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Editorial

First the bad news: there will be no issue in January; repeat, no January issue. The reason is simple: during the Silly season simonitis, a chronic paralysis of the thinking process, reaches epidemic proportions and nothing gets done. Therefore, the wise route is not even to try to do anything constructive. This phenomenon of simonitis was critically examined by our health consultant in Vol 1 Issue 6, July 1998. Read it (page 20) and check your symptoms!

Now the good news: there will be publication in February; repeat, there will be a February Snoektown Calling and hopefully, if all goes according to plan, for the rest of the year at least. I had hoped that the Executive of the Simon's Town Ratepayers and Residents Association would take the lead in fund-raising - but NO: they have backed off with an offer of R300 per month.

So, into the breach. A benchmark annual subscription (donation) of R60 per year is proposed. There are of course those who would have difficulty in raising such an amount. This

I accept, bearing in mind the launch philosophy of this magazine in terms of community self interest:

1. the need to know;
2. the want to know;
3. the right to know.

Without communication with all the members of our community, we are lost. There are of course those citizens who can afford or are willing to donate much more than the proposed R60 per annum - this will be gratefully received.

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Finally, I wish you happiness and good health during the festive season. Be careful out there and don't fester too freely. Be aware of Y2K.

Reg Loxton, Editor



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Down the Historical Mile

At the November meeting of SLAP, Clara Fijnbosch was clearly fuming; one could see steam coming out of the top of her head and her eyes sticking out like organ stops - in any event, Clara has rather bulging eyes; but when she was cross, oh boy! To put it in the vernacular, according to Harold Hardekop: "sy het uitpeul oë soos 'n Krap".

Clara's problem was that in Snoektown Calling the so-called artist Clara Fynbos (the one who, a couple of years ago, had exhibited those disgraceful nudes on the Simon's Town Art Show) had been described as herself, Clara Fijnbosch - a respected family in the Western Cape these several centuries. Ag nee, Meneer die Voorsitter, now the local folk are accusing her of doing terrible pornographic art. Her reputation was in tatters - she demanded a published apology. Hoor, hoor, said Stoffel Boesman (as we all know Stoffel doesn't want to get on the wrong side of Clara).

Furthermore, said Clara - once she gets going there's no stopping her - what about her friend Miems Marais, from Riviersonderend, who came all the way to make a grand appearance at the Simon's Town Art Show, only to discover that it had already closed? The guilty Fish Hoek newspaper that published wrong information should print an apology.

At this point Harold Hardekop remarked that he believed Miems Marais actually came from Riemvasmaak, some obscure place in Namaqualand. At this remark Clara stood up and rushed toward Harold with fearsome aggression - however, Shultz stood up and stepped forward, and Clara changed direction, heading for the end of the Town Pier, as if to inspect the cruise boat tied up at the end of the jetty.

You see, Schultze is known to carry a Lüger, and there is always the fear that Schultze may be tempted to use it in a mean way. That's why nobody - but nobody - ever argues with Schultze.

All these goings-on took time, of course, but Wingnut Williams was determined to have his say about work in the Dockyard. Sad to report that the oil rig didn't come in for repairs; but the two "Snow" refrigerator ships were both having a strip - and - paint job done, hull top to bottom, in the dry dock. Lekker jobs for the boys - but not so lekker for others because of the dust from the dry grit blasting. But as Mientjie Boep - pens said: "What's a bit of dust if it puts food in the mouths of starving people".

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Chairman's Report

Over the last few weeks we have heard tell of numerous new developments proposed for all over Simon's Town and the surrounding mountains! Simon's Town has suddenly been discovered! Obviously our normal defense, the southeaster, has been in hiding! Be that as it may the concern that the citizenry of this town have to developments boiled over at the recent meeting called by Nicki Holderness and held in the Town Hall on Tuesday 23rd November 1999. This meeting was a follow up of a previous meeting held to discuss the proposals of the Cape Peninsula National Parks to various developments at Penguin Park. Its purpose, however, was to look at the broader issue of the impact of tourism on Simon's Town and how it should be dealt with. In a way the Penguin Park proposals, which have been fairly carefully thought out, were the straw that broke the camels back in the sense that residents are concerned that the impact of tourism is

about to become overwhelming and will, to a greater or lesser extent, destroy the quietude of Simon's town. We also see that further development without attention to traffic and other infrastructure will have so much of an adverse effect on the attractiveness of the area that tourism will be affected negatively. It was for these reasons that our committee resolved that no further development should take place in Simon's town until a full environmental impact assessment was carried out for projects planned for the whole of Simon's Town from Millers Point to Redhill Road. We believed it is critical to Simon's Town that a holistic approach be adopted. Unless an overall plan is found to deal with ever increasing numbers and sizes of tourist buses, the situation will only get worse (i.e., unbearable) and the provision of services may well deteriorate because of the extent of demand. At the end of the day each of us has chosen to live in Simon's



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Town because of its special features. We appreciate that there must be a balance between the demands of tourism / the economy but it is our entitlement to demand consider and agree on an appropriate balancing.

The point that came out of the meeting is that we as ratepayers are not prepared to be dictated to as to how our land is to be developed. Our land includes land used by the Navy and owned by the Department of Public Works and by the Municipality or National Parks. We are an essential part of the process and must be kept fully involved. Again, however, to the extent our Association is not supported by numbers, you can be sure that our representations on your behalf will be treated accordingly. So it's now or never – join up!

You will have noted that there is no property report this month. Bruce has kept his eye on all further developments and will be reporting fully in the next issue. Both ratepayers and private work have overwhelmed him!

The big clean up occurred on Wednesday 17th November 1999. It was a magnificent affair. Basically Simon's Town up and down dale was cleaned up from the Dido Valley traffic light end to Millers Point. Every street and side street was examined and cleaned up. There were approximately 300 Navy volunteers (well done Admiral Louw) and up to 30 towns people. It has made such a difference to the whole town. It may also help prevent further litter on the basis that place is clean. Thanks to our Sponsors, ABSA and ENERGAGE.

We have been approached by a group of prominent citizens within Simon's Town to discuss how Reg can be assisted in keeping this magazine going. The plan is to launch a focused fund raising drive to see if sufficient can be found to keep it going for a further year. If you want to help the project,

please send us a cheque in favour of Reg Loxton.

Whilst the committee is involved with the development issues, with the "clean up", with Snoek Town Calling and other problems, we are becoming increasingly aware that we need to have members guidance as to what they consider the Association's priorities. We intend to dedicate the next general meeting in February to the necessary dialogue with members. Please contact us if you have proposals for that meeting and any interim input about what should be our priorities.

Andrew Duncan
Chairman



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Ward Councillor's Report

ITEMS OF IMPORTANCE FOR RESIDENTS

1. BOULDERS – SEAFORTH:

At a further public meeting on the contentious issues of tour bus access to Seaforth Road and traffic impact on a fragile urban area, there was general consensus that alternative solutions should be found to prevent conflict over the forthcoming season. I am happy to announce that with the help once again of the South African Navy, parking facilities for tour buses have been arranged at the grounds near the I.M.T. building. Access will be via Martello Road. A very positive meeting was held with representatives of the tour companies as well as the Provincial Tourism authorities, as well as an on-site meeting with the tourism industry professionals. There was general agreement that the alternative access was acceptable.

The pathway from the new parking area will run along the upper edge of Seaforth Beach and will be signposted and demarcated. This new system will come into operation as soon as the signage is ready. It is a temporary solution but gives us time to assess other options. No large buses will be permitted down Seaforth Road.

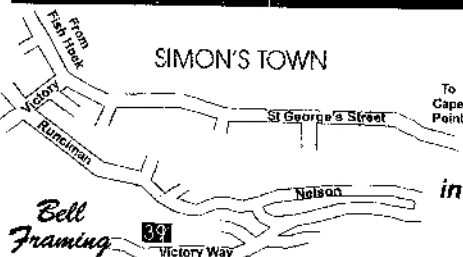
At the same time it must be clearly understood that the current lack of management of the beach is totally unacceptable: there will be enforcement of the by-laws. Dogs are not allowed on Seaforth Beach and those who persist in ignoring this necessary health requirement will be penalised. Cleaning of the beach is a major concern.

A second issue raised in a presentation by a representative of the C.S.I.R. was the concept of a Strategic Environmental Assess-

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ment for Simon's Town as a whole. This would determine the carrying capacity of the town in relation to visitor numbers and pressures; it would look at the town holistically and could assist in the process of finding the appropriate balance between tourism and local patterns of living. Such a study would require funding and would take some time - do we have either?

2. LAW ENFORCEMENT AND TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

Extra law enforcement officials have been engaged for the season. Several are to be dedicated to Simon's Town, together with traffic officials. The Executive Committee appreciates the concerns regarding the increased numbers of visitors to our area and has agreed that proper policing is essential. Hope that it will materialise as this has been one of the fundamental drawbacks in our forced absorption into a larger authority.

3. THE MEGACITY

After some legal hiccups, the Municipal Demarcation Board has announced the outer boundaries of the various local authorities nationally. No surprises for the Cape Metropolitan Area: still to be a local government entity of some 3 million people, approximately 80,000 staff, stretching from Atlantis to Gordon's Bay to Cape Point and incorporating the current six metropolitan local municipalities and the Cape Metropolitan Council. A week has been allowed by the Demarcation Board for responses to its announcements. There is no way that any kind of community consultation can take place, nor in fact is there any interest at central government level in discussion regarding local government structures. The flat statement is made that a metropolitan government will bring accountable and efficient administration. Could this insistence be linked to the desire to get control of the Cape Metropolitan Area's 7 billion Rand budget?



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The MFC of Local Government has announced the formation of a Metropolitan Committee consisting of members of the New National Party, the African National Congress and the Democratic Party to oversee the process of moving to a single authority. In effect this committee will have powers to oversee budgets, check capital expenditure and staff expansion and prepare for the smooth transition to the authority. That at least is the theory, the reality will I fear be very different. It will also be very expensive.

4. THE MILLENNIUM PARTY

Every year's end Shetland's Town welcomes in the new year in Jubilee Square. This year

will see the town in really festive mood. A special party is planned with the Square and the street closed to traffic. A security company's services have been engaged for the evening, law enforcement and cleaning personnel will be on duty, an abundance of food will be available and a range of music. All that remains is the usual optimism about the weather and then the party of the century can take place. Let's shake off the dust of 1999 and enter 2000 with optimism. By the way, what are we going to call it - the tri-ple zero?

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At present we are seriously concentrating on the following:

1) Encouraging businesses to enter the "Best Shopfront Window Display" competition during December - January with lovely prizes to be won, sponsored by Gilbey's. For more information please contact John Kay at 786-1371.

2) Trying to get owners of buildings along the Historical Mile to brighten up their premises with festive lights for the millennium celebrations. Our aim is to have a spectacular display of lights all along main road. A

pity on those who are not prepared to do so as they will stick out like a sore thumb.

3) We are in the process of signing a contract with the community patrol board to legalise our community patrol officer George Watton - who is doing a sterling job along with his colleagues from the SAPS. Many residents not living in the CBD area but who come to do their business there have expressed their desire and willingness to support this project financially anyone wishing to do so can contact Dorothy Mecinska at 786-2133.

4) We are currently doing everything in our power to get Law and Traffic enforcement back in our town.

5) Our appeal to staff of businesses to use the free all day parking at Colepoint rather than taking up valuable parking along St.



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6) Intersite has been approached to brighten up the entrance to Simon's Town which looks rather dull and dismal. We are waiting to meet with them.

Here is wishing everyone in business a good and prosperous time during the festive season.

André Duraan
President

SA Navy Supports World AIDS Awareness Day

On Wednesday, December 1 at 09:00 uniform and civilian members of the SA Navy took part in a 5km fun walk from Simon's Town Sportsfields.

Flag Officer Commanding, Naval Base Simon's Town, Rear Admiral (JG) Louw opened the event. The handing over of spot prizes comenced at 11:00. The categories are as follow: 1st male and female, 1st child, best dressed child and best banner design.

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It is said one should never begin an article by apologising. However, this needs to be done now. The writer apologises to anyone who was adversely affected by the computer "glitch" which occurred last month when an article, written in December 1998 was posted instead of the article which should have been published. That having been done, I shall press on.

The National Sea Rescue Institute's, Station 10 boat house situated in the corner of the Cold Point parking area, alongside the False Bay Yacht Club bears the name Paddy Price for a sound reason.

Living standing residents of Simon's Town will know of the late Paddy Price or will have known her personally. However there are undoubtedly many who may wonder why her name is on the boat house.

The late Paddy Price was a highly intelligent,

well educated, person who for most of her life championed the cause of the underdog and many things that would be of concern to the man in the street.

She was born in Sea Point in Cape Town and attended school in Port Elizabeth where her father was the Postmaster. She played hockey for Eastern Province and was a champion swimmer some generations ago. Her main accomplishments however were as a musician and Discuss (an actress who presides at dramatic recitals) and in her earlier years she also made a name for herself as a broadcaster, lecturer, teacher, journalist and composer. She took New York by storm when she presented a little book of songs entitled "Africaner, Little Boy." Miss Price was widely travelled and had toured the United States, Canada, England and Europe as well as most of South Africa.

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After the war Miss Price settled in Simon's Town where she still championed many causes. She was a founder member of The Black Sash where among other things she campaigned for a day hospital in Mannenberg and being bitterly opposed to the then Government's policy of enforced removals she actively campaigned for the rights of the people of Ocean View where she also taught school pupils to dance and sing.

It was also from Simon's Town that she wrote a letter to the press in May 1966 when a fishing trawler foundered off Stilbaai and 17 crew members were drowned. In the letter she stated that the Country needed a sea rescue service along the lines of the one in the United Kingdom. As a result of seeing this letter the then Port Captain of Cape Town Captain John Payn took the matter to the Master Mariners Association of Southern Africa and thus the National Sea Rescue Institute of South Africa was born.

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the late Mr. J.J.Fouche', In his capacity as President of the N.S.R.I.honoured Miss Patty Price and Captain Payn by presenting them with certificates of Honourary Life Membership of the N.S.R.I. at a ceremony at the Royal Cape Yacht Club. In his words of congratulation he said "To initiate is more than to build. I thank you both on behalf of the People of South Africa."

It is thus with great pride that we at Station 10 Simon's Town emblazen our boathouse with the name Pattie Price in honour of a great lady and late citizen of our town.

Another citizen known to many in Simon's Town, Mr.Reg Hopkins, has also excelled in service to the N.S.R.I.Reg has over many years ,twenty in fact,collected funds for the National Sea Rescue Intitute by way of placing collection boxes on shop counters and retrieving them and having the proceeds banked. Today these boxes take the form of lifeboats in N.S.R.I. colours which must be known to any person who shops locally.To date Reg has collected an

astonishing total of R94133.24 . This must be a record .Bravo Zulu Reg on a magnificent achievement. From 1995 to 1999 he has collected in the area from Muizenberg to Cape Point on behalf of Station 10 and has been greatly assisted by Gus Ridgway, who counts and banks the monies.This in itself is no small task. Unfortunately Reg has been taken poorly of late and can not continue this mammoth task.To find a person who would display such dedication will be no easy matter.

Station Commanders Report

One hoax call which we can well do without. The Station Mobile was called out to assist an American lady visitor who had a fractured leg.

A boat that could not leave its mooring was also assisted.

*Yours aye,
Don Dollery*

Member Station 10 Support Committee.



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Homenet De Kock Simon's Town is now part of the Pam Golding Group and we hope to receive the same loyalty as we have in the past.

Beach & Coastal Patrol

As indicated in this year's report by the Cape Bretonshire Coastal Water Quality Committee, the quality of water at popular bathing areas is generally excellent, meeting or accepted standards and internationally accepted norms. These Bay branches compare favourably with the European Union's "Mandatory Values" (similar to our "65 Parameter" criteria), as well as its more stringent "Guideline Values" (similar to our "80 Parameter" criteria) for local uniform counts.

We local people of the "Deep South" are really only interested in summer values according to the 60 Parameter criteria. This means that 60% of samples taken in the surf zone must not have more than 100 counts of faecal coliforms per 100 millilitres of water. The three following values for each test site where many of us swim are from October 1996 to March 1997, October 1997 to March 1998 and October 1998 to March 1999: Glenain Beach 31, 12, 4; Long Beach 263, 882, 14; Scaforth Beach 18, 102, 17; Fisherman's Beach 14, 5, 2 and Miller's Point 812, 20. Next year, we can expect to also know the values at Windmill Beach and the bathing areas at Bonaville.

Although the values have slightly increased from last year at Glenain and Miller's Point, they are very much lower than the permissible limit and the water quality is still excellent. Nevertheless, something went wrong, and was picked up by the county. Those merely serve to indicate a problem in specific areas, which is not necessarily serious. This happens with a rotting seal cassette in the vicinity of any test site, which can give such a high count as to hugely skew the annual figure. Since pathogens seldom survive for long in sea water, we must be jumping to the wrong conclusions.

Even the situation at Glenain is no cause for concern. In all probability, the sewage

pump station - with a long history of breakdowns - once again failed. Whatever was the problem, it has not been since been rectified. This is because the South Hants Municipality does not wait to wait an annual report. In the case of Miller's Point, it is quite possible that the problem occurred last summer as a result of overcrowding and unexpected pressure on its limited facilities. There is still a need to upgrade them, as well as to monitor the chronic litter problem and any other water issues.

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Food Stalls: A **Chinese** and a **pasta food stall** are still needed. If anyone would like to take on either of these, please let Sandi Niedermeyer know. Tel: 786 2214 (mornings), or 083 454 3877.

Please refer to your November issue of Snoektown for details of the celebration. Everything is on track for a memorable and safe event.

We also have the splendid **Simon's Town Calendar** now on sale at the Bureau at a

cost of R40.

It makes a very good present for friends and relatives, whether overseas or in other parts of South Africa. They are "going like hot cakes" so please don't miss the boat! The calendar and Millennium tickets can also be purchased from the Simon's Town Museum.

As you will see from the forthcoming events on the back page, there is a lot happening in the period just prior to Christmas and especially on **Saturday the 18th December**. Three functions in Simon's Town and - for those who enjoy Cabaret with a meal - one at the Masque Theatre in Muizenberg.

Taking place in Simon's Town on the 18th is the **Toyfayre** at the Town Hall from 10.30 to 15.30, **Carols on Jubilee Square**, with the Navy Band, starting at 18.00 and a **Variety Show "Sounds Eclectic 11"** (or "Drop of a Hat") at Simonsberg Theatre in the Dockyard, starting 7.30 pm for 8. Presented by Anchor Players and there will be lots of fun and party spirit. Tickets are R10 and include snacks with a cash bar. The show is **open to everyone for one night only** and seats can be booked at the Simon's Town Tourism Office, Telephone: **786 2436**.

Please note - B&Bs & Self-Catering establishments: A TV Inspector is doing the rounds. If you have a TV in your guest bedroom/s, a licence must be shown, otherwise a hefty fine will come your way. Ignorance of the law won't be accepted as an excuse!

May we take this opportunity to wish everyone a very happy, peaceful and joyous Christmas and over New Year's Eve into the New Millennium. May it be a good one!

Warmest regards from our Chairman and the Simon's Town Publicity Committee, Cathy and Coleen at Peninsula Tourism, and from the staff of the Simon's Town Bureau.

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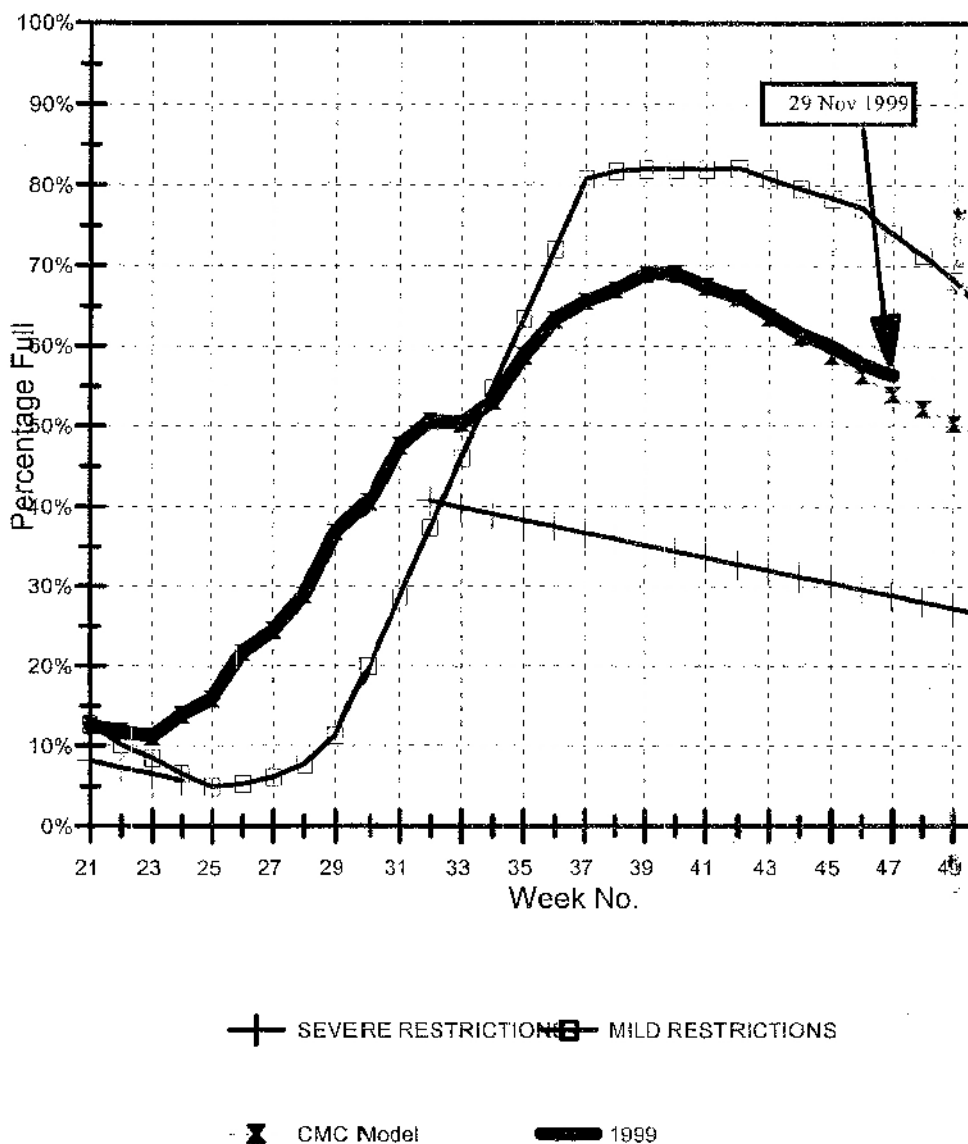


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The Dido Valley pump will provide between 25% and 100% more water than can currently be obtained from Muizenberg, however there is a cost penalty to the SPM ratepayers, the pump station will cost R 750 000 and electricity costs will increase the Bulk cost of water by 12c per kl pumped , or 12% of the CMC's bulk charge. It is expected that the additional electricity charges will be approximately R 80 000 per annum to provide the assurance of supply needed.

The SPM will be carrying out **WATER AUDITS** at all the big consumers to save water, and has applied to the CMC to fund a large **WATER DEMAND MANAGEMENT** exercise in the "Deep South" over the next 12 months.

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Part 4 - Battle for Stanley

With the hard fought battle for Goose Green behind us we spent several days locating all the minefields and marking them. We stocked our bodies up on food however due to the dysentery that was raging throughout the troops could only keep it in for a couple of hours.

We stayed behind until the minefields were marked and then handed over the area to 35 Engr Regt. We were then flown by helicopter to Teal Inlet taking with us a selection of the mines and booby traps to aid the familiarisation of our Engineer counterparts. We had been given a warning order that the seizure of vital high ground dominating the Stanley approaches was imminent.

At Teal Inlet we carried out the installation of a water point for the locals and the military which was run on a 24 hour basis.

While we were at Teal Inlet the rest of the Commando Brigade had moved on to high

ground where the final assault on Stanley was being planned. With the severe conditions experienced on the high ground, pressure was increasing to mount the next stage of operations in the advance to Stanley.

It wasn't long before we were flown by Wessex helicopter to Mount Kent where 2 Para were situated. Orders were given by the new CO and basically we were on call and in reserve. It was nice to be welcomed back by 2 Para. That night we were to move astride the track running west to east from Estancia house to Stanley behind the leading Battalion/Commando groups ready for deployment when needed. We were again travelling light and had 2 Bergen's per section containing our normal sapper equipment and 20lbs of plastic explosive with ancillaries and finally a Bangalore Torpedo. It was a very slow paced move but occasionally increased resulting in the rear men doubling to keep up. At about 02h00 we

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dephyren in a trencher if dog in and we'd freezing with 06/01. Moving on again it was reasoning to hear 06 g's firing continued. To our right being the area of two Sisters Mountain where 45 commande were attacking in a steep the spot of a heavy and prolonged firelight. A heavy machine gun was heard- definitely not ours, it seemed in the range a good bet that we would get to join force or into up after 45 commande. The 06 was actually kept to push on with 3 Para if the situation allowed. First rounds of air burst occasionally gave us a better position. The situation became interesting. A last move for 15 mins then a pause for a similar period.

With daylight breaking on the 12 June we were some 1 km from Murrel Bridge and still on the move. By 1900h we had reached a position about 350m north of Mount Langdon, the objective being by 3 Para the night before. Turned down Mountain now-
ever was not secure as planned and there-
fore prevented further progress and co-

manded himself slipping in. Mount Lajpaten was subjected to concentrated shelling for that day and we were fighting the firing line for the long while. The fire although intermittent, gave no warning and the news was fatal. We had a number of lucky escapes.

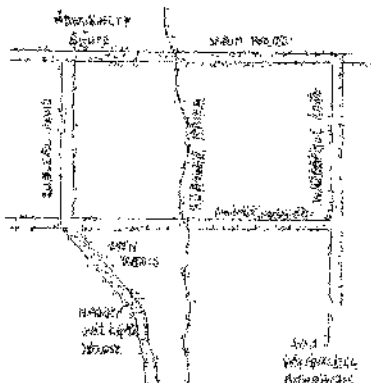
A rapid operation was planned for that night to take Whitefast Ridge but was postponed at short notice until the next night because of the slowness of 5 Brigade in their moves from Flacey. At first light on the 13 June, after a bitter, noisy and sleepless night, we had to slithering bags for our Troop Commander Lt. Olive Livingston called us all together where we re-organised our engineer equipment and for the first time in 56 hours were able to take a meal. The bright sun cheered everyone but still the sentinels at turret threat made life unpleasant. Skyward from the Arg. Air force appeared from the east and seemed to enjoy the turgid freedom for our men good. Happily these disappeared. Shortly afterwards though, every sunspot

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helicopters were seen to land and move off again some 4km from us. We brought a fire mission down quickly in the area but no reaction was seen. With a slight spread of appreciation it was reassuring to hear the roar of the Scimitars and Scorpions (Light Tanks) of the Blues and Royals arriving to support our attack that night.

The CO gave confirmatory orders at 13h00. The battalion was to seize and hold Wireless Ridge- the last vital ground dominating Stanley from the North. It was to be a 3 phase noisy night attack. The mission required the capturing of five areas by co-ordinated company thrusts with massive supporting fire. We as before deployed with D Coy and as previously had considerable chance that we would become involved in firefights in this close support role. Everyone's confidence was boosted by the fire support available- tanks, 2 batteries of 105 guns, all the battalion mortars and Naval Gunfire Support. Needless to say, this time plenty of ammunition was available to.

On the 14th June at 01h30 we all moved to the start line. At 01h45 the fire plan began. It was an awesome sight and the noise was tremendous. We all wondered what could possibly survive that sort of treatment. We crossed the start line at 02h00 on route to our first objective. The light tanks in a hull down position from both flanks delivered an awesome demonstration of fire power in support. In spite of this the enemy position appeared to fight back from about 4 strong points. We were receiving a lot of heavy machine gun fire and we were fairly exposed. The fire support from the light tanks was systematic and deadly. We used fire and manoeuvre tactics from the start even though we had a 600m advance. On arrival the objective was abandoned in haste- kit left everywhere.

After re-grouping we were ready for the next objective. We moved off only to be halted abruptly when we encountered a minefield . I was called forward to the OC and went to recon the minefield. It was pitch black and

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the smoke of the battlefield blinded my night vision goggles. I fumbled around in the dark searching for mines. There was quite a lot of incoming artillery and small arms fire which was frightening to say the least. I reported back to the OC that I could find no trace of mines only empty boxes of ammunition. We moved off. It was during this stage of fighting that I lost two members of my section. We had a long open gap to skirmish across. I was the first to cross while my blokes gave me covering fire I made it. The next was my radio operator he made it. Then there was a long pause and no one else came. It was one of those awful moments when you have to make a Hugh decision. Go back or go on. We hailed but with no luck. By this time the advancing company were some way off and we had to catch up. The two of us left expecting to go back some time later to find the bodies. Our company objective was particularly difficult and in the confusion a fire mission called for was brought down directly on to us resulting in

casualties and deaths. I think that this was the most frightening moment for us all.

Just before first light on a freezing night the Ridge appeared to have been taken. Most positions were abandoned by the enemy at the last minute. Our orders were to dig in and hold. We were now overlooking Moody Brook Barracks and suddenly we came under a counter attack by a determined few enemy. Although about 30-40 Argies were involved, it caused alarm because ammunition had all but run out. The order was given to fix bayonets and grenades prepared. Even 105mm ammunition was low by now but a short fire mission and anything else available was fired and proved enough to repel the attack.

By now it was light enough to see that many enemy were streaming back into Stanley in panic. At this stage the Brigade Commander had come forward and orders were given to push on and exploit the weak enemy positions. Light helicopters were now thrust forward to attack opportunity targets with rockets. We re-grouped into our Engineer troop as we were tasked with a mines clearance task. The feeling was unbelievable observing at last Stanley with only fleeing enemy in sight. Suddenly a rumour came back that white flags were flying in Stanley. Within minutes confirmation came by radio - they've surrendered! I have never seen such instant joy, relief and change of helmet for Green and Red berets.

Our Officer Commanding 59 Squadron led us into Stanley as the first sappers and first Commando Unit.

For many of the soldiers that fought there that was it, however for us Engineers it had just started. The detection and clearance of mines and booby traps was started almost immediately. Water points had to be set up, roads had to be repaired the task was endless. As a unit we stayed on for a further 5 days where we continued our Engineer tasks until the order came that we were leaving back home on the Canberera. Yahoo!!!

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Simon's Town Museum News

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If you would like a guided tour please telephone the Museum 786-3046.

We look forward to welcoming both residents and visitors to the Museum.

Cherry Dilley, Curator

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Our container shop and fund-raising committee will be participating in the False Bay Hospital Community Fair on Thursday 16th December, 9am to 3pm.

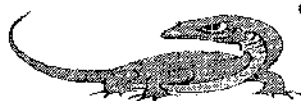
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"Fishy Tales" - 6

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The Cape urchin is largely responsible for controlling the growth of kelp, by feeding on young plants. So whenever Water's Edge gets laden with kelp after a storm, let us not complain. The situation could be far worse, but for the five extremely hard teeth

of this spherical spiny animal. Check them out within one of two holes in a newly washed-up green shell or test! The amazing forty-part mouth is known as Aristotle's lantern after this first marine biologist, whose particular interest lay in sea urchins.

It may seem a fishy tale, but all sea urchins have an hydraulic system of locomotion. The perfectly round knobs on a dead shell are remnants of ball-and-socket joints for multi-directional primary and secondary defensive spines. In the live animal, these are interspersed with chemically activated "snapping jaws" or *pedicellaria*, which resemble stalked pincers. Fortunately, our waters are blessed with mostly non-lethal invertebrates, so enjoy - but let us not forget a UV blocker. Even sea urchins protect themselves with sun umbrellas of shell fragments!

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We would like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for your generous support of our sales in the past with especial thanks to Trish Ingg for the venue always so willingly given.

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Simon's Town School News

1999 Has been a very busy and full year for Simon's Town School, both on the academic and social side. This time of the year is probably also the busiest time of the year for learners as well as educators, and I am sure everyone is looking forward to a well deserved break.

The year 2000 is promising to be even busier than 1999, especially on the academic and social sides. Enrolment for 2000 have been coming in at a steady pace and the school will be open from the 12 January, from 9am - 4pm, for any late enrolment. Those wishing to enrol learners can phone the school from the 12 January at tel : 7861056.

It is becoming increasingly difficult for lots of parents to afford the annual school fees. This puts a lot of pressure on the school financially. We are starting a project whereby Companies and Individuals are invited to

Sponsor a child's school fees, either partially or in full. This will help the school immensely and would be greatly appreciated. Those wishing to participate in this project can contact the school.

Here are dates to be remembered for the year 2000:

- January 18** - School reopens
- January 26** - Grade 8 and new parents evening : 18:30
- February 4** - High school inter-house athletics
- February 12** - Andrew Newton fund raiser (Comedian and Hypnotist)
- February 23** - Music concert
- March 3** - Grade 5-12 Swimming gala

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- July 21 - Matro Dance
- August 11 - Variety Concert
- September 1 - Founders Day & Culture Day
- September 13 - Governing Body Elections
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The Navy ship the SAS Protea was the host ship, and decked out for the occasion set to sea with a host of VIPs including more Admirals and Navy chiefs than Simon's Town has seen in a long time. Among the special guests were Anton Rupert who sponsored the Yacht when she was built and has maintained an interest ever since. Bruce Dalling who skippered Voortrekker to stardom was there as was Bertie Reed and many other who have been a part of the

yachts long history.

There were sumptuous snacks and music from the Navy Band as well as a pictorial potted history of the Grand Old Lady for those on board to enjoy.

SAS Protea put to sea and after a short cruise anchored off Glencairn. The Yacht Voortrekker and an ever-growing Fleet of yachts from the Navy and False Bay Yacht Club started to group and then right on schedule started their sail past. Voortrekker first with the band playing Happy Birthday followed by the latest Navy sailing challenger BP Umoya, the navy Centurions and at least another twenty five yachts from the FBYC fleet.

All were cheered and encouraged by the fanfare from gathered company on the SAS Protea. This in spite of the fact that South Africa was playing Australia in the Rugby World Cup series and there were TVs on board.

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICES 1999

St. Francis Anglican Church

Fr Henry Frieslaar

Dec 19th, 18h00 - Service of Nine Lessons & Carols.

Dec 24th, 23h00 - Midnight Mass, Blessing of the Crib & Carols.

Dec 25th, 08h00 & 09h30 - Christmas Communion & Carols

Dec 26th, 09.30 only Holy Communion

Dec 31st, 18h00 - Special Millennium Service

St Andrew's Anglican Church, Glencairn

Dec 25th, 08.30 - Christmas Communion

Methodist Church

Rev John Clark

Dec 12th, 9 am

- John Peterson's Cantata,
"the Night the Angels Sang"

Dec 19th, 6 pm

- Nine Lessons

Dec 25th, 9 am

- Christmas day Service

Dec 31st, 11.15 pm

- Watch Night Service

St Simon & Jude Catholic Church

Fr Bram

Dec 24th, 8 pm and Midnight

Dec 25th, Christmas Day - 9 am and 6 pm

Jan 1st, 6 pm

Sun 2nd, 9 am and 6 pm

Baptist Fellowship

Da Gama Road, Da Gama Park

Enq: Pastor E C Wesson,

786 3160

Dutch Reformed Church

Simon's Town

Enq: Ds. Bat: 786 3847

Dec 25th, Christmas Day, 9 am

Back to the harbour and sheep on the spit on the lawn at the Yacht Club eaten to the accompaniment of the Navy Jazz Ensemble. The soft music floated over the water well into the evening. A fitting ending to a beautiful day, all in the cause of celebrating that grand old lady of the sea, Voortrekker.

From Simon's Town she has returned to Saldanha for final preparations for the Rio 2000 trip. We wish her and all who sail her, well and look forward to seeing her sailing in our waters for the next 30 years.

Roger Bagshaw

Share Your Talent Share The Pleasure

We have such a wealth of talent in Simon's Town, artists, potters, craftspeople, singers, musicians and thespians. Most members of the community are happy to give and share talent, ideas and inspiration.

As a musician and lover of the arts it has always been my dream to establish a community cultural entertainment society to bring together the members of our community in music and song. Working towards this the Magrigal Choir was started last year and we have many members from Simon's Town and the surrounding areas. Already the choir has participated in one concert held in Simon's Town and is at present assisting Steven van der Merwe and leading its collective voice to a Christmas Concert.

Next year we hope to put on another concert with music and song of the **Requiem by Faure and a Mass by Hayden** to entertain our community. Not only by way of concerts but by being a roving choir thereby helping to give pleasure a broad base of charities.

Ambitiously we are hoping by way of this article to recruit Simon's Town residents who are musicians and singers. **Most desperately needed are male members to sing Bass and Tenor voices as well as ladies who can sing the lower Alto tones.**



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We are also appealing to the musicians in our society - can you help us to form a small band to complement to choir and get together once a week to practice our selection with the view of eventually performing for the community. A home based Simon's Town community choir to put back something into our special little area.

By joining together to give and share our talents provides an ideal way to be inspired by others and learn new and uplifting pieces by the great masters.

And, yes, you will enjoy yourself in the process!

Please give me a call, do not be shy or hesitant, our group is non-judgmental and very supportive. We will teach you - we will learn from you.

Call me today!

Bram Martijn, 786-1940

Millenium Exhibition

Albertyn's Stables Art Gallery is having a fine art exhibition celebrating the new millennium. The exhibition opens on Sunday 11 December at 6.30pm and runs until 10 January 2000.

Gallery hours:

Monday - Friday : 9am - 5pm

Saturday & Sunday : 10am - 2pm

The exhibiting artists include:

Tania Babb

Phillip Barrett

Michael Costello

Donald Greig

Marcelle Lyons

James Mooney

Catherine Paynter

Catherine Raphael

Ryno Swart

George Taylor-Botha

Gail van Lingen

Braam van Wyk

Clive, Otto and the staff of Albertyn's Stables Art Gallery would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support and to wish you joy over the festive season and a peaceful, prosperous 2000.

Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina

Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina presents a Christmas Prom. Concert
- **The Magic of Christmas.** Conducted by Steven van der Merwe.

With the Pro Musica Divina Orchestra,

Blue Bay Brass Quintet,

Madrigal Chior of Simon's Town,

Soloists Karen Maiherbe (Soprano),

Andrew Jackson (tenor)

Organ Juliet Bass at St Francis Anglican Church (Simon's Town) on the 16 December at 7pm.

Tickets will be R25 (R15 for children under 12).

Bookings at Simon's Town Pharmacy or phone Dorothy on 786-2133.

Do come and partake of this evening of exciting music and old favourites.

On Friday 26 November Pro Musica Divina presented a cheque of R1000 to the Redhill School as a result of their concert performed by The Freiburg Cathedral Choir of Germany. Do keep supporting us.

The Night Sky - December 1999

The Meteor Shower. The Leonids, which had been billed as a great Meteor Shower, was a wonderful sight for those in the Arabian Desert, but a disappointment for viewers in Simon's Town. There were no meteors on the 16th and 17th between 3 and 4:30 am. But a shower was seen on the 18th from Simon's Town, from 3 - 3:20am. It rained, but then it started clearing at 3:30 am two very bright meteors came through the clouds from the constellation of Leo in a South - Westerly direction, both much brighter than Venus. These were followed by smaller very fast meteors in a flat trajectory travelling in a North - South direction. Some were white, whole cream, green and red meteors with long tails were seen, by 4am, 40 had been counted. Between 4am and 4:30am, 30 were counted. Nothing was seen between 4:40am and 4:45 when twilight came.

During December the night sky is dominated by the brilliant constellation of Orion, the Huntsman. Everybody has seen Orion's belt of three stars in the summer sky. His sword of three or four dim stars hangs from it. In the sword is the Nebula of Orion, being the only Nebula visible to the naked eye. The light from this nebula has taken 2000 years to reach the Earth, travelling at a speed of 186,000 miles per second. Nebula means cloud. When Orion's Nebula is viewed with a telescope it is seen to be many stars and the clouds, which are being formed into stars. Part of this is the famous Trapezium. The four stars have been made from the moving gas clouds around them.

The brightest star in the Constellation of Orion is Betelgeuse, meaning "the armpit of the giant". This star is so large, that if it was placed where our Sun is, it would swallow up Mercury, Venus, Earth and Mars at it has a diameter of 300 million miles compared with the Sun's diameter of 846,000 miles. Opposite Betelgeuse in the sky is Bellatrix. Below the sword is Rigel a white giant, temperature 10,000° Centigrade, having a brilliancy of about 18,000 that of our Sun. Op-

posite Rigel is Kappa Orion, the 4th brightest star. Orion also has a head of three stars between Betelgeuse and Bellatrix. Orion the Huntsman, is followed by his Big Dog, Sirius, the brightest star in the sky.

The Planets. Mercury, at Magnitude -0.5 is difficult to find low in the sky in the morning twilight; above it is the bright Venus. Venus, the Morning Star, at Magnitude -4.1, is at present an unforgettable sight, and is worth getting up before twilight at 4.45am to see. On the 5th Venus is near a waxing crescent moon, with Mercury below the Moon, just above the horizon.

Mars is low in the evening sky at Magnitude +1.0, in Capricorn, the Goat, together with Uranus and Neptune. Uranus is an easy target this month, at Magnitude 6, being 3/4° north of Mars on the 14th. Try and find it using binoculars.

Jupiter and Saturn are bright planets visible from early evening. The Sun reaches the Summer Solstice on the 22nd, which is the official start of Summer, and Perihelion, closest point to Earth on 3rd January.

The Moon. New Moon: 8th. First Quarter 16th. Full Moon 22nd. Last Quarter 29th. The Moon is closest to Earth, when it is Full Moon on 2nd. This means that the tides will be extra high. Beware!

The Millennium. Don't be concerned, It is supposed to be two thousand years since the birth of Christ. Reliable historians, such as Josephus, reported that Herod died in January 8 B.C., so that the order he gave for the Massacre of the Innocents, was in 7 B.C., when Jesus was born. Two thousand years since the birth of Christ was over two years ago, so you missed it! Just keep in touch! The new Millennium started in 1997.

P.S. The Handbook of the Astronomical Society of South Africa for the year 2000 is obtainable from the Society, P.O. Box 9, Observatory, 7938.

Peter J. van Blommestein

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Congratulations to Mr Tony Gillett for winning our last Crossword Puzzle (No. 2). Hope you enjoy your prize from Café Pescado.

APPLICATION FORM

**TO: The Treasurer
Simon's Town Ratepayers' & Residents' Association
P O Box 47, SIMON'S TOWN 7995**

Please enrol me as a Member of your Association. I agree to abide by the terms of the Association's Constitution.

My top three priorities for the Association

MEMBERSHIP R50,00 per household.

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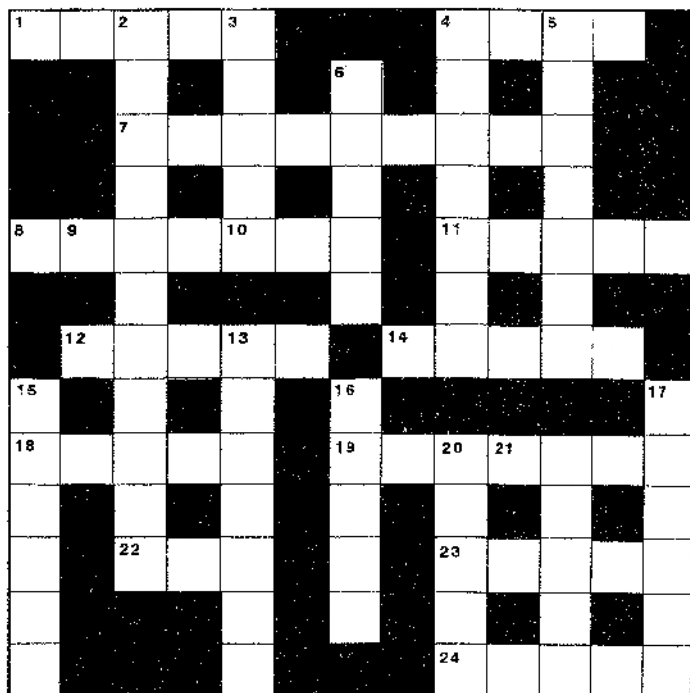
NAME AND ADDRESS (in block letters please)

..... Telephone No:

Email Address:

NB. For your convenience, subscriptions can be handed in at St. Georges Jewellers, 122 St George's Str, Simon's Town, in a sealed envelope addressed to our Association.

CROSSWORD



Puzzle 3

ACROSS:

- 1 & 4. Bearing a lighthouse - not Italian (5,4)
7. Perhaps chrim was a sailor's engraving (9)
- 8,9,10. Snoektown Calling's editors headgear (1,3,3)
11. Minus light (5)
12. Seaforth birds with the bends? (5)
14. Leaks slowly (5)
18. Sounds merited in a vase (5)
- 19,21. Not a Communist look-out (3,4)
22. Fish eggs (3)
23. Top of a wave (5)
24. Building grounds (5)

DOWN:

2. Bad conduct (11)
3. Battery controlling most Navy gunnery drill (5)
4. Provide a new home (7)
5. A bovine floral mis-hap? (7)
6. What Sampson did to his enemies with the jaw-bone of an ass (5)
13. We all become these during long boring speeches (7)
15. A good man's street joins royalty locally (6)
16. Operatic soloists songs. (5)
17. Patels crockery? (6)
20. Simon's Town cuts working area (5)
22. Powerless (5)

PRIZE: R100 voucher valid at Café Pescado

Name: Tel. No:

- Entries in plain envelope addressed to Snoektown Calling Crossword Puzzle and delivered to Simon's Town Bottle Store before Friday 28 January 2000.
- First correct entry drawn will be the prize winner.
- Result and solution in the following issue of Snoektown Calling.

Forthcoming Events December / January

1. **MILLENNIUM PARTY -**
ST GEORGE'S STREET & JUBILEE SQ.
Fri 31st December 7 pm to 2000 onwards!
Dancing, Food Stalls, Wine & Malt Bars,
Pipers, security
 2. **SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM**
Telephone: 786 3046
FALSE BAY HOSPITAL
FUND-RAISING FAIR
The Museum will be having its usual
"Jumble Stall" at the False Bay Hospital
Fair. We appeal to you to once again let us
have your jumble, except for books,
magazines or records. This is a
community project and your contributions will
help both the hospital and the Museum.
 3. **THE MASONIC CLUB**
Tel: 786 3827, 782 3917
SUNDOWNERS every Sunday from 5.30 pm.
Sat 11 Dec - R1000 DRAW
Cheese and Wine
R10 per ticket entry to Draw.
 4. **ANCHOR PLAYERS**
"SOUNDS ECLECTIC 11" (or "Drop of a Hat")
Sat 18 Dec only 7.30 for 8 pm
Everybody welcome to come along to the
Simonsberg Theatre for a fun filled party
evening and variety show. Snacks and a
cash bar available. Tickets R10. Booking
at Simon's Town Tourism. Tel: 786 2436
 5. **FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN**
COASTLINE
Sat 18 Dec at 9.30 pm
Walk to observe coastal fynbos led by Mr
Peter Salter
Venue: Boulders Car Park, Simon's Town
Sun 9 Jan 2000 at 9 am
Alien vegetation hack with SAVE along the
lower slopes of Swartkop (easy walking)
Venue: South end of Watsonia Road,
Simon's Town
Please Note: Slightly earlier summer time
starting. If you have your own suitable tools,
please bring these along - we also have a
small supply. Bring something for a tea break.
 6. **PENSIONER'S FREE**
MONTHLY SHOPPING BUS
To Pick 'n Pay from Murdock Valley (Ixia Cres
bus terminus), then via Glencairn and Fish
Hoek to Sun Valley and return.
For dates, times and pick up points, please
telephone 786 3137.
 7. **FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN LIBRARY**
Fri 17 Dec
BOOK SALE from 9 am to 1 pm outside the
Simon's Town Pharmacy.
Convenor: Lonah Fawcett
Wed 22 Dec
VERY SPECIAL PRE-CHRISTMAS SALE of
lovely sweet stuff for your festive feasts.
Convenor: Bobbie van Vuuren.
 8. **PRO MUSICA DIVINA CHRISTMAS**
CONCERT - Thurs 16 Dec
St Francis Church
Booking: Dorothy 786 2134
Simon's Town Pharmacy
 9. **CHRISTMAS CAROLS ON JUBILEE SQ.**
With the NAVY BAND
Sat 18 Dec - 5.30 PM
Silver collection in aid of ST LUKE'S
HOSPICE False Bay
 10. **AN EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC**
presented by Cynthia Sweet
Wed 16 Dec 7.30pm
St Margaret's Church Hall, Fish Hoek.
Tickets: R10 from AP Jones or St Luke's
Office, False Bay Hospital
Includes tea/coffee & mince pies
 11. **COLLECTOR'S TOYFAYRE**
Sat 18 December 10.30am to 3.30pm
Cape Model & Toy Club
Simon's Town Town Hall
Enquiries: 786 1395
 12. **MASQUE THEATRE**
Muizenberg
Sat 18 December
"MENAGE A QUATRE"
Dinner & Cabaret
Coleen van Staden,
Colin Leo, Ian Strauss, accompanied by
Loraine.
Booking: 788 1898
- The next Snoektown Calling will be
published in February 2000.**
(Please note there will be no
Snoektown in January)
**Please let Pat Lochhead have your
enclosures before 28 January 2000.**
Tel: 786 2436
Peninsula Tourism - Simon's Town
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