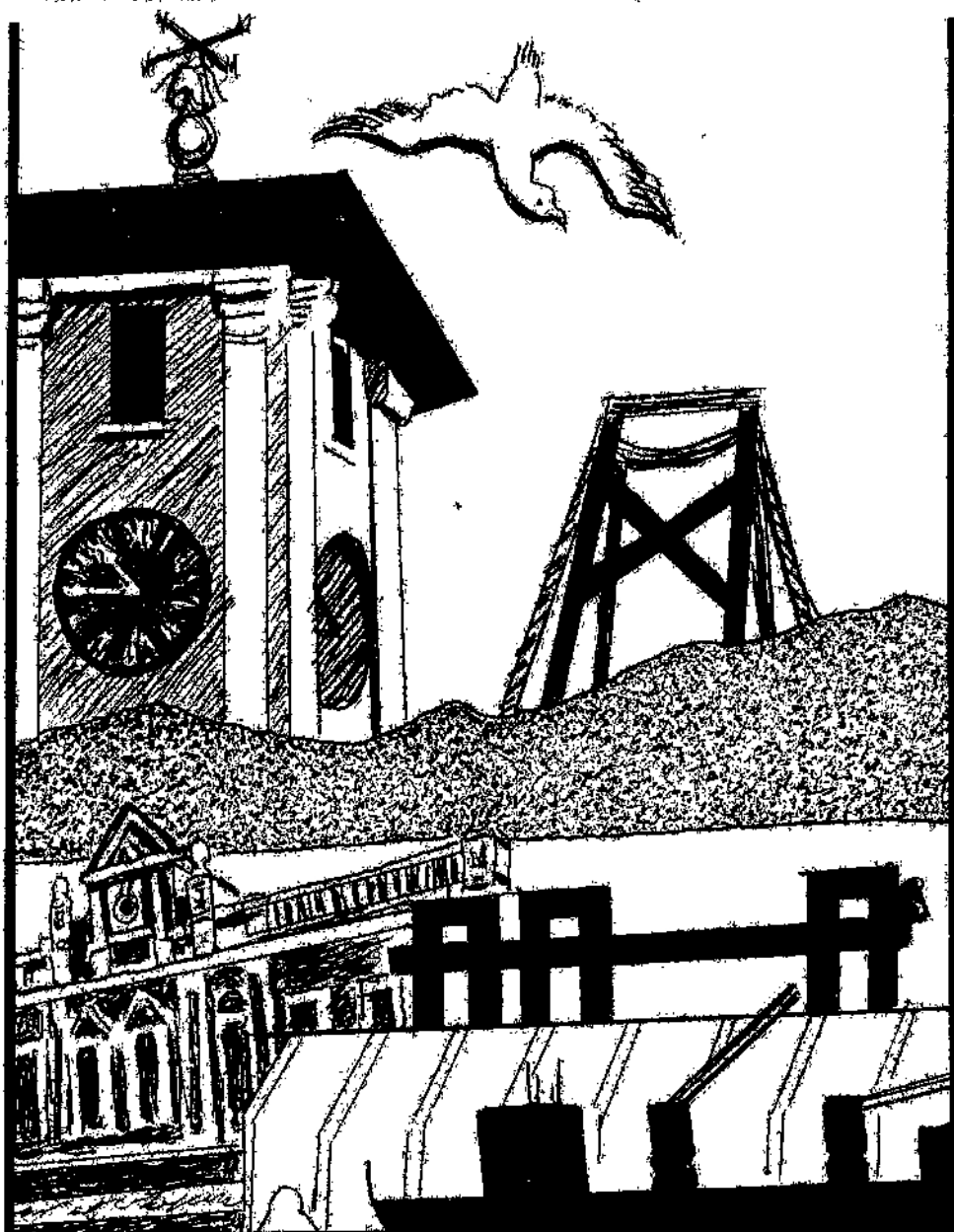


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Sponsor for February - Dr Reg Loxton

Editorial

So what happened to the January edition of Snoektown Calling? was a standard enquiry. Well, it didn't happen because I couldn't get the act together - let's put the blame on the energy-sapping effects of the silly season. Sorry about that!

One important event this month is the Rate-payers' meeting on Thursday 25 February, in the Town Hall. This is an important meeting and there is an urgent need for the Executive to shift up a gear or two - the Chairman advises there is a plethora of important data in his report to members.

There are important issues that confront our community and these need to be addressed with sincerity and urgency. For instance: accepting that Simon's Town has lost out substantially through the amalgamation into the

SPM and the demise of our independence, it is incumbent upon our Executive Committee to find ways of fully exploiting the mechanisms of the new Megacity dispensation to restore autonomy to Simon's Town. This is a priority and will require dedicated effort and perseverance - distractions through intervention by trivia must be avoided.

The Executive need our support, so please make a real effort to attend the meeting on Thursday 25th.

In the meantime, be careful out there.

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Down the Historical Mile

"Dis 'n skande, meneer die Voorsitter, dis 'n skande! Our streets and lanes are becoming overgrown with weeds and buried under litter" Of course, it wasn't difficult to identify the speaker at the January meeting of SLAP as Stoffel Boesman. So what was the Ratepayers Executive doing about it? Nothing! complained Harold Hardekop. You see this terrible state of affairs would never have come about if they had taken our advice and appointed John Page as Town Ranger.

Mientjie Boep-pens gave loud support to the general complaint, and reported on her mission to investigate the garages in Quarry Road as a possible venue for SLAP meetings. The place is too terrible for words, Mr Chairman, said Mientjie - and behind the garages: so awful I would rather not say anymore.

Piet Pompies explained not to worry, he had the matter in hand, Piet being a man of action and all - as he, the said Piet, often reminded the members. Piet had arranged that the Dok take over responsibility for Chapel Road, Club Lane, Victoria Lane and the ramp down to Quarry Road, past the church. Similarly, the Chairman of the Ratepayers could look after Paradise Road, and so on and so on. It was well known that certain ladies cleaned up at Boulders Beach and Windmill Beach; but since SLAP members hardly ever strayed so far afield, they wouldn't know the responsible people.

The meeting resolved that Piet Pompies get a list of names going. If no one else did anything, SLAP would have to show the way - Stoffel is right: it is a skande!

Clara Fijnbosch reported on the visit by her aunt Constance Nienaber to the Simon's Town Art Show held at the Museum just before Christmas - as everyone knew, her aunt Constance was a recognised authority on cultural matters. Well, aunt Constance said it was a lekker party on opening night in a setting of perfect ambiance - none of the members understood what that meant but after all one doesn't admit to ignorance.

Aunt Constance was impressed by the improvement in quality and increase in numbers of exhibitors; but she was disappointed in the rather low percentage of opening night sales: after all, patrons must support a good cause. She was happy to say that in Wynberg they knew better: after all, if one is a patron it is customary to follow through with money. Aunt Constance also complained that the display was too crowded - no space to view properly!

Next, the Chairman called for a report on the Old Year's Night jol that took place on Jubilee Square. Stoffel Boesman jumped up with - Mr Chairman, on a point of order, we were all there or thereabouts so what's the point? "Point of order", nobody knew what that meant, so nothing was said and all remained quiet.

Schultz began to show his agitation by

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Margaret Collet
Convenor

clutching at his pocket where we all know he kept his Luger. Piet Pompeius moaned "Help my kooas, kooas, help my". Fortunately the Chairman spoke. For the record, since Clara Fijnbooth was the only member who paid her R10, which entitled her - so they said - to a seat at a table. Anyway, Clara reported that she never did get a seat at any table - perhaps because she came a bit late.

At this news Mientjie Bleep-pens jumped up and really performed, threatening to take the matter to the Constitutional Court on a charge of class distinction, standing room only for the underprivileged!

It took some while to calm Mientjie down, but as we all know, Mientjie is always raging about something. Anyway the ticket said "proceeds would go to charity". But not which charity - so perhaps SLAP should get in the queue?

Streetwalker

Recycling Pilot Scheme

Introduction

The cost of waste disposal in the South Peninsula is set to increase by some 400% in the next three years as the tariffs approach parity between the cost of disposal at the Coastal Park Landfill site (currently R20/ton) and the cost of disposal at Viseershok via the Athlone Transfer Station (currently R100/ton). The environmental cost of landfill is also significant and is often only evident many years later when it is too late for anything to be done. If we accept our responsibility for the effect we have on the environment, and consequently on each other, then recycling has to become a way of life for everyone. To this end, the South Peninsula Municipality, in conjunction with the Cape Metropolitan Council are pursuing a sustainable recycling scheme which will, if successful, be the first in the Country where separation happens at source.



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How the pilot Scheme will work

The refuse tariff of R26 will be removed. At the same time, stickers will be sold in the form of receipts at a cost of about R3,50 each.

These stickers will be required to be affixed to the standard black bags of non-recyclable waste which will be removed on the weekly removal round. This means that the less you dispose of in this way the less you pay! Those neighbours that dispose of very little may, for instance, get together and share black bags and thereby save even more! Recyclables separated into glass, tins and paper and contained in suitable plastic bags (plastic shopping bags for instance) and placed on the verge at the same time, will be removed at no cost. At the transfer station, the recyclables will be placed in their respective bins and the black bags of non-recyclables will be placed in the compactor for transport to the disposal site. On a separate round, garden refuse will be removed on the same basis, with stickers on green bags and wrapped around the string used to tie bundles. A chipping and composting facility is being investigated to be able to accept the green waste at the transfer site.

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Guidelines will be given on the classification and preparation of suitable recycling materials. During the introductory portion of the seminar, it is planned to issue eight stickers for the one month of in-lift charges whereas they will be sold at the cash office in Simons Town.

Carried to its meeting in December of last year approved the prior before the subcommittee a public participation process and a final report to the Executive Committee before implementation.

Public participation and education

A wide ranging process of public consultation, participation and education is planned, including public meetings in Simons Town (one already held) and Glenaire, highlighting the rates bill, articles in the press, dissemination of information and participation through clubs, associations and other bodies such as the Neighbourhood Watch.

At the first public meeting held in Simons Town, various issues were raised and are being addressed through notifications to the right of collection and disposal ideas that may be able to be incorporated at a later stage. There was overwhelming support for the principle of recycling at that first meeting. One of the major issues raised was that of illegal dumping of refuse generally and more specifically that of placing unsorted bags on someone else's verge. While these people might be able to be traced via addresses and vehicles in the bags and be charged with dumping, the involvement and commitment of the community will be vital for the strategy to succeed. The Municipality laws may even have to be modified to regulate recycling in such a scheme as this. Experience gained from the pilot scheme will inform such changes.

The next public meeting will be held at the PHOENIX LODGE, Glenaire opposite Seven Eleven Supermarket on 17 February at 7:30pm. All are invited and those from

Simons Town who missed the last meeting are welcome to attend. Please encourage your neighbours and friends to attend.

The way forward

Ongoing vigorous debate is necessary to ensure that all the issues are thoroughly researched and addressed for the successful implementation of the pilot scheme. Further input in any form is invited and should be forwarded in the first instance to Mohamed Kriel, our Director of Waste Management at Fax number 762-5278 or by e-mail to Private Bag X10, Tokai, 7806. My e-mail address and fax number are also given below. After the public participation process is complete, and once the legislation is in place, a report will be submitted to the Executive Committee for final approval.

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At these report-backs residents and ratepayers can raise any subject which might interest them. If there is a specific subject on which you want information please feel free to contact me beforehand and I shall arrange for an expert on the subject to address the next meeting.

On **Wednesday 24 February** at 7.30 pm in the **Town Hall** (Rest Room) Simon's Town, a public meeting will be held to discuss the implications of further changes in local government structures. We need to strategise, to plan, and to organise to be a strong lobbying group for dealing with local, provincial and national government. We have all seen the declining service at local government level, the decline in effective public transport, in public health systems etcetera, etcetera, while taxes and tariffs rise steadily.

As individuals we can do little, as organised, broad-based, focused groups we can achieve much. Make your input on 24 February 1999, prepare yourselves to ask political party candidates for provincial and national government elections what they are going to do for local government. We need to strategise and strengthen our position in a megacity.

Alderman (Mrs) Nicki Holderness
Ward Councillor,

Ward 22, South Peninsula Municipality

A Wet Christmas in Cotton Lane

Your editorial letter Vol 1 Issue 11, dated 7th December 1998, ends with the words - "be-ware, the silly season is upon us, so be extra careful". We were to discover how "silly" during the 12 days of Christmas.

We were woken at 3 am by the noise of water rushing down Cotton Lane past our bedroom window. It was not raining, but yet another water main burst, and there was an equally loud protest in the roof from the geyser. Our first priorities were to switch off power to the geyser, and to get the car out of the carport, down into Paradise Road while the lane was still passable.

We knew that the lost water didn't go through the water meter, but we telephoned an emergency municipal number with our information in the middle of the night; however, being silly season, the municipality did not come until daylight when they produced equipment to turn off the gate valve, then started to dig. There had been three more hours of gross water loss for which the ratepayers will have to foot the bill.

During that day there were three more leaks. The Festive Season ended on the 12th night, but the silly season continues: the municipal staff packed up and left leaving pot-holes and a deep trench with crumbly sides only, partly filled with rubble, marked by an old drum and length of tape, and a pile of rubble in front of the house.

Allowing for problems due to high water pressure in elderly pipes, our new democratically elected local government, facing budgeting constraints, must surely employ some qualified engineer to be answerable to his employers for the work of his staff. Or, is it that, quoting from the letter of our Ward Councillor of Ward 22, "Simon's Town is getting full of the wrong sort of people".

We entirely support Councillor Holderness in her criticism of the behaviour of certain individuals complaining to her about everything even on Christmas Day.

So, now, with God's blessing at Christmas, we hope for a "teeny, weeny bit" of efficiency as well as prosperity.

Dr C. E. Sharland
42a Paradise Road, Simon's Town

Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association

PROPERTY WATCH

No.9 January 1999

GENERAL REPORT ON ACTIVITIES IN THE PROPERTY PORTFOLIO

As the co-opted member responsible for finding out and providing information on property matters for the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association, my primary objective in the past six to seven months since the last annual general meeting in July 1998 has been to get to know the relevant municipal officials who deal with town planning matters and the Architectural Advisory Committee. I am delighted to report that I have established good working relationships with these officials who have been more than willing to provide me with information about departure applications, subdivisions and rezoning applications in what used to be the old Simon's Town municipal area and beyond those boundaries when I have enquired and to keep me informed about other matters of public interest. Yes, there were some bridges to mend and some "suspicions" to be overcome. The enormous changes which have taken place in the municipal services since the disbanding of the "old" municipalities and the formation of the six new and larger municipalities and the Cape Metropolitan Council on 1 July 1997 have had an adverse and somewhat destabilizing effect on the people working in these municipal structures. There have been changes in procedures, many to be effected and new systems to be implemented all of which have had to be carried out without closing the doors to normal business and the everyday public enquiries. We will take every action necessary to fight against undesirable and environmentally unacceptable developments or approvals of changes to land use rights which are not seen to be in the long term interests of our history/lage.

1. CURRENT APPLICATIONS

Since the last report in December, four new applications have been submitted. Details of

current applications being dealt with by the South Peninsula Municipality are:

1.1. Erf 2295, Simon's Town - Boulders Beach Guest House: Application to rezone from General Residential to Business. The municipality is preparing the necessary public notices. No closing date for objections or other comments is available at this stage.

1.2. Erfen 4245 and 4345, Welkomme Glen: Application for consolidation, rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and business and for subdivision into 8 portions. The municipality is preparing the necessary public notices and there is no closing date for objections and/or comments at this stage. However details of this application and that pertaining to Erf 4719 can be seen at the Fish Hook municipal offices.

1.3. Erf 4719, Welkomme Glen: This appears on the town planning layout as Erf 324. Application for rezoning from undetermined use to single residential and for subdivision into



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1.4. Erf 4596, Calmside: Application to subdivide into two portions. Details can be viewed at the Edenburg municipal offices. It seems that the closing date for comments and/or objections may already have passed. The Glencairn Civic Association were informed of this application, however.

1.5. Erf 4075, Glencairn Heights: Application to fix a Street Building Line at the total garage at the entrance to Glencairn Heights. A new proposal has been received in which no departures are required. Therefore, no special approvals are required and building plans have been submitted.

1.6. Erf 267, Glencairn: Application to Rezone to General Residential to increase the usage of the property which is zoned single residential. This application is being processed by the SPM and will go to the Urban Planning Committee when the report is finalised.

1.7. Erf 3690, Simon's Town (Quarry Road): Application for Rezoning and Scheme Departures to build a block of apartments with on-site parking for residents. This application was approved at the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 12 November 1998. The approval conditions have had to be amended as a result of concerns expressed by neighbours and a second report incorporating added conditions will be tabled at the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 11 February 1999. Objectors will be notified of the terms of the approval and will have the right of appeal within 21 days of the date of the SPM's letter to them.

1.8. Erf No 2306 Glencairn Heights (Camilla Street): Application to subdivide to create a part-hotel site. Application pending, at present.

1.9. Erf No 667, Simon's Town (Highlands Development): Application for Scheme Departures. The developers have re-submitted plans showing 7 housing units instead of the approved 5 units. This application will be tabled at the Urban Planning Committee meeting on 11 February 1999. Objectors

have requested to present their objections to the committee.

1.10. Erf 3284, Glencairn Heights: Application to Subdivide the existing property into two erven. This is a single residential property in Claret Close. Objections have been sent to the applicant whose response is awaited.

1.11. Erf 2969, Simon's Town (Harbour Heights): Application to rezone and subdivide to achieve 15 single residential erven. This application was approved by the Urban Planning Committee on 3 December 1998. Objectors will be notified of the terms of the approval and will have the right of appeal within 21 days of the date of the SPM's letter to them.

1.12. Dorica Place (off Kuncman's Drive): The consolidated rezoning and subdivisions for 16 erven were approved in March 1997. The original conditions of agreement laid down by the Council were that the development proposals had to be acceptable to and not contrary to the policies of the Architectural Advisory Committee. The current proposals



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have not been accepted by the AMC, at this stage. A second condition is that the developer must pay for compiling and extending that part of Jan Stridsberg which is in a very poor condition and for linking this road to Ruxman's Drive. Work on this aspect appears to be progressing as is the work on the site services.

1.13. Erf 3834, Simon's Town: (Aikman Road, Murdoch Valley South). This is an application for a second dwelling on a consolidated erf. At this stage, approval seems to be imminent.

1.14. Remainder of Erf 1907, Simon's Town: (off Rooklands Road in Murdoch Valley South). This application to sub-divide into seven has been processed by the SPM. No objections were received.

1.15. Erf 625, Simon's Town: (Military Way, Bayview). Application to sub-divide into two portions. There is no formal road access to the one erf. This has been queried by the SPM which is awaiting additional information.

1.16. Erf 250 and Erf 345, Glenoside: Application for subdivision of consolidated seven into 6 sites each 250 sqm in extent. Some objections and commitments were submitted. These have been sent to the applicant whose response is awaited.

2. OTHER PROPERTY MATTERS

2.1. Portion of Erf 1389 and Portion of Seaford Road, Simon's Town: (The old Seaford Restaurant). Council has resolved that a single-storey new development on the same basic footprint as the old building will be undertaken. The South Peninsula Municipality's recommendations have been submitted to the Provincial Government which has yet to respond. If the proposal is approved by the Provincial Government, a building document for a proposed call will be developed to find a suitable tenant to complete the redevelopment by the next high tourist season.

2.2. Simon's Town Station Development: The developer's representatives presented proposals to the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association executive committee on 11 January 1999. This committee decided that certain aspects should

receive attention and be clarified before it will give its full support to its development. The matters causing concern are:

2.2.1. An Environmental Impact Assessment has not been done. This is considered to be essential.

2.2.2. A network under provision of parking, which will impact negatively on the public recreational parking.

2.2.3. Inadequate provision for service vehicles and loading areas.

2.2.4. No public toilets inside the new development nor the upgrading of the existing public toilets to integrate them with the new development.

2.2.5. The interface between the new shops and the beach.

2.2.6. No effort has been made to incorporate the present postmaster's building into the scheme. As this is the most prominent entrance into Simon's Town, this aspect should receive special consideration.

2.3. New Street Signage: Samples of the proposed new street signage in Simon's Town which was sanctioned by the Architect-

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tural Advisory Committee, for a three month trial period only, were erected recently at the station, at the new Quayside and near the golf course as part of the public participation process. The public is invited to submit comments, in writing, to the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents' Association committee, as soon as possible, to enable the committee to formulate a response to the Architectural Advisory Committee.

2.4. Boulders Coastal Park - Proposed Development: The proposals for a boardwalk to Foxy Beach, a penguin barrier wall at the Boulders Beach carpark and a visitor centre at the Degaussing Station invited comments from interested parties by 10 December 1998. Despite this invitation to the public and despite appeals to the South African National Parks to build the penguin barrier using natural stone, the construction of the barrier wall commenced on 23 December 1998 using concrete blocks which have been plastered. The Ratepayers' and Residents' committee wrote a strongly worded letter of protest to the National Parks. While

it is accepted that this barrier is important to contain the penguins, it does seem that the only real criterion was the initial cost.

2.5. Wildschutsbrand Farm (CFM1404): Application for Land Use departure to establish a San Cultural and Eco-Tourism Training Centre. The closing date for comments and/or objections was 4 December 1998. The documents related to this application were available in the Simon's Town Library. Quite a number of objections were received resulting in the withdrawal by the applicant of the proposal to build a San Cultural Centre. However, a new application is being prepared to allow the development of a restaurant and to formalize the craft market. The SPM is awaiting the details. The new application will have to be advertised, again, because it is different to the original application.

2.6. Erf 3403, Simon's Town (Queens Road, Seaforth): The off street loading bay has been repositioned away from the immediate neighbouring properties. Building work is in progress.

2.7. Inquiry into the Building Survey and Land Use Development Directorates: Mr John van Niekerk, the inquiry commissioner, advises that his report was given to the Chief Executive Officer of the South Peninsula Municipality on 13 January 1999.

2.8. Property Rates Tax: Despite having been informed in public meetings in 1997 that a new system of property valuation based on the market value of the land only would be implemented as a basis for levying property rates this year, this "intention" has been reversed because national legislation does not allow for rates to be based on land only valuation. Therefore, until the law is changed, property rates tax will continue to be assessed on land and improvements. The implications of this will be investigated further for a later report back.

2.9. Bayview Heights, Simon's Town: The current application to rezone to single residential and to subdivide the property is being handled by the SPM's legal section. It is expected that this matter will go to the High Court sometime this year. In the meantime, the SPM will not allow any further developments to be done on the property.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN OF THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING OF THE ASSOCIATION : IN THE TOWN HALL, ST GEORGE'S STREET, SIMON'S TOWN ON THURSDAY THE 25TH FEBRUARY 1999 AT 19H30

AGENDA

1. Welcome and apologies.
2. Address by Alderman Councillor N. Holderness - "Quo Vadis".
3. Confirmation of minutes of Annual General Meeting held on 30TH July 1998.
4. Matters arising.
5. Chairman's Report.
6. Treasurer's Report.
7. Discussion on Committees' activities and need for expansion.
8. General.
9. Closure.

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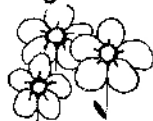
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Summary of Chairman's Report

Water stoppages, sewerage spills, potholes, dustbins, traffic and parking, refuse, pollution of beaches and coastal waters, security, land developments, potholes - the Committee's list is not a happy one! All these problems and much much more have been dealt with by us in the past six months.

Our Committee members have attended many meetings relating to our portfolio and including the creation of the Boulton Park, the Urban Edge Study, the Tourism Development Strategy of the SPM, the Coastal Management Program, the SPM Integrated Development Study and countless others. We have submitted reports on a wide range of activities including parking problems, new property developments, contamination of sea bottom sediments. We have addressed many letters to the SPM and other interested parties making known our views on all of the above issues.

We have invited various Executive Members of the SPM to address us, as well as experts and professionals in particular areas where we are to investigate. We have achieved much in our activities in that our views are sought by the relevant authorities. However, much more needs to be achieved. We as residents of a "cove" have to be forever vigilant. While attracting tourists and new developments, we believe the natural beauty and historical ambience of Simon's Town must be enhanced and protected vigorously. To help us do this we need YOU!

We will need help to hire a part time secretary and get up shared office premises. At the half yearly Meeting we want to focus discussion on how the Committee should be going to be effective and how this will be financed. Councilor Helderhaus will highlight the problems that are occurring as a result of Simon's Town's popularity. It is up to you to guide us as to how you believe Simon's

Town should look after its essential character and surrounding beauty.

At our half yearly meeting on 25th February 1999 we will hand a list of 10 areas of concern and would like you to mark your priorities. A full report will be furnished to the meeting in regard to all our portfolios.

ANDREW DUNCAN
(for: Simon's Town Ratepayers
& Residents' Association)

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Simon's Bay - The Early Years

A Dutch soldier Antonii Visser arrived at the Cape in 1718 and applied for "burgher papers" the following year. Very little is known about Visser other than he was not a well educated man. His uncle, Johan Vlok, was a member of the Council of Policy at the Cape at the time, as well as being a wealthy land owner.

In July 1724 Visser applied for and was granted a "loan place" situated "agter den Steenberg" at Simon's Bay. Just two months later in September of the same year Visser inherited his uncle's estate and in turn became a very wealthy landowner. The properties he inherited were No 1 Stand Street, Table Bay and two farms at Wynberg. Several years later when Visser married he acquired yet another large farm at Tygervally.

During the years 1728 to 1730 Visser was a member of the court dealing with minor and marital cases. It is not known when Visser moved to Simon's Bay but it is thought to have been 1731. Prior to this he had a manager at his "loan place" at Simon's Bay. During 1725 a "veldthuis" was erected on the property. A collection of letters and other documents relating to the disastrous voyage of the ship PALLAS confirm that Visser was living at Simon's Bay where he was conducting business as a Ship's Chandler as well as providing a sick tent for sailors. Visser built a simple three roomed farm house at his "loan place" for his family which was to become the origins of the present Admiralty House.

Despite the fact that the Bay had been surveyed on several occasions and the heavy loss of shipping in Table Bay, it was not until 1741 that the Council of Policy finally made the decision to use Simon's Bay as a winter anchorage. Another two years were to elapse before the arrival in the Cape of Baron Gustaff van Imhoff, en route to the Dutch East Indies. The Baron had the authority to initiate several major projects, one was a breakwater to provide shelter for ships in Table Bay and the second the construction of the Magazine/Storehouse at Simon's Bay. The site he chose

for the latter was to the South of Visser's property, on a fairly level piece of ground.⁽¹⁾ The building was 450 feet in length and 20 feet wide (approx 138m by 6m). It was built of sun baked bricks and locally hewn wood.⁽²⁾ Despite the fact that Baron van Imhoff chose the only level sit available, a certain amount of excavation was necessary as the shore line was very narrow. The ground that was excavated was used to lay the terras (sic) or parade ground as it would be known today. Apart from the necessary storage facilities the Magazine/Storehouse also provided accommodation for the garrison and the Postholder. A blacksmith and carpenter shop was also in the building. During the years that followed several additions were made which included a southern and western warehouse, several storerooms as well as accommodation for a storekeeper's clerk. By 1795 the building was in a very poor state of repair and some of the additions had not been completed.

(1) On the site of the present day Detailed Clothing Store

(2) Yellow wood which grew in the Kloof

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News from Naval Base, Simon's Town

SA Navy Programme - 15 March - 16 April 1989

Date	Event	Venue
15 Mar - 16 Apr	Noon Gun Ceremony	Jubilee Square

A traditional change of guard ceremony will take place daily and the noon gun will be fired at Jubilee Square.

15 - 25 March 20h00	Anchor Players Concerts	SAS Simon'sburg
	The Anchor Players will present a variety of concerts	

25 Mar - 5 Apr	International Craft Market	SAS Simon'sburg
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25 March	Fleet Pulling Regatta	Deckyard
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* 18 teams competing for the Cook of the Fleet Trophy * Anything That Floats Race * Navy Staff Band Concert * Static Displays * Fox Fair * Flea Market * Food Festival * Fireworks Display

26 - 27 March	Navy Open Days	Deckyard
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* All ships and submarines will be open to the public * Static Displays * Flea Markets * Diving Displays * Tug Races in the Bay * Message in a Balloon Competition and free sweets * Food

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27 March Jensen Trophy Challenge

False Bay swim from Fish Hook to Simon's Town

28 Mar - 5 Apr SAS Drakensburg open to public

21 Mar - 1 Apr Sail Training week

Children from disadvantaged communities will be taught how to sail

25 Mar - 5 Apr Static Displays

Various static displays by the SA Navy, SANDF, Old Mutual, ABSA, Toyota, NSRF etc.

28 Mar Navy Collectors' Week SA Navy Museum

Display of collectors items and talks

30 Mar Navy Ball SAS Outing Dehydration only

30 Mar Gunnery School Lower North Battery

31 Mar at 20h00 Night Gunnery Shoot Lower North Battery

40/60 Bofors, 20mm, 12.7mm, 7.62mm, and Pyrotechnics will be fired

31 March Flag Officer Fleet Simon's Town

Divisions and Freedom of Entry Parade

1 Apr Mock Air Attack on ship

NB - A more detailed programme will follow in the next edition

NOTICE

Take notice that the half yearly General Meeting of the Simon's Town Ratepayers' and Residents Association will take place at 19.30 in the Town Hall, St George's Street, Simon's Town on Thursday 25th February 1995.

Friends of Simon's Town Library

We propose holding a food/cake sale on Friday 19th February at 8.30am, outside the Link Pharmacy, Main Road.

May we please again take advantage of your good nature and request donations to the tables?

Bobby van Vuuren will contact the Friends at a later stage, but thank you in advance.

National Sea Rescue

Station 10 Simon's Town

January 1999

The New Year always brings thoughts of rejuvenation and determination to bring about change.

Station 10 needs new recruits. The profile of an N.S.R.I. recruit should be someone like this:- A person who cares about and would be dedicated to community service. Candidates must be 18 years of age or older. Fit younger persons are needed to be trained as seagoing crew members. Those who are not so fit but who have a seagoing background or experience in small-craft operating or have a radio operators license would be useful as incident controllers, mobile-drivers or medical assistants. All recruits must be volunteers and should reside no more than 15 minutes drive from Cole Point, Simon's Town. All citizens are welcome to apply and gender is not a factor. All recruits are accepted on six months probation and in this time must prove that they are satisfactory. Recruits should be active persons who are prepared to give up much of their spare time, do not have many restraints on their movements and do not expect to be monetarily reimbursed for their efforts.

N.S.R.I. crew members are required to be on stand-by one week in every three. In the Stand-by week the member must spend Saturday afternoon and all day Sunday at the N.S.R.I. Station where they will carry-out maintenance on equipment and boats, undergo training and be on stand-by. During the remainder of the duty week, members must be available on Pager-call. As far as work and studies are concerned, these come first, and call-outs during normal working hours are undertaken by crew members who mainly work and reside in Simon's Town or nearby. Courses for crew members are offered at reduced rates and consist of First-aid, Para-medic, Radio Communication, Sea-

manship and Boat and Vehicle Maintenance ie. bodies, hulls and engines. The cleanliness of the Station is also carried out by crew members.

So what compensation is there for all this selfless dedication to the community? Well! There is a tremendous spirit of comradeship amongst members. There is always tremendous pride and satisfaction in a job well done. There is great compensation and a feeling of achievement when a life is saved or tragedy is averted. There is also the tremendous satisfaction in knowing that you are expert at something which benefits the community at large. My advice is, if you need a moral boost in life come and see what happens at the National Sea Rescue Institute, Station 10 at Simon's Town.

What has Station 10 achieved over the Festive Season? In the period 13 to 30 December 1998:-

The Station's 4x4 Mobile Rescue Vehicle was called out to Cape Point View Site where they stood by and gave moral support to the crews of two ski-boats which had capsized and were being assisted by a third ski-boat.

The CALTEX STAR&Mobile guided rescuers to an injured (fractured ankle) fisherman on the rocks at Rooikrans at Cape Point. The patient was eventually taken to False Bay hospital by the False Bay Voluntary Emergency Service, which, incidentally is run by certain Station 10 personnel.

Two hobie cats were assisted in False Bay, one off Fish Hoek and the other off Glencairn.

The sea-rescue craft Eddie Beaumont & the Station Mobile stood-by for the whole period of the Volvo World Junior Yachting championships.

The Station Mobile stood-by at Jubilee Square for the old years night celebrations.

Both the Station's boats and the Mobile stood-by the Fish Hook Surf mile swim.

The following is an abbreviated list of calls attended to by the Mobile over the period 12 December 1998 to 9 January 1999.

12/12/98 Head injury from Boulders Beach.

19/12/98 Motorbike accident at Northfork.

19/12/98 A hip injury at Lakeside and a facial stabbing at Milzenberg.

22/12/98 A door collapsed at Pabando restaurant in Simon's Town.

26/12/98 Near drowning at Long Beach Simon's Town.

26/12/98 Pedestrian knocked down on Jubilee Square.

31/12/98 Severe nose bleed at Seawater Tank/Loverdise at Ocean View.

And in the New Year:-

01/01/99 Car foot (broken glass)

Jubilee Square.

Alcohol overdose, Jubilee Square.

2/1/99 Motor Vehicle Accident

Kommelle Rd. Fish Hook (one dead), two stretcher cases, one walking injured.

The Station Commander's Report

1. The Mobile attended a number of calls for various illnesses.
2. There have been no sea rescues in January.
3. New letterheads were displayed and distributed.

We wish you all good fortune for 1999.

Yours Ayn
Don Doffery

Station 10 N.S.R.I. Support Committee.

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Beach and Coastal Patrol

What is happening to our once so beautiful beaches? On the whole Fisherman's, Water's Edge and Windmill Beach are fine except for the dead seaweed that is left lying around. We need more refuse bins. There also seems to be a problem with refuse collection.

Seaforth Beach: *Once having boasted of the whitest of sand is now completely spoilt. Kelp is left lying on the beach smelling and causing fly infestation. Litter too is left lying on the sand. Trees are not trimmed regularly. People cook on gas bottles and consume alcohol which results in broken glass. The absence of Beach Constables is most noticeable. It is apparent that the derelict building of the Seaforth Restaurant is degenerating into a squatter camp.*

Boulders: *One section of Boulder's Beach was recently roped off. This contravenes the agreement that Boulder's Beach will be a peo-*

ple's beach and penguins would have to take their chance.

Glencairn: *Seems to be in a satisfactory state.*

Long Beach: *Also seems to be satisfactory.*

Our beaches need to be preserved; Seaforth especially needs to be the place it once was.

What about Beach tickets? People wishing to swim at Boulders and Seaforth or Water's Edge need two season tickets. Surely an arrangement could be made to sort out this matter. People would like to be able to purchase a season ticket for swimming at Boulders only without having to go to the expense of purchasing a ticket which entitles you to go to Cape Point Nature Reserve and Silvermine.

Beachcomber

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"AGE PLUS 100" - the hypertension misprint

Despite all the medicine available, high blood pressure (hypertension) remains one of the biggest problems that the medical profession has to deal with (Aids seems like a minor inconvenience). There are various reasons for this, of which misconception in the public eye is a major one. It is mostly not appreciated what a danger hypertension holds for the individual's health and longterm outcome. The question of normal blood pressure also leads to problems. Often one hears: "my blood pressure is good enough for my age" and "my age plus 100 is what my systolic pressure should be" - all incorrect. Patients are also not doing their "bit" to lower their pressure.

Heart disease (heart attacks and enlarged hearts) and strokes remain the first and third leading causes of death, respectively, in the USA (we follow a similar pattern). These disturbing trends support the need to enhance the public and professional education. Firstly, the diagnosis of hypertension has to be made. It is therefore important to have blood pressure readings done at regular intervals. Once a year at that routine medical; now and then at the local pharmacy with a trained sister; at the Heart Foundation caravan or when attending a doctor for an unrelated complaint (e.g. broken toe). The person doing the reading, then has to decide whether follow-up is required. Depending on a few factors (but mostly as a rule - according to the world's blood pressure experts) the reading should constantly be less than 140/90, irrespective of the patients age. Should there be additional risk factors e.g. enlarged heart; high cholesterol; smoking; poor family history or diabetes, it is even more important that the readings should be as normal as possible.

A prescription for blood pressure lowering medication is not sufficient. It actually has to be taken !! (regularly !!). Once treatment has commenced, the readings should be monitored, depending on the situation 3 to

6 monthly. The patient should also help him/herself. Lose weight (and don't let it find you again) - as little as 4.5 kg can decrease high blood pressure. Drink alcohol moderately - 720 ml beer OR 300 ml wine OR 60 ml whiskey per day reduce the risks associated with hypertension - more than this, increase the risks. Exercise - 30 to 45 mins brisk walking every day lowers blood pressure. Take less salt - do not purchase salty food and do not have salt pots on the table. Ensure a good intake of Magnesium; Calcium and Potassium. Avoid too much caffeine-rich tea or coffee. Do not Smoke !! and make time to relax.

"Braaivleis; Rugby; Sunny-skies and Heart attacks" seems to be the South-African motto. We are world leaders in divorce; murders; motor vehicle accidents; rugby; cricket and heart attacks. Lets drop the "hypertension thing".

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Simon's Town Historical Society

It is some months since I last updated members of the Society and the community on our activities in Simon's Town. Organisations in Simon's Town are very fortunate to be able to use Shorestown Calling to communicate with the community and the editor and speakers of Shorestown Calling must again be congratulated on a very worthwhile publication. With over 700 members in the Society the cost of postage in sending out newsletters could not be possible.

In my last report back, I mentioned the rather slow progress with regard to the Victoria Reservoir foundation stone in Simon's Kloof and asked whether a volunteer would like to assist with the completion. I am pleased to report that Mike Rieggerson came forward and has completed the restoration. The Society thanks Mike for a job well done. Assistance by the Society's members is always most welcome.

With regards to the future of Pelene Barracks, the Society has no update except to say that the present condition and future of this historical building is of great concern to us. I can report that the National Monuments Council is equally concerned and are getting involved in its future.

The Society is presently researching the business sector of the town and probably going back as far as 1865. I appeal to traders to please be of assistance to Sue Kirkland-Woakes who has undertaken this project. Old photographs would be appreciated to support the research and records.

I am pleased to report that the Society's book "Our Simon's Town" will shortly go to print and be launched in March.

The Society has appointed Mr Nick Holderness as a Vice President in our organisation in recognition of his unending efforts in maintaining the historical ambience of, and her love for, this town.

Together with the Simon's Town Museum, the Society is beginning to put together a programme to commemorate the Anglo-Boer War which began 100 years ago on October.

The Society also fully supports the efforts of the Simon's Town Ratepayers and Residents Association in making the town attractive, friendly, clean and tidy not only for tourists but also for our own community. I personally find the entrance to Simon's Town opposite the Marine Oil Factory and cemetery, carries the pavements and kerbstones, disgraceful.

A reminder to our members that the Society's AGM will be held on 18 March 1989 at 18h30 at the Simon's Town Museum. It is hoped that as many as possible will attend. Remember, you cannot be elected to the committee unless you volunteer, so please make every effort to attend. Refreshments will be served after the meeting.

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A happy New Year to all our members

The holiday season has been extremely busy for the information bureau and has been a "baptism of fire" for Sue who was thrown in at the deep end. With the help of our volunteers and extra staff provided by Peninsula Tourism, we enjoyed a bumper season.

During the recent Volvo Youth Championships held, most successfully in False Bay, the bureau attended opening hours and manned an information table at the sailing centre. A number of competitors and their supporters were booked on Peninsula and Windland tours as well as airport transfers.

We were pleased to see Pat returning safe and well from her operation and looking to go.

In addition to our current activities, we are contemplating opening a marriage bureau. Did you hear about the marriage arranged

by Sue for a young German couple. Ceremony at Quayside Lodge, with a reception in the bureau, generously helped out by Djanette's deli. Our grateful thanks go to Quayside manager David Day and Marcy and Keith of Djanette's. We were surprised and pleased to be the subject of a Grogan cartoon in the Cape Times.

Appreciation of our business as for the two months of December and January. We registered 2290 visitors and 871 telephone calls and made 499 bed-night bookings.

We look forward to the new year and its challenges, which include the return of all Moore Services, accommodation facilities for the disabled, bed services, particularly over the weekend. We also look forward to the planned activities of the Arts Festival, Navy Week and the Millennium Party in which Peninsula Tourism will be co-operating.

Peter Fowell, Chairman

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Environmental Protection

Our policy has been to create a winning situation for the environment of Simon's Town. To preserve the surrounding mountainside and Coastline and prevent pollution of the sea.

Environmental issues continued to require attention from several committee members.

Our response to the Draft Report Peninsula Urban Edge Study had to consider this background:

The larger Monopoli area which includes the city and the whole Peninsula is the subject of its own long term development plan. One key objective is to avoid a Los Angeles type of urban sprawl. This calls for controlled "densification" of the current urban area and the definition and control of the urban edge. The comments of your committee included:

The report is welcomed and the systematic approach taken by the consultants is acknowledged.

It is unacceptable that the draft report does not address the urban edge along the shore but leaves this to the local authorities. We have argued that the Coastline needs protection from poorly controlled development just as much as the mountain side.

We have objected to vague rules for the area next to the urban edge, on the park or reserve side of it. This zone needs to be addressed to ensure that the edge is managed. The Draft proposed that a local authority could extend the width of the zone to more than 300m. We proposed that there should be no possibility to go beyond 300m and whilst the draft allowed limited, tourism related development, we have pleaded for no development in this "non urban zone".

Your committee continued to attend the "Industrial Activities Committee" (IAC) although the current world economic situation has led to a sharp decrease of grit blasting of foreign ships. The IAC received a whole survey report from the SABS which states that

notes from dry grit blasting in the dockyard to which non-hazardous areas are exposed is often in the forbidden "disturbing" range. We have, several months ago, joined other groups in requesting the South Peninsula Municipality to comply with the requirements of the legislation by enforcing the Noise Regulations. We are objecting to the fact that this has not happened yet.

The IAC has similarly had no success with its claim that the addition of metals from ship cleaning to the already badly contaminated sea bottom sediments should cease unless bio-monitoring shows that the effect of the contaminated sediments is acceptable. Forcibly, the relevant authorities have not taken any decisive action, as it was taken for factories elsewhere in South Africa.

The SA Navy had to make that part of a Navy report available to our Association which dealt with environmental issues. The

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report was issued in 1997 and it **recommends that the Navy "implement an Environmental Management System as well as independent environmental audit procedures"**. There has up to now - that is more than a year later- still not been any response of the Navy's Simon's Town Command to this proposal which the IAC fully supports.

Your association has complained to the Municipality recently about the **poor reliability of the water supply** which has now affected parts of Simon's Town for several months. We had informed residents that we are preparing to take this up with the Municipality . The response was poor. We have stressed that the frequency and severity of interruptions during the last few months is unacceptable, that we request to be informed about corrective actions taken and about the capacity and condition of the supply system in relation to peak demands.

You might have seen in the media that the water at Long Beach was recently so badly

contaminated that the Municipality had to put up notices, warning the public that bathing was unsafe. The cause was the failure of a pump in one of the Navy's sewage sumps. The result was a **spill of raw sewage into the Bay**. We think it likely that this was only the first of a series of human and/or equipment failures which led to the spill to continue for more than 2 days. Your Association has therefore requested that the responsible departments

- let us have a copy of their incident report
- inform us about the steps taken to minimise a chance of reoccurrence
- inform us about the state of repair and the capacity versus demand data of the system
- and assure us that the Navy portion of the waste water system is subject to the same controls which apply to the municipal system.

We have taken the opportunity to remind the Municipality and the Navy of the obvious need that the Navy implement an environmental management system.

Joachim Zimmer and Juliet Bass



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Simon's Town Museum

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Should you be interested in becoming a "Friend" of the Museum, please do not hesitate to either call or telephone us on 785-3046. If you decide to become a Friend, you will receive the *Historical Society's Bulletin and Chronicle* twice a year as well as being advised of all Museum and Society functions.

To tempt you, here is our Winter Lecture Programme for 1993:

Apr 14 Wed THE OTHER AMERICA
Bob Johnson will relate, with slides, his trip across the States last year in a Vintage Motor Car.

May 12 Wed TORONTO TO NEW ENGLAND

Another of Audrey Head's popular travel talks with slides.

Jun 9 Wed AUSTRIA MITZUKI UND ZALZ
Dr. Gyll Gullis will present a talk with slides on his travels in Austria.

July 14 Wed MOSCOW TO BEIJING VIA MONGOLIA ON THE TRANS SIBERIA RAILWAY

Betty Day's will take us on another exciting journey to unusual places.

Aug 18 Wed To be advised.

Special Lectures to Commemorate the Centenary of the Anglo-Boer War.

Sep 15 Wed FROM BELLEVUE TO BERMUDA

Audrey Head will present a talk with slides relating to Simon's Town's involvement in the Anglo-Boer War.

Oct 13 Wed THE ROLE OF WOMEN DURING THE ANGLO-BOER WAR

A talk by Dr Elizabeth van Heyningen.

Oct 27 Wed THE ROLE OF THE ROYAL NAVY IN THE ANGLO-BOER WAR.

A talk by Commander 'Mac' Biesel.

Nov 17 Wed THE TOWN GUARDS OF 1901

A talk by Prof Arthur Daye, a President of the Simon's Town Historical Society.

The Winter Lectures commence at 8.30pm when you are invited to join us for a glass of wine or fruit juice prior to the Lecture at 8pm. We would be most grateful if the ladies could bring along a small plate of snacks.

Donation: R5.00 per person.

We do reserve the right to amend this Programme if necessary.

Brownies and Guides of Simon's Town

Are you aware that the Girl Guide movement has been active in Simon's Town since 1921? Currently we are a small group, but the girls will enjoy meeting together to learn new skills in a fun and friendly mood. Our meeting place is the Guide Hall in Seaford Road. A weekly subscription of R2.00 is required.

For the 7-10 age group, the Brownies would welcome you! They meet on Fridays, between 6.15 and 6.45 pm. Why approach the Brownie Guide, Mrs Cathy Gungor on 785 3363 for more info?

For the older girl, 10 1/2-14 years, the Girl Guides is the place to be. They meet on Tuesdays from 2.30 - 4 pm. Come and find out how to prepare yourself for being a reliable and responsible person. The Guide Guide is Miss Janet Catbourn on 782 3262.

The Ranger section caters for the older girls, who learn life skills and how to put their talents at the service of their community. Meet on Tuesdays at the same time as the Guides.

There is also a place for Adults in this international movement. What about offering to help at the weekly meetings - or teach the older girls some skis. Contact the Chieftain, Mrs Marian Rogers 785 2532 if you are willing to join us. We are in urgent need of support.

Why this Millennium Fuss?

The Millennium is supposed to celebrate the 2000 years since the birth of Christ. There seems to be so much excitement and unnecessary attention placed on the Millennium, which according to some will occur at midnight on the 31st December 1999, but really is on 31st December 2000.

The year of Christ's birth was calculated by a monk Dionysius Exiguus, who lived in Rome from 500-550. "When called upon to construct a new Easter cycle, he abandoned the era of Diocletian and wrongly accepting 753 A.U.C. (from the date of the founding of Rome), as the year of the Incarnation, introduced the system still in use. This 'Christian Era' was adopted in England at the Synod of Whitby, 644, and later became widespread on the Continent."

In St. Matthew's Gospel we read "Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king; there came wise

men from the east to Jerusalem, saying: 'Where is he born king of the Jews?'. When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. . . . "And when they had departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream saying, 'Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and remain there until I bring thee word, for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him,' . . . and he took the young child and his mother by night, and departed into Egypt, and was there until the death of Herod." Herod's massacre of the innocents was in 7 B.C. and he died in 6 B.C., so that Jesus was born in 7 B.C. Herod died in the second month of 6 B.C. This may be verified in Josephus, The Jewish War and in other contemporary writers works.

Showing that the Millenium occurred several years ago - so what is all the fuss about A.D. 2000, it happened a few years ago when many people were fast asleep!

Peter van Blommestein

Pro Musica Divina

The Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina will commence its musical activities on **27 March 1999**. A concert will be performed at 18h00 in St. Francis Church (Simon's Town). This program will have a nautical touch, in order for it to coincide with the Festival of the Sea - hosted in Simon's Town. The Pro Musica Divina Orchestra (under the baton of Steven v.d. Merwe) will perform the Haydn trumpet concerto; Grieg's Peer Gynt Suite; a debut performance of a composition by Steven v.d. Merwe dedicated "To those at Sea" - based on the Hymn - "Those at Peril on the Sea" and much more.

Watch the press for the details and all bookings may be made at the Simon's Town Pharmacy or by telephone number **786 2133** (ask for Dorothy) as from 8 February. Tickets will be R35.00.

The society also has plans for a choir festival in the year 2000; music appreciation evenings and an exiting Christmas program this year. Other concerts booked for 1999 at St. Francis Church are:

- 1 May** The Decameron string ensemble and a guitar duo will perform (amongst other pieces), Vivaldi's double guitar concerto.
- 10 July** Classical guitar recital with a program of diverse music from baroque to modern.
- 14 Aug** Le Grande Celli (six magnificent cellist performing a wide variety of arrangements)
- 25 Sept** Annual Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina Concert conducted by Steven v.d. Merwe, including the Mozart Coronation mass and Oboe concerto
- 9 Oct** Anmari v.d. Westhuisen - cello recital.

Keep your diaries handy and watch all the local press for details. Bookings may be made in advance.

1998 Simon's Town Art Show

As a community venture, the show would qualify as an outstanding success: compared with the statistics of the '97 show there was a significant increase in the exhibitors (48), art works (170) and numbers of visitors. Unfortunately, there was no improvement in sales. Although the show was well attended - all the food was noshed, all the wine was drunk - wallets were kept firmly under wraps.

Let us be generous and equate poor sales with the poor state of the economy. (Money is tight). My sympathies to the artists who made no sales. Don't be discouraged.

The enclosed statement of accounts shows nett income of R9958.00, which, in due course will be available for distribution to our 3-nominated charities of False Bay Hospital, Simon's Town Home Nursing Service and the Happy Valley Homes.

Income & Expenditure Statement for the 3rd Art Show - December 1998

Door Monies	R3040.50
Display Charge	R3240.00
1996 Outstanding Debtor Paid	80.00
Commission 15% on R15,710	R2356.50
Donation Barbara Paynter	522.75
Snooktown Calling Advertising Donation	R2150.00
Standard Bank Donation	100.00
Interest Received	22.34
TOTAL INCOME	R11,512.09

Payments

Bank Balance B/F	R 118.72
Simon's Town Museum	
Portion Door Money	877.60
6% Credit Card Service Fee	429.50
Bank charges	117.67

Bank balance as at 3/2/99	R14,137.95
Balance B/F	4,160.35
Total	R15,681.44

O/S Debtors	1,329.25
Plus O/S Deposit	100.00
Less O/S Cheques	(R5,598.60)
	(R4,169.35)

Net Income **R9,958.60**

A note of appreciation to helpers and supporters:

- * Stellenbosch Farmers Winery (Zonnebloem) for the donation of wine;
- * Café Peseado and Brad's Bistro for the food;
- * Simon'sberg for the cheese;
- * Simon's Town Bottle Store for the supply of glasses;

INCREASE THE INCOME FROM YOUR HOLIDAY HOME

Do you have a holiday home or apartment which you would like to rent out to tourists from the UK?

We are producing a UK distributed brochure of properties to rent in the Simon's Town area.

If you would like us to include your property or would like more information please call **Mich Taylor 786-3176.**

- * Lindi, Cameron and Margie for the setting up of the show.
- * Simon's Town Museum for making available the venue.
- * Avril White for preparing the accounts.
- * Michelle Raymond for the catering.
- * Happy Valley Homes for storage and transport of show screens.

I would also like to thank our artists for their participation; particularly gratifying was the entry of a large number of new artists. Photographers made a rather timid appearance with only a few exhibitors; but the breach has been established and others are sure to follow.

Details for the 1999 Art Show are as follows:

Venue: Simon's Town Town Hall

Dates: Fri. 29th October to
Wed. 3rd November

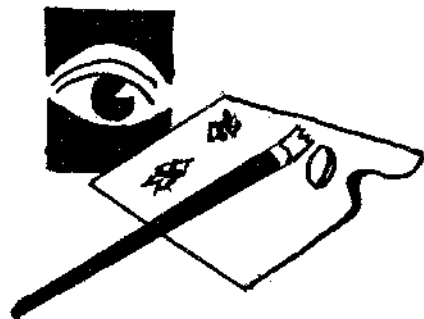
Hanging: will take place on Thurs. 28 October, and Fri. 29 October

Registration Forms: will be available at the Library as from August 1 1999.

The same conditions of entry and exhibition will apply. Watch this space for further news and details.

Reg Loxton

Convenor 786 1750



New Year's Eve Pre-Millennium Party

Jubilee Square, Simon's Town
31.12.1998

The Organising Committee of the first ever New Year's Eve Party held on Jubilee Square would like to thank **EVERYBODY** who assisted in making the evening the success it turned out to be and to the residents and friends who supported the function.

A special mention should be made to The Commander and volunteers of NSRI Station 10 for being on duty with the Rapid Response Vehicle all evening, the Volunteer Ambulance Security. Each of these organisations received a donation from the Organising Committee as did the Pre-Primary School at the Red Hill Informal Settlement. The Organising committee has already applied for the use of Jubilee Square for the Millennium Party this year. Should anyone be interested in assisting please telephone Cherry Dillee at Simon's Town Museum **786-3046** or Sandy Niedermeyer of Simon's Town Publicity Association on Cellphone No. **083-4543877**.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Income

Sale of Tickets	Publicity	1260.00
	Museum	3650.00
	Jubilee Sq.	2754.00
Stall Rentals (8)		600.00

R8264.00

Less: Expenditure

Disco	1200.00
Sandy - decorations	40.53
Museum - Tickets,	
Posters, Publicity	50.00
Happy Valley Helpers	300.00
Black Bags etc	95.19
NSRI	250.00
Voluntary Ambulance	250.00
Municipal Workers	250.00
Paper Tablecloths	65.00
Transport - shade cloth	100.00
Thank you gifts	21.25

2621.97

Profit

R5642.03

Glencairn "Bring 'n Buy"

Glencairn's social fund-raising event is scheduled this year to take place on Saturday 3rd October at 9.30am until 12 noon at the Cartwright's home, 68 Glen Road. Please bring something to sell, and buy lots of goodies; enjoy a chat over a cup of tea, and help raise funds for a good cause. This year we are supporting the False Bay Voluntary Emergency Medical Services as well as St Luke's Hospice, False Bay.

This is our 40th year of operation! When the original Presbyterian Hall (built in 1903) was consecrated as the Anglican chapel of St Andrew at the end of 1950, it was only in the following year that the St Andrew's Women's Service Guild was established. In 1958 Mrs Peggy Donkin suggested holding a Bring and Buy Sale in the grounds of her home, "Greensleeves" (No.52 Glen Road) to raise funds for a Feeding Scheme for the Glencairn Mission School across the valley (now No.7 Gray Road). For the next 11 years this became a regular event each March - and when the coloured community moved to Ocean View in 1969 and the school had to close, we continued to support the Peninsula School Feeding Scheme. Gradually we became more expert in moving trestles and putting up tents to protect the stalls - only once or twice were we forced to find shelter from the rain in the Manse - although many a time the rain held off for the occasion or we sheltered under plastic sheeting, while tea-drinkers enjoyed their 'cuppa' inside the house [originally Mr Forrest's shed circa 1901].

Many of Peggy's friends were keen tennis players, so in due course most of the arranging and hard work was being done by members of the Glencairn Tennis Club. The garden party thus became partly a means of raising funds for the Club. This club had its origins in the Glencairn Hockey Club, established in the valley about 1919 by the active residents, notably the Earps, the Wheelers,

the De Beers, the Cartwrights, Miss Kay Ollis and the Gracies. In August 1921 negotiations began with the Glencairn Syndicate for a piece of ground "sufficient for a tennis court" [opposite Dunedin Road and the new stop street in Glen Road]. Fund raising by means of dances at Glencairn Hotel, concerts in the Hall, and various fetes paid for the layout of the court, although all members of the community helped physically to level the ground and build the retaining wall. It was suggested in late 1921 that the Hockey Club amalgamate with the other local committee, the Glencairn Entertainments Committee, to form the Glencairn Sports Club. The tennis court was opened by local resident, Sir William Thomson, on 16th December 1922. As the young people of the Glen grew up, married & settled down, the tennis court fell into disuse, but with the arrival of the Marine Oil factory in 1948 the Sports Club was revived (even playing cricket matches!) and the court resurfaced and fenced. The Tennis section flourished and has been functioning regularly ever since. Membership is open to all Glencairn residents, and the original limitation of only 10 "outsiders" has been relaxed. Children may join at a reduced fee, and visitors may become temporary members.

On the departure of the Donkins to Silvermine Retirement Village in 1989, Mrs Jackie Weaver became chairman of the Tennis Club. The venue for the Bring & Buy was moved firstly to No.64 Glen Road (by invitation of Mrs Louanne Lock), and since 1996 to the home of the Cartwrights, No.68. We now have undercover protection from the rain, on-the-spot storage of trestle tables and tents, and plenty of space in the garden to hire a new development - a Jumping Castle. This year we propose to add Face-Painting, by courtesy of Mrs Toni Burton. We would welcome Cakes, Books, Plants, White Elephant, Tombola items or what-have-you. Refreshing teas & cookies will be on sale, and you can take home Boerewors rolls for lunch. So please come and join in the fun.

Forthcoming Events February/March 1999

1. SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM

Feb 21 Sun CONCERT ON JUBILEE SQUARE CELEBRATING THE BAND OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN NAVY AND THE CAPE TOWN HIGHLANDERS PIPE BAND. Tickets R15.00 available at Simon's Town Museum. Food stalls, Beer, Wine and Cool drinks will be available on Jubilee Square both prior to and after the concert.

Mar 6 Sat ANNUAL FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM TOUR OF SIMON'S TOWN. To coincide with the Centenary of the Anglo-Boer War, we will visit the various sites relating to the Boer War from Palace Barracks to Bellevue Camp. (Notice to follow)

Mar 18 Thurs 6pm
SPECIAL LECTURE - SIMON'S TOWN AND THE ROYAL NAVY IN SOUTH AFRICA 1870 - 1957 by Dr R. Henshaw

Mar 18 Thurs 7.30pm
SIMON'S TOWN HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, at the Museum.

Mar 26 Fri ITALIAN EVENING IN THE COURTYARD
Whilst we enjoy an Italian meal, David Biggs will talk about his trip last year, from Italy to Holland via Germany on his trusty Vespa Scooter.

2. THE MASONIC CLUB Alfred Lane Tel: 786 3827, 782 8917 or 782 4991

Feb 21 Sun February Luncheon
Host with all the mings R85 per head.

Mar 13 Sat CLUB DANCE
- Thomas Green

Mar 19 Fri IRISH NIGHT

Sunflowers on Sundays with a light meal are taking place. Please support them and keep your club's flag flying. Check in Club for dates. The Club Dances are to be held on the second Saturday every month. Fundraising may be suggested or changed at short notice; please keep in touch at all

not to miss out.

Easter is from 2 to 5 April. Keep checking at the club.

3. FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Enquiries: 786 3590; 786 1803

Feb 27 Sat GEOLOGICAL WALK at 9.30am. Meeting place: Quarry Road, Simon's Town. Dr Reg. Loxton will explain aspects of Quaternary Geology along the hill slopes in Simon's Town.

Feb 28 Sun ALIEN VEGETATION HACK (with S.A.M.E. - Easy walking) 9.30am. Meeting place: South End of Watsonia Road, Murdoch Valley, Simon's Town.

4. NAVY WEEK: 25 March to 1 April

Many interesting activities are being arranged for this period, including open ships, a tug ballet and free tug races into the bay. Tapered artists, submarine diving demonstration, dockyard tours, food stalls, demonstrations by Army and Airforce and more, many more. There will also be certain other activities starting from 18 March eg: Changing of the Guard, so please keep a look out for these. (Further detailed news in the Navy article by Lt Lisa Hendricks included in this bulletin.)

5. ANCHOR PLAYERS

26 Feb Fri ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 19.30 to 20.00 (7.30 for 8pm) followed by AWARDS and ENTERTAINMENT. Simonsberg Theatre, Westyard. New members are most welcome to join, whether interested in acting, directing or back stage. AUDITION: Sun 14 for a "High class Revue" to be held in April, 14.00 (2pm) Simonsberg Theatre.

Please let us know of any forthcoming events you would like publicised.
Deadline for March 1999 edition
- Thursday 4th March
Contact Pat Lochhead, Peninsula Tourism - Simon's Town, Tel 786-2436