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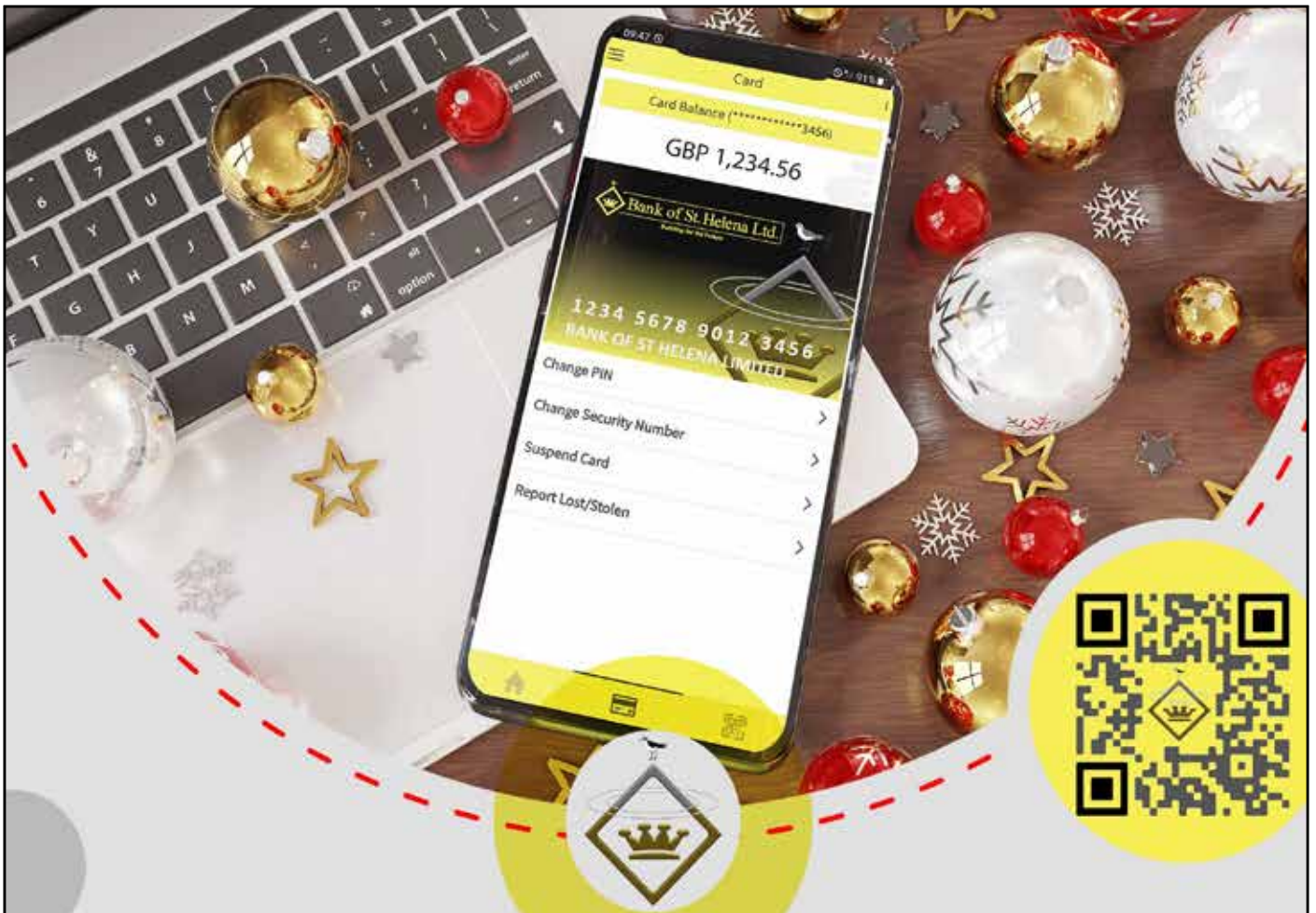


Airlink's Rodger Foster Stepping Down



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Negativity Fuels Depopulation Says BVI Premier

Natalio Wheatley, Premier of the British Virgin Islands, spoke recently about the depopulation of the British Virgin Islands and the 'brain drain'. Instead of brain drain we might say 'anyone with any get and go has got up and gone'. Premier Wheatley also spoke about 'negativity'. He urged his listeners and the wider public to remember that the Virgin Islands is a great place to live. He said that despite frequent complaints and negative comments there is a lot to be proud of.



Premier Wheatley warning his listeners the grass is not always greener on the other side of the hill and that no city is paved with gold.

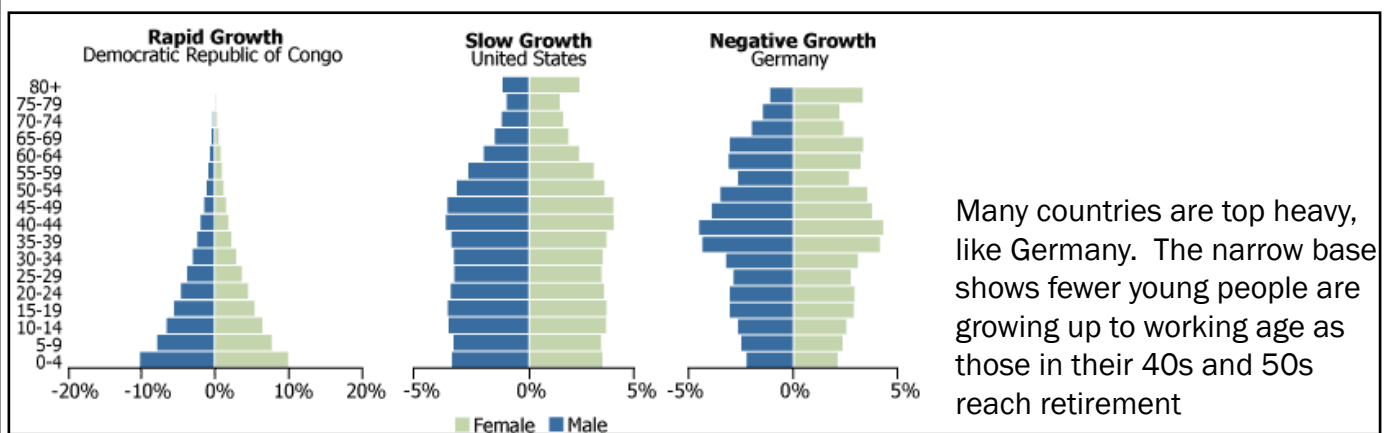
It was more than a coincidence that in the United States Virgin Islands, the brain drain is a hot topic. An article in the US Virgin Island media explained what the brain drain is. Once again, the words fit St Helena's situation almost perfectly. To quote from the article, "Brain drain" is a word (two words) that is (are) used to describe a situation whereby a country's bright minds migrate to other countries in search of better job opportunities or a safer environment. In the British Virgin Islands and the United States Virgin Islands, this is a major problem affecting them and the region and its economy at large. The problem also threatens to rob the region of its brightest minds and youthful workforce for several reasons.

The US Virgin Islands too, is top heavy with older people on the demographics. It is important to note that in the United States Virgin Islands there is an imbalance of the workforce and a majority of the people are old (70%), they say. There is also an influx of outsiders (20%) who are professionals and there is a loss of qualified individuals (10%).

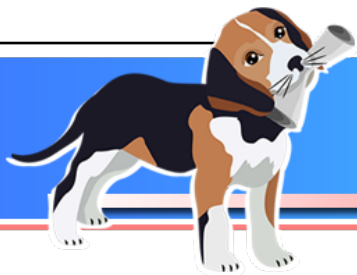
To sum up, the USVI article states, "The British Virgin Islands has been affected by Brain Drain in the following ways; loss of critical health and education services, loss of the country's investment in education, loss of innovative ideas, shortage of important skilled workers, and loss of potential future entrepreneurs." In a strange way, it's comforting to know other islands have the same problems we do. But – the solution is??

An answer to that one is attempted but the crunch come when attempts are made to turn theory into practice.

They say, "There are various strategies to discourage brain drain. They include research funding, improving health facilities, improving career structures, working on intellectual stimulation, minimizing threats of violence, and ensuring there is good quality education for children in the home country." It all sounds so easy; probably because words are easy – actions are harder.



Many countries are top heavy, like Germany. The narrow base shows fewer young people are growing up to working age as those in their 40s and 50s reach retirement



EDITORIAL

As I write, I have just got back from yesterday's meeting of the Land Development Control Authority. I sat there for an hour and could hardly hear a word that was said. The only clear speaker was the Chair of the LDCA, Ethel Yon. I heard every word she said because she kept her chin up and spoke to the room, not just the person sitting next to her.

LDCA meetings are open to the public. It therefore follows that those who speak are public speakers – but there was little evidence of that. Mostly using soft, low voices the words hardly travelled from the LDCA members on one side to the planning officers on the other. At one point, a person on one side of the meeting said to a person on the other, 'what did you say'. The public who attended, sitting to one side and not indirect line of what little sound there was, had no chance.

And another thing. There used to be a wharf working group; it was knocking around until about 2016, I'm told. It doesn't exist at the moment but will come back in some form at a date to be announced. My immediate reaction; 'too little and too late'. Already there are moves towards development plans on the wharf in James Bay when port operations move to Rupert's, but there is no guidance from SHG generally or the Planning Section in particular.

Last month I asked a few questions on what the new James Bay seafront is planned to look like. I asked: -

1. Will there be 'planning principles' set out for the guidance of prospective developers.
2. Will the wharf be mainly pedestrian from, say, the Old Custom House onwards
3. Will access for vehicles be limited to certain categories (boat owners, divers(?), emergency vehicles, port officials and the like)
4. Will vehicle parking spaces be provided in the wide area in front of the existing HM Customs cash office
5. Will the construction of new development be required to be in keeping with the historic character of the wharf
6. Will the uses of buildings be restricted to specifics e.g. marine related and leisure uses
7. Will normal boat maintenance still be allowed in the old coal yard area, or similar functional area, which compliments the ambience of the new wharf
8. What is the operational plan for allowing mobile food vans – will they be allowed at all
9. Will provision of al fresco eating/drinking facilities be encouraged in line with limitations on vehicle access
10. Is there a plan for the removal of roughly constructed storage buildings in advance of a development permission being granted at those locations

With so little time left before Port Control vacate the area, there appear to be no firm answers to any of those questions.

Vince

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Airlink's Rodger Foster Steps Down in March

The Man Behind St Helena's Connection with The Rest of the World

Rodger Foster has been Airlink's chief executive officer for more than three decades. He has led Airlink from being closely tied to South African Airways to now being acknowledged by many as Southern Africa's premier airline. South African Airways (SAA) fell into serious financial difficulties about five years ago. When SAA ceased operations, the airline pocketed £22 million in fares that in normal circumstances should have been passed on to Airlink. The South African courts decided SAA had not broken the law by keeping the money but many aviation experts judged SAA to be ethically wrong.



Rodger Foster, this week

Rodger Foster overcame this sharp practice. He astutely expanded Airlink during SAA's financial difficulties, often by taking over SAA's most successful routes when they suspended operations. During the recovery period after the Covid pandemic, Foster again showed shrewd judgement by increasing the number of routes Airlink operated and re-establishing Airlink as other airline operators delayed strategic decisions.

Mr Foster has served as Airlink's CEO and Managing Director since co-founding the business in June 1992 with Barrie Webb. At that time, South Africa was undergoing a political transition with sanctions and boycotts gradually being lifted and the doors being opened for increased trade, commerce, arts, and tourism. Airlink's establishment coincided with the deregulation of South Africa's domestic airline industry, allowing privately-owned airlines to compete with the state-owned national carrier.

"It has been a privilege to have led Airlink through what has been an exciting, at times very challenging, but ultimately a rewarding and fulfilling journey. However, after more than three decades in the post, it is time to hand over the flight controls to my successor and our Chief Financial Officer, de Villiers Engelbrecht," said Mr Foster. He added, "Airlink is a flourishing and resilient business. It has a strong balance sheet that has been bolstered by an equity injection from Qatar Airways Group's acquisition of a 25 percent stake in the company. Since 2020 Airlink has built a constellation of commercial partnerships with many of the world's leading airlines."

Mr Engelbrecht has been involved in Airlink for over 20 years, he served as a non-executive director for a period, and joined as an executive in February 2011.

"de Villiers is widely respected in the industry and has worked alongside me, helping to steady Airlink, repurpose it and put the airline on a course for sustainable growth in the face of two existential threats to the company. These included Airlink's separation from SAA due to SAA's business rescue, followed closely by the COVID-19 travel restrictions which jolted air travel to a standstill. He has had hands-on exposure to all of the key elements that constitute the airline business and has the support of the entire executive team, the broader management as well as all our external stakeholders," explained Mr Foster.

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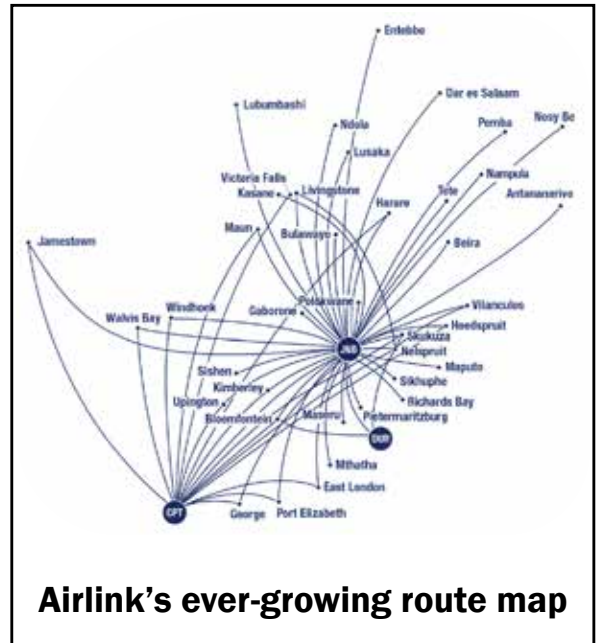
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Airspace Africa, a specialist aviation media organisation, reported: -

Rodger Foster has been and is South Africa's best airline CEO. He has over thirty years of experience running a private airline in the country that supported a state-owned carrier that sponged off taxpayers and then also took his airline for a lot of money.

Today, that same state airline is trying to resurrect itself, and it is unclear how it will do so without state support. Yet Airlink kept growing, cautiously but steadily. This steadiness in an industry known for turmoil and a country with an uncertain economy attracted airline partners. Rodger Foster was the steady hand that attracted over 30 international airlines to sign codeshare and other agreements. The most recent endorsement is a 25% stake by Qatar Airways.



Airlink's ever-growing route map

Rodger Foster leaves a record he and Airlink can be proud of.



Latest MACS Shipping Cargo Delivery Schedule

	251701	251702	251703	251704	251705
Cape Town	14th January	13th February	14th March	11th April	9th May
Rupert's Bay	22nd January	21st February	22nd March	19th April	17th May



Tristan student questions UK Speaker

St Mary's School is part of international consultation

Savanna Green of St Mary's School, Tristan, was chosen to speak on behalf of the school when she asked House of Commons Speaker, Lindsay Hoyle, questions over a video link. Ten-year-old Savanna was part of a special international event linking many UK and UK Overseas Territory schools during UK Parliament week.

It is significant that the recently-installed Starlink communications system meant that the link-up with Whitehall could be made using a laptop and local wi-fi – a great example of how this system has transformed the quality of internet provision on the island.

Administrator Philip Kendall was quick to congratulate Savanna saying "St Mary's School student Savanna Green did a fantastic job today representing Tristan da Cunha in conversation with Mr Speaker as part of UK Parliament Week. Well done, Savanna!"

Summing up the importance of the Parliament Week educational programme, House of Commons Speaker Sir Lindsey Hoyle said: "Thank you and well done to everyone who took part in UK Parliament Week 2024. I am glad to see so many young people across the UK, British Overseas Territories and Crown Dependencies getting involved and learning about Parliament."



Savanna Green listening to Lindsay Hoyle's reply to her question



Guest of honour at the event in Tristan, and the at the meal afterwards, was Speaker Bear. The event took place on Wednesday, 20th November. Two questions were allowed from each questioner. Savanna spoke on the subjects of climate change and the protection of Tristan's Marine Protection Zone.

A Bird in The Hand – Ouch!

Last Saturday, local resident Lyn Rattle was driving up Ladder Hill Road when she encountered a traffic jam. The cause of this was an injured red-billed tropicbird which was lying in the middle of the road. The bird had a lot of blood on its head and was clearly in distress. There was a general reluctance by the inhabitants of the other vehicles to pick the bird up, but Lyn immediately did.

She realised fairly soon why nobody else had done so. “I had nothing with which to cover the bird so I had to use my hands to grab it. It immediately latched on to my fingers and started biting like mad. It was really painful, but having got it, I wasn’t going to let go”.

The next challenge was how to drive home with a large, angry bird under her arm. “The drive home was ‘interesting’. The bird was screaming as tropicbirds do – it was quite deafening in the car. I had to drive using only one hand in 1st and 2nd gear, as every time I reached across to change gear with my right hand, the bird tried to bite me. It constantly bit my clothing and even managed a go at my face. At one point I felt something warm and wet on my lap, and realised that the bird had regurgitated a huge fish! I somehow managed to throw the fish out of the window”.

Lyn eventually made it home and immediately contacted Sammi Cherrett of Good Tern Seabird Rescue and Recovery. Sammi came straight round, examined the bird and decided to take it home for assessment and treatment. Sammi has a basic rehabilitation facility with various aviaries for the rehabilitation of seabirds and she was pleased to have a tropicbird to look after. She explained that the regurgitation of the fish was probably a stress reaction.

Lyn’s husband, David Taylor, on seeing her arrive home covered in blood with a screaming, flapping bird, said “You smell like fish”.

The good news is that the bird has survived. Sammi released it few days later and it flew away strongly.

Our thanks to Sammi and her Good Tern Rescue and Recovery charity.

Should anyone find an injured seabird they are welcome to contact Sammi on 63812.



A Luxurious Boutique Hotel at Sea Offering Some of the Most Extraordinary Adventures on Earth



'The Azamara Quest was the first ship of the season. While the day was a bit overcast, there were no weather challenges. Sea conditions were favourable and all passengers got ashore on time (around 09.00) to commence the various tours. Feedback from tour guides and Solomons was that the day went very smoothly, and all passengers seemed to have enjoyed the St Helena experience.

It was noted that the passengers from the Azamara were a very friendly group; chatting and engaging. They also spent money on souvenirs with GK Crafts, Jac's, G-Unique and the Arts & Crafts all noting good sales figures at the end of the day. The ability to take credit cards seems to have been a game changer with the souvenir outlets.

Passengers made their way back to the ship mid-afternoon, some enjoying Skips' hospitality at the seafront before boarding the tender to go back to the ship. The Azamara departed for Cape Town around 18.00.

Matt added, 'One of the big challenges though, is finding tour guides for cruise ship days. Despite St Helena Tourism and Solomons delivering training courses – which were well attended – when a cruise ship calls on flight day, many of those that would be involved in the ship are needed at the Airport. This does present obvious capacity challenges, particularly as the number of cruise ship passengers increases.

St Helena Tourism will offer free and comprehensive training to anyone that wants to be a cruise ship tour guide. You can earn £50 and upwards for a day's work. If anyone is interested in becoming a tour guide on cruise ship days, they should contact the Tourist Office on 22158 or pop by in person to find out more.'



In-Pictures: Rose & Crown's Wine Tasting Night





Dear Editor

Your item 'Napoleon's Pistols Expected to Fetch £14,000' in last week's issue of the Independent contained a couple of errors. It stated: 'Napoleon gave a pair of pistols to the captain of HMS Bellerophon, the ship that brought the emperor to St Helena, six weeks after his defeat at Waterloo.' The captain of the Bellerophon at the time was Frederick Maitland, whereas the inscription on the pistols states that they were given to a Captain Marshall. This appears to have been Captain George Marshall, the officer commanding the detachment of Royal Marines on board the Bellerophon at the time. Captain Maitland was given a crystal tumbler, having refused the gift of a diamond encrusted portrait which he regarded as too valuable for him to properly accept. There is no record that I have been able to find of a gift to anybody else on board other than the inscription on the pistols. I contacted Olympia Auctions to ask what other provenance they had. They replied that they were only able to say that the pistols were given to the mother of the present vendor circa 1930 when she lived in England, they had no further provenance.

Napoleon was not brought to Saint Helena on the Bellerophon as stated in your item. He was transferred from the Bellerophon to the Northumberland on 7 August 1815, the day after the pistols are said in the inscrip-

tion on them to have been given to Captain Marshall, and it was the Northumberland that brought Napoleon to Saint Helena.

Yours sincerely

David Jeremiah

Editor's Note

The source of this report was a UK newspaper - certainly no excuse for not exercising due diligence. The pistols' provenance appears inconclusive, as suspected. HMS Bellerophon was nicknamed 'Billy Ruffian' by its crew - a nice touch but a far cry from Bellerophon, the hero in Greek mythology.

The Editor

Some weeks ago a letter contributed questioned a justification of wages received by back bench members of Council. Nobody is questioning the wages of Ministers but the writer expresses an opinion behind a cloak of anonymity.

This stem from discussions on the decision of migrants been sent to

St Helena should any arrive on Diego Garcia. A question by a UK MP asked in Parliament ' if the local residents were consulted'. Not even back bench members had an input into the discussions, so should a no confidence vote be put into action.

What has been exposed is the fact that Ministers themselves accepted a UK budget for St Helena knowing that ex-number of people needed a overseas medical referral which could not be accommodated within the Health Dept. budget. What other Depts. would have been targeted in order to claw back funds for this purpose if the migrant deal was not accepted, or would patients continue to suffer.

This should be the consideration for a no confidence vote.

The above should not have been a situation in a Ministerial System.

So, what kind of system do we really have.

Lionel Williams



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Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 8th December 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	Cathedral

Tuesday 10th December 2024

9.30 a.m.	PAS Advent Service	Prince Andrew School
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The Parish of St James

Sunday 8th December 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St John
7.00 p.m.	O Come Emmanuel	St James

Thursday 12th December 2024

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

Sunday 8th December 2024 – 2nd Sunday in Advent

11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	St Mark
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Tuesday 10th December 2024

7.00 p.m.	HPS Advent Service	St Matthew
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EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST MEMBER JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

Expressions of Interest (EOI) are being sought to fill the position of Member of the Judicial Service Commission.

The St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha Constitution provides for a Judicial Service Commission comprising of the Chief Justice (President), the Attorney General, the Public Solicitor and one other member appointed by the Governor.

As a member of the Judicial Service Commission you will make recommendations to the Governor on the appointment and removal from office of Justices of the Peace, the Chief Magistrate and other judicial posts. You will also make recommendations on appointments of Commissioners of the Equalities and Human Rights Commission. In carrying out your role you will act independently of the Governor, Executive Council or any other authority.

The member appointed to the Commission must have St Helenian status. Members of the Legislative Council, Officers of the Public Service, Judges or Judicial Officers are not eligible to be Members of the Commission. For serving as a member, an attendance allowance of £35 per meeting is paid, along with a mileage allowance of 0.77p per mile when using personal vehicles in connection with attendance at meetings. The appointment is for a term of three years.

For further information, persons who may be interested can contact the Commission Secretary, Miss Yvonne Williams, by telephone on 22340 or via e-mail through yvonne.williams@judicialservices.sh.

The relevant form to register an interest may be obtained from Miss Linda Benjamin, Information and Research Support Officer, at the Castle on 22470, via email at linda.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh or on the SHG website at <https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/EOI-Form-Member-JSC.doc>.

Completed forms should be returned to the Information and Research Support Officer by Friday 20 December 2024.



Celebrating International Human Rights Day on St Helena with a call for action

Every year on December 10th, the world comes together to celebrate International Human Rights Day, commemorating the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by the United Nations General Assembly in 1948. This day serves as a reminder of the universal rights we all share, and the ongoing effort needed to protect and promote these rights globally and at home.

Advancing Human Rights on St Helena: The Need for Comprehensive Legislation

St Helena has a vibrant and diverse community, and a unique blend of history and contemporary challenges. The island is not immune to issues such as discrimination, domestic abuse, and modern slavery. Addressing these issues through robust legislation is crucial to ensuring the safety, dignity, and equality of all our people.

1. Anti-Discrimination Legislation St Helena's community is a melting pot of cultures and backgrounds. However, the absence of comprehensive anti-discrimination legislation leaves room for inequalities to persist. While our Constitution prevents our government from discriminating it does not protect us in the private sector. Implementing laws that prohibit discrimination based on ability, race, gender, religion, sexual orientation, and other grounds is essential. Such legislation would not only promote equality but also ensure that all individuals are treated with respect and fairness, fostering a more inclusive society.

2. Domestic Abuse Legislation Domestic abuse is a pervasive issue worldwide, and St Helena is no exception. The lack of specific legislation to address domestic abuse means that victims may not receive the protection and support they need particularly if they are the victims of coercive behaviour. Enacting comprehensive domestic abuse law would provide clear definitions and penalties for abusive behaviour and would empower victims to seek help and hold abusers accountable, ultimately reducing the prevalence of domestic abuse on the island.

3. Modern Slavery Legislation Modern slavery, including human trafficking and forced labour, is a grave human rights violation. Legislation is critical to prevent exploitation, protect victims, and prosecute offenders. By adopting stringent laws against modern slavery, St Helena can ensure that it remains a haven where human dignity is upheld, and individuals are free from exploitation and coercion.

The implementation of anti-discrimination, domestic abuse, and modern slavery legislation on St Helena is not just a legal necessity but a moral imperative. These laws would safeguard human rights, promote justice, and enhance the overall well-being of the island's inhabitants. By taking these steps, St Helena can set a powerful example of commitment to human rights and equality, ensuring that every resident lives in a safe, respectful, and supportive environment.

For further information call 22133 or email info@humanrightssthena.org



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All Outlets will be closed during the Public Holidays; Wednesday 25 and Thursday 26 December 2024 and Wednesday 1 January 2025 and also on Monday 30 December 2024
Normal Opening Hours will resume on Thursday 2 January 2025

New Bus Timetables

(Pull out and keep)

Route 1 - Cape Villa –Jamestown – Longwood

	Every Day			Monday to Saturday	Monday to Friday	Saturday - Sunday	Friday & Saturday
Cape Villa	08:20	14:45	20:45				
Ebony View	08:24	14:49	20:49				
Cow Path	08:27	14:52	20:52				
Community Care Complex	08:30	14:54	20:54				
Hospital	08:34	14:59	20:59				
Grand Parade Malabar	08:36	15:06	21:06	13:05	16:10	01:40	11:00
The Briars Corner Wall	08:39	15:09	21:09	13:08	16:13	01:43	11:03
Two Gun Saddle	08:41	15:11	21:11	13:10	16:15	01:46	11:05
Alarm Forest	08:46	15:16	21:16	13:15	16:20	01:51	11:10
Hutt's Gate	08:49	15:19	21:19	13:18	16:23	01:55	11:13
Deadwood	08:54	15:24	21:24	13:23		01:58	
Longwood Green	08:57	15:27	21:27	13:26	16:28	02:02	11:19
Bottom Woods	09:01	15:31	21:31	13:30	16:34	02:06	11:23
Airport							11:35

For bus times Airport to Jamestown see Route 2

Route 2 – Levelwood – Jamestown – Cape Villa

	Every Day			Tues, Thurs, Fri & Sat	Tuesday	Saturday		Sunday When Flight From Ascension
Airport						14:10		14:10
Bellstone	6:55	13:34	19:27	09:13			21:40	
Nevergrove	07:02	13:40	19:33	09:18			21:46	
Silver Hill	07:03	13:42	19:35	09:23			21:48	
Hutt's Gate	07:15	13:50*	19:50*	09:32			22:00	
Golf Club	07:23	14:00	19:58					
Hutt's Gate	07:32			09:32		14:34		14:34
Alarm Forest	07:35			09:38		14:37	22:04	14:37
Gordon's Post	07:37			09:43		14:40	22:06	14:40
Two Gun Saddle	07:39			09:46		14:43	22:08	14:43
The Briars Corner Wall	07:42			09:48		14:45	22:11	14:45
Grand Parade Malabar	07:45			09:52	10:10	14:49	22:14	14:49
Hospital	07:50				10:13			
Community Care Complex	07:53				10:18			
Ebony View	07:55							
Cape Villa	07:58							
Plantation House					10:25			

* Change at Hutt's Gate for Route 1 to Jamestown
See bus times on Route 1 for connections in both directions.

Route 2 -Jamestown - Levelwood

	Every Day				Tues - Thurs - Fri & Sat	Tuesday	Sunday
White Gate	07:59						
Halley's Mount	08:10						
Plantation House						12:35	
Community Care Complex						12:42	
Hospital						12:47	
Grand Parade Malabar					13:00	12:50	01:40
The Briars Corner Wall					13:03		01:43
Two Gun Saddle					13:05		01:46
Gordon's Post					13:08		01:49
Alarm Forest					13:11		01:52
Hutt's Gate	08:33				13:13		01:55
Golf Club	08:18	08:41	15:11	21:12			
Hutt's Gate		08:48	15:19	21:20			
Silver Hill		09:00	15:31	21:30	13:25		02:07
The Flag Nevergrove		09:02	15:33	21:32	13:27		02:09
Bellstone		09:08	15:39	21:38	13:33		02:15

Routes 3 and 4 coming next week

New Bus Timetables

(Pull out and keep)

Route 1 – Longwood – Jamestown – Cape Villa						
	Every Day			Monday to Saturday	Monday to Friday	Friday & Saturday
Bottom Woods	07:05	13:40	19:40	09:15	15:40	22:00
Longwood Green	07:08	13:42	19:42	09:17		22:02
Deadwood	07:12	13:45	19:45	09:20		22:07
Hutt's Gate	07:20	13:50	19:50	09:25		22:10
Alarm Forest	07:23	13:53	19:53	09:28		22:15
Two Gun Saddle	07:27	13:58	19:58	09:33		22:17
The Briars Corner Wall	07:30	14:00	20:00	09:35		22:19
Canister Grand Parade	07:33	14:03	20:03	09:38	16:10	22:22
Hospital	07:36	14:06	20:06	09:41		
Community Care Complex	07:41	14:11	20:11			
Cow Path	07:44	14:14	20:14	The St Helena Independent April Cottage Putty Hill Alarm Forest Tel: 00 290 23836 Email: independent@helanta.co.sh		
Ebony View	07:47	14:17	20:17			
Cape Villa	07:50	14:20	20:20			

Application Cut-Off Date



Sure SA Ltd would like to advise that applications for new Telephone, Television and Broadband installations for service dates in December 2024 should be submitted to the Customer Care Centre at Bishops Rooms, Jamestown by no later than **Monday 16th December 2024**

Provision of service for applications received after this date cannot be guaranteed until January 2025

Please visit our Customer Care Centre in Jamestown, call 22900 or email service@sure.co.sh for further information



PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITY: TENDER 062/2024 HARPERS 2: DAM ASSESSMENT

Harpers 2 Dam is a 27,500m³ earth dam, originally constructed in 1994. It forms a key part of the island's water storage infrastructure. To ensure the continued performance of the dam, it is considered appropriate that a condition assessment is carried out and the current maintenance and monitoring regime updated.

Connect Saint Helena Ltd (Connect) is seeking the services of an experienced Earth Dam Specialist to carry out an assessment. Based on the findings, the Earth Dam Specialist will design an appropriate maintenance and monitoring programme.

Interested parties can obtain a copy of the tender pack by contacting tender.returns@connect.co.sh.

The deadline for tenders will close at noon on 27 January 2025.

4 December 2024



'The Victoria shop in Market street has a vacancy for a shop floor assistant, no previous experience required.'

Pay starts at £165.00 per week

Interested persons please contact either Lorraine Benjamin at the Victoria shop on Tel. 22970 or Anita Magellan at the Queen Mary Store on 22168 for further details'.



“Solomon’s would like to advise customers that their Insurance Office at the Malabar will close at noon on Wednesday 11th December 2024. Normal opening will resume on Thursday 12th December 2024 at 9am.

We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause and would like to thank customers for their continued custom.”

THE ANCHOR Clothing SHOP

**SITUATED OPPOSITE SEALES CORNER
And also at Kunjie Field
1st Building on your right.**

Has a selection of Ladies, Men’s and Children’s clothing, shoes and educational Toys, Xmas goods, and much more

New opening hours for December are as follows:

Jamestown Shop:
Mondays, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays 09:00 – 14:00
Kunjie Field Shop
Mondays – Saturdays
16:30 pm – 18:00 (starting from Monday 9th December)

Shop at the Anchor “where there is something for everyone!”

HAPPY CHRISTMAS SHOPPING!!!



The (St Helena) Cancer support & Awareness Charity would like to thank all those who contributed to the success of Carnival 2024. In particular the following:

STALL HOLDERS, IAN WILLIAMS & JOHNNY ISAAC, ROYAL ST HELENA POLICE, ROADS DEPARTMENT, PARAMEDICS, RED CROSS, MARTIN KUNYA BUCKLEY & GANG, COLIN PETERS, SMITH & WATSON, MARK & ROBERT CONSTANTINE, GIBBY YOUNG AND TEAM, TRACEY, PAMMIE, NICOLE & MIA, CONNECT ST HELENA, SOLOMON & CO PLC, ROSE & CROWN, QUEEN MARY STORE, MARSHALLS, SANDRA CLINGHAM & DIANA BENJAMIN, GISELLE & WINGED WARRIORS, SUSAN OBEY & ANNE DILLON, TREVOR & DI FOWLER, RYAN BECKHOUSE, MELVIN & ROCKCLUB STAFF, DARREN O’DEAN, MONEY COLLECTORS, BARBARA GEORGE, PHYLLIS YON, NOLEEN YON, SORAYE LAWRENCE, GAVIN JACK THOMAS, KURT THOMAS, ELSIE HUGHES, DEBBIE FANTOM, RICHARD WOTTON, DUBBS’ FAMILY, JUDICIAL OFFICE, ENVIRONMENT HEALTH.

Our thanks also to all those who helped and donated to our COFFEE MORNING, STALL IN FRONT OF the CANISTER; and to ALL our other HELPERS, Transport providers, and fundraisers:- Moonshines Bar, SHG departments, SHAPE, Encompass, SAMS, ST FM, Sentinel, independent, MITE - Falkland Islands, Falkland Islands charity night organisers.

'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!

This week, we encourage you to check out the latest published scientific paper on St Helena's incredible spider species, found here:

<https://ow.ly/7Im150U28xC>



Authored by an international group of eighteen scientists - including six Saints - this research was led by British Arachnologist, Danni Sherwood. Danni visited the island in 2022 funded by the St Helena Cloud Forest Project and supported by the St Helena National Trust and The Species Recovery Trust. It includes a checklist of every species found from 1869 to 2024, including many new records, and over 300 colour and ink illustrations.



Anapistula martinae

Ischnothyreus christyjoae

Thanks to this amazing research, there are some spider species and genera that are new to science, named in honour of local conservationists. The Martina Minuscule Spider (*Anapistula martinae*) is a tiny, eyeless, endemic species, named after **Martina Peters** in recognition of her contributions to nature conservation. The Christy Jo Goblin Spider (*Ischnothyreus christyjoae*) is another small species which evolved to have plate-like armour on its abdomen. This species was named after **Christy Jo Scipio-O'Dean** in recognition of her contributions to invasive invertebrate management on the island. The new genera described are **Helenidion** (name meaning St Helena's comb-footed spiders) and **Trust** (named in honour of the St Helena National Trust itself, and recognising the efforts of all staff past and present for protecting the island's natural and cultural heritage).

Thanks to this research, spiders are now probably the best-studied invertebrate group on the island, with 100% of currently known species now having scientific names!

Be sure to follow the St Helena Peaks National Park on Facebook, and @StHelenaPNP on X, to stay up to date with all the latest news and information on the FCDO-funded St Helena Cloud Forest Project

Scan the QR Codes below for quick access to:

Website Facebook Twitter/X



SALE BY TENDER

A.H.ALLEN & CO Mobile Gantry Crane



Offers are invited for the purchase of an A.H.Allen & Co Mobile Gantry Crane. The reserve price for this item is £250. It is to be sold without any warranty and on an "as is and where is" basis.

Viewings are by appointment only at the Power Station. Interested persons should contact Merril Lawrence, Electricity Generation Manager, on telephone number 22602 during normal working hours to arrange a viewing.

Sealed bids marked 'Mobile Gantry Crane' should be submitted to Nigel Benjamin, Procurement Coordinator, by **noon on Tuesday, 17 December 2024.**



VACANCY



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Bank Teller

Commencing at £8,796 per annum

Bank of St Helena Limited is seeking to recruit a suitable person on a full-time basis to fill the vacant position of Bank Teller.

This position will incur significant contact with the public and other Bank staff. The successful candidate must be flexible, demonstrate courtesy and provide excellent customer service at all times. They must have a keen eye for detail, exhibit high accuracy levels and have the ability to work under pressure and meet deadlines, whilst working well with others as part of the wider Bank team.

The main duties of the post include:

- Undertaking counter transactions for customers and posting these to the Bank's computer system;
- Cash handling and assisting customers in meeting their banking needs and queries;
- Providing assistance in the delivery of Remote Banking services;
- Any other duties.

Interested persons can contact Miss Danielle Anthony, Teller Services Manager on email tellerservicesmanager@sainthelenabank.com or Mrs Karen Buckley, Customer Service Manager on email csmanager@sainthelenabank.com, or contact them on (+290) 22390 for more information.

An Application form and job profile is available upon request from the Bank and can be viewed on our official website. Completed application forms should be addressed to Miss Merle Peters, Human Resources Manager, Market Street, Jamestown or emailed to hrmanager@sainthelenabank.com.

Closing date for applications is Friday, 20 December 2024.

Choose a career with Bank of St Helena and enjoy competitive benefits.



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

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Market Street, Jamestown



Bank of St Helena Ltd

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Activity Worker (£7280 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

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

Closing date: **02 January 2025**

Waste Management Services Operator (£7,960 per annum) (Fixed Term)

Waste Management Services is seeking to employ a highly motivated individual to join their dedicated team. Successful candidates will be responsible for delivering high standards of cleaning in public areas and toilets, waste collection from homes and businesses and other waste management tasks in line with Standard Operating Procedures. Normal working hours are 0600 hrs to 1330 hrs Monday to Friday, with weekends and Public Holiday working on a rota system. If you are physically fit and an effective team player then we would be interested in hearing from you. Waste Management Services, working towards a cleaner and greener St Helena.

As this is a fixed term role and due to the time restriction, we are only accepting applications from on island candidates.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Karl Martin on Tel No. 24724 or**
Email karl.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: **11 December 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.

Join us! We are recruiting...



St Helena
Government

Marine & Fisheries Conservation Data Assistant (£5.37 per hour) (Part time)

The purpose of the Marine & Fisheries Conservation Data Assistant post is to enable the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section to deliver their work programmes supported by good data management, in order to provide the evidence base used to conserve and protect St Helena’s marine environment. The role will specifically focus on supporting ENRP’s Marine and Fisheries Conservation section activities, specifically in areas such as data management, communications and public awareness raising.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Kirsty Jones on Tel No. 25966 or Email**
kirsty.jones@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date **11 December 2024**

Bus Driver (£7,960 per annum)

The bus driver will help the island thrive by being responsible for helping to provide the Public Transport services for the community. The Public Transport Service is well utilized by shift workers for home to work purposes as well as many other members of the community for social purposes; it is highly valued by all users. The Bus driver will also be responsible for carrying out daily water, oil and other checks as required by the Senior Transport Manager. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: **Nicholas George on Tel No 23208 or Email**
Vehicle.Fleet@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: **18 December 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

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Property For Sale



Property Alarm Forest £160,000.00

- ▶ This is a very well finished house inside and out
- ▶ 2 Bedroom House with garage and off-road car parking
- ▶ Good size kitchen and lounge as well as a shower and bath
- ▶ The property is not overlooked and offers a mature garden with ocean views



Residential Property to Rent in Longwood £500 per calendar month

Exceptionally well finished and well-presented 2 Bedroom Property with new bathroom and kitchen. The property provides a large parking area and out-door space.

Further details available at DPS, The Market, Jamestown, St. Helena, STHL 1ZZ or email derek@dps.co.sh or Telephone 00 290 67022/25836





A & D's MiniMart currently has a vacancy for a Sales Assistant to work within their establishment in HTH.

For further information please contact Di on tel no 23330 or mobile 61137.

The Royal Ballet Swan Lake

The Museum Jamestown



**Tuesday 10th
December
18:30**

Admission free



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Festive Season Openings

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

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

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



SHFA FOOTBALL PRESENTATION 2024 SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER @ FRANCIS PLAIN

NOON - WOODEN SPOON



**The boys in White
INTER GALACTIC**



**The boys in Sky Blue
WANDERERS**



2:30PM - FINAL



**The boys in Yellow
ROVERS**



**The boys in Bottle Green
LE VERDE**



FOLLOWED BY THE PRESENTATION AT 4:30PM.

AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE AFTERNOON/EVENING :
SPORTS BAR HOT FOOD RAFFLE
LIVE MUSIC STARTS @6PM FIREWORK DISPLAY @8PM

Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 7th December

Everton 12:30 Liverpool

Aston Villa 15:00 Southampton

Brentford 15:00 Newcastle United

Crystal Palace 15:00 Manchester City

Manchester United 17:30 Nottingham Forest

Sunday 8th December

Fulham 14:00 Arsenal

Ipswich Town 14:00 AFC Bournemouth

Leicester City 14:00 Brighton & Hove Albion

Tottenham Hotspur 16:30 Chelsea

Monday 9th December

West Ham United 20:00 Wolverhampton Wanderers

**Big Read Story 5: LOCKING UP FREEDOM- by Beverley Naidoo**

Beverley Naidoo, born on May 21, 1943, in Johannesburg, South Africa, began her writing career in exile in England, where she also worked as a teacher. Her first children's book, "Journey to Jo'burg," published in 1985, was banned in South Africa until 1991 but gained international recognition, opening eyes to the struggles under apartheid. Her subsequent works, such as "Chain of Fire," "No Turning Back," and "Out of Bounds," feature characters facing real and perilous situations. Naidoo has received numerous awards, including the Carnegie Medal for "The Other Side of Truth," which tells the story of two Nigerian refugee children in London, and its sequel "Web of Lies." Her novel "Burn My Heart," set in 1950s Kenya, explores themes of friendship, loyalty, and betrayal. Naidoo was honored to be the South African nominee for the Hans Christian Andersen Award in 2008. [Here is her story-](#)

Title- "LOCKING UP FREEDOM"

Believe it or not, the library at my school was kept locked! I have no memory of going inside and choosing a book for myself. What's more, when I asked our vice-principal to sign a form so that I could join the Johannesburg city library, she refused. I can still hear her voice with her Irish lilt... 'And what would you be wanting to read more books for, Beverley? Have you not got enough with your text books already?' I was puzzled at the time, but later I realised that the nuns who taught me felt that it was their duty to control the books we read. In class, when we read a story, a poem, a novel or a play by Shakespeare, we were told what the author meant. Our teachers told us to write down what they said and learn it. To them, teaching included teaching us what to think. At least I was lucky to have some books at home that I would read for pleasure. I would lose myself in them and my imagination would roam. This was all a long time ago - more than 50 years - but the idea of keeping young people away from books and controlling their ideas still angers me. You see, I was brought up in apartheid South Africa. I was a white child in a whites-only school and none of my teachers encouraged me to ask questions, let alone question the racism all around us. It's a bit like we children were little donkeys with blinkers who had to follow instructions from teachers and adults who also wore blinkers.

After I left school, I was very fortunate to make friends at university with people who helped me tear away the blinkers. For the first time, I began to read books that invited me to see the world around me in new ways. I began to realise that for black South Africans the country was like a vast prison and I began to ask the questions that I'd never asked before. What I saw, with my own eyes, was shocking, but at least I was now beginning to choose my own journey. That led to me being locked up in jail for eight weeks in solitary confinement, with no charges. I was still a 'small fish' in the resistance to apartheid, but my brother and his friends who challenged the system were locked up for years. Reading and discussing books was important to them because books allowed their minds to travel outside the prison walls. Books helped them keep their minds free! I started writing when I was living in exile in England and had two children. Their father and I weren't allowed to return to South Africa where we had both been born. That made us refugees from our home country and I wanted to find a way for our children, and others, to imagine what apartheid was like. If I could tell them a gripping story, they might want to know more... That was the beginning of *Journey to Jo'burg*, my first book for young people. Once it was published, it quickly travelled around the world in many different languages. I began to receive hundreds of letters from readers telling me their thoughts and asking me questions. But there were no letters from South Africa because the apartheid rulers banned the book until the year after Nelson Mandela was released from jail. Someone could be put in prison or made to pay a fine if they were found with it. Not having books is not always about lack of money but about what we value.

Books are 'mind food'! One of our most important freedoms is surely to read, imagine, think and ask our own questions about the world. A few years ago I wrote this poem. It arose from thinking about *Journey to Jo'burg*. It's also about much more, but that I leave to you.

*"They tried to lock up freedom, They seized the book
Ripped out its spine, Flung it in the fire
Pages fluttered through smoke, They grabbed the pages
Scratched out lines, Crushed them in their fists
Words squeezed through knuckles, They twisted the words
Tore out sound, Swallowed them in their silence
The heart of the book cried out, The pages grew wings
The words breathed Freedom".*

A Sigh of Relief in India 'Cos Saint FM is Back

When Mike Olsson announced he was terminally ill we checked out the situation and decided Saint FM and the SH Independent could not both be saved. That's now history and, as often happens, where there is a will, there's a way. One of the many who said Saint FM MUST be saved was Ragu, a schoolteacher in southern India. Ragu tunes in to Saint FM when teaching his schoolchildren English. It works. The schoolchildren like learning English listening to Saint FM.

Saint FM Used to Teach Indian Kids How to Speak Saint

When teacher Ragu heard Saint FM was closing, he contacted us, telling us why the radio station is important to him and his schoolchildren and imploring us to think again. We listened to him and all of you; with the help of valued people, including, especially, Johnny Clingham and Paul Blake in the UK, by using the best of modern technology we found a way that we hope will work. Teacher Ragu was very pleased he can continue to teach English the Saint way.



Teacher Ragu and his pupils say hello and thank you to St Helena for saving Saint FM

The global reach of Saint FM can be truly amazing and something we can build on. The first thought is to make educational links between St Helena schools and teacher Ragu's school in southern India. Another great thing about southern India is the way they cook curry!

Godfathers Rock Club Entertainment for December 2024

Friday 6th December

Carol Singing followed by music for dancing by DJ KJ. BBQ and Fish Meals will be available on sale from 6pm. This event is open to the public.



Saturday 7th December

Private Function



Thursday 12th December @ 8:30pm

Family Christmas bingo. All are welcome. Lots of prizes for everyone for Christmas

Friday 13th December

Mix Grill with music by Alison Wade. Call 23395 for tickets.

Saturday 21st December

Xmas Ball. Open to the public from 9.30 with music by DJ KJ. There will also be a bar extension.

Friday 27th December

Bar open to the public with music by Melvin and John Coleman

Tuesday 31st December

Old Years Nite with music by KJ and a bar extension.

Melvin and staff would like to thank everyone for their support throughout the year and wish you all a merry xmas and a prosperous New Year.

Golf Report for Sunday, December 1, 2024

Report by SHGC.

Event Overview

On Sunday, December 1, 2024, the club hosted a two-team Texas scramble sponsored by Thomas Hickling. A total of 12 teams participated in this event, showcasing competitive spirit and camaraderie among the players.

Weather Conditions

The weather on the day of the event was characterised as cloudy but dry. These conditions are generally favourable for golf, as they can help maintain comfortable temperatures and prevent rain interruptions.

Leaderboard Results

The competition concluded with an impressive performance from the team of Norman Thomas and Chedwin Lawrence, who finished at the top of the leaderboard with a score of 43 points. They demonstrated exceptional teamwork and skill throughout the round. Following closely in second place were Pat Henry and Jeffrey Stevens, who scored 42 points, just one point shy of the leaders.

Two Ball Pool Winners

In addition to the main competition results, several teams excelled in specific holes during the event's two-ball pool:

- Martin Buckley and Thomas Hickling won on the 5th hole.
- Arthur and Wendy Young claimed victory on the 7th hole.
- Gerald George and Mark Anthony achieved an eagle on the 9th hole, marking a significant highlight of their round.

Upcoming Events

Looking ahead, there will be no club-organized event on Sunday, December 8, due to a potential lack of quorum. However, members interested in playing are encouraged to come out and enjoy a round of golf independently.

The final Turkey and Ham competition is scheduled for Sunday, December 15, 2024. This event will follow a cross-country format with a tee-off time set for 12:00 PM. Participants who have previously won in either of the last two Turkey and Ham competitions are reminded to collect their prizes from Thorpes Wholesale shop located in Jamestown.

Finally, a big thank you to our sponsor Mr Thomas Hickling for his generosity and kindness and congratulations to all the prize winners.



24 Hours to Cape Town

It took the St Helena Cricket team 24 hours to get from Abuja (Nigeria) to Cape Town. This is partly because they flew over 2,000 miles east, to Addis Ababa (Ethiopia) before flying very nearly 3,300 miles south-west to Cape Town. It's also because they had an 11-hour stopover in Addis Ababa where they had a good night's sleep. When all that was over, it was all worth it.

Welcome at Cape Town International



A big welcome awaited the cricket team in the arrivals hall. Coach Nadeem's family awaited them with a welcome banner – smiles all round.

Nadeem's wife had a special welcome for him



The Award Winners



Joey Thomas was chosen as the St Helena Player of the Tournament. The organisers told all the teams in the sub-qualifier that each national team's top player, as decided by the Coach and the Manager, would be awarded with a Grade 1 cricket bat supplied by Black Widow Cricket. The St Helena team would be visiting Black Widow Cricket during their stay in Capetown. Joey Thomas was presented with his bat during the visit. Joey was selected because of his all-round adaption to the game in Nigeria, his performances on and off the field and his overall contribution to the team. Team Manager, Derek Richards said "well done Joey and in so many ways St Helena Cricket has taken you away from your comfort zones and you have risen to the challenge"

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24 Hours to Cape Town

The Award Winners

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Jordan Yon picked up the Player of the Match award after St Helena beat Ivory Coast on the last day of the T20 Sub-Qualifier.



The opening pair, Andrew Yon and Scott Crowie cored all the runs needed to beat Ivory Coast by 10 wickets in St Helena's last game of the sub-qualifier.

The cricket team are due to arrive back on tomorrow's flight.

FESTIVE SEASON AT THE MULE YARD

Sunday 8th December 2024

Festive Family, Music Extravaganza

Saturday 14th December 2024

Live Band - Dirty Deeds

Sunday 15th December 2024

'The Get Togethers'

Wednesday 18th December 2024

Festival of Lights - Live Band

'The Big Easy'

Thursday 19th December 2024

Family Christmas Movie Night

Friday 20th December 2024

Live Band 'The Blue Magic Knights'

FESTIVE SEASON AT THE MULE YARD

Saturday 21st December 2024

Kids Christmas Disco

Sunday 22nd December 2024

Sunset Jam Session with Squares & Seabird

Tuesday 24th December 2024

Christmas Eve Party - D. J. Ashley

Thursday 26th December 2024

Live Band Night 'Love Affair'

Friday 27th December 2024

Collies Christmas Special

Saturday 28th December 2024

Live Band 'Tuffed Sedge'

Tuesday 31st December 2024

New Years Eve on Longwood Green