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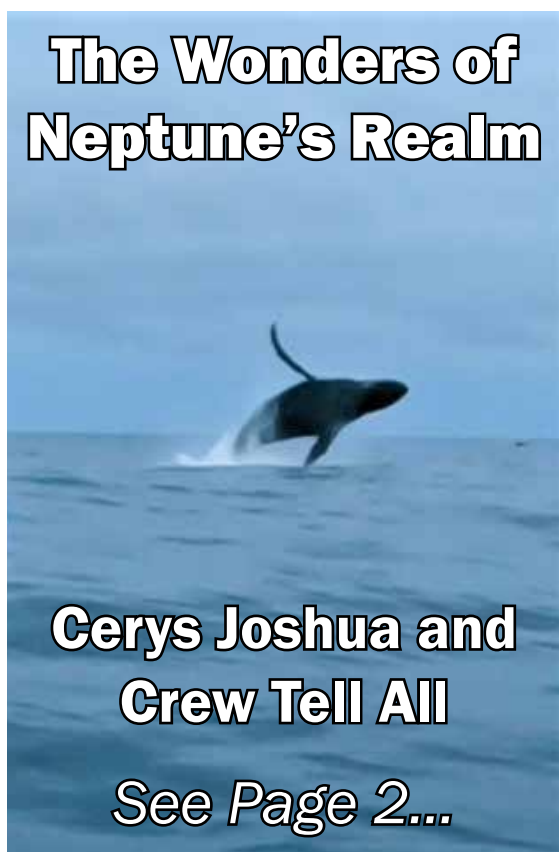
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From the Cerys Joshua Ocean Log Book

Cerys Joshua is enjoying life on the ocean waves on “Aurora”, as one of the two Open Ocean crew. The Open Ocean is a ‘St Helena only scheme’ that helps with the costs of the 4,500 mile, 48-day voyage. Wavysail brings people who seek adventure twice a year to St Helena on the REAL Atlantic - not the North Atlantic that “everyone” does. This is the South Atlantic. Massive, desolate and isolated. The return trip is over 4,500 incredible sea miles as Wavysail describe it.

7th November Weather Delay - departure was delayed slightly thanks to a rather uncooperative weather system. As tempting as it is to get going, it simply isn't sensible to set off into a gale when waiting a touch longer means a safer and more comfortable start. Good seamanship usually looks like patience.

The extra days haven't gone to waste, though. The crew have been busy with final preparations — stocking up on food and fresh supplies, stowing gear, checking and re-checking systems — with a little bit of time squeezed in for some sightseeing and a breather before the routine of ocean life begins.



Cerys (left) with two other crew stocking up so they don't go hungry. A trolley overloaded with toilet tissue is also very visible

Looking Ahead, skipper Wavy Immelman logged, the forecast is for the wind to drop tomorrow and allow us to head north to Saldanha, where we will overnight, and head on north on Saturday morning early. The sail should take +/- 48 hours to reach Luderitz from Saldanha, and we want to arrive on Monday morning when we will be able to come ashore and clear customs and immigration (Closed on the weekend). Therefore, planning a Saturday morning departure is perfect for our Monday morning arrival.

9th November - Yesterday started out very pleasantly as we left Saldanha. Fair winds, mild swells and light clouds. We spotted a couple of Heavyside's dolphins on the way out, then

From the Cerys Joshua Ocean Log Book

passed a Gannett colony that smelled so bad! Most of the day was spent spotting the tons of seals and humpbacks that were playing, splashing and breaching. We had two whales surface right next to the boat to say hi, and shortly after, a very large stingray was also rather curious.

Cerys crewmate, Hannah logged, I went down to catch some shut eye, about 2 hours before my shift I heard the engine cut off and commotion on deck. The wind was back; that's for sure! We were on quite the heel and being bashed around. I started feeling queasy being in the forepeak, so thought screw it, let's go see what's happening on deck. Lexi and Sara were on watch and doing very well beating into the 26-knot wind, in full fog, trying to get as north as possible. Then I took over...Sara did her best to help me get on course, but I got so disoriented with the fog and honestly a little terrified at how steep we were. Next thing I know Wavy runs up wanting to know why I'm taking us back to Cape Town! It was decided to put another reef on the sail - I felt like I was fighting for my life just to stay upright at the wheel, never mind to also keep the yacht on track as Marc climbed the mast. 3rd reef in, we then needed to gybe. We kept beating into the wind until the swell and then wind died at 2am. I can't lie, it was a bit of a relief when the jib came in and the engines came on.

10th November - First Mate Marc logged, Before the moon rose, the sea treated us to one of those moments that makes ocean sailing unforgettable. The water around us came alive with bioluminescence, glowing trails swirling along the hull. Cerys even spotted dolphins swimming through the glowing plankton, lighting up like shooting stars beneath the surface — a light show no photograph could ever capture.

By morning, Hannah and I were on watch as the fog finally began to lift. One shadow in the grey became two... then three... and before long we counted nine whales in total. One of them performed a full breach, its enormous body slamming back into the ocean with a force that sent small fish leaping out of the water, stunned by the impact. A raw, unforgettable display of power.



Sarah looked after us beautifully at lunch, whipping up bacon and French toast. As we finished eating, the sun finally pushed through the last of the fog, allowing us to peel off a few winter layers at last. Tonight, I'll be treating the crew to a proper macaroni and cheese. I'm hoping everyone will enjoy it after the day's adventures — though after bioluminescent dolphins, breaching whales and aerial acrobatics from seabirds, I'm not sure any dish will quite compete.

Statement by UK Ambassador to the UN's Special Political and Decolonisation Fourth Committee

This United Nations committee focuses on a wide range of political issues, primarily decolonisation and self-determination for non-self-governing territories. In the British Overseas Territories, the main focus is on Gibraltar and the Falklands. The same opinions are repeated every time this subject is discussed. This is the speech by Simon Thomas, the UK ambassador to the UN at the most recent meeting

Let me start by reiterating that the United Kingdom has a modern relationship with all its Overseas Territories based on partnership; on shared values; and on the right of the people of each Territory to choose to remain British or not.

The UK Overseas Territories are self-governing, subject only to the UK retaining powers to carry out its obligations under international law.

We have a close bilateral relationship with each Territory, and the UK and Overseas Territory Governments hold a Joint Ministerial Council each year to monitor and drive forward collective priorities for action in the spirit of partnership.

We are committed to supporting the Territories on their priorities, including environmental protection, and carrying out our constitutional responsibilities, including guaranteeing security.



Gibraltar

Gibraltar

Last week, the Committee heard directly from the Chief Minister of Gibraltar as the elected representative of its people.

We welcome their participation and restate that the UK's longstanding commitment to the people of Gibraltar remains unchanged.

Across the Territories, we provide financial and practical support to build local capacity and resilience, and have projects underway to build new infrastructure, including a new hospital, ports and much more.

I will address specific points relating to two of the UK's Overseas Territories.
Firstly...

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The UK will not enter arrangements under which the people of Gibraltar would pass under the sovereignty of another state against their freely and democratically expressed wishes. The United Kingdom also reaffirms that it will not enter a process of sovereignty negotiations with which Gibraltar is not content.

In December 2020, the UK, with Gibraltar, agreed a Political Framework with Spain for how a future agreement between the UK and the EU in respect of Gibraltar would function in the interests of all parties.

UK-EU negotiations began in October 2021. The UK, working side-by-side with the Government of Gibraltar, reached a political agreement with the EU on the core aspects of a Treaty in June 2025.

All parties are committed to finalising the text of the UK-EU Treaty in respect to Gibraltar as soon as possible.

The second specific issue I wish to address is the Falkland Islands.

The United Kingdom has no doubt about its sovereignty over both the Falkland Islands, and South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, and their surrounding maritime areas.

Nor do we have any doubt about the Falkland Islanders' right of self-determination.



Falklands

This is enshrined in the UN Charter and in Article One of both UN covenants on human rights, by virtue of which they are free to determine their political status and pursue their economic, social and cultural development.

In the 2013 referendum, which was conducted in line with international standards and was observed by independent, international observers, 99.8 per cent of those who voted wanted to remain their current status as a British Overseas Territory.

This result sent a clear message of self-determination, and that the people of the Islands do not want dialogue on sovereignty.

These wishes, expressed freely, should be respected.

Tristan Represents St Helena and Ascension at London's Remembrance Ceremony

Report and photos from Tristan Government UK representative Chris Carnegy

I was honoured to lay a wreath on behalf of Tristan and our sister islands of St Helena and Ascension, at the Cenotaph on Whitehall in the presence of His Majesty King Charles. The King and Queen, the Prince and Princess of Wales and the Duke and Duchess of Edinburgh led the national act of Remembrance, where a service was conducted by the future Archbishop of Canterbury Dame Sarah Mullally. Tristan alternates with St Helena to pay tribute on behalf of the whole Territory. It was a special privilege to participate in a year that commemorates the 80th anniversary of the Allied victory in World War Two.



Eleven representatives of the Overseas Territories lay wreaths at the Cenotaph in Whitehall



Chris Carnegy (second from camera) stands with other OT Representatives after laying wreaths at the Cenotaph

With thanks to <https://www.tristandc.com/index.php>

Card Payments of Various Types Now Possible on Tristan

Report and photos from Administrator Philip Kendall



During my time on island, I have used the term "game changing" many times, from high-speed internet to solar energy. The card machines also fall into this category. The ability to take credit card payments from tourists and other visitors means that they aren't limited by the amount of cash they carry, which is often not very much.

A big thank you must go to Chief Finance Officer Paul Mapasure, who has persevered for the best part of two years to get the banks to recognise the need and offer us the facility to take the payments. Thanks too, to FCDO Desk Officer, Charles Wickham, for bringing the two card machines with him when he arrived last week. We only have two machines for now, as we want to test them and make sure they work for us. The early indications are good and we have taken payments from various types of card, both with a PIN and contactless. I even used Apple Pay on my phone (other mobile payment options are available) to buy my lunch on Wednesday, and I heard that one of the visitors made a contactless payment using his watch.



Iris and Rachel Green open for card payments in the café at the Post Office and Tourism Centre

Like most modern payment systems, this comes at a cost to us, hence the 5% service charge which we are passing on to the customer.

At the moment we have the facility only in Tourism and the Post Office but hope to roll it out further once we are happy that it works.

With thanks to <https://www.tristandc.com/index.php>

Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council

Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca Cairns-Wicks MBE, is due to depart St Helena tomorrow to travel to the UK to attend the annual Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council (JMC).

The JMC is the principal forum for reviewing and implementing the shared strategy for promoting the security and good governance of the Territories and their sustainable economic and social development.

The Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council brings together political leaders from the Overseas Territories and UK Ministers. It will meet this year in London from 26 - 27 November and will be hosted by FCDO Minister for the Overseas Territories Mark Simmonds MP.

The Chief Minister will also have a number of official engagements before and after the event itself. These engagements will include a bilateral meeting with Stephen Doughty, Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories and meetings with other UK Government Ministers, OT leaders and other representatives.

The Chief Minister will be joined by Governor Nigel Philips and SHG UK Representative, Kedell Worboys

The Chief Minister is due to arrive back on St Helena on Saturday 6 December. During the Chief Minister absence, Minister Martin Henry has been appointed Deputy Chief Minister.

Rebecca Cairns-Wicks said:

"I am honoured to represent St Helena at my first UK Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council. This is an important opportunity for our new Government to raise St Helena's voice directly in the UK, to showcase St Helena's progress and achievements over the last year, highlight our challenges, set out our plans for development and advocate for the support needed to build a more sustainable and resilient future for our island."

Wanderlust Travel Awards

Recently, St Helena was nominated for 'Most Desirable Island (World)' at the 24th annual Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards. The results were announced yesterday at a special event held during the World Travel Market (WTM) in London.

While St Helena did not win this year, the nomination itself signifies St Helena's growing reputation and positioning on the international tourism map.

The awards are voted for by thousands of well-travelled readers of the UK's leading travel magazine, Wanderlust and St Helena Government would like to thank everyone locally and internationally who voted for St Helena.

Minister for Economic Development and Environment, Natural Resources and Planning, Karl Thrower, commented: "Our nomination at the Wanderlust Reader Travel Awards confirms that the unique beauty, history, and genuine warmth of the St Helenian people resonate deeply with discerning travellers. It signals a growing appetite for unique, off-the-beaten-path destinations offering authentic, immersive

experiences, which St Helena has in spades. We thank everyone for taking the time to vote for St Helena and hope we can call on your support for similar opportunities in future."



Border Force Enhance Capabilities

The Safety Security and Home Affairs Portfolio is pleased to report that the skills and knowledge gained from training delivered by our Border Force colleagues in the UK earlier this year continue to enhance the capabilities of our Customs and Immigration Team.

Building on this training, and through close collaboration between Customs and Immigration, and the Royal St Helena Police, several items were successfully detained last weekend by Customs.

This achievement reflects the effectiveness of joint working and the commitment of all agencies involved.

In a small community island such as ours, working together is essential to ensure that we can manage our borders effectively and safeguard the interests of our people.

These efforts demonstrate our shared responsibility to protect and serve our community.

From the Front Line to Fibre Line - Chris and Chris March Past the King for Remembrance Sunday

It's not every day an invitation from The Royal Family lands on your doorstep. But this weekend, two of our very own, Chris Segar and Christo Benny Bennett, proudly marched past His Majesty the King during the Remembrance Sunday ceremony at Horse Guards Parade.

Dressed once again in red and green ties (Blood on the grass) representing the 23rd Pioneer Regiment (Royal Logistic Corps), the pair marched with 108 Other Pioneer Veterans as well as the ten thousand other veterans from other regiments, honouring those who gave their lives in service; noble, and brave.

Chris and Bennys friendship spans 25 years. They first met whilst serving in the Army where their shared experiences built a bond that's stood the test of time. Remarkably, they claimed their Military ID cards on the same date. They left the Forces on the same day too.



Now both are part of Voneus (a UK fibre broadband provider) working side by side once again to deliver connectivity to their customers and bring communities together.

Back in uniform shoulder to shoulder

Last Sunday, the boys dusted off their uniforms, don their berets, and remember how to march again. Though both admit they might "waddle like penguins" we think they look nothing but spectacular as they join the ranks in this powerful act of remembrance.

So, if you watched the Remembrance Sunday broadcast, you may have spotted two familiar faces marching with pride.

An incredible memory to share for Chris and Benny. This is not just another parade it's a moment to reflect, connect and to remember. A rare and humbling opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder once more. This time in honour of those who can no longer do so.

Thank you both for sharing your story with us, and for continuing to make us proud.



OBITUARY and THANK YOU

Ronald and Bridget and the family and friends would like to thank everyone for their support and love they showed and given to them during the passing of Greg so suddenly.

Although Greg's life was short it was overwhelming to know and see he touched so many people's lives through his character, whether it was sports, cricket and football or through his construction projects or whether socializing. Greg is no longer with us, but his legacy will live on in our hearts. Believing in the resurrection hope has helped to keep us stronger, to meet again soon.

Thanks to Johnny Isaac for the use of his transport, Roy and his teams for arranging the burial, Solomon's Secretariat for putting the funeral sheets together, Derek Richards of the Cricket Association for Greg's wonderful tribute, also all the people who attended the funeral, those who sent cards and messages of condolences and sympathy not forgetting all the hugs and the visits we had. Thanks also to the friends on Ascension for their tributes.

Thanks to all the family and friends both here and overseas for their continued support, which we will never forget and those who gave such wonderful floral arrangements both fresh and artificial and Kurt for making the wreaths. Special thanks also go to Greg's cousin Tiffany- Paige for helping in every way possible with the arrangements, also Peter Leo for conducting the short service and a brief story of Greg's life. Thanks also to those who brought their PA systems along on the day of his funeral.

Thank you all once again and God's blessings be with you all.



Tribute from Greg's uncle

Dear Ronald and Bridget

There are no words that can truly ease the pain of losing your son. We wish we could be there with you and share in the sorrow. Please know that even from afar, our hearts are with you and Bridget.

Greg was a bright light in all our lives. My first memory of him is when I gave him a soft toy—a gorilla! He adored it. Even as he grew older, that larger-than-life spirit, laughter, and love remained with him.

We will always remember his passion for cricket and football, his easy smile, and the joy he brought to every room. He was also a gifted craftsman. His masonry skills were immaculate. He built my storeroom with such care and precision, and in all my years in the building trade, Greg stood proudly among the very best. He was deeply loved—not just by his friends, but by all who had the privilege of knowing him.

We know how much he adored you both, especially his mum. That love was clear in everything he did, and we know how proud you were of him.

Though we may never understand why he left us so soon, we hope you can find comfort in the memories you shared, the love that surrounded him, and the legacy he leaves behind.

You are not alone. We are all here for you, always.

“When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure.”

With all our love,

Tribute from one of Greg's Employers

To Ronald, Bridget and family

We would like to let you know that we are thinking of you all and are including you in our prayers. We all need Jehovah's holy spirit to help us cope during this difficult time.

Greg's character and presence always bring a smile to us as he would be singing and dancing. A few songs will remind us of him. He was a hard-working person for which we are grateful for each day as we look at his fine workmanship and work that he produced. His manner of greeting us is to be admired.

He was fond of Cooper the cat who also enjoyed his company. Look forward to the words of Acts 24:15 – “Although it is not easy but have faith and endurance until the new world comes.”



Andrew Turner Answers Questions on Education Service

At the heart of every thriving society is a commitment to Education. In the recent Legislative Council session, I had the opportunity to share progress on several key initiatives that are shaping the future of education, training, and employment on St Helena.

In response to a question from Hon. Dr Corinda Essex, I reaffirmed our shared goal of establishing the long-awaited Student Scholarship Trust. With input from the Attorney General's Chambers now under review, we are laying the legal and structural foundations to make this vision a reality. I have been working with Dr Essex to collaborate further, recognising her longstanding advocacy and expertise in expanding student support. This initiative is about unlocking potential and ensuring that our young people are given the opportunity to succeed.

Hon. Robert Midwinter raised an important question about vocational students receiving below minimum wage for their 35-hour weekly placements. This arrangement is recognised as part of a structured training programme, and as such, does not constitute employment in the conventional sense. However, I acknowledged this issue and highlighted existing support mechanisms, such as the Youth Top-Up scheme through Income Related Benefits. More significantly, I announced a comprehensive review of all post-16 education including vocational training and tertiary pathways. This review will help us understand the system that connects education to employment, ensuring every young person can see a future for themselves on this island.

In response to a question from Hon. Julie Thomas, I confirmed that Phase I of the Primary School Reorganisation is progressing on schedule.

The works have already begun at St Pauls Primary over the school holidays. Planning permissions and approvals are being finalised, and expressions of interest for contractors have been advertised. As Harford Primary building works are due to get underway, the preparations for relocating KS1 and KS2 students are being handled with care and creativity.

Our youngest students, in particular, are at a formative stage of life, they are naturally more vulnerable and need to feel not only physically safe but emotionally secure.

For our students, staff and parents, we are prioritising wellbeing and continuity through:

- Relationship Building Week and Induction Days to ease transitions.
- Wellbeing strategies involving psychologists, therapists, and a new SENDCO.
- Legacy projects to honour school histories.
- Open communication with families and staff to build trust and reduce uncertainty.

This project is a renewal of our promise to every child on this island, a promise of opportunity, support, and a future worth striving for.

I want to say a big thank you to all the Staff in the portfolio, the parents for bearing with us during this change and of course to all our students whose resilience, adaptability, and enthusiasm have truly inspired us throughout this period of change.

Hon. Andrew Turner, Minister for Education, Skills & Employment



A HEARTFELT THANK YOU!

Pink Walk 2025 went ahead on Sunday the 26th of October in the district of Longwood and the community of St Helena came out in full 'pink force' making it yet another inspiring and successful event.

Together, we raised the significant amount of **£2521.50** for the Cancer Support & Awareness Charity. These funds will allow the charity to continue to support those affected by cancer and back initiatives around greater awareness, early detection and the overall goal of ending cancer.

The Cancer Support & Awareness Working Group members would like to shout a huge thank you to everyone who supported, donated and walked for a great cause.

• **Thank you to the valued sponsors, amazing volunteers and helpers:**

Johnny Isaac and team Isaac Contractors, BOSH Community Projects, SURE South Atlantic, Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc, Queen Mary Stores, Rose & Crown, Brian Davies, Thorpe Stores, Peaks Enterprise, Connect St Helena, Richard James International, Zedcore and Bus providers – Raymond Henry and Ian Williams

Paramedics, Royal St Helena Police service, Longwood Community Centre, Smudge Dog Media, Marshalls, Registrars, Colin Peters for the entertainment, Tara Wortley for the invigorating and fun warm-up and the many helpers before and on the day.

• **Thank you to everyone who baked and provided delicious treats – your cakes, snacks and refreshments certainly helped to make the day a 'sweet' success!**

• **Thank you to every participant – Your true warrior spirit shone through and ensured another successful event!**

Together, we proved that not even the rain and wind could dampen the spirit of the Pink Walk!

Prizes were awarded as follows for the first to cross the line in the different age categories:

Age Category	Female	Male
Long Route:		
11 yrs and under	Mila Passaportis	Theo Passaportis
12 – 16 yrs	Georgia Bennett	Joel Henry- Williams
17 + yrs	Michelle Yon	Blane Bennett
Special mention	3 yr old Aaminah Mohammed	
Short Route:		
11 yrs and under	Jamelia Furniss	Morgan Young
12 – 16 yrs	Melissa Menezes	Matteo Augustus
17 + yrs	Chloe Jade Thomas	Peter Thomas
Special mention	Heather Cranfield & Val Reynolds who set their own personal best	

Prizes were also awarded to Jenny Rainbow for collecting the most amount of sponsorship and Brian Henry for the highest number of sponsors.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AGAIN NEXT TIME FOR ANOTHER PINK WALK FILLED WITH THAT SPECIAL ST HELENA COMMUNITY SPIRIT!

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We regret to announce the sad passing of Dr. David Norman Bagley, former Chief Medical Officer on the Island from 1994 to 2000.

Dr. Bagley passed away in the early hours of 7th November 2025 in the United Kingdom, at the age of 73, following a long battle with cancer.

He is survived by his wife Sue, daughters Deborah and Katie, his son David, and his grandchildren.

He will be greatly missed.



BAHA' FAITH

HE IS THE GLORY OF

GLORIES



Magnify My cause that I may reveal unto thee the mysteries of My greatness and shine upon thee with the light of eternity.

Humble thyself before Me, that I may graciously visit thee. Arise for the triumph of My cause, that while yet on earth thou mayest obtain the victory.

Make mention of Me on My earth, that in My heaven
I may remember thee, thus shall Mine eyes and thine
be solaced.

Thy hearing is My hearing. Hear thou therewith. Thy sight is My sight, do thou see therewith, that in thine inmost soul thou mayest testify unto My exalted sanctity, and I within Myself may bear witness unto an exalted station for thee.

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

Diocese of St Helena

Sunday 16th November 2025– 33rd Sunday of the Year

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

Thursday 20th November

7.00 p.m.	Praise and Worship	Blue Hill Community Centre

Sunday 16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
	Thursday 20th November	
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

Sunday 16th November 2025 – 33rd Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
	Tuesday 18th November	
7.00 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Vacancy

Freight Agent



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Interested Persons Should:

- Hold GCSE Maths & English at Grade C or above (or equivalent), and be confident using IT systems
- Have strong customer service skills with a friendly, professional approach
- Demonstrate excellent organisational, communication, and interpersonal skills
- Be analytical with strong attention to detail
- Have experience in cash handling and general administrative duties
- Be committed to learning and professional development, including the ability to undertake overseas training when required
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For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Anthea Joshua, Assistant Shipping & Travel Manager via ☎ 22523 ✉ asstshipping-travelmanager@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **Thursday, 27 November 2025**.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc offers an attractive benefits package to Employees which includes but are not limited to:

★ Pension Contributions

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- HAIRSTYLIST
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St Helena
Government



ENVIRONMENTAL, NATURAL RESOURCES AND PLANNING

INVITATION TO TENDER

Proposed Roof Reconstruction and Replacement Building 1 – Sawmill

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

ENRP8-2025/26 – Proposed Roof Reconstruction and Replacement Building 1 - Sawmill

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025, at 09:00, meeting at the Sawmill at Scotland, St Pauls.

Contractors should note that site visits requested after this date will not be entertained unless there is a relevant reason why the contractor could not attend the scheduled site visit.

Copies of the tender document and further details can be obtained from the Procurement Officer, on telephone no: 25932 or via email tiffany.lawrence@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Completed tenders should be placed in the Tender Box located on the Top Floor, Post Office Building by 12:00 on Wednesday, 19 November 2025, clearly marked "Tender ENRP8-2025/26".

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

SHG
27 October 2025



St Helena
Government



SAFETY SECURITY & HOME AFFAIRS

INVITATION TO TENDER

New Prison Project

St Helena Government would like to invite suitably qualified contractors to submit tenders for site excavation and haulage for the new Prison site within the Longwood area – Bottom Woods:

CS-1946-SHG – Site Excavation & Haulage

A site visit to view the works will take place on Monday, 10 November 2025, at 09:00, meeting at "Reggies" in Bottom Woods

Full documentation and the specifications can be found on the St Helena Government e-procurement system which can be accessed via: <https://in-tendhost.co.uk/sainthelena.aspx/Home> following registration on the system. User guides are available via the 'Supplier Information' tab to assist prospective contractors registering on the e-procurement system.

If contractors would like a hard copy of the tender documentation, they should contact the Project Manager, James Hayton, on tel no: 22270 or email: James.Hayton@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Tender submissions should be made via the e-procurement system, with the tender deadline being Wednesday, 26 November at 12:00.

Contractors should note that this tender is not being advertised overseas.

NOTE TO EDITOR:

This project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.

SHG
22 October 2025



We are seeking interest for the following positions – Customer service assistants, Supervisors & Chefs to work within our retail and leisure establishments at MPC, Falkland Islands.

Applicants should have excellent customer service skills, be reliable and trustworthy, able to use their own initiative, be flexible and willing to learn, and of sober habits. Full on-job training will be given.

For further information please contact Mr Reece White, Operations Manager on email rwhite@naafi.co.uk

Baptist Church Gospel Outreach



When: Sunday:
16th November 2025

Where: Kingshurst Community
Centre

Time: 3.00 pm

Gospel in Song

Refreshments

Preached Word



NOVEMBER OPENING HOURS

Main Branch*

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

Airport Kiosk

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

HTH Supermarket	Monday, 24 November	09:30 - 13:00
Longwood Enterprise Park	Tuesday, 25 November	09:30 - 13:00

*The Business Banking Station is open Monday to Friday, 09:30 - 13:30.



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PRESS RELEASE

Governor and Chief Minister to Attend Joint Ministerial Council

Chief Minister, Dr Rebecca CairnsWicks MBE, is due to depart St Helena on Saturday 15 November 2025, to travel to the UK to attend the annual Overseas Territories (OTs) Joint Ministerial Council (JMC).

The JMC takes place every year in London and is hosted by the UK Government. It brings together elected leaders and representatives from all the OTs, as well as UK Ministers, and provides the principal forum for political dialogue and consultation between the UK and the OTs.

The JMC is due to begin on 24 November 2025, with the main formal discussion meetings taking place between 26 and 27 November. The Chief Minister will also have a number of official engagements before and after the event itself. These engagements will include a bilateral meeting with Stephen Doughty, Minister of State for Europe, North America and Overseas Territories and meetings with other UK Government Ministers, OT leaders and other representatives.

The Chief Minister will be joined by His Excellency the Governor Nigel Philips CBE and SHG UK Representative, Kedell Worboys MBE.

The Governor and the Chief Minister are due to arrive back on St Helena on Saturday 6 December. Whilst they are offisland, Tasha Harris, Head of the Governor's Office, will be sworn in as Acting Governor and Minister Martin Henry will be appointed Deputy Chief Minister.

In speaking about her attendance at the JMC, the Chief Minister said:

"I am honoured to represent St Helena at my first UK Overseas Territories Joint Ministerial Council. This is the most important annual political event in the calendar for St Helena and all UK Overseas Territories (UKOTs). Bringing together UK Ministers and elected leaders from each Territory to discuss key issues, agree priorities, progress action and strengthen the partnership between the Territories and the UK Government. This is an important opportunity for our new Government to raise St Helena's voice directly in the UK, to showcase St Helena's progress and achievements over the last year, highlight our challenges, set out our plans for development and advocate for the support needed to build a more sustainable and resilient future for our island."

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11 November 2025

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FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" A Nissan Cabstar 45.15 S/C LWB Truck

Vehicle Details

Y.O.M = 2011

Engine Capacity = 3.0 litre

Wheelbase = 3.4 metre, Body Length = 3.45 metre

Revenue weigh (GVW) = 4500 Kg

Carrying Capacity = 1800 Kg

This vehicle has been limited to its carrying capacity and travelling distance due to a "Hair Line Crack" within the engine block.

This vehicle will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warranty given or guarantee implied.

Persons interested in viewing should contact Denis Rainbow Autosshop & Transport Manager or Eric Henry Deputy Autosshop & Transport Supervisor on telephone number 22638.

Offers no less than £10,000.00 should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Friday 28 November 2025.



10 November 2025



AGRICULTURAL SHOW DAY FRANCIS PLAIN

15 NOVEMBER 2025

Open to the Public from 12noon to 5pm

Entrance Fee: Adults £1 Children under 12years 50p

PROGRAMME

9am - 10am Entries to be submitted for the Horticulture & Homebaking Competition

8am - 10am Entries to be submitted to for the Art and Crafts Competition

11am Judging starts for all competitions

11am Football match - Jamestown vs Half Tree Hollow

12pm Official Opening

1pm District Stalls, Horticulture, Homebaking and Arts and Crafts marquees open to the public and other fun activities

3pm Prize Presentation

5pm Event finishes

WHAT TO EXPECT

Exhibitions:

District Stalls

Arts & Crafts

Horticulture & Homebaking

Information stalls

Hot Food, Tuck Shop, Tea and Cakes, Bars

Miscellaneous stalls

Petting Zoo

Bouncy Castle and lots more

DJ Colin Peters

TRANSPORT £2 one way

Buses to Francis Plain:

Isaac's Contractors departing 11:30

Levelwood

Longwood

Jamestown

Dougie departing 11:30am

New Ground via Rosemary

Ian Williams departing 11am

Sandy Bay Chapel

Return journey departs 5pm

Parking will be along the Ring Road.

No parking permitted on Francis Plain

Volunteers needed to set up on Friday, on the day and to clean up!

Please get in touch with Susan on 53062

Join our community for a great day!

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PRESS RELEASE

Have Your Say: Securing St Helena's Water Future

Looking Ahead – Protecting St Helena

The St Helena Government (SHG), in partnership with Connect Saint Helena Ltd and JBA Consulting, invites all residents to take part in the public consultation for the island's new Water Resource Management Plan (WRMP).

This important plan will guide how St Helena can secure reliable and sustainable water supplies for our homes, agriculture, businesses, and natural environment over the coming decades. It will explore:

- How water is currently supplied and used across the island;
- Options for improving storage, sourcing, and efficiency;
- Ways to strengthen our resilience to climate change and drought and
- Opportunities to protect our environment while meeting community needs.

Why Your Voice Matters

Water affects everyone on St Helena. Your local knowledge, ideas, and feedback are vital to shaping a plan that reflects our island's priorities and requirements. By getting involved, you'll help guide how water is managed and invested in to meet our current needs and the needs of future generations. Please hit the QR code below to complete our questionnaire and be part of securing water for St Helena.

How to Take Part

Join one of our community consultation events:

St Pauls:	Kingshurst Community Centre– Tuesday 18 th November 7pm 8pm
Longwood:	Harford Community Centre – Wednesday 19 th November 7pm – 8pm
Jamestown:	Saint Helena Community College Hall – Thursday 20 th November 7pm – 8pm

Consultation materials will also be available online and at key public venues, with opportunities to submit feedback in writing. Your input will help refine and evaluate the resourcing options being proposed before the plan is finalised later this year.

This project forms part of the £30 million Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), funded by the UK Government, supporting a sustainable future for St Helena.

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- **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.

Senior HR Assistants (£11,604 per annum)

Here is a great opportunity to start your career in HR! Central Human Resources is seeking to recruit a motivated and enthusiastic individual to join our HR Transactional team. In this post, you will be responsible for undertaking a range of HR transactional processes to ensure the delivery of a high-quality HR service. Key areas include recruitment and selection, processing of leavers, contractual changes and providing advice on employment related policies and procedures.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin or Anya Richards on Tel No.22470 or
Anya.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh or
Sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 18 November 2025
Shortlisting date: 21 November 2025
Interview date: 27 November 2025

BIOT Preparedness Project Manager (Rate of Pay: competitive, dependent on experience)

Central Support Service is seeking to recruit a Project Manager on a casual contract basis to coordinate, plan and manage activities to ensure St Helena Government are suitably prepared in the event further migrants arrive on the British Indian Overseas Territory and are subsequently sent to St Helena. You will be required to communicate and interact fully across SHG and the private sector, and to provide oversight and reporting on key project activities being undertaken. A logical approach and the ability to communicate clearly is essential. Previous experience managing projects is desirable.

Please note that as a Casual Worker you will only be entitled to receive payment for the hours worked. Annual leave etc. will not apply. This role is funded by the FCDO in support of BIOT planning work. The rate of pay is negotiable and will take account of experience and qualifications.

This role is advertised to start as soon as possible therefore candidates will be shortlisted on submission of interest and the advert will close when we have successfully appointed. We can share the terms of reference for this role on request. To apply please submit a statement outlining your interest and suitability for this role to recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh

Enquiries: Stephen Thwaites (Governor's office) Tel: 25393
Ian Todd (Head of the public service) Tel: 2252
Tasha Harris (Governor's office) Tel: 22869

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

FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis

Match of the week, chosen and reported on by 10 year old Football Enthusiast Louis this week was Saturday games between Manchester United and Nottingham Forest .

Jeremy Doku starred as Manchester City closed the gap to Premier League leaders Arsenal with a statement 3-0 win over defending champions Liverpool at the Etihad Stadium.

Arsenal's 2-2 draw with Sunderland on Saturday opened the door for the teams who have split the last eight titles between them, and in Pep Guardiola's 1,000th game in management, City turned in their best performance of the season.



Erling Haaland had an early penalty saved by Giorgi Mamardashvili, but his header opened the scoring in the 29th minute, before Virgil van Dijk saw a potential equaliser disallowed for offside.

Nico Gonzalez's deflected effort doubled City's lead just before half-time, and the impressive Jeremy Doku - in his 100th appearance for the club - scored a stunning third in the 63rd minute.

While City move back to second, Liverpool end the weekend down in eighth, having lost five of their 11 games this campaign.



Saturday 8th	Tottenham	2	2	Man United
Saturday 8th	Everton	2	0	Fulham
Saturday 8th	West Ham	3	2	Burnley
Saturday 8th	Sunderland	2	2	Arsenal
Saturday 8th	Chelsea	3	0	Wolves
Sunday 9th	Aston Villa	4	0	Bournemouth
Sunday 9th	Brentford	3	1	Newcastle
Sunday 9th	Crystal Palace	0	0	Brighton
Sunday 9th	Nott'm Forest	3	1	Leeds
Monday 10th	Man City	3	0	Liverpool



Saturday 22nd	12:30	Burnley	vs	Chelsea
Saturday 22nd	15:00	Bournemouth	vs	West Ham
Saturday 22nd	15:00	Brighton	vs	Brentford
Saturday 22nd	15:00	Fulham	vs	Sunderland
Saturday 22nd	15:00	Liverpool	vs	Nott'm Forest
Saturday 22nd	15:00	Wolves	vs	Crystal Palace
Saturday 22nd	17:30	Newcastle	vs	Man City
Sunday 23rd	14:00	Leeds	vs	Aston Villa
Sunday 23rd	16:30	Arsenal	vs	Tottenham
Monday 24th	20:00	Man United	vs	Everton

We will be back next week with all the latest from the Premier League

FOLLOW THE SHFA SEASON 2025

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

FOOTBALL RESULTS

This weekend saw SHFA scheduled League fixtures come to a close with only two postponement matches to be played at a date tbc and Wirebirds was deducted a point for failing to provide a linesman on Saturdays game.

Saturday 8th November Rovers 32 — Intergalactic 0

Goalscorers Rovers — Blaize Baldwin 8, Ronan Legg 8, Rico Benjamin 8, Jake Letori 4, Brett Isaac 2, Toure Osborne, Shaquille Benjamin

Man of Match—Rico Benjamin (Rovers)

Young Player of the Match—Blaize Baldwin (Rovers)

TOP 5 GOALSCORERS

	NAME	TEAM	GOALS
Sunday 9th November Bellboys 7— Fugees 1	Joey Thomas	Bellboys	59
Goalscorers Bellboys — Taylan Phillips 2, Tyler Brady 2, Ryan Benjamin, Weston Clingham, Scott Henry	Blaize Baldwin	Rovers	37
Goalscorers Fugees— Lars Williams	Kyle Shoesmith	Wirebirds	29
Man of the Match— Scott Henry (Bellboys)	Rico Benjamin	Rovers	25
	Taylan Phillips	Bellboys	22
Sunday 9th November Wirebirds 3— La Verde 2	Tyler Brady	Bellboys	22
Goalscorers Wirebirds— Sean-Lee Thomas, Edson Stevens, Own Goal	Ronan Legg	Rovers	22
Goalscorers Le Verde — Tyler Anthony , Paul Teyang ,			
Man of the Match— Shane Stroud (Wirebirds)			
Young Player of the Match—Ephraim Stroud (			

FOOTBALL TABLE

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Bellboys	14	14	0	0	152	10	142	43
Rovers	14	11	0	3	129	23	106	33
Wirebirds	15	7	1	6	112	45	67	21
La Verde	15	5	1	9	60	76	-16	13
Fugees	14	4	0	10	53	79	-26	12
Inter Galactic	14	0	0	13	3	276	-273	-1

Sunday 1st November @ 11:30pm

Le Verde vs Bellboys

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sunday 2nd November @ 1:30pm

Wirebirds vs Rovers

Sunday 2nd November @ 3:30pm

Intergalactic vs Fugees

FOLLOW THE WSA ROUNDERS SEASON 2025

The WSA Rounders Season has kicked off with 7 teams entering .

Follow us here every week for the latest results , statistics and fixtures.

RESULTS



INCREDIBLES 12.5 - 12.5 BALLZY LADIES

LOM: Barbara Osborne

Incredibles	V	Ballzy Ladies	
April Stevens	1	Charlotte Williams	1.5
Barbara Osborne	4.5	Alayah Pidgley	1.5
Anisa Moyce	1.5	Kati-Rose Thomas	2.5
Sinead Green	1	Dani Thomas	1
Chloe Thomas	1	Nicola Constantine	2
Danielle Anthony	0.5	Katelyn Benjamin	3.5
Sara Thomas	1.5	Helen Joshua	0.5
Penalty Score	1.5		
12.5		12.5	



THUNDERBATS 8 - 22 FIREBALLS

LOM: Tina Brady
U/LOM: Renae Coleman

Thunderbats	V	Fireballs	
Shania Benjamin	1	Renae Coleman	9
Maxina Yon	3.5	Terri Braaf	0.5
Keely Yon	1	Gemma Glanville	1.5
Kerrylyn Leo	0.5	Tina Brady	4
Shauntai Yon	0.5	Taylor Thomas	0.5
		Ziara Thomas	0.5
Penalty Score	1.5	Sandra George	0.5
		Santara Peters	0.5
		Shalana Clingham	1
		Penalty Score	4
8		22	



Unfortunately no upcoming fixtures have been received from the Women's Sports Association for this weekend but it is believed rounders matches is still on this weekend.

Remembrance Day Pictures



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	GREEN MOUNTAIN 251219	GOLDEN KAROO 251221	BRIGHT SKY 251223
Immingham	06-Sep	04-Oct	08-Nov
	KAROLINE 251710	KAROLINE 251711	KAROLINE 251712
Cape Town	13-Oct	10-Nov	11-Dec
Rupert's Bay	21-Oct	18-Nov	18-Dec
Ascension Island	-	23-Nov	-
	KAROLINE 251810	KAROLINE 251808	KAROLINE 251808
Cape Town	2-Nov	2-Dec	31-Dec

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