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Cat's Chorus

Father David Musgrave held a memorial service last week for Pope Francis. It was a simple, short service, but most important, a demonstration of respect for a man who touched the hearts and won the respect of people whose spiritual beliefs transcended the Roman Catholic church.

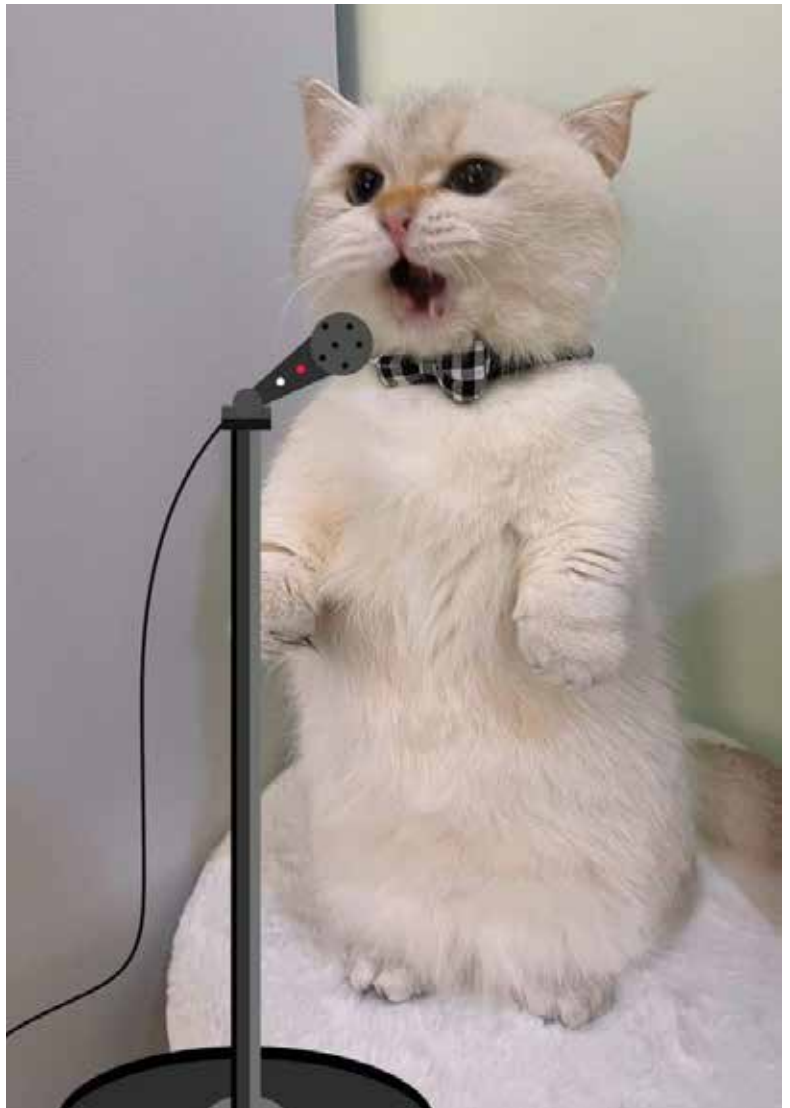
Father David has cats. Anyone who has attended a service at the Sacred Heart Church led by Father David will know it has become a normal thing for one of his beloved cats to sometimes enter the church during a service to say 'hello' to their caring master. This happened during the memorial service for Pope Francis. On this occasion the cat decided to contribute its own homage to the late Pope.

Father David was seated during that part of the service when the cat made its appearance in the church. Taking advantage of the situation, the cat insisted on jumping up on to Father David's lap and snuggling up to show its affection and no doubt to achieve maximum comfort. But it did not end there.

Hymns were sung while the cat sat on Father David's lap. Whenever Father David sang, the cat decided to join in with fervently expressed meows. Father David said he was very embarrassed by this but, of course, it is not in his nature to tip the cat off his lap and shoo it away. The cat's vocal contribution to the memory of Pope Francis continued in unison with Father David's singing. The congregation found all this very amusing.

Surely it was entirely appropriate for the cat to play its own part in the service. Father David should not have felt embarrassed. The cat is, after all, one of God's creatures. More than that, it was even more appropriate for the cat to be involved at a memorial service for Pope Francis.

When Cardinal Jorge Mario Bergoglio was elected as the 266th Pope on 13th March 2013, he chose the name 'Francis' in honour of St Francis. St Francis of Assisi is the patron saint of the environment, all animals and birds because of the love and respect he gave to all of God's creatures. Definitely, it was entirely appropriate for Father David's cat to take centre stage for part of the memorial service for Pope Francis.



***All God's creatures got a place in the choir
Some sing low and some sing higher
Some sing out loud on the telephone wires
Some just clap their hands, or paws, or anything they got
now
Dogs and the cats, they take up the middle
While the honeybee hums and the cricket fiddles
The donkey brays and the pony neighs
And the old grey badger sighs***

A Place In The Choir lyrics © Mineral River Music

Colin from Pouncey's Honours 99-Year-Old WWII Veteran

Denis Bishop, a Leading Aircraftman in the Second World War was honoured at Brize Norton as a mark of respect to coincide with the 80th Anniversary of Victory in Europe Day. One of the group of serving Royal Air Force personnel who marked the occasion was Junior Non-Commissioned Officer, Colin Benjamin, originally from Pouncey's.

Colin Benjamin wrote a poem for Dennis called VE Day – Peace at Last. The poem was specially printed and framed and then presented by Colin to Dennis during the visit.



Denis Bishop, served with distinction during the 1938-45 war, on active duty in France, Belgium, Germany and Africa



Mr Bishop, who is 100 in August, said: "I didn't know this was going to happen, but a very good friend of mine secretly organised it for me. I'm absolutely overwhelmed with all of this, because although I'm nearly 100, it's gradually fading away now, but this has brought it all back to me again now."

He added, "For me, it's important to remember some of the poor devils who didn't make it like I did, because there are two or three old friends of mine that didn't make it."

When news of the unconditional surrender of the Germans reached Dennis Bishop and his comrades on 8th May 1945, he said they had one drink and then went to a nearby church to give thanks there was peace at last.

Dennis was shown the Airbus A400M, a versatile transport plane capable of using short runways. The plane was being prepared for the fly-past over Buckingham Palace on Monday this week. Nicola Lofthouse, Commanding Officer, 99 Squadron, said the A400M is one of 27 aircraft that will fly in formation over the Palace. She said, "They form up over the North Sea, and then they fly direct, straight over London, timed to be there. Every aircraft must be there within plus or minus five seconds of their timing." Ms Lofthouse said the aircraft would be flying at 270 knots over the Palace, which is about 310 miles an hour.

Open Letter to Adam Pile

Dear Adam,

I was told by an authoritative source that you and your team worked hard to achieve a satisfactory outcome to the recent financial aid settlement for St Helena. For this I thank you.

In an SHG press release you are attributed with a quote describing the settlement as an “incredibly positive outcome”. I fall short of describing it as such. The same quote refers to “the UK Government’s continued commitment to meeting St Helena’s reasonable assistance needs”. In the same press release our Chief Minister referred, to her government focusing on “our essential needs”. ‘Reasonable’ usually means what is appropriate or fair. ‘Essential’ means what is absolutely necessary: a telling difference.

I recognise that in these bizarre times there is insurmountable political and financial pressure for governments everywhere to spend £billions on equipment designed to kill people, at the cost of sustaining the quality of life of its people. Despite that, I wish to advocate a slightly different approach to meeting St Helena’s reasonable needs.

In a recent FCDO response to an MP’s written question about the UK Government helping to ensure the affordability of imported consumer goods on St Helena, it was pointed out that £4.79 million (to date) has been spent on a new port and cargo handling facilities to improve island access and shipping transfers. This, the response claimed, is “for the benefit of St Helena consumers.” The benefit was not quantified and I do not expect there to be any material benefit for Saints or other island residents simply because cargo handling has been moved to an adjacent Bay.

Would HM Treasury, I wonder, feel disposed to spending a few £million on large barges for off-loading cargo from ships enroute from South Africa to Europe? The cost inevitably includes providing mooring and maintenance facilities for the barges and technical training. The benefit in this case is quantifiable.

The same shipping line that operates the dedicated ship for St Helena cargo will, this month, also have the Grey Fox passing within one day’s steaming of St Helena. The Grey Fox also starts its journey from South Africa, on its way to Europe. The cargo capacity of that vessel is 33,272 metric tonnes. The ship can carry 1,158 twenty-foot containers. Please consider the economies of scale compared with St Helena’s Karoline which never has cargo to capacity and often leaves St Helena burdened exclusively with empty containers. In 2024, the Cape Town bound Karoline carried about 26 containers loaded at St Helena. How many, I wonder, contained the possessions of occupiers of TC posts rather than any form of St Helena exports.

For the Grey Fox and similar ships on the same route, transporting the cargo for St Helena would be as onerous as an elephant carrying a mouse on its back. The freight charges would reduce considerably. To return to that recent written question, a change such as I describe, in the importation of supplies to St Helena would indeed ‘help ensure the affordability of imported consumer goods on St Helena.’ The ‘new port and cargo handling facilities (£4.79 million to date)’ will do no such thing.

As with all small and remote islands, St Helena is also burdened with slow and expensive digital communication and high energy costs, among other things, as well as high freight costs. £millions has been spent over many years on renewable energy and fibre-optic cable – but to little effect and disappointingly small material benefit to the population of St Helena, as yet.

I urge you to consider giving the Economic Development Investment Programme a sharper focus, bringing to early fruition projects which mitigate the financial disadvantages that impact upon St Helena because it is a small remote island. The benefits are potentially very significant and indefinite.

The benefits are also mutual. Not only will St Helena benefit. With firmer financial foundations, there is more possibility of attracting meaningful inward investment. If that happens, the annual debate about the increase in subsidy for St Helena’s reasonable or essential needs should diminish in importance – to the relief of all involved.

Yours sincerely
Vince Thompson

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St Helena got an airport: Where to now for one of Earth's remotest places?

Marcella Mittens - April 29, 2025

It's not news, but it will be news to many. The remote island of St Helena and its tiny population got a USD 380 million airport. That was shortly before the global COVID shutdowns.

While St Helena Airport (HLE) has yet to deliver on its tourism and economic development potential, Marcella Mittens and many other 'Saints' remain hopeful.

Ms Mittens writes this "Good Tourism" Insight at the invitation of Tourism's Horizon: Travel for the Millions, a "GT" Insight Partner.



St Helena: 'a breath of fresh air'

Few people know much about St Helena; one of the most remote islands on earth. The one thing many people do know is that Napoleon Bonaparte was exiled here—in 1815, for the last six years of his life—precisely due to its remoteness.

Today, tiny St Helena continues to navigate the complex challenge of balancing tourism development with the preservation of its unique culture and environment.

St Helena has a population of only 4,048 people, on a tiny landmass of just 122 square kilometres. The island is part of the British Overseas Territory of Saint Helena, Ascension, and Tristan da Cunha, but few British people know of its existence.

St Helena is as off-the-beaten-track as you can get; a unique location with an evolving culture influenced by Europe, Asia, and Africa. The volcanic, tropical island with its mountainous terrain and micro-climates is located in the South Atlantic Ocean, and is home to a rich and unique heritage, both natural and built.

The island's tourism slogan, 'a breath of fresh air', conveys St Helena's deep connection with the natural environment as well as its newness in the tourism marketplace.

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Jamestown. Photo by Craig Williams, supplied by St Helena Tourism

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Far, far away ... by sea or by air?

At the centre of St Helena's story—both past and present—lies its geography. Since the island's discovery in 1502 by the Portuguese (the island was uninhabited), St Helena has only been accessible by sea. Under British rule, the Royal Mail Ship (RMS) St Helena was the main source of transportation, making monthly journeys from Cape Town, South Africa until its service ended in 2018. With that known, in 2002 the islanders were offered a dramatic choice: invest in a new ship to replace the RMS St Helena, or build an airport to connect St Helena to the world. The prospect of air travel sent reverberations—mostly positive—through the island. A vigorous debate preceded a vote through which the islanders overwhelmingly elected to build an airport; in no small part due to the possibilities for a tourism industry. The UK Department for International Development (since replaced by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office) spent GBP 285.5 million on designing and building St Helena Airport which opened in 2016. Ten years of subsidy was provided for, but after that the airport must break even. Tourism is key to meeting the looming deadline.

Apprehension

There were concerns around building an airport for St Helena: Some islanders were fond of being served by the RMS St Helena. The Royal Mail vessel was a unique cultural icon integral to island life. Some feared the cultural change that could ensue. Islanders appreciate the 'unlocked door' culture of their close-knit community. Many expressed worries that the island was not 'ready' for the potential influx of tourists and increased trade. Also, the insistence of the UK government to fully fund St Helena Airport rather than let private investors in was criticised by some. The private investors seemed to be more ambitious about establishing direct routes, including to London, that would have opened up St Helena's tourism potential even further. Now, it is fair to say, some regret the decisions made.



**Contrasts of St Helena.
The stark exterior and
lush interior images by
Ed Thorpe**

Hope

Islanders hoped, and continue to hope, that tourism activities facilitated by St Helena Airport will lead to self-sufficiency rather than dependency, with tourism revenues paying for necessary imports. Tourists would also grow the market for St Helena's artisanal products, such as its distinctive coffee and unique honey. For St Helena's businesses, preparing for this transformational change meant investing in accommodation, transport, and infrastructure, including an app that enables currency exchange (St Helena issues its own St Helena pounds, parallel to UK sterling).

And the prospect of an airport for St Helena was never only about tourism.

It was thought St Helena Airport could bring other benefits such as improved access to medical services, and generate new employment prospects for young people who tended to leave for pastures new, leaving behind an aging population. In that respect the airport could make St Helena more sustainable socially as well as economically.

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Delay and disaster

After a one-year delay due to safety concerns, South Africa's Airlink began operating a weekly commercial six-hour flight to and from Johannesburg in 2017, replacing a journey that previously took five days by sea from Cape Town.

St Helena Airport also seasonally serves flights to and from Cape Town as well as to and from the interestingly named Wideawake Airfield on Ascension Island.

Then disaster struck: COVID-19.

Because St Helena Airport had opened just a few short years before the pandemic, there was very little 'runway' for commercial aviation services to be established, let alone the aspiring tourism businesses on the island.

Some entrepreneurs struggled to cover the loans they had taken out to develop their businesses. High expectations were dashed.

Where to from here?

Now, post-COVID, St Helena stands at a crossroads.

While the opening of St Helena Airport once promised a surge in tourism and economic opportunity, the anticipated boom has yet to materialise. Limited flight availability, high travel costs, and lingering global uncertainties have tempered visitor numbers.

Still, the island remains hopeful, and is working to build a tourism model that is sustainable, locally beneficial, and true to St Helena's unique identity.

Trending in St Helena's favour is the increasing number of travellers who are seeking out unique, less-travelled destinations. Those who make the journey to St Helena understand that while it is not the easiest place to reach, it is well worth the trip.

Throughout its history, St Helena has often found itself at the mercy of forces beyond its control. Its extreme isolation, once a strategic asset, now presents steep logistical and economic challenges. For a small island with limited resources, the opening of a long-awaited, highly-anticipated airport just before a global shutdown can feel like a cruel twist of fate.

Yet, despite the setbacks, there is a deep resilience here. The people of St Helena continue to work toward a future on their own terms, where tourism grows thoughtfully, opportunities are created for the next generation, and the island's remarkable character is both preserved and proudly shared with the world.

About the author



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Fresh fish frying at the St Helena Yacht Club

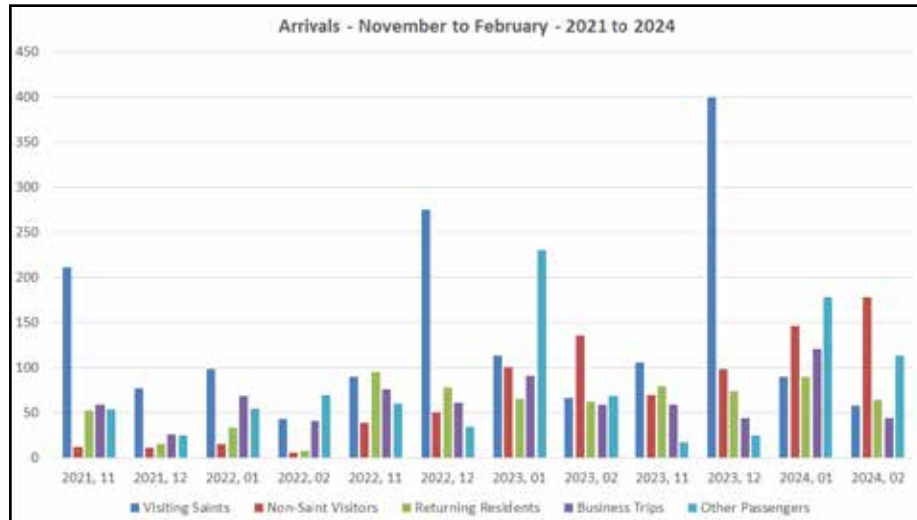


Festivals and parades are a part of Saint culture by Ed Thorpe

Arrivals – February Update

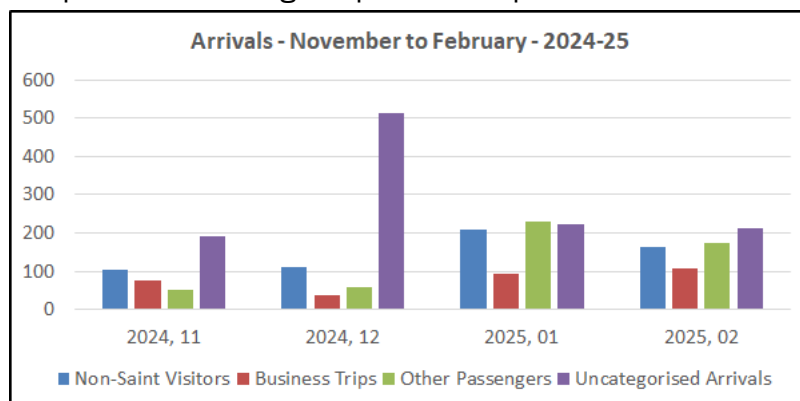
Arrival data provided by the Immigration Office has changed. The Statistics Office report the change in data collection means a number of arrival categories are no longer available. From November 2024, the classification of arrivals into leisure and non-leisure, and Saint Helenian and non-Saint Helenian is no longer possible.

The trend data the Independent like to provide has therefore been split into before and after November 2024.



	2021, 11	2021, 12	2022, 01	2022, 02	2022, 11	2022, 12	2023, 01	2023, 02	2023, 11	2023, 12	2024, 01	2024, 02	Total
Visiting Saints	211	77	98	43	90	275	113	67	106	399	90	58	1627
Non-Saint Visitors	12	11	16	6	39	51	101	136	70	99	146	178	865
Returning Residents	53	16	34	8	95	78	66	62	79	74	90	65	720
Business Trips	59	26	69	41	76	61	91	59	59	44	121	44	750
Other Passengers	54	25	55	70	60	35	230	69	18	25	178	113	932
Total	389	155	272	168	360	500	601	393	332	641	625	458	4894

The 2021 to 2024 figures show that the number of overseas Saints visiting St Helena during the peak season has been a major contributor to the total number of arrivals. This is clearly seen in the pre-Christmas period for November 2021, December 2022 and December 2023. Non-Saint visitors have increased since the 2021 Covid pandemic, showing the highest post-Covid arrival figure in February 2024. The number of returning residents has been fairly consistent since 2022, with around 60 to 90 arrivals per month during the peak travel period.



	2024, 11	2024, 12	2025, 01	2025, 02	Total	per cent share
Non-Saint Visitors	104	111	208	162	585	22.9%
Business Trips	76	37	95	108	316	12.4%
Other Passengers	52	59	231	175	517	20.2%
Uncategorised Arrivals	190	513	222	211	1136	44.5%
Total	422	720	756	656	2554	100.0%

Notable is that nearly half of all arrivals are now uncategorised. This cannot be seen as helpful if tourism is our brightest hope but there is a big void in the information available on why people are coming here. What we do know is that non-Saint visitor arrivals between November and February have increased by 92 this season compared with last. That's about one plane-load.

First Club Gala for Aqua Tech Swim Club

On Sunday the 4th of May, Aqua Tech Swim Club held their first club gala since they established in July 2024. The event was opened at the Jamestown Swimming Pool by the Chair person for the club, Sone Meij, at just past 11am. The club has grown to the current 60 swimmers who train with the three swim teachers on a weekly basis. Almost all of them took part in Sunday's gala.

The day started with events for the youngest swimmers in the club participating in a two x 11 metre swim with kickboards and shark fin floatation devices to assist them. This event was followed by the other younger club members swimming two x 11 metre freestyle.

After the shorter distances were completed, the older swimmers competed in freestyle events ranging from 25, 33 and then 50 metres followed by the backstroke and breaststroke events. The last formal item of the day was an open event for upper and lower age groups to showcase their skills in the butterfly event.



Participants were presented with medals for each event and all club members received a club swim cap and individual progress reports for the year. Aqua Tech also welcomed two swimmers from the Yellowfin swim club who took part in the events on the day, both doing very well in their events.

During the day there were a few fun events that had parents participate in some novelty pool games and the day ended with the much-anticipated parents versus children relays. The relay truly showcased the fitness levels and abilities of the swimmers as they continued to rise to the occasion, winning both the male and female relays.

NSASH officials assisted with time keeping and judging during the day. The club chairperson thanked them and all the other officials and helpers for their time and effort. Sone Meij also thanked the pool staff for setting up beforehand. New Horizons provided some food and were thanked for their contribution to a very enjoyable day. Sone said she was proud of a very successful first gala and looking forward to doing it again. She thanked her team and all the helpers for their support and hard work and also congratulated all participants on their performances and encouraged them to continue training and improving.



Contributed by Aqua Swim Club

Challenge Mental Health Awareness from Ice in a Bucket



In the summer of 2014, millions of people around the world took the #ALSIceBucketChallenge to spread awareness and raise money for ALS research with \$4 million directly donated to fund ALS research at the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI).

Many will ask, what is ALS?

It is a nervous system disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and spinal cord and causes loss of muscle control.

It is often called Lou Gehrig's disease which many celebrities live with to include Founding member and bassist for Zac Brown Band, John Driskell Hopkins, former NFL player Eric Stevens and American Actor Eric Dane

In honour of the 10th Anniversary of the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge, resurfaces with new focus on mental health and via social networks Instagram and Facebook, this challenge can be seen done by many St Helenians near and far.

Well Done to those who have stepped up to the challenge.



The Ice Bucket Challenge is back, here's what you need to know



The challenge involves individuals filming themselves or one another dumping a bucket full of ice and water onto their head. The purpose of the video is to include a link for donations to the nonprofit organization Active Minds, helping bring awareness to the cause and fund mental health resources for youth and young adults.

Once they have completed and uploaded their video on social media, they are to nominate new participants by tagging them.

SAINTS IN THE UK, ON ASCENSION ISLAND, FALKLANDS ISLAND AND ON ISLAND JOINING IN.....



Monday is International Nurses Day

International Nurses Day is always on 12th May. Why? Because that is the birthday of Florence Nightingale, revered as the founder of the modern nursing profession.

In fact, Monday is also the end of International Nurses Week. Sadly, this has not been widely publicised – or even publicised a little bit. We all greatly appreciate the care and attention nurses give us when we need it, or when a loved one needs it. This week, and particularly Monday is a good time to remember why, in times of need, we appreciate nurses so much.

Nurses, like any of us, cannot keep giving, and constantly giving. There always comes a time when constant givers have to think of themselves and put themselves first – for the sake of their own health.

The theme for Nurses Week and Nurses Day 2025 is "Our Nurses, Our Future; Caring for Nurses Strengthens Economies." It intends to draw attention to the necessity of supporting nurses' health and well-being as a means toward strengthening healthcare systems worldwide. This year's theme shifts the spotlight to a vital but often overlooked issue—the wellbeing of nurses.

Nurses everywhere, including St Helena, work a lot of the time with staff shortages and the effect that has on stress levels, hours worked and time away from their own family, especially children. In so many cases the pay levels are not commensurate with the great appreciation we have for them, when we need them.

This week and on Monday, the least we can do is say a big THANK YOU to Nurses for what they have done for all of us, since the moment we first drew breath.

Needles to say, except it does need saying, the same goes for all caregivers. Bless' em all!



From Today -There Are Ten Working Days to Register to Vote in September

SHG announced this week the provisional register of electors is published today. They are allowing just ten days for any additions or amendments. All alterations have to be submitted by 4 pm on Friday 23rd May. Twenty-six working days later, the final register of electors will be published; it will be the register that is used on general election day. A general election for members of Legislative Council is planned for a date in September this year.

Apart from adding your name to the register, you may wish to provide updated information because of a change in name or address. A change of address may affect the electoral district which applies to you, and the polling station you use.

The link to the SHG website to obtain the prescribed form for adding your name or changing the details on the register is: - <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/>

Or you can contact one of the following; -

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Connie Johnson	connie.johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh;

All the above are located at the Castle; phone number 22470.

Completed forms must be returned to one of the above on or before 23rd May.

Saint in the Spotlight

Another young St Helenian hitting the news this week is 15-year-old Kaelize Thomas formally of Longwood, daughter of Robert Crowie and Jayne Gangat.

In January of this year Kaelize moved to Scotland where she was enrolled into Pitlochry High School which is an all-through school for young people aged from 2-16 years.

Their aim is to aspire at all times to be a happy school,



where their young people are safe, respected, attaining and achieving. All they want is for all their young people to leave school with a strong sense of values and well-developed personal qualities; fully prepared for the future.

At the school on Friday it was the culmination of weeks of work in school, as the S3s which Kaelize is a part, took part in the Youth Philanthropy Initiative final. They had to identify issues in the local community, choose local charities that support those issues, get in touch, interview or visit the charities and if possible, create a pitch and a creative piece to present in front of an audience.

The chosen charities were Maggie's Centres Dundee, Cancer Research UK, The Pitlochry Food Bank at the Atholl Centre, Scotland's Charity Air Ambulance - SCAA, British Red Cross and John Muir Trust.

All pupils did exceptionally well, with Head teacher Mrs Liney commenting "The young people spoke confidently, sharing their thoughts and ideas in a creative, impactful way. It must have been a very difficult decision for the judges as all presentations were strong."

In the end, the Atholl Food Bank group were awarded 2nd place. The group Kaelize was part of supported the **John Muir Trust** and were declared the winners, which meant a £3,000 donation went to the John Muir Trust.

Congratulations are extended to Kaelize.

Something to Think About

A thought to keep in mind as the general election approaches

'If you end up just being the managers of the status quo and the status quo isn't working for people, they're going to put you out.'

Former prime minister Sir Tony Blair

The first of a series...



The St Helena Autism Awareness and Support Group ('SHAAS') hosted Autism Awareness Month this year, starting early in March, with a Bake Sale outside of the Canister in Jamestown. The Bake Sale was organised on the 27th March to give the public sufficient time to purchase promotional items like badges, lanyards and bags, ready for the month of April. In addition to promotional material, there was a wide range of baked sweet and savoury goodies, which sold out just after lunchtime. The tickets for the multi-affle also started selling from this day. Thank you to those who donated bakes, bought and sold raffie tickets, bought bakes and promotional material and donated. It was an engaging and fun way to start the conversation and awareness raising.

The Interactive Quiz Night was our next, main event. This was the idea of sisters Lisa and Justine Joshua, who organised the event. They wanted the night to be fun, with interactive rounds where teams could physically participate in sensory activities, keeping with the chosen theme of Sensory Play and Regulation. The evening was full of laughs and generous donations, with winners taking away wonderful prizes for the quiz and a raffie on the night. There was also an auction and everyone was very generous and engaged, under the entertaining hosting of the Quiz Master, Gavin Jack Thomas. A highlight of the evening was the official donation of a cheque to the sum of £1,000 from the Public Solicitor's Office. Every year the Public Solicitor's Office uses Will Aid to donate the funds raised through the making of public wills to charities. Last year the charity of their choice was the SHAAS Group.

Other entities also participated in the awareness month, which was greatly appreciated by the charity. The Jamestown Brownies invited the SHAAS members and their families to an Afternoon Tea on the 15th of April. Brownies, Girl Guides and leaders entertained their guests with a game, showed off their art based on autism awareness and put on a delicious spread of eats for all to enjoy.

Sunflower Crèche also invited members to tea and games on 25th April. The children all participated in a toy bike race and kept their guests entertained with lots of chat. There was also a specially-made cake and autism decorations and the morning ended with a photo shoot. This was also the day everyone wore blue, for the 'Wear it Blue' Mufti Day. Some businesses around the island also took part, as well as schools, who donated to the charity for 'dressing down' in blue. Blue is generally the colour to symbolise autism, as it's a colour associated with calmness and acceptance. It reflects the hope for a better understanding of autism and the need for acceptance and support.

New Horizons opened its doors to the youth on Friday evening with a varied selection of sensory activities, as well as an obstacle course, face painting, glitter tattoos and lucky dip. 104 youth members came through the doors and it was an energetic, messy evening of fun and interaction. Throughout the month, High Knoll Fort was lit up blue and the Canister window in Jamestown displayed information around the theme of Sensory Play and Regulation, showing some of the local children engaging in sensory activities. The charity also used social media to spread awareness of autism and the newspapers ran two stories from individuals who wished to share their experiences. As a charity we thought it would be a good idea to reach out to Ascension Island in collaboration with Samara Isaac who does 'Rockin the Rock'. 'Rockin the Rock' are hand-painted rocks, painted

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by Samara that are then scattered around the island for anyone to find. Samara painted 15 autism-themed rocks and hid them around the island. We asked those who found them to take a picture and post to our Facebook page, entering them into a lucky draw. All 15 rocks were found, and the lucky winner of this draw was Mahen Lutchman.

On Monday 21st April, 10-year-old Caleb George-Lawrence undertook his sponsored walk from Two Boats to Georgetown, on Ascension Island. His mum Casey joined him on the walk. Caleb was adamant he wanted to support in raising awareness for autism and supporting his cousin Kylo. Caleb raised £70 for his sponsored walk, which was donated to our charity.

With the help of Casey Lawrence, the Ascension Island Government and Encompass both took part in our Mufti Day. The companies decided to wear colours of the autism puzzle instead of blue, as their uniforms are blue.

To end the month, we had a live draw of the Multi raffle winners on SAMS radio. The winners were:

Food processor - Penny Bowers

Food hamper - Joyce Clifford

Easter egg hamper - Darlene Thomas

Bottle of Baileys - Alex Henry

Bottle of prosecco - Courtney O'Dean

Chocolate cake - Beatrice Nijini

Coloured cake - Emma Piek

Cupcakes - Byron Duncan & Audrey George

Chocolate hamper - Asita O'Bey

Earphones - George 'Sammy' Stevens

Power bank - Thomas North

Dan's Bakery vouchers - Sandro Henry, Carol Henry, Eric Constantine, Brandon O'Bey

Stevens Family meat prize - Eileen Hudson

Monetary gift - Aiden Isaac

White wine - Damien Stevens

A dozen local eggs - Dane Wade

Bliss voucher - Diego Yon

Essence voucher - Gilly Stroud

Box of chocolates - Penny Bowers

Bottle of chamdore - Max Peters

The St Helena Autism Awareness and Support Group would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who kindly made donations, donated raffle prizes, quiz prizes, bakes, bought raffle tickets and promotional material, participated in the quiz and Mufti-Day, hosted events and shared stories. Your kindness and generosity was heart-warming and greatly appreciated. Proceeds raised will be publically shared at the end of the month.



More Questions Concerning Saint Helena: But no Answers From the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office

On 2 May 2025 Andrew Rosindell MP tabled four questions relating to Saint Helena for written answer by the Secretary of State for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs. Andrew Rosindell is the Shadow Under Secretary (Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs) and Chair of the All Party Parliamentary Group for the Crown Dependencies and British Overseas Territories.

The questions were set down for answer by 6 May 2025. As I commence writing this article, at 6.30 pm on 7 May 2025, with the deadline for publication in this week's Saint Helena Independent fast approaching, the House of Commons site on which written answers appear simply reads, 'Awaiting response: due for answer by 6 May 2025', i.e. yesterday. Newspapers have deadlines but it seems that the Department for Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Affairs ('FCDO') does not, even when these are set by the rules of the House of Commons. According to a Westminster insider, FCDO is one of the worst offenders when it comes to not answering written questions on a timely basis. For now, readers will simply have to make do with knowing what the tabled questions are.

Question 1: To ask, how many and what percentage of visitors to the British Overseas Territory of St Helena have experienced delays in their (a) inward and (b) outward flights of more than 12 hours in the last two years.

Question 2: To ask, by what year he expects Saint Helena to become financially self-sustainable and whether it is his policy that this will be primarily achieved through promoting tourism.

Question 3: To ask, whether the (a) pay and (b) benefits of (i) UK and (ii) Saint Helenian police officers of the same rank serving in Saint Helena are comparable.

Question 4: To ask, how many people are employed as technical cooperation officers to support the Government of Saint Helena; and what the total cost of these posts is.

A further question, relating to the Governor's Special Responsibility for Finance was refused by Clerks of the House of Commons under a rule providing that a question may not ask for information which is already readily available. The ruling by the clerks was: 'The information is readily available. The constitution states that the Governor is responsible for the finance of any department of government.' It does not. It states that the Governor 'is responsible for the conduct (subject to this Constitution and any other law) of any business of the Government of Saint Helena, including the general direction and policy control of any department of government with respect to the following matters -.....finance.' The italics are mine. The special responsibility for finance states what it includes, but is not definitive as to what else may fall within it. Also, the Constitution goes on to state that a minister who has the responsibility for a department of government shall exercise general direction and policy over that department;... Just about all government activity involves expenditure, i.e. finance, so is it the Governor or the Minister who has responsibility for this?

The Interim Report of the Governance Review Team reads:

'Recommendation 3 – clarification of special responsibility for finance –

There is a need for clarification on the policy intention behind giving the Governor special responsibility for finance and how this relates to the role of a Minister for Finance.'

And, as they may well include in their Final Report, for other Ministers in relation to their Departments. To add to the need for clarification, there is no definition of 'finance' in the Constitution.

As the Sunday Papers say after setting a quiz: 'Answers next week.'

Global Press Freedom Reaches New Low

Reporters Without Borders, the press freedom advocacy group, marked World Press Freedom Day, last Saturday, by publishing its 2025 World Press Freedom Index. In the global setting, press freedom is at its lowest for more than two decades.

**REPORTERS
WITHOUT BORDERS**
FOR PRESS FREEDOM

The introduction to the Index explains, “Although physical attacks against journalists are the most visible violations of press freedom, economic pressure is also a major problem. The economic indicator on the World Press Freedom Index now stands at an unprecedented low as its decline continued in 2025. As a result, the global state of press freedom is now classified as a ‘difficult situation’ for the first time in the history of the Index.”

**WORLD PRESS
FREEDOM DAY**
3rd MAY 2025

According to data collected for the 2025 World Press Freedom Index, in 160 out of the 180 countries assessed, media outlets achieve financial stability “with difficulty” — or “not at all.”

In the United States vast regions are turning into news deserts. Local journalism is bearing the brunt of the economic downturn: over 60 per cent of journalists and media experts surveyed in Arizona, Florida, Nevada and Pennsylvania agree that it is “difficult to earn a living wage as a journalist,” and 75 per cent believe that “the average media outlet struggles for economic viability.”

Thirty-four countries stand out because of mass closures of their media outlets, which has led to the exile of journalists in recent years. This is especially true in Nicaragua, Belarus, Iran, Myanmar, Sudan, Azerbaijan and Afghanistan, where economic difficulties compound the effects of political pressure. In Gaza, the Israeli army has destroyed newsrooms, killed nearly 200 journalists and imposed a total news blockade on Gaza for over 18 months.

President Donald Trump’s second term has already intensified this trend as false economic pretexts are used to bring the press into line. This led to the abrupt end to funding for Voice of America, the US version of the BBC World Service. Other news outlets with reputations for reliable and balanced information such as Radio Free Europe and Radio Free Asia also had funding withdrawn. As a result, over 400 million people worldwide were suddenly deprived of access to reliable information. Similarly, the freeze on funding for the US Agency for International Development (USAID) threw hundreds of news outlets into a critical state of economic instability and forcing some to shut down — particularly in Ukraine.

These serious funding cuts are an additional blow to a media economy already weakened by the dominance that tech giants such as Google, Apple, Facebook, Amazon and Microsoft have over information. These largely unregulated platforms are absorbing an ever-growing share of advertising revenues that would usually support journalism. Total spending on advertising through social media reached \$247.3 billion in 2024, a 14 per cent increase compared to 2023. These online platforms contribute to the spread of manipulated and misleading content, amplifying disinformation.

Media ownership concentration is another key factor poses a serious threat to media choice. Data from the Index shows that media ownership is highly concentrated in 46 countries and, in some cases, entirely controlled by the state. The Index’s survey shows that editorial interference and manipulation is increasing the problem. In over half of the countries and territories surveyed by the Index (92 out of 180), a majority of respondents reported that media owners “always” or “often” limited their outlet’s editorial independence.

The St Helena Independent was not part of this World Press Freedom survey. We do agree there is a trend for online platforms to be increasingly competitive. Financial issues can also be problematic, but this is almost a natural state on a small remote island with no self-sustaining economy. We do get opinions every now and again from SHG when they do not agree with something we have published but there is no attempt to interfere directly with editorial content. Information published by SHG can be selective but they are certainly not alone in that. In fairness, on our part, the Independent does not feel disposed to publishing material in support of public figures of international standing who have clearly disagreeable and unreasonable opinions.



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 11th May 2025 – 3rd Sunday after Easter

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Choral Evensong	Cathedral

The Parish of St James

Sunday 11th May 2025 – 3rd Sunday after Easter

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
	Thursday 15th May	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 11th May 2025 – 3rd Sunday after Easter

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 13th May	
7.00 p.m.	Alpha	St Mark

Baha'i Faith

'... It behooveth thee to glory in My name, not in thine own; to put thy trust in ME and not in thyself, since I desire to be loved alone and above all that is.'

Baha'u'llah

7pm on Thursdays
at the St. Helena Gumwoods
Baha'i Centre.
You are invited to consider the
Revelation of Baha'u'llah
in the 19th Century
and its application today.

Light Refreshment



REGISTER TO VOTE ST HELENA ELECTION 2025 MAKE ST HELENA GREAT JOIN #MSHG

YOUR VOTE COUNTS – REGISTER NOW!

Be part of the change. Support #MSHG and help shape St Helena's future.

IF YOU'RE ON ISLAND – USE FORM A

Are you a Saint or just gained Saint status?

Not yet registered to vote?

→ ■ Add your name to the voter register TODAY!

Complete Form A (available at the Public Library)

Or register online:

sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections

Deadline: Mid-May (15 May)

IF YOU'RE TEMPORARILY AWAY – USE FORM B

Are you ordinarily resident on St Helena but currently off-island?

Still eligible to vote if you've been away under 30 months for:

- Education
- Employment
- Training
- Medical reasons

■ Complete Form B at the Library or online to remain on the register.

Need Help?

Contact:

Carol George or Anita Legg at The Castle

Tel: 22470

VOTE FOR CHANGE. VOTE FOR #MSHG
Your Island. Your Voice. Your Future.



Expressions of Interest for the 2026 Commonwealth Games

The National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) are inviting athletes to submit their Expressions of Interest (EOI) to compete at the next Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, Scotland. The event is being held from 23rd July to 2nd August 2026.

Closing date for the EOI is 4pm UTC on Tuesday 20th May 2025.

Please email the following details to nsash@helanta.co.sh

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Date of Birth
- The sport you would like to compete in

The list of disciplines for which Team St Helena is eligible to compete in are: Athletics, Artistic Gymnastics, Bowls, Boxing, Judo, Swimming and Track Cycling.

Disposal of Restaurant Equipment For Sale by Public Auction 31 May 2025 at 10am, at Tasty Bites Ladder Hill

Listed for Entry with no reserve:

- Tables and Chairs
- Catering equipment
- 2006 Ford Ranger Pick Up Truck
- Office Equipment

Entries Are being accepted until 21 May 2025.

All enquiries please contact us:

By email: derek@dps.co.sh

or Telephone: 00 290 25836

or WhatsApp: 00 290 67022

or visit us at The Market, Jamestown, St. Helena, STHL 1ZZ



A & D's MINIMART REVISED OPENING HOURS

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SHOP WILL NO LONGER OPEN ON SUNDAYS WITH EFFECT FROM 11TH MAY UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

SHOP OPENING HOURS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS MONDAY THROUGH TO SATURDAY 9AM TO 6PM.

WE APOLOGISE FOR ANY INCONVEINCE THIS MAY CAUSE AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED CUSTOM.

THANK YOU FROM ST PAUL'S


The Parish Council of St Paul's wishes to express their sincere thanks to everyone who contributed in any way to the successful outcome of their Fund Raising events held to date for this year. Monies raised from these events were as follows:

New Year's Fun Day 2025 (Francis Plain)
£1,109.27


Twilight Stroll (New Ground to New Ground via Cleugh's Plain, Scotland, White Gate, Sapper Way) £270.00

St Martin's Coffee Morning (Guinea Grass Community Centre) organised by the ladies of St Martin's Church £415.00
a grand total of £1,794.27.

Events such as these are much needed to balance our budget. However, it is not just about money but the hearty fellowship generated and enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Thank you for your continued support and generous giving.




MAY OPENING HOURS




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







Airport Kiosk	
Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30

Remote Banking		
HTH Supermarket	Tuesday, 27 May	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Wednesday, 28 May	09:30 - 14:00



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EVERY HOME FOR CHRIST

THE ROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP

WARMLY INVITES YOU TO OUR

INTERNATIONAL NURSE'S DAY SERVICE

THEME: CARE, LEAD, INSPIRE - REPEAT.

SUNDAY, 11 MAY 2025
11:00

THE ROCK CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CENTRE,
LONGWOOD AVE

In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.
Matthew 5:16

Huge congratulations to **Rosemary Mittens**

for the award of your BSc (Hons) in
Nursing from Derby University.

What a great achievement. It shows
the same hard work and dedication
that you have exhibited throughout your
career in nursing and midwifery. You
have touched many people's lives.

You are valued!

And Happy Nurses' Day to all!

Expression of Interest - photographers and videographers



We are compiling a list of photographers and videographers who are interested in being contacted for potential collaboration on any upcoming projects.

If you're passionate about capturing the best of St Helena we want to hear from you. Please complete the form at the following link:
<https://forms.gle/WJ4bGyJNEXmGGMu36>

You'll be asked to provide:

- Your name and contact information
- Whether you're a photographer, videographer, or both
- Links to your portfolio or past work
- Any specific areas of interest or expertise

We look forward to connecting with individuals who are keen to collaborate.

For further information, please contact tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

Plant Operator

**Total annual package value up to £26,648 pa
comprising a salary of £12,901 plus allowances and housing**

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is currently looking for a suitably experienced, and qualified, Plant Operator. The role is within the Plant Team and will report to the Plant Team Leader.

You will be required to operate plant such as, but not limited to, wheeled loader (including JCB backhoe), forklift demountable lorry, bulldozer, road roller, cranes, tracked excavators, graders, lifting equipment, Merlo cement mixer and 6 tonne tipper truck. The role is incredibly varied and the job description should be read in order to gain an understanding of the range of tasks you will be required to undertake. This role also performs Stevedore duties, which involves working a 12-hour shift and at times, weekends.

In addition to an annual salary of up to £12,901 (depending on experience and taxable on Ascension), the role attracts an **accompanied** status contract and the following allowances and benefits:

- Rent free accommodation valued at up to £2,400 pa (taxable benefit)
- An accompanied status food allowance of £7,680 pa or £3,840 pa if single (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £938 pa
- An accompanied status water allowance worth £2,729 pa or £1,360 if single
- 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 a 2-year contract
- 30 days' annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance
- Free schooling for dependent children up to 16 years

The appointment will be subject to:

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

Closing date: Monday, 26 May 2025

Interviews: Wednesday, 28 May 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

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Handyman Driver (£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Handyman Driver who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the Health & Social Care premises and will have a vital role to play in making the environment safe and comfortable. You will also be required to perform driving duties to support the smooth running of the service.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: **Michael Gaga - Hale** on Tel No. 22500 or Email
michael.gaga-hale@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: **14 May 2025**

Environmental Risk Officer (£18,902 per annum)

The Environment and Natural Resources Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a highly motivated individual with broad experience in one or more areas of environmental risk management to join their team as Head of Section for environmental risk management. You will be an integral part of providing the strategic agenda and direction for the core functions of climate change, waste management and environmental pollution management in order to protect St Helena's natural environments and you will play a key role in driving environmental sustainability initiatives. The role will require you to work collaboratively with a small group of Heads of Section in our core environmental protection and nature conservation subjects for effective environmental risk programme delivery.

Experienced in project management and staff management, you will also have excellent written, verbal communication and interpersonal skills to communicate with a range of audiences, including colleagues, senior managers, elected members, donor agencies and the public.

There is also an opportunity for this post to be offered on a secondment basis. Contact us for more information and a discussion about the role.

Enquiries: **Darren Duncan** on Tel No 24724 or
Email: darren.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: **14 May 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
Government

Driver (Social Care) (£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Driver (Social Care) who will be responsible for the transporting of service users which includes to and from day care, hospital appointments and social outings. The Driver will support staff in helping service users to safely get in and out of vehicles including those who have mobility needs, sensory impairment, learning disabilities and those with limited or no verbal communication skills. This requires the post holder to be caring, compassionate and flexible.

If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Rosalie Brown on Tel No 22920 or
Email: Rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 23 May 2025

Fire Fighter/Trainee Fire Fighter (£10,167 per annum)

The St Helena Fire & Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team as Fire Fighter. Within this role you will protect and save people and property from fire and other hazards, reduce risk and provide humanitarian services in the most competent and effective manner.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Jason Lawrence on Tel No. 23344 or
Email: stno.fire@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 13 May 2025

Licensing Enforcement Compliance Officer (£12,049 per annum)

The Royal St. Helena Police Service is currently seeking to recruit a Licensing Enforcement Compliance Officer who will be responsible to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by managing, monitoring and enforcing relevant licensing and regulatory matters.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Mark Coombe on Tel No. 22626 or Email
mark.coombe@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 14 May 2025

Benefits

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St Helena
Government

Support Workers (Social Care) Fixed-Term Contracts or Permanent (£8,113 per annum) (Available for local interest)

Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, and providing high quality, holistic care directly to frail older people in full time residential and day care, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible? If so, Social Care is seeking support in the following areas of care; Deasons, Cape Villa and Piccolo Hill. Come join our team and help make a difference in the lives of our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Hannah Herne or Latoya Thomas,
Tel nos. 22920/23151 or
Email: hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh
Email: dcdeputymanager@helanta.co.sh
Nicole Hercules on Tel no. 25936 or
Email: piccolo.hill@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 16 May 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

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No Premier League Team in Champions Final

The Gunners' attempt to overturn a 1-0 first-leg deficit ran aground on another magnificent display by PSG's goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma. The Italian, outstanding in the first leg at Emirates Stadium, delivered a repeat performance with a series of stunning saves to keep Arsenal at bay early on.

Bukayo Saka did finally beat Donnarumma with an angled finish but it was not enough to spark a comeback, later he shot over an open goal. PSG will now meet Inter Milan in the Champions League final in Munich.



Former Arsenal Manager Questions Spurs Champions League Chance

Former Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger, now FIFA's chief of global football development, has questioned why the winners of the Europa League qualify for next year's Champions League. Tottenham have a 3-1 lead going into last night's Europa League semi-final second leg against Norway's Bodo/Glimt.

But they are 16th in the Premier League table, while Manchester United - who have a 3-0 lead over Spain's Athletic Club in the other last-four tie - are a point ahead in 15th. United also played their second leg, at Old Trafford, last night. The winners are expected face each other in Bilbao on 21 May.

Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 10th May

3pm

Fulham v Everton

Ipswich Town v Brentford

Southampton v Manchester City

Wolverhampton Wanderers v Brighton & Hove Albion

5:30pm

AFC Bournemouth v Aston Villa

Sunday 11th May

12noon

Newcastle Utd. v Chelsea

2:15pm

Man Utd. v West Ham Utd.

Nottingham Forest v Leicester City

Tottenham Hotspurs v Crystal Palace

4:30pm

Liverpool v Arsenal

Premier  League

LOCAL SPORTS

Cricket Results & Fixtures

St Helena Cricket Association

Saturday 3/5/25

Cobras 77/9(17.4 overs)

Michael Bedwell - 22(29)

Blaze Baldwin - 18(12)

Damien O'Bey - 2/6(2 overs)

Andrew Yon - 1/0(0.4 overs)

Challengers 81/1(6.1 overs)

Cliff Richards - 41*(20)

Jordi Henry - 21*(11)

Kirk Lawrence - 1/28(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Cliff Richards(Challengers)

Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:

Saturday 10/5/25

13:30

Sandy Bay Pirates v Jamestown Heat

(Umpires: Scott Crowie and Gareth Johnson)

Sunday 11/5/25

09:30

Levelwood Rebels v Cobras

(Umpires: Dax Richards and Damian Burns)

13:30

Levelwood Allstars v Challengers

(Umpires: Barry Stroud and David Price)



**St. Helena Cricket
Association**

Sunday 4/5/25

Sandy bay Pirates 227/3(20 overs)

David Young - 105(44)

Brooklyn Fowler - 52(33)

Lucio George - 2/43 (4 overs)

Laine George - 1/4(1 over)

Levelwood Rebels 11/8(20 overs)

Delroy Leo - 36(28)

James Duncan - 25(28)

Ronan Legg - 2/6(2 overs)

Greg Coleman - 2/15(4 overs)

Player of the Match - David Young (Sandy bay Pirates)

Levelwood Allstars 134/8(20 overs)

Stefan Leo - 35(4)

Shavon Leo - 25(15)

Gareth Johnson - 3/19(4 overs)

Antonio Green - 2/19(3 overs)

Western A Mustangs - 45/10(14.4 overs)

Kyle Bennett - 17(23)

Shane Williams - 11(14)

David Francis - 4/5(4 overs)

Clayton Leo - 2/13(4 overs)

Player of the Match - David Francis (Levelwood Allstars)



BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT MANAGER

COMPETITIVE SALARY

Printech is looking to recruit the above role to support the daily operation of its commercial and personalised printing service. The Business Development Manager will oversee a small team with design, production and quality control and lead on client engagement, marketing and inventory. The successful candidate will be dynamic, results driven and possess a passion for product development.

Applicant requirements:

- 3+ years experience in a supervisor or team leader position.
- High aptitude and versatility with IT software.
- Good communication and organisation skills.
- Proactive and flexible attitude.

For a copy of the job description or to learn more about this vacancy please contact Tara Wortley on 22497 or email tara@roseandcrown.sh

Applicants must submit their CV and motivation letter by Thursday 15 May 2025.

Golf Report: Tombstone Competition

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

The Tombstone Competition on 4th May showcased a competitive atmosphere, with participants demonstrating determination despite challenging weather conditions. The event was marked by wet conditions, but fortunately, fog did not hinder visibility or game play. **Arthur Francis** emerged as the overall winner of the competition, finishing with a remarkable lead of five strokes in the clubhouse. This performance indicates not only consistency but also some good fortune throughout the rounds played. In second place was **Pat Henry**, who made a commendable effort to secure his position with just one stroke to spare in the clubhouse. This close finish highlights the competitive nature of the event and suggests that every stroke counted significantly towards final placements. Additionally, there was notable excitement regarding scoring during this competition. Only one "2" was recorded, achieved by **Jeff Stevens**, who managed to chip in successfully for his second consecutive week.

- **Winner:** Arthur Francis (5 strokes ahead)
- **Second Place:** Pat Henry (1 stroke ahead)
- **Notable Score:** Jeff Stevens with one "2" for two weeks running

Upcoming Events:

Golf

11th May: 18 hole Stableford Competition

18th May: The Monthly Medal

25th The Gwyneth Howell's Cross Country Competition (Great Prizes to be won)

Enter your name and telephone number to 24421 or 25848.

Euchre Drive 16th May (Friday Evening)

Please enter you team by contacting Keith Joshua "KJ" on 63698 or 25771.



MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	LILAC ROLLER 251209	BRIGHT SKY 251211	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213
Immingham	12-Apr	10-May	07-Jun
	KAROLINE 251705	KAROLINE 251706	KAROLINE 251707
Cape Town	18-May	14-Jun	14-Jul
Rupert's Bay	26-May	22-Jun	22-Jul
Ascension Island	-	-	27-Jul
	KAROLINE 251805	KAROLINE 251806	KAROLINE 251806
Cape Town	08-Jun	07-Jul	12-Aug

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



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