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Iran Is Closer Than You May Think

The straight-line distance from Tehran to Jamestown is about 5,000 miles. That's not far enough for us to be safe. As things stand between Israel/United States and Iran/Yemen, Iran is clearly visible on our horizon, so to speak, and is likely to only get closer. The missiles that fill the skies across the Middle East can increasingly be expected to cause big explosions of a different kind right here, if the great leaders in this world don't shape up.

It's the effects on St Helena of the war in Iran and a large area of the Middle East that concern all of us most right now. Looking around us, many larger, better resourced and connected countries are feeling the pain already and expect worse to come, soon. Sitting in the middle of the South Atlantic with supply problems of some sort ever present, the effects of the Iran war may well hit us harder.



As of March 2026, the Middle East has roughly 10 major conflicts or active warfronts ongoing, centred around the sprawling USA/Israel-Iran war. Key wars include the conflict in Gaza, Israeli strikes in Lebanon, Syria, and Yemen, along with direct escalations between Iran and Israel

The Independent has raised the global problems affecting pharmaceutical production and distribution more than once in past months. A few days ago, a headline in a UK news website told us 'UK is weeks away from medicine shortages if Iran war continues, experts say'. The report continues,

Merula Stout Hard Pour Instructions



1. Merula and our special nucleated glass



2. Open can, immediately turn upside down, "hard pour", this excites the nitrogen



3. The glass is designed to hold the excited beer so no overflow



4. The completed pour



5. Allow to settle and enjoy

Iran Is Closer Than You May Think

Britain is “a few weeks away” from medicine shortages ranging from painkillers to cancer treatment if the Iran war continues, according to experts, while drug prices could also rise. The conflict has disrupted the supply of a myriad of crucial raw materials, including oil, gas, crop fertiliser and helium – and health essentials could be next.”

“We’re not in a crisis currently but it’s still a serious situation,” said Mark Samuels, the chief executive of Medicines UK, which represents manufacturers of the cheap, off-patent drugs known as generics that make up 85% of medications used by the NHS.” Samuels said medical distributors typically stock six to eight weeks of stocks to avoid shortfalls; while suppliers to hospitals in England have to hold eight weeks’ worth.

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Man fears stroke or heart attack due to aspirin shortage

In St Helena, eight weeks’ worth of stocks is just enough to get us through if a ship does not call as a scheduled in these uncertain times. Ideally, the usual stock position for essential items has to be much larger and last longer than in other

less isolated countries. With the disruptive effect of the Iran war, it is probably not possible to keep the amount of stock required to reduce the risk of some essentials running dangerously low.

In St Helena we often get supply situations that can be called ‘serious’. We usually take it on the chin and manage somehow until more supplies arrive. But the Iran war has forced everyone into unknown territory. It is reported air cargo levels dropped 80% earlier this month and are still down sharply. Making alternative arrangements by ship is slower, longer and more expensive. A ship sailing around the Cape instead of flying direct from somewhere like India (already supplying UK with £780 million worth of pharmaceuticals) adds 14 days to a journey to Europe and £750,000 in fuel costs. Maybe the Covid pandemic experience will provide some guidance in certain situations.

With no movement on renewable energy over the past years, this island’s security remains as vulnerable as ever. How many days or weeks or months supply of fuel for the Ruperts generators do we have? The MT Taliska arrived this week, let’s hope its oil supplies last longer than the Iran war. But standby for ‘new’ fuel station prices.

Will we need to limit personal car use to essential trips only, to save petrol consumption? How much aviation fuel is stored. Is there a risk of scheduled supplies becoming unreliable? What is the risk to Airlink services?

Food supplies are important, of course – and probably the most difficult to plan to avoid shortages. Empty shelves are a common sight and have been during the cost-of-living difficulties. Higher prices affect importers too and put pressure on the volume of food they can bring in.

So far, we have heard nothing from SHG about how long stocks of essential commodities are expected to last. Nor do we know if they have any plans aimed at easing expected shortages. If we want to be more certain about food supplies, we can start growing whatever is possible at this time of year. At the moment, that’s the only plan you can pin your hopes on.

Measles, Mumps, and Rubella

Targeted Vaccine Campaign

The Health and Social Care Portfolio (HSC) is calling on all residents, particularly those born before 1989, to check their measles vaccination status as part of a new Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccination campaign.

Measles is one of the most contagious viral infections known, spreading rapidly through coughing and sneezing. While routine childhood vaccinations were introduced on St Helena in 1989, many residents born before this date may lack natural immunity or full vaccination coverage.

The Risk to the Island

With measles cases rising globally, there is a significant risk of the virus being introduced to the island. Because a significant portion of the adult population lacks immunity, an outbreak could spread quickly, leading to severe illness or even death.

The Catch-Up Campaign

To mitigate this risk, the HSC Portfolio, supported by the UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA), is launching a targeted vaccination drive expected to begin in mid-April. Residents are encouraged to register their interest if they:

- Were born before 1989
- Believe they missed one or both doses of the MMR vaccine
- Are unsure of their vaccination status

Safety and Eligibility

The MMR vaccine has a proven global safety record. If you are unsure if you have been vaccinated, there is no risk in receiving an additional dose. Note: Individuals who are pregnant or have a weakened immune system should consult a health professional before registering.

How to Register

To check your record or register your interest, please contact the Health Promotion Team on 25949. Please leave your name, contact details, and whether you wish to check your status or receive the vaccine. We will share further information on dates and times for the vaccination clinics once we have gauged interest.



Longwood Green Playground Opens Today



The Playgrounds Project at Longwood Green is progressing well. It is anticipated that the majority of the facilities will be ready for use by Maundy Thursday, 02 April 2026.

In addition to the existing equipment, the playground will include a junior slide set, motorbike and donkey springers, a swing fitted with a team seat, a separate swing fitted with a cradle seat (for infants), and a children's timber fitness trail.

Some of the family friendly facilities such as shade gazebos, concrete picnic bench sets and wooden seats will also be installed.

Please note: the large timber climbing frame (next to the fitness trail) will not be available for use from Maundy Thursday, a soft surface has been installed beneath and around it, which is planned for later in of April/May. This equipment will be fenced off and should not be used.

AC's Multi-skill Contractors, the contractor selected for playgrounds installation, and occupants of His Majesty's Prison (HMP), are working towards the playground being ready for use by Maundy Thursday. The public will be updated further when all works on the playground at Longwood Green is completely finished and use of the large timber climbing frame is ready for use.

The playground being developed at Half Tree Hollow remains a construction area, with no equipment installed, albeit significant ground works have been completed. This area should not be used until announced that the playground is ready for use, which is likely to be in May.

To ensure these facilities stay in top condition for years to come, we kindly ask for your help in looking after them.

Adults Should be Accompanied by a Child



Arnold Crowie, Director of AC's Multi-skill Contractors, with a new playground sign



Insecure Leaders Equals Insecure World

For many months now, the Independent has said very little, may be absolutely nothing, about POTUS, that's President of the United States. This was a deliberate decision, made in the hope that if he is ignored, he will go away. These hopes have been dashed. The reason we mention him now is not because Trump woke up one morning and decided to fire thousands of munitions in the direction of Iran. Nor is it because Trump's management of the US economy means the US National Debt is now rising by almost \$8 billion a day, with interest payments heading towards \$3 billion a day on a total national debt soon to be \$40 trillion – that's 40 with twelve zeros behind it.

The increasing U.S. national debt has recent data indicating the total debt surged past \$39 trillion this month. This rapid accumulation is driven by high federal spending and accelerating interest costs, which currently exceed \$2.8 billion per day. To put it another way, every household in the US needs to pay around \$300,000 to settle the debt. No, none of that is the reason why the St Helena Independent is mentioning Trump again.

The US declared independence from Britain on 4th July 1776. This year is the 250th anniversary of that declaration and Trump sees it as a wonderful opportunity for self-promotion. No doubt he will find many opportunities for self-promotion throughout the US summer, but this one will very likely be one of the biggest.

The authorising body in the US, all appointed by Trump, have decided a limited edition, 24 carat gold, 'large as possible' commemorative coin will be struck by the US mint to mark the occasion. The design of the coin is also decided.

The head of the coin features Trump, although this is not immediately recognisable. The jaw line is firm and there is only one chin. Cheek bones are clearly visible and there are definite signs of a waist. This depiction of Trump would flatter him at half his age. The facial expression is not one that fits Trump. It is not a smirk, nor is it vengeance and it does not suggest pride, greed, lust, envy, gluttony, wrath, or sloth. The expression seems to suggest a clear-eyed purpose of some kind. Protector and guardian of the public welfare and well-being, maybe. Give me a few minutes please while I fall about laughing uncontrollably. The limited-edition gold coin will have a price, expect a rip-off. My laughing came to a sudden halt when I wondered what financial interest Trump has in this self-glorification.



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Even more worrying is that chief executives of other large organisations are acting the same way.



Trump with a smirk and Gianni Infantino, FIFA president

Trump and FIFA's Infantino have their exclusive mutual admiration society. Remember the FIFA peace prize Infantino gave Trump – what rubbish! The circus our esteemed leaders perform almost daily may well stem from deep insecurity. How did we get insecure leaders? Here are some of the many signs? A need to showcase accomplishments, attempts to make you feel insecure and constant complaints about all sorts of things not being good enough, also known as snobbery.

The FIFA president proudly shows off a sticker of himself which can be bought and then stuck in a collector's album along with other stickers of famous footballers. Kids collect them. The albums and stickers are bought at unbelievably high prices.



This, ladies and gentlemen, is the chief executive of MacDonalds (hamburgers). He decided that he should be the one to star in a video promoting a 'new product'. Well, at least he did not call it food. There was some humour at his expense when he released his promotional effort on Instagram.

Chief Chris Kempczinski drooled at the usual sesame seeds on the bun which had two quarter-pounders inside it. He was pleasantly surprised to discover the shredded lettuce inside the bun. Like the sesame seeds every MacDonalds hamburger has shredded lettuce, so what's new? Then he tried to get the burger out of the carton without making a mess.

You can see him wondering how he is going to get this ridiculously large burger into his mouth without showing us his tonsils. He took a firmer grip of the

big burger and nibbled it. At that point he told us it was 'nice and gooey', after discovering there was also some nameless melted cheese sloshing around in there. As he nibbled, a tsunami of burger grease oozed out, included in the flow was some onion and pickle. He had to be admired for still attempting to pretend he was enjoying the whole experience. At the same time, he must have been worried sick the burger grease, already all over his finger nails, would get onto his shirt front.

At that point he tells us we have seen enough, he is going to enjoy the rest of the burger in the privacy of his. . . well, it looked like he was in hospital. Maybe he was taking precautions.

UEFA to freeze Euro 2028 ticket prices in stark contrast to FIFA's World Cup policy

UEFA is planning to freeze most of its prices for the Euro 2028 in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland at the same rates it charged for Euro 2024. This means its cheapest category, what it calls its "Fans First" ticket, will be approximately £26, with the next highest ticket in the region of £52.

At the tournament's official launch last November, English Football Association chief executive Mark Bullingham said "approximately half" of the three million tickets available will be in these two categories, while a UEFA press release in December put the figure at "more than 40 per cent".

Following widespread criticism after the launch of ticket details, FIFA introduced a limited number of "Supporter Entry Tier" tickets three months later priced at £45. This type of ticket is thought to represent about 10% of the 6.7 million tickets on sale. The seats allocated at the cheaper price are located high in the top corners of stadiums.



There will be at least 1.2 million tickets available at Euro 2028 at a similar price, or cheaper, to the tiny number of 'cheaper' tickets FIFA made available at this year's World Cup — none of which will be available when the fourth and final sales window opens this week.

In fact, a fan hoping to go to Euro 2028 will have a chance of buying tickets for five group-stage games for the same price as the average cost of a parking space at a stadium at this year's World Cup, which is currently £132.

The final price list for Euro 2028 is not expected to be confirmed until 2027 but UEFA has indicated that it will raise prices for the poshest seats and hospitality packages. One idea is to create a new "1+" category for high rollers, an approach FIFA appears to have taken for all categories.

The Athletic



Blast From the Past

The Rockfall Memorial Fountain was unveiled to the public back in 1891.

Dedicated to the memory of the lives lost during the 1890 rockfall, of which it claimed 9 people and demolished 14 houses, this drinking fountain was the centrepiece of Jamestown until it's disappearance in the 1900's

Now, a replica fountain (without a canopy) is installed on the Canister. Though it won't serve a purpose compared to the original, the memories of those tragically gone will remain as symbolic as the first.

Photo provided by Tony Brooks



Diocese of St Helena

The Parish of St Paul's

Sunday 5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday

8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Peter
9.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Helena

The Parish of St James

Sunday 5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday

6.00 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St John
9.30 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St James
11.00 a.m.	Eucharist	St Mary

Thursday 9th April

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

Sunday 5th April 2026 – Easter Sunday

Easter Sunday 5th April		
6.30 a.m.	Vigil/Mass	St Mark
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew
Tuesday 7th April 2026		
7.00 p.m.	Bible School on Wheels	St Mark

The family of the late Keith George Benjamin affectionately known as King George, would like to express their heartfelt thanks to everyone who offered support during this difficult time.

We are deeply grateful to the nurses and medical team for their care and compassion shown to Keith before and after his passing. Our sincere thanks go to Bishop Dale and Deacon Bobby for conducting the funeral service and home visits, Mr Dale Leo and Mrs Kim Henry for the beautiful wreaths and floral arrangements, Roy and his team for their assistance with the burial and to all people who generously donated flowers.

A special thank is extended to Melvyn Roberts, Darren McCoy, Mervyn Peters, Cherilee Thomas - Johnson and Winnie Thomas and to all family and friends for your overwhelming support, kind messages and condolences.

You all brought comfort with your love and presence.

Keith's memory will forever remain in our hearts.



Festival of Walking - Thank You



St Helena Tourism would like to extend a huge congratulations and heartfelt thanks to everyone who took part in the Festival of Walking 2025/26.

A special thank you goes to our incredible walking guides, whose passion, stories, and knowledge of the island made each walk a truly memorable experience for all participants.

This year's festival was a success, with over 200 participants and covering a combined distance of just over 60km across all routes. From breathtaking landscapes to rich history and meaningful connections, we hope every participant enjoyed discovering the unique spirit of our island.

If you captured moments from your walks and would like to help us promote St Helena, we would love to hear from you. Contact us at: visit@sainthelena.gov.sh

Vacancies

Part-Time Aircraft Cleaner



Rate of pay will commence at £5.60 per hour

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



The Aircraft Cleaner will be responsible for the cleaning of the Airport Terminal on the days of aircraft operations and also cleaning of aircraft cabins of arriving and departing Aircraft.

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 customer focused and able to deliver an excellent level of Customer Service
- Be available to undertake the required training including both classroom and online-based training
- Be available to undergo the necessary background and medical checks
- Be able to undertake manual handling & physically demanding duties
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment
- Be able to work with a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to remain calm under pressure.

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

Part-Time Cargo Processing Agent



Rate of pay will commence at £6.20 per hour



Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Cargo Processing 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 committed to undertaking the required training 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
- Be able to work with accuracy and a high degree of attention to detail
- Have the ability to multitask in a high pressure environment
- Have the ability to remain calm in stressful situations
- Be committed to undertaking continuous learning and development.

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Vacancy

Part-Time Rigger



Rate of pay will be £5.50 per hour.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy for a Part-Time Rigger to join the Company's Stevedore Team.

The successful applicant will be responsible for preparing, identifying and selecting the correct lifting accessories, attaching and detaching lifting equipment to cargo ensuring all loads are secure and balanced for safe lifting and transportation.



This position will primarily be based ship-side.

Working hours will be according to ship and cargo operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have excellent communication skills (including signalling and radio communications).
- Have a good level of physical fitness with the ability to undertake physically demanding and manual handling tasks.
- Have excellent eye hand coordination and the ability to work at heights.
- Possess an excellent level of vigilance and attention to detail.
- Be able to work effectively in a fast-paced and dynamic team environment while remaining safety-conscious and adhering to Health and Safety and Port compliance at all times.
- Be able to work in varying weather conditions with the flexibility to work outside of normal hours as and when required.
- Be available to undertake the necessary training to develop skills further ensuring competency in the role.

For further information contact:

Mario Coleman, Marine & Cargo Operations Manager via  22030  mario.coleman@solomons.co.sh

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Vacancy

Part-Time Skilled Operators



Rate of pay will be £7.02 per hour.

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has vacancies for Part-Time Skilled Operators to join the Company's Stevedore Team.

The successful applicants will be responsible for operating heavy equipment, including facilitation of the loading and offloading of shipping containers and cargo from sea vessels and transporting containers and cargo to specified lay down areas.



The positions will include working within ship side or shore side operations.

Working hours will be according to ship and cargo operations, including both weekdays and weekends.

Interested Persons Should:

- Be in possession of a clean and valid drivers' licence in classes H3, J1, J3 & J4, with a minimum of two years' experience
- Have strong technical skills
- Have excellent hand-eye coordination and the ability to work at heights
- Have the ability to adapt quickly to changing conditions ensuring operations remain safe
- Demonstrate attention to detail with an excellent level of vigilance within the work environment
- Possess strong communication skills
- Have a good level of physical fitness with the ability to undertake physically demanding tasks
- Be able to work effectively in a team environment with a high regard for Health & Safety and Port Compliance
- Be able to work in varying weather conditions

For further information contact:

Mario Coleman, Marine & Cargo Operations Manager via  22030  mario.coleman@solomons.co.sh

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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

For further information contact:

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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

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Vacancy

Safety & Compliance Officer



Salary for the post will range between £18,513.00 - £20,000.00 per annum;
depending on qualifications and experience

Job Outline:

Responsible for planning, implementing and overseeing safety all elements of safety and compliance, through BOU Managers, in accordance with laws, regulations, standards and ethical practices as applicable to the Company in respect of environmental management and workplace health and safety, as applicable to all aspects of the Company's diverse portfolio of business interests.

Interested Persons Should:

- Have IOSH or similar Health & Safety Certification
- Have 3 – 5 years' experience in a Health & Safety / Compliance role
- Have 3 years' experience in a supervisory or management role
- Have grade C or above in English and Maths or equivalent
- Be computer literate in the use of Microsoft Applications
- Have the ability to multi-task, organise workload and meet tight deadlines
- Have excellent organisation, interpersonal & communication skills
- Be analytical and have a high degree of accuracy with attention to detail
- Be able to maintain total confidentiality within the Company
- Be experienced in data collation, analysis and able to create reports
- Ideally be knowledgeable of Food Safety practises.

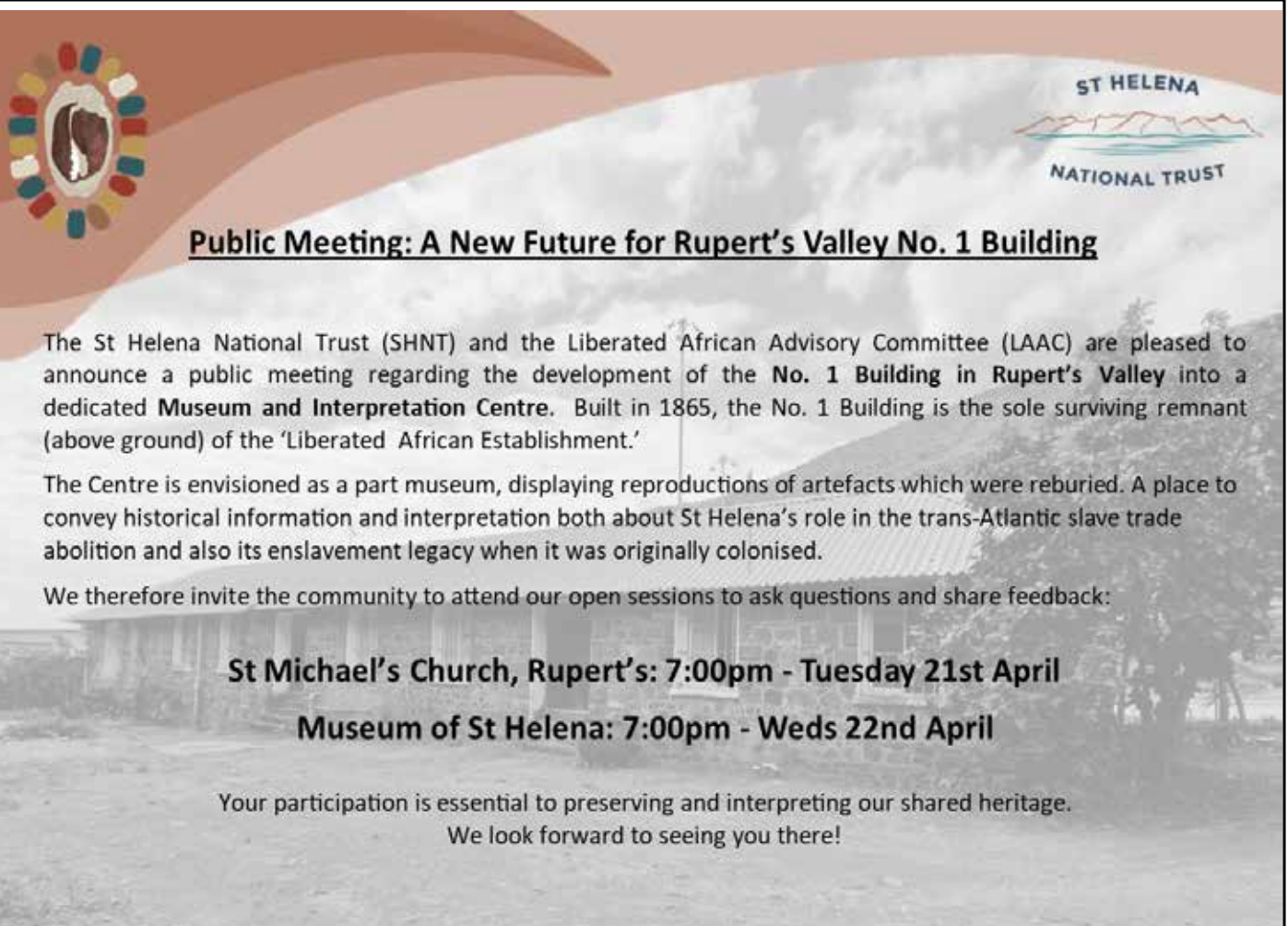
For further information, including the Company's attractive benefits package contact:

Paul Gasteen, Chief Operating Officer via  22380  paul.gasteen@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



Public Meeting: A New Future for Rupert's Valley No. 1 Building

The St Helena National Trust (SHNT) and the Liberated African Advisory Committee (LAAC) are pleased to announce a public meeting regarding the development of the **No. 1 Building in Rupert's Valley** into a dedicated **Museum and Interpretation Centre**. Built in 1865, the No. 1 Building is the sole surviving remnant (above ground) of the 'Liberated African Establishment.'

The Centre is envisioned as a part museum, displaying reproductions of artefacts which were reburied. A place to convey historical information and interpretation both about St Helena's role in the trans-Atlantic slave trade abolition and also its enslavement legacy when it was originally colonised.

We therefore invite the community to attend our open sessions to ask questions and share feedback:

St Michael's Church, Rupert's: 7:00pm - Tuesday 21st April
Museum of St Helena: 7:00pm - Weds 22nd April

Your participation is essential to preserving and interpreting our shared heritage.
We look forward to seeing you there!



**'After Easter Meat Feast' Dinner & Dance
Kingshurst Community Centre**

Friday 10th April 2026 starting at 7pm

Tickets £13.50 per person. Children 11 years and under can eat for half price

Dinner Menu includes: Roast Gammon, Beef, Chicken & Pork with a Fish Bake option, Roast Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables, Coleslaw and Gravy, followed by Dessert

To book a ticket call Joy on 24717, Beattie 24691, Karen 23401 or Gilbert on 24666 by no later than 4 pm on Tuesday 7th April 2026.

Music for dancing by DJ Colin Peters

Bar facilities will be available

Proceeds for St. Paul's Parish funds

St Paul's Parish Council would also like to sincerely thank everyone who so generously donated to and bought from their Cake and Candy Stall in the Jamestown Market on Thursday 26th March. The winner of the lucky draw of a cake was Elaine Young. The total amount raised on the day was £347.00.

What's the latest with the SHFA?

On Monday 30th March, the SHFA called their Annual General Meeting for all Team Captains, Players and interested members of the community, unfortunately only 11 members turned up representing three of the previous teams which captains are still apart of the current committee.

In the Constitution 12 members need to be present to call a meeting, so because of insufficient numbers attending, the meeting had to be called off and a new date set.

Despite the normal AGM not going ahead, the previous committee shared some promising and positive news with the 11 members present as well as discussing plans on co-organising St Helena's Day 2026.

If you'd like to know about this news and the upcoming football season, then we invite as many of the players as possible to turn to a **Extra-ordinary meeting on Wednesday 8th April at 7pm at the New Horizons Youth Centre.**

Failure to attend this meeting and a committee to be formed then decisions cant be made which might lead to a decision to cancel the upcoming season.



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.

Sea Rescue Crew (Auxiliary)

(£6.38 per hour) 18 years + and must be able to swim and pass a fitness test. The successful applicant will receive a monthly retainer of £70 on completion of basic training.

Are you passionate about protecting lives at sea and helping our island community thrive? The St Helena Sea Rescue Service is seeking highly motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join our team. If you have the ability to stay calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, this could be the opportunity for you.

It's a hands-on, immersive day that could be the start of your journey with us. Why not give it a try—you might discover this is the role you've been waiting for.

Ongoing Training

Our crew trains every Wednesday afternoon, giving you the chance to build skills, gain confidence, and become part of a dedicated team committed to saving lives at sea.

We invite you to contact us for more information and to discuss these exciting roles

Enquiries: Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on Tel no. 25215 or
Email: leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh
Email: mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 15 April 2026
Swim Test: 21 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: 01 May 2026

Maintenance & Supplies Officer (£11,604 per annum)

The Community Care Centre is seeking to appoint a Maintenance & Supplies Officer to join its small and dynamic team. The individual will be responsible for supervising Handymen/Drivers, including the daily allocation of work schedules, overseeing cleaning and general maintenance activities, and reporting any vehicle repairs to the Transport Section. The post holder will also be required to carry out maintenance tasks and minor repairs across all Social Care premises, as requested. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email:
Tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: Wk. commencing 11 May 2026

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Maritime Officer (£11,554 per annum)

The Maritime Officer is a supporting role to the Maritime Authority.

The Maritime Officer will provide administrative and operational support to the development and remit of the Maritime Authority and assist with the design and implementation of the required systems and processes when needed. This will include providing direct assistance to all relevant SHG Officers involved in achieving, implementing and maintaining maritime compliance as necessary.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Mia Henry on Tel No. 25970 or Email: mia.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 15 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 17 April 2026
Interview date: 23 April 2026

Health & Safety Officer (£13,569 per annum)

The Health & Safety Officer will enhance the well-being of everyone in our community and support the prosperity of the island, collaborating with Emergency Planning, while implementing and ensuring adherence to SHG health and safety (OHS) regulations. The main responsibility will involve providing guidance on strategies to reduce mitigate hazards and uphold a safe and secure working environment throughout SHG, in compliance with legal safety requirements and fostering a culture that prioritizes security and safety. This is a perfect opportunity for someone starting out in their career to build knowledge of SHG and progress into management and leadership positions in the future.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Anel O'Bey on Tel No. 25052 or Email: anel.obey@helanta.co.sh
Closing date: 15 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 17 April 2026
Interview date: 23 April 2026

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Claims Officer (£13,569 per annum)

Do you have strong interpersonal skills and the ability to apply objective judgement? Here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Claims Office. In this role you will carry out the duties of the Adjudication Officer, as provided for in the Social Security Ordinance, through the interview and assessment of Income Related Benefit and Basic Island Pension applicants. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Gail Beard on Tel No. 22605 or Email: gail.beard@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 April 2026
Interview date: 30 April 2026

Social Care Officer (£13,569 per annum)

Are you interested in joining a small, dynamic team? If so, Social Care is offering an opportunity to become a Social Care Officer. In this important role, you will work directly with children and families, building meaningful relationships and contributing to the delivery of family and parenting support programmes. You will also support Social Workers with assessments by gathering information, carrying out direct work and delegated tasks, and contributing to observations. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Amy Martin on Tel No. 23312 or Email: amy.martin@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 20 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 23 April 2026
Interview date: 04 May 2026

Cook (Community Care Centre) (£10,088 per annum)

The Community Care Centre is seeking to recruit a Cook with the ability to prepare high-quality, nutritious, and well-presented meals and baked goods for large numbers of people. The individual will be responsible for providing meals to residents, including hospital patients and other Health & Social Care services. The role requires strict adherence to safe catering practices, alongside maintaining a clean, organised, and hygienic kitchen environment. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: Tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 April 2026
Interview date: Wk. commencing 11 May 2026

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Care Assistants – Social Care (£10,213 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit Care Assistants to support the delivery of high standards of care and promote the well-being of clients across Ebony View, the Community Care Centre, and Sheltered Accommodation. In this post, the individuals will be responsible for assisting with all aspects of client care, including personal hygiene, toileting needs, and mobilisation. They will be required to ensure that clients' privacy, dignity, and respect are maintained at all times.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Latoya Thomas on Tel No. 23151 or Email: latoya.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 17 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 April 2026
Interview date: Wk. commencing 4 May 2026

Assistant PAYE Officer (£10,088 per annum)

Are you interested in being a part of a small dynamic team? If so, Treasury has an opportunity to join their Income Tax team. In this important role, the Assistant PAYE Officer will be providing day to day management of the PAYE system, auditing the Tax data for individual employee taxpayers and dealing with tax queries, ensuring all PAYE taxes are collected in line with the Income Tax Ordinance. The post holder will also be responsible for the storage and updating of all PAYE tax information (both physically and electronically) on a regular basis, for easy retrieval and to satisfy statutory obligations.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Connie Stevens on Tel No. 22825 or Email: connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh
Closing date: 17 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 22 April 2026
Interview date: 06 May 2026

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Senior Care Assistants - Social Care (£11,935 per annum)

Social Care is seeking to recruit Senior Care Assistants to work across the areas of Ebony View, the Community Care Centre, and Sheltered Accommodation. The successful candidates will be responsible for delivering care and promoting the well-being of service users in accordance with individual Care Plans, as well as established unit procedures and guidelines. Applicants should possess strong interpersonal skills and have experience of working with challenging behaviour within a care setting.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Latoya Thomas on Tel No. 23151 or Email: latoya.thomas@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Kelly Hopkins on Tel No. 23343 or Email: kelly.hopkins@sainthelena.gov.sh
 Tinevimbonashe Hove on Tel No. 23090 or Email: tinevimbonashe.hove@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 21 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 24 April 2026
Interview date: Wk. commencing 4 May 2026

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: 15 April 2026
Shortlisting date: 20 April 2026
Interview date: 27 April 2026

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With the English Premier League on a two week break we thought we would take this opportunity to bring you some statistics , today we share with you the table standings which can be seen below.



Premier League Table

Club	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts	Club	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	Pts
Arsenal	31	21	7	3	61	22	39	70	11 Cardiff City	31	11	10	10	32	36	-4	43
Manchester City	30	18	7	5	60	28	32	61	12 Norwich City	31	12	6	13	44	45	-1	42
Manchester United	31	15	10	6	56	43	13	55	13 Sheff Wed	31	9	15	7	46	48	-2	42
Aston Villa	31	16	6	9	42	37	5	54	14 Birmingham City	30	10	9	11	33	35	-2	39
Liverpool	31	14	7	10	50	42	8	49	15 Ipswich Town	31	7	12	12	37	48	-11	33
Chelsea	31	13	9	9	53	38	15	48	16 Nott Forest	31	8	8	15	31	43	-12	32
Tottenham	31	13	7	11	46	42	4	46	17 Tottenham Hotspur	31	7	9	15	40	50	-10	30
Everton	31	13	7	11	37	35	2	46	18 West Ham	31	7	8	16	36	57	-21	39
Sheff Utd	31	13	5	13	43	44	-1	44	19 Sheff Utd	31	4	8	19	33	61	-28	30
Bristol City	31	11	10	10	41	37	4	43	20 Sheff Wed	31	3	8	20	24	54	-30	17

Test your knowledge of the Premier League by guessing the players and clubs hidden behind the emojis.



Name the player

Hint: Currently plays for Manchester City

Name the player

Hint: Former Arsenal defender who joined from Tottenham Hotspur

Name the club

Hint: Kit features black and white stripes



CRICKET REPORT

St Helena National Team in Ghana



Fourteen players of the National Team namely **Cliff Richards, Andrew Yon, Kirk Lawrence, Joey Thomas, Jamie Essex, Delroy Leo, Dane Leo, Stefan Leo, Aiden Leo, Barry Stroud, Brendan Leo, Jordan Yon, Rhys Francis & Jordi Henry** is on their way home after participating in the sub-regional qualifiers Cricket.

It was a rest day in Accra as all teams on Thursday, so they took a step back from the cricket to recuperate and reset before re-starting the tournament on Friday.

Team St Helena took a tour of Jamestown in Accra which they thought would be a good idea for a visit, even if just for a photo because of its close ties with St Helena, but it turned into a full

tour of the town explaining the history and its progress as a busy fishing village today.

They learnt Jamestown, now a big fishing village, was settled by the British originally and has close ties to St Helena through the slave trade where the slaves were brought to St Helena to be liberated.

The teams guide pointed out the various points of interest, including the Jamestown Lighthouse, James Fort and the Jamestown Market and where the population is never a curate but in the region of 120 thousand, the team was taken on a walk through accommodation and streets bringing the stark reality of life in the deeper parts of Ghana, which lasted about an hour.

During the team's tour of Jamestown, they made a donation to the Accra charity – Keep of the Streets Foundation which is currently supporting 70 kids up to the age of 15 in an attempt to keep them off the streets and into a safer environment.

Team St Helena enjoyed the experience and it brought home to many the hardships that kids in Ghana experiences.

It was back to the fields on Friday which their opponents seems a good place to start as feedback from the St Helena team indicates that they faced a different level of opponents in the Ghana National Team.

Skipper Cliff Richards said “Not the results so far we were looking for, but it's a time to stick together as a team for the remaining two games, we have to appreciate that we were outplayed by the hosts today with both the bat and the ball, it was clear to see that their preparations were completed on the pitches we are playing on. With two games remaining for Team St Helena we are still hopeful of causing a tournament upset.”

St Helena is now ranked at 94 and their opponents who hadn't lost a game yet this tournament are ranked 66, and the 9 wicket defeat Jamie Essex scored 13 and Jordi Henry 12. Other efforts of 8 from Delroy Leo and 7 from Joey Thomas with a very disappointing day on the field for St Helena.





CRICKET REPORT

St Helena National Team in Ghana

Saturday morning's game at Achimoto Oval B saw St Helena meet Tanzania, the highest ranked side in the group, where Tanzania were on fire in the first few overs and saw them escalate at a rate of almost 15 per over as Ivan Selemani and Ajith Augustin set the run rate after the dismissal of Dhrumhit Methta and St Helena were almost expecting a target of 300 plus, but dismissing the hero who made more than a hundred, the rate slowed slightly, but Tanzania still ended the innings 236 for 4 and in response St Helena started strongly but lost their top order for 52, with Jordi Henry and Jamie Essex made notable scores of 16 and 23 respectively.



Coach Nadeem had this to say about Saturday's game "it was a beautiful day for an upset. The team showed great fight against a strong Tanzanian team however we came up short. Can't fault the heart and effort today."

Sunday was the last game day in this tournament as St Helena had to face Malawi in the afternoon but after six days of clear skies and sweltering conditions, Thursday night out of the blue came a storm which took everyone by surprise and caused catastrophic damage to the grounds and facilities.



Saints in the Top 15 Performance Tables for the whole tournament

Batsmen

Most Runs – Jamie Essex came in 9th with 78 runs

Best Batting Average – Jamie Essex came in 10th with an average-19.50

Best Batting Strike Rate – Jamie Essex came in 15th with a strike rate of 76.47

Most Fours – Jamie Essex came in 10th with 9 fours

Most Sixes – Jordi Henry came in 9th with 2 sixes

Most Sixes – Jamie Essex came in 12th with 1 six

Bowlers

Best Bowling - Rhys Francis came in 13th with 3 wickets for 17 runs against Eswatini

Well Done Team St Helena !!

At the teams arrival this morning the whole facility had been decimated, with tents and gazebos ripped from the ground and blown into adjacent fields. The rain had caused irreversible damage to the pitch and the field and despite efforts to make it playable for at least some of the game, at 2.30 the match was abandoned.

Because of this postponed game this means the points get shared between the opposing teams and St Helena ends the tournament with one point, although Team St Helena will feel that Malawi dodged a bullet, just like they did when rain interrupted play four years ago in Rwanda.

To conclude the ICC Men's T20 World Cup Sub Regional Africa Qualifier B in Accra, Ghana a closing ceremony was held at the Alisa Hotel to mark the end of this T20 WC qualifier.

A huge thank you was conveyed to all teams, officials, and fans for making the tournament a spectacular showcase of African cricket and St Helena was well applauded by the nations and recognised for their solid contribution to the tournament and for sure there are now a lot more people knowing about St Helena.

Despite St Helena not qualifying in this tournament, they have once again made their island proud and let's continue to celebrate them by giving them the hero's welcome they deserve, unlike the disappointment a few weeks when cricket legend Gavin George arrived back from participating in the over 70's tournament and no hero's welcome for this remarkable man, lets celebrate our saint achievements.



The Rose & Crown needs to undertake maintenance on its south facing wall i.e. scraping and painting and adding flashing/ridging to the existing roof to stop rainwater damage.

To enable safe working, scaffolding will need to be erected and encased with green netting or other protective material to ensure that debris from the work does not fall on to the road. It is estimated that the work on this wall will take approximately 6 -7 working days.

We have received permission to have the road leading from Market Street, past the Victoria Supermarket, closed to vehicular traffic for the duration of the works.

We appreciate however that Queen Mary and the neighbours will still require access to their properties therefore, the Highways Authority has agreed to:

1. Close the road between the Victoria and the Rose & Crown for the duration that the scaffolding will be in place to undertake the building maintenance i.e. from Monday 30 March to Thursday 9 April inclusive. This is due to the Easter weekend and holidays being in the middle of that period.
2. Queen Mary Stores and the neighbours that use that road will have 2-way access along the Shy Road for that same period

We are aware of the inconvenience that this could cause and thank you for your understanding.

MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



**WHATEVER
YOU NEED
TO SHIP**



	GOLDEN KAROO 261203	GREY FOX 261206	BLUE MASTER II 261208
Immingham	17-Jan	21-Feb	28-May
	KAROLINE 261702	KAROLINE 261703	KAROLINE 261704
Cape Town	02-Mar	04-Apr	04-May
Rupert's Bay	10-Mar	12-Apr	12-May
Ascension Island	15-Mar		
	KAROLINE 261802	KAROLINE 261803	KAROLINE 261804
Cape Town	31-Mar	25-Apr	25-May

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The Ever Changing March Sky



ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

Fifteen determined golfers braved the island's moody mix of fog and light showers on Sunday as St Helena Golf Club delivered yet another thrilling competition. The cool, misty conditions may have dampened the fairways, but they certainly didn't dampen the spirits or the competitive fire of the field. Rising above the pack in impressive style was Arthur Francis, who navigated the tricky weather with precision and composure to claim first place with an outstanding score of 69. Hot on his heels was Jeffrey Stevens, finishing just one stroke behind on 70, securing a well earned second place after a strong performance from tee to green.

Despite the enthusiastic turnout, the Two-Ball Pool remained untouched, with no successful claims this week. The balls returned to their owners.

Golfers are reminded that the next event will take place on Sunday, 5 April, featuring an 18 hole Stableford competition, with tee-off at 12:00 noon. Members are encouraged to arrive early and ready for action. Meanwhile, the Club Committee extends appreciation to all who have already provided input on the Disciplinary Policy, currently out for consultation. Members who haven't yet done so are invited to submit their feedback while the window remains open.

As we wrap up an exciting weekend on the course, we wish all our members, supporters, and golfing friends a joyful and relaxing Easter weekend. May your swings be smooth, your putts be true, and your chocolate eggs plentiful!