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## Another Little Tale of Medical Woes – continued

*On 20th March Alan Nicolls contributed a short account of the medical attention he had received for the continual pain in his hands and wrists after using his arms to protect the rest of his body when falling. He described a series of appointments but no diagnosis or medical solution was forthcoming. The airport closure added to the delay when the perpetual pain meant urgency was a constant first priority.*

*Mr Nicolls ended his 20th March contribution with:*

*“As a retired old grunter who has lost enough blood, sweat and tears in service to the Crown I have developed a thick skin and know when I am being given the run around to speak out loud and clear. I have nothing but respect for the medical skills of Dr Du Plessis but this selective lottery of who benefits from his medical attention, or a surgical referral, and who does not is evidence of a broken medical system still in need of urgent overhaul.”*

*On Monday this week, Mr Nicolls received a medical report from a South African orthopaedic surgeon specialising in hands and upper limbs. Mr Nicolls arranged and paid for this medical report which was based on the medical records he obtained from St Helena’s Health Department.*

*The Independent publishes here Mr Nicholls account of events since the 20th March, the medical report he independently obtained from Professor Duncan McGuire and a copy of an email from his medical records, dated 21st March with sender’s details withheld, which is said to be specialist clinical advice obtained by the Health Department.*

### **Another Little Tale of Medical Woes: Part 2**

Following on from my St Patrick’s Day article in March I wish to thank the various readers who have approached me with genuinely heartbreaking accounts of their own and loved one’s experiences in our medical lottery. The current focus is on the worldwide reaction to the Hantavirus outbreak and the genuine, no expense spared, steps being taken to safeguard peoples’ health in multiple countries. With this being the case perhaps now is an appropriate time to highlight the medical needs of St Helena residents and shame the hidden bean counters who abuse patient’s rights. I can only speak from my own experiences but would urge those who feel medically marginalised to stand up and speak out for your rights in any way open to you.

Following my last printed article, I checked in at the outpatient reception window for a routine appoint with Dr Gilbert on the 8th April. Imagine my surprise when a figure lurking in the background stepped forward and introduced himself as Dr David Hume. He asked me to accompany him to a consulting room where he commenced to treat me to a brief potted history of his recent medical accomplishments as an anaesthetist and healthcare professional. Immediately thereafter he launched into the most animated and flowery sales pitch that would have done credit to Del Boy on a good day in Peckham market. Referring frequently to the on-screen report from some South African hand specialist, that he neglected to name, I was informed that the relevant SA hand surgeons available to St Helena wanted nothing to do with my “*crumbling old bones*” and my best bet was an NHS referral to the UK. Any suggestion of a second opinion was pooh-poohed on the basis that the “*word was out*” and none of these clannish SA surgeons would contradict one another. The little matter of some seventeen hours plus in cramped airline seats while enduring discomfort and pain was also swept aside by the words “*nothing stopping you from getting up and walking about*”. The only light I could see at the end of this man’s particular tunnel was the possibility of a UK surgeon’s second opinion being forthcoming. That hope was utterly dashed on my next meeting with Dr Hume which rapidly ended any desire to see him again. The immortal words of a true and worthy Scotsman filtered through the years “*Oh what a tangled web we weave, when first we practice to deceive*”. The amateur theatricals were indeed entertaining Del Boy but sorry, no sale.

## Another Little Tale of Medical Woes – continued

It is with sadness that my faith in the integrity and honesty of our St Helena medical practitioners has been severely degraded. After 50+ adult years of absolute trust in doctors and surgeons from Belfast to Baghdad it saddens me that the bean counters here have managed to co-opt our contract doctors into their own hidden agenda. Is all this a figment of my imagination I hear you ask? Well actually no; my next step was to look for access to my medical records and January hand x-rays to have the ability to seek out an independent diagnosis and report. This proved far from easy as on providing clear written details of what I wanted and a brand new, sealed, usb stick I was charged £26.65 and handed the usb stick back some days later without the essential x-rays or SA hand surgeon's report downloaded. On kicking up something of a stink I was asked to provide yet another new usb stick and thanks to the tireless intervention of Gavin 'Jack' Thomas I finally obtained the requested personal medical records without the need to pay another extortionate £26.65 as demanded. I did however request to view the content of this second usb stick on a hospital computer before accepting it. Imagine my surprise to see the same alleged SA hand surgeon's report apparently in full but his name removed from the email header and base of the report. Maybe Mickey Mouse or Donald Duck had some hand in its composition but zero ability to verify the author's professional credentials or standing in the surgical community leaves me severely unimpressed.

My next decision was prompted by a concerned lady in the pharmacy staff who warned me that prolonged use of strong anti-inflammatories was detrimental to healthy liver function. Initial online research revealed a maximum of one to two weeks approved usage followed by a mandatory gap. So after over four months of continual pill popping this son of Ulster made the personal decision to come off all drugs. Please note that I in no way recommend or promote this drastic course of action for anyone else. The following five days and nights would be difficult to describe, my experienced pain levels and immediate swelling of hands and wrists with severe transmitted pain to shoulders and neck are thankfully now something of a distant memory although I still endure constant but more moderate pain in all those areas. A visit from my favourite neighbour during this period with a nice bit of fish took all my persuasion to prevent him from forcing me into his car and conveying me to hospital. We reached an understanding and he recounted to me the full story of his recent medical referral to a specialist spinal surgeon in the MediClinic hospital in Stellenbosch, Cape Town after over a year in dire need of surgical attention and a drug routine in excess of twenty tablets a day. His lottery number finally came up but he was possibly one step away from a wheelchair before surgery was organised in SA. On arrival, the operation had to be postponed as prolonged drug use had left him with a dangerously high heart rate. Post-surgery and follow up therapy his rapid recovery is testament to the cutting edge and advanced surgical skills available today in SA. His account prompted me to seek out details of reputable hand surgeons in the Cape Town area also working out of MediClinic hospitals. My story ends, for now, with my own research and the receipt of an independent diagnosis and report, based on my x-rays, from Professor Duncan McGuire. Prof McGuire is widely recognised as a leading hand surgeon with over twenty years of experience in South Africa and Australia. Compare and contrast his report with the other shameful and anonymous document which reeks of a pre-agreed agenda and was used blatantly in an attempt to misdirect and influence my thinking.

One has to wonder what happened to the £6.65 million from the BIOT migrant windfall that was earmarked to clear our medical referral backlog and what are the current plans for the next imminent tranche of similar windfall funds.

---- To be continued

# Another Little Tale of Medical Woes – continued

Complicit doctors should be aware of the wider definition of Clinical Negligence which includes “denying necessary treatment, provided that this denial falls below acceptable medical standards and directly causes the patient to suffer an injury or a worsening of their condition.” Heads up guys and girls, any perceived carte blanche from the bean counters or even the AG may be worthless when the litigation solicitors file multiple clinical negligence suits with the court.

A H Nicolls

## Report from Alan Nicolls' Consultant



**Prof Duncan McGuire**

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGEON

**HAND & UPPER LIMB SPECIALIST**

MBCHB (WITS)

FC ORTH (SA)

MMED ORTH (UCT)

PRACTICE NO. 1215078

HPCSA REG NO. MP0588164

### Medical report: Alan Nicolls

To Whom It May Concern: 18/05/26

Alan Nicolls is suffering from degenerative osteoarthritis affecting both of his wrists. The left is worse than the right. He has had pain for years and it is getting progressively worse and now is at a stage where he struggles with everyday activities. He has attempted conservative management with analgesia and activity modification but this is no longer working.

Mr Nicolls has pain with flexion, extension, pronation and supination of the wrist. He is unable to pick up anything heavy and has a weak grip. In addition he suffers from paraesthesia in his fingers in the median nerve distribution consistent with carpal tunnel syndrome. X-rays of both wrists show advanced degenerative osteoarthritis involving their entire carpus as well as the distal radioulnar joint.

Mr Nicolls has now failed conservative management and therefore surgery is advised due to the amount of pain and limited function that he has. The best surgical option would be a total wrist replacement along with a carpal tunnel release and excision of the ulnar head. This will alleviate his pain, retain motion in the wrist and improve his function.

At a later stage once he has recovered from surgery of his left wrist he will then need a total wrist replacement and ulnar head excision of his right wrist.

Regards

Duncan McGuire

Mediclinic Cape Town, Suite H122, Hof Street, Oranjezicht, Cape Town Tel: 021 422 3295

# Another Little Tale of Medical Woes – continued

## The Anonymous Medical Advice to St Helena Health Department

**Sent:** 21 March 2026 18:27

**To:** Jean du Plessis <jean.duplessis@sainthelena.gov.sh>

**Subject:** RE: Opinion on hand surgery patient – St Helena - Jannas

Hi Jannas,

Nice to talk to you again! As discussed:

I've had a proper look at his imaging and report. I agree, this is clearly advanced SLAC-type degeneration with carpal collapse. End-stage territory. So yes, he has a real structural problem, but the solution he's pushing for doesn't quite line up with what he thinks it will achieve.

My main concern is expectation. He's framing fusion as a fix-all, when in reality it's a trade-off procedure.

You refer for elective fusion review if  
Severe pain affecting sleep or daily function  
Failed conservative management  
Already minimal useful motion  
Low demand for fine wrist movement

Fusion gives predictable pain relief and their grip strength often improves.

But that comes at the cost of motion, and that cost is permanent.

Fusion will not solve all the patients wrist problems, and a big red flag for me is the fact that he wants both doing. This indicates that he doesn't truly grasp the functional impairment this will cause, and he is placing way too much positive outcome assumption to the procedure. This is a last ditch intervention and never an acute thing like he is trying to push for.

Bilateral fusion, as you know, can be quite limiting in day-to-day function.

Things like hygiene, positioning, pushing up from a chair, even simple tasks become awkward. Patients often only realise that after the fact.

I think this needs a proper MDT-guided intervention rather than a straight surgical referral based on patient request. He needs balanced input from hand surgery, therapy, and likely a realistic functional assessment before anyone commits to anything operative.

He'll need review in a specialised centre. UK would be best for this with a MDT approach\*. Not something you'll get in private here, and not something I'll tackle with my private work. You'll get that in state, but he's not a state patient.

Shout if you want to discuss further.

ENDS

\* MDT is 'Multidisciplinary Team'.

### NOTE:

When discussing various points with Mr Nicolls before publication he noted the marked difference in the medical opinions in content and style as well as conclusion. Alan Nicolls pointed out a medical referral to the UK is a long-haul flight while in constant pain. The possibility of a follow up visit makes the suggestion much worse. Also, will there be a long waiting period before a surgical solution is completed?

These doubts and discomforts can be avoided, according to Professor McGuire's assessment.

## Increasing Biodiversity - Ascension Island Conservation

Red-footed boobies have been busy on the Ascension Island Letterbox Nature Reserve. The first nest was recorded last September and since then more and more nesting attempts have been spotted around the reserve.

There are now a whopping 83 nests with many birds relocating from our offshore stacks. This includes individuals still nest building, some are incubating eggs, while some chicks have successfully fledged...

It has been an incredible year for these seabirds!



*A mature red-footed booby and chick*

## Bermuda Day Today



Britain first took control of Bermuda in 1609 when a fleet of English colonists led by Admiral Sir George Summers was shipwrecked on the islands. The islands were claimed for the English Crown, and the Virginia Company officially began colonization and established the first permanent settlement in 1612

**1609:** The shipwreck of the Sea Venture led to initial British settlement.

**1612:** The English Virginia Company formally started settling the archipelago, founding the town of St. George.

**1684:** The British government revoked the proprietary company's charter and assumed direct administrative control, placing it directly under the English Crown.

**1707:** Following the Acts of Union, Bermuda officially became a British Crown Colony

# NEWS This Week From and Around THE CASTLE

## **Hantavirus Updates - extracts**

Laboratory personnel deployed to St Helena from the UKHSA are currently exploring the feasibility of performing hantavirus testing on-island.

The Government has agreed a mechanism to support those individuals who are voluntary self-isolating, the details of the support scheme will be announced by the Chief Minister on today. SHG will provide financial support to eligible individuals identified as higher-risk contacts who are required to self-isolate for 45 days. This scheme is specifically designed for people formally instructed by SHG Public Health to isolate at home who cannot work, resulting in a loss of income. Eligible applicants may receive support payments of up to £160 per week during their isolation period. Eligible individuals will be contacted directly by SHG with further details. A medevac flight departed on Friday, from Ascension Island to the United Kingdom.

A chartered Titan Airways flight arrived on St Helena on Saturday, 16 May, before flying to Ascension Island on Sunday, 17 May. The flight departed for the UK, relocating nine individuals (4 from St Helena and 5 from Ascension). where they are continuing their isolation periods near to specialised medical facilities.

Specialist UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) personnel manage the newly established on-island laboratory testing capability. Testing remains strictly reserved for clinical screening as determined by the medical team and is not available on request.

## **Power Problems**

Last Friday the St Helena Resilience Forum confirmed the Gold Command structure specifically managing the recent island-wide power outages stood down. The electricity supply being under control and stable. Connect St Helena still had further related work, which was completed on Monday.

A separate Gold Command remains active and focused on managing the hantavirus response.

## **Prescriptions Ordered in Advance**

All prescription queries and related correspondence should now be sent to: [pharmacy.prescriptions@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:pharmacy.prescriptions@sainthelena.gov.sh)

The previous Pharmacy email account will be deactivated on 30 May 2026. An automatic message is currently in place to direct users to the new address.

Customers should update their contact records and use the new email address with immediate effect to avoid any disruption to service.

## **Jacob's Ladder Lights**

St Helena Government announced Solomon & Company now expects Jacob's Ladder to temporarily reopen to pedestrians this week. The ladder will remain open through the long weekend so it can be lit on St Helena's Day. It will close again at 08:00 on Tuesday, 26 May, and remain closed until mid-June to allow completion of the works.

## **Chagos Islands Agreement Close**

Discussions between the St Helena Government and the Government of the United Kingdom Government regarding the extension of the existing Memorandum of Understanding relating to the British Indian Ocean Territory (BIOT) have progressed positively.

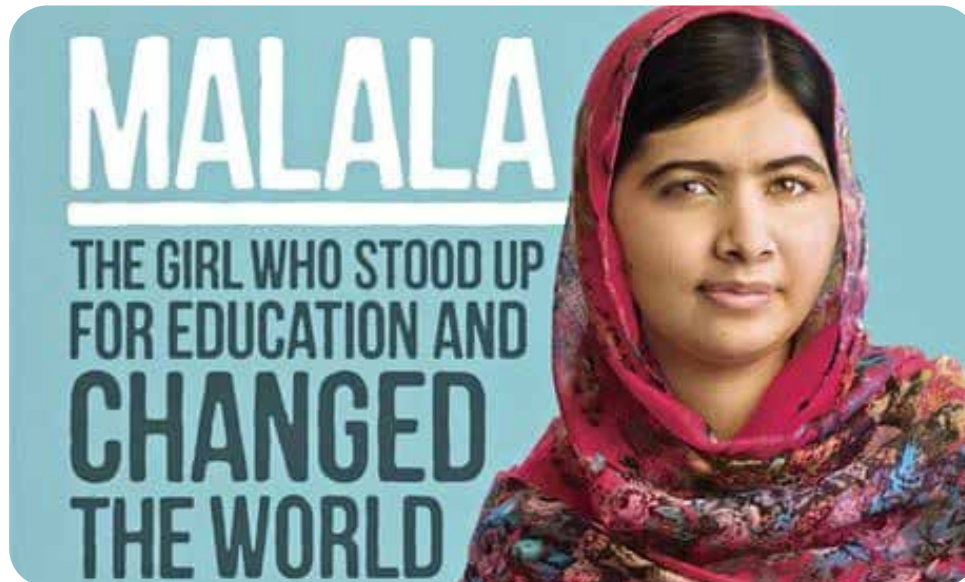
# NEWS This Week From and Around THE CASTLE

While agreement has substantially been reached, final matters remain subject to confirmation before formal communications can be issued.

## Education World Forum - Cllr Andrew Turner

Cllr Turner gave feedback on his first day at the Education World Forum in London. He said the day was powerful and an honour to represent our island among global colleagues.

Malala Yousafzai opened with a keynote that was inspiring, uncompromising, and beautifully delivered.



Malala Yousafzai was shot by three Taliban gunmen in a bus taking children home from a Pakistan school after a mid-term exam. The gunmen told the other children to point to Malala. The 15 year-old Malala Yousafzai, already a strong leader for girl's education, was shot in the head and a second shot injured her in the neck area.

She is now is a global advocate for girls' education whose own struggle for the right to learn transformed her into an international icon. She received treatment at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham UK. She went on to graduate from Oxford University and establish a global foundation dedicated to securing 12 years of free, safe, and quality education for all girls.

Andrew Turner wrote of his attendance at the Forum, discussions centred on early years, citizenship, and vocational pathways. But the conversation that resonated most was around social media literacy: how we equip society to recognise credible sources, question what they see online, and understand that truth requires effort.

In a world where AI can generate convincing fiction in seconds (and where some politicians seem determined to do the same) teaching critical thinking has become essential civic infrastructure.

It was a particular pleasure to meet Secretary of State for Education Bridget Phillipson and Minister of State for Skills Baroness Jacqui Smith.

Andrew ended with, "There has certainly been no shortage of learning to take forward and to bring home."



# Baptist Church Gospel Outreach



**When:** Sunday: 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026

**Where:** Kingshurst Community Centre

**Time:** 3.00 pm



## MAY OPENING HOURS

### Main Branch

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Saturday	09:00 - 12:00

### Airport Kiosk

Flight days only	10:30 - 14:30
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## Diocese of St Helena

### The Parish of St Paul's

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral
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#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	Blue Hill Community Centre
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### The Parish of St James

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost

9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St James
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#### Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May

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

#### Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2026 – Pentecost

11.15 a.m.	Family Eucharist	St Matthew
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#### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May

7.00 p.m.	Mission Worship and Praise	St Mark
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# Vacancy

## Grocery Sales Assistant



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Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Star for a Grocery Sales Assistant.

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Charlotte Williams, Grocery Manager (The Star & Butchery) via ☎ 22683 ✉ [charlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh](mailto:charlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh)

Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via [hadmin@solomons.co.sh](mailto:hadmin@solomons.co.sh) and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by **28 May 2026**.

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

★ Pension Contributions

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The National Sports Association of St Helena (NSASH) are inviting athletes to submit their expressions of interest (EOI) to compete at the following games:

- International Island Games in Faroe Island from 3 to 9 July 2027
- 8th Commonwealth Youth Games in Malta from 29 October to 4 November 2027

(Athletes must be between 14 and 18 years old at the time of the Games)

Closing date for the EOI is 4pm UTC on Tuesday 26 May 2026 and the selection process and trials will be undertaken towards the end of 2026.

Please email [nsash@helanta.co.sh](mailto:nsash@helanta.co.sh)

- Your full name
- Your current address
- Date of Birth
- Which competition you interested in or both
- The sport you would like to compete in

Commonwealth Youth Games

Athletics – Netball – Sailing – Squash – Swimming – Triathlon  
– Water polo – Weightlifting

International Island Games

Archery – Athletics – Badminton – Basketball – Cycling  
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Table Tennis – Tennis – Triathlon – Volleyball



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### FOR SALE BY TENDER

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has for "sale by tender" Ford Fiesta Formerly registered as vehicle number 5717.

This vehicle has been damaged as a result of a road traffic accident and will be offered on an "as is, where is basis", with no warranty given or guarantee implied.

Viewing has been set for Tuesday 2 June 2026 at 10am and persons interested in viewing should, in the first instance, contact Solomon's Insurance Office on telephone number 22860.

Offers should be made in writing to the Tender Board Secretary, clearly stating the registration number on the envelope and placed in the Company's Tender Box in their Main Office Foyer by no later than 4pm on Monday 8 June 2026.

# The Chief Minister's Adjournment Debate She Was Not Able to Make



*On Tuesday 12 May I was unable to attend the Legislative Council Adjournment Debate due to an important meeting relating to ongoing discussions with the United Kingdom Government regarding the future BIOT Agreement.*

*Over recent weeks, supported by the Ministerial Team, I have been engaged in discussions with the UK Minister for the Overseas Territories, Stephen Doughty, and senior officials. The existing agreement between the St Helena Government and the Government of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland is due to expire on Friday 15 May 2026. Discussions between all parties are continuing, and we hope to share further news at the earliest opportunity once an agreement has been reached.*

## **Rebecca's Speech**

I am grateful to my Honourable colleague, Minister Henry, for leading the Adjournment Debate in my absence, and to both Ministers Henry and Thrower for their thoughtful and heartfelt contributions, which reflected both the realities and responsibilities of the current situation.

I also recognise that Adjournment Debates are an important opportunity for Councillors to raise the concerns, frustrations and questions being expressed by members of the public. I will therefore review the minutes carefully to ensure those views are fully considered. I wanted to take this opportunity to share some of the reflections I had prepared.

St Helena operates under a Ministerial system of Government established under our Constitution. We are not a system of party politics with a formal Government and Opposition. We are one Government, collectively accountable to the people of St Helena and accountable to one another for both the decisions we take and the conduct we demonstrate. Within that system, we each hold different constitutional responsibilities.

Ministers are entrusted with strategic leadership, policy direction, decision-making and delivery across their portfolios. Councillors play an equally important role in representing community concerns, scrutinising decisions, challenging constructively where necessary, and helping ensure accountability and transparency in the public interest. These roles are complementary.

Healthy scrutiny strengthens Government. Honest challenge improves decision-making. But all of us in public office also carry a responsibility to conduct ourselves in a way that maintains public confidence in our institutions, particularly during periods of uncertainty when reassurance, stability and mature leadership matter greatly.

The people of St Helena rightly expect their elected representatives to work together respectfully and responsibly, even where there are differences of opinion. The public deserve leadership that informs, reassures and helps unite communities rather than deepening anxiety or division, particularly in difficult times. These have indeed been difficult times.

Since taking office, this Government has faced a succession of operational and national challenges - airport operational difficulties, the Foot and Mouth Disease situation in South Africa affecting food supply resilience, the recent hantavirus precautionary response, electricity outages, financial pressures, and wider resilience concerns linked to growing international instability and conflict in the Middle East.

Many of these challenges stem from years of underinvestment, deferred maintenance, ageing infrastructure, difficult financial realities, and the practical difficulties of operating essential services within a remote island environment and the weather. We are also particularly vulnerable to external shocks and events beyond our control, while having limited local capacity and resources to absorb their impact.

# The Chief Minister's Adjournment Debate She Was Not Able to Make

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But despite this, our resolve has only strengthened because this is ultimately about securing the future resilience and wellbeing of St Helena. Our community deserves a Government prepared to face challenges honestly, work through disagreement constructively, and remain focused on solutions rather than division.

Again and again, whether through engagement with our shareholder-owned entities, the Utility Regulatory Authority, the Equality and Human Rights Commission, St Helena Airport, charities, community organisations or international partners, the message has been clear: we must work together better, communicate better, and break down silos. With limited resources and capacity, there is simply no sustainable alternative. That is why partnership, collaboration and openness sit at the heart of the draft Vision and Strategy for St Helena going forward.

We are already addressing long-standing challenges and laying important foundations for change across fisheries, utilities, infrastructure planning, environmental management and public service reform, while continuing to build on progress within health and education.

We cannot solve every challenge all at once. If everything is treated as a priority, nothing truly becomes a priority. Instead, we must remain focused, work step by step on the areas that matter most, and move forward together as a community. I also want to place on record my sincere thanks to all those who have worked tirelessly in recent weeks to support the health, safety and resilience of our community.

I thank our healthcare professionals, Public Health teams, emergency responders, utility workers, engineers, civil servants, police officers, airport staff, technical specialists, and all those working quietly behind the scenes, often under immense pressure and public scrutiny.

During the recent hantavirus precautionary response, staff across Government and partner agencies worked calmly, professionally and responsibly alongside the UK Health Security Agency, UK Government and international partners to protect our community and ensure preparedness. Our Public Health teams acted quickly and responsibly in escalating concerns early, enabling vital international support and precautionary planning arrangements to be put in place at an early stage. During the recent electricity outage, teams across Government, Connect St Helena and other essential services worked around the clock to restore power and minimise disruption to homes, businesses and critical infrastructure. Thank you to everyone involved for the professionalism, teamwork and commitment shown throughout the response. I also want to thank residents and businesses across the island for their patience, understanding and support during what has been an extremely difficult period for many households.

Looking ahead, Government will continue working closely with Connect St Helena to better understand the underlying infrastructure challenges, resource pressures and longer-term investment requirements needed to strengthen resilience across the island.

At the same time, our Resilience Forum continues important work to strengthen preparedness around wider risks and threats, including fuel resilience, biosecurity concerns such as Foot and Mouth Disease, and broader infrastructure and supply chain resilience. Much of this work is unseen by the public, but it is critically important, and those involved deserve our gratitude and support. St Helena has always endured through resilience, community spirit and people stepping forward when it matters most. St Helena is a remarkable community with remarkable people.

If we continue to work together with honesty, respect and shared purpose, I firmly believe we can build a stronger, fairer and more resilient future for the next generation.

**Rebecca**  
**12 May 2026**



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Applications should be submitted through the Director/Line Manager (where applicable) to the Human Resources Officer by email [recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:recruitment@sainthelena.gov.sh) or paper copies delivered to the Human Resources Officer by the closing date.

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**Enquiries:** Paul Duncan on Tel No. 25995 or Email: [paul.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:paul.duncan@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 29 May 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 03 June 2026  
**Interview date:** 16 June 2026

## Handyman-Driver (Local interest only) (£9,573 per annum)

The handyman driver is dedicated to enhancing the lives of everyone in our community and fostering the island's prosperity by assisting with the daily operations of the Central Support Service across various service areas. This includes performing minor maintenance tasks and taking on driving responsibilities as needed. Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Sara-Kay Yon on Tel No.22470 or Email: [sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:sara-kay.yon@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 29 May 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 03 June 2026  
**Interview date:** 16 June 2026

## 1:1 Teaching Assistant (SHSS) (£10,966 per annum)

Do you have a passion for education? We are looking to recruit a dedicated Teaching Assistant to support the class teacher in delivering high-quality teaching and learning within the classroom environment. The successful candidate will be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people, and vulnerable adults. Strong communication skills are essential, as the role involves working closely with students, parents, and colleagues. If you would like more information or an informal discussion about the role, please contact us.

**Enquiries:** Phil Toal on Tel No. 24290 or Email: [phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:phil.toal@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 29 May 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 03 June 2026  
**Interview date:** 16 June 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](mailto: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.*



# 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](http://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](mailto: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.*

## Budget Officer (£13,569 per annum)

Are you experienced in accounting or budgeting? If so, SHG is seeking a Budget Officer to join our Treasury team. In this role, you will provide expert guidance and support to budget holders in preparing, monitoring, and managing their budgets. You will review and analyse budget documentation, scrutinise departmental Budget Execution Reports, and advise Budget Holders and Senior Management on strategies to address variances, providing clear evidence to support your recommendations. If this opportunity excites you, we'd love to hear from you!

**Enquiries:** Mercy Chiseya on Tel No. 22470 or Email: [mercy.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:mercy.chiseya@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 29 May 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 03 June 2026  
**Interview date:** 16 June 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](mailto:connie.stevens@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
**Closing date:** 29 May 2026  
**Shortlisting date:** 03 June 2026  
**Interview date:** 11 June 2026

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## VACANCY - ST HELENA GROWERS CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY

The St Helena Growers is seeking to recruit a person to fill the role of a **Secretary/Manager** for the Society. The successful candidate will be required to work 08:30 – 16:00 Monday to Friday, with a one-hour lunch break, and may be required to work 08:30 – 13:00 on Saturdays. The post reports to the management committee

This is an exciting opportunity for someone passionate about fresh produce; local fruit and vegetable. The ideal candidate will bring strong leadership skills, a commitment to excellent customer service, and a genuine enthusiasm to support the agriculture sector.

### About the role

As Secretary, you will be required to support the Management Committee through:

- arranging and recording minutes of meetings;
- undertaking all admin tasks associated with the Society and its Members;
- to record all financial transactions of the Society; to prepare annual statement of accounts, and to be responsible for all financial documents on behalf of the Society

As **Manager**, you will oversee the daily operations of the Shop and Stores, including:

- supervising staff;
- providing knowledgeable, friendly customer service;
- be responsible for the Cash Flow and the security of cash and stock;
- responsible for all financial transactions; cash and bank,
- maintain the Cash Book for both Cash and Bank transactions; including receiving cash from shop sales and other receipts and make all payments on the Society's behalf and reconcile Bank Statements with Cash book
- procure local produce and maintaining high standards of produce presentation and freshness, stock rotation and waste reduction;
- procurement of overseas ordering including completion of customs clearance declarations via ASYCUDA, payment of customs duty, collection of all imported cargo and costing, ensuring pricing accuracy;

### What are we looking for

We welcome applications from individuals who:

- have strong financial and administration skills
- are confident in leading a team and creating a positive working culture
- have strong organisational and communication skills
- competent in Microsoft Office applications

### How to apply

Please submit your application to Mrs Delia Allen at Lower Farm Lodge by the close of business 29 May 2026.

This post attracts a salary of £13,260 per annum, with annual and sick leave benefits.



St Helena  
Government

## Routine Fire Hydrant Inspections across the Island

The St Helena Fire and Rescue Service will be conducting routine fire hydrant inspections across the island starting Monday, 1 June 2026. These regular inspections are essential to ensure all hydrants remain fully operational and ready for fire protection and emergency responses, keeping our community safe.

The inspections will take place between 10:00 and 15:00 according to the following schedule:

Dates	Areas
1 June to 5 June	Jamestown
8 June to 12 June	Half Tree Hollow
15 June to 19 June	Longwood, Alarm Forest and Levelwood
22 June to 26 June	St Pauls, Blue Hill and Sandy Bay

During testing, residents in the affected areas may notice temporary water discolouration or a slight drop in water pressure. If your water appears discoloured, simply run your cold tap for a few moments until it clears. All inspection crews will be clearly identified while carrying out their work.

The St Helena Fire and Rescue Service thanks the public in advance for their cooperation and understanding as we maintain this vital safety infrastructure.

For additional information or queries, please contact the St Helena Fire and Rescue Service on 23344.



## **Seven for Twenty-Seven? Iconic St Helena Ultra-Marathon Swims Set to Increase to 7 in 2027**

Following the ground-breaking milestones achieved in our waters, Open Water Africa has officially announced its sights are set on an exhilarating 2027 season. Organization is already underway to bring a new cohort of world-class international endurance athletes to take on the legendary 47-kilometre circumnavigation of our beautiful island.

### **On-Island Collaboration & Scheduling**

The team at Open Water Africa is looking forward to 2027 with immense anticipation. They are working closely with essential local maritime partners —Enchanted Isle Limited and Seahawk Odyssey — to carefully schedule and coordinate the precise ocean swim windows required for these extreme challenges.

### **Global Interest Defies Global Challenges**

While there has been significant global athlete interest, organisers acknowledge that ongoing conflicts in the Middle East have understandably complicated international travel logistics and decisive decision-making for some competitors. However, the tides remain unstoppable. The 2027 swim windows are locked in, and the island is poised to welcome an elite, diverse roster of swimmers hailing from Europe, Mexico, and Australia.

### **A True Community Effort**

Executing a safe and successful ultra-marathon swim in the remote South Atlantic requires an exceptional foundation of local support. Open Water Africa continues to build strong, collaborative relationships across the St. Helena infrastructure. This includes vital coordination with:

- ✓ Emergency Planning & Safety Teams to ensure seamless offshore safety protocols.
- ✓ St. Helena Tourism to showcase the island's pristine marine environment on the world stage.
- ✓ Saint FM, where arriving athletes will take to the airwaves to introduce themselves personally to the community and share their inspiring journeys.

"We are incredibly proud to work alongside the wonderful people of St. Helena," noted event organisers. "With the incredible local support network and the sheer determination of these athletes, we expect to deliver more fantastic achievements on this breathtakingly beautiful island.

"Stay tuned to local media and Saint FM closer to the 2027 season for athlete arrival dates, interview schedules, and live tracking details as these global swimmers prepare to test their limits against the powerful Atlantic currents.

# How much prize money is on offer at the 2026 World Cup?

The prize money for the 2026 World Cup was confirmed at a FIFA Council meeting in Doha December.

The prize fund is up 50 per cent on the 2022 World Cup in Qatar.

The breakdown is as follows:

- Winners: £37.5 million
- Runners-up: £24.8 million
- Third place: £21.8 million
- Fourth place: £20.3 million
- 5th-8th place: £14.3 million
- 9th-16th place: £11.3 million
- 17th-32nd place: £8.3 million
- 33rd-48th place: £6.8 million



Each team also receives £1.1million to cover preparation costs, meaning every team is guaranteed at least £7.87million.

**World Ocean Day**

## Photo Competition

**OUR STRONG MARINE PROTECTED AREA**

We are looking for photographs that highlight the vital relationship between our Island and the surrounding ocean:

- Natural beauty and marine biodiversity
- Economic benefits
- Cultural and historical heritage
- Wellbeing and spirituality

Email your submissions to [marine@sainthelena.gov.sh](mailto:marine@sainthelena.gov.sh)  
Check us out @StHelenaMPA on Facebook and Instagram for more details!

**PRIZES**

1st prize: £30 + Blue Belt merch (tote bag, mug, notebook and pen set)

2nd prize: £20 + Blue Belt merch (mug, notebook and pen set)

3rd prize: £10 + Blue Belt merch (notebook and pen set)

Competition will close 31<sup>st</sup> May 2026

By submitting a photo, you agree that the image may be used by the Marine Conservation and Fisheries Section for promotional, educational, and awareness purposes.

## WORLD oceans DAY 2026

**Celebrating 10 Years of the Blue Belt Programme**

**UNVEILING OF THE NEW BLUE BELT PROGRAMME LOGO**

<p><b>FOOD AND DRINK</b></p> <p>Complimentary canapés and first drink on us!</p>	<p><b>CAKE CUTTING</b></p> <p>Celebrate with a special cake</p>
<p><b>HOURLY RAFFLE</b></p> <p>Join the raffle for your chance to win a Blue Belt shirt every hour!</p>	<p><b>SPEECHES</b></p> <p>A few short speeches highlighting Blue Belt's work and World Oceans Day.</p>
<p><b>PHOTO COMPETITION WINNERS</b></p> <p>Winners to be announced.</p>	<p><b>DISPLAYS AND GALLERY</b></p> <p>Learn about Blue Belt and see all photo competition submissions on display.</p>

**Ann's Place** **Monday, 8 June 2026** **3-6pm**

Join us to celebrate our ocean, our heritage, and 10 years of Blue Belt contributing to a strong MPA for our Blue Planet.

# FROM THE COUCH .....

Contributed by Leigh & Louis



## Premier League Results

Friday 15th	Aston Villa	4	2	Liverpool
Sunday 17th	Man United	3	2	Nott'm Forest
Sunday 17th	Brentford	2	2	Crystal Palace
Sunday 17th	Everton	1	3	Sunderland
Sunday 17th	Leeds	1	0	Brighton
Sunday 17th	Wolves	1	1	Fulham
Sunday 17th	Newcastle	3	1	West Ham
Monday 18th	Arsenal	1	0	Burnley
Tuesday 19th	Bournemouth	1	1	Man City
Tuesday 19th	Chelsea	2	1	Tottenham



## Match Report

Manchester City were held to a 1-1 draw by AFC Bournemouth at the Vitality Stadium, meaning Arsenal clinched the Premier League title with a game to spare, so City knew anything but a victory would make Arsenal champions.

Three days on from lifting the FA Cup, City were second-best for long periods and In a high-octane start, Jeremy Doku drew a good save from Djordje Petrovic, before the offside flag thwarted ex-Bournemouth star Antoine Semenyo, who had latched on to Haaland's through-ball before finishing confidently.



At the other end, Evanilson somehow turned Marcus Tavernier's centre over a completely gaping goal – albeit amid a suspicion of offside – though the Brazilian was then on hand to block Haaland's drive after a scramble in the Bournemouth area and it was Bournemouth who went ahead six minutes before half-time, with Kroupi taking in a cutback from Adrien Truffert before curling a wonderful effort into the top-right corner.

**Man of the Match**

Nico O'Reilly failed to beat Petrovic after a driving run from Haaland early in the second half, then Bournemouth missed a trio of chances to make it 2-0 – Evanilson worked Gianluigi Donnarumma and teed up Kroupi for a wayward effort, while Rayan struck the outside of a post and substitute David Brooks also hit the upright, as did Rodri for City, with Haaland lashing against the woodwork and in from the rebound of that latter chance, but there was no time for a dramatic City winner, and the celebrations can now begin at Arsenal, even by St Helenian fans.



Robert George  
14h · 🌐  
What a Birthday present for me... We are the Champions 🏆  
Don't care what happens at Crystal Palace... we can now rest players for the BIG ONE in Europe



Join this one all month.....opps years talking about the win.



## Premier League Fixtures

Sunday 24th	15:00	Brighton	vs	Man United
Sunday 24th	15:00	Burnley	vs	Wolves
Sunday 24th	15:00	Crystal Palace	vs	Arsenal
Sunday 24th	15:00	Fulham	vs	Newcastle
Sunday 24th	15:00	Liverpool	Vs	Brentford
Sunday 24th	15:00	Man City	vs	Aston Villa
Sunday 24th	15:00	Nott'm Forest	vs	Bournemouth
Sunday 24th	15:00	Sunderland	vs	Chelsea
Sunday 24th	15:00	Tottenham	vs	Everton
Sunday 24th	15:00	West Ham	vs	Leeds

# FA Cup Finals - the winners'

Manchester City, appearing in a record fourth consecutive FA Cup Final, enjoyed plenty of possession during the opening exchanges and created the first chance in the sixth minute, when Semenyo finished off a mazy run into the penalty area with a shot that was deflected into the path of Omar Marmoush but the Egyptian's effort on the spin was easily dealt with by Chelsea goalkeeper Robert Sánchez.

The winger then lashed a free-kick into the wall shortly after, before again cutting into Chelsea's penalty area from the right but his ball across the six-yard box wasn't attacked by Haaland at the back post and Calum McFarlane's Chelsea failed to register an attempt on goal during the opening ten minutes but they did force Matheus Nunes into evasive action from a wicked cross then minutes later, João Pedro found himself inside Manchester City's penalty area but his footing let him down at the crucial moment when he looked to get his shot away.



Haaland breaking his Wembley scoring duck but the 25-year-old appeared to be caught in two minds when he flashed his effort across the face of goal and minutes later, Haaland did have the ball in the net but his back-post tap in was ruled out for offside after Nunes failed to time his run when collecting Semenyo's ball down the right, but 2City's January acquisition from Bournemouth continued to look dangerous down his flank, attacking Marc Cucurella at will, meanwhile, Chelsea's late wave of pressure failed to result in a meaningful effort on goal, but Marc Guéhi's delightful ball in behind presented Haaland with a great opportunity to break the deadlock just before half time, but Sánchez stood tall to avert the Norwegian's shot from a tight angle.

Rayan Cherki's introduction at the start of the second half almost paid dividends within just two minutes of the Frenchman being on the pitch and the 22 year old worked the ball around well before Nico O'Reilly's pinpoint cross was met by the head of the leaping Semenyo but his header, although powerful, flew straight over the bar which James Trafford's blushes were spared by a well-positioned Rodri as Chelsea, who had failed to score in their last four finals at the national stadium, had their best chance of the game in the 55th minute.

City's keeper inadvertently allowed the ball to go out for a corner

when trying to clear his lines, and from the resulting set-piece, Moisés Caicedo's looping header was only kept out by the 2024 Ballon d'Or winner on the line and the second 45 minutes followed in the same vein as the first in terms of the tackles being made, neither team giving an inch when trying to win back the ball, but as the hour mark passed, the Stamford Bridge-based side found themselves with more of the ball, but their well-crafted move down the right wing failed to get the finish it required as Pedro hit the deck following a collision and the prospect of a sixth goalless FA Cup Final was finally quashed in the 71st minute when Semenyo sent the City fans into raptures.

After Haaland picked up a loose ball, a lovely exchange of passes ensued before the ball was once again at the feet of City's number nine inside the penalty area, but this time, he picked out Semenyo at the near post, who produced one of the great Emirates FA Cup Final goals when he flicked the ball past a diving Sánchez, despite being tightly marked by James and it lit the spark in a game which had only ever been bubbling up until that point, and Chelsea almost responded with a goal of their own but Enzo Fernandez's effort from Levi Colwill's flick on landed on the roof of the net.

Runners up three times in 2020, 2021 and 2022, Chelsea attempted to lay siege on City's goal, but ultimately their mini barrage of shots, crosses and pressure didn't result in the equaliser they do desperately crave and the intervention of Caicedo kept Chelsea in the game when he snuffed out O'Reilly's cross seemingly bound for Haaland, but when Cherki's drive was well-stopped by an outstretched hand of Sánchez just moments after Nunes' deflected shot hit the post as City looked to put the game to bed, and substitute Liam Delap had Chelsea's final chance of the match but his effort never looked like troubling Trafford, as City held on to take the spoils and give the departing Bernardo Silva one final Wembley success.



# CRICKET REPORT

Contributed by Cricheroes in conjunction with St Helena Cricket Association

RMS T20  
SEMI FINAL



Sandy Bay Pirates 153/8 (20 overs)

beat

Western A Mustangs 82/10 (16.5 overs)

Rhys Francis - 55\* (31)  
David Young - 33 (20)  
Kyle Bennett - 4/33 (4 overs)  
Kurt Jonas - 2/25 (4 overs)

Kurt Jonas - 29 (26)  
Gareth Johnson - 14 (9)  
Jerry Thomas - 4/8 (4 overs)  
David Young - 3/27 (4 overs)

Player of the Match - David Young (Sandy Bay Pirates)

RMS T20  
SEMI FINAL



Challengers 191/2 (20 overs)

beat

Levelwood Allstars 98/10 (17.1 overs)

Joey Thomas - 82\* (42)  
Cliff Richards - 77\* (61)  
David Francis - 2/19 (4 overs)

Clayton Leo - 27 (16)  
Weston Clingham - 24 (22)  
Ashton Benjamin - 4/19 (3.1 overs)  
Andrew Yon - 2/9 (2 overs)

Player of the Match - Joey Thomas (Challengers)

UPCOMING  
FIXTURES



## RMS T20 FINAL

Monday 25th May @ 11:00am Western A Mustangs vs Challengers

RMS T20 LEADERBOARD



1. Rhys Francis (Sandy Bay Pirates) 198 Runs
2. David Young (Sandy Bay Pirates) 197 Runs
3. Andrew Yon (Challengers) 192 Runs



1. Gareth Johnson (Western A Mustangs) 12 wickets
2. Tyler Anthony (Western A Mustangs) 12 wickets
3. David Francis (Levelwood Allstars) 11 wickets



1. Weston Clingham (Levelwood Allstars) 10 Dismissals
2. Cliff Richards (Challengers) 8 Dismissals
3. Andrew Yon (Challengers) 8 Dismissals

1. Joey Thomas (Challengers) 37.8
2. Rhys Francis (Sandy Bay Pirates) 35.6
3. Andrew Yon (Challengers) 32.0
4. Clayton Leo (Levelwood Allstars) 30.9
5. David Young (Sandy Bay Pirates) 30.5



St. Helena Cricket Association

Website:

[www.sthelenacricket.org/](http://www.sthelenacricket.org/)

Games can also be followed by the Cricheroes app which can be downloaded from Google Play Store.



Facebook

Find us on our facebook page. You can also send us send us a message via facebook.

@sthelenacricketassociation



Tweet us

During our competitions we tend to tweet updates and information about our games

@StHelenaCricket



Instagram

The best place to find all the great images of our progress from games to training

@cricketsthelena

# ST HELENA GOLF REPORT

Contributed by St Helena Golf Club

## Gentlemens change clubs for bikes

There was no official competition held at St Helena Golf Club last Sunday due to a lower-than-usual turnout. The reduced numbers were likely influenced by the popular Gentlemen's Bike Ride, which took place on the same day and drew participation from several regular club members.



Sunday 24 May 2026

Annual Gwyneth Howell Trophy Challenge an 18 hole Cross Country Strokeplay competition

Attention now turns to what promises to be an exciting event this coming weekend.

The club will host the **Gwyneth Howell Trophy Challenge** on **Sunday, 24th May**, with **tee-off** scheduled for **11:00am**.

As is the tradition this year's competition will be played in a **Cross-country stroke play format**, offering a refreshing and challenging variation from the traditional course layout.

The event is proudly **sponsored by Gwyneth Howell**, one of the club's most valued and long-standing supporters.

Members are encouraged to come out in numbers and support this prestigious fixture on the club calendar.

**Registration closes on Saturday 23rd May at 3:00pm**, so participants are urged to sign up early to secure their place.

The club extends its appreciation to Gwyneth Howell for continued sponsorship. and looks forward to a well-supported and enjoyable competition on Sunday.



*Happy Swinging*  
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# CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE

## OUR NATIONAL DAY



### His Majesty The King's Message for St Helena Day 2026

In celebration of St Helena Day, the national day of St Helena, His Majesty King Charles III has sent the following congratulatory message:

"Dear Governor,

As the people of St Helena mark the occasion of St Helena's Day, my wife and I take this opportunity to extend our sincere congratulations to your Chief Minister and to all those who call St Helena home.

I have long held a special affection for the Overseas Territories, and I greatly value the character, traditions and contributions of each Territory within our wider British family. St Helena is a unique island with a strength of community that I deeply admire.

That strength has been evident in the island's tremendous response to the recent hantavirus situation, as well as to the serious disruption caused by the electrical power outage. The safety and wellbeing of all those in St Helena are of the greatest importance to me, and my thoughts remain with everyone affected. I very much hope that the year ahead will bring renewed stability and reassurance to the whole community.

I am always moved to see the inspiring work your community continues to carry out regarding your Marine Protected Area. Its ongoing recognition as an International Marine Hope Spot is a testament to St Helena's commitment to protecting and managing its impressive marine ecosystems, with support from the UK Government's Blue Belt Programme. I commend the islanders' significant contribution to the preservation of global biodiversity.

I was also pleased to hear that Jonathan the Tortoise, the world's oldest living land animal, remains alive and well.

My wife and I send our warmest good wishes to you all for the year ahead.

Charles R.

## MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE



WHATEVER YOU NEED TO SHIP



	BLUE MASTER II 261208	LILAC ROLLER 261210	GREY FOX 261212
Immingham	25-Apr	25-Apr	06-Jun
	KAROLINE 261704	KAROLINE 261705	KAROLINE 261706
Cape Town	06-May	09-Jun	08-Jul
Rupert's Bay	13-May	17-Jun	16-Jul
Ascension Island			
	KAROLINE 261804	KAROLINE 261805	KAROLINE 261806
Cape Town	26-May	30-Jun	29-Jul

\*schedule may change without prior notice. For the latest updates, please visit our website.



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# CELEBRATING OUR CULTURE

## OUR NATIONAL DAY

