



A Round of Applause



News about Side Path Road...

One More Week?...
Read more about it in the Editorial.



Chief Minister's Question Time

Roll of Honour

The First-Class Students of 2024



Helena Walters

Foundation Degree in Dental Technology

University of Worcester

Isaac Greentree

First-Class Honours in Computer Systems and
Networks Engineering

Southampton Solent University



Tyanne Williams

First-Class BSc Degree Marketing and
Management

University of Sussex

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Answers at Chief Minister's Question Time

Chagos Migrants Will Not Get Government Landlord Housing

All Chagos Migrant Costs Paid by UK

The first question at last week's Minister's Question Time was categorised as an 'Urgent Question' tabled by Cllr Dr Corinda Essex. Her question was – How SHG intends to accommodate and integrate into the local community any persons who may arrive in British Indian Ocean Territory and be eligible for re-routing to St Helena? Cllr Essex had several supplementary, or follow-up questions.

Chief minister Julie Thomas explained that in these early days, all portfolio directors had been asked to list what they think may be required if a migrant or a few migrants are sent to St Helena. The lists submitted of possible requirements are now being reviewed by a small group who will formalise a plan for what may be needed. Improvements to Bradley's Camp is already included in the MOU published two weeks ago and will be funded by the UK Government. No financial burden associated with accommodating Chagos originating migrants will be borne by the St Helena Government.

Internal responsibility for preparing to accept Chagos originating migrants, should it be necessary, is with Safety, Security and Home Affairs. At this early stage, most aspects of preparation will be subject to review as the 18 months pass. The number of people involved, if any, is uncertain at the moment.

SHG Go for Digital Communication

SHG Website Due for Major Upgrade

There were six other questions tabled for response. All questions focused on the topic chosen for this month's Ministers' Question Time – SHG Handling of Information to the Public – and covered plans and proposals to improve information distribution.

In response to a question how SHG communicate with the Saint diaspora, chief minister Julie Thomas explained there is access to digital/social media platforms and SHG have two international PR companies who work on it. There have also been overseas surveys.

Funding for a major upgrade of the SHG website was made available in the last financial year but only recently the communications hub has become fully



Mixed Messages

staffed. This has made it possible to start work on developing the details for inviting tenders from the specialists required for the contract. The aim is for the website to be user-friendly, easy to navigate and with a quick, efficient search engine.

Responding to a question about why there is now a communications hub, Julie Thomas explained that all outlets and platforms for government information need to be aligned so they compliment each other as well as convey a consistent message. With a range of digital platforms being increasingly used it is important for robust procedures to be in place so mixed messaging is avoided.

Part of the avoidance of mixed messaging and part of making St Helena immediately recognisable to more people are benefits of 'branding'. If successful, improved recognition will support promotional campaigns, making them more effective. Two brands are being developed; one will be for tourism, the other is a corporate, government branding.





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Editorial

This week, I can only start with one thing. Mike Olsson is surviving his medical condition at the moment, but, sadly, it is only a matter of time. On Monday, after a second visit to the hospital in just a few days, he returned home to announce he was terminally ill. "I will not see Christmas" Mike said. This knocked everybody back, of course, and then the realisation dawns on the staff, 'what do we do now'. Mike is very weak and his body is failing; he could not handover his knowledge or give information about where things are or how he has organised all the records in his computer. We (the staff) all realised that everything had to be done the hard way.

The first staff discussion was 'where to we go from here'. This meant more about Saint FM than the Independent. The Independent will continue to be published every week as normal. At this point I give a truckload of thanks to Mic-kail Harris. After only having a few days to get to know the software used to set the paper for print – he's done it! Self-taught and done a very good job. I will not forget all the others who have helped Sharon and me pick up the pieces after Mike fell terminally ill. Without the willing help of people here and overseas we would not have got the things sorted that we have managed to sort.

There is much more to do. There is a tonne of Independent and Saint FM equipment in the Livery Stables and Association Hall which all needs to be moved out. We also have invaluable help with that from some good friends – organised by Gwyneth and Martin. Many aspects of the financials still remain to be sorted but there was progress with this yesterday. While this kind of work behind the scenes continues, the focus is on making sure the Independent is on the streets every Friday.

What about Saint FM I hear you say. The hard fact is the radio station is high on running costs and low on revenue. Money has always had to be found from other sources to keep Saint FM on the air. In this period of great uncertainty, it was decided to turn off the money tap that has kept Saint FM going all these years. There was no other way.

No one wants to see Saint FM go. People here and overseas have come up with many suggestions about how to cut costs – not so much about increasing revenue. In a hard-nosed business environment Saint FM would never have survived as long as it has. But Saint FM is not just a business, it's a national institution. It is part of many people's daily lives. Even after announcing that Saint FM will not broadcast after 4pm today, we are all still thinking 'there must be a way to keep it going'. Many people are not only thinking the same thing but coming up with useful suggestions about how this might happen. All these ideas have to be thought through and 'stress-tested' – as people like to

say these days. One of the more recent suggestions needs to be discussed from the beginning and checked out in detail.

For this reason, it was decided yesterday that Saint FM will stay on the air for a further week while we – collectively – look at the ideas in detail.

One of the many complications is it is not possible to go off-air for a few days or a few weeks and then decide to start again 'under new management' so to speak. If a radio station stops broadcasting for 24 hours the licence to broadcast is lost. Getting the licence back again and the same familiar broadcasting frequencies is not something that can be taken for granted.

It is hoped that inside the extra week we now have, we have decided to stay on air. We can look at the various suggestions and find an option which is realistic, will provide the same Saint FM we all want and, importantly, provide it at much less cost.

No promises can be made. Money rules the world and any new business and management arrangements will need to result in way forward which is financially sustainable. If that magic word 'sustainable' is not in the pathway to the future for Saint FM – we are sunk.

We will all do what we can to breath a healthier financial life into Saint FM. The unavoidable truth is, this has to happen if Saint FM is to continue for longer than one week.

When Saint FM was in dire straits a few years back, the idea of 'community radio' was conceived. This mainly involved people becoming members of Saint FM Community Radio and paying £5 (I recall) for membership. With hindsight, this was looking at the wrong end of the problem. The main focus is on reducing costs, there are limited opportunities to increase revenue. The prize is finding a business solution where the costs of running a radio station are reduced.

I believe I have been open and honest as well as transparent. It became crystal clear this week I am accountable – so I've got that last one covered.

I hope therefore, I have explained the situation and you will appreciate the obstacles we have to overcome; both with Saint FM and, in some instances, the Independent as well. While separate businesses, there are linkages at the operational level.

Vince

Side Path Reopens Next Week

Improvements to the Side Path/Field Road Junction is near to completion. Side Path itself is due to reopen on Thursday 14th November. Further details will follow. More finishing work is scheduled for Field Road, which is expected to be open again towards the end of the month.



INCIDENT AT HORSE POINT LANDFILL SITE

St Helena Government (SHG) confirms an incident occurred at the Horse Point Landfill Site on the evening of Tuesday 5 November 2024.

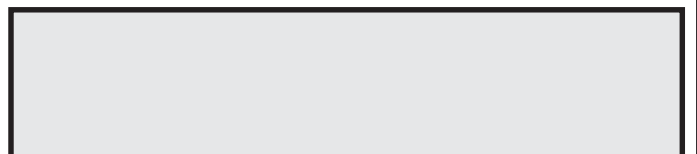
SHG has initiated emergency response procedures, prioritising public and personnel safety. We are coordinating with relevant authorities to protect the environment and resolve the situation.

Whilst the site will remain open at this time, access to areas within the lower site will be restricted for public safety until further notice, and the public should not congregate to spectate. Further updates will be provided as soon as possible.

SHG
6 November 2024



Recycling is Safer...



Signs the Cost-of-Living Increases Will Decrease – They Say

A report this week forecasts the prices of raw materials will fall during 2025 and 2026 bringing prices down to pre-pandemic 2020 levels. Raw materials include oil, agricultural produce, metals such as copper and coffee.

Who is saying this? The World Bank. The reputation of World Bank forecasts is better than some other international financial institutions. Overall, World Bank forecasts are said to be more accurate and less optimistic than most.

The role of the World Bank is to reduce poverty by lending money to the governments of its poorer members to improve their economies and to improve the standard of living of their people. It is owned by 189 member countries who pay an annual fee according to their wealth. The annual fees help fund loans to poorer countries. The Bank is also one of the world's largest research centres on development issues.

The fall in prices is expected to be led by oil. Prices of metals and agricultural produce is forecast to remain stable while natural gas will increase; reducing the effect of the downward drift in oil prices. The overall decrease in prices is estimated to be 5% in 2025 and then a further 2% in 2026. This year, prices are said to have 'softened' by 3%.

The price of oil, whether it goes up or down, affects the prices of everything we buy, right across the board. With a range of other commodity prices not increasing



(even if they are not reducing) it helps to get most of the beneficial effect of oil price reductions. In addition to the cost of fuel in vehicles, the oil price affects the cost of shipping cargo and the cost of the cargo that is shipped.

The forecast points to the escalating conflict in the Middle East (Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Iran, Yemen) as a risk to oil prices falling but sees an anticipated global reduction in the demand for oil having a more powerful effect and pushing oil prices down. The reason for the anticipated reduction in the demand for oil is weaker-than-anticipated global industrial activity – which is not good news. China is expected to have a major effect on reduced demand for oil and the consequential reduction in the oil price.

What has Funding for Improving Essential Equipment Bought for Us?

The Essential Equipment Fund is exactly that. A special fund was set up by the FCDO for Overseas Territories so vital but expensive equipment could be bought to meet a critical need. The Fund started two years ago. Three tranches of funding have been provided; the lists below show how St Helena benefited.

The Funding Provided

Date	Funding Amount
November 2022	£1,800,000
November 2023	£577,000
May 2024	£1,000,000
TOTAL	£3,377,000

The money allocated in 2022 funded essential equipment needed by healthcare, emergency services, port operations, road maintenance, the airport and in other critical areas.

In November 2023 the £577,000 provided by FCDO for essential equipment paid for the items shown: -

St Helena Airport – ATC Data System Upgrade	
Item	Cost
ATC Data System Upgrade & Installation	£362,804.42
Education, Skills and Employment – Chromebooks	
Item	Cost
180 Chromebooks	£86,220.00
180 Laptop Bags	£2,070.00
600 Google Workplace Subscriptions	£1,500.00
230 Google Chrome Licences	£6,900.00
Health and Social Care – Care Setting Upgrade	
Item	Cost
Vivid Care Bariatric Chairs	£34,105.00
Winnicare Mangar Lifting System & Cushions	£28,407.94
Harvest Healthcare Beds and Mattresses	£25,936.36
NRS Hoists	£1,150.00
NRS Mattresses	£17,500.00
NRS Falls Sensors	£2,332.28
Medisave Suction Equipment	£8,572.89
Overall Programme	
Actual Spend:	£577,498.89

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In May 2024 the £1,000,000 of further funding was allocated for the purchase of the item on the list below.

The acronyms shown on the extreme left in the table above refer to government departments shown below.

Item	Cost
ENRP - Household Recycling Bins	£75,000.00
ENRP - Glass Grit Recycling Plant	£91,402.83
CSS - Public Transport Buses (3x)	£181,500.00
HSC - Oertli Faros Phaco Machine (required to carry out cataract surgery)	£51,377.26
HSC - Endoscopy equipment	£218,534.17
HSC - Ergometer	£6,079.19
HSC - Pressure Relieving Mattresses	£14,876.08
HSC - Occupational Therapy equipment	£9,185.50
HSC - Physiotherapy equipment	£1,745.57
HSC - Diathermy equipment	£15,000.00
SSHA - Immigration EVisa System, Resident Permit Card Facility & Passport Scanners	£170,560.00
SSHA - Fire Fighting Equipment	£80,763.94
ESE - Health, Safety and Science equipment	£33,080.00
AGC - Document Management System	£15,120.00
Freight from Round 2 (22/23 & 23/24)	£16,088.39
TOTAL:	£980,312.93

Key:
ENRP - Environment, Natural Resources and Planning
CSS - Central Support Services
HSC - Health and Social Care
SSHA - Safety, Security and Home Affairs
ESE - Education, Skills and Employment
AGC - Attorney General's Chambers

Your Opinion Counts

Dear Editor

I listened to Mr Turner and Thrower with interest on the radio last week and it was obvious that these two councillors live in their own goldfish bowl. They don't understand the people here on Island and what came across loud and clear was two words: self-interest.

If they bothered to come out and speak to people they would realise that the people don't want and wouldn't sanction a vote of no confidence. What a great job Ms Thomas and her ministers did in succeeding and getting £6.65 million from the UK so that in the future if we are in need, the UK will be more likely to come to our aid. As Stephen Doughty MP reiterated, this is a win-win.

It maybe we do not need to look at the structure of our Government, whether it is democratic or not and we may need political reform, a political coup or vote of no confidence is not the answer. I would suggest that if this is an issue it should be taken up with FCDO.

I read with sadness a recent letter in the Independent from Derek Thomas, which quite frankly was scaremongering and extremely unhelpful. I don't know if he had actually read the memorandum. I he had, his letter showed a complete lack of intelligence. It appeared all he was interested in was undermining the Island's Government or maybe he was trying to appeal to the xenophobes amongst us and boost his own ego. It just doesn't help, St Helena is a beautiful island with beautiful loving, caring people, xenophobia and racism should not be encouraged. The world has enough problems caused by such attitudes.

A lot of people think they know what the problems are and what the solutions are, there are many armchair politicians and they should all stand at the election, the ballot papers wouldn't be able to cope. People are entitled to their opinions and discussion and dialogue are necessary in a democracy as long as it is inoffensive, respectful, considerate and well mannered.

Come on, let's look forward. Let's be constructive in our criticism, think about what we say, stop being so jealous and let's love and help our neighbours.

Contributed





The Legacy of Saint FM is Ending

It is with great sadness and heavy hearts that we announce a major shift in the story of Saint FM, St Helena's beloved radio station. Over the weekend, the station's founder, Mike Olsson, was hospitalized for the second time in a week. On Monday, November 4th, he returned home with devastating news: he has only weeks left to live. True to his dedication and transparent approach, Mike requested that this announcement be made to listeners of Saint FM, the very community he cherished and devoted much of his life to serving.

To understand the gravity of this moment, one must look back on the incredible journey of Saint FM. The station was born to create an independent voice for St Helena—a place where news, culture, and conversation could flourish. From the first broadcast, the passion and relentless drive transformed Saint FM from a fledgling operation into a cornerstone of island life. It became the go-to source for daily news, music, talk shows, and community updates.

Mike is one of the only remaining founders of Saint FM. He dedicated years along with the loyalty of permanent staff and the station volunteers' presenters and contributors that work long hours to ensuring that the station not only survived but thrived, despite the logistical challenges that come with running a media outlet on a remote island. His legacy extends beyond broadcasting; it embodies community connection, resilience, and the importance of having an independent platform for news and expression.

The unwelcome announcement came on the morning of November 4th, after receiving his prognosis, Mike asked that his terminal illness be publicly shared on Saint FM. This difficult announcement was made today, reflecting his commitment to openness and the trust he shared with listeners. In light of this heart-breaking development, the remaining staff and the director of Saint FM convened to discuss the station's future. It was concluded, with deep regret, that operations must come to an end.

Saint FM will close its doors and cease broadcasting on Friday, November 8th at 4 pm. Until then, the team will continue to share news and updates as they come. However, there will be no daily News bulletin for the remainder of the week.

For those who wish to share news or messages during these final days, please reach out via email at fm@helanta.co.sh or call 22660. The team remains committed to keeping the lines open for the community as long as possible.

The decision to end Saint FM's broadcasting was not made lightly. Every discussion led to the same inevitable conclusion, despite its emotional toll on everyone involved. The Saint FM staff, knowing how cherished the station is, deeply regrets this outcome but understands the circumstances that have made it unavoidable.

To the loyal listeners who tuned in day after day, thank you. Your support has been the bedrock of Saint FM's success. The station may be closing, but the impact it has made will echo through the island's history. Mike Olsson's legacy, marked by courage and unwavering dedication, will continue to inspire all who knew him or were touched by the station's broadcasts.

As Saint FM signs off for the last time, we do so with immense gratitude for the community that sustained us and with deep respect for the man who made it all possible.



Goodbye messages to Saint FM

This is indeed devastating news for me. Tina and I has been associated with STFM for a very long time. Tina as an employee and me as a volunteer.

I know how much STFM means to the community. To many, STFM was their companion, their friend, their comfort. You guys brought so much joy to so many people and I know how grateful the community is to you all.

Equally heartbreaking to hear about Mike.

Mike can rest easy knowing that he did so much for St Helena.

He was indeed the voice of so many. We butt heads at times but I value his contribution to our people much more than he would know. Lesser people walked away with medals and awards.

We always counted Mike and Bernice as our friends.

STFM has had so many great staff and volunteers who went above and beyond for the community.

Sharon, you and Miky the current staff, and Tammy, Collette, Addy, Leigh, Sinead, Tina, Emma P, Emma Jane, Angela, Donna, and the 100s of volunteers who were a part of STFM over the years can hold your heads high as you contributed to one of the greatest entities that St Helena has known. It is with a very heavy heart I will be planning my last show.

Going to end now as the tears has started flowing.

Love to all
Nick

Very sorry to hear the news this morning that St FM will be closing down. But also, news from Mike regarding his health condition. Thinking of him at this time and wishing him comfort in the weeks to come.

Jack

So sad, Firstly in regard to Mike's health and secondly the closing of FM. It will be a sorrowful day for many listeners.

Debsilou

Dear Sharon , so sorry to hear the news this morning, please pass on our best wishes to Mike, and also to The Saint FM family,

May God Bless you All.

As a registered charity, we are proud to share how the funds raised from our events this year are making a meaningful impact on St. Helena. Thanks to the unwavering generosity of our supporters, we can uplift our island community in significant ways.

Here's how we are allocating the funds:

£200 each to the following organisations:

Cancer Awareness
St. Helena Cricket
St. Helena Arts and Crafts
SHAPE
St. Helena National Trust
St. Helena Disabled
The CCC (Community Care Complex)

We're also allocating £500 dedicated to hosting a special Christmas Tea Party at the CCC (Community Care Complex), a gesture from the Association to bring joy to our seniors this festive season. This Christ-

mas Party, while being held at the CCC, will be open to all Care Home Residents, including those from CapeVilla and Deasons.

Additionally, our Chairman, Patrick Harris, has kindly donated £300 for the creation of Food Parcels with New Horizons and £200 to Pilling School for equipment and resources.

Your incredible support has enabled us to make a genuine difference, and we extend our sincere gratitude to everyone who contributed to our fundraising events. Together, we continue to uplift and strengthen the St. Helena community.

Kind regards

Pat Harris and all at The St. Helena Association U.K.

Dear Saint FM team,

It is with my great regret, that I heard your news today.

I have been your listener for many years.

I wanted to look for your island in February 2024, my birthday, but Corona prevented it.

In short words, you cannot stop your radio broadcasts.

Let's look ahead and see what we can do, in my case personally, to keep the station running.

Your loyal listener

Joachim Lenz

Dear Sharon and team.

Good morning! Well not so good from your side with what I am coming to grips with.

I was shocked when someone called me at 7am to say this sad news.

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Goodbye messages to Saint FM

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I was so shocked as I never knew Mike was ill. This is really sad. Please do pass on my sincere wishes to him at this time.

These are very difficult times right now. And I hope somewhere down the line St FM will arise from its dormancy. And we can all enjoy it once again.

To think last Friday I met with my Italian friend who is making some Jingles for my come back. Sadly not now.

But in time, we can have some form of output once again. Thinking of you all at this time. Sending my very best wishes to Mike.

Kindly,
Arnie

Hi Saint FM

Its so sad to hear about Mike and Saint FM. I really enjoyed my time there. I will always have so many happy memories there.

Thank you for letting me play my music there, thank you so much.

Samara Thomas

We all at SAMS was sadden but the news we heard this morning about Mike and Saint Fm Our thoughts are with you all at this sad time.

Even though I left Saint Fm a few years ago – I will never forgot the fond memories I had there – Mike was like a dad at work for me. And if it wasn't for him believing in me from the day I left school I wouldn't been in the position I am today.

10 years working with Mike and Saint FM is not something I would ever forget.

Even though this is sad news it's also be big part of St Helena community – so we will cover this in our news bulletin today.

Donna Crowie

Morning all,

Genuinely devastated to hear this. End of an era for Saint Helena with this news :(

Thoughts with Mike and the team though.

I'll definitely tune in from over here to catch the end :(

Lee x

Morning St FM,

It's truly heartbreaking about ST FM and Mike, of course. Thank you for having me and the Friday Feels show. I loved it and was honoured to have fans asking when the next show was [...] I was looking forward to this week's show, but sadly, it won't be the same without you. Good luck to everyone, and I hope St FM can return in the future.

Kenickie Andrews

Dear Saint FM,

Firstly my thoughts go to Mr Olsson, I was saddened this morning to hear of his terminal illness. Despite having never met, I have spent many a happy hour listening to Mr Olsson and other volunteers presenting on Saint FM, I am grateful for the service they have provided over the years.

Siobhan Stewart

I was just reading about Mike Olsson. What awful news. My thoughts go out to his friends and family.

All the best

Chris (Sun-Pinned Leaves) x

Thanks to the team, past and present who have provided the island with such a great service. It was a pleasure to support Saint FM and work with the team. It will be a massive lost to the community, although we respect this hard decision.

Kind regards,

Sheena and the Trust team

It was a shock to learn this morning both of how seriously ill Mike is and that Saint FM will be closing at 4 o'clock this coming Friday. Saint FM radio, for so long, has been an integral part of life on the island. It will be greatly missed as it is a service, support and comfort to so many people. We would like to say how much we appreciate all the work you and all the presenters have done over the years.

With warmest wishes from us,
Basil and Barbara George

Dear St.FM,

I am a sincere listener for more than four or five years...

I am a teacher teaching English...

And while reaching home my player plays almost everything you send on air...

Today I sharply listened about the health conditions of funder Mr.Mike...

Goodbye messages to Saint FM

What will I say ...
You are the last hope for me that I listened a perfect Radio rhythm by app... But I never thought it's an app... I felt as like as I am sitting by old radio...

While hearing the sad news of your supporting god... It has broken my heart...

Regularly I spoke to my students about your voice and the culture of St. Helena...

I can't imagine how I am going to bear it in my life...

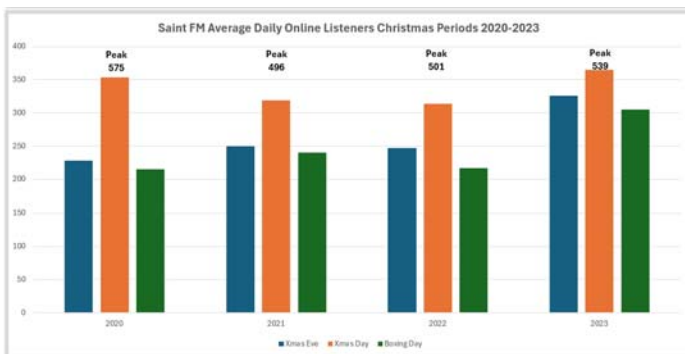
Oh my lovely Saintfm... Oh my dear Saintfm xxxxxxxxx

Ragu Arumugam, India.

I just wanted to let you know that I'm thinking of you and your whole team at Saint FM. So sorry to learn of Mike's sad medical news and the closing of the radio station. Keeping you all in thoughts and prayers.

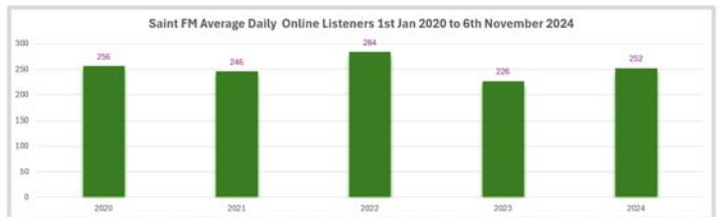
Sincerely,
Lori Pinter - Yang Enterprises

Saint FM Online Listener Figures Christmas – 2020 to 2023

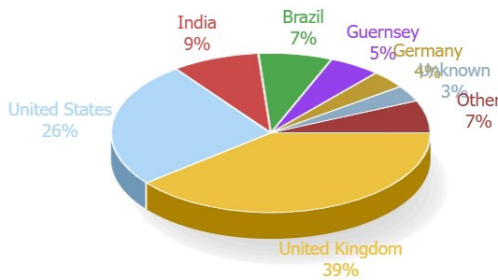


For each year (2020 to 2023) the three columns show average number of listeners, (left to right) for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and Boxing Day

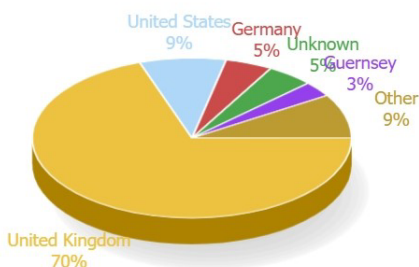
The average number of daily online listeners from 1st January 2020 to 6th November 2024 varies from 226 in 2023 to 284 in 2022.



Top Countries by Listener Sessions

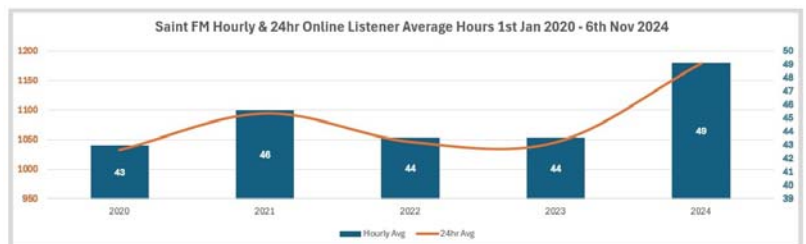


Top Countries by Listener Minutes



The top chart shows the number of times listeners in other countries tune in to Saint FM. The bottom chart shows how long listeners in other countries stay tuned in.

Listeners numbers in the UK are the highest for the number tuning in to Saint FM and staying tuned in for longest. The United States is second in both categories. Germany and Guernsey are also among the top countries in both categories but listeners in Brazil and India tune in to Saint FM but don't stay long.



The average online listener numbers have increased from 43 hourly and 1045 over 24 hours in 2020 to 49 hourly and 1175 over 24 hours in 2024.

'Restoring a globally significant Cloud Forest' News from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project



Welcome to another 'news bite' from the St Helena Cloud Forest Project!

Today, we celebrate the launch of five youth-led short films to support our Cloud Forest Primary Education Pack.

As part of our education and outreach programme, the project has already produced a Primary School Cloud Forest Education Pack, developed by the St Helena National Trust, who are also in the process of finalising a further Secondary Education Pack. These are aimed at increasing the learning resources of St Helena's incredible and vitally important cloud forest habitat for water, wildlife and people and to build ownership of the Peaks National Park in our Island's youth.

Recently, to support these Cloud Forest Education Packs, local filmmakers Darrin & Sharon Henry, worked with the Trust's Education and Outreach Officer and children from the Island's local schools to produce five short films focussing on different elements of the Peaks National Park, from general information to history, geography to micro-habitats, and the water cycle. These amazing films have now been finalised and are available to view on YouTube: ow.ly/UEJ850UOBic



A huge well done to the stars of the show, our local primary school kids, as well as the Trust's Sheena Benjamin for the script, and Darrin & Sharon Henry for the film and production. The films are brilliant!



Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

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REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY SERVICE

ROAD AND PARKING SPACES CLOSURE

The Highways Authority has given approval for the road from The Cenotaph to Donny's Place at the Seafront, and five parking spaces in front of the Court House, Jamestown, to be closed from 3am on the morning of Sunday, 10 November 2024, in order for the Remembrance Sunday Service and ceremony to take place.

The Highways Authority has also given approval for the road from the Canister to the Seafront to be closed from 10:45 for 10 minutes on the same day to allow the Uniformed Contingents to march. Appropriate signages will be in place and the public is thanked in advance for their cooperation.

**SHG
4 November 2024**



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 10 th November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Cenotaph
Monday 11 th November 2024		
6.30 p.m.	Patronal Festival	St Martin

The Parish of St James

Sunday 10 th November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday		
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Cenotaph
Monday 11 th November 2024		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St Mary
Thursday 14 th November 2024		
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 10 th November 2024 – Remembrance Sunday		
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mark
10.30 a.m.	Remembrance Service	Cenotaph



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

Deep Sea Research Coordinator

Total Package value up to £22,756 pa

(comprising salary of £15,478 per annum + allowances and housing)

One-year Fixed Term Contract

Do you have a passion for marine conservation? We are looking for an **experienced marine conservationist** to join our Marine Protected Area (MPA) Management Team and help us protect the unique ocean environment around Ascension Island. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in August 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is an opportunity for you to help deliver management, monitoring and research and work with the Ascension Island Government, local community and international stakeholders to realise the huge potential of the MPA for global marine conservation.

We are looking for someone with a strong background in marine conservation who will be able to join our small team of marine scientists and work in partnership with Plymouth Marine Laboratory and University of Plymouth to deliver a Darwin Initiative funded project. Crucially you will have experience of conducting fieldwork in sometimes challenging conditions and have powerboat handling qualifications. You will require a good knowledge of marine ecosystems, threats to marine biodiversity and sustainable management practices. You must have a strong grounding in the biological sciences, but also have the ability to translate the results of monitoring and research into programmes of practical conservation action. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

We are offering a one-year, single status, contract with a salary of £15,478.00 per year (taxable in Ascension). You will also receive the following benefits and allowances:

- Rent free, furnished, single accommodation valued at £1,200 per year (taxable as a benefit in kind)
- A food allowance of £3,780 per year (taxable and paid with salary each month)
- A non-taxable electricity allowance paid in kind worth up to £938 per year
- A non-taxable water allowance paid in kind worth up to £1,360 per year
- 30 days annual holiday (with additional 9 days public holidays)
- One return flight between the UK or St Helena and Ascension, on initial appointment and on completion of contract
- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

Closing Date: Wednesday 20th November 2024

Interviews: Week commencing 25th November 2024 (Remotely if not on island)

The appointment will be subject to satisfactory:

- Enhanced DBS Check
- Employment References
- Medical and Dental Clearance

For more information and to apply for this role, visit: <https://www.ascension.gov.ac/lifestyle-and-employment/working-here/>

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**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

Hydroponics Assistant

Total package value up to £17,711 pa

(comprising salary up to £10,433 pa plus food and utilities allowances, free housing and other benefits)

About the role

We are offering a unique opportunity to become a key team member providing the supply of food crops to the island, ensuring a regular supply of high-quality food production. You'll work to ensure that food production is managed as efficiently and profitably as possible, and manage the relationships with retailers and customers.

What you'll do

You'll assist in the vital service of crop production at our hydroponics site, including seeding, tending and harvesting crops, as well as management of pest control.

What you'll bring

You'll have effective communication and customer service skills, as you'll be liaising regularly with customers and retailers about crop production, varieties and generally marketing the facility.

What we offer

In addition to an annual salary of £10,433 per annum (taxable on Ascension), the role attracts a single status contract and these benefits:

- Rent free furnished accommodation worth £1,200 pa (taxable benefit)
- A single status food allowance of £3,780 pa (taxable benefit)
- An electricity allowance worth £938 per year
- A single status water allowance worth £1,360 pa
- Relocation costs for your personal effects, including assistance with shipment of a vehicle
- One mid-contract return journey to your country of recruitment for you and your family
- 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

The appointment will be subject to:

- Satisfactory employment references
- A basic Criminal Records Check
- Satisfactory Medical Clearance

Applicants must have a clean valid driving licence for class A & B vehicles. NB: This is a single status post - accompanied status is not possible for this position.

Closing date: 01 December 2024

Interviews: W/c 09 December 2024, via Skype if off island

Required start date: January 2025

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

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



**ASCENSION ISLAND
GOVERNMENT**

Marine Protected Area Engagement and Development Officer

Total Package value up to £22,756 pa

(comprising salary of £15,478 per annum + allowances and housing)

One-year Fixed Term Contract

Are you a natural communicator with a passion for marine conservation? We are looking for someone with experience in public engagement to help us raise awareness of the Ascension Island Marine Protected Area (MPA) and increase the social and economic benefits that flow from it. You would be an integral part of our Marine Conservation Team and help us to strengthen ties within our local community as well as reach international audiences. The Ascension Island MPA was designated in August 2019 and is one of the largest areas of protected ocean in the world. This is an opportunity for you to work with the Ascension Island Government, local community and international stakeholders to realise the huge potential of the MPA for global marine conservation.

We are looking for someone who combines a strong background in education, public relations, marketing or social science with experience in marine conservation. You will have excellent communication skills and be able to connect with a wide range of audiences using a variety of different methods. You must be highly self-motivated and have a proven track record of building partnerships and identifying development opportunities. Ascension Island is a challenging environment to live and work in, so you will need to be resilient and adaptable in order to thrive.

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- Free primary dental and medical care
- Free annual travel insurance

The appointment will be subject to:

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- Employment References
- Medical and Dental Clearance

Closing Date: 20th November 2024

Interviews: Week commencing 25th November 2024

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Join us!
We are recruiting...



**St Helena
Government**

Fixed Term General Teaching Assistant & Fixed Term 1:1 Teaching Assistant until August 2025 (St. Paul’s Primary) (£8,419 - £8,725 per annum)

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

Enquiries: Patricia Williams on Tel No. 24737 or Email Patricia.Williams@primary.edu.sh

Closing date: 12 November 2024

Trainee Helmsmen (Sea Rescue) (£7,700 per annum)

Applications will be considered from 16 years +

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

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell (leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh) or Mark Caswell (mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh) on 25215

Closing date: 22 November 2024

Trainee Dental Nurse (£9,781 per annum)

The Dental team has an exciting opportunity for you to join their team as a Trainee Dental Nurse who will be responsible for working closely with clinicians to assist in providing care for patients and provide appropriate support and administrative assistance (manual and computer). Once qualified he/she will work independently under the clinical supervision of the Dentist/Dental Therapist. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Buckley-Thomas on Tel No. 25387 or Email: charmaine.buckley@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 13 November 2024

Benefits

- Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays
- Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme
- Training and Development**
- Paid sickness absence**

How to apply

To access job profiles and application forms online, visit www.sainthelena.gov.sh/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.

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**St Helena
Government**

**Senior Human Resources Assistant
(£9,781 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: Sharina Williams on Tel No. 22470 or Email sharina.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 13 November 2024

**Handyman/Driver
(£7,960 per annum) (fixed term – 6 months)
(Available for local interest only)**

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Handyman Driver who will be responsible for the upkeep and maintenance of the CCC 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: Martin Greenhalgh on Tel No. 23090 or Email: martin.greenhalgh@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 15 November 2024

Benefits

Leave – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

Pension – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

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St Helena
Government

JOIN THE PUBLIC SERVICE

Support Worker (Cape Villa) 1 Year Fixed - Term Contract (£7,960 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

Are you interested in providing assistance and direction to persons living within Sheltered Accommodation, which will enable them to live relatively independent, but with an oversight of support for their wellbeing?

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Hannah Herne on Tel no. 23230**
Email: Hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: **22 November 2024**

Cook (CCC) (£7,960 per annum)

Do you enjoy cooking? Are you able to cook quality nutritious, appetising and well-presented meals and bakes for large number of people? If so, the Community Care Centre is seeking to recruit a Cook to provide these meals for all their residents, including patients at the Hospital and other services within Health & Social Care. These duties should be in line with assured safe catering practices. You will also be required to maintain an organised and hygienic kitchen.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

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Email: martin.greenhalgh@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing Date: **15 November 2024**

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Within the next set of weeks, I will be spearheading a pivotal initiative known as the **Big Read series** to educational landscape of St. Helena Island. This endeavour highlights the critical importance of literacy and education, emphasizing that nearly a billion people worldwide cannot read or write, trapping them in a cycle of poverty. The Big Read series features compelling stories, including Mandela’s speech on education in South Africa, and works by acclaimed authors like Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and Queen Rania. These narratives underscore the transformative power of education and the need for global leaders to commit to providing free and quality education for all.

Kick-Off of the Big Read Series: A Compelling Story by Dakota Blue Richards

As we embark on the exciting journey of the Big Read Series, I am thrilled to announce that our inaugural story will be penned by the talented English actress, Dakota Blue Richards. Titled **"Ed and his friend Cassidy,"** this narrative promise to captivate readers of all ages. Dakota Blue Richards, born on April 11, 1994, in London, has a storied career that began long before her professional debut. Growing up, Richards attended primary school in Brighton, where she developed a passion for drama through weekend classes. Join us as we delve into this compelling story and celebrate the launch of our Big Read initiative, inspired by the remarkable career and creative spirit of Dakota Blue Richards. **Here is the story-**



Title- "Ed and his friend Cassidy

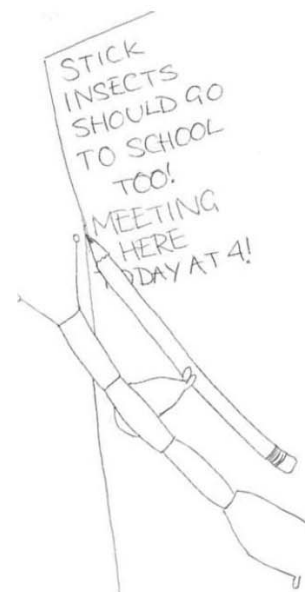
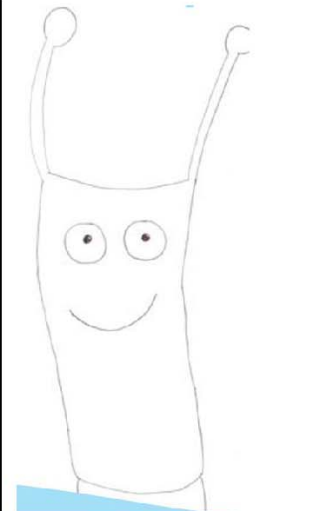
Ed the Stick Insect is a very special Stick Insect. He is about as long as a small stick and as fat as a small stick, and... Ed can talk. Ed likes to watch the children through the school window and this is how he taught himself to read and write. Ed loves to read books and learn things. His favourite book is **"The Hobbit by J.R.R. Tolkein"**.

Ed’s greatest ambition is to go to school, but unfortunately, there aren’t schools for Stick Insects. This is the story of how Ed achieved his dream. One day, Ed decided to start a protest, so he worked very hard and made a sign. Then he went to stand outside the school. But nobody seemed to notice him. Some people nearly squished him. Ed decided it was no good protesting alone. So, he made another sign advertising his campaign. It said:

**STICK INSECTS SHOULD GO TO SCHOOL TOO!
MEETING - HERE FOUR O’ CLOCK TODAY**

Ed waited but nobody arrived, and just when he was about to go home, he heard a voice behind him. "Hello" said the boy. "Are you here for the meeting?" said Ed (hopefully). "Yes. My name is Cassidy" smiled the boy. From that moment on, Ed and Cassidy became the best of friends. They had a lot of fun together. They played football in the park. They played ‘fetch’ with the dog (although this game made Ed a bit nervous). They played hide and seek (this was Ed’s favourite). Ed and Cassidy read books together...and of course, they protested outside the school together. But the teacher always made Cassidy come inside and he was forced to leave Ed protesting alone.

Finally, Ed and Cassidy decided that protesting outside the school was not enough. So, they went to see the King. "I completely agree" said the King, "Everyone should be allowed to go to school". So, he talked to some very important people and made some very important arrangements. Now Ed goes to school every day, and learns lots of new things. The most important thing that Ed has learned is that if we work together we can change the world. The only problem Ed has now is that the teacher doesn’t believe him when he tells her the dog ate his homework!





NOVEMBER NIGHT SKY



SHARON L. WADE (assisted by the WorldWideWeb)

November brings many sights to explore, including Mercury in the early evening, Mars brightening, and the giant planets Jupiter and Saturn adding to the spectacle.

Let's start soon after sunset - **Mercury** hugs the southwest horizon and remains easily visible throughout the first half of the month, setting later each evening after 8 pm with a back-drop of the constellation known as the Scorpion setting around the same time. Mercury will reach its greatest eastern elongation on the 16th ...the best Mercury will be this month. After that, Mercury begins to dim in earnest and by the end of the month (it's magnitude plummeting each night), it will be lost from view.

Venus treks across the Milky Way and is easy to spot soon after sunset, remaining visible for about three hours after sunset. The planet crosses into Sagittarius this weekend - grab binoculars for a stunning view.

As nightfall descends, **Saturn** stands high in the Northern sky among the faint stars of Aquarius. It is perfectly placed for observation all month. This weekend, the Moon wanders close to Saturn, creating a spectacular sight that is worth sitting in the breezy evening air for.

Neptune is to the right of the constellation Pisces, well placed for evening observing just below Saturn. A telescope is needed to watch the Moon hide the distant planet in an occultation on Monday evening.

Uranus reaches opposition on the 16th and is visible all night. It can be located in the constellation Taurus, just above the Seven Sisters (star cluster Pleiades). At opposition, Uranus stands due North at midnight, with a day-older-than-full Moon joining the picture. The planet rises around 7 pm this weekend and almost two hours earlier by the 30th. It moves slowly retrograde this month with the pre-dawn hours being a great time to view the planet with a telescope.

Jupiter rises just before 9 pm this weekend and almost two hours earlier by the 30th. Moving retrograde through central Taurus, the gas giant dominates the night sky giving the best view in several years. You will notice it in a dance with stars Aldebaran and Betelgeuse until a waning gibbous Moon joins the stage on 16th and 17th. Jupiter remains above the horizon long enough to watch a full rotation (which is just under 10 hours) in a single night. Any telescope will show the pair of cloudy dark equatorial belts straddling the equator. If the Great Red Spot isn't visible, just wait a few hours - the wealth of detail visible is amazing.

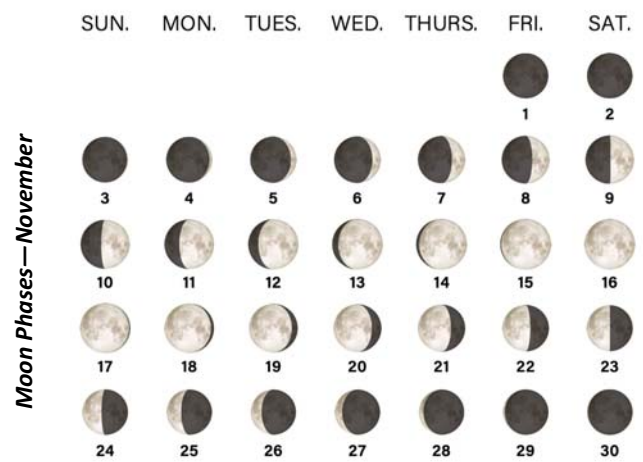
Mars is growing in brilliance in the morning sky as it crosses Cancer the Crab. It rises just before midnight this weekend and around 10.30 pm by month end. The Red Planet is quite close to the Beehive Cluster which is an ancient open cluster of about 1,000 stars, - one of the closest to Earth. A waning gibbous Moon joins the planet in Cancer on the 21st. If you follow Mars closely throughout the month, you will notice that the disk increases from 89 to 93 percent lit. Practise video or still camera capture now so that you are ready for opposition early next year.

Hello November

Not everyone gets you, but it's
Okay, because when you
Value your time, attention and
Energy, you attract
More people who see your
Beauty and worth. Own your
Enoughness, and the
Right ones will find you



NOVEMBER 2024



Depending on the area of the Southern hemisphere, some commonly-used names for the November Full Moon are Flower Moon, Milk Moon or Corn-planting Moon.....A night under the stars in the garden with corn-flakes??

Psssst..... Footie Gossip!

Al-Hilal want Mohamed Salah in time for Club World Cup, Barcelona also interested in Liverpool forward, Manchester United to bid again for Jarrad Branthwaite.

Saudi Arabian club **Al-Hilal** want to sign **Liverpool** and Egypt forward Mohamed Salah, 32, in time for next summer's Club World Cup. **Barcelona** are also interested in signing Salah when his **Liverpool** contract runs out at the end of the season.

Liverpool plan to open talks on a new contract with their Scotland international full-back Andy Robertson, 30, in the summer.

Premier League clubs have reserved the right to seek compensation for lost earnings if **Manchester City** are found guilty of breaching the league's financial rules.

Former **Arsenal** sporting director Edu rejected a lucrative new contract to stay with the Gunners in favour of taking up a multi-club role with **Nottingham Forest** owner Evangelos Marinakis.

Manchester United are planning a fresh move for **Everton** and England centre-back Jarrad Branthwaite, 22, in the summer.

Incoming **Manchester United** boss Ruben Amorim

wants a trio of **Sporting** players - Portugal centre-back Goncalo Inacio, 23, Ivory Coast defender Ousmane Diomande, 20, and 26-year-old Sweden striker Viktor Gyokeres - to join him at Old Trafford.

England centre-back Harry Maguire, 31, will refuse to consider leaving **Manchester United** in January and believes he can earn a new contract at the club.

However, **Manchester United** will wait to assess developments from the UK government's Budget before deciding whether to demolish Old Trafford and build a new stadium, or redevelop their current home.

Inter Milan manager Simone Inzaghi has admitted he has had offers to manage in the Premier League in the past and, while the English top flight intrigues him, he is happy at his current club.

Paris St-Germain are preparing a bid to sign Colombia striker Jhon Duran, 20, from **Aston Villa**.













Manchester City may make one or two signings in January after their injury-hit start to the season.

Chelsea and England forward Cole Palmer will have a scan on his left knee after the 22-year-old was injured in last Sunday's draw with Manchester United. New **England** manager Thomas Tuchel will not influence interim boss Lee Carsley's selections for the Nations League matches later this month.



Premier League Fixtures


(ALL TIMES SAME AS ST HELENA TIME)



**Saturday 9th
November**

Brentford 	15:00	 AFC Bournemouth
Crystal Palace 	15:00	 Fulham
West Ham United 	15:00	 Everton
Wolverhampton Wanderers 	15:00	 Southampton
Brighton & Hove Albion 	17:30	 Manchester City
Liverpool 	20:00	 Aston Villa

Manchester United  14:00  Leicester City

Nottingham Forest  14:00  Newcastle United

Tottenham Hotspur  14:00  Ipswich Town

Chelsea  16:30  Arsenal

**Sunday 10th
November**

And in other news...

Arrivals and Departures for September

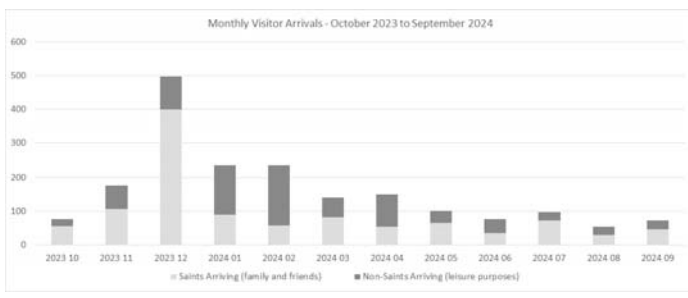
Arrivals

There were 315 arrivals in September this year, all but 5 arrived by air. Of that number 27 were non-St Helenians visiting the island for leisure, 46 were Saints visiting family and friends.

For the 12 months to September 2024 there were 1,911 arrivals for leisure purposes, a 0.7% increase on the previous 12 months. The total number of arrivals for the 12 months to September 2024 was 4,238. This is a 1.6% increase on the 12 months before.

Departures

The number of people departing St Helena in September 2024 was 231, this is 84 less than the number of arrivals. Comparing the total number of departures with arrivals for the 12 months ending September 2024 with the 12 months previously, 42 more people left than arrived. The total number of departures from October 2023 to September 2024 was 4,280.



Trump Trade Policy Will Halve UK Growth and Push Up Prices

Just days after the World Bank reports that prices should see a downward trend through 2025 and 2026, (see separate article) Donald Trump wins the US presidential election and threatens damage which will cause UK cost of living increases and damage economic performance. The London based National Institute of Economic and Social Research (NIESR) forecasts this will happen because of Trump's intention to increase duty on a range of goods imported to the USA by a number of countries. Trump did the same thing last time he was in the White House. Even the Trump administration admits sky-high import duties cause rising prices and increased interest rates, but, what the hell, it is a pro-growth policy and Trump's shareholder friends like it.

The NIESR say "The UK is a small, open economy and would be one of the countries most affected". NIESR has estimated that over two years the UK inflation rate would be 3-4 points higher while interest rates would

be 2-3 points higher. In the absence of the Trump tariffs, NIESR forecasts the UK will grow by 1.2% in 2025 and by 1.4% in 2026, inflation settling at close to the government's 2% target, and official interest rates falling from their current level of 5% to 3.25%.

The impact of the duty increases threatened by Trump on the US itself is forecast to be US growth reduced by about 1.3% to 1.8% in the first two years of the tariffs coming into force, depending on whether they prompted retaliation. If the UK economy is damaged by Trump's roller coaster vindictive measures, we in St Helena will feel the effect too.



Trump's face is constantly contorted into many expressions – but never a smile



NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MEMBERS OF SHAPE

(St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise)

Under Section 77 of the Companies Ordinance 2004 ("the Ordinance") and

Articles 77 and 78 of the Articles of Incorporation

NOTICE is hereby given of an Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) to be held on 23rd November 2024 at SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay at 10:00 am.

Agenda:

1. Welcome.
2. Apologies
3. Confirmation of Minutes of previous Annual General Meeting
4. Chair of Directors' Report
5. Treasurer's report
6. Appointment of Directors
7. Any Other Current Business

Note: Any member or representative of a corporate member, except an employee member, who wishes to be considered for appointment as a community or corporate member at the annual general meeting must lodge with the company secretary a written notice of his/her willingness to be appointed, signed by him/her, at least seven days before the date of the annual general meeting.

Ed Oyewo
Email: profjdislander@gmail.com
Company Secretary
SHAPE, Head Centre
Sandy Bay

Roll of Honour

The First-Class Students of 2024



Shelby Bargo

First-Class Honours BSc degree Ocean Science and Marine Conservation

University of Plymouth

Kiera Francis

First Class Honours in Biochemistry with Biology

Keele University



Marcella Mittens

First-Class Honours BSc Business Management and Tourism Studies

Canterbury Christ Church University



If there are any more Saint students who have Done St Helena Proud, let us know about you

Greetings from the St Helena Golf Club



On Sunday, November 3, 2024, the Champion of Champions competition attracted an impressive turnout with **30 players** participating. This event showcased the competitive spirit within the club, highlighted by the remarkable performances on the course.

A total of **seven players** managed to score in the **60's**, demonstrating exceptional skill and consistency throughout their rounds. Additionally, **ten players** recorded scores in the **70's**, further emphasizing the high level of competition among participants.

The standout performer of the day was **Reuben Oliphant**, who delivered an outstanding performance with a net score of **64**. His exceptional play earned him the top prize for this prestigious event. Following closely behind was **Bramwell Bushuru**, who secured second place after a countback with a score of **67**. In third place was **Martin "Jackson" Buckley**.

Champions of Champions Results			
	Scores		Score:
1	Reuben Oliphant	64	15 Peter Johnson 75
2	Bramwell Bushuru	67	16 Eddy Bowers 76
3	Martin Buckley	67	17 Norman Thomas 77
4	Peter Bagley	68	18 Keith Joshua 81
5	Leeroy Caswell	69	19 Chedwin Lawrence 81
6	Patrick Henry	69	20 Jason Hopkins 83
7	Martin Joshua	69	21 Jemerey Clingham 83
8	Arthur Francis	70	22 Asa Bushura 83
9	Martin Cranfield	72	23 Cyril A Young 85
10	George Thomas	72	24 Laura Buckley 86
11	Jeff Stevens	74	25 Anthony Green 87
12	Patrick Johnson	74	26 Neil Joshua 88
13	Larry Legg	74	27 Donald Bowers 89
14	Douglas Augustus	75	28 Hensil Beard 95

A special thank you is extended to **Charlie Ruddy**, who generously sponsored the prizes for this competition. His support contributed significantly to making this event a success.

Unfortunately due to prior engagements Reuben and Bramwell were unable to be at the Golf presentation to receive their prizes.

In addition to individual scores, there were three notable achievements regarding "2's" during the competition. The players who scored these were:

- **Jeremy Clingham**, who made a 2 on the 7th hole.
- **Patrick Henry**, who achieved a 2 on the 11th hole.
- **Norman Thomas**, who also scored a 2 on the 16th hole.

Each of these players received an equal share from the two-ball pool, with ten balls awarded to each for their accomplishments.

There isn't a Golf Competition plan for next Sunday the 10th November as its Remembrance Sunday.

Happy swinging.....!

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