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WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

February 20th

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- UK Treasury Minister



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Dina
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Congratulations Dina

Congratulations to Dina Levačić, the first person to enter the official record books for completing swim around all of St Helena. A truly incredible effort that was completed in 17 hours and 13 minutes.



A few steps on land and Dina needs a few seconds to take in the big welcome Saints have for her.



Dina arrives to step onto dry land. The ultra-marathon is completed, the adrenalin level drops and exhaustion takes over. It looks like Dina needs some encouragement from mum to get up and get off the boat.



Just one section of the crowd that is all round the landing steps, waiting to welcome Dina after her massive achievement.

A smile wins through – despite the tiredness Dina manages a wide smile for the cameras as she does her trademark pose with the Croatian national flag



Dina's epic swim was closely followed 4,500 miles away in her homeland, Croatia... on next page!

Dina Levačić becomes first person in world to swim around Saint Helena

Croatian long-distance swimmer Dina Levačić has made history by becoming the first person in the world to complete a full circumnavigation swim of Saint Helena. Levačić successfully swam around the remote South Atlantic Island, a distance of approximately 48 kilometres, finishing the challenge in 17 hours and 13 minutes.

She entered the water at 00:01 local time on Thursday, 26 February 2026 (01:01 Croatian time). The swim both started and finished at Landing Steps in Jamestown, marking a complete loop of the island's rugged coastline. There were no previous official records of a full circumnavigation swim around Saint Helena Island. By completing the demanding route, Levačić has become the first swimmer ever to achieve the feat.

Saint Helena is a remote volcanic island located roughly 1,950 kilometres west of the south-western coast of Africa and about 4,000 kilometres east of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.



Dina Levačić (Photo: Private album)

(Photo: Private album)



Most important of all, a congratulatory kiss from Mum



Just a few more strokes – Dina swims to the landing steps to complete her ultra-marathon.

In a major speech this week UK Chancellor of the Exchequer made one statement which is still ringing in my ears.

She said,

“I have never accepted that we have to choose between social justice and fiscal responsibility...”

Don't ever think this is a bit of international news from far away that has nothing to do with any of us. Her words are extremely relevant to the biggest issue facing St Helena right now, and for a long time. I'm sure Chancellor Rachel Reeves didn't have the smallest passing thought for St Helena when she made that statement. What she said can easily be another of those things politicians say that has nothing to do with us, if we let that happen. Not letting that happen includes especially our elected members of Legislative Council. They should be showing the required political nous* to make sure Chancellor Reeves and the UK Foreign Secretary and the Minister for Overseas Territories are painfully aware of how this statement applies to all of us who live in St Helena.



What to look for in the Spring Statement

In June last year, the previous government is accused of passing a piece of legislation which is designed to deny anyone in St Helena access to justice under certain circumstances. The human rights issues alone are massively important. The circumstances involve our government being at fault, admitting they are at fault and then avoiding the consequences of being at fault. This is of course the Sergio Law. It is legislation which is being vigorously challenged in the Supreme Court. It is being challenged because our government has passed legislation where, it is argued, they have put themselves in a very advantageous position to avoid being held fully accountable for some of the most grievous mistakes they could make. It is seen as a scandalous attempt to avoid accountability when accountability means they are in the position of having to pay out sizeable sums in compensation for injury caused by negligence. In a nutshell, the government have given themselves a 'free pass' when the rest of us remain, quite rightly, as liable as we ever were for any similar mistakes.

Found it!

And no-one could say it better

In one press release issued by the government in this long and sorry saga, SHG were whinging and weeping about how claims for compensation against them (there were and are other claims) could bankrupt them and we would all suffer. SHG were criticised for 'victim-shaming' when they published this release. Somehow it is the fault of people who have suffered because of government negligence that the government have this money problem. Running alongside that, is the claim that the UK Government will not pay the bill for the consequences of SHG's negligence. That claim does not hold water. The UK have paid the bill and sorted out the mess for more than one Caribbean Territory that has become close to being a failed state. For what reason is St Helena an exception to an extraordinary need for help?

Anyway, Chancellor Reeves settled the argument on this point this week in her Spring Statement when she said, "I have never accepted that we have to choose between social justice and fiscal responsibility..." The Chancellor has the final say on every penny the UK Government spend on St Helena to keep this island ticking over. Now, our elected representatives can start flexing some political energy and do the job they are paid for – defend our interests.

**Political nous - informal term for common sense, practical intelligence, wit, or shrewdness*

Why Do You Do It?

Because You Feel So Much Better When You Stop

Angus MacPherson will be the second person to attempt the around-the-Island ultra-marathon. Well, that was the situation on Tuesday, maybe he's done it now. He says he is hyper-active, it would be no surprise if he's done exactly that between the time this is written and when the Independent appears in the shops.

Angus is fairly new to open water swimming but has always tested himself with extreme events like white-water kayaking. During the Covid pandemic lockdown, he still ran 70 kilometres a day by running around the house. Each circuit was 50 metres so that's 1,400 circuits. If he was not doing that, he would cover 50 kilometres on an exercise bike to make sure he kept in good condition.



Angus and Caren MacPherson in August last year. Angus is overjoyed at arriving in Dover where he will soon be swimming the English Channel.

He describes the St Helena ultra-marathon swim as having everything and is sure it will soon become one of the top swims in the world. There cannot be much else that will please him more than being the first man to complete the course. Angus is not the sort of man who is insufferably over-confident but while knowing it is going to be a tough swim, he doesn't show signs of spending much time being afraid of failure.

In 'normal life', the day job is Angus and Caren owning a popular restaurant in Cape Town. It is described as a wedding & function venue with spectacular views of Table Mountain. It is a family style restaurant with loads of space for kids to run and play, including a barnyard area for kiddies' parties and other smaller functions.

So why does Angus like pushing himself to the limit with extreme sports? Angus said it is like banging your head against a brick wall. It's a great feeling when you stop.

Angus is here until next Saturday. When Johnny Herne, the pilot for the event, decides the sea conditions are as good as they will ever be, the decision will be made to go. The start will be announced through various media but is likely to be short notice.

One Story - Two Viewpoints



The final connection: SURE South Atlantic Departs Ascension Island.

A profound silence fell over the switch-rooms and engineering space of SURE's South Atlantic operations on Ascension Island on the night of 28th February 2026.

For the first time in 127 years, Network Engineer Mario Anthony and his team powered down Sure South Atlantic's public telecommunications infrastructure for the final time. It was a simple technical task with a few keystrokes and the flip of a switch, but for those watching, it was an emotional farewell to an era that defined the Island's modern identity. The history of this connection is woven into Ascension Island's history. It began in 1899 with the Eastern Telegraph Company, which landed the first undersea cable to link London with Cape Town during the Boer War. By the time it evolved into Cable & Wireless in 1934, the Island had become a vital global entity.

Generations of "Saints" (from St Helena) were the backbone of this operation, many spending years training at the Cable & Wireless colleges in Porthcurno and Coventry UK, their expertise allowed a tiny volcanic rock of Ascension to support the giants of the 20th century, providing mission-critical facilities management for NASA, the European Space Agency (ESA), the Global Real-Time Network (NavCom), and the comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organisation (CTBTO).

Sure's decision to leave Ascension was not made lightly. The company had expressed growing concerns that the Island's tiny market could not viably support multiple operators after the Ascension Island Government (AIG) began licensing alternative providers.

In a community with no "economies of scale," the high cost of maintaining subsea and satellite links became commercially unsustainable. When the government declined to increase subsidies, the standoff reached its inevitable conclusion: Sure SA gave notice to withdraw, ending a century of service. As of March 1st, 2026, the Ascension Island Government has stepped in to fill the gap, partnering with a new provider called Omnitouch Network Services to launch Ascension Island Mobile (AIM). This new network relies heavily on the satellite constellation to provide connectivity.

However, the transition has not been without its "rough ride." Currently, the seamless regional link that once existed between the South Atlantic islands has been broken; residents in St Helena are finding it impossible to make direct landline or mobile voice calls to Ascension Island. While internet-based apps like WhatsApp still function, the loss of traditional international dialing marks a significant disruption for families who have relied on these routes for decades.

For the outgoing team, the final shift was a time for reflection on a career shaped by "dedication, pride, and the pursuit of engineering excellence." They leave behind a legacy of keeping one of the most remote places on earth connected through wars, space launches, and global crises. As the island moves into this new, untested chapter of government-led connectivity, the challenge of the South Atlantic remains as formidable as ever.

Contributed by Johnny Clingham



One Story - Two Viewpoints

Office of the Administrator - 02 March 2026

Ascension Island Mobile begins a new era of connectivity for Ascension Island

The Ascension Island Government (AIG) is proud to announce the successful launch of the new Government-owned mobile network on Ascension Island. In less than three months, AIG has sourced, procured and built a modern high-speed mobile network, which is now live and providing coverage across the island.

The launch of Ascension Island Mobile (AIM) marks a significant step forward for the community, businesses and visitors, strengthening everyday connectivity and enabling emergency calls to be made even from the most remote parts of the island.

Rowan Laxton, Administrator of Ascension Island, said: "This has been a truly global effort, from our network build partners Omnitouch and their suppliers in Australia to the RAF, who supported the project through complex logistics. Everyone involved worked with determination and at pace to ensure that Ascension stays connected. The completion of the network is just the start of this exciting journey. While further testing and service releases will continue, this launch lays the foundations for a resilient, modern communications service for the island, and I thank the community for their patience and support throughout the transition."

The new network will allow AIM customers to make calls and use data in areas where it wasn't possible previously. More importantly, this also significantly improves the safety of the community with a network which will allow calls to be made to the emergency services from the remotest parts of the island.

This project was funded by the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office.

AIG would also like to thank Sure South Atlantic for its many years of service to Ascension Island and for the valuable support given by the Sure team on Ascension during the transition to the new network.

For further enquiries, please contact the Administrator's office on 67000 or aigenquiries@ascension.gov.ac.

- 02 March 2026

Councillor's Pay

SHG recently published the total personal expenditure from public funds to Members of Legislative Council for the tax year April 2024 – March 2025.

During that period, Rosemary Bargo resigned and Elizabeth Knipe was elected.

The current membership of Legislative Council was not elected until September 2025.

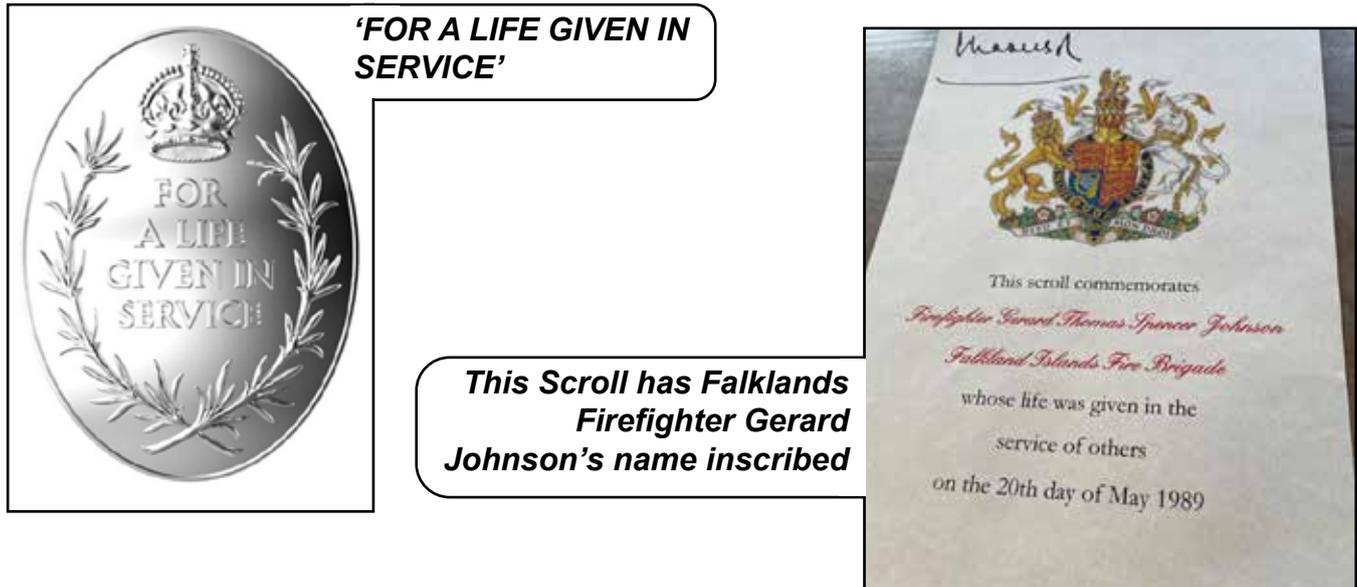
NAME	Salaries/Pensions/Mileage	Overseas Conferences/ Events
Hon Rosemary Bargo	£3,948.84	
Hon Gillian Brooks	£23,251.24	
Hon Mark Brooks	£40,310.48	£2,863.99
Hon Ronald Coleman	£23,081.62	
Hon Catherine Cranfield	£13,178.22	
Hon Jeffrey Ellick	£40,729.17	
Hon Dr Corinda Essex	£23,000.00	
Hon Cyril Gunnell	£17,250.00	£210.00
Hon Martin Henry	£40,250.00	£595.00
Hon Elizabeth Knipe	£15,402.15	
Hon Robert Midwinter	£23,000.00	
Hon Christine Scipio	£40,470.56	£862.00
Hon Julie Thomas	£57,500.00	£400.00
Hon Karl Thrower	£23,000.00	
Hon Andrew Turner	£23,000.00	£311.46
TOTAL	£407,372.28	£5,242.45

Honouring the Memory of PC Lenny Coleman

Last Thursday the governor hosted a reception at Plantation House to honour the memory of PC Lenny Coleman who died of a gunshot wound when responding to a report of a domestic incident in 1982. During the reception the Elizabeth Emblem was presented to Lenny Coleman's family.

Introduced on 9th March 2024, the Elizabeth Emblem is a mark of recognition for those who lost their lives in the course of undertaking public service. It is awarded mainly to people in frontline jobs such as police, fire brigade or Customs. Although a diplomat assassinated in the Netherlands by the IRA in 1979 was honoured in the same way.

The Elizabeth Emblem - The name of the person commemorated is inscribed on the back.



Recipients of the Elizabeth Emblem also receive a memorial scroll inscribed with the name of the person commemorated.

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The Governor's Speech

It is my honour and pleasure to welcome everyone, but most especially family members, to this Elizabeth Emblem ceremony to recognize the service and sacrifice of Police Constable Leonard Coleman, more widely and very affectionately known as Lenny.

Before I proceed however, I think it is appropriate that I take a moment to remember one person who was invited to be here this evening. Sadly Wilfred Young, better known as Norris passed away yesterday. I know we all pass our condolences to his family and friends.

I think I should also mention Olive Constantine who was also invited this evening. I understand she is currently in hospital. Let me take this moment to wish her a speedy recovery.

PC Coleman lost his life in the execution of his duty as a police officer on 2nd December 1982. He was only 21 years old.

Honouring the Memory of PC Lenny Coleman

The story of PC Lenny Coleman's professional life and sacrifice is well known, but it bears repeating. Lenny was recruited to the St Helena Police on the 1st August 1979.

He was recognized as having a bright future. Not only was he good at what he did, he was also a friendly, and well-mannered community officer.

On the 2nd December 1982, PC Lenny Coleman put himself in harm's way. Police officers are regularly praised for moving forward toward danger when others are moving back. PC Coleman was no different. He confronted a man who was threatening his wife and children with a shotgun. For that act, he lost his life.

Lenny showed selfless determination to protect his community and in doing so paid the ultimate price. He was, and still is, a hero.

His example continues to guide the Royal St Helena Police Service today. It is entirely appropriate that in tribute to his sacrifice, the Police Station was named in his honour. His photograph hangs in the Station, Coleman House.

On 10 December 2024, the first Elizabeth Emblems were awarded to the next of kin of 38 fallen emergency service personnel by King Charles III at a ceremony at Windsor Castle. It is a privilege to be conducting a similar ceremony here at Plantation House.

May I now ask Mr Michael Coleman to come forward to collect the Elizabeth Emblem, awarded for a life given in Service.



Safety Of Life At Sea

Ian Todd, Chief Secretary and Head of the Public Service



We've heard a lot about joint working in the last couple of weeks, as we've dealt with the airport issues. But, for the emergency services, it's just the day job...

It was a privilege to be part of the medical team boarding the MV CSPC Aries in James Bay last night. The ship arrived after dark, with a significant sea swell and a patient in a much worse condition than we'd anticipated.



In the end, the patient had to be lowered from the side of the ship by rope in a basket stretcher. This operation involved the JESCC, Sea Rescue, SHFRS, ambulance, the hospital, Port Control, immigration, Solomons, Emergency Planning and probably someone I've forgotten (sorry)!

The fact they make it look easy is a testament to the planning, training and confidence in working together as a team.

"A Much Bigger Issue Which Everybody on Island Should Understand"

On Monday Ruth Powell and four other lawyers were interviewed on Saint FM about the issues their clients face after SHG passed legislation which controls every aspect of 'no win, no fee' agreements between legal representatives and their clients. The SHG legislation is concerned only with personal injury claims, which includes clinical negligence, and is widely seen as an attempt to stop specialist UK lawyers representing Saints who suffer injuries resulting from surgical operations performed by the government's health department.

The effect of the legislation would give Saints no choice but to seek help and advice from the Public Solicitor Office (PSO). In his ruling to allow a Judicial Review, Sir Nicholas Blake, Acting Judge of the St Helena Supreme Court, described the PSO as, "an organisation with a very modest budget, staff, resources and limited skills and experience."

Inevitably this will be so. The PSO is funded by SHG, who tell us at every opportunity they have no money. It is not a reflection upon the small number of PSO staff their experience, skill and training is limited by inadequate government funding and the restricted types of cases that come before the Magistrates Court. However, it is argued the contested legislation denies Saints access to justice in exactly those situations where the PSO cannot provide adequate legal representation.

During the radio interview several aspects of the forthcoming Judicial Review of the legislation were discussed. A full report on last night's public meeting at the museum will cover all the issues in the next St Helena Independent. The Judicial Review is scheduled for a three-day hearing in London, week commencing 11th May.

The cast of 'A Wishful Silent Night' - **Anthony Hopkins, Cherry Murray, Elizabeth Clingham, Emerald Newman-Yon, Daisy Andrews, Justine Joshua, Shannon Conelson and Debsielou Knipe**, are pleased to share that their performance on Saturday evening, 21st February 2026, was a resounding success. Every member of the cast poured dedication into their character and delivery, bringing the story to life in a way that made all their hard work worthwhile. Creating the show came with its fair share of challenges, but the cast stood together in an endeavour to make it a memorable performance. Heartfelt thanks are extended to those who helped to shape the evening:

- **Shannon Conelson**, for her wonderful contribution as our invited guest – the unforgettable 'posh woman' from Cape Town.
- **Elizabeth Clingham**, for stepping in at almost the last moment and truly saving the night.
- **Christine Scipio**, who, though was unable to perform due to unforeseen circumstances, remained closely connected and offered support from afar.
- **Colin Knipe**, for willingly being there whenever needed – before, during and after the performance.
- **Gilly Brooks**, for her early support and for serving as back stage coordinator and stage manager.
- **Gavin Jack**, the compere, whose energy and charm were the icing on the cake.
- **Gareth Drabble and James Fantom**, for managing the PA system with care and professionalism.
- **Alberta Knipe and Tara Thomas**, for managing the tickets at the door and the tuck shop with efficiency and smiles.
- **Dencel Yon**, for his support throughout and after the performance.
- **The prisoners at HMP**, for beautifully decorating the backdrops.
- **The Salvation Army and the Girlguiding Association**, for the loan of the chairs.
- **The Salvation Army Thrift shop**, for providing most of the costumes.
- **Ivan Gough**, for filming the performance.
- **The critics – Olive Williams, Alberta Knipe, Tara Thomas and Gilly Brooks**, for their feedback and encouragement.
- **The committee of the Half Tree Hollow Community Centre**, for the hire of the hall.

A very special thank you goes to the audience. Their engagement, laughter, clapping and cheering added a vibrant energy that lifted the entire performance. The joy will linger softly in many memories, for a long time yet.

We must make a special mention of 'Aggie', the woman who created the chaos, shaped the chaos, became the chaos, and through it all, was still able to lead the march. She was the woman who steered the performance with Ernie and her everyday friends.

The proceeds from the ticket sales of £226.00 has been donated to the Rock Christian Fellowship.





Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 8th March 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Martin
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer/Annual Vestry	Cathedral

Tuesday 10th March

7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship & Praise/Lent Course	Sandy Bay Community Centre
7.00 p.m.	Lent Course	St Helena & The Cross

Wednesday 11th March

7.00 p.m.	Lent Course	Cathedral
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The Parish of St James

Sunday 8th March 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist/ Annual Vestry	St John
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Wednesday 11th March

7.00 p.m.	Lent Course	St James
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Thursday 12th March 2026

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

Sunday 8th March 2026 – 3rd Sunday in Lent

11.15 a.m.	Eucharist/ Annual Vestry	St Mark
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Tuesday 10th March

7.00 p.m.	Lent Course	St Mark
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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: 07/03/26

TIME: 10:00-11:30am

Refreshments will be served.

An AGM of the HTH Community Centre

will be held at the Community Centre on Monday, 9th March 2026 at 7.30pm following the resignation of the Chairperson and Treasurer.

The agenda:

- Welcome by the Registrar.
- Summary of Events.
- Treasurers Accounts.
- Election of Committee.
- Any Other Relevant Business.

Your attendance to form a committee to run and manage the affairs of the Centre would be greatly appreciated.

SILVER HILL BAR Sunday 15th March 2026

Ronald and Bridget will be hosting Drinks and Snacks in celebration of Greg's 35th Heavenly Birthday.

Cricketers, Footballers, Workmates, Friends and Family are welcome to join them from 4pm on that day.

Mixed Music will also be available.

See you there



Festival of Walking Deadwood Plain - Sugarloaf - Banks & Buttermilk Point - Ruperts - Jamestown



Date: Sunday, 8 March 2026

Start Time: 09:00

Meeting Point: Deadwood Plain entry (transport will be provided to the walk starting point from the Tourist Office, Jamestown at 08.30 prior booking is essential)

Google Map Location: -15.94263, -5.68796

Duration: approx 5 hours

Walk grade: Strenuous | 9 - 10

Starting from Deadwood Plain, this walk will take you from green pastureland (home to the endemic wirebird) and on to the coastal path with a changing landscape and views of the ocean. Approach the majestic Sugar Loaf landmark and head towards the coast, past historical ruins at Banks & Buttermilk Point before heading back to Jamestown via Ruperts. This walk will be led by Louis Youde. This walk is suitable for experienced walkers.

A bus will be provided from Jamestown to the start of the walk at Deadwood, booking is essential. Please contact the Tourist Office T:22158 or email:dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh by 12.00 on Saturday, 7 March 2026.

Date	Upcoming Walks
14 March 2026	Flagstaff

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

Vacancy

Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper



Salary for the post will commence at £11,100 per annum (£213 per week)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within the Bulk Fuel Installation for a Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper.

As the Road Tanker Driver/Relief Watchkeeper, you will be responsible for the loading and delivery of fuels to clients, provide support to the Watchkeepers as and when required, assist with general maintenance duties and also assist with Ship-to-Shore Tanker operations.

Interested Persons Should:

- Ideally be familiar with the safe loading, transportation and dispensing of fuels in bulk via Road Tanker
- Be in possession of a clean & valid drivers' licence in class J4
- Have basic competency in Maths & English
- Be able to work unsocial hours, including shift work
- Have Health & Safety awareness in a fuels environment
- Ideally be knowledgeable of the safe handling of fuels
- Be comfortable to work in a hazardous environment and deal with hazardous substances
- Ideally have the ability to perform general maintenance duties
- Ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks

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

Mr Rico Yon, BFI Manager via 22332 bfi@helanta.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 Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **19 March 2026**.

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

◆ Pension Contributions

◆ Staff Discounts



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.

Legislative Council Office Assistant (£11,604 per annum)

The Legislative Council Office is seeking to recruit a motivated individual with proven effective administrative skills to provide the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Members of the Legislative Council with secretarial, research and administrative support. If you are interested in this opportunity, then we would be keen to hear from you. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anita Legg on Tel No. 22470 or Email: anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 11 March 2026
Shortlisting date: 16 March 2026
Interview date: 25 March 2026

Harbour Master & Port Manager (£19,814 per annum)

The Harbour Master and Port Manager role is focused on enhancing the quality of life for everyone in our community and fostering the prosperity of the island by overseeing the management of St Helena's Port in compliance with the Ports Ordinance 2016, ensuring safety and efficiency. The Harbour Master and Port Manager serve as the authoritative figure for coordinating the daily operations, management, and development of the port of Jamestown, along with any other designated harbours and landing sites, and will undertake any additional responsibilities necessary for the effective management of the position. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Alex Mitham on Tel No. 25870 or Email: Alex-richard.mitham@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 11 March 2026
Shortlisting date: 16 March 2026
Interview date: 25 March 2026

Emergency Medical Technician (2-year fixed term) (£16,248 per annum)

As an EMT, you'll respond to emergencies, deliver clinical care across community and hospital settings, and take responsibility for the Emergency Department in the absence of a senior clinician. You'll provide care in line with JRCALC and UK Resuscitation Council guidelines, ensuring safe, high-quality, and compassionate care for every patient. The role includes on-call duties, unsocial hours, and opportunities to support service development and training. This is an opportunity to use your skills in a challenging but rewarding environment where teamwork, adaptability, and professionalism are key. You will be part of a service that plays an essential role in supporting the island's health and wellbeing. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Michael Gaga-Hale on Tel No. 25870 or Email: michael.gaga-hale@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 18 March 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 March 2026
Interview date: 30 March 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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Data Management Officer (1-year fixed term) (£25,000 per annum)

The Data Management Officer will support the Marine and Fisheries Conservation Officer and the broader Marine and Fisheries Conservation Section team in the management, storage, and analysis of critical data necessary for the effective oversight of St Helena's Category 6 Marine Protected Area. The individual in this position will be instrumental in enhancing data systems, facilitating staff development, and ensuring data integrity throughout the section. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Adam Riggs on Tel No. 25966 or Email: adam.riggs@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 18 March 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 March 2026
Interview date: 03 April 2026

Senior Marketing Manager (£24,503 per annum)

The Senior Marketing Manager will help to improve the lives of all within our community by raising awareness of St Helena as a place to live, learn, work, visit and invest and help the island thrive by leading and coordinating all St Helena Government (SHG) marketing activities. A key focus of the role will be on improving visitor numbers and expenditure by delivering destination marketing initiatives that develop the island's tourism sector. The Senior Marketing Manager will report to the Head of Communications and will be part of the Communications Hub, overseeing the marketing function. The role will serve as a firm link strengthening working relationships, systems and structures between St Helena and external stakeholders, and will support a wide range of PR, product/service development, marketing issues and initiatives, and provide strategic marketing leadership for projects and partnerships. Interested? Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Anne Dillon on Tel No. 22470 or Email: anne.dillon@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 18 March 2026
Shortlisting date: 25 March 2026
Interview date: 02 April 2026

Casual workers (Tourist Office) (Rate of pay - £8.60 per hour)

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Enquiries: Dianne Venning on 22158 or Email: dianne.venning@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 March 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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The Women in Policing Network `Sisterhood Strengthening Sisterhood` held a bake sale at Coleman House to raise money for the WISH (Women's issues St Helena) charity. The total amount raised, which included donations, was £193.40.

As the Chairperson for the RSHPS Women in Policing Network, Inspector Julianne Stevens said, "Thank you to all of you who bought cakes and generously donated to such a worthy and necessary Charity. The WISH Charity is intended to contribute to making the lives of women on St Helena better.

It is so heartwarming to know that as a community we are actively supporting women. Women face many daily challenges, and we want to remind all women and girls that they are not alone.

We are so very fortunate to have such a wonderful Police network of not only strong women, which includes our officers, staff, controllers and their partners but also our male allies.

Together we are looking for ways to give back to the community, therefore, if you feel that there is some way we could help, please do reach out to us"



PRESS RELEASE: Disruption to International Calling Services

Disruption to calling between St Helena Island and Ascension Island effective 1 March 2026

Sure SA Ltd advises our customers that effective 28 February 2026 Sure's public telecommunications licence on Ascension Island will cease.

Due to the change in service provider on Ascension Island there will be a disruption to international telephone calling between St Helena Island and Ascension Island. Customers on St Helena Island will not be able to make calls to or receive calls from Ascension Island via our international calling service from 1 March 2026. This also affects mobile SMS services between the islands.

Sure is currently working with Ascension Island Mobile, the new telecommunications service provider on Ascension Island, to enable calling services between the islands to be reinstated as soon as possible. We will advise customers when services have been restored.

Should you have any questions regarding the above changes; please contact our Customer Services team on telephone +290 22900 or email us at service@sure.co.sh

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



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

Today, we share an update on the recent visit to the Island by the RSPB

The RSPB, or the Royal Society for the Protection of Birds, is a prominent and world-renowned UK-based charity dedicated to the conservation of birds and wildlife. In terms of St Helena, the RSPB manages the St Helena Cloud Forest Project on behalf of local on-island partners, and has done so since the start of this multi-year highly-collaborative project.

Visiting recently from the RSPB were Species Recovery Programme Manager, Jenny Weston, and Head of UK Overseas Territories, Jake Zarins. While here, they joined on-island Project Manager, Shayla Ellick, for a whirlwind round of partner meetings, project updates with key stakeholders, and team catch-ups.

Jake commented: "Having heard so much about the St Helena Cloud Forest and managed a 'sister' project in Kenya that drew much of its inspiration from the St Helena work it was amazing to see the sheer breadth, complexity and professionalism of the work being delivered by all the project partners."



It was great to have Jenny and Jake on the island and we look forward to their next visit!

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

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ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

St Helena Golf Club hosted its Monthly Medal Stroke Play competition on Sunday, 22 February 2026, with 12 golfers taking to the course—11 senior players and junior golfer Lukas Robbertse, the sole youth participant. The event was generously sponsored by Gerald George, and the warm, sunny weather provided ideal playing conditions.

Gerald produced an excellent round, finishing with a superb net 66 to top the field. In a fine display of sportsmanship, he declined to claim the winner's prize as the event sponsor. This moved Laura Buckley into the first place position, after carding an impressive net 67. She was closely followed by Dr Nigel, who secured second place with a strong net 68.

The junior prize went to Lukas, who showed great promise as the only junior competing on the day.

In the 2ball pool, both Gerald George and Paddo Johnson shared the honours after each made a well-earned birdie on the 16th hole.

The club extends warm congratulations to all prize winners and sincere thanks to Gerald George for his continued support as sponsor.



Sunday, 1 March 2026.



The club will host a Texas Scramble – Choose Your Partner Stroke Play event, with an **11:00 am** shotgun start, followed by the **AGM at 4:30 pm**.

Snacks and beverages will be provided.

Members are reminded that the **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** will take place on **Sunday, 1 March 2026**, at the Clubhouse.

All documents relating to the AGM will be:

- emailed to members on the mailing list, and posted on the Club notice board for easy access.

During the AGM, the Club will also be **electing new committee members**. We encourage as many volunteers as possible to step forward. You do not need to be a playing member to serve on the committee. You can sign up as a non-playing member and put your name forward for election enabling you to make valuable contributions to the Club and the wider community.

Stay Connected

For updates on fixtures, results, and club activities:

- Follow us on **Facebook**

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**Happy Swinging
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FROM THE COUCH

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



Friday 27th	Wolves	2	0	Aston Villa
Saturday 28th	Bournemouth	1	1	Sunderland
Saturday 28th	Burnley	3	4	Brentford
Saturday 28th	Liverpool	5	2	West Ham
Saturday 28th	Newcastle	2	3	Everton
Saturday 28th	Leeds	0	1	Man City
Sunday 1st	Brighton	2	1	Nott'm Forest
Sunday 1st	Fulham	2	1	Tottenham
Sunday 1st	Man United	2	1	Crystal Palace
Sunday 1st	Arsenal	2	1	Chelsea
Tuesday 3rd	Bournemouth	0	0	Brentford
Tuesday 3rd	Everton	2	0	Burnley
Tuesday 3rd	Leeds	0	1	Sunderland
Tuesday 3rd	Wolves	2	1	Liverpool

Results from remaining matches of Matchweek 29 will be in next weeks Independent.



Match Report

Liverpool scored three goals from corners in the first half as they earned a thrilling 5-2 victory over West Ham United at Anfield.

Despite a lively West Ham performance, Liverpool's set-piece prowess helped them move level on points with fourth-placed Manchester United in the Premier League table.

Hugo Ekitike struck in the fifth minute, before Virgil van Dijk scored with a towering header and Alexis Mac Allister adjusted brilliantly to net with the outside of his right boot.

Tomas Soucek and Valentin Castellanos were on target in the second half, but a deflected Cody Gakpo strike and an own goal from Axel Disasi ensured Liverpool's three-goal advantage held.

While Liverpool climb one place to fifth, ahead of Chelsea facing Arsenal on Sunday, West Ham remain 18th and two points adrift of Nottingham Forest



Man of the Match



Matches for Match Week 30 will be played on 14th, 15th and 16th March and will be printed in next weeks Independent.



CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by Cricheroes in conjunction with St Helena Cricket Association

T20 DISTRICT



Half Tree Hollow 88/0 (6.2 overs) beat Jamestown 85/8 (14.5 overs)

Jamie Essex - 27* (6.2 overs) Trystan Thomas - 21 (4.6 overs)

Andrew Yon - 51* (6.2 overs) Damien O'Bey - 15 (12.6 overs)

Joey Thomas - 3/7 (1.5 overs)

Barry Stroud - 2/23 (4 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Half Tree Hollow)

LEADERBOARD

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BAT



Andrew Yon	Half Tree Hollow	Inn: 04	Runs: 230	Avg: 115.00	SR: 200.00
Chris Owen	Half Tree Hollow	Inn: 03	Runs: 161	Avg: 80.50	SR: 176.92
David Young	Longwood	Inn: 03	Runs: 150	Avg: 75.00	SR: 214.29
Dax Richards	St Pauls	Inn: 02	Runs: 108	Avg: 108.00	SR: 112.50
Weston Clingham	Levelwood	Inn: 03	Runs: 96	Avg: 48.00	SR: 117.07

BOWL



Joey Thomas	Half Tree Hollow	Inn: 04	W: 8	Eco: 4.34	Avg: 5.88
Gareth Johnson	St Pauls	Inn: 03	W: 8	Eco: 5.36	Avg: 7.38
Ashton Benjamin	Longwood	Inn: 03	W: 7	Eco: 6.92	Avg: 11.86
Andrew Yon	Half Tree Hollow	Inn: 04	W: 7	Eco: 7.64	Avg: 15.29
Barry Stroud	Half Tree Hollow	Inn: 04	W: 6	Eco: 4.50	Avg: 10.5

FIELD



Joey Thomas	Half Tree Hollow	Mat: 04	Dismissal: 5	Catches: 3	R/O: 0
Nadeem Ahmed	Longwood	Mat: 03	Dismissal: 4	Catches: 0	R/O: 0
Dane Leo	Levelwood	Mat: 03	Dismissal: 4	Catches: 1	R/O: 1
Andrew Yon	Half Tree Hollow	Mat: 04	Dismissal: 4	Catches: 4	R/O: 0
Blaze Baldwin	Half Tree Hollow	Mat: 04	Dismissal: 3	Catches: 2	R/O: 1

UPCOMING FIXTURES



Saturday 7th March @ 9:30am Levelwood vs Sandy Bay
Umpires - Scott Crowie & Damien O'Bey

Saturday 7th March @ 1:30pm St Pauls vs Longwood
Umpires - Derek Richards & Barry Stroud

Sunday 8th March @ 8:00am St Paul's vs Levelwood
Umpires - Andrew Yon & Jamie Essex

Sunday 8th March @ 11:00am Longwood vs HTH
Umpires - Dane Leo & Weston Clingham

Sunday 8th March @ 2:00pm Jamestown vs Sandy Bay
Umpires - Jordi Henry & Stefan Leo



Gavin George and World Cup Cricket

Gavin George has spent the last two weeks playing T20 international cricket in New Zealand competing with the Rest of the World against England, Australia, India, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, Canada and United States. Gavin's Rest of the World team won two matches, beating India and Sri Lanka, giving them sixth place in the group table. The tournament favourites were Australia and England who both qualified for the final, taking the 1st and 2nd places in the group. The final was played yesterday, England won by 15 runs.

IMC Over 70s Cricket World Cup 2025-26

Matches	Teams	Table	Stats	Videos						
			PLAYED	WON	LOST	TIED	NO RESULT	ABANDONED	TOTAL POINTS	NET RUN RATE
1	Australia Over 70s		7	6	0	0	1	0	13	2.5
2	England Over 70s		7	5	1	0	1	0	11	2.45
3	New Zealand Over 70s		7	5	1	0	1	0	11	1.19
4	Canada Over 70s		7	3	3	0	1	0	7	0.88
5	United States of America Over 70s		7	3	3	0	1	0	7	0.18
6	Rest of World Over 70s		7	2	5	0	0	0	4	-1.79
7	India Over 70s		7	1	5	0	0	0	2	-2.86
8	Sri Lanka Over 70s		7	0	5	0	1	0	1	-1.8

ORDER IN THE TABLE DETERMINED BY:
1. Total Points, 2. Net Run Rate (NRR For minus NRR Against over the whole competition)

POINTS AWARDED:
Won - 2, Lost - 0, Tied - 1, No Result - 1, Abandoned - 1

World Cup Final - Australia Over 70s vs England Over 70s



The social events were just as important as the fixture list. The Over 70s (Gavin in centre of photo) must have taken over the Irish Bog pub on this night out.

It was the International Masters Cricket Over 70s World Cup. The first ever Over 70s World Cup was staged in England in 2024. England went home with the trophy on that occasion.



GEORGE 707 – just to prove it's Gavin

Gavin dispatches the ball to square leg during the game against Australia



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Cape Town	02-Mar	04-Apr	03-May
Rupert's Bay	10-Mar	12-Apr	11-May
Ascension Island	15-Mar		
	KAROLINE 261802	KAROLINE 261803	KAROLINE 261804
Cape Town	31-Mar	25-Apr	24-May

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Mr & Mrs

During the month of December and January, 11 couples tied the knot to become Mr & Mrs.

At the *Independent*, we invited all couples a chance to share their magical day with you, which we will bring exclusively to you over the coming weeks. Today, we introduce Mr & Mrs Timothy Clingham and Mr & Mrs Scott Angell.

On 27th December 2025, after twelve years of companionship, Timothy Clingham and Patrice Yon united in matrimony during a brief yet heartfelt ceremony at Plantation House.

The color palette for this momentous occasion featured rich burgundy and vibrant sunflower hues. The groom, along with his best man and groomsmen—Rhez, Jerome, Tyrone, and Eli—exuded sophistication in their grey, burgundy, and black suits, each adorned with a yellow tie or bow tie and a sunflower boutonniere.

The bride looked radiant in a long-sleeved lace-bodied gown, accompanied by her father, Keith, her maid of honor, Candice, and bridesmaids Shalana, Linda, and Sara, all resplendent in burgundy. The flower girl, Misha, dazzled in yellow, and each had sunflower hairpieces that completed their exquisite ensembles.



The bride's bouquet was a poignant composition of sunflowers and lily of the valley—the latter being the birth flower for the month of May—serving as a touching tribute to their son, Enzo, who passed away in 2022.

Following the ceremony, the couple partook in a photoshoot amidst the picturesque gardens of Plantation House, with the reception subsequently taking place at Marble Hall. Timmy and Patrice extend their heartfelt gratitude to all those who contributed to their extraordinary day, ensuring it remains a cherished memory for years to come.



On 3 January 2026, Scott Angell and Clara Pysh were joined in matrimony during an intimate ceremony held in the Governor's office at the castle, officiated by the registrar.

Clara wore an ankle-length dress adorned with a delicate flower crown, while Scott was in a dark grey suit complemented by a purple and white floral boutonniere. Following the ceremony, the couple hosted a small reception at the Yacht Club, where friends and family gathered to celebrate their union.

Scott and Clara wish to express their heartfelt gratitude to all who attended and shared in their special day, making it a truly memorable occasion.

If you have recently got married and would like to share your story, get in touch with independent@helanta.co.sh

More next week.....