affordable prices. We recognized that renewable energy would play a vital role in meeting our future energy needs and would support our desire to become a low carbon island and economy. In this regard, we have established a target for generation of energy from renewables, with at least 80% of energy demand being sourced from renewables by 2027/28, or sooner if possible. We are currently modelling energy demand and designing a new renewable system for energy generation to meet our proposed target.

In respect of water resource management planning, St Helena is currently negotiating a contract for Technical Consultancy services for the development of a detailed 30 Year Water Resources Management Plan in support of improved water resources planning for the island.

We said that we would work to strengthening and improving our educational offering by continuing to recognise the importance of inclusivity, whilst acknowledging the prominence of education in our lives. Encouraging Life Long Learning by investing in and valuing our people in order to develop through upskilling, training and rewarding as we create a sustainable workforce. This year we have kick-started the much needed Education Review, which is primarily exploring a deep dive into the Education Standards in St Helena covering demographics, profiled staff in schools, audit of teaching standards, mapped outcomes and progress at all key stages over a five year span. This includes securing evidence to determine the best way forward in respect of primary school provision and producing a five year plan for all St Helena Schools to secure COBIS Standards.

One of the outstanding achievements of this year in terms of implementing schemes and policies that will support creating an enabling environment was endorsing the much awaited Immigration Policy in May 2024. This policy supports increasing the working age population and is critical to growing the economy and sustainable prosperity for our island. To fuel economic growth, this policy aims to attract a skilled workforce with streamlined, user-friendly processes for visitors, professionals and investors. It is pertinent to reiterate however, that there are no changes to St Helenian Status or existing partner exemptions. This good work has now resulted in the Immigration (Amendment) Bill, 2024 being approved in our recent sitting of Formal Legislative Council.

Another exceptional achievement I would like to mention before moving on, is that of the offer which was presented to St Helena Government by the UK Government (UKG) when we were asked to consider whether we would wish to assist the UKG by providing a contingency arrangement to support the UKG's interest in the welfare of persons who may arrive in future in the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) who may claim to be unable to return to their country of nationality.

I acknowledge that there are differences of opinion surrounding the process undertaken, nevertheless this opportunity stands out as a unique opportunity whereby a British Overseas Territory was able to lean forward to assist the UK in their time of need. St Helena demonstrated its willingness to assist, where possible to do so, but it also provided us with a platform to raise the profile of St Helena whilst bringing to the forefront the challenging environment we are expected to operate in. This forthrightness has resulted in St Helena receiving additional support from the UK Government in terms of further strengthening our border controls in helping us to better manage incoming migrants. It has also led to us obtaining access to additional funds that are being utilised to invest in some of our core service areas such as Health & Social Care, Education and IT. Just as importantly this arrangement has provided us with much needed funding to more effectively address the medical referral list, which was a cumbersome ordeal for us.

These are but a few examples of the work being undertaken to help us to achieve an enabling environment with essential infrastructure in position, to provide St Helena with a solid foundation to stimulate social and economic growth.

Chief Minister's Christmas Message

Looking forward to the final year of our tenure, there remains much to do; beginning with the upcoming Financial Aid Mission (FAM) that will commence on our return to work in the New Year. This is a crucial process for St Helena and is an exercise that absorbs a great deal of SHG's time, but is fundamental, if we are to ensure that we present a realistic, accurate and concise picture of St Helena's current position.

This year, for the first time I am led to believe, St Helena will be presenting our very own scenario, in addition to the three scenarios requested by FCDO. The principal aim of this scenario is to raise awareness with the UKG that the annual budgets received are no longer aligned with what is required to meet St Helena's 'reasonable' needs.

In essence, via this submission we will inform UKG of the level of financial support required to enable us to reset our financial baseline, to depict a baseline that is coordinated and conducive with St Helena's current needs. It is important to note that this scenario does not include new initiatives, but is primarily focused on highlighting the level of funding required to improve the current level of services offered by SHG, which is essential if St Helena is to create a pathway to success.

This will be the core message of our submitted scenario, as it is vital that the UKG understands what is needed to enable us to proceed forward. Without a more representative budget, our ability to progress and develop at the pace required, to stem the flow of outward migration, increase visitor numbers and work towards building a vibrant economy, will simply be unattainable.

In addition to the challenges mentioned and the priority work streams being worked upon, there is another ingredient that is vital to our success, if we are to truly change our current trajectory of travel – and that is our participation. We need to become advocates and champions of TEAM ST HELENA!

We have the ability to band together, as is evident when we come together to raise funds for charitable or notable events, we proudly support our national teams or individuals when they represent St Helena internationally or indeed when we applaud and celebrate our children when participating in their sporting and festive events.

If, we all want what is best for St Helena; continually pursuing improved ways of working together is key to achieving this objective. We just need to make St Helena, our home, our priority.

As you contemplate your New Year's resolutions for 2025, I would therefore encourage you to consider St Helena one of your top priorities. Whatever sector we work within, I believe, we owe it to our beautiful home, to be the person or the people that make the concerted effort necessary to invest in our island, so that we can collectively create a better quality of life for all.

With the festive season upon us, I will draw to a close by first acknowledging those that may well be lonely, sad, grieving or indeed unwell this Christmas, please take comfort in knowing that you are not alone and there are those around you who care. I would also like to pay tribute to those who are working over the festive season, I thank you for your service and dedication to the community and hope that you will have some time to spend quality time with your respective loved ones. Lastly, I would like to greet each and every one on St Helena. I am sending warmest wishes to you all for the festive season and I hope that you will have an enjoyable and a happy Christmas followed by a healthy, joyful and peaceful 2025.

Happy Holidays Everyone!



Bishop Dale's Christmas Message



I greet you all in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, God among us.

Christmas on St Helena and Ascension is always a very special time for our communities. There will be many people travelling from the United Kingdom, Ascension and the Falklands Islands to be home with family and love ones. Already in the early weeks of December we saw this Christmas spirit taking place in our community. Here on St Helena, we had our traditional three Christmas plays from the primary schools, with churches packed with proud parents as they saw their children retelling the story of Christmas with the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ. On Ascension Island, Lay Minister Alan Nicholls reported that the Christingle service in St Mary's Church, where all the children from Two Boats School participate in retelling the Christmas story, was well attended with proud parents and members of the community. For me, no matter how many times we see our children performing the Christmas story, we never tire of seeing them on stage sharing the Christmas message. We then have our school children having their Christmas carnivals through Jamestown, St Pauls and Harford primary schools had theirs during the day bringing much festive atmosphere to the town and Pilling primary school had theirs in the evening with the festival of lights, which this year we had the nativity scene as part of the parade. This is very important for us as a community as the festival of lights become more than just a light parade, it becomes the parade with the light of the world, Jesus, shining his light into every corner of our world.

On a family level there has been much preparation for Christmas. Just preparing for family coming home is a task in itself but a joyful task. What is so prominent about our community is the family gathering on Christmas day. Cooking together, coming together as family to share the Christmas meal in the home of one of the family is a tradition that we enjoy as a community. I know that the delay of the plane from Ascension and South Africa has caused us some frustration but most importantly of all is that we have safe travel to and from our island.

On the other hand, as I reflect on the past year as communities of St Helena and Ascension, we have encountered much as individuals especially when we lose loved ones. We also sadly lost some of the crew of the Argos Georgia which had an impact on some of those who knew them and had worked for Argos. The year for some has been very difficult and we are still experiencing the pain of love. The reality is that when we love deeply, we feel the pain of love deeply. Part of this Christmas message is that God is still in control because of the birth of His Son Jesus Christ, and quoting the editor of the Catholic paper the Pillar Ed. Condon, 'Jesus is greater than any of us, mightier than our sins and more powerful than death' and that is the hope that Christmas brings in the life of this baby boy.

My message this year to all of you is that in the birth of this baby boy Jesus we have a God who loves us beyond our imagination. He is greater than any of us and love us greater than any one can love us. He is mightier than our sins, as His love is greater than our sin in His act of forgiveness to us. He is more powerful than death and His love is shown in dying and rising from the dead so that we can have eternal life. Yes, our love ones have entered into the fulness of eternal life where there is no more death only the life of love. Secondly, my message for Christmas is not to abuse the love of Christ in his forgiveness to us but to live the love of Christ in all we do in our celebrations and in our lives. But how do we do this? At the beginning of the Christmas story is the visitation of the angel Gabriel to the Blessed Virgin Mary, asking her to be a part of God's plan and her initial response was one of being perplexed by his words, but as the children of Harford said in their Christmas play, 'don't be afraid, just remember that you are part of God's plan.' And then Mary said 'here am I, the servant of the Lord, let it be according to your word.' In Mary we see the perfect response of faith to God.

From the spiritual life of Meister Eckhart reflecting on the incarnation of God becoming man in the womb of Mary, the mother of our Lord, he says that as Christians 'We are all meant to be mothers of God, for God is always needing to be born in and through our lives'. What he is saying is that whether I am a man or a woman I am also, like Mary, pregnant with God. As Christians we are not just remembering the birth of Jesus Christ

Bishop Dale's Christmas Message

at Christmas, but we are being awakened to the reality that through the power of the Holy Spirit we also have the life of Jesus growing in us as well. We are pregnant women and pregnant men. This means that we are now different and we have new life because of the life of Jesus in us. As Meister Eckhart says, that new life of Christ must be given birth every moment of our lives. He then goes on to say 'we recognise that when our actions flow from the centre of our being, a maternal quality of fruitfulness arises from within. Birthing becomes a metaphor for the reality of God that is already in us to come to life.' When I apply that wisdom from God on my life spiritually, I now see that we are all pregnant with God. What an amazing feeling to know that I am inseparable from God and God from me and my purpose in life is to give birth to Jesus as he lives in me. My brothers and sister in Christ, we are all called to give birth to the new life of Jesus in us. Let us then love each other as he loves. Forgive each other as he forgives. Reconcile with each other as he has reconciled us to God. Be channels of peace as he is the Prince of peace. Care for the poor as he cared for the poor. Share as he asks us to share with those less fortunate than ourselves. Show mercy to those seeking mercy as he showed mercy. Be faithful to the Father as he was faithful to God the Father.

To be pregnant with Christ is to be empowered with Christ. As Christians we do this by attend church to thank God for the life of Christ in us, and then receive the life of Christ in the words of scripture and the Blessed sacrament of His Body and Blood, and give birth to Christ by the way we live our lives. When that happens then all of what we have done is not just good but has a purpose as God transforms our community with the life of Christ living in us. This is the reason for the season as Christ Himself rescues us from all the darkness of pride and sin that destroys his life in us. Putting Christ at the centre of Christmas, is being pregnant with Christ.



May God richly bless you all with the life of His Son Jesus Christ.

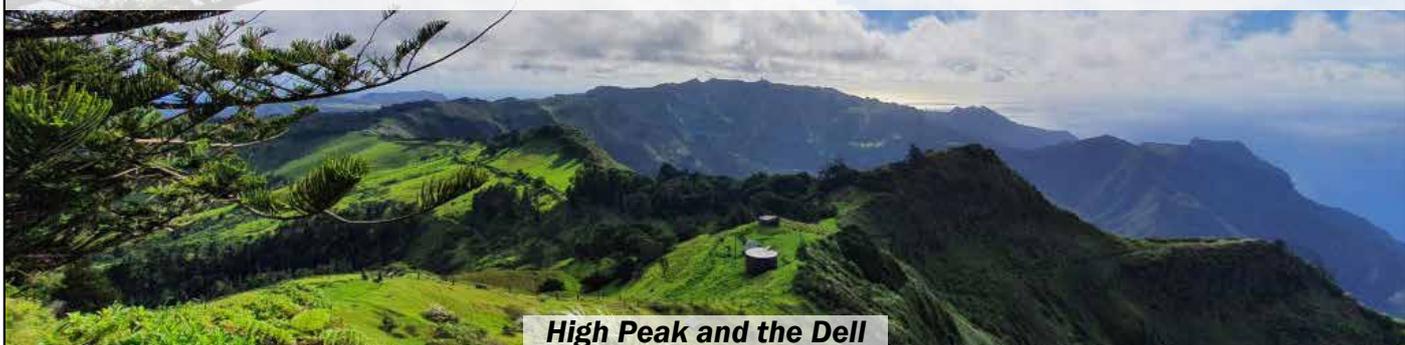
Parts of Peaks Re-Open

If the Christmas pudding lies heavy in the stomach or the mind seems a little unfocused you now have the opportunity to put things right with a quick gallop across High Peak or Cason's.

It was announced on Wednesday the High Peak post box walk and the Harding's and Cason's Forest nature trail re-open tomorrow after soil tests in both areas proved negative for the pathogen phytophthora which is known to affect areas of the cloud forest. Phytophthora is a disease that causes both root-rot and leaf mould resulting in widespread damage to flora in many parts of the world. In St Helena, the main concern is the effect the disease has already had on several types on endemic trees.

The danger of spreading this deadly disease remains. The High Peak walk has been shortened in order to minimise risk of spreading the disease. Both walks have waymarkers which should be followed for the same reason. There are also footwear cleaning measures in place.

George Benjamin's Arboretum remains closed and now has a boundary fence around it and the entrance gate is locked. Monitoring of the High Peak area and Harding's and Cason's will continue with further soil tests. If future tests prove positive the affected areas will have to be closed again.



Five Attempts to Land on Wednesday

The view from the Gallery:

Going up, not down



4th Attempt...



At last... 5th and final

1st Attempt...



Andy the Vet on standby...



Saying Goodbye



Economic Development Portfolio

Sea Front Project Consultant

With the upcoming relocation of maritime operations from Jamestown to Ruperts, the Economic Development portfolio is seeking expressions of interest for a suitably qualified project consultant on a short term contract basis between mid January and mid April 2025. Their key objective is the delivery of a sea front options plan.

They will be tasked to lead the working group to complete a review of the previous sea front redevelopment proposals as well as collate and present new ideas.

For more information please contact Mike Ormrod on +290 22470 or by email:

michael.ormrod@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expressions of Interest close January 10th 2025



St Helena Island
A breath of fresh air



Diocese of St Helena

Sunday 22nd December 2024 - 4th Sunday in Advent

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
7.30 p.m.	Ecumenical Carol Service	Court House Steps
	Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	
6.00 p.m.	Mass	St Martin
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	Cathedral
	Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	
7.45 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena & The Cross
	Sunday 29th December	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
5.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday in Advent

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
7.30 p.m.	Ecumenical Carol Service	Court House Steps
	Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	St James
	Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Sunday 29th December	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
5.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	St James

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 22nd December 2024 – 4th Sunday in Advent

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
7.30 p.m.	Ecumenical Carol Service	Court House Steps
	Tuesday 24th December Christmas Eve	
11.30 p.m.	Midnight Mass	St Mark
	Wednesday 25th December Christmas Day	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
	Sunday 29th December	
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
5.00 p.m.	Nine Lessons & Carols	St Mark



Diocese of St Helena

Sunday 5th January 2025 - 2nd Sunday after Christmas

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 5th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Peter

The Parish of St James

Sunday 5th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
3.30 p.m.	Eucharist	St Michael

Monday 6th January 2025

7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
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Thursday 9th January 2025

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

Sunday 5th January 2025 – 2nd Sunday after Christmas

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 7th January 2025	
7.00 p.m.	Reserved Sacrament	St Mark

SP200 Planetary Mixer



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- 3 speeds.
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His Royal Highness Prince Edward, Duke of Edinburgh becomes Royal Patron of the St Helena National Trust

The St Helena National Trust is delighted to introduce The Duke of Edinburgh as Royal Patron.

His Royal Highness spent some of his time during his visit to St Helena in January 2024 with the Trust, watching wire birds in their natural habitat, planting a gumwood tree in the Millennium Forest, and meeting with staff working on some of the Trust's projects, including the cloud forest restoration, invertebrate preservation, and the digitization of some of St Helena's historical documents.



Neil Fantom, President of the National Trust's governing Council, said "This is heart-warming news, and a very tangible result of the Duke's visit to St Helena in January. His interest in the work of the Trust was clear, and having him as our Royal Patron will be of enormous help to raise the profile of the work that we do to preserve St Helena's historical, natural and cultural heritage, for all, in partnership with the local community. On behalf of the Trust Council, I would like to thank The Duke, and we look forward to working together in the years ahead."



His Royal Highness said, "What happens to the flora, fauna and heritage of this island has significance way beyond the shores of the island of St Helena. The efforts of many groups to preserve and enhance the natural environment and heritage of this unique and precious island is very impressive, in particular that of St Helena's National Trust. In supporting the work of the Trust and their team I hope we will be able to bring some of these efforts to a wider audience."



19 December 2024

Photo Credit: SHG | The Duke of Edinburgh with the staff of the St Helena National Trust

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY CENTRE
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING WILL BE HELD
ON MONDAY 13 JANUARY 2025
At 8 PM.**

AGENDA:

- Welcome.
- Chairperson's report.
- To read the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting, and if approved, confirm.
- To receive the audited Accounts of the past year.
 - To dissolve the Committee.
- To elect Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer and Members to serve on the Committee for the ensuing year.
 - Any other business.
 - To close the meeting.

To enable the Centre to continue functioning, a Committee must be formed.

The residents of Jamestown, Ruperts and the Briars are encouraged to attend.



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**Expression of Interest
Photographers/Videographers**



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The Cape to St Helena Yacht Race is on!

The race will depart Cape Town on the 28 December with the first yachts arriving at St Helena around 06 January.

The prize giving will be held on Friday 10 January.

St Helena Tourism is seeking expressions of interest for photographers and drone photographers/videographers for stills and video during the week from 05 – 11 January. This would include covering yacht arrivals, close ups of crews and the prize giving presentation.

Interested persons should contact Matthew Joshua at matthew.joshua@sainthelena.gov.sh or call the Tourist Office at 22158 by 31 December 2024.



www.sthelenatourism.com

St Helena Airport Vacancies

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit person for the following post: **Mechanic** effective 1 April 2025.

We are seeking a keen individual to assist in the planning, organising, and co-ordinating the day-to-day running of the vehicle workshop at St Helena Airport Ltd.

The individual will inspect, service, repair and maintain all types of Ground Service Equipment (GSE) at SHAL to ensure proper performance and safety.

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- 5 GCSE grade A*-C (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics (NVQ-2) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- Relevant Specialised trade qualification in Vehicle Maintenance (NVQ-3) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- At least five years of working experience in a vehicle maintenance role.
- A sound knowledge of vehicle systems (including the engine area, transmission area, chassis area, body area and electrical area).
- An understanding of procedures for the systematic inspection of vehicles.

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- A full medical assessment
- A 5-year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR)
- 178.
- Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- A Criminal Background Check.
- A clean and valid St Helena Drivers licence categories A, C and J4.

For more information and if you would like to receive an application form, please contact Tavonga Chikwenhere, Business Manager, on email recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero or on Telephone number **25180 Ext 128**.

The closing date for this position is 10 January 2025.

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit person for the following post: **Business Manager** effective 1 April 2025.

We are seeking a detail-oriented, thorough, and organized individual to plan, organise, and supervise the financial, and administrative activities of St Helena Airport Limited (SHAL).

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- Part qualified membership of a relevant professional body such as CIPD, CMI, ACCA, CIPS, (NVQ-4) or demonstrated relevant experience Accounting Technician Qualification or equivalent
- At least five years relevant workplace experience, with at least three years' experience at management level.
- Significant and demonstrable business planning, HR and financial management experience.
- Experience of managing staff and working in diverse teams.
- Strong interpersonal skills to form effective working relationships with people at all levels
- Experience in the use of accounting software.

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 AND ABROAD**
 For
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 And
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Position: Mechanic
 Salary: £35k Annually (Circa)

We are seeking an experienced Auto Mechanic to join our team and help maintain and repair vehicles. In this role, you'll be responsible for diagnosing and resolving issues to ensure vehicles operate at peak reliability and functionality.

The ideal candidate should have a solid understanding of complex mechanical and electronic vehicle systems, along with excellent problem-solving skills and a proven track record in the field.

Having a relevant certification in automotive repair is a plus. If you're passionate about delivering top-notch vehicle care, we'd love to hear from you!

A full job description how to apply can be found on our website. Quote Reference VHR0349 when applying.

Initial priority will be given to current PRP and Falkland Island Status holder.

Deadline for Application – 27th December 2024

APPLY NOW

Full job description and skills required can be found on our website.

<http://www.the-falkland-islands-co.com/careers/job-opportunities/>
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CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS 2024

	Grocery Shop	Tinkers	Wholesale Store	Emporium
Monday 16 th	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 17 th	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Wednesday 18 th	8 am - 9 pm	9 am - 5 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	8 am - 5 pm
Thursday 19 th	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Friday 20 th	8 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 8 pm
Saturday 21 st	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 8 pm	9 am - 3.45 pm	9 am - 8 pm
Sunday 22 nd	9 am - 1 pm	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 23 rd	8 am - 6 pm	9 am - 6 pm	9 am - 4.45 pm	8 am - 6 pm
Tuesday 24 th	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm	9 am - 2.45 pm	9 am - 3 pm 7 pm - 9 pm
Wed 25, Thurs 26, Fri 27	Closed			
Saturday 28 th	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Sunday 29 th	Closed			
Monday 30 th	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Tuesday 31 st	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm	9 am - 12.45 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Thursday 2 nd Jan 2025	Back to normal			

We wish all our customers a Very Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year!



ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Storekeeper (Accommodation)

Total package value up to £18,798.00 pa

(comprising salary up of up to £11,520 pa, plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for a new member of staff to join our Stores team to assist the Team Leader with the daily operations in AIG's Stores and Accommodation.

What you'll do

You will carry out some functions associated with Stores including stock control, processing of stock issues and dealing with customer sales and queries on a daily basis, receiving and safekeeping of goods received into the stores. Duties will also include assembling and delivery of furnishings to AIG accommodation, preparation of accommodation including general cleaning of gardens and patios and carrying out minor DIY tasks in the Central Stores and Accommodation. You will be required to unload freight and cargo as well as pack goods for onward shipment. For more information please take a look at the Job Description available via the link given below.

What you'll bring

You will need customer service skills and some basic computer skills including use of Microsoft Word and Excel, knowledge of Sage accounting would be an advantage. You will need to have drivers licence classes A, B & J and recent forklift operating experience.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £11,520 (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a two-year single status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £1,200 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance £3,780 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £938 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,360 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects from your home country and assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment
- A gratuity payable on the successful completion of the 2-year contract
- 30 days paid annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- Basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing date: **10 January 2025**
Interviews: **from w/c 13 January 2025 (via video call if off island)**
Start date: **As soon as possible.**

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

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

A & D'S MINIMART CHRISTMAS OPENING HOURS

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER 2024 - 9am - 7pm

TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER 2024 - 9am - 5pm

WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER 2024 - CLOSED

THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 2024 - CLOSED

FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER 2024 - 9am - 1pm

SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER 2024 - 9am - 1pm

SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER 2024 - CLOSED

MONDAY 30th DECEMBER 2024 - CLOSED

TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER 2024 - 9am - 1pm

WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY 2025 - CLOSED

**THURSDAY 2nd JANUARY 2025
NORMAL OPENING (9am - 7pm)**

Anthony and Diana along with staff would like to wish their customers a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

The Queen Mary & Victoria opening times

Saturday 14th December 9.00am – 3.00pm & evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Normal opening hours Monday 16th to Friday 20th December

Saturday 21st December 9.00am – 3.00pm & evening 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Monday 23rd – 9.00am to 5.00pm

Christmas Eve 24th December 9.00am to 2.00pm & evening 6.30pm to 9.00pm

Closed Wednesday 25th to Friday 27th December

Saturday 28th December open 9.00am to 3.00pm (no evening opening)

We will remain closed until Thursday 2nd January 2025 when normal shop hours will resume.

The staff of the Queen Mary, Victoria shop & Barrack's Store thank all customers for their patronage during 2024 wish everyone a very Merry Christmas & a Happy New Year for 2025.

'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!

A big part of the project is capacity building - developing and strengthening skills, abilities, and resources – which allows our team members to grow their skillsets. In November this involved training on the safe use of drones with The UAV Academy.

Last month, members of the St Helena Cloud Forest Project team completed formal Drone Pilot training via The UAV Academy - a Civil Aviation Authority approved Recognised Assessment Entity providing online courses for both the General VLOS Certificate (GVC) and the A2 Certificate of Competency (A2 CofC) remote pilot qualifications.

The GVC course which our teams undertook, involved online theory sessions and an exam, before a practical assessment on-Island with Flight Assessor, Andrew, from The UAV Academy. This training will support our efforts to monitor habitat change over time; to track and monitor tree health across the Peaks National Park; and will support work under our water pillar, to name just a few uses.

Special thanks to Andrew for the excellent training, and to St Helena Government for facilitating the course!

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



House for Sale

Three Gables, West Lodge, Blue Hill



**Overlooking Barren Ground, High Hill & the Sea.
Land 0.3 acre. Access shared track.
House has attached garage with mechanics pit.**

Ground floor:

Large open plan living room, dining room with laminated flooring.
Bathroom : suite with separate shower, fully tiled.
Bedroom 1: fitted wardrobe, laminated floor.
Bedroom 2: fitted carpet.

Kitchen: fitted units with solid wood doors, fully tiled.
Long hallway with real wood parquet flooring, wooden stairs with banister & rail.

First floor:

Potential for self contained attic flat. Open plan centre with one dormer, & two gables, new wood/t&g floor, stage one electrics, new fuse box. Access for plumbing. Also suitable for an office, storage, extra bedrooms, etc.

Outside:

Streme v solar panel & tank. Concrete drive with gates, concrete paths, two concrete plinths for water tanks, three concrete outbuildings, food garden, fruit trees, flower beds, septic tank system. Services - mains, electricity, water, landline telephone.

House has had extensive upgrade, painted & decorated inside & outside. Some furniture, fittings white goods, rugs, curtains are also included.

Photographs to view:

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Are you passionate about our young children's education and holistic life? If so, we are seeking to recruit a Teacher to share their expertise and passion in order to teach our pupils to achieve the best possible standard of education. This will mean the ability to cater for all abilities and needs in the classroom. This position requires you to be responsible for the planning, preparation and effective delivering of programmes of study to designated class(es). 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 effectively with students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Patricia Williams Tel No. 24737** or Email
patricia.williams@primary.edu.sh

Closing date: **17 January 2025**

Activities Worker (£7,280 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio seeks to recruit a dedicated, trustworthy and enthusiastic individual to join the team at the Community Care Centre. The post holder will be responsible for delivering suitable and enjoyable recreational and therapeutic activities to keep residents active, healthy and mobile, as well as to restore and maintain their mental and physical abilities.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Martin Greenhalgh on Tel: 23090** or
Email martin.greenhalgh@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: **02 January 2025**

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.

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.

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
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Forestry Services Officer (£12,049 per annum)

The Forestry Services Officer will help to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive through leadership of the Forestry and Facilities Section’s forestry services for the SHG National Forest Estate and building maintenance programme for the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio’s properties. The Forestry Services Officer will manage the Forestry and Facilities Management Section’s (F&FM Section) tree harvesting and extraction programme to meet public demand for raw material, including firewood, saw logs, fencing material and miscellaneous forest products, undertake management of an annual tree surgery and maintenance programme on behalf of The Crown, manage all requests for tree felling support from the community and oversee the Portfolios 24-Hour, tree related, Emergency response function.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email**
myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: **31 December 2024**

Receptionist (Casual) (£4.00 per hour)

The Receptionist will be based at the Jamestown General Hospital and will be the first point of contact for all visitors to the Hospital providing receptionist duties ensuring a positive and professional environment for the reception point. In addition to answering the telephone, directing and screening calls as necessary, you will be required to welcome visitors, direct them to their correct destination, maintain an awareness of staff movements in and out of the site, monitor visitor access and maintain security awareness.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Helen Lawrence on Tel No 22500 or Email**
Helen.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh

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Trainee Dental Nurse (£9,781 per annum)

The Dental team has an exciting opportunity for you to join their team as a Trainee Dental Nurse who will be responsible for working closely with clinicians to assist in providing care for patients and provide appropriate support and administrative assistance (manual and computer). Once qualified he/she will work independently under the clinical supervision of the Dentist/Dental Therapist. The successful applicant will start on the training grade for this post on £9,185 per annum progressing to £9,781 on successful completion of the Online National Diploma in Dental Nursing course.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No. 25387 or
Email: charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 03 January 2025

Human Resources Assistant (£7,960 per annum)

We are looking for a highly motivated individual to undertake a range of HR transactional processes and deliver a high quality HR service. You will be required to provide administration duties in connection with recruitment and selection, processing of leavers and contractual changes in accordance with employment related policies and procedures. This is a great opportunity to start your career in HR if you are a motivated, self-starter who has a passion for delivering great customer service and administration.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharina Williams on 22470 or Email
sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 31 December 2024

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MOONSHINES

Upcoming events at Moonshines:

Christmas Eve: Bar open from 5pm to 10pm with tunes from the Bar.

Ole Years Night: Join DJ Prudy for her latest and favourite dancing tunes from 8pm

4th January 2025: Enjoy DJ Charlie's music from 9pm.

Ronald and Di would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year and to thank all for their custom throughout the year.

Property for Sale at Hutt's Gate



375 Metre's from Napoleon's Tomb.

**Approved Plan's .
Or Storage .**

**A six Metre container with building
Materials included.**

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Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Festive Season Openings

Date	St Helena Branch	Ascension Branch	International Payments	Lending
Tuesday, 24th December			08:45 - 12:00	
Wednesday, 25th & Thursday, 26th December			Closed	
Friday, 27th December			09:00 - 13:00	
Saturday, 28th December	09:00 - 12:00		Closed	
Monday, 30th December			Closed	
Tuesday, 31st December			09:00 - 13:00	
Wednesday, 1st January			Closed	

Please Note: International Remittance Services will be accepted up to an hour before closing on 24th, 27th and 31st December 2024.

Normal Bank opening times will resume on Thursday, 2nd January 2025.



Merry Christmas
from the Saint FM Team

CHRISTMAS DAY PROGRAMMING

- 0800 - 1100: FAMILY CHRISTMAS MORNING -
TAMMY WILLIAMS WITH CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAYS
- 1100 -1400: CHRISTMAS DELIGHTS WITH DEBSIELOU
- 1400 - 1700: PICK ' N MIX SHOW - PRUDY JOSHUA
INC KING'S, GOVERNORS AND BISHOP MESSAGES AT 1500
- 1700 - 2000: AIRWAVES COMMAND XMAS MESSAGES
FROM ACROSS THE MILES -
ARNOLD BEARD
- 2000 - 2130: MESSAGES FROM THE FALKLANDS



All times are subject to change.

Look out for updates on Saint FM programming on air and Social Media over the holiday period.



Rose & Crown Outlets— Holiday Opening Hours

	Rose & Crown Shop Tel 22427	The Hive Tel 22468	Longwood Supermarket & Fuel Station Tel 24679	Longwood Hardware Tel 24462	The Arch Shop Tel 22728
Fri 20th Dec	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am - 6pm	8am – 5pm	8am- 7pm
Tue 24th Dec	9am – 8.30pm	9am – 8.30pm	9am - 6pm	8am – 5pm	8am – 8.30pm
Mon 25th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tue 26th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Fri 27th Dec	9am- 3pm	9am- 3pm	9am - 3pm	9am – 3pm	9am -7pm
Sat 28th Dec	9am-8.30pm	9am-8.30pm	9am - 6pm	8am -5pm	9am - 1pm 6.30-8.30pm
Sun 29th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am -1pm	8am-11am	CLOSED
Mon 30th Dec	CLOSED	CLOSED	9am – 3pm	CLOSED	9am - 3pm
Tue 31st Dec	9am-3pm	9am-3pm	9am – 3pm	8am – 3pm	CLOSED
Wed 1st Jan	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thur 2nd Jan <i>Normal Hours</i>	9am – 5pm	9am – 5pm	9am – 6pm	8am – 5pm	8am - 5pm

Thank you for your custom during 2024.

May your holiday period and New Year be filled with good health, laughter and prosperity.

Rose & Crown Ltd, Market Street, Jamestown | E: sales@roseandcrown.sh | W: www.roseandcrown.sh

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BEAUTY THERAPIST

Linda Waniatha
FROM KENYA

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Getting ready for a special occasion?
Just looking to treat yourself or someone else?
Pamper yourself at Phillip John's Shop!

EMAIL: shanna.john@helanta.co.sh



The Management and Staff of Phillip John's Shop would like to take this opportunity to thank all of their customers for their support over the year and would like to wish all you all a Very Merry Christmas, and Best Wishes for a Peaceful & Prosperous 2025.

MONDAY 23rd DECEMBER ** 9am to 5pm
TUESDAY 24th DECEMBER ** 9am to 4pm
WEDNESDAY 25th DECEMBER CLOSED
THURSDAY 26th DECEMBER 10am to 2pm
FRIDAY 27th DECEMBER ** 9am to 2pm
SATURDAY 28th DECEMBER ** 9am to 5pm
SUNDAY 29th DECEMBER ** 10am to 2pm
MONDAY 30th DECEMBER 10am to 2pm
TUESDAY 31st DECEMBER ** 9am to 2pm
WEDNESDAY 1st JANUARY 10am to 2pm

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APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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



1. **Application 2024/63:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Area Extension**, Nr Rock Club, Half Tree Hollow on Parcel HTH1324. Applicant: Alan Benjamin
2. **Application 2024/64:** FULL Planning Application for **Proposed Covered Area (consisting of 2 x 20ft Containers to either side with an Apex Roof over)**, Break Bulk Yard, Ruperts Cargo Handling Port Facility on Parcel RV0069. Applicant: Captial Programme Section, EDIP, St Helena Government

Copies of the Applications and Plans may be inspected by prior appointment with the Planning Section, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown, Monday to Friday, from 8.30am to 4pm. Appointments can be made with the Administration Assistant on Telephone 24724 or email jane.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

Any person who wishes to make Representations on any of the above Applications should make them in writing to the Planning Office, Essex House, Main Street, Jamestown or Email jane.roberts@sainthelena.gov.sh
Copies of the drawings and plans can be emailed on request on 23rd, 24th, 30th and 31st December 2024 please email shane.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh or patricia.coyle@sainthelena.gov.sh, or can be viewed at Essex House from 2nd January 2025.

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 10th January 2025

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control



OFFICE HOURS FOR THE FESTIVE SEASON

Connect Saint Helena Ltd offices will close for the holidays from 2pm on the 23 December 2024 through to 01 January 2025. Normal business will resume on the 02 January 2025.

During this period faults can be reported as follows:

Electricity: Power Station on 22602.

Water and Sewage: Out of Hours Contractor, David Constantine on 22522 or 61307.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd wishes you all the best for the festive season.



Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 21st December...

Aston Villa 12:30 Manchester City

Brentford 15:00 Nottingham Forest

Ipswich Town 15:00 Newcastle United

West Ham United 15:00 Brighton & Hove Albion

Crystal Palace 17:30 Arsenal

Sunday 22nd December...

Everton 14:00 Chelsea

Fulham 14:00 Southampton

Leicester City 14:00 Wolverhampton Wanderers

Manchester United 14:00 AFC Bournemouth

Tottenham Hotspur 16:30 Liverpool

Golf Report for St Helena Golf Club

Sunday, December 15, 2024

Weather Conditions

On Sunday, December 15, 2024, the St Helena Golf Club experienced beautiful weather conditions that contributed to an enjoyable day of golf. Clear skies and mild temperatures created a perfect atmosphere for the final round of the Turkey and Ham competition.

Competition Overview

The club hosted the last round of the Turkey and Ham competition in a cross-country stroke play format. A total of 14 players participated in this festive event, showcasing their skills on the course as they competed for prizes that included a turkey and ham.

Leaderboard Highlights

The competition was closely contested, with two players, Larry Legg and Keith Buckley, finishing tied at the top of the leaderboard with impressive net scores of 68. Due to a countback rule—whereby scores are compared starting from the last hole played—Keith Buckley emerged as the winner of the turkey prize. Larry Legg, while performing excellently, had to settle for ham as he finished second. In addition to these top performers, only one other player managed to finish in the 60s: Jeffrey Stevens scored a net 69. Despite his strong performance, he missed out on any prizes due to finishing outside the top two positions.

Two Ball Pool Results

In an exciting twist during the competition, Patrick Moyce made a notable birdie on the 12th hole. This achievement allowed him to share in the two-ball pool with Paddo Johnson, who also secured a birdie on the challenging 18th hole. Their performances added an extra layer of excitement to an already competitive day.

Prize Presentation

Prizes were presented by Pat Henry, the Handicaps Manager at St Helena Golf Club. The presentation celebrated not only the winners but also fostered camaraderie among all participants.



Upcoming Events

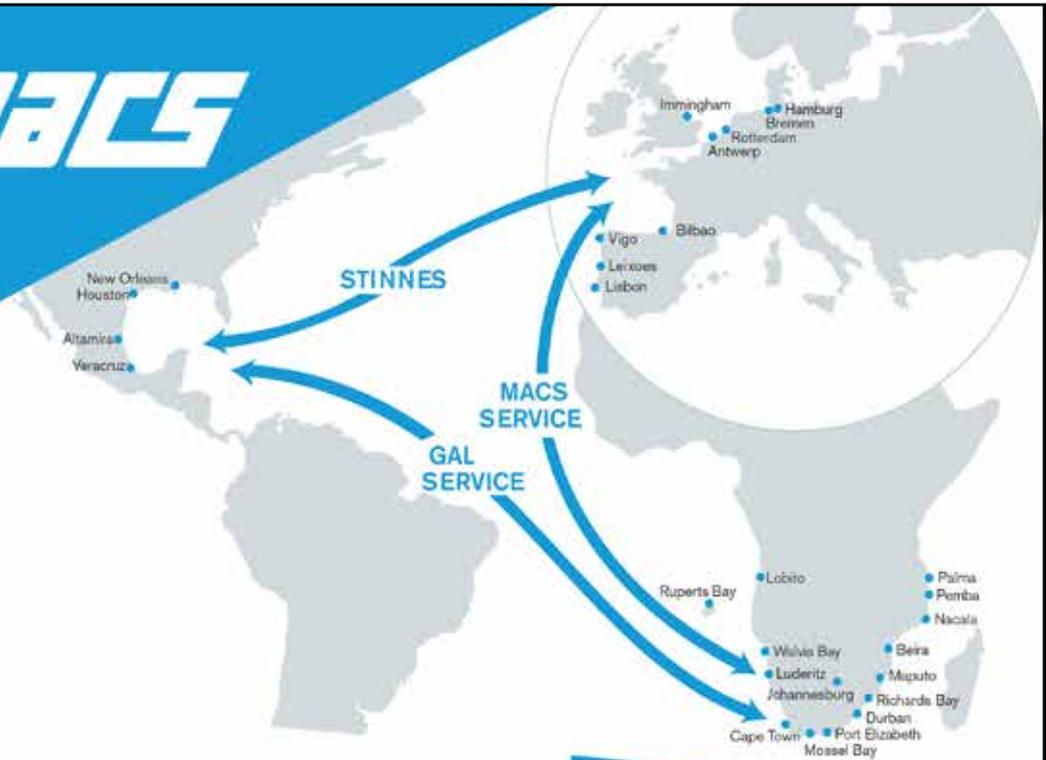
Looking ahead, golfers at St Helena Golf Club can look forward to next Sunday's event on December 22nd—the last monthly medal competition of the year. This upcoming competition will feature a novelty format where all players are encouraged to bring a gift so that everyone can win in keeping with the festive spirit of the season.

Congratulations were extended to all winners and participants for their efforts throughout this enjoyable day of golf!

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Report by SHGC



About

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Our multi-purpose fleet is designed to meet a wide range of shipping needs, offering seamless transportation solutions- for bulk, breakbulk, heavy/over-sized project cargoes and containers.

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Ever since, our goal is to ensure we can provide the demand in terms of flexibility and capacity to meet the needs our customers.

From three centralized trade centres in South Africa, Germany and the US supported by branch offices all along the trading routes, the services operate own and chartered vessels with up to 39.000t cargo capacity and maximum 300t lifting/crane capacity.

We are excited to expand our services to **St. Helena**, bringing the same commitment of professionalism and personal service, that has made **MACS Shipping** a trusted name for decades.



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FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS 2024



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