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CONSTABLE JORDANA PETERS RECEIVES PRESTIGIOUS 'LEADER OF THE FUTURE' AWARD

Police Constable Jordana Peters of the Royal St Helena Police Service has been awarded the prestigious 'Leader of the Future' award, this is an award that is given to a police officer from the Overseas Territories demonstrating the highest level of potential as a future leader.

It is an annual award, where all Police Services in the Overseas Territories can nominate officers from any Overseas Territories which is then assessed by an independent panel to choose the winners.

This event was conducted virtually, allowing for other British Overseas Territories award recipients and representatives to receive their awards and witness Constable Peters being presented one part of her award by Acting Chief of Police, Peter Lansdown, at a ceremony held in HE the Governor's Office on Thursday 10 April 2025, recognising her notable dedication, community involvement, and promising leadership potential.



Constable Peters, who joined the St Helena Police Service immediately after graduating high school at 18 years, has demonstrated remarkable professionalism in serving her close-knit community. In a setting where community familiarity is high, she has consistently proven her ability to maintain a balanced approach to policing, handling both reactive and proactive duties with integrity.

Further demonstrating her commitment to personal and professional growth, Constable Peters is currently pursuing her Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award and her skills in shooting and archery, developed through this programme, present potential for future application within her policing career.

Constable Peters has expressed aspirations to serve as Chief of Police and is a strong advocate for the Women in Policing network, her demonstrated potential and dedication highlight her as a promising individual for St Helena and The Royal St Helena Police Service acknowledges her commitment to continued service to the communities of St Helena and Ascension.

Acting Chief of Police, Peter Lansdown commented:

"Constable Peters dedication to both her professional duties and her community is truly inspiring. She embodies the qualities we seek in future leaders, and we are confident she will make a significant impact on St Helena."



SPORTS WINNER NATIONAL SPORTS COUNCIL ILLIP STRO

The Falkland Islands Sports Council held their Annual Sports Awards Ceremony on Saturday 12th April to honour the great accomplishments, commitment, volunteering and leadership of their sporting community.

The Falkland Islands is now the home of many St Helenians, many take part in local and international sports.

During this year's awards ceremony St Helenian Phillip Stroud formally of Blue Hill was the proud winner of two awards, one for Sports Personality of the Year and the for Club of the Year where Phillip is a member of the island's Cricket club.

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Phillip received the Sports Personality of the Year award for the amazing job he has done over the past year with his performance and contribution to cricket.

At his presentation it was said, "Besides the quality of play, he is one of the most dedicated players, never missing any training sessions or meetings and always doing what is expected of him at all times."

In September 2024, Phillip represented the Falklands in the Americas Select team, playing a tournament in Bermuda. In the international series against Costa Rica in March 2025, Phillip was the star player with the following achievements: -

He scored the second highest innings with a total of 103 runs. He was the 6th best bowler with 6 wickets. He was joint 3rd best fielder with 2 catches and a runout.

Ranked 3rd overall as the most valued player of the series. He received 2 man-of-the -match awards.

He was awarded batsman of the series.

He was the only person from the Falklands to have scored a half century in any international match. What made it more incredible, he did this with an injured finger and could only wear one glove. He was also nurturing a hamstring injury.

He has hit the most sixes and fours of any Falklands International players and has set record partnerships for the 2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th wicket for the Falklands.





His performance in the 4th match against Costa Rica set the platform for the team's victory.

The presentation speech ended with, "Phillip is a brilliant cricketer and ambassador for the Falkland Island." Phillip is a member of the Falkland Cricket Club, winners of the Club of Year award. Phillip's cricket club also marked their successful year with the opening of their new cricket oval and club house. Phillip represented the Falklands in the Americas Select Team alongside players from the USA, Canada, Brazil, Argentina and Bahamas.

Philip has helped cricket continue to grow in popularity with junior sessions increasing and the reinstatement of the women's sessions. Cricket development also includes training of coaches and umpires.

Another achievement was winning 1 of the 5 awards at the most recent ICC Americas regional conference in Costa Rica. Falkland Cricket's work to improve the sport in the Falklands was recognised by the ICC.

Congratulations are extended to Philip on his achievements which continue to make the Falklands Islands proud and St Helena prouder.

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Why is St Helena income tax higher than other British Overseas Territories with higher incomes?

The commemorative event hosted recently by House of Commons Speaker Lyndsay Hoyle has had what, for some, might be seen as unintended consequences. The event in Speaker's House marked the end of the four-year project aimed at managing the diseases affecting trees in St Helena's globally important cloud forest.

Gathered together were a mix of Saints, organisers of institutions and associations with a special interest in St Helena and Members of the House of Commons who are known to support St Helena and other Overseas Territories. Some of the discussions that took place that evening resulted in a series of written questions being tabled on topical issues affecting all of us. Seven written questions were tabled about St Helena for answer by The Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, Ministry of Defence and the Department for Energy Security and Net Zero. Here they are: - Some are edited for brevity

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For answer by FCDO

1. What steps he is taking to prevent further depopulation in the British Overseas Territory of St Helena.

2. If he will explain why it is necessary for income tax within St Helena to be levied at higher rates than other British Overseas Territories with Higher incomes.

- 3. What steps he is taking to ensure the affordability of imported consumer good on St Helena
- 4. What steps he is taking to support subsistence and commercial agriculture on St Helena
- 5. What steps his department is taking to increase employment opportunities in St Helena

For answer by Department for Energy

1. What steps he is taking to reduce the dependence on imported oil on St Helena

For answer by the Ministry of Defence

1. What recent discussions he has had with his American counterpart regarding the future of the airbase on Ascension Island

Next Tuesday, 22nd April, is the date given for when these questions should be answered. Do not expect that all will be revealed about what are pressing and urgent issues for the future of St Helena. Too often the UK Government respond to some questions saying St Helena is a self-governing territory, ask them the question. The smokescreen obscuring who does what on vital decisions deciding St Helena's future fortunes is another reason why we are so unfortunate.

Still, we can only make the best of what we have got. There will be more written questions tabled after Easter, no doubt. Questions is one way to prod the UK Government on St Helena issues, and that certainly needs to be done.

ST HELENA FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION TO ORGANISE ST HELENA'S DAY EVENT

The SHFA are delighted to have been asked to organise this year's St Helena's Day event and are holding a committee meeting to start the planning process on 16th April. More details of the proposals for the event will be released after that meeting. However, as we are already very close to the date, the SHFA will appreciate hearing from anyone willing to assist in the planning of the event and/or assisting with the event itself. Anyone interested should contact the SHFA Chair, **David Price**, on **67897** or via e-mail *david.price@sainthelena.gov.sh.*

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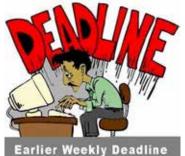
Questions the Independent Asks the St Helena Government

The Independent asked SHG, through the usual channels that media questions are asked,

"News is now everywhere that the UK-Mauritius agreement on the sovereignty of the Chagos Islands is close to completion.

Can it be officially confirmed that St Helena not received any visitors claiming refugee status (or similar) that have been transferred from the Chagos Islands?"

That was on 2nd April. On 10th April a reply was received. The answer was, 'no, there have been no visitors to St Helena from the Chagos Islands claiming refugee status.' Or to put it exactly as stated in the email "We acknowledge the media's reporting that no migrants have been transferred to St Helena". The first thing to note here is 2nd April was a Wednesday; the Independent went ahead with the Chagos story on Friday 4th April. That job was finished; immediately we move on to other things. Sometimes we move on, searching desperately for other things. So, the response, received eight days later, on the day the following week's edition goes to print was just confirmation that what we thought was right, is officially right.



That's this week - it's Easter

As mentioned a bit earlier, the SHG spokesperson 'acknowledged' what

the independent reported but did not use the word 'confirm'. Acknowledge can mean only to accept the existence of something – like the existence of the Independent report the previous Friday. The word 'acknowledge' can mean 'confirm' but not necessarily. Any lawyer or any person who decodes official statements will know the difference.

There is no doubt that nobody has arrived here via the Chagos Islands. The point is, the wrong choice of words can raise doubts.

After acknowledging that specific point, the SHG Spokesman **Chagos Agreement with Mauritius Close to Completion**

News broke on Tuesday /early Wednesday that the UK and Mauritus are close to completing the agreement on the transfer of Chagos Islands. overeighty from the UK to Mauritium When the agreement is signed-off a related agreement between the and St Helena will no longer be in force. This agreement, signed last October, where St Helena accepts rofugoes from the Chagos Islands, will automatically fail when Chagos uagos ignity is transforred to Mauritius As fair as is known, no inflagees from the Chagos islands have been brought to St Helena in the last

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took the Independent to task for, making an 'assertion that this agreement becomes null and void upon the signing of a UK-Mauritius deal'. The Independent was told this is incorrect. Hold on there spokesperson! What the Independent actually printed was 'When the agreement is signed-off, the related agreement between the UK and St Helena will no longer be in force.'

No apologies for making the point here again about the meaning of words and phrases, after all, words is what we do.

Signing an agreement and 'signing-off' an agreement are not the same thing. M'Lud, the defence calls expert witnesses – they be various dictionary definitions. At this point it is worth noting the fascinating thing about the English language is that many words can mean the same thing, but not quite. Also, one phrase can have several interpretations, all similar but not the same.

Signing-off something means that it is acknowledged (or confirmed) that something has come to an end. As spokesperson rightly indicates, signing an agreement is not the end of the story - but signing-off on an agreement is.

SHG spokesperson continued by pointing out, "The St Helena agreement remains valid until the UK-Mauritius deal, which transfers responsibility for the islands to Mauritius, comes into force." At that point. The termination of the UK-SHG deal will be signed-off. On that spokesperson and the Independent happily agree. So, spokesperson, the Independent is unable to respond to you directly because, like all spokespersons, you remain anonymous (and unaccountable) - so the Independent unfortunately has to respond through this newspaper.

Your final comment was "The media's portrayal of the agreement becoming 'redundant imminently' is misleading. We believe this distinction is crucial for accurate reporting."

Nowhere in the Chagos report published on 4th April was it written that anything becomes 'redundant imminently'. It was reported, "This agreement, signed last October, where St Helena accepts refugees from the Chagos Islands, will automatically fall when Chagos sovereignty is transferred to Mauritius." Which is similar to the anonymous spokesperson's description, "until the UK-Mauritius deal, which transfers responsibility for the islands to Mauritius, comes into force."

So, spokesperson, please be assured the Independent is as concerned as you are about media reporting being as accurate as possible. What would help in that respect is responses to media enquiries being handled with reasonable promptness. On that point, I have not received any responses to requests from SHG on details of SHG's overview of Sure St Helena, nor about how much money, if any, remains from the European Union funding for St Helena's fibre-optic cable.



RSPB 'Fears' for Major Overseas Territory Funding

The RSPB have stated they are fearful for the future of Darwen Plus funding for major projects across the Overseas Territories. St Helena has benefitted greatly from this fund.

Darwen Plus has allocated £1.2 million for recent St Helena projects which have either just ended or will end next March. St Helena is also benefitting from current cross-territory projects valued at £697,000. These projects are aimed at prevention of invasive non-native species, controlling plastic pollution, improving grasslands, managing cloud forest viral & bacterial diseases and marine research.

The RSPB statement says the UK government had committed £10 million to the Darwin Plus fund each year until March this year. We are expecting the UK Government to make a decision about the fund's future as part of the Spending Review this summer. Any cuts in this funding would be catastrophic: without any other major source of income, conservation in the territories could grind to a halt.

The UK Government is conducting a Spending Review which is due to finish on 11th June. The UK Government has announced the "Spending Review will set out plans for day to day spending for four years to 2028 29, and for capital spending for five years to 2029 30 alongside a 10 Year Infrastructure Strategy. Going forward the government has committed to holding a Spending Review every two years, setting departmental budgets for a minimum of three years."

The announcement adds, "This will not be a business as usual Spending Review. The government has fundamentally reformed the process to make it zero based, collaborative, and data led, in order to make sure that the government is seizing the biggest opportunities to rewire the state and deliver the Plan for Change."

The 'Plan for Change' is another UK Government initiative starting last December. This Plan covers economic issues, the health service, energy provision, more police on the streets and better life opportunities for children.

The Darwen Plus fund is for environmental improvements. The Plan for Change uses the word 'environment' three times. Twice when referring to the business environment and a third time in connection with clean energy.



white chinned petrels - Falklands



Inaccessible Island – invasive New Zealand flax



rockhopper penguins – Tristan



And the St Helena wirebird – of course

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UK governments love to boast about biodiversity and its protection in the Overseas Territories. Let's hope they don't now think it's OK for the BOTs biodiversity to decline in the same way it has in the UK.

Two House of Commons Library publications on biodiversity tell very different stories. The one entitled 'The UK Overseas Territories: Climate change and



biodiversity' tells us, "The natural environments of the UK's 14 Overseas Territories (OTs) are of global significance. Ranging from Antarctica to the Caribbean, and from the Pacific to the Atlantic, they contain around 94% of all the unique species that the UK is responsible for and have marine areas that extend over 2% of the world's ocean surface."

The other publication is called simply, 'Biodiversity Loss' and focuses on the UK only. The story described there is very different: -

1. Average abundance of 753 terrestrial and freshwater species has fallen by an estimated 18% since 1970.

- 2. Average flowering plant distributions have fallen by 16% since 1970
- 3. There was an average decline in seabird abundance of 24% between 1986 and 2019

Abundance indicators for commercial fish stocks increased at the end of the last century but have fallen back since then and show little change compared to their early 1990s baseline
16% of all species in Great Britain (where sufficient data is available) are threatened with extinction.

Will non-governmental organisations in the British Overseas Territories lobby the UK Government in support of the Darwen Plus fund? It will be interesting to see how this unfolds.

South Georgia Cruise Ship Visitors to Pay £200 for Permit

The Government of South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands has announced that it will launch a new electronic permit system (EPS) for visitors to the Territories. The permits replace the current system of levying landing fees. The cost of a visitor permit will be set initially at £200.

Planned to start in June this year, the passenger landing fee the new system replaces costs £146, rising to a maximum of £250 for longer stays. In addition, customs fees are payable if a customs officer visits a ship. These fees start at £36 and can rise to a minimum of £84 if a visit is made outside normal working hours. In the latest announcement on the SGSSI government website, it is explained, '80% of Government expenditure goes towards protecting the unique environment that is South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands. Increases in these charges will help to ensure that the Government can continue to provide outstanding stewardship and implement the vision to protect, sustain and inspire.'

Commissioner for South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands Alison Blake said, "The new system will help us to manage increasing tourism and support long-term conservation in South Georgia."

On a different topic, one of the many things that can attract someone to travel to South Georgia is because it is a memorable place to get married. One factor when making the decision on whether or not to take the plunge in South Georgia is the administrative fee payable for the marriage; it's £416. Mention is made of the marriage licence. Any couple seriously considering the South Georgia option should confirm whether the marriage licence fee is included in the administration fee.

The locations available for the marriage ceremony are covered on the government website. Outdoor locations are included. Tying the knot with the museum as a backdrop is one of them. Another is to swear undying allegiance to one another between two wrecked boats called Seal Catchers and named *Dias* and *Albatross*.



Not sure, but it could be whale bones lying around the feet of the happy couple – it gives a bit of atmosphere to the occasion.











Easter Traditions



Leading up to Easter, Lent is recognised where people give up a certain item or hobby for 40 days. Palm Sunday is the beginning of Holy week where traditionally people attend church services and receive a small cross made out of palm leaves as a reminder of Jesus entrance into Jerusalem. Whilst many on-island take the opportunity of the long weekend to relax, unwind and enjoy their different traditional excursions to celebrate Easter; some families and friends get together for a camping weekend. Others get out their fishing gear to enjoy a traditional Maundy Thursday fishing trip on the rocks, high seas or from various points around the island. The kids (or adults too) look forward to digging into those Easter Eggs.

Church Services across the island were held throughout Holy Week and Easter with Maundy Thursday being referred by the Christians as The Last Supper when many share bread and wine together in churches across the island commonly known as Holy Communion to remember The Last Supper. Then follows Good Friday and services to commemorate the execution of Jesus by Crucifixion and Easter Sunday marking the Resurrection.



After a great fishing trip, the smell of Fried Bullseyes, Conger, Soldiers, Grouper and other species along with a Hot Cross Bun, pickled fish and Cup of Coffee on Good Friday is a treat and could be smelt in every district as you drive through.

Some observe Easter Saturday, as the holiest day of Easter as it's the day Jesus laid in the tomb guarded by Roman Soldiers but on St Helena most take advantage to restock their supplies, have a day visiting friends at the camping grounds or just relax.



Easter Sunday begins on St Helena with a sunrise service organised by the Salvation Army followed by services by other denominations across the island to mark the resurrection of Jesus from the tomb. Many families marked this day by getting together, sharing a meal, drinks and enjoying each other's company with fun, games and laughter.

An activity St Helena was known for in the past, it's a shame it has not continued and become annual tradition, is an Easter Sale organised by New Horizons. Also, the annual Fish Fry at the Standard Bar, started after legislation was passed to allow establishments to open on Good Friday. Families also were lined along the seafront, fishing, with their gas burners cooking or waiting until



the fishermen arrive with their boats full of fish to sell them Bullseye or Soldier. Let's hope in future years we can pick up some of these traditions again. It leaves me to say Happy Easter from all at the St Helena Independent.







SPORTS AWARDS Saint Shines in Sports

Another St Helenian shined in the Falkland Islands Sports Council Annual Sports Awards Ceremony on Saturday 12th April. This time it was 15-year -old Sophie Dalton, the daughter of Mark & Sarah Dalton nee Caswell of Half Tree Hollow.

Sophie was the proud winner of two awards, one for Young Sports Personality of the Year, also for Team of the Year where Sophie was part of the Girls Football Team in Punta Arenas 2025 as a striker.

Sophie received the Young Sports Personality of the Year award for having an exceptional year of sporting performance. The citation went on to say "Sophie was a pivotal player in the massively successful Punta tour where she claimed two player of the matches and walked away as the tournament's highest scorer with 4 goals (including a hat trick!).



She has outstanding attendance, commitment and performances in the Girls vs Ladies preparatory games which allowed Sophie to shine on the international stage this year, and beyond the football pitch. She has demonstrated athletic prowess throughout impressive performance on FICS sports days. In 2025 she broke the 100m sprint record with an impressive time of 15.03s. she also took home the best female athlete prize at the Junior Falklands Games.





The citation speech concluded with presenting Sophie her award, saying "Sophie is an incredible athlete and her achievements this year have been second to none."

The second award for Sophie was for being part of the Team of Year, the Girls Football Team. They showcased their skills in Punta Arenas in 2025 as the first ever female football team to represent the Falklands overseas.

Many of the girls in the team are multi-sport athletes. Five of them were Year 11s, juggling their GCCE preparations yet they gave their immense commitment to training and team building before and throughout the tour.

Before the presentation it was said "the team have made themselves, their families, and the entire Falkland Islands proud"

Congratulations are extended to Sophie on her achievements. Sophie will continue to make the Falklands Islands proud and St Helena more proud.







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Boost for Ascension Marine Conservation with New Seabed Geology Maps

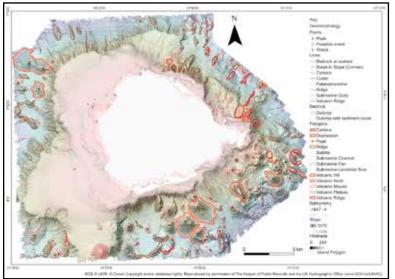
Earlier this month the British Geological Survey delivered the first marine geology and habitat maps to Ascension for their 445,000 sq km marine protected area (MPA).

Ascension's MPA is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world and safeguards a unique ecosystem in the South Atlantic. It supports many species that are found nowhere else on earth, a mixture of deep sea and open ocean habitats that remain largely untouched and unexplored.

The British Geological Survey (BGS) recently completed a programme of high-resolution bathymetry surveys and drop-camera sampling within the nearshore areas of the Island. The survey team even managed to collect data where no other survey had ever been undertaken, which in addition to supporting conservation efforts, will also enable safer navigation in future.

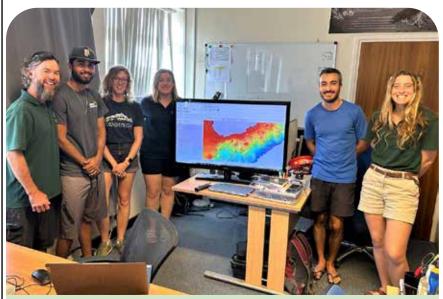
The project was funded by the UK Government and utilised both BGS and Royal Navy bathymetry (depth),

backscatter (seabed composition), groundtruth sampling (underwater video footage) and many other derived data layers to create the suite of bespoke geological outputs. The maps, which include seabed geology (substrate and geomorphology) and habitat, are the first to be created for the Island and determine the character, distribution and extent of the nearshore habitats of the MPA. Mapping of the sea-bed surface reveals a collection of previously unmapped volcanic, erosion-depositional and coastal features including seamounts, submerged lava flows, ridges, submarine landslides and channels. Whilst the substrate map focused on the nearshore areas, composed of sandy



sediments and rocky outcrops which are fundamental habitats for the marine communities. Both maps have enhanced the understanding of seabed processes and geological processes occurring around Ascension Island and enabled the creation of seabed habitat maps which provide unprecedented insight into the diverse ecosystems present in the surrounding waters.

As part of the project, the BGS Marine team provided training to the Ascension Island Government (AIG) in how to effectively use GIS software to view, edit, query and manipulate the data. The intention is for AIG to modify these maps as new data and knowledge becomes available and the management requirements of



The Ascension Consevation Team during a training session with British Geological Survey scientist Catriona MacDonald

the protected area changes. Although the region is rich in biodiversity it is one of the habitats most at risk from anthropogenic development and climate change. The maps and data will be a vital resource for the AIG Conservation team as they continue to manage and safeguard the region. Rhys Cooper, BGS Project Manager and Senior Surveyor said, "The collection of new high-resolution datasets around Ascension Island allowed us to map the seafloor geology in unprecedented detail, uncovering critical geological features and habitats that support a rich diversity of marine life, and marks a significant milestone in our understanding of Ascension Island's marine environment."

BBC World Service Being Squeezed Again Another Cost-Cutting Exercise, Giving Way to Dictators and Authoritarian Governments

There seem to be a lot of people in St Helena who tune into the BBC World Service for news and information. They sometimes say strange things on World Service radio these days. Listeners can have their ears glued to the radio when something raises their interest, when a person at the microphone might say, 'as you will see...' or 'we are going to show you...' How can you 'see' or 'be shown' when you are listening to the radio?

There is an answer. A simple but regrettable one. In the constant efforts to save money and keep within reducing budgets, BBC World Service radio sometimes uses the sound track from their sister TV broadcasters BBC World News or BBC News in the UK. It saves sending a radio reporter and sound crew as well as TV reporter and camera crew to some distant place where the next crisis is unfolding. This example of cost-saving is one of many within the BBC World Service. It is important because the BBC World Service is widely recognised by listeners in others countries, especially where there are dictators or authoritarian governments, as the best for reliable and balanced news. The latest survey comparing the audiences for overseas broadcasters found, "The BBC retains pole position for trust and is also ranked first for reliability and independence amongst international news providers." The audience figures also remain strong. "The BBC World Service, operating across the 42 language services, saw audiences of 320million in 2024 (318m in 2023).

UK Aid is also on the receiving end of another enormous squeeze. Since DFID was swallowed up by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office in September 2020, UK Aid in 2025 has fallen to less than half of what it was in 2021. As a result, the beneficial influence the UK is able to exert on global issues has reduced. The influence gained evaporates as the UK Aid is withdrawn.

The goodwill and trust created by the BBC World Service for reliable reporting has reduced as their broadcasting budget is put under increasing pressure. The financial squeeze on BBC World Service means some foreign language services have been closed down; regional offices have been opened in other countries and some administrative departments have been absorbed by local BBC UK departments. When closing down some foreign language services the radio frequencies used have been snapped up by China, Russia, or another unfriendly nation for their own overseas broadcasts. When regional offices have been set up in the countries the BBC World Service broadcasts to, the government of the country can exert pressure if the BBC do not broadcast what they want to hear. The Azerbaijan government 'suspended' BBC operations in February this year. The BBC reported that BBC News Azerbaijani reached on average one million people every week and its audience has been increasing. BBC broadcasts in Azerbaijani have now closed down. A news website in the Middle East also reported in March this year, "Overseas audiences will

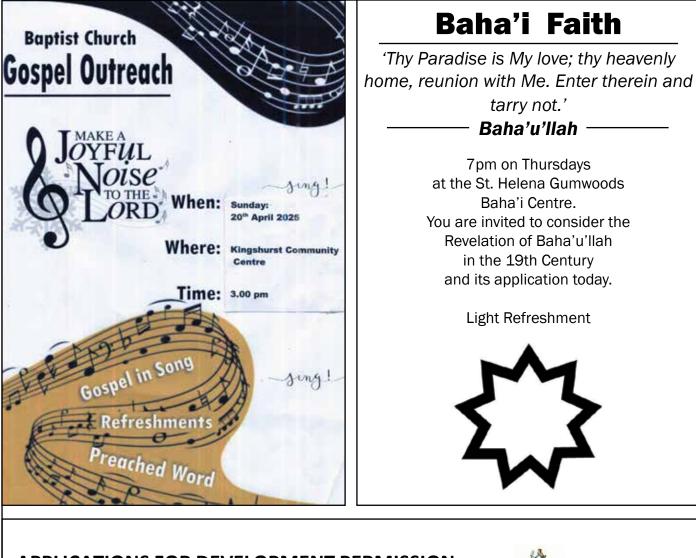
no longer be able to listen to many of the BBC's radio stations after the broadcaster decided to limit access to its audio streaming services."

The continual squeeze on the BBC World Service budget has been described as 'death by a thousand cuts.' In Donald Trump's United States, the same damage is done, but done differently.

The US equivalent of BBC World Service is called Voice of America. If you go online to listen to VOA now, there is only popular music constantly being streamed. Trump signed a bit of paper to close it down and that was it. It closed down straightaway. Clearly Trump did not want any government money funding reliable and balanced reporting. The US president did the same with US AID, slashing the budget instantly by £39 billion. Trump's slash and burn decisions have endless court cases in their wake contesting his recklessness – but the damage is done. Waiting in the wings are authoritarian governments to fill the vacuum; China in particular is reported to be spending billions doing this.



The US and also the UK, cutting spending and at the same time reducing choice for the way ahead in the future



APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT PERMISSION

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



 Application 2025/16: FULL Planning Application for Creation of Access Road from Main Road to Property, Bottom Woods on Parcels LWN0195 & LWN0212. Applicant: Raymond Crowie

 Application 2025/17: FULL Planning Application for Covered Way Extension to Home, Head O'Wain on Parcel BG0143. Applicant: Walter & Doris Williams 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

rea.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

stating the Application Reference Number they wish to inspect.

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

Public Representation Closing Date: 4pm – 1 May 2025

Patricia Coyle, Head of Planning & Building Control

My Autism Journey – In My Own Words

My connection to St Helena comes from my mothers side. My grandmother is Lettie (Iva) Constantine and my grandfather is Raymond (Roy) Constantine (the older brother of Bobby Goose)

My autism story begins back in primary school, during Year 4. I had a long-suffering teacher who noticed early on that I was always bouncing around, couldn't sit still, and struggled with social cues that other kids my age seemed to pick up naturally. She had a chat with my parents and from there we started going through the SENCO process.

At the time, I didn't really understand what was going on. I just knew there was something different about me. Looking back now, it felt like something was wrong with me, but actually, the key word here is different, not wrong.

Eventually, I was referred to CAMHS (Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services) and went through a range of assessments. The outcome? I was diagnosed with a combined neurotype – definite traits of autism alongside very clear ADHD. And after that, it was like "great, you've got this" but... now what?

Unfortunately, at the time, there wasn't a huge amount of research or support available, so I didn't receive any additional help. I wasn't given an understanding of what I had, or how it might impact me. I just knew it was going to be a struggle. I didn't have the language to explain my needs because I didn't even know what those needs were – and that's a massive thing to try and figure out when you're just leaving primary school and stepping into secondary.

So yes, my journey has been bumpy in places. There've been moments where I've struggled to concentrate, or where not being able to express how I was feeling caused problems. One of the

hardest things I've had to rein in is my tendency to speak my mind. That might be part autism, part St Helenian heritage, but either way, it's got me in trouble before. I've said the wrong thing, missed a social cue, or misread the room – and it's backfired, badly.

But, there are also parts of my autism that are brilliant. I have a deep love of learning and my interests run wide and very deep. Whether it's digital marketing, jazz music, ballroom dancing or my beautiful heritage from St Helena – I go all in. And because of that, I've been able to bring my passions and professional skills together in a way that's led to a fun and fulfilling life across several careers.

As I've grown older, and especially over the past few years, i've been able to learn more about myself. There's more information available now, and more understanding. I've



started to manage my condition better, to adapt, and to find what works for me. The biggest thing? Learning to vocalise what I need. Saying "okay, this doesn't work for me" has been a game-changer. It's such a small thing on the surface but it's made a massive difference.

It's been a journey, for sure. But I've reached a point where I'm truly comfortable in myself. I'm proud of who I am. Autism and ADHD are a part of me – and even with those things, I am successful, I am loved and I'm 100% on the path to greatness. And believe you me – that is happening.



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.

Contact 23163.

Enjoy a

Spit Roast Pig Meal At Harford Community Centre On Friday 25th April at 7pm

£15 per person Bookings for the meal must be made by Friday 18th April

At 9pm Harford Community centre will be open to everyone Music will be provided by KJ Entrance Fee - £2

To book a meal, please call Jenny – 24727 or Cavell – 25756 or Dulcie - 24341 This event is organised by St Matthews Parish



Festival of Walking - Thank You





St Helena Tourism would like to say huge congratulations and well done to everyone that participated in the Festival of Walking 2024/25.

Thank you to the walking guides who led the way, sharing their stories and knowledge of the walks to participants.

This year's festival saw an incredible 252 walkers take part, covering a combined distance of 107.3km across all the walks. We hope everyone enjoyed the diverse landscapes, learning about the island's history and making friendships while exploring the island.

If you have images to promote the walks on St Helena, please contact us at visit@sainthelena.gov.sh.

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AVAILABLE NOW

Situated in Guinea Grass, St Pauls Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has this property available to let as accommodation



HOME FEATURES

The property consists of the following fully furnished rooms:

- Two Bedrooms
- Bathroom and Toilet
- Kitchen
- Open-Plan Dining Room and Lounge
- Store Room
- Sizeable front Lawn (grounds maintenance included)

Less than 5-Minute Drive to the Nearest Store

TV and Internet Facilities Available; Tenant to arrange connection with Local Service Provider

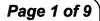
Rental Price: £450.00 per Month

CONTACTUS Ian Gough, General Manager (Services & Properties) Telephone: 22380 Email: GM-Services.Properties@solomons.co.sh

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Job Vacancies - "New Job - New Opportunity"





VACANCY NOTICE

Trainee Communications Technician

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for a Trainee Communications Technician at the BBC Atlantic Relay Station on Ascension Island.

The post holder will form part of the Transmitting Station's engineering team tasked with ensuring the BBC Atlantic Relay Station's transmitters and associated systems are maintained and kept operational, in order to carry out all scheduled transmissions.

Requirements

- A good standard of education with GCSE Maths, English and Science Grade C or above
- Ability to communicate well, both verbally and in writing, with internal and external customers
- Ability to maintain accurate technical and administrative records
- Strong self-motivation and the ability to work and study with minimum supervision
- IT Literate, particularly in use of Email, Microsoft Word and Excel
- UK passport holder
- Class A driving licence
- Ability and willingness to undertake studies in the UK for periods of time
- Ability and willingness to carry out call-out/standby duties and to work unsociable and flexible hours if required

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Good knowledge of safe working practices and safety procedures
- Recognised certification or education in any technical discipline (Electrical, Electronics, Communications and/or Radio Frequency)
- Experience in Electrical, Electronics, Communications, and/or Radio Frequency
- Workshop skills including hand and power tools
- High Voltage Authorisation or related experience

Remuneration and Package

The salary is dependent on competence and experience. We are offering a two year contract with either single or household status. In addition to a basic salary, you will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A single food allowance of £3,905.00
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period
- Utilities (Water, Electricity and Phone) Allowance

Please note that any offer of employment will be subject to satisfactory criminal and professional vetting, valid travel documents as well as satisfactory medical clearance.

For a **Job Application Form**, full **Job Description** and for any further information, please contact Administration Officer, Krystal Phillips at <u>KPhillips@encompass.tv</u>

Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than Friday 25th April 2025

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VACANCY NOTICE

Assistant Storekeeper

Job Description

Encompass has a vacancy for an Assistant Storekeeper on Ascension Island. The post holder will form part of the Stores Team and will be based at the Power Station. Duties will include Stores and Procurement, issuing and receiving goods, maintaining inventory and stock records as well as planned maintenance reporting and assisting with the coordination of station vehicle usage and maintenance.

Requirements

- GCSE Maths and English (minimum 'C' grade or equivalent)
- Driving licence for Class A vehicles
- Proven working knowledge and experience of storekeeping systems
- Good organisational and time management skills
- Computer literate with strong working knowledge of Microsoft suite
- Confident and capable in problem solving, able to work on personal initiative
- The ability to use one's own initiative
- Excellent communications skills
- Be physically fit

Desirable Qualifications and Experience

- Driving licence for Class B vehicles
- Manual Handling Training
- Knowledge and understanding of Health & Safety procedures
- Forklift Licence Class J

Remuneration and Package

We are offering a two year contract with either Single or Accompanied status. The salary, dependant on experience, starts at £12,000 per annum (taxable on Ascension). You will also be entitled to:

- Rent-free accommodation
- A food allowance of £3,905 (or £7,329 if joined by eligible dependants)
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including a personal vehicle
- One paid return journey to country of residence during your contract period
- Utilities (Water, Electricity and Phone) Allowance

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Applications should be submitted on our job application form, no later than Wednesday 30th April 2025



All communication, clarifications, general questions and submissions of your responses must be made via the e-Procurement Portal.

Please refer to the e-Procurement System for the key dates, including the tender submission date.

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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, have excellent customer service skills. Must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have 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:

- Maintain an accurate filing system for client's files, both paper-based and electronically;
- 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 Monday, 28 April 2025.

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Market Street, Jamestown

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Lending Services Officer (Commercial)

Commencing at £12,732 per annum

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

Responsible to the Assistant Lending Services Manager, the successful candidate must be flexible to work demands, have excellent customer service skills and be self-motivated. Candidates should have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have 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:

- To ensure all loan applications received are accurately completed, all supporting documentation is included and that loans are processed in line with the Bank's policies and procedures;
- To ensure key principles of professional credit management are maintained and the lending service is administered in an efficient, objective and timely manner;
- Liaising with clients throughout the loan approval process providing a high standard of customer service;
- Analysing loan applications in line with Bank's Policies and Procedures, to ensure they meet the Lending criteria;
- Liaising with clients to ensure they are compliant with the terms and conditions of their Facility Agreements

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Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

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Paid sickness absence

How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit <u>www.sainthelena.gov.sh/governm</u> <u>ent/vacancies</u> 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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To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.

Staff Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Hospital Nursing team currently have opportunities for motivated individuals to join their team of nurses. You will be responsible for delivering a high quality evidence based nursing care within the hospital setting under the direction of the Hospital Sisters/Charge Nurses and the Chief Nursing Officer. The role requires you to provide an efficient and effective nursing service, through assessments, planning, implementation and evaluation of care. If you have good interpersonal skills with the ability to communicate effectively then we would like to hear from you.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email: marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 23 April 2025

Community Nurse (£12,049 per annum)

The Community Nurse will work within the community either at the District Clinics or in the patient's home. Deliver Nursing Care as part of a team. Supporting the Community Nursing Sister in the delivery of an efficient/effective nursing service and has responsibility for assessment, planning, delivery and evaluation of care. Management of a caseload of patients under the direction of the Sister or Chief Nursing Officer.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Marilyn Essex on Tel No 22500 or Email: marilyn.essex@sainthelena.gov.sh Closing date: 23 April 2025

Administration Support (Inclusion) (£7,960 per annum)

Do you have good organisational skills with the ability to plan, prioritise work and can meet deadlines? If so, the Inclusion Section within the Education, Skills & Employment Portfolio has an opportunity for you to join their small team to provide an efficient and effective administration service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Sharon Peters on Tel No. 25408 or Email: Sharon.Peters@sainthelena.edu.sh Closing date: 18 April 2025

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Joint Emergency Services Control Centre (JESCC) Operator

(£10,747 per annum)

Do you want to make a difference to your community and be of service when it is needed the most? The St Helena JESCC is looking to recruit a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual to form part of their small, but busy team. This role will require you to have excellent communication skills with the ability to deal with vulnerable and distressed members of the public.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:Cheyenne Furniss on Tel No. 22626 or Email:

cheyenne.furniss@sainthelena.gov.shClosing date:18 April 2025

1:1 Teaching Assistant (Prince Andrew School) (£8,419 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Carolyn Yon on Tel No. 24290 or Email: carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh Closing date: 22 April 2025

Cover Supervisor (Prince Andrew School) (£10,361 per annum)

Within the role of Cover Supervisor you will be required to provide effective and efficient support to the school in organising and undertaking cover for absent colleagues. In addition where applicable, be also involved in planning, teaching and assessing students in designated subject areas.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries:Isabel Andrews on Tel No. 24290 or Emailisabel.andrews@sainthelena.edu.shClosing date:29 April 2024

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Trainee Helmsmen (Sea Rescue) (£7,700 per annum) Applications will be considered from 16 years +

Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary) (£5.37 per hour) 18 years + and must be able to swim

and pass a fitness test. The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

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 the above opportunities for you to join their team. Contact us for more information and a discussion on the above posts.

Mark Caswell or Leeroy Caswell on Tel No. 25215 **Enquiries:** or Email: mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh or leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh Closing date: 22 April 2025

Housing Officer (2 month Fixed-Term Contract to commence 9 June 2025) (£9,781 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Management Service. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries:

Melissa Fowler on Tel No. 22270 or Email: Melissa.fowler@sainthelena.gov.sh **Closing date:** 24 April 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

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ASCENSION ISLAND GOVERNMENT

Temporary Painters

Total Package value up to £20,621 pa

(comprising salary up to £10,589 pa plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We're looking for 2 Painters to work on the exterior decoration of AIG properties in Two Boats. The maximum duration of employment is 6 months.

What you'll do

You'll carry out exterior decoration of bungalows and other buildings, including preparation works.

What you'll bring

You'll have previous experience of painting / decorating duties and may also have gained a qualification in this area. You'll have a good level of fitness, which will include the ability to lift reasonable weights, work at heights and in varying temperature and work conditions. You'll also have a high level of attention to detail and will be able to work both independently and as part of a team. You will need a clean and valid driver's license for Classes A & B in St Helena and Ascension.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of up to £10,589 pa (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a sixmonth 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 £3,840 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance paid in kind worth £3,140 pa
- A single status water allowance paid in kind worth £1,852 pa
- 30 days paid annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

Additional Information

- There are 2 posts available in total.
- These final two vacancies will complete the 6 posts will be split into 2 teams of 3.
- AIG will nominate 1 person in each team of 3 to be a working Chargehand. The Chargehand will receive an additional £100 per month.

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date:	05 May 2025	
Interviews:	from w/c 12 May 2025	
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: <u>recruitment@ascension.gov.ac</u>

LOCAL SPORTS

Cricket Results & Fixtures St Helena Cricket Association



Saturday 12/4/25

Western A Mustangs - 76/8(20 overs) Tyler Anthony - 18*(25) Owen Richards - 13(17) Jordan Yon - 3/15(4 overs) Jordi Henry - 1/9(4 overs)

Challengers 82/3(8.3 overs) Andrew Yon - 30(23) Trystan Thomas - 19*(6) Jamie Ellick - 1/4(1 over) Kyle Bennett - 1/24(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Jordan Yon(Challengers)

Sunday 13/4/25

Jamestown Heat 184/6(20 overs) Dax Richards - 65(47) Jamie Essex - 42(32) Martin Cranfield - 4/18(3 overs) Michael Bedwell - 1/23(2 overs)

Cobras 106/10(18 overs)

Michael Bedwell - 28(31) Rieedwaan Richards - 15(21) Jason Thomas - 3/17(4 overs) Jamie Essex - 2/11(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Dax Richards (Jamestown Heat)

Levelwood Allstars 67/10(15.2 overs) Ross Henry - 21(14) Brendan Leo - 16(18) Ajay Bennett - 3/13(4 overs) Rhys Francis - 2/5(2 overs) Sandy Bay Pirates73/2(7.3 overs) Sanjay Clingham - 32(17) Rhys Francis - 19*(7) Clayton Leo - 2/32(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Rhys Francis (Sandy Bay Pirates)

Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:

No fixtures for the Easter Weekend, however Cricket matches will resume on: Saturday 26/4/25

13:30 Western A Mustangs v Levelwood Rebels (Umpires: Brett Isaac and Gavin Ellick)

Sunday 27/4/25

09:30

Jamestown Heat v Challengers (Umpires: Gareth Johnson and Weston Clingham)

13:30

Sandy Bay Pirates v Cobras (Umpires: Dane Leo and Clayton Leo)





The match commentator said 'game over' after 28 minutes when PSG were 2-0 up on the night and 4 up on aggregate. Tielemans got one back for Villa in the first half, McGinn and Konsa scored for Villa in the second half making it a tense thriller for Prince William and friends in a hospitality suite at Villa Park.

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Plenty of attempts at goal. Several near-misses but the much-needed goal did not come Villa's way. PSG progress to the semi-finals.

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251207	LILAC ROLLER 251209	BRIGHT SKY 251211
Immingham	08-Mar	12-Apr	10-May
	KAROLINE 251704	KAROLINE 251705	KAROLINE 251706
Cape Town	17-Apr	19-May	16-Jun
Rupert's Bay	25-Apr	27-May	24-Jun
Ascension Island	-	-	-
	KAROLINE 251804	KAROLINE 251805	KAROLINE 251806
Cape Town	08-May	09-Jun	07-Jul

*schedule may change without prior notice. For the latest updates, please visit our website.



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LOCAL SPORTS

Golf Report: Par 3 Competition Report by the St Helena Golf Club

The Par 3 competition held on April 13th was a thrilling event that showcased the guile and competitiveness of the 15 players who participated. This report details the results and highlights from the day.

The Par 3 format is known for its unique challenges, requiring precision and accuracy over shorter distances. On this day, players demonstrated their abilities, leading to an exciting finish.

Peter Bagley emerged as the champion of the day,



demonstrating remarkable consistency throughout his rounds. He finished with a net score of 57, which was matched by Keith Joshua **"KJ"**, who had to settle for second place due to a countback rule. The countback system is used in golf competitions to break ties by comparing scores on the last nine holes, then the last six, and so forth until a winner is determined.

In third place was **Hensil Beard**, who also performed admirably with a net score of 58. His performance earned him recognition and applause from fellow competitors, well done Henzie!

Additionally, there were two players who shared the two-ball pool prize: **Keith Buckley** and **Reuben Oliphant**. Their contributions added an extra layer of excitement to the competition.

Upcoming Events

Sunday the 20th April - The 18 hole Stableford Competition

Sunday 27th April - Monthly Medal

Please sign up in the usual way or you can leave your name and telephone number on 24421.



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