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Fun February Festival

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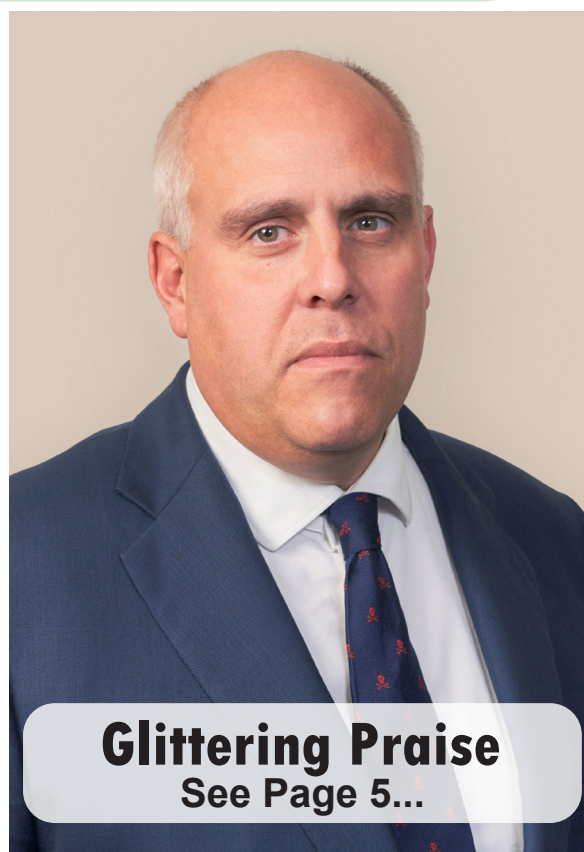
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New Prison Hits “Ground Breaking” Milestone

Photos by Miky.



The construction phase on the new prison at Bottom Woods has officially begun. On Monday, SHG officials, key stakeholders, Isaac's Contractors Ltd and invited guests attended the “ground breaking” ceremony to mark this momentous occasion.

Following the initial welcome speech - to alert anyone of the “fire exits” which is, well, anywhere - Minister for Safety Gillian Brooks and Chief Minister Rebecca Cairns-Wicks took to the stage to congratulate everyone that is involved in the project.

They weren't messing around, with the speeches lasting around 7 minutes in total; and soon after came the moment everyone was waiting for.



Chief Minister Rebecca Cairns-Wicks - out standing in her field

Instead of the usual “ribbon cutting”, the Chief Minister, Minister for Safety and Ronan Legg from Isaac's Contractors Ltd laid their shovels into the soil and dug the very first hole on the site, whilst a JCB lurks in the background, presumably in case there are any “difficulties”.

As SHG likes to remind us, this project has been approved for funding under the UK funded Economic Development Investment Programme (EDIP), in partnership with the FCDO.



St Helena's First Adventure Week

The Start of Something Big

This week Tourism advertise the World's Most Remote Marathon. It's on 22nd February, just 35 days away. The marathon is not alone, it is part of Adventure Week – a package showcasing all the activities and unique attractions St Helena offers to Saints and Tourists alike.

Adventure travel is already big and it keeps growing. Not only that, Adventure Week includes most of many popular events where community involvement has always been a big part – either doing it, or as a spectator attraction. The Jacob's Ladder Challenge, the Wreck-to-Wreck Swim, snorkelling, picnics and hiking (Post Box Walks) – even yoga in Castle Gardens. The World's Most Remote Marathon comes in three parts. The Full Marathon is 42.2 kilometres; there are Saints who will not be able to resist signing up for it. There is also the Half-Marathon and the 10km Run - so, something for (almost?) everyone.

A programme of community events is not complete without the social get-togethers. The World's Most Remote Marathon is on Sunday 22nd February and finishes at the seafront. James Fantom steps in afterwards as host, to ensure competitors and spectators are entertained. Other events give opportunity for mobile catering. Some events need stewards. Contact the Tourist Office if interested.



The Atlantic Rose – and fish

Jono Passaportis told the Independent, entries for the events can be made online via the St Helena Tourism website although he would encourage locals to register in person at the St Helena Tourism Office at the Canister to receive a 30% discount on their entry. You can also register your interest in the Jacob's Ladder Challenge by emailing events@sainthelena.gov.sh if you want an official timing.



Road Running – a regular feature in St Helena

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It's impossible to give all the information here, but here are some of the details.

Date & Time	Event	Charge
		before 30% local discount
15th February - 8am	Hike & Snorkel – Lot's Wife Ponds	£15
18 th February – 9:30am	Lemon Valley – swim, snorkel, kayak, picnic	£15
19 th February – 9:30am	Jacob's Ladder Challenge	Free of Charge
20 th February – 9:30am	Wreck to Wreck Swim	Free of Charge
22 nd February – time tbc	World's Most Remote Marathon	To be advised
23 rd February - 9am	Yoga at Castle Gardens	Included in entry fee
27 th February – 9-30am	Wreck to Wreck Swim	Free of Charge

For full information visit the Tourism website at <https://sthelenatourism.com/adventure-week/> or call in at the Tourist Office.

James Appleton's record-breaking run, November 2024



Adventure Week runs for twelve days, so far. But hey, that's just a detail. The plan is to make Adventure Week an annual event. It's widely thought to be an excellent idea. This is the first of its kind in St Helena and is seen as a trial or test run for bigger Adventure Weeks in the years to come. You have to start sometime, so Jono says, start now.

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Glittering Praise for New Chief Justice



Richard Wright KC

On Tuesday the Governor announced a new Chief Justice has been appointed to take over from Rupert Jones KC who decided to resign more than a year before the end of his five-year term.

Rupert Jones is succeeded by Richard Wright KC. Mr Wright is widely recognised as a top flight barrister and has experience as a Deputy District Judge and Recorder of the Crown Court. Mr Wright appears on the websites of several law firms where he has been Head of Chambers and received various awards.

Probably the firmest indication of the high standing accorded to our next Supreme Court Judge is the people who retain him to defend or prosecute their case. He successfully prosecuted the former Formula One boss, Bernie Ecclestone. Ecclestone pleaded

guilty and handed down a 17-month suspended sentence for fraud by false representation. He was also closely involved with the legal team supporting the preparation and delivery of the UK Covid-19 Inquiry.

Legal 500 is a well-respected guide to law firms and their barristers for people wanting to choose legal representation. In 2020, Legal 500 had this to say about Richard Wright KC: "He makes everyone else look like foothills compared to Mount Everest." This year, Mr Wright already has praise heaped upon him: "Richard is one of the outstanding advocates of his generation. He is a brilliant presence in any case. Simply excellent". One of the other examples of glittering praise was, "Ranked by Chambers and Partners 2025 as a "Star Individual" and noted that "He never fails to impress and makes the impossible look effortless."

The Governor's announcement that the next Chief Justice had been appointed included a quote from Mr Wright. He said, "I am very pleased to have been appointed as the next Chief Justice of St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha and it will be a privilege to serve you in this important role delivering the efficient administration of Justice in the wider public interest. I look forward to visiting in person as soon as I am able, and on a regular basis thereafter. I know I will be well supported in the discharge of my responsibilities by the Chief Magistrate and all of those who work in the administration of Justice."

It is heartening to know the new Chief Justice will be visiting in person as soon as he is able and on a regular basis thereafter. Not a lot has been seen of the departing Chief Justice, Rupert Jones, who appears to prefer audio/visual conferencing technology to overnight stays in Jo'burg.

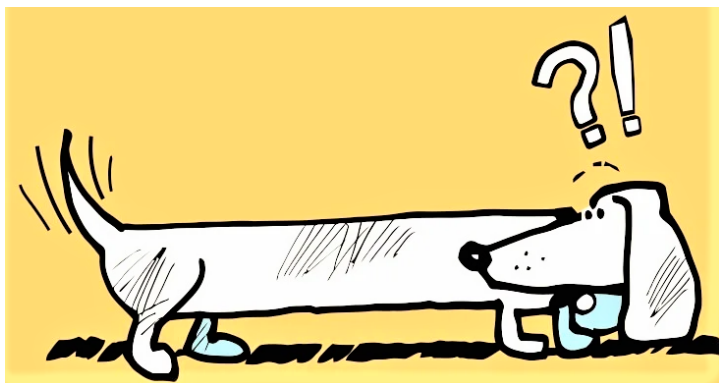
Future Litigation SHG Will Face

The description for the Supreme Court Judge vacancy, posted on the St Helena Public Service Jobs website included, "It is highly desirable that the successful candidate should also have some experience of clinical negligence/personal injury law." This is very probably related to the legal challenges for which hearings have been applied for by the Equality and Human Rights Commission and Hugh James Solicitors relating to the Civil Litigation Costs Ordinance.

However, The Independent is reliably informed the Judge who will hear these legal challenges was appointed last Friday. No details have yet been provided about the judge selected for this case.

Ministers Question Time

Who Wags the Tail of the Dog?



The monthly Ministers Question Time came around again on Tuesday this week. It's an occasion when one topic is chosen for one hour of questioning ministers by other councillors. The Standing Orders governing the meeting procedure tells us, "The Chief Minister must, at least 4 clear days before the date on which the meeting is scheduled to be convened, be notified by the Clerk of the topic of the business to

be transacted at the meeting." Who notifies the Clerk? Or does the Clerk decide what the ministers will be questioned about. Who chooses the topic for questions is not clear in the all-important Standing Orders. This prompted me to ask my own questions. A nice young lady at the SHG Communications Hub does have some of the answers. She told me the topic is chosen by the 7 members who are not ministers, after consultation with the Speaker.

The topic this week for questions was 'Strategic Priorities Identified Within the First Hundred Days in Office'. As the questions were asked and the follow-up questions followed, a general theme became clear.

There's a government budget to be prepared. Hopefully the budget will be finalised in nine weeks' time. It often is not finalised in time. Don't blame SHG for this; as the weeks in April tick along, SHG is waiting for FCDO to decide how much money they will give St Helena for the next financial year. It could be one hundred and fifty days before we get the answer to that one. Too often it's June before the annual budget is both settled and in place. The delay, cost, time, money, effort and lost opportunities are plentiful.

All of this is on the minds of ministers while councillors ask questions about food prices since cargo operations moved to Rupert's, agricultural water supplies, and the difference between this and that 'vision'. One councillor asked what progress has been made with any new policies. The topic for questions asked about strategic priorities identified. Some people want it and they want it now. Another questioner wanted to know about the 'here and now'. Good grief!

The here and now is that the Financial Aid Mission from the FCDO arrives on Saturday (weather permitting) to discuss funding for next year's budget. The truth is, not a lot will happen or even can happen until the amount of money the UK decides to give us is settled and the budget allocations are made in the 2026-27 budget. It could easily be June before all that is fully completed. As well as being the 'here and now' for the last hundred days, next year's budget could take up the next hundred days and a few more as well.

One councillor asked that they should all be notified if a minister is scheduled to be interviewed on the radio. It was found they could be stopped in the street by people who want to talk about it. If a councillor does not know about it, it makes things awkward.

Anyway, when it is priorities, strategic or otherwise, the 'legacy projects' are always first in line. Legacy projects are those which were underway before the September general election but remain to be finished. Minister Karl Thrower, during his hour-long radio chat on Monday this week talked a lot about telecoms (fibre-optic cable) and energy (renewable). Both have a long history and still need sorting out. The 'Maestro solution' for getting faster broadband

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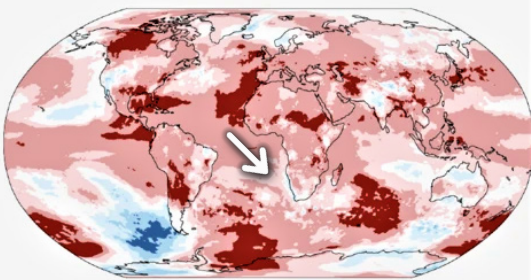
to every home and business is now looked upon as over-optimistic – it would take a long time to install and cost a lot of money. So, a different way to achieve similar results is being worked on now. It means starting again at the beginning with many aspects of the project. The renewable energy project is following a similar path. And, of course, there is fishing. All of that is being worked on from the bottom up, and at the beginning, with the Fisheries

Review. All of these projects are wagging the tail of the dog right now. There is truckloads of work needed to get in place the regulatory framework for energy, telecoms and much more. Work is going ahead on financial services regulations. What has that got to do with the price of a sliced loaf, you may ask. Well, in a sentence, fit for purpose, up-to-date financial regulations can open the door to overseas companies registering here. They say there are good signs that a reasonable number of companies would find it beneficial to do just that. If they do just that, they pay St Helena government tax and, hopefully, will share the tax burden now on your shoulders. In three and three-quarter years' time, we can hope this government has got the legacy projects completed and we are benefitting from them. We can also hope more potholes in roads have been filled and covered and overseas companies are contributing a useful chunk to government revenue, that's tax. There is plenty more to be done, and we can only hope this government will lay the foundations for the next government to complete the new projects successfully.

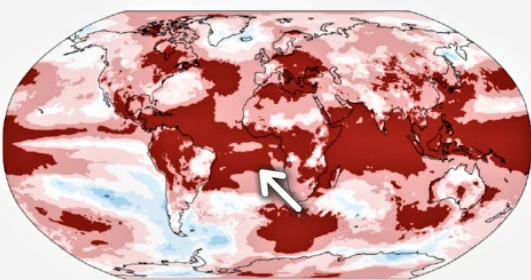


Global Temperatures Dipped in 2025 but It Will Get Hotter

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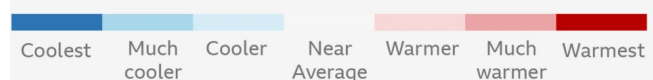


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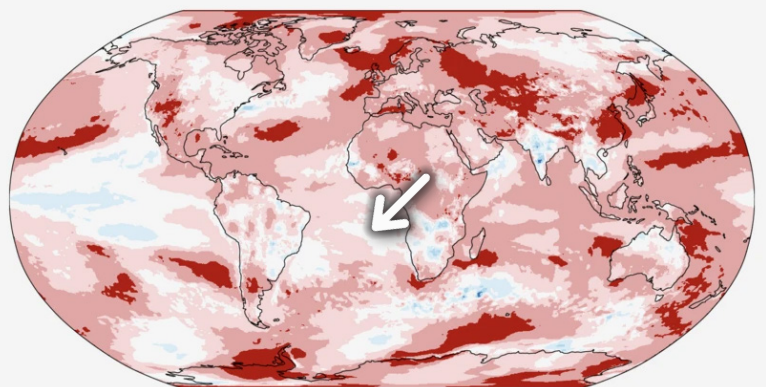


Large areas have set new records since 2023

Annual air temperature compared with 1991-2020 average



2025



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Global Temperatures Dipped in 2025 but It Will Get Hotter

The heat maps show St Helena had, overall, warmer than average temperatures in 2023. In 2024 our average temperature rose to the warmest category. Last year, temperatures were near average.

A BBC report this week tells us - Global temperatures in 2025 did not quite reach the heights of 2024, thanks to the cooling influence of the natural La Niña weather pattern in the Pacific, according to new data from the European Copernicus climate service and the Met Office. But the last three years were the world's warmest ever recorded, bringing the planet closer to breaching international climate targets.

Despite natural cooling from La Niña, 2025 was still much warmer than temperatures even a decade ago, as carbon emissions continue to heat the planet.

Scientists warn that will temperatures inevitably rise, leading to further records – and worsening weather extremes – unless emissions are sharply reduced.

"If we go twenty years into the future and we look back at this period of the mid-2020s, we will see these years as relatively cool," said Dr Samantha Burgess, now deputy director of Copernicus and Chief Scientific Advisor at the Marine Management Organisation before that.

The global average temperature in 2025 was more than 1.4C above "pre-industrial" levels of the late 1800s - before humanity started burning large amounts of fossil fuels - according to Copernicus and Met Office data.

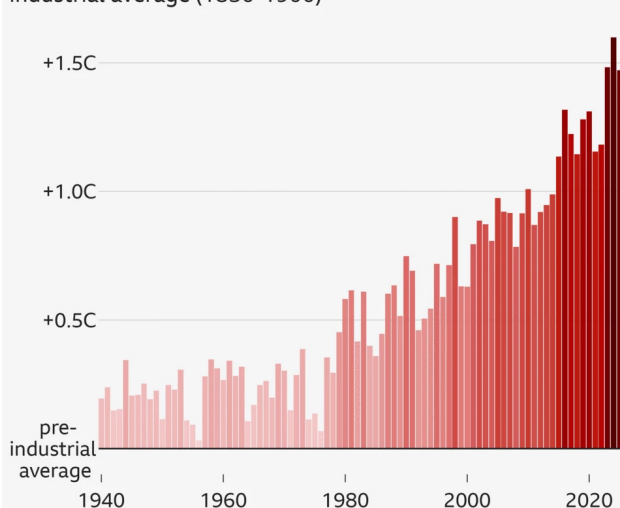


PROGRAMME OF THE
EUROPEAN UNION



Last three years were hottest on record

Global average temperature by year, compared with the pre-industrial average (1850-1900)



The only way is Up? Data for average global temperatures begin in the 1850s because sufficiently complete and reliable data is not available before then. Despite the above graph describing 1850 to 1900 as the pre-industrial average, the Industrial Revolution, originating in Britain, was well established before the 1850s. By the 1850s, Western Europe and the United States had changed from country villages and small market towns to large urban areas with factories, steam power, railways and coal mining. Coal mining using modern methods started in the UK in the 1750s. By 1850, 62.5 million tons of coal were mined in Britain alone. Before 1900 the Second Industrial Revolution meant there was widespread production and use of steel, chemicals and electricity.

All of this meant fossil fuels were already used on a massive scale and the release of greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide, methane and nitrous oxide was widespread. These gases were already trapping heat in the atmosphere causing global warming. This means the rise in average temperatures since before 'pre-industrial' levels is likely to be even more than shown on the trend graph.

New Operator Needed for Georgetown Minimarket

The present operators of the Chandley Mini-Market in Georgetown are intending to cease trading later this year. The actual date has not yet been decided. Ascension Island Government are inviting informal expressions of interest from anyone with relevant experience in retail, food supply, or business operations who wishes to discuss government rates, local business requirements and other general matters. To obtain further information, contact Catherine Jones via 67000, extension 1121, or email Catherine.jones@ascension.gov.ac. Anyone wishing to register an informal expression of interest should do so before close of business on Friday 6th February. All enquiries will be treated in confidence.

The Chandley Mini-Market



The premises comprise a spacious shop floor, backroom facilities, and outdoor storage. The current lease arrangement also includes staff accommodation in Two Boats, consisting of six self-contained units, each with an en suite bedroom and private kitchen.

The existing Mini-Market offers an important service to the community.

The existing Mini-Market provides:

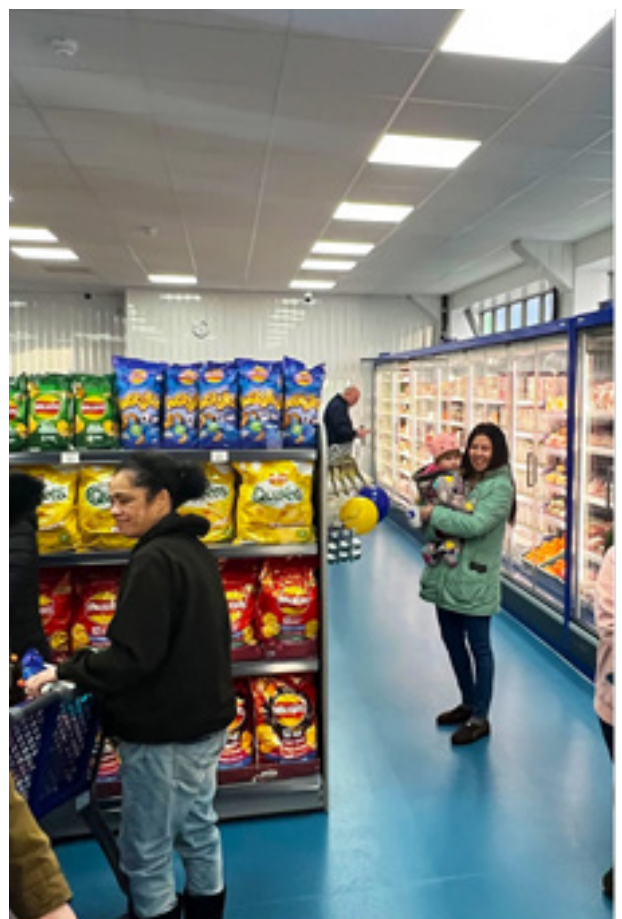
- Dry, chilled, and frozen grocery goods
- Deli takeaway facilities
- Alcoholic beverages, including supply

to local members' clubs

- Cleaning products, household items, and general merchandise

The Seafish Chandlery Limited has operated a minimarket in Georgetown since 2017, following significant investment to refurbish and establish a modern retail facility serving the Ascension Island community. The company has advised that it intends to withdraw from the island and cease its operations in 2026.

While no fixed transition date has yet been set, AIG is keen to engage early with potential operators to ensure continuity of essential food and retail services on the island.



MACS Shipping Take Control

MACS Shipping has taken a significant step in strengthening its service to St Helena by purchasing the Karoline. This vessel is dedicated to the island's cargo operations. However, since February 2024 the Karoline has been chartered, meaning the owner of the vessel can have an influence on decisions made for the operation of the Karoline. Now, fully owned by MACS, St Helena's dedicated cargo ship is directly controlled by MACS for scheduling, maintenance, and operational planning.



PROPERTY FOR SALE

- Open to Negotiation

3 bedroom detached bungalow
Cott Sheds, Longwood

This bungalow sits on approx. 0.20 acres (1,983 sq.m)

House is approx. 15m x 10m (150 sq.m) - including large bay,

The house is situated in a northwest-facing plot overlooking Millfield and Deadwood. Offering a pleasant sunny view, including the flagstaff to the north. The plot is virtually flat.

The room layout is on two levels, with a step down into the Dining Room, lounge and Conservatory area.

Main features:

- Master bedroom with En Suite
- Bathroom with Toilet
- Guest Toilet
- Large garden area
- Double Garage
- Integrated Sewage system, that connects to main sewage line

5-minute walk to main grocery store in Longwood
10-minute drive to local Airport

Interested persons can contact

Marvin and Michelle via email, for more information
marvinmichelle2909@gmail.com

No time wasters please.



FOR SALE



K. B. R.

"We'll start with the dessert menu."

Tickling Your Funny Bone!

Muldoon lived alone in the Irish countryside with only a pet dog for company. One day the dog died, and Muldoon went to the parish priest and asked, 'Father, my dog is dead. Could ya' be saying' a mass for the poor creature?'

Father Patrick replied, 'I'm afraid not; we cannot have services for an animal in the church. But there are some Baptists down the lane, and there's no tellin' what they believe. Maybe they'll do something for the creature.'

Muldoon said, 'I'll go right away Father. Do ya' think \$5,000 is enough to donate to them for the service?'

Father Patrick exclaimed, 'Sweet Mary, Mother of Jesus! Why didn't ya tell me the dog was Catholic?'

Donation

Father O'Malley picks up the phone. 'Hello, is this Father O'Malley?'

'It is!'

'This is the Tax Office. Can you help us?'

'I can!'

'Do you know a Ted Houlihan?'

'I do!'

'Is he a member of your congregation?'

'He is!'

'Did he donate £10,000 to the church?'

'He will.'

Marriage Humour

Wife: 'What are you doing?'

Husband: Nothing.

Wife: 'Nothing? . . . You've been reading our marriage certificate for an hour.'

Husband: 'I was looking for the expiry date.'

Girl: 'When we get married, I want to share all your worries, troubles and lighten your burden.'

Boy: 'It's very kind of you, darling, but I don't have any worries or troubles.'

Girl: 'Well that's because we aren't married yet.'

Son: 'Mum, when I was on the bus with Dad this morning, he told me to give up my seat to a lady.'

Mom: 'Well, you have done the right thing.'

Son: 'But mum, I was sitting on daddy's lap.'

A newly married man asked his wife, 'Would you have married me if my father hadn't left me a fortune?'

'Honey,' the woman replied sweetly, 'I'd have married you, NO MATTER WHO LEFT YOU A FORTUNE!'

A wife asked her husband: 'What do you like most in me, my pretty face or my sexy body?'

He looked at her from head to toe and replied: 'I like your sense of humour!'

A man was sitting reading his papers when his wife hit him round the head with a frying pan.

'What was that for?' the man asked. The wife replied,

'That was for the piece of paper with the name Jenny on it that I found in your trouser pocket'.

The man then said 'When I was at the races last week, Jenny was the name of the horse I bet on.' The wife apologised and went on with the housework.

Three days later the man is watching TV when his wife bashes him on the head with an even bigger frying pan, knocking him unconscious. Upon re-gaining consciousness the man asked why she had hit again.

Wife replied. 'Your horse phoned'



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Family Eucharist/Church Parade	Cathedral
3.30 p.m.	Patronal Festival	St Peter
Tuesday 20th January 2026		
7.00 p.m.	Mission Praise & Worship	Blue Hill Community Centre
Thursday 22 January 2026		
7.00 p.m.	Mission Praise & Worship	Sandy Bay Community Centre

The Parish of St James

Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
Thursday 22 January 2026		
7.00 p.m.	Mass with Healing	St John

The Parish of St Matthew

Sunday 18th January 2026 – 3rd Sunday of the Year

11.15 a.m.	Mass	St Mark
Tuesday 20 January 2026		
7 p.m.	70x7 Forgiveness	St Mark

Hey Kids!



Come and join Adventure Kids for some Fun & Games, Arts and Craft, Songs & loads of stories to be told.

WHERE: Baptist School Hall/James Town
WHO: Age 4-11yrs old
WHEN: 17/01/26
TIME: 10:00-11:30am

Refreshments will be served.

Baptist Church Gospel Outreach

MAKE A JOYFUL Noise TO THE LORD

When: Sunday: 18th January 2026

Where: Kingshurst Community Centre

Time: 3.00 pm

sing!

Gospel in Song

Refreshments

Preached Word

sing!



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 that the Annual General Meeting of Members of SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) will be held on:

Date: Saturday, 31st January 2026

Time: 10:00 am

Venue: SHAPE Head Centre, Sandy Bay

All members are cordially invited to attend.

Agenda:

The Agenda for the meeting will include:

1. Apologies for Absence
2. Minutes of the Previous Annual General Meeting
3. Matters Arising
4. Chairperson's Report
5. Treasurer's Report and Presentation of Accounts
6. Election of Officers and Committee Members
7. Any Other Business

Committee Nominations:

Members wishing to be appointed to the Committee must submit a signed written notice to the Company Secretary by **24th January 2026**. Employee members are not eligible.

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PRESS RELEASE

Transition from Quarterly to Monthly Billing

Connect Saint Helena Ltd is pleased to announce a significant change in our billing cycle. With effect from 1 April 2026, all customers will move from quarterly billing to a new monthly billing schedule.

This change reflects our commitment to improving customer service, supporting household budgeting, and providing more timely and accurate information about usage and charges.

Why the Change?

Monthly billing offers several advantages:

- Smaller, more frequent bills make it easier to manage household finances.
- Consistent monthly billing helps customers track and understand utility usage trends.
- Monthly estimates ensure timely bills, even when actual meter readings are not immediately available.

What to Expect Each Month

- Customers will receive a monthly bill based on estimated consumption, calculated using historical usage patterns.
- Actual meter readings will continue to be taken quarterly and used to reconcile any differences between estimated and actual usage.
- Any adjustments will appear on the next available bill.

Your Bill at a Glance

- Each bill will clearly indicate whether charges are based on estimated or actual readings.
- Estimated bills will include a notification and a comparison to your average historical usage.
- Tariffs and payment arrangements remain unchanged at this stage.

What You Need to Do

No action is required. Customers will automatically transition to monthly billing from **1 April 2026**. If you prefer to submit your own meter reading, instructions on how to do so will be included with your bill and available on our website.

Support and Information

For more information, please contact us at tel. 22255 or email: enquiries@connect.co.sh or visit our website at www.connect.co.sh.

We thank you for your continued support as we work to improve our services and provide greater transparency to all our customers.

13 January 2026





CUSTOMER NOTICE



DO YOU HAVE UNCLAIMED FUNDS?

These funds typically come from accounts that were closed because we lost contact with the account holder (for example, we had no current or forwarding address on file). To safeguard your money, we hold these funds until you can get in touch to claim them.

If you believe you may have an account with us that was closed and you never received the remaining balance, please get in touch with our team to start the process of verifying and claiming any funds that may belong to you.

We encourage you to contact the Bank of St Helena.



Bank of St. Helena Ltd.

Established and regulated in St Helena under the Financial Services Ordinance, 2008 and 2017, the Financial Services Regulations, 2017, the Company Ordinance, 2004 and the Company Regulations, 2004



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Bank of St Helena Ltd

Vacancy

Part-Time Passenger Services Agent



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Passenger Services Agent to join the team at St Helena Airport.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training, including training in Johannesburg, as well as the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to continuous learning and development

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via



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gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **05 February 2026**.

Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying

Vacancy

Part-Time Ramp Handlers



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Ramp Handlers to join the team at St Helena Airport. Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a good standard of English & ICT
- Be in possession of a clean & valid Drivers' Licence ideally in class D
- Be committed to delivering an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be committed to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake repetitive Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Have the ability to multitask in a fast paced environment to meet tight deadlines
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment and remain calm in high pressure situations

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Vacancy

Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer



Salary for the post will commence at £11,040 per annum (£920 per month)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the DIY Store for a Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer.

The Sales Assistant / Cargo Clearer will assist with the day to day running of the store, carry out cargo clearing operations from the Wharf and assist with the delivery service, whilst ensuring an excellent standard of customer service is always provided.

Interested Persons Should:

- Possess knowledge of DIY and Hardware products and ideally have experience with carrying out light DIY projects
- Be customer focused with excellent frontline customer service skills and demonstratable experience of working in a customer facing environment
- Possess experience in carrying out cash handling duties
- Be target driven with excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Be competent in Maths, English & IT
- Be self-motivated and able to work well as part of a team
- Be knowledgeable of, and able to carry out Manual Handling duties, including Heavy Lifting
- Demonstrate accuracy and have a good understanding of stock management
- Essentially have a clean and valid driver's licences in classes H3 & D.
- Be available to work weekends.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

William Smith, DIY Manager ☎ 22104 ✉ William.smith@solomons.co.sh

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

- Pension Contributions
- Staff Discounts

Vacancy

Part-Time Security Officers



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour, increased to £7.20 per hour upon completion of relevant training.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for Part-Time Security Officers to join the team at St Helena Airport.

Working hours will be according to flight operations and training requirements, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent interpersonal & communication skills and be able to work in a disciplined environment
- Possess a high standard of English & ICT skills
- Be customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training and the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake Manual Handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Have the ability to multitask and work with a high degree of accuracy in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to continuous learning and development

For further information contact:

Jason Thomas, General Manager (Agencies) via ☎ 22523 ✉ gm-agencies@solomons.co.sh

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Please note applicants must be resident on St Helena at the time of applying.

Vacancy

Farms Assistant



Salary for the post will commence at £930 per month (£11,160 per annum)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Farms Department for a Farms Assistant.

The Farms Assistant will assist in maintaining the Livestock, Piggery and Cattle Operations, including all aspects of animal husbandry, bee production, land and pasture maintenance, and manure preparation to meet weekly production by agreed measures of quality standards.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have proven experience working with animals and demonstrate genuine care and concern for animal well-being
- Have basic numeracy and literacy ability
- Have a good understanding of Health & Safety Awareness
- Have experience in operating common hand and power tools
- Be able to carry out duties within the abattoir safely and hygienically
- Be able to undertake land clearing duties
- Ideally have experience with animal husbandry
- Ideally be in possession a clean and valid drivers' licence in Class C
- Be willing to work flexible hours, including weekends and out-of-hours livestock care
- Be physically fit, able to perform manual handling, work on slopes, and undertake demanding outdoor farm duties in all weather conditions.

For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Daren Duncan, Farms & Coffee Production Manager via ☎ 24461 ✉ daren.duncan@solomons.co.sh

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Festival of Walking Walk of the Week



Date: Saturday, 17 January 2026

Start Time: 09:00

Meeting Point: Thompsons Wood, Blue Hill

Google Maps location: -15.99585, -5.74811

Duration: approx 3 hrs



Walk grade: Strenuous | 9 - 10

Blue Point is a popular walk on the south-east side of the island with a unique volcanic landscape and dramatic coastal views.

This walk is suitable for fit and experienced walkers. Remember to wear sensible walking shoes, sunscreen and bring at least 2L of water. Varying landscapes with some challenging slopes, suitable for keen walkers and anyone who is reasonably active.

The walk will be led by the St Helena National Trust who will talk about the endemics and invertebrates in the area.

Date	Upcoming Walks
24 Jan 2026	Prosperous Bay

Receive email updates of the 'Walk of the Week' email dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh or the Tourist Office T: 22158

World's Most Remote Marathon - 22 February 2026



The World's Most Remote Marathon (WMRM) takes place on Sunday, 22 February 2026.

Runners can choose from a full marathon (42.2km), half marathon (21.1km), or 10km, all starting in the gardens of Plantation House and finishing in Jamestown.

The marathon is the highlight of St Helena's Adventure Week, a programme designed by St Helena Tourism offering a range of experiences for runners, families, and adventure seekers.

Those who are interested in taking part are encouraged to visit the Tourist Office to register and make payment for entry by 17 January 2026.

Please contact events@sainthelena.gov.sh for further information on entry requirements.

Please visit our website for further details on the marathon via <https://sthelenatourism.com/marathon/>

For more information on entry requirements, please contact the Tourist Office by calling 22158 or emailing events@sainthelena.gov.sh

Expression of interest - photographers & videographers for WMRM



We are seeking photographers and videographers to cover the World's Most Remote Marathon (WMRM), taking place on Sunday, 22 February 2026.

If you are interested, please email: tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh.

Applicants must:

- Be available for the full duration of the event
- have their own equipment
- Ability to supply high-quality images and/or video footage

Skills & experience:

- Proven experience in event photography and/or videography
- Ability to capture fast-paced outdoor events
- Confident shooting in varied lighting and weather conditions
- Drone use permitted only where local permissions and regulations are met

Usage rights:

- Successful applicants must be willing to license submitted images and/or video for marketing use.

For more information on the event, please visit: <https://sthelenatourism.com/marathon/>

To apply, please email tyanne.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh by Friday, 30 January 2026



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FAIRNESS

INTEGRITY

TEAMWORK

Public Consultation Announced for 2026/27 Minimum Wage Proposals

The community is invited to share their views on the proposed minimum wage options for the 2026/27 financial year. A series of public engagement events have been scheduled to ensure that both employers and employees can contribute to this significant economic decision.

Public Engagement Schedule

- Public Consultation Meeting: Tuesday, 20 January 2026, at 19:00 at The Museum.
- Information Stalls at The Canister: Thursday, 22 January, from 12:00 to 14:00.

Proposed Minimum Wage Options

Option 1. No increase, below projected rate of inflation

Option 1			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.50	£8,775	£3.55	£6,922

Option 2. Increase by the projected rate of inflation, 4.1%

Option 2			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.70	£9,165	£3.70	£7,215

Option 3. Increase by slightly above projected rate of inflation, 7.8% (4.1% plus 3.7%)

Option 3			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£4.85	£9,457	£3.83	£7,468

Option 4: Increase above the projected rate of inflation, 11%

Option 4			
Adults 18+		16 to 17	
£5.00	£9,750	£3.94	£7,683

Please note: Incorrect figures were published and announced last week. Please disregard those previously published and use the figures listed above.

We apologise for the inconvenience and confusion caused.



JOIN US! WE ARE RECRUITING...

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.

Senior HR Assistant (£11,604 per annum)

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

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Sharnell Benjamin on Tel No. 22470 or Email: sharnell.benjamin@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 January 2026

Shortlisting date: 27 January 2026

Interview date: 05 February 2026

Customs/Immigration Officer (£11,604 per annum)

We are looking to fill these important roles in our busy immigration/customs team, to undertake the duties and responsibilities to reduce threats to the border integrity of St Helena. This is a critical role which requires experience of front line/customer facing responsibilities, an inquisitive mind-set and the ability to work well as part of a team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Emerald Newman-Yon or Delmarie Williams on Tel No. 22287 or Email: emerald.newman-yon@sainthelena.gov.sh, delmarie.williams@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 January 2026

Shortlisting date: 27 January 2026

Interview date: 05 February 2026

The St Helena Public Service welcomes all applications from across our whole community, including our St Helenian diaspora wishing to return to St Helena. If you are a St Helenian currently living and working overseas, please contact us at recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh to discuss how we can support you.

SHG positively accepts applications from all members of the community, regardless of age, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation, religion or belief and will consider all applications on the basis of merit assessed against the role profile and person specification. All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing satisfactory clearances, which include a medical check, vetting / DBS clearance and references. SHG reserves the right to have information provided on or with the application independently verified. Benefits are subject to change and may vary according to role.



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Senior Care Assistant (Ebony View) (£11,935 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit a Senior Care Assistant to work under the direction of the Learning Disability & Residential Manager, to deliver care and well-being to service users in accordance with the individuals Care Plan and Unit procedures and guidelines. We are looking for an individual with good interpersonal skills and experience in working with challenging behaviour in a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 23 January 2026
Shortlisting date: 28 January 2026
Interview date: 05 February 2026

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CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by the St Helena Cricket Association

WEEK 1

Challengers - 194/0 (17.3 overs)

Cliff Richards - 92*(56)

Andrew Yon - 88*(50)

Western A Mustangs - 190/7(35 overs)

Kurt Jonas - 57(44)

Jamie Ellick - 31(61)

player of the match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)

Jordi Henry - 3/17(7 overs)

Joey Thomas - 1/22(7 overs)

Levelwood Allstars - 147/3(14.4overs)

Kristian Leo - 69*(41)

Clayton Leo - 29*(14)

Scott Crowie - 2/37(5 overs)

Damian Burns - 1/39(2 overs)

Jamestown Heat - 145/10 (29.3 overs)

Jamie Essex - 33(31)

Gavin George - 29(41)

Stefan Leo - 4/14(4.3 overs)

Cormac Crowie - 2/37(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Stefan Leo (Levelwood Allstars)

Sandy Bay Pirates - 71/0(8.4 overs)

David Young - 41*(17)

Kyle Williams - 19*(36)

Cobras - 70/10(15.1 overs)

Michael Bedwell - 12(9)

Andrew George - 12(25)

Rhys Francis - 3/10(3 overs)

Ronan Legg - 3/14(4 overs)

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

WEEK 2

Challengers - 318/7(35 overs)

Cliff Richards - 120(92)

Sean-Lee Thomas - 88(38)

Shavone Leo - 3/7(2 overs)

Brendan Leo - 2/50(5 overs)

Levelwood Allstars - 201/10(33.4 overs)

Weston Clingham - 79(79)

Delroy Leo - 19(32)

Andrew Yon - 3/30(7 overs)

Phillip Stroud - 2/23(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Cliff Richards (Challengers)

Sat 17th Jan @ 13:30 - **Levelwood Allstars v Sandy Bay Pirates** (Umpires: Jamies Essex and Dax Richards)

UPCOMING FIXTURES

Sun 18th Jan @ 08:30 - **Challengers v Cobras** (Umpires: Clayton Leo and Delroy Leo)

Sun 18th Jan @ 13:30 - **Jamestown Heat v Western A Mustangs** (Umpires: Derek Richards and Stefan Leo)



FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



Premier League Results

Tuesday 6th	West Ham	1	2	Nott'm Forest
Wednesday 7th	Bournemouth	3	2	Tottenham
Wednesday 7th	Brentford	3	0	Sunderland
Wednesday 7th	Crystal Palace	0	0	Aston Villa
Wednesday 7th	Everton	1	1	Wolves
Wednesday 7th	Fulham	2	1	Chelsea
Wednesday 7th	Man City	1	1	Brighton
Wednesday 7th	Burnley	2	2	Man United
Wednesday 7th	Newcastle	4	3	Leeds
Thursday 8th	Arsenal	0	0	Liverpool



Premier League Table

TEAM	PLAYED	WIN	DRAW	LOST	G/FOR	G/AGAINST	G/DIFFERENCE	POINTS
Arsenal	21	15	4	2	40	14	26	49
Man City	21	13	4	4	45	19	26	43
Aston Villa	21	13	4	4	33	24	9	43
Liverpool	21	10	5	6	32	28	4	35
Brentford	21	10	3	8	25	28	7	33
Newcastle	21	9	5	7	32	27	5	32
Man United	21	8	8	5	36	32	4	32
Chelsea	21	8	7	6	34	24	10	31
Fulham	21	9	4	8	30	30	0	31
Sunderland	21	7	9	5	21	22	-1	30
Brighton	21	7	8	6	31	28	3	29
Everton	21	8	5	8	23	25	-2	29
Crystal Palace	21	7	7	7	22	23	-1	28
Tottenham	21	7	6	8	30	27	3	27
Bournemouth	21	6	8	7	34	40	-6	26
Leeds	21	5	7	9	29	37	-8	22
Nott'm Forest	21	6	3	12	21	34	-13	14
West Ham	21	3	5	13	22	43	-21	14
Burnley	21	3	4	14	22	41	-19	13
Wolves	21	1	4	16	15	41	-26	7



Premier League Fixtures

Saturday 17th	12:30	Man United	vs	Man City
Saturday 17th	15:00	Chelsea	vs	Brentford
Saturday 17th	15:00	Leeds	vs	Fulham
Saturday 17th	15:00	Liverpool	vs	Burnley
Saturday 17th	15:00	Sunderland	vs	Crystal Palace
Saturday 17th	15:00	Tottenham	vs	West Ham
Saturday 17th	17:30	Nott'm Forest	vs	Arsenal
Sunday 18th	14:00	Wolves	vs	Newcastle
Sunday 18th	16:30	Aston Villa	vs	Everton
Monday 19th	20:00	Brighton	vs	Bournemouth

ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

On Sunday 11 January 2026, the Texas Scramble competition sponsored by Eileen Wallace and Sean Nugent, drew an excellent turnout of 30 participants.

The day began under wet and foggy conditions creating a demanding course that tested both skills and teamwork throughout the event. Although the weather presented notable challenges, the competition proved to be both enjoyable and memorable.

1st Place: Freddie Thomas and Arthur Francis – score: 58

2nd Place: Lawson Henry and Keith Joshua – score: 60

3rd Place: Larry Legg and Dr Nigel Leaver – score: 61

Longest Drive 8th – Lawson Henry

Longest Drive 4th – Arthur Francis

There were no claims for the 2 ball.

Helena Stevens and Anita Robbertse were also awarded gifts in recognition of their valued participation.



Waiting in anticipation for the presentation



Sponsors with all winners



1st Place: Freddie Thomas and Arthur Francis



Junior Members, Erik and Lucas Robbertse



2nd Place: Lawson Henry and Keith Joshua



3rd Place: Larry Legg and Dr Nigel Leaver

Sincere thanks are extended to Eileen and Sean for their generous sponsorship of the event and also for kindly providing the refreshments, which were greatly appreciated by all.

The competition also welcomed two Junior Members, Erik and Lucas Robbertse, whose enthusiasm and promising play were greatly appreciated. We look forward to seeing them taking part in future events.

Lastly, an award was presented to Danny Thomas in recognition of hitting his ball off the tee box and it went straight into the cup – this was his third stroke as his first ball went out of bounds.

Congratulations to all winners.!!

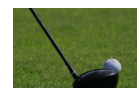


Sunday 18th
Sunday 25th

Presidents Challenge Cup
Monthly Medal

Please call 24421 to register your name.

Happy Swinging
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- Not Far to the Capital Jamestown
- Outdoor Space & Garden
- Almost All Round Views of Mountains & Ocean

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MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



	BLUE MASTER II 261202	GOLDEN KAROO 261203	GREY FOX 261206
Immingham	20-Dec	17-Jan	21-Feb
	KAROLINE 261701	KAROLINE 261702	KAROLINE 261703
Cape Town	31-Jan	23-Feb	26-Mar
Rupert's Bay	08-Feb	03-Mar	03-Apr
Ascension Island		08-Mar	
	KAROLINE 261801	KAROLINE 261802	KAROLINE 261803
Cape Town	21-Feb	24-Mar	16-Apr

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