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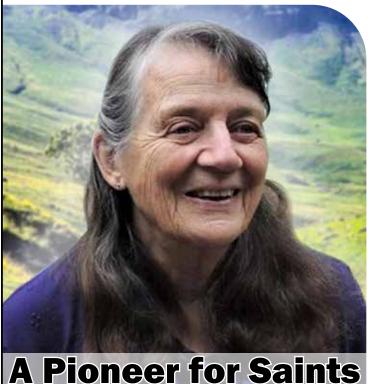
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Photos by Ed Thorpe



## HIS MAJESTY KING CHARLES III'S ST HELENA DAY MESSAGE 2025

My wife and I have great pleasure in conveying our warmest congratulations to your Chief Minister and to the people of St Helena on the auspicious occasion of St Helena Day.

Today, I fondly remember the long history which my family shares with the island and its people, having visited St Helena on several occasions through the years. I was particularly delighted to hear how the local community has played a leading role in efforts to protect St Helena's unique biodiversity, notably the Millenium Forest and Cloud Forest projects.

I am particularly moved to witness such remarkable demonstrations of your small island community making a significant difference on issues of global importance.

My wife and I would therefore like to take this special opportunity to send our very best wishes to you all for the year ahead.

Charles R.

## Mauritius and UK Chagos Deal Signing Ceremony in Chaos

UK prime minister, Keir Starmer, and Mauritian leader, Navin Ramgoolan were due to attend a virtual signing ceremony yesterday to seal the agreement on the transfer of Chagos Islands sovereignty. The signing ceremony was announced late on Wednesday; in the early hours of Thursday morning the signing was blocked by a High Court judge.

Reuters news agency reported the last-minute court injunction was granted following action by Bernadette Dugasse and Bertrice Pompe, both British nationals who were born in Diego Garcia. They have criticised the deal for excluding Chagossians in any communication. The case was due to be considered on Thursday morning at 1030 BST, according to the court order.

The wider Chagossian diaspora, many of whom live in Britain after being forcibly removed from the Indian Ocean archipelago more than 50 years ago, have said they cannot endorse an agreement they were not consulted on.

In an update to its earlier report the BBC stated, representatives of the Chagossian community have been invited to meet with Stephen Doughty, the minister for Europe, North America and overseas territories, on Thursday morning for discussions on the sovereignty of the territory. The meeting is set to include six representatives from three different Chagossian community groups. "The meeting will be an opportunity to discuss the FCDO's Chagossian projects and the new Chagossian contact group," an email sent to the representatives said, without giving further details.

The BBC did not mention the court injunction in the update, however, having previously excluded Chagossians from consultation the sudden change can easily be associated with the court injunction.

### House of Commons Questions and Answers Concerning Saint Helena

From our UK Correspondent

The time-honoured practice of politicians is to claim credit for anything that is going well and suggest that all else is the responsibility of somebody else. As readers will have realised by now, the most common formula of words used by Minister Doughty in providing Written Answers to Written Questions concerning Saint Helena tabled in the House of Commons has been, 'The Saint Helena Government leads on', 'the Saint Helena Government employs', 'The Saint Helena Government sets', 'The Saint Helena Government has responsibility for', or other variations of wording on this theme. And so it is again this week when the question concerning the Governor's 'special responsibility for finance' was finally answered: the question was tabled 8 May, was due for answer by 12 May and finally answered a week later, on 19 May.

'QUESTION: To ask, how the Governor of Saint Helena's special responsibility for finance differs from the role of the Finance Minister.

ANSWER: Each Overseas Territory has a unique constitution. Saint Helena introduced a ministerial form of government in 2021 and the updated constitution provides that Saint Helena ministers have responsibility departments and shall exercise general direction and policy control of that department. The Saint Helena Treasury was one of the departments transferred to a minister. Part 8 of the Constitution, together with the Public Finance Ordinance 2010, sets out roles and responsibilities in how public finances are managed. Under Section 44(1) (f) of the constitution, the Governor has a special responsibility for finance. In practice, day to day responsibility is exercised through Executive Council and as prescribed by subordinate ordinance.'

So what is the answer? How does the Governor's special responsibility for finance differ from the role of the Finance Minister? Or for that matter, the responsibility of Ministers for their Departments, as the answer refers to this. Section 44 provides that in the exercise of his or her special responsibility for finance the Governor is responsible for the conduct of any business of the Government of Saint Helena, 'including the general direction and policy control of any department with respect to the following matters- ...(f) finance.' But, as stated in the Answer, 'ministers have responsibility departments and shall exercise general direction and policy control of that department'; this is as provided in Section 45A of the Constitution. So does ministerial responsibility not extend to departmental finance? Just about all government functions involve expenditure. The Answer states that, 'In practice, day to day responsibility is exercised through Executive Council...'. Which brings us to S 43 (3) of the Constitution, which provides, 'The Governor shall not be obliged to act in accordance with the advice given to him or her by the Executive Council in any case which, in his or her, judgement a matter for which he or she is responsible under section 44.'

As I wrote last week, but we can put it in context now, in their Interim Report (the Final Report has yet to be published) the Governance Review Team stated as follows:

'Recommendation 3 – clarification of special responsibility for finance –

There is a need for clarification on the policy intention behind giving the Governor special responsibility for finance and how this relates to the role of a Minister for Finance.'

We can but hope that they have more success than Andrew Rosindell MP, who tabled the Written Question in these terms.

A reader of the Saint Helena Independent wrote to me this week about this series of Questions and Answers; saying, 'Obviously, the real answers to the questions were avoided,' and asking if there would be any follow up. I understand that Andrew Rosindell will be tabling what are termed 'Pursuant Questions', but none of these has appeared on the House of Commons website as I write.

So, once again: more next week.

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## The Three Peaks Challenge – Climbing the Highest Peaks in Britain

Ben Nevis, Scotland - Scafell Pike, England - Snowden, Wales

11 hours walking -13 hours driving - about 2 hours sleeping and 3 countries A Personal Account by a Saint who sweated, succeeded but stays nameless

This is my experience. I'm passing it on because it may be useful if you're ever asked if you want to do the Three Peaks Challenge at a work Christmas party and say yes without much thought or research.

In my head this was going to be the catalyst for a transformation in my fitness and dress size in the 5 months leading up to this challenge. In reality, it hasn't done much to either. The five months soon crept around. Plenty of time turned into no time and the bottom line is that I didn't do the right preparation (in my small defence there are very little hills in Essex). My usual 'everything will be alright on the night' approach quickly turned into everything is not alright. I realised that this was going to be tougher than expected. My pace and fitness was well off what was required. This



realisation started from the moment we had our Ant Middleton (former UK Special Forces soldier) style briefing to the regimented boot camp that was about to embark. There is not one minute to spare and there will be no faffing!

Still trying to remain slightly positive; maybe it won't be as bad as it's made out to be starting out on the reassuringly named "Heart Attack Hill". Within minutes I started to fall behind the group. Fortunately, an additional guide was able to stay back with me and with frequent stops made it half way up Ben Nevis, the first peak, in the allotted time. Going at a pace that was above the average pace, the pace required can only be described as super human!

I went through a whole emotional and physical rollercoaster - regret - disappointment – anger – guilt, and from "yes I can" to "no I can't". No amount of positive mental attitude was going to keep me at the pace of the group. My heart pounding, and struggling to catch my breath, to feeling absolutely fine and enjoying the scenery, wondering what was the problem. I had my speech prepared for my colleagues who I felt I had let down at such an early stage in the challenge. But that wasn't needed as all I was met with was encouragement and no judgement, combined with the 'keep going' texts from friends and family. From that moment a different tone was set!

Would I have preferred to have completed it to the summit of each one? Absolutely! Am I any less proud? Maybe a bit. I felt I cheated but I have to tell myself that I readjusted and

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focussed on what I can do and not what I can't do and just to make the most of it. I affectionately renamed this the 3 halfpeaks challenge. Still a challenge for me. but one



that was more realistic and achievable without compromising the rest of the group.

From that point on a level of anxiety lifted. I went from hating this challenge to enjoying it and I got so much satisfaction from the following two (half) peaks; Scafell and Snowdon.

10 out of 12 participants completed the full challenge in under the 24 hours - absolutely amazing. I am so chuffed for them and in awe of their physical and mental resilience. I completed my adjusted challenge although I didn't cover the same distance and elevation I did walk for a similar time endured some hairy minibus driving and functioned on a few hours' sleep. Unfortunately, due to a knee injury and without the want of trying and pushing their body to the absolute maximum pain threshold one member was unable to start the last peak.

### Wins:

- I didn't die at points before the challenge. I was actually worried about this.
- I didn't give up
- I climbed half way up and down the 3 peaks
- I did get to the top of Snowdon with my family in my limited training.
- I've learnt a lot about mountain climbing technique and equipment. hydration and nutrition so I am better educated (to make better decisions)
- I didn't have to go to the toilet on the side of the mountain.

We had the most glorious weather and the views were stunning. This could have been a much different experience if it was cold, rainy and poor visibility. I was immersed in the UK's natural beauty - whilst trying to catch my breath.



## The Distinguished Gentleman's

Photos Credit: Simon Henry

St Helena joined in for the first time this year. Over 40 eligible motorcycle owners on the island, possessing classic or vintage-styled machines, registered their participation online. They proudly represent St Helena in this international initiative.

The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride is a global motorcycle event raising funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental

health programmes on behalf of the Movember Foundation.

Opened to all genders, The Distinguished Gentleman's Ride was founded in 2012 by Mark Hawwa in Sydney, Australia, and is centred on classic and vintage styled motorcycles. While the event encompasses classic and vintage style, it also welcomes niche custom motorcycle styles such as cafe racers, choppers, scramblers, and more.

The ride provides an outline of dress and behaviour, suggesting riders wear dapper clothing, silk vests, tweed suits and behave courteously, donning not only classic style, but classic manners and carries no entry fee; however, some rides require minimum donation amounts to join.

Since 2012, it's celebrated annually, the Distinguished Gentleman's Ride sees elegantly dressed riders on their distinguished motorcycles take to the streets worldwide, combining their passion for classic motorcycles with a commitment to a crucial cause.



### **Celebrating our Culture**

Culture Month is happening in the month of May on St Helena; celebrating the enjoyment, awareness, revival and promotion of St Helena's cultural traditions and practices.

The St Helena National Trust and St Helena Heritage along with other partners once again this year took on the task to documenting the islands culture and keeping it alive.

This year's theme celebrates and remembers the

wide range of creative innovation by St Helenians throughout the years. One of the events organised was a Guided Walk by Henry Thorpe and his niece Ebony to Fairyland Flax Mill on Sunday 18th May. The walk attracted over 70 people of various ages, who enjoyed the leisurely walk and scenic views to the Fairyland Flax Mill and learning more about this 60-year-long industry, which was once the



engine of St Helena's economy. The walk was appreciated for being interesting, informative and a lovely relaxing day, learning a little more about our island's heritage.

Photos supplied by Gonny Hubbard

### **Myrtle Jane Ashmole**

Artist, biologist, lover of nature and starter of things

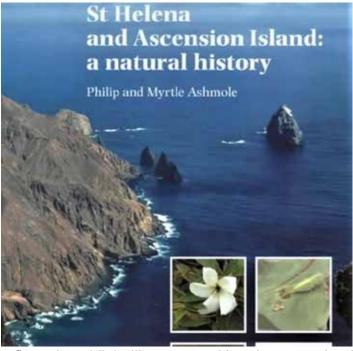
Myrtle passed away peacefully on 27th April 2025, aged 90, surrounded by nature and her family. She is survived by her husband, Philip Ashmole, their three children, and grandchildren.

Myrtle and Philip Ashmole are synonymous with the study and conservation of St Helena's natural heritage. A pioneering, inseparable partnership and inspirational couple, they brought global attention to the island's unique biodiversity—particularly its rich and often overlooked invertebrate fauna—and made a lasting mark on local and international conservation efforts.



Myrtle was more than a scientist, she was a talented artist, who wove her passion for ecology and art into beautiful linocut prints.

Philip and Myrtle first came to St Helena in 1994–1995, spending six months undertaking extensive research into the island's flora and fauna, with a special focus on invertebrates. This work culminated in the publication of St Helena and Ascension Island: A Natural History (Anthony Nelson, 2000)—a landmark volume that, even 25 years on, remains the cornerstone reference for understanding St Helena's biodiversity. It is a treasure trove of knowledge and ecological insight and a true labour of love.



In their book they described Prosperous Bay Plain as a unique habitat, and a major centre for endemicity and in 2003, Philp and Myrtle were invited to investigate the ecology of endemic invertebrates in the eastern arid areas of St Helena, including Prosperous Bay Plain (PBP) as part of the project 'Surveying the Invertebrates of Prosperous Bay Plain' funded by the FCO Environment Fund. Their work involved extensive surveys in the field searching for and capturing invertebrates followed by many long hours sorting and identifying the material collected. Their findings confirmed PBP as a hotspot of endemic diversity, particularly for dryland fauna that fed into the Environmental Impact Assessment for the airport project. One of their most evocative findings was the discovery of nocturnal wolf spiders whose eyes

reflected torchlight like scattered jewels across the desert floor. Their samples contributed to the later identification and description of several new species and genera, including the Molearachne sanctaehelenae (gen. et sp. nov.) and Dolocosa joshuai (sp. nov.) - the latter named in recognition of Daryl Joshua, a young Saint with a passion for invertebrate conservation.

Philip and Myrtle returned in 2005, together with Howard Mendel, to study the invertebrates of the Central Peaks and Peak Dale, under the Overseas Territories Environment Programme funded project Protected Area Planning for the Central Peaks, ably supported in the field by Ed Thorpe. They stayed on island for 3 months enabling them to extend their studies of the fauna of the island.

Among other important rediscoveries made by the Ashmoles were the Ammonite Snail (Helenoconcha relicta), a Critically Endangered species thought to be lost, and Turton's Whorl Snail (Nesopupa

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turtoni), previously known only from fossils.

A number of endemic St Helenian species have been named in their honour—recognition of their

dedication and legacy:



Myrtle Ashmole with husband Philip

In 1995, the world's only known eyeless psocid Sphaeropsocopsis myrtleae was found in Ruperts Battery Cave. In the species' description, under etymology, "The species is dedicated to Myrtle Ashmole, who in 1984 suggested studying the fauna of barren volcanic terrain in the Canaries and who participated in all field work on St Helena. Also in 1995, the landhopper Platorchestia ashmoleorum was named after them both - -orum is the genitive plural – meaning the Ashmoles.

Philip and Myrtle's work extended far beyond St Helena, with important contributions

to the understanding of biodiversity on other remote islands, including the Azores, Galapagos, and Hawaii. They published widely, including a natural history of Tenerife, and in 1997, a seminal paper on Ascension Island's terrestrial fauna, revealing a far greater number of endemic invertebrates than previously recognised.

Myrtle's deep affection for St Helena, its wildlife, and its people will long be remembered. Her pioneering efforts inspired an interest in and understanding of the importance of these tiny and often overlooked invertebrates, helping to lay the foundation for the island's thriving invertebrate conservation community. Today, St Helena is home to a new generation of passionate, skilled conservationists who in some way will all have been touched by Myrtle's earlier work.

In latter years Philip and Myrtle did much to increase the biodiversity of their part of Scotland, being instrumental in setting up the Carrifran Wildwood project, which was essentially Myrtle's brain-child and which has gone on to successfully 'rewild' 655 Ha of Scottish valley and restored a rich wildlife

heritage.

Standing alone in a bare valley, the surviving rowan tree has 750,000 native trees as neighbours, so far, as the valley continues to be restored to native woodland. Called the Carrifran Wildwood, this restoration is located in Moffat on the Scottish Borders.

The Terrestrial and Freshwater Invertebrates of St Helena guidebook, authored by Roger Key, Liza Fowler, and David Pryce, is dedicated "to the future generations of young Saints who take an interest in St Helena's unique invertebrates. Also to Philip and Myrtle



The Survivor Tree in 1998 – photo © Philip Ashmole

Ashmole who first brought the importance of St Helena's invertebrates to the attention of the wider world—for their welcome advice, for allowing us the use of their data and photographs, and for sharing their love and concerns for St Helena, its people, and its wildlife."

Myrtle leaves behind a profound legacy—of science, of inspiration, and of love for the natural world. Submitted by friends on St Helena, Ascension, in the UK and much farther afield.

### The Former RMS is Sold Again

Our Royal Mail Ship of fond memory was first sold to MNG, a maritime security company providing 'transfer services'. Regrettably, the old RMS had become a floating armoury serving (supplying weapons of war) to hot spots in the Middle East. There would have been enough work there for the grand old lady until she was consigned to the scrapyard. However, she was sold on to Extreme E, the off-road global racing series using only electric powered SUVs. This was



a welcome change. The former RMS had a comprehensive overhaul of just about everything and became the star of the Extreme E show. Sailing from Greenland to South America and over to Saudi Arabia, the former RMS was hailed as the nerve centre of the Extreme E organisation as she carried the cars and equipment from one part of the world to another.

In 2024, the Extreme off-roaders changed from E for electric to H for hydrogen to power the vehicles. Somehow, and for some reason, the old RMS was not needed any more. She was put up for sale again after four seasons supporting the off-road racing series.

The fourth and last season was ended half-way through the racing schedule. In October 2024 she was involved in a promotion event on a Saudi Arabia Island and was registered under the Djibouti flag – a country just across the strait from Yemen.

Reported in January this year as sold to an undisclosed interest, it is also reported by 'ship-spotters' the old RMS is often tracked in the Red Sea and off Saudi Arabia in particular. The assumption is the grand old ship is back to where she was, working for one of the many marine security companies in the Middle East.



The Mental Health Fun Day was our first ever event. We learnt many things in the process of hosting it: from legal requirements, connections within the community to necessary in-house preparations.

Thanks go to Rose and Crown for sponsoring us, Rosalie Brown and Tara Murphy (Via Zoom) for being present on the day, John Thompson for having the Ice cream & candy van on site and finally the community; for all the support you have given us in the preparation of the event.

We look forward to working with you all again in the future.





Zechariah 8:20-22

"Many peoples and the inhabitants of many cities will yet come, and the inhabitants of one city will go to another and say, 'Let us go at once to entreat the Lord and seek the Lord Almighty. I myself am going.' And many peoples and powerful nations will come to Jerusalem to seek the Lord Almighty and to entreat him."



### **Diocese of St Helena**

	lay 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025- 5th Sunday after					
8.00 a.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral				
9.30 a.m.	Eucharist	St Andrew				
3.30 p.m.	p.m. Patronal Festival					
	Thursday 29 May Ascension Day					
10.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Service - SPPS	Cathedral				
1.00 p.m.	Ascension Day Service - PAS	Prince Andrew School				
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	Cathedral				
	The Parish of St James					
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Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter						
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	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day					
10.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Service - PPS	St James				
7.00 p.m.	Eucharist	St John				
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 – 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter						
11.15 a.m.	Eucharist	St Matthew				
	Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> May	<u> </u>				
7.00 p.m.	Alpha	St Mark				
	Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> May Ascension Day					
10.00 a.m.	Ascension Day Service - HPS	St Mark				
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### Baha'i Faith

'Thou art my stronghold; enter therein that thou mayest abide in safety. My love is in thee, know it, that thou mayest find Me near unto thee.'

### Baha'u'llah -

7pm on Thursdays at the St. Helena Gumwoods Baha'i Centre. You are invited to consider the Revelation of Baha'u'llah in the 19th Century and its application today.

Light Refreshment



<u>Annual Property Auction</u>: Disposal of a number of Residential Properties, Building Plots and Land For Sale by Public Auction 29th July 2025 at 6pm, The Market, Jamestown, STHL 1ZZ

### **Listed for Entry**:

- Residential Property Near Hutts Gate
- Part Built Residential Property at Bottomwoods
- Four building plots near New Ground
- Land in Sandy Bay
- New Entries will be added shortly

New Entries Are being accepted until 30th June 2025.

Property Information Packs Available 30th June 2025

All enquiries please contact us: By email: <a href="mailto:derek@dps.co.sh">derek@dps.co.sh</a> or Telephone: 00 290 25836 or WhatsApp: 00 290 67022

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## Disposal of Restaurant Equipment For Sale by Public Auction 31 May 2025 at 10am, at Tasty Bites Ladder Hill

### Listed for Entry with no reserve:

- Tables and Chairs
- Catering equipment
- 2006 Ford Ranger Pick Up Truck
- Office Equipment

Entries Are being accepted until 21 May 2025.

All enquiries please contact us:

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### PROVISIONAL REGISTER OF ELECTORS PUBLISHED

The Provisional Register of Electors for 2025 was published on Friday, 9 May 2025. The final register, effective from 1 July 2025, will be the register which is used for this year's General Election. To participate in the general election process—whether by sponsoring, supporting, standing as a candidate, or voting—your name must be included in this register. No further additions will be permitted after the final register is published.

Remember it is your responsibility to check the Provisional Register to make an application to amend it if you wish to – this includes adding your name if it is not already listed. To be eligible, you must have St Helenian Status as defined in the Immigration Ordinance, 2011, are ordinarily resident on St Helena and aged 17 years or over.

Eligible persons will have until 16:00 on Friday, 23 May 2025 to submit applications using Form 'A' to amend the provisional register. Persons who are ordinarily resident on the island but who are currently absent can apply to amend the register by using the prescribed Form 'B'.

Both Form 'A' and Form 'B' can be obtained via The Castle Reception and Customer Services Centre, or accessed on the SHG website at <a href="https://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/">www.sainthelena.gov.sh/government/public-information/elections/</a>.

Completed Forms 'A' and B can be submitted to any of the following officers at the Castle, between 09 and 23 May 2025 in hard copy or via email: Carol Henry: <a href="mailto:carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh">carol.henry@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>; Anita Legg: <a href="mailto:anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh">anita.legg@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>; Gillian Francis: <a href="mailto:gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh">gillian.francis@sainthelena.gov.sh</a>; Connie Johnson@sainthelena.gov.sh or any of the Assistant Registration Officers available here.

You can access the Provisional Register online or by contacting any of the Assistant Registration Officers. Alternatively you will be able to view the register in person at: Public Library; Customer Services Centre; ENRPP Offices Scotland; Longwood Supermarket; Allsorts Shop Sandy Bay; Mrs Cecily Williams, Blue Hill; Red Hill Shop; Mrs Lillian Williams, New Ground; Half Tree Hollow Supermarket; Mr Melvin Benjamin's shop, Opposite Barracks Square; Silver Hill Supermarket; Stephen McDaniel Shop, Cleugh's Plain; A&D's Mini Mart; MTB's Half Tree Hollow

Remember, if your name is not on the Register of Electors you will not be able sponsor or support a candidate, nor to stand or vote in the 2025 General Election.

#StHelena #ProvisionalRegisterOfElectors #RegisterToVote www.facebook.com/StHelenaGovt/ www.twitter.com/StHelenaGovt

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### **JOB VACANCY**

### **RETAIL, MARKETING & CUSTOMER SERVICES ASSISTANT**

- Proven experience within a Customer Services environment
- GCSE Maths & English Grade C/4 or above
- Good level of computer literacy
- **Excellent verbal and written communication skills**
- Well organised and methodical, prepared to work in a fast-paced environment
- A flair for technology
- Cash handling experience desirable

Due to the nature of this position, the post holder must hold a satisfactory police disclosure.

Salary will be dependent on qualifications and experience.

For further information, interested persons can contact Penelope Bennett, Retail, Marketing & Customer Services Manager on tel. +290 22004 or email: Penelope.Bennett@sure.com

Application forms can be obtained from and submitted to Keirah Wade, HR & Finance Administrator at Bishop's Rooms on tel. +290 22800 or email: Keirah.Wade@sure.com

Closing date for applications: 29 May 2025

## Vacancy

## Operational Supervisor - The Star

Salary for the post will commence at £876.00 per month (£10,512 per annum)

Solomon & Company (St Helena) Plc has a vacancy within The Star for an Operational Supervisor.

As the Operational Supervisor you will assist the Senior Supervisor and the Grocery Manager with the day-to-day running of the Outlet as a sustainable business unit, and take responsibility for the BOU when the Manager and Senior Supervisor are off site.

#### **Interested Persons Should:**

- Possess 2 years proven experience in a supervisory role with the ability to organise and lead a team
- Possess grade C or above in GCSE Maths & English
- Be computer literate namely in the use of Microsoft applications and able to perform administrative duties
- Possess RSPH Level 2 Food Safety or equivalent
- Be knowledgeable of Health & Safety and Manual Handling practices
- Be able to coach and develop team members
- Have a customer focused approach with excellent frontline customer service skills
- Possess knowledge and experience in Stock Management / Control
- Have experience in Cash Handling
- Ideally have experience working in a retail environment
- Have excellent interpersonal and communication skills
- Have the ability to multi-task in a fast-paced environment.
- Be able to work on weekends

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

Charlotte Williams (Grocery Manager (The star & Butchery) via 22683 acharlotte.williams@solomons.co.sh



Application forms may be collected from Solomons Main Office Reception, Jamestown or alternatively an electronic copy can be requested via hradmin@solomons.co.sh and completed forms should be returned to Anya Thomas, Human Resources Organisation & Development Officer, Solomons Main Office, Jamestown by Thursday, 09 June 2025.

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

Pension Contributions

Staff Discounts



## Driver (Social Care) (£7,960 per annum)

The Health & Social Care Portfolio is currently seeking to recruit a Driver (Social Care) who will be responsible for the transporting of service users which includes to and from day care, hospital appointments and social outings. The Driver will support staff in helping service users to safely get in and out of vehicles including those who have mobility needs, sensory impairment, learning disabilities and those with limited or no verbal communication skills. This requires the post holder to be caring, compassionate and flexible. If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Rosalie Brown on Tel No 22920 or Email:

Rosalie.brown@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 23 May 2025

2 x Accounts Assistants

(£7,960 per annum)

Are you a highly motivated individual with good teamwork and problem-solving skills? If so, Central Finance has an opportunity for you to join their team. You will ensure efficient and accurate entry of financial data through the government accounting system and the effective monitoring of St Helena Government's transactions. If you are interested, please contact us for more information and a discussion.

Enquiries: Charmaine Murawu on Tel No 22470 or Email:

charmaine.murawu@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 30 May 2025

**Housing Officer** 

(2 month Fixed-Term Contract to commence 9 June 2025)

(£9,781 per annum) (Available for local interest only)

If you are a highly motivated individual with excellent communication skills, then here is an opportunity for you to join the team at the Property Section, where you will provide an effective and high quality administrative support to the Housing Management Service. Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Nikita Crowie on Tel No. 22270 or Email:

nikita.crowie@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 28 May 2025

### **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.

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To be considered for our vacancies, you must complete our application form. Please do not submit your CV.



## General Teaching Assistant (St Helena Secondary School) (Starting at £8,725 per annum)

Do you have a passion for Education? We are looking to recruit a Teaching Assistant to provide assistance to the class teacher by supporting teaching and learning in the school/classroom environment. The individual needs to be committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and have good communication skills to be able to communicate between students, parents and colleagues.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries:** Carolyn Yon on Tel No 24290 or Email:

carolyn.yon@sainthelena.edu.sh

Closing date: 30 May 2025

## Sea Rescue Crew (Coxswain) (£9,197 per annum)

Are you keen to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive by protecting and saving lives at sea? If you are a highly motivated and enthusiastic individual with the ability to remain calm under extreme physical and mental pressure, then the St Helena Sea Rescue Service has an opportunity for you to join their team.

Applicants must be 18 years of age, Must be able to swim and pass a fitness test.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Leeroy Caswell or Mark Caswell on

Tel no. 25215

Email: <u>leeroy.caswell@helanta.co.sh</u> Email: <u>mark.caswell@helanta.co.sh</u>

Closing date: 30 May 2025

### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Training and Development** 

Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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## Support Workers (Social Care) Fixed-Term Contracts or Permanent

(£8,113 per annum)
(Available for local interest only)

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Are you interested in the well-being of clients within the Learning Disabilities units, and providing high quality, holistic care directly to frail older people in full time residential and day care, enabling them to live as full and active life as possible? If so, Social Care is seeking support in the following areas of care; Deasons, Cape Villa and Piccolo Hill. Come join our team and help make a difference in the lives of our clients.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Hannah Herne or Nicole Hercules

Tel nos. 22920/25936

Email: hannah.herne@sainthelena.gov.sh

Email: piccolo.hill@helanta.co.sh

Closing date: 30 May 2025

## Trainee Forestry Services Officer (£10,747 per annum)

The Trainee Forestry Services Officer will help to improve the lives of all within our community and help the island thrive through leadership of the Forestry and Facilities Section's forestry services for the SHG National Forest Estate and building maintenance programme for the Environment, Natural Resources and Planning Portfolio's properties. The Trainee Forestry Services Officer will be on a training programme and will learn to manage the Forestry and Facilities Management Section's (F&FM Section) tree harvesting and extraction programme to meet public demand for raw material, including firewood, saw logs, fencing material and miscellaneous forest products.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email

myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 04 June 2025

### **Benefits**

*Leave* – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Training and Development** 

Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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## Cloud Forest Project Conservation Technician (£7,960 per annum)

The Conservation Technician will assist with the delivery of project objectives under the CSSF funded Cloud Forest Project through innovative invasive plant management techniques. You will be responsible for the day-to-day specialist restoration fieldwork activities under the project and supporting the Peaks Management team.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Myra Young on Tel No 24724 or Email

myra.young@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 04 June 2025

## Education IT Systems Administrator (£14,120 per annum on the IT Cadre)

Are you interested in playing a key supporting role within the transforming digital landscape of the Education Skills & Employment Portfolio? If you are then the IT section has an exciting and rewarding opportunity for you to join their team. This role will entail responsibility for the provision of technical support and the management and maintaining of the IT teaching and learning platforms across the Primary and Secondary sectors. You will undertake or assist in the setup, deployment and management of elearning and teaching platforms that facilitate progression and delivery of technology within our schools and will provide support and data management of the associated platforms.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

**Enquiries:** Nicole Richards on Tel No. 22819 or

Email: nicole.richards@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 04 June 2025

### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Training and Development** 

Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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## Join us! We are recruiting...



## Human Resources Support Officer (£7,960 per annum)

Do you have a flair for figures with good attention to detail and is proficient in Microsoft excel? If so come and join our HR team in the role of Human Resources Support Officer where you will be responsible for undertaking a range of financial and administration duties. This includes setting up and maintaining spreadsheets and producing accurate payroll data. This will be a good opportunity for you to contribute to capturing HR data to support the efficient running of HR.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Chloe Outen on Tel No 22470 or Email

chloe.outen@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing Date: 04 June 2025

## Electrician (£9,781 per annum)

The Electrician will be responsible for carrying out wiring and maintenance of electrical installations and associated equipment and assisting with testing and inspections of electrical installation along with ensuring that the generation of uninterrupted power supplies to critical emergency equipment/buildings and special locations such as Community Care Centre, the Hospital, St Helena Secondary School, Rupert's Jetty and the main server hob at Carnarvon Court and fibre optic system.

Contact us for more information and a discussion.

**Enquiries:** Anders Bowers on Tel No 22054 or Email

anders.bowers@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing Date: 04 June 2025

### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

Training and Development

Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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A Market Enhancement of £3,500 per annum will apply

The Fuel Infrastructure Project within the Programme Management Office is seeking a Coordinator. In this role, you will be responsible for all organisational functions related to fuel projects for the PMO, including but not limited to: review and distribution of documentation, meeting planning and preparation, and responsibility for coordinating and overseeing the delivery of post meeting actions.

Contact us for more information and a discussion

Enquiries: Paul Cherrett on Tel No 22270 or Email:

Paul.Cherrett@sainthelena.gov.sh

Closing date: 06 June 2025



### **Benefits**

**Leave** – 30 days leave per annum, plus public holidays

**Pension** – 15% pension contribution by SHG into approved defined contribution pension scheme

**Training and Development** 

Paid sickness absence

### How to apply

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### VACANCY ADVERT



The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit a person for the following post: **Junior Mechanic**.

We are seeking a keen individual to assist the Mechanic in providing an efficient service and repair operation for vehicles and equipment at St Helena Airport Ltd.

The individual will work through an agreed development programme comprising self-study and onthe-job work experience, with a view to developing the skills and competencies of the development programme over a period of time.

Applicants must be in possession of the following:

- → 5 GCSE grade A\*-C (or equivalent), including English and Mathematics (NVQ-2) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- → Relevant Specialised trade qualification in Vehicle Maintenance (NVQ-1) or demonstrated relevant experience.
- → Work experience or other exposure to a vehicle maintenance role.
- → A basic knowledge of vehicle systems (including the engine area, transmission area, chassis area, body area and electrical area).
- → An understanding of procedures for the systematic inspection of vehicles.

Applicants must be of a professional manner and also be able to provide the following:

- → A full medical assessment
- → A 5-year verifiable employment history check and be able to show proof for periods of unemployment in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.
- > Pass a Narcotic and Alcohol test
- → A Criminal Background Check.
- → A clean and valid St Helena Drivers licence categories A (E) and category C (D).

The starting salary for this post is between £10,109.14 and £10,507.24 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience plus a transport allowance of £1,020 per annum and a 12.5% company pension contribution.

For more information on the role contact Hensil Williams, Workshop Supervisor on Telephone number 25180 Ext 141 and if you would like to receive an application form, please contact Mandy Peters, Business Manager, on email <a href="mailto:recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero">recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero</a> or on Telephone number 25180 Ext 132.

The closing date for this position is **1600 hrs on Friday**, **6 June 2025**.

### FIREFIGHTER ADVERT



### JOB VACANCY WITHIN THE ST HELENA AIRPORT

The St Helena Airport is looking to recruit an experienced professional in firefighting/aircraft ground handling.

The successful applicant will be a member of the Rescue and Fire Fighting Service and will be trained in the use of Aircraft Ground Service Equipment to support aircraft turnarounds at St Helena Airport. Applicants will be expected to work at height and achieve a rope rescue certification of Level 2 or higher within the first year of employment.

Other duties will include Environmental Officer support tasks such as:

- → Wildlife monitoring
- → Maintenance of the Airport precinct gardens
- → Inspections of Airport buildings and surrounding areas
- → Inspection and maintenance of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

Other duties will include maintenance tasks such as:

→ Corrosion control of various machinery and buildings

Applicants must be of a professional manner and achieve the following:

- > A full medical assessment
- → Pass a narcotic and Alcohol test
- → Pass a fitness assessment and agility test
- → A clean driving license (J4)
- Able to pass a Criminal Background Check and Employment Verification Check in accordance with the Overseas Territories Aviation Requirement (OTAR) 178.

All applicants will be viewed with preferred experience and certifications in the following:

- → Experience within a firefighting service
- → Experience within an airport environment
- → Firefighter 1 and 2 or equivalent
- → Driver/pump operator.

The Aviation environment is primarily driven by safety; as such, applicants must be:

- → Safety conscious
- → Willing to undergo and actively participate in continual training
- → Able to work as part of a team and support their colleagues
- → Have a professional and level-headed demeanour.

The starting salary for this post is between £16,922.93 and £17,554.87 per annum, depending on qualifications and experience plus a transport allowance of £1,020 per annum and a 12.5% company pension contribution.

If you believe you have the relevant qualifications and skills to suit this role, or you would like more information, you can contact Marc Fowler, Rescue & Fire Fighting Service Manager on email <a href="marc.fowler@sthelenaairport.aero">marc.fowler@sthelenaairport.aero</a> or Telephone number 25180 Ext 135 or to receive the job description and application form please contact Mandy Peters, Business Manager at the St Helena Airport on Telephone number 25180 Ext 132 or email address <a href="mailto:recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero">recruitment@sthelenaairport.aero</a>.

The closing date for this position is Friday 30 May 2025.

### **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST**



St Helena Airport Ltd is inviting **EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST** from interested parties, to operate the **LANDSIDE GIFT SHOP** at the St Helena Airport on flight days; with effect from **16 July 2025**.

Expressions of Interest should be submitted to Mandy Peters, Business Manager; at St Helena Airport Ltd, via email to <a href="mailto:mandy.peters@sthelenaairport.aero">mandy.peters@sthelenaairport.aero</a> by 1600 hrs on Friday, 30 May 2025.

### **LOCAL SPORTS**

### **Golf Report: Upcoming Events**

Report by the St Helena Golf Club

Looking ahead, the next event on the calendar is scheduled for May 25th, featuring the Gwyneth Howell Trophy Challenge (Cross Country) Players are encouraged to prepare for another exciting day on the course.

1st June: Furrows Competition Stroke Play Sponsored by Fox Motors

8th June: "3 Team Texas Scramble 1 Non Player"

**18th June:** 18 hole stroke play no handicap

**Happy Swinging** 





## **VOLLEYBALL SEASON IS HERE**

Last weekend saw the start of the Volleyball Tournament organised by the St Helena's Women's Sports Association, which has attracted five teams of ladies of all ages from 15 years.

Here's all you need to know below ....

	FIXTURES								
ROUND 1	DAY	DATE	TIME	TEAM	VS	TEAM	UMPIRE/SCORE	ORGANISER	
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	Sunday	18-May	14:00	Volley Vixens	VS	Dig That	NN/ND		
22			15:00	Ace Angels	VS	No Diggity	NN/VV		
			13:00	Dig That	VS	Ace Angels	VV/NN		
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	Sunday 29-Jun	15:00	Volley Vixens	VS	Dig That	AAVND	Net Ninjas		
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Note: scores show each set played.



### **LOCAL SPORTS**

### **Cricket Results & Fixtures**

St Helena Cricket Association

### **Saturday 17/5/25**

### Challengers 253/4(20 overs)

Andrew Yon - 133(56) Jordi Henry - 58(34)

Tyler Anthony - 1/23(3 overs)

Gareth Johnson - 1/41(3 overs)

### Western A Mustangs - 78/10(18.5 overs)

Scott Crowie - 21(27) Barry Stroud - 20(16)

Sean-Lee Thomas - 3/11(4 overs) Joey Thomas - 2/23(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)

### Levelwood Allstars - 126/8(20 overs)

Chris Owen - 41(19)

Clayton Leo - 27(20)

Greg Coleman - 3/23(4 overs)

Ronan Legg - 2/14(4 overs)

### Sandy Bay Pirates 123/10(18.4 overs)

Sanjay Clingham - 29(17) Greg Coleman - 29(29) Cormac Crowie - 3/31(4 overs) Brendan Leo - 2/15(4 overs)

Player of the Match - Chris Owen (Levelwood Allstars)

### Sunday 18/5/25 RMS T20 Final

### Levelwood Allstars - 85/10(15.5 overs)

Clayton Leo - 27(17) Chris Owen - 21(14)

Sean-Lee Thomas - 4/28(3.5 overs)

Joey Thomas - 2/13(4 overs)

### Challengers 88/1(9.4 overs)

Andrew Yon - 61\*(33) Jordi Henry - 18\*(16) Brendan Leo - 1/10(3 overs)

Player of the Match - Andrew Yon (Challengers)

### **Cricket Fixtures for the Weekend:**

**Saturday 24/5/25** 

#### 13:30

### **Jamestown Heat v Challengers**

(Umpires: Gareth Johnson and Brendan Leo)

**Sunday 25/5/25** 

#### 09:30

### **Levelwood Rebels v Cobras**

(Umpires: Derek Richards and Perry Leo)

#### 13:30

### Sandy Bay Pirates v Western A Mustangs

(Umpires: Cliff Richards and David George)

## **Job Opportunities**

### **Ambledale Cleaning Services Ltd**

has vacancies for

### **Cleaners**

Individuals will be responsible for the daily cleaning of government premises.

Prior cleaning experience is desired but not essential.

All appointments are subject to the successful candidate providing a vetting certificate and medical clearance.

For further information please contact Colin Yon on telephone number +290 23100 or +290 61247. Interested persons should submit their curriculum vitae or contact details to Mr Colin Yon.

### **NOTIFICATION**

### MEETING OF THE LAND DEVELOPMENT CONTROL AUTHORITY

"The Land Development Control Authority will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, 05<sup>th</sup> June 2025, at 10 am in the St Helena Community College Main Hall, Jamestown.

Meetings of the Authority are open to members of the public, applicants and objectors.

The Agenda and redacted version of the Handling Reports will be available on the LDCA Web Page of the SHG Web Site. Should you require assistance, please contact the Secretary of the Land Development Control Authority on telephone number 24724.

Applicants and objectors may speak at the meeting providing that a summary of the points to be raised has been submitted to the Secretary at least 24 hours before the meeting".

### Swindon's St Helena Day Celebrations Last Saturday

This year, the St Helena Association UK introduced an exciting new event into their calendar for the very first time.

The event was the St Helena Day Celebrations that was held at Swindon's Supermarine Rugby Club, a venue already well-known for hosting the Association's annual Winter Christmas Dance.

The celebration took the form of a funfilled family day out that kicked off around lunchtime on Saturday, the 17th. It was a vibrant showcase of the typical St Helena atmosphere, filled with music by DJ Philly, laughter, field games, stalls, and various



other entertainment which was enjoyed by all under the warmth of the Wiltshire sunshine.

The day's programme included a wide variety of children's activities, a bouncy castle, and kids' entertainment that was especially enjoyed by the younger crowd.

One of the highlights inside the main hall in the afternoon was the Master and Little Miss St Helena Children's Pageant, as well as the Mr & Miss St Helena Adult Pageant. In the children's category, judges Miss Megan Peters, Mr Steve Brown, and Mrs Kedell Worboys awarded first prize to Little Miss St Helena Silver Peters, who had travelled from Portsmouth. Master St Helena was won by Kane Cunningham, who attended all the way from Essex.

In the adult category, Miss St Helena was awarded to Miss Holly Lawrence, who shared her vision of taking her cheerleading skills to St Helena. Gary Hartley was crowned Mr St Helena; he is looking forward to visiting the island and spending time with friends from Trap Cott.

The evening highlights included lively dancing to music from the Mojo Function Band and DJ Wayne. One of the most anticipated moments of the night was the Small Lottery Draw.

The winners were 1st Prize (£1,000): Mycle Buckley, 2nd Prize (£750): Master Atley Duncan, 3rd Prize (£500): Dorothy Peters. The judges were Vicky Beal, Robert George, Megan Peters and Fiona Da Silva Adams.

This was the first time the St Helena Association has hosted a family day in Swindon, Wiltshire, one of the UK towns with a strong Saint community.

The event was a resounding success, bringing together many Saints and friends for a great day out. As this was the first time trialling an event of this kind, the St Helena Association would love to hear your feedback. You're invited to get in touch through any of the Association contact channels, your input is valuable and will help shape future events.

The Association also wishes to thank everyone who travelled to attend and support the event, as well as the judges and all the volunteers who generously gave their time to help make the day such a success. They look forward to seeing everyone at the next big event at the Reading Sports August Bank Holiday Weekend..

### Swindon's St Helena Day Celebrations Last Saturday







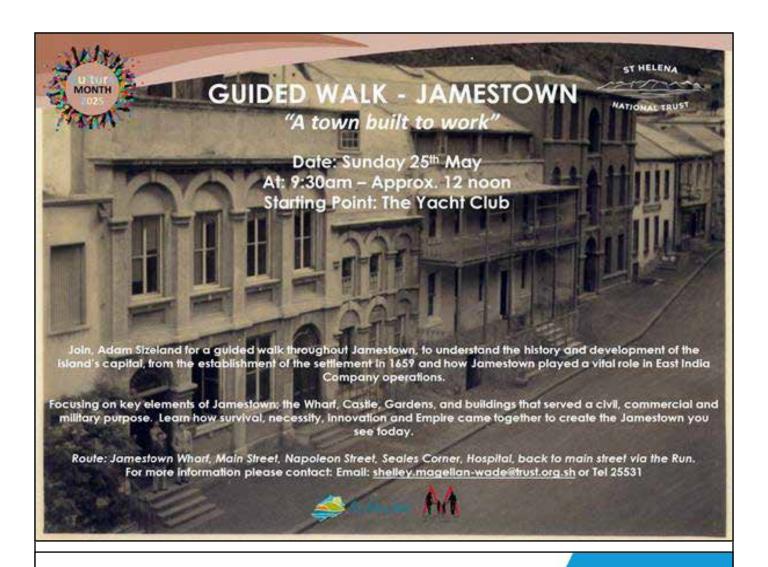












### MACS SHIPPING SCHEDULE UPDATE





	LILAC ROLLER 251209	BRIGHT SKY 251211	<b>GREEN MOUNTAIN 251213</b>	
Immingham	12-Apr	10-May	14-Jun	
	KAROLINE 251705	KAROLINE 251706	KAROLINE 251707	
Cape Town	17-May	15-Jun	20-Jul	
Rupert's Bay	24-May	23-Jun	28-Jul	
Ascension Island	-	=	02-Aug	
	KAROLINE 251805	KAROLINE 251806	KAROLINE 251806	
Cape Town	06-Jun	06-Jul	18-Aug	

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



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