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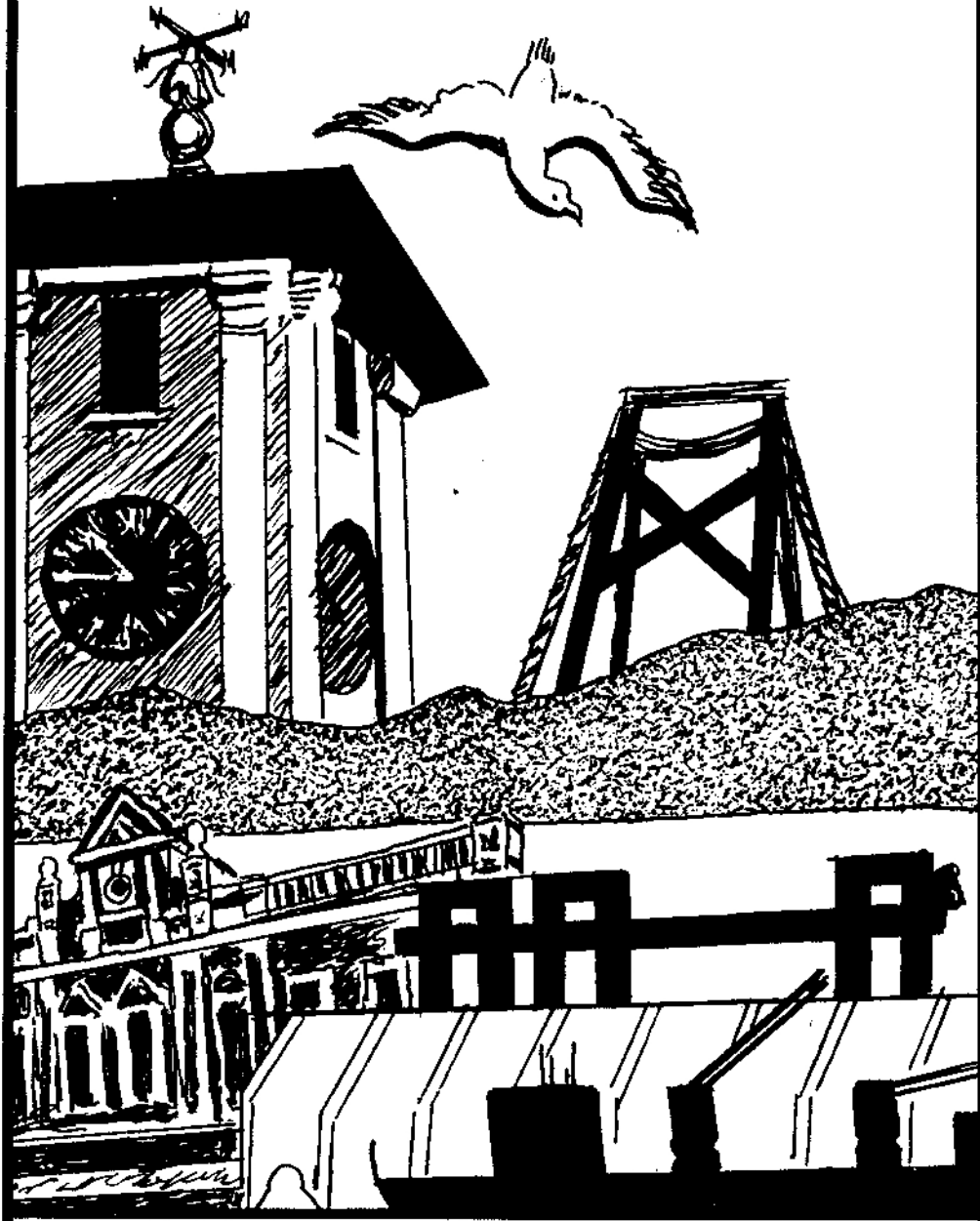

June Sponsor - Dr Reg Loxton with the help of the Supporters Club

Editorial

Sorry folks - no crossword this month; a slip-up in arrangements.
But it will be back in July.

The Simon's Town School's Gala Music Concert could be declared a success but - like the Curate's Egg - in parts only. Attendance at the concert was somewhat poor; at R30 a seat, certainly cost could have been a factor - or perhaps the perception that it could be just another school concert with each class doing its thing.

Not so : the music and choir were truly professional. I rate the evening's entertainment as follows:
Music - eight out of ten
Food at the dinner - five out of ten
Auction of donated wines and spirits - ten out of ten
Indeed the auctioneer - none other than our town Sheriff, Johan Fourie - put on a highly entertaining and masterful performance; even the flower arrangements were sold! "Man of the Match" award to Johan Fourie.

The PROBUS Club, who should see it as their responsibility to support a community function of this kind, were conspicuous by their absence.

Hopefully, the Gala Music Concert and Dinner will become an annual event. This time round, some R12 000 (nett) was raised; we can only do better in the future. The School Principal and his staff are doing an excellent job, and they are desperate for financial support.

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Down the Historical Mile

Mr. Chairman, said Stoffel Boesman at the May meeting of SLAP, I wish to give notice of an alarming situation which has come to pass in our town: the almost total disappearance of women's legs. The ladies are all wearing pants these days and their legs are hidden from view! Ja, meneer die Voorsitter, dis 'n skande, said Harold Hardekop. Remember the days when we used to sit on the steps of the Post Office and watch the ladies go by: stockings and high-heeled shoes - and those legs!

The ladies were different then: proud and elegant; but now they just drentel along like dowdy sheep going into the kraal. Piet Pompies reported that he and Wingnut Williams had conducted a survey on four separate days, standing in front of the Chemist's shop, and the result was: less than ten percent of women wore dresses - excluding of course schoolgirls and Navy girls.

Ah, those were the days, remarked Stoffel Boesman, when us menfolk could derive such pleasure and pride from watching ladies' legs; arrie nee! how miserable the human scenery has become, with nothing to look forward to - like when the skirts went up and down with the changing fashions. Stoffel suggested that the Constitution be checked "the deliberate curtailment of the normal privilege and pleasure of the male sex".

Most of the members didn't really understand the proposal; but never mind, it sounded important. On Wingnut's recommendation it was resolved that all the lady members of SLAP be prohibited from wearing pants; only dresses. On the other hand, remarked Harold, perhaps we should make an exception in the case of Mientjie Boeppens, because those tree trunk legs of hers should be obscured from public view.

With a shout of "I was only making a joke", Harold took off as fast as he could, with Mientjie after him, screaming, "If I catch you, I am going to slag you, finish en klaar!" Goodness, said Stoffel, he didn't know Mientjie could move so fast. We would have to be more careful in the future.

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Ward Councillor's Report

1. Illegal dumping continues all over the town. It never fails to amaze me that people are willing and able to spend a lot of money on building, but will not pay to have the rubble and cuttings taken away. In fact the more expensive the house, the more the mess. There have been cases where builders have been fined and have gone on doing what they like - and just billing the client who, it seems, is happy to go on paying the builder while not taking responsibility for his own property.
Those able-bodied residents who park in the bays reserved for the disabled show the same kind of arrogance.

2. After the brickbats come the bouquets. Congratulations to Simon's Town School and to Reg Loxton who masterminded the recent Musical Gala Evening to raise funds for the School's Hotel and Catering Management Course. Reg looked very debonair in black tie, various supporters contributed time and effort, and the sheriff, Johan Fourie put on a star turn as auctioneer at the dinner after the concert and managed to coax more money from some willing donors. The standard of music at the school under the current music director is also very exciting - what a pity more people weren't there to share a lovely evening.

3. Council has just approved the final budget in the life of the South Peninsula Municipality as an independent local authority. An across the board increase in rates of 8.1% was accepted. Tariffs have also been increased, but in determining these, Council tried to bring the tariffs in line with all the other local authorities in the Metropolitan area in preparation for the advent of the Unicity.
On this point, just in case I haven't been quite clear in the past, I want to state unequivocally that I believe the creation of the so-called unicity is a grave and expensive mistake. The demoralisation of staff, the ever-increasing distance between councillors and residents, the slow response times and the massive and unquantified costs are causes for concern that are not being addressed. Endless documents and high-sounding phrases are being poured out, but how words become action without massive injections of money nobody is able to say. The future rate of property taxation is sounding alarm bells. A recent report sent a shiver down my spine: "Manuel admitted the financial implications of the new demarcations were not fully understood yet, but said discussions on the ramifications were ongoing."

4 Local government elections should be held in November this year. New wards will be drawn up. Currently the ward including

Simon's Town also includes Ocean View, Kommetjie and part of Fish Hoek. There are serious concerns about dividing Fish Hoek. One of the concerns relates to service considerations and to the issue of debate about Ward Committees. If these are to be bodies with authority and power to direct finance, then the issue of boundaries is of critical importance.

Current legislation, however only allows for appointed members of these committees, and powers as delegated by the Council. Discussion on these matters continues, but boundaries will be finalised soon so that a Voters' Roll can be drawn up. Remember to check whether you are registered.

Alderman (Mrs) Nicki Holderness
Ward Councillor: Ward 22:
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3. Corporate Nil

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Chairman's Report

I am going to rely on the May newsletter prepared by our member Wilf Nussey, which extensively sets out what is on the go. I think we are living in exciting times and there is much opportunity to be grabbed and we must act positively and go for it! This is particularly so in regard to merging with Glencairn ratepayers and developing our own improvement district. For a start it will mean everyone will be paying to make Simon's Town an even more splendid place, instead of a few interested ratepayers who serve on the committee or are members of the association. As such we can get things done. The full version of the newsletter is on the web at www.valley.co.za or www.simonstown.com/strra.htm

Simon's Town, like the other communities in and around the Peninsula, is approaching a very uncertain future. By the end of this year the South Peninsula Municipality and other local authorities are due to be absorbed by a new Unicity or Megacity, not long after the SPM itself swallowed up our, and other town councils. Indications are that the elections preceding the Unicity might be delayed a couple of months – prolonging the insecurity.

This places your Association in an awkward position. There is no clarity yet on the new working structures in the Unicity administrative setup and therefore none on precisely how the new dispensation will affect us - except that: we will have a large, amorphous and less approachable municipality, be taxed more and probably get less service. Meanwhile the SPM officials are in the awkward position of facing decisions or commitments when their organisation is about to disappear, and possibly their jobs with it.

Here are examples of coming change and the perplexities they pose:

* No precise picture has yet emerged of the shape, form or political spectrum of the new Unicity, except that it will exert powerful centralised control over our lives. SPM officials and councillors are themselves either ignorant or vague on the subject.

* Instead of an executive committee to run things it will almost certainly have an executive mayor, a kind of "city managing director". This is part of the national government's process of centralising power and spreading revenues from the "have" communities to the "have-nots", which inevitably will mean higher rates and taxes if the cumbersome system survives at all.

* An "Integrated Working Group" or IWG dominated by SPM councillors was created recently to guide the holistic development of Simon's Town, as we reported last month. There is no certainty it will survive into the Unicity and no indication that, if it does, it will have much worth. It is already heavily

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weighted in the SPM's favour. Thus far it appears to have been abandoned entirely with property matters, bringing to an end the "holistic" planning of development in Simon's Town.

* Our new ward in the County will be bigger than the present one and one of two covering the "far South" of the Peninsula. Ours will include everything south of Kommetjie Road to Misty Cliffs, but include Kommetjie and Ocean View. The other will be everything north of Kommetjie Road up to a boundary along the top of the escarpment at Steenberg and include Kalk Bay and, possibly St James, which is still being argued. This splits Fish Hoek, but whether anything can be done about it is doubtful. The deadline for representations about the new wards boundaries is the 22nd of this month.

* The County will have 100 councillors, each there for approximately representation, representing three million people. Each ward will have two councillors - one elected, the other a proportional representative. How they are supposed to function together is not yet known. Effectively, our representation will be considerably diluted and our connections with our municipality will become even more tenuous.
* Trade is provided by a "ward committee" in each ward chaired by a ward councillor (by which of the two will depend on the representation of various interest parties). How they will be chosen and what kind of what they will have - advisory or decisive - is still unclear. Predictable lack of detail.

* There is the opportunity of a "Municipal Improvement District" or MID, as we reported last month. It provides for a special levy if a community votes to the desirability of such MID. The municipality will raise the levy by adding a negotiated levy onto existing rates. The MID will, in effect, be a "mini-administration run by ratepayers to take charge of some supplementary local services, leaving Council's officers to the city centre. Rather than "municipal improvement district" it should perhaps be called "municipal maintenance district" because it will mean likely have its main services the municipality do not provide. Some have been formed already in the Peninsula, but these cannot be compared with the function and value.

All of these matters have added significance to the next item:

Merger

Last month we reported that the SPRA and the Glencairn Ratepayers Association, the older body of the two, had finally agreed on merging to form one body representing ratepayers and residents to the former Simon's Town municipal area. For a long time now their interests and activities have overlapped. It is pointless to have two organisations with essentially the same functions, working for the same objectives, in isolation.

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At their annual general meeting on May 17 the GCA voted by a show of hands, with no dissenters, for their committee to go ahead with the merger. Next step is to put it to the vote at the annual general meeting of the STRRA in July.

That will be the most important STRRA meeting since this body was formed. Please make every effort to be there. We will announce the date and venue well in advance.

What makes a merger essential is the imminent dilution of our public voice by the Unicity. There is already too much division in the community into separate bodies with special interests - the coastline, the floral kingdom, history, business, architecture, tourism and others. All of these are perfectly valid, but all would be much more effective if they could speak to the authorities with a single, united voice. That, we trust, is what a merged civic body will provide.

It must have a new name. Proposals will be welcomed at the July AGM. One is "Simon's Bay Civic Association". Our constitution will have to be amended too.

Our next objective must be to further amplify our voice and clout by strengthening our collaboration with other civic bodies in this region through the Southern Civic Alliance, to which 13 now belong.

In effect, by reducing our local government rights the powers-that-be are obliging us to create, and are perhaps unwittingly encouraging, embryo "borough councils" or "local management committees". What the new lords taketh away the new lords giveth ...

Details of the July AGM including an agenda will be made public in June.

The GCA meeting also gave their committee the green light to go fully into the prospects of an MID. The point was made repeatedly - and has been made by us too - that whatever its flaws and weaknesses, we must seize upon the MID as a legally entrenched means to have at least some control over our own affairs.

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Nothing can be done without the approval of the AGM. Thereafter, the MID scheme will have to go to the public vote in the community and can become legal only if supported by half the electorate plus one vote.

Workshops
Our recent "workshop" general meetings were part of an effort to determine exactly what people want, what their main problems are, and how they think they should be resolved
The February 28 meeting, as we said, was successful in pinpointing a large number of ideas and complaints. All of these have been recorded and will be dealt with as far as the committee members are able.
The one disappointment of that meeting was how few people volunteered to help the committee do its job. Apathy is our biggest problem and it was underlined at the April 4 report-back and workshop meeting. It was well advertised more than a week beforehand but only some 28 people turned up. Yet it succeeded.
Some of those present could not understand why a second "workshop" meeting was necessary. The reason was that the results gathered randomly at the first had to be sorted and classified, then reported back to members for them to help set priorities for the committee. This was done.

Many of the issues raised were already being dealt with by the committee, like law enforcement, the prevention of mudslides, water quality, road conditions, tourist bus traffic and rubbish removal. Priorities that emerged are:

* To greatly increase STRRA membership to strengthen its clout.
* To improve communication with the local

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government in general and our Ward Councillor in particular on the one hand, and with full combining on the other. To also keep open channels of cooperation with National Parks, The Navy and Cape Conservation.

* To tighten environmental control and improve Simon's Town's attractivity, amongst other things, measuring all development against environmental protection standards, giving the Architectural Advisory Committee more power, removing unsightly barbed wire and brick walls, and clearing alien vegetation.

* To vigorously make our voice heard by the authorities and get them to address express our specific needs.

These four embrace an array of detail the committee is already working on and fall within the scope of our proposals for a merger and on Mill.

Andrew Duncan
Chairman Simon's Town
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SUMMARY OF MINUTES OF THE AGM OF THE SIMON'S TOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION HELD ON 22 MAY 2000

President's report:

During the first year the Business Association had successfully drawn the majority of businesses together as one unit and had assisted many individual businesses in their dealings with local authorities, transport boards, and the Tourism board. Late night trading, festive lighting, parking and a better co-operation between this association and other associations in town had led to a more cohesive and powerful voice for the business community. Much had been learned in the past year which will assist the new committee and ensure the continued success and strength of the Business Association.

On going matters.

* No response had yet been received from the SPM regarding the request to provide Hotel parking bays.
* No changes to the bus parking situation in Jubilee Square and Main Road were foreseen.
* Wharf Street parking still under discussion as to whether parking restrictions apply or not.
* SPM have been asked to remove the yellow line outside the British Hotel and create 4 parking bays
* Improved lighting for corner Quarry Road. Awaiting response from SPM.
* Refuse removal - Meetings with the council for an alternative scheme but no positive outcome. The advertisement for private enterprise to provide this service has gleaned little response. 1 July 2K is the deadline for completed forms for refuse removal service. Forms to be forwarded to Inspector Johnson.
* Talks with Intersite to improve the entrance to Simon's Town still in process.
* Membership Certificates for all Business Association Members to be printed and distributed.

OTHER MATTERS:

1 The constitution was amended to allow fees to be collected as from April of each year.

2. ATM Fraud - Dormant for a while, but now once more in Simon's Town.

3. Visiting Naval Ships - Foreign Exchange for visiting sailors was a problem. The meeting was informed that Rennies had offered to make arrangements to provide foreign exchange and that one of their representatives would be on hand to assist if requested.

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Notification of visiting ships is given by the Navy to the Publicity Association. It was recommended that a member of the Business Association attend the next Publicity Association meeting.

4. Community Police Officer

4.1 The Treasurer informed the meeting that the contract fees for our Community Police Officer were under negotiation. Despite the effectiveness of our CPO it was noted that on numerous occasions we were hard pressed to find the finances to meet our commitment, as many businesses despite having the benefit of a crime reduced area, do not contribute towards this service.

The President suggested that Simon's Town should adopt the "Municipal Improvement District" option which Fish Hoek is currently considering. Mrs Holderness outlined this option for those present.

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4.2 Treasurer's Report

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5. Outgoing / Incoming Committee

The President thanked the outgoing committee for their support and efforts and suggested that the incoming committee should allocate specific portfolios to each member to spread the load of work evenly rather than allowing the bulk of the load to be carried by the President and Deputy President.

5.1 New Committee - as from 1.6.2000

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MARIAN BUTCHER	ALISA BUINS
JACK CADER	ANDRE DURAAN

6. Closure

The next meeting date will be decided by the outgoing President and Executive Committee in conjunction with the incoming newly elected members. There being no further business the meeting closed at 19h00, whereafter drinks and snacks were served on the veranda.

Summarised by Heather Lunderstedt
Deputy President - Business Assoc.

NSRI Station 10 - Simon's Town

Time is not a large commodity! Wear one is a child, years last for ages. Forthcoming events take forever to happen. Gradually over the years time appears to fly faster until in the latter years, important events and features are upon one long before one expects to or to arrive. So this much spoken about, millennium year has come and all of a sudden is almost half done - Wow! Into beastfeating.

In January Station 10 launched a new boat. It has now been in use for almost six months and a wonderful sight it was out in Simon's Bay on Saturday 20 May, going through its paces during the annual N.S.R.I. / S.A.A.H. rescue exercise which took place with the sight of many Simon's Town residents turned. This event occurs once a year, and is conducted in the waters off either Simon's Town or Gordon's Bay, when Station 9 (Gordon's Bay) and Station 10 crews are exercised in helicopter Rescue operations.

It is most beneficial to the pilots of the Air Force Dryer helicopters to practice these type of rescues as well. Yes! There were both S.A. Airforce helicopters, one in the usual camouflage colours and the other in the white and red that they are painted for Antarctic deployment. The helicopters were due to leave Ysterplaat in Cape, but could only leave after the ground fog which covered the airport lifted. They landed on the Naval sports field where operations were first practiced on the ground - Sanlam Rescue (Station 9), Spirit of Free Masonry and Eddy Beaumont (Station 10) then sailed into Simon's Bay where crew members were lifted off both larger craft and wheeled up to the helicopters. The method used was to pass a line from the help to the boat. The line being kept in hand and not made fast. The lifting stropped hook are passed down

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the line to the boat from which a member is then winched up to the helicopter. This method keeps the boat out at an angle so that the pilot can keep sight of the boat throughout the winching operation. The helicopters returned to land intermittently so that the pilots could change positions. Later crew members were winched up to the helicopters from out of the sea.

The culmination of the exercise was a braai at Station 10 where boat crews and fliers got together and were able to swap yarns about the day's events. The exercise was a great success for all concerned.

There has been very little sea rescue activity for Station 10 since last month. Once again there was a false alarm when red flares were sighted above the mist we had one evening of late. The Spirit of Free Masonry launched and put out into False Bay, but was soon recalled as it was established that the flares had been fired from shore in the vicinity of Monwabisi. The call out proved a good exercise in Radar navigation for the crew. There has been some work for the Station 10 mobile 4x4 . The latest occurred on the 24th of May when a man collapsed at Seaforth from an epileptic fit. He was rushed to False Bay Hospital where he recovered.

The 4.2 metre surf boat (rubber duck) powered by a 40 H.P. outboard motor which has been at Station 10 whilst awaiting accommodation at N.S.R.I. Headquarters, where it belongs, provided some useful experience in operating such a craft by Station 10 crew members. The craft has now been returned to its home base. Recently a factory representative for Mercury outboard motors in Belgium visited Station 10, accompanied by the M.D. of the company that is the local representative for Mercury in Cape Town. He witnessed the running of the motors and took photographs of them as they are mounted on Spirit of Free Masonry to take back to the factory in Belgium.

Two Station 10 crew members recently completed the basic ambulance course, Paul Andrews passed the course with flying colours. Well done Paul! The other member needs to rewrite the written element. Four Station 10 members have just received their Class 2 certificates from the South African Maritime Safety Authority which enables them to coxswain 9 metre Sea Rescue craft. Congratulations to Kobus Lourens, Louise Duimelaar, Steven Conradie and Dave Fellows . This brings to eleven the number of Station 10 members that are certified as coxswains and is a very significant achievement.

Finally, Station 10 has received new Musto foul weather gear for the boats crews. These were sponsored via N.S.R.I. headquarters and are top of the range. This gear is greatly appreciated by all N.S.R.I. crew members. On that welcome news I will bid adieu.
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Locals and tourists alike can't but notice the old clock tower when entering or leaving Simon's Town. It's such a wonderful historical feature we all love a glance up at, as we pass. This clock, now some 186 years old, and a replica of the one in Chatham Dockyard in the United Kingdom, has by-and-large given accurate time all these years with the odd breakdown from time to time. This old faithful with its wonderful chimes finally gave up the ghost at the end of the last century (December 1999) and has not been heard since. I'm sure you will agree when I say, "We miss the old clock!".

I'm told that the estimated cost of repair is in the region of R12 000 and a qualified clock repairer is being identified. Although the clock is Navy Property, I doubt whether budgetary action has been taken care of for clock repairs. So who is going to repair the clock and who is going to pay?

Well, it would now appear that the Naval Heritage Society is being suggested as the organisation who should do the honours, so that we can all once again enjoy the old clock, its timekeeping and chimes. The Naval Heritage Society is probably now also attempting to identify the funds required and a repairer. However, the Simon's Town Historical Society urgently appeals to the Heritage Society to do all it can to have the clock repaired and we support them in their efforts to do so. The town needs the clock again and tourists who visit each day can once again admire this splendid clock.

Chairman Simon's Town Historical Society

Editor's Note:

The Naval Heritage Society has the matter in hand, and repair work has been commissioned.

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History of Simon's Town

Some Events in the Recorded History of Simon's Town

1488 **Bartholomeu Dias** describes "The Cape of Storms".

1497 **Vasco da Gama** rounds the Cape.

1580 **Sir Francis Drake** views "The Fairest Cape we saw in the whole circumference of the earth".

1652 **Jan van Riebeeck** establishes settlement at "Cape of Good Hope" for Dutch East India Company.

1687 **Commander Simon van der Stel** personally surveys False Bay and selects Simon's Bay as a safe anchorage.

1741 **Dutch East India Co.** decrees that only Simon's Bay to be used as an anchorage from 15th May to 15th August, each year.

1776 **Midshipman Horatio Nelson** invalided in Simon's Bay for one month.

1795 **First British occupation.**

1802 Simon's Town returned to **Batavian Republic.**

1806 **Second British occupation.**

1860 **Patent Slipway** opened.

1881 **Royal visit** by Prince Albert and Prince George of Wales.

1890 **Railway line** to Simon's Town completed.

1901 **Boer prisoners-of-war** camp at Bellevue.

1910 **Selborne dry dock** opened.

1939-1945 **330 ships** repaired in Simon's Town during the war years.

1957 Simon's Town Dockyard handed over by Royal Navy to the **South African Navy.**

1967 Simon's Town is proclaimed a White Group Area.

1994 Free democratic election. **President Nelson Mandela.**

Simon's Town: Historical Buildings and Events

Admiralty House - Land granted to Antony Vesey in 1743, later became Hodge's Lodging House and was bought by the Royal Navy in 1814 to become Admiralty House. In 1828 the Admiralty Pier was built.

Bellevue - Now the Golf course at Bourbon, served as a Prisoner of War camp for **Boer soldiers** captured at Paardeberg in 1900.

Just Nuisance - Famous Great Dane during World War I who was enlisted as an able Seaman, accompanied sailors to and from Simon's Town by gain, creating many tales of incredible intelligence, adventure and devotion.

Martello Tower - In 1796 Major General James Craig strengthened the fortifications of the Cape against an attack by the Batavian Republic of France. He built a robust tower at Skit River and one at Simon's Town based on the Martello Tower in Corsica.

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St Francis of Assisi: Originally St. Frances after Lady Frances Cole, was established in 1837 and is the oldest Anglican Church in South Africa.

St Georges Church: Occupied the Sail Loft in the Mast House, East Dockyard. In use since 1819.

Dutch Reformed Church established in 1856

Roman Catholic Church of Saint Simon and Jude, established in 1850.

Thomas Street Mosque: A Minaret was built in 1904 and the present Mosque in 1926. The Moslem community suffered greatly when Simon's Town was declared a "White Group" area in 1967.

Palace Barracks: Property granted to Jan H Munnik in 1748, later acquired by John Osmond ("King John") in 1815. Became a military mess in 1886 and since 1957, a wardroom for SA Navy officers.

Residency: Originally built in 1777 for the Governor, later served as hospital, barracks, customs house, prison and post office. From 1814 to 1980 it was the Magistrate's Court and Residence and currently houses the Simon's Town Museum.

Roman Rock Lighthouse: Present granite structure built in 1867 by Colonial Railway engineer JF Bourne; was manned, but later automated using acetylene gas. Four-ton granite blocks were cut at Seaforth.

Studland: Built as a Wine House in 1797 to which a Brewery was added in 1830 and is now in private ownership.

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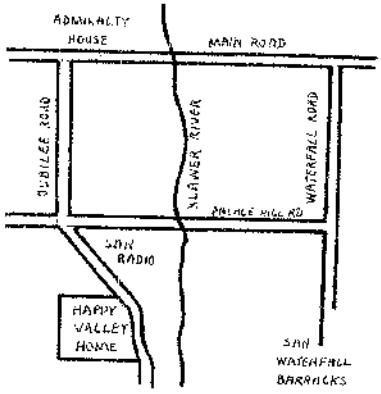

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Environmental Management Plan for Naval Base Simon's Town

As the largest land owners in South Africa the SANDF has undertaken to become the leaders in Environmental Management. The SA Navy is showing the way in Simon's Town. During April 1998 Naval Base Enviromental Officer, Lt Cdr Cathy Dearlove, attended the Environmental Management Systems course of Potchefstroom University. The course content is designed to enable candidates to return to their various bases and begin the planning of an Environmental Management Plan (EMP). These plans would eventaully qualify them to receive the ISO 14 Thousand certification.

Before the mammoth tack of compiling the EMP could be tackled, an assessment of the Environmental Site and an Impact Study of Simon's Town had to be drawn up. All the facts and the finest details had to be documented.

This assessment covered all the events, both past and present, which have affected the environment in Simon's Town. Incidents like bush fires, mud slides, soil erosion, oil spills, live-ammunition firing, use of hazardous substances and underwater explosions were high on the list of the investigators. This information is vital in order to manage these factors correctly.

Staff members of the Environmental Services of Naval Base Simon's Town were required to assess every office, workshop, shed and all other work areas in the SAN Dockyard. They investigated every avenue within the Navy's arena of responsibility.

In addition to this, all staff members and building managers who work in the area were interviewed. All reports compiled for the Occupation Health Section of Western Province Medical Command were thoroughly checked and all relevant information was included in the Final Site Assessment documents.

The information gathered from the Site Assessment will enable staff members of Environmental Services to document all high-risk areas, list all activities and to describe all hazardous substances on site. Without this information it would be impossible to manage the site properly.

With all the freshly gathered information at hand the Impact assessment was begun in April 2000.

An Impact Analysis Matrix for each area of responsibilty is being drawn up. Contained in this Matrix will be factors that affect how each area must be controlled in order that none of the rules and regulations of the Environmental Law are broken. These Matrices will set a standard that will serve as a benchmark for critical areas. A database will

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be compiled on the Geographical Information System facility under the Institute of Maritime Technology to store all the information gathered.

The compilation of these matrices is a very time consuming operation but the final EMP cannot be completed without them.

The Environmental Management Plan will enhance the SA Navy's ability to maintain long-term operations as well as to meet its responsibilities as environmental custodian of its military areas.

Simon's Town Museum News

"Sun Residency" Tea Garden

Mrs Margaret Hey has opened a delightful Tea Room in the Museum terrorist overlooking Simon's Bay and the Yacht Basin. Margaret will be open daily from 10:00 until 16:00, except for Saturday afternoons.

Do come along and sample her delicious team, filter coffee, home-made chocolate cake, scones with cream and jam, brandy tart, or shakespeares and soup for Lunch. If the weather should be inclement, tea will be served in the Museum's "Wreck Room", also overlooking the Bay or in the "Africa Station Club" (the realm of a typical Simon's Town Public the days of the Royal Navy).

Margaret will also be catering for private functions in the Museum, so for further details you are welcome to contact her at the Museum on 786-2848.

Goal from the Wreck of the "Clan Stuart"

Everyone in the Simon's Town area is acquainted with the wreck of the "Clan Stuart", and its engine is block protruding from the site opposite the Old Range Oil Factory at

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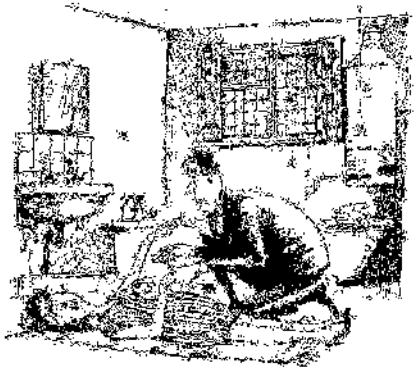

"In the Bath ! Look at the one in the Bath"

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Glencairn . The *"Clan Stewart"* was a collier carrying Welsh cobbles and she was blown ashore in a south-easterly gale on 21 November 1914.

Mr Arthur Sibthorpe, a former S A Navy Diver, has just donated to the Museum a 25kg piece of coal which he himself salvaged from the *"Clan Stuart"* some years ago. If you would like to see this unusual artefact it is on display in the Museum's "Wreck Room" along with other interesting bits of Flotsam and Jetsum found in Simon's Bay.

Cherry Dilley
Curator

Peninsula Tourism
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After a particularly hectic summer/autumn season, May has been a quieter month allowing time to reflect on the events of the previous months especially the busy Easter and National Day weekends.

The visit of the German naval vessels was most successful and the Navy are to be congratulated on their superb organization and on the moving memorial service held on Jubilee Square for the German and American lives lost in a tragic air accident.

The recent influx of visiting naval personnel did, however highlight the problem which many foreign visitors have in exchanging their currencies. The Simon's Town Publicity Association intends writing to the relevant authorities and financial institutions to express concern about the inadequate foreign exchange facilities which inevitably lead to a loss of potential revenue for local businesses.

The Cape Town Mastercard Gourmet Festival was celebrated in May at several venues in the South Peninsula. These included a Fish Fair at Kalk Bay, the Madhatter's Tea Party for children at Noordhoek and "Tea with Rhodes" at Rhodes' Cottage, St. James.

Simon's Town restaurants were invited to enter teams in the annual Waitrons Race, which was held on Hout Bay beach this year on a glorious sunny Saturday morning (13 May).

Although Café Pescado and Penguin Point Restaurant competed last year, the closure of Chapman's Peak prevented most False Bay restaurants from participating this year. The silver trophy for "Fastest service in the South" was snatched by the fleet-footed waiters of Pizza Pinni of Constantia.

Despite the reduced number of visitors to

BREAST CANCER AND HORMONE THERAPY

Dr Steven van der Merwe's Practice will be hosting an evening of talks on Breast cancer and Hormone Replacement Therapy.
The guest speakers are Drs. Anne Gudgeon - GP and breast disease researcher: "What you need to know about breast disease and breast cancer" and Joy Fletcher-Jones - gynaecologist: "Gynaecological health priorities and hormones for the mature woman"

The lectures will be presented at the Simon's Town Museum at 7 pm on 8 June. Entrance is free, but for catering purposes and due to the fact that the venue can only accommodate approximately 80 persons, we request that those who would like to attend please RSVP to Dr. van der Merwe's rooms at 786 - 1697 before 3 June. Refreshments (sponsored by MSD; Eli-Lilly; PharmAfrica and Donmed) will be served at the interval between the two lectures.

the town, we can look forward to a busy winter. The Bureau is arranging accommodation and transport in July for the choir of Christ College, Cambridge. They will be singing at St. Frances' Church on the evening of 16 July.

Simon's Town will welcome another large group of visitors from the 5 – 11 August when the renowned Lipton Cup Yachting Competition will be held at the False Bay Yacht Club. The organizing committee is hard at work and the Peninsula Tourism staff will be on duty at an information stand during the competition.

As usual after Easter, enquiries about Christmas accommodation are beginning to flood in. Houses and cottages near beaches and /or with swimming pools are most in demand and temporary seasonal membership of Peninsula Tourism is available to anyone wishing to rent out their properties.

I would like to welcome our new members Prof. and Mrs Glatthaar of Glencairn. "Cullen" - their spacious home has lovely sea views across False Bay and is a most welcome addition to the list of self-catering accommodation in this area.

In conclusion we wish Thorn Lelhala of the Bureau staff a happy 21st birthday on the 26 May and must sadly say farewell to Pat Lochhead, who is moving to Calitzdorp at he end of this month. Good luck,

Pat - we hope you'll return often to visit all your friends in Simon's Town.

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A Tanganyika Journal - Part 4

December 20

Dirt at wedding anniversary. Some come and gone. Wilbert Hebber, the chief pagan, no scotch, gin and sweet meats. The latest that Mother managed to make a noise upon was paper, carefully placed in a small bed dug by Sharkie boy, who watched closely but blankly from a respectful distance, his second, which has an alarming tendency to unravel itself.

Yesterday we missed the appearance of my great friends.
"Bafa" he chuckled wickedly, pointing them out to Sharkie boy. He crouched down and spoke his mind.
"Hapana kah," he said. "Hii" pointing to Beetroot, "mbwa". I danced happily to control the tendency and went gaily outside again, to put up the sports of Chess, Word Sailor, at which he never failed, that the words would mean likely as Beetroot by various means. What else I say?

December 24

I record this event although it's a black mark against me.
We've had a visit from Terry Maginn, who's two bitches and a tickey high, and rather big. He is in charge of a wayside farm and regularly arrives with baskets of awesome fresh goodies. My introduction to Terry was when he, Sailor and I were struggling through a stand of tall grass. Terry disappeared. Sailor looked around and noticed a slight movement of grass some distance away. So he rescued Terry, who never completely lost direction.

There's been a great rigmarole between Beetroot and Sailor, with Pete carrying the most noise and fuss, and I have probably totally lost her part. Now, Beetroot is a one-man dog and Sailor was the good chap to get Terry. They became friends and mates.

All things considered, Sailor decided to make a truly great sacrifice. He offered to hand over Beetroot to Terry, and they're going regularly over to see the bitch, perfect companions. Beetroot, the devoted protector of Terry's belongings, etc. It is obvious that Sailor will be very much on parting with the dog, and for the first time, he's spoken of their meeting and friendship - before Sharkie and I appeared on the scene.

Sailor had gone down to Lindi on official business and found the young Beetroot. Late one afternoon, Terry, a prospector, like Wickham, rode up generally to be with us, and talking of men, Sailor liked to make friends and the dog wouldn't be appreciated.

Eventually Sailor cast a plaintive eye on his empty bowl and he offered to buy Beetroot. And that was how Beetroot came to Nanyanga. Since then they have been together constantly and shared hunting, adventures, and, as I appreciate now, great pleasure. It was a privilege to be a new friend.

It's been a wonderful gesture by Sailor's part, the years in Lindi together and they are happy, looking after each other, surely lonely away from the world of fresh who think nothing of losing a dog or losing a friend.

A Tanganyika Journal
Part 5

December 28

Our mothers have remembered us this Christmas, mine sent a parcel containing socks for Sailor, talcum powder for me, and a box of Black Magic - my very favourite confectionary. Inside the box Mother had cunningly hidden a small sack of pipe tobacco. Aileen's parcel contained an elegant musical beer stein for Sailor. Unfortunately she had declared its true commercial value at £6.10.0, and as import duty is 100% Sailor has had to lob out more than 600 shillings. So now he has this really impressive container, and no money left for beer. Well, I consoled, at least he could enjoy the tinkle of "Auld Lang Syne".

My chocolates are just barely edible, given that I don't smoke and the taste of tobacco is alien to my palate. "Shut your eyes," said Sailor, puffing contentedly, "and use your imagination".

We had Christmas dinner at the Mess, by invitation. With the temperature hovering around 96°F, the food was traditionally piping hot, even unto a sizzling plum pudding crowned with steaming custard. As a token of appreciation I pinned a verse to the notice board:

Christmas comes but once a year
And when it comes it brings good cheer
And great excitement in the Mess -
Where diners all attempt to guess
In what disguise the Bully Beef
Will come to cheer them: in a leaf
Of cabbage coy? Or maybe hid
With mashed potatoes for a lid.
Oh, they'll have lots of fun and games
Inventing new and naughty names
For this stuff, served to them each night:
This Bully, Caterer's delight.
And so we say, with great amen,
God rest ye merry, Gentlemen.

January 4 1950

A couple arrived here recently; the day we met them, the man offered the unsolicited information that his wife Valerie was the only South African woman he'd ever seen who didn't have hairy legs. I offered to show mine, but he brushed it aside as insufficient evidence. Pompous ass.

Yesterday Valerie came to me in tears: her beloved budgie had flown the coop, they'd searched high and low, without any luck. Would we please, please help? I went out to the lean-to kitchen to advise Filippi of the flown bird. He was squatting on the ground before a steaming pot resting on a small fire, plucking something green while Sheba looked on impatiently. I hurried to the front of the banda and sent Valerie off with a few words of comfort. Then back to the scene of the crime. "Hide these feathers", I told Filippi. "Memsab," said Filippi with some pride, "Sheba caught little bird pesi-pesi". "And you, Sheba and Memsab will be in big-big trouble if you don't get rid of every feather quick-quick."

Simon's Town Art Show

The nett earnings of the show have been distributed as follows:

False Bay Hospital Board	R2000
Happy Valley Home	R2000
Simon's Town Home Nursing Service	R2000

There will definitely be a show later this year, convened and organised by Cameron Taswell-Yates, tel. 786 2223, who will announce the programme in due course. So watch this space!

Retiring Convenor, Reg Loxton

Music makes you clever !?

Many theories are put forward in trying to explain the connection between musical exposure (especially listening to works by Bach and Mozart) and "performance" in other fields eg. mathematics and science. In one study done in 1999, EEG's were performed on children whilst listening to a Mozart sonata. It was found that the same part of the brain was changed as those parts that deal with spatial-temporal reasoning (the ability to think in pictures and to visualise objects and patterns as they change in space and over time - as utilised in maths and science). This experiment also showed positive effects on patients with Alzheimer's disease and epilepsy - stabilisation of brain activity.

Other interesting experiments done on trained musicians, showed EEG's data which proved more linkage between the various parts of the brain than untrained musicians. Large areas of the brain were deactivated during performance (showing extreme concentration) and when they were required to listen to a performance, to detect mistakes, the areas of the brain which dealt with this was widely dispersed. The old idea that music is only processed in the right brain is therefore not quite true.

Rats also thrive on Mozart !!? Laboratory rats exposed to Mozart's piano sonata K448, both while still in their mother's womb and after birth, ran a maze faster and with fewer errors than did rats in the control situation. There seems to be hope yet for our ailing music society in this country - a large rat audience (clever rats, that is).

There is research which proves this not to only mean classical music (or Mozart for that matter) or music at all, but a neurologist / musicologist group in Illinois analysed composers' works and mapping them on a scale of how often the music's loudness rises and falls in surges of 10 seconds or more. Mozart scored 2 to 3 times higher than the others, also correlating with the natural "rhythm" of the brain.

The research clearly has a long way to go and requires (as all science does) years of replication, testing, and tiny advances before general recommendations could be made. It appears that humans are pre-wired for musical understanding. Children respond to music - they learn the alphabet by singing it! In the Wende African tribe, people learn about what it means to be a Wende through music, by singing and dancing.

Maybe our educators should also be more careful before cutting the music department in our schools - seen as an unneccesary "luxury".

Greetings in health!

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Weekend of Music with the Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina

The Simon's Town Pro Musica Divina will present a weekend of music on 15-16 July. On the Saturday night at 19h00 the UCT string quartet will perform at the Sts. Simon and Jude Catholic Church (Simon's Town). This brilliant group are well known throughout South Africa and have also recently been invited to perform in Europe at a chamber music festival in September. The Church can only seat approximately 120 people and the quartet is well loved, so book early.

The Magdalene College Choir from Cambridge will be performing at St. Francis Church (Simon's Town) on 16 July at 18h00. They will also sing at the St Francis Church Eucharist Service on 16 July at 09h30.
Do not miss out on this wonderful weekend of good music. Tickets for the two concerts will be R25.00 each, or a weekend "pass" to both will be R45.00.

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CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAP

Crime Roundup for May 2000

Burglary (Res) **8**
No pattern was found as the burglaries occurred in different areas within the precinct boundaries. Note that the most frequent method of entry is by forcing a door open.

Burglary (Bus) **1**
Theft out of M/V **8**
Three of these cases were reported at Boulders and the other five from different areas. Note that parking areas and especially remote parking spots are targeted.

Theft of M/V **2**
One from Station Rd, Simon's Town, which was recovered at Long Beach parking area and one from the SA Naval Complex in Glencairn.

Arrests
Attempted Murder 1 Theft4
Family Violence Act 1 Drunk12
Drunken Driving 1 Sea Fisheries 2
Warrant of Arrest 1
Possession of Suspected Stolen Prop.1

If the statistics are compared with previous years, it will be seen that an appreciable decrease in priority crime has occurred during May 2000, aside from Theft out of M/V.

Crime	1998	1999	2000
Burglary (Res)	13	23	8
Theft out of M/V	2	4	8
Theft of M/V	1	4	2

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The Night Sky

The Southern Cross is high in the sky in a bright part of the Milky Way. It is circumpolar and turns around in 24 hours in a clockwise direction, always pointing towards the South Pole. Two hours ahead of it is the Diamond Cross and to the west is the very bright star Canopus, part of the constellation of the great ship Argo. The smaller Diamond Cross is nearer to the South Pole then the other two crosses. Ahead of Canopus is another bright star Achenar, this is an Arabic word meaning "the end of the river". The Babylonian astronomers of ancient times were not in a position to see 70% of the southern sky, so many of these stars were unknown to people from the Northern Hemisphere, being discovered by sailors visiting South America, rounding the Cape on the way to India, or on round the world voyages of exploration.

Halley of Halley's Comet fame, was sent to St Helena in 1677 to accurately plot these newly found stars, in order to help English navigators, but due to bad weather managed only to obtain the co-ordinates of 350 stars. The French government, a hundred years after the arrival of Jan van Riebeek, sent the Abbe de Lacaille to the Cape to do the same. He was cordially received by the Governor Ryk van Tulbach in 1752, who assisted him in having an observatory erected at the back of the boarding house in Strand Street, where he lived. De Lacaille was a hard worker who added 9450 new stars to Halley's list of 350.

De Lacaille worked on obtaining accurate co-ordinates of Cape Town, as well as the length of southern longitude from Cape Town to the farm Aurora, at Klipfontein beyond the Kapokberg and Riebeek's Kasteel. As is well known, plumb bobs do not hang vertically on a mountain, but are pulled towards it. Although his measurements were accurate, he did not know that compensation for the deflection was required in his calculations, so his calculation was incorrect.

About a hundred years later the astronomers Herschel and MacClear re-enacted the survey and found the deflection. De Lacaille's error was 1 in 856 due to gravity pulling the plumb bob towards both the Kapokberg and Riebeek's Kasteel. The position of Cape Town was not accurately determined until reliable chronometers of the type made by Harrison became readily available. Mariners had no difficulty measuring Declination called Latitude, but Right Ascension known as Longitude was impossible to calculate without using a chronometer.

The Babylonian astronomers and astrologers were able to identify 48 constellations, but after Hally and De Lacaille, 88 were known to mankind. Many of the southern constellations still have the names given to them at this time. The large constellation, Argo the Ship, near the Southern Cross, has been broken down to its parts, Carina, the Keel; Vela, the Sails; Puppis, the Stern, and Pyxis, the Compass. Some have disappeared. 4000 years ago in Babylonian times the constellations were not in the same positions as they are today, due to Precession of the Equinoxes. Sigma Octans was the South Polar Star 100 years ago, but is not so today. The Plough in the Northern Hemisphere will not remain the Polar Constellation.

The Planets

Mercury, Magnitude -1.1 is to be found in the west after sunset until June 27.

Venus will appear again in the evening sky during the third week of July.

Mars is to close to the Sun to be seen this month, but will reappear in the morning sky at Magnitude+1.8 in the middle of August.

Jupiter at Magnitude -2.8 is to be found in Aries in the early morning sky. One person reported seeing it in the middle of May just before sunrise, which is very observant.

Saturn, Magnitude -0.1, has passed from Aries into Taurus and is visible in the early morning sky.

Uranus, Magnitude 5.7, in Capricornus together with **Neptune**, Magnitude 7.8, is very difficult to find without a telescope, as is **Pluto** in Ophiuchus.

The Moon

New Moon is on June 2; First quarter June 9; Full Moon on June 17 and Last Quarter June 25.

Eclipse of the Moon

There will be an eclipse of the Moon on July 16 at 12h46. The Eclipse ends at 19h04. It will be interesting to observe an Eclipse of the Moon as it is rising, that is, if it is not raining. An Eclipse of the Moon can only occur at Full Moon.

The Sun

On June 1 sunrise is at 07h43 and sunset at 17h45. At the end of the month sunrise is at 07h53 and sunset at 17h48, so the days are drawing in.

Meteor Showers

The Scorpids are possibly visible nightly from 21hr. until 20 June, but the Sagittarids, Ophiuchids and Lyrids will be disappointing according to predictions.

Comets

No new comets have been reported this month.

Aurora Austr

A report from a fisherman last month was that a friend of his who had been fishing at the time saw what appeared to be an Aurora. Unfortunately he did not phone a second time as promised, so I was not able to ascertain the colour, and for how long it had been visible. Due to very greatly increased Sun spot activity the likelihood of seeing an Aurora is increased particularly if the observer is looking between S.W. and N.W. at the time.

Recently I was asked how much earlier stars rose every evening. They rise 3 mins 55.91 secs earlier each day. The star time, known as Siderial Time, only coincided with the time we use at the beginning of an astronomical year. The Siderial Time now at midnight would be 16hrs, so if the Right Ascension is looked up for 16hrs in a Star Atlas, the constellation is Scorpius - which is directly overhead now. The Right Ascension and Declination are the Longitude and Latitude of the sky.

Peter I. van Blommestein

LAST MONTH'S

Crossword Solution

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SOLUTION

Congratulations to Mr C. W. Schultz for winning our last Crossword Puzzle (No. 7). Hope you enjoy your prize from Café Pescado.

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FORTHCOMING EVENTS JUNE/JULY 2000

1. **SIMON'S TOWN MUSEUM**
Ph. 786 3046
Wed. 14th June 5. 30 for 6 p.m. "SOUTH AMERICAN ADVENTURE" Talk with slides by Audrey Read R10 per person (includes a complimentary glass of wine/fruit juice prior to lecture).

2. **FRIENDS OF THE CAPE OF GOOD HOPE** – Conducted walks in Cape of Good Hope section of the National Park are on the third Sunday of each month. April – September 1130 October – March 0800. No charge (apart from R20 admission to park). The next walks are : 18th June & 16th July. Enquiries: 786-1774.

3. **FRIENDS OF THE SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE Enquiries**
Ph. 786 3890 – All welcome
Sunday 11th June at 0930
Alien Vegetation Hack and Planting of Indigenous Shrubs **Venue**: Links Crescent **but MEET AT Boulders car park.**
Wednesday 21st June at 1930
Illustrated talk "Ethics of Conservation" by Prof. Hattingh of University of Stellenbosch Venue: Museum Hall, Court Rd, Simon's Town.
Sunday 9th July at 0930
Alien Vegetation Hack with SAVE Venue: South end of Watsonia Drive, Murdoch Valley North.

4. **PENSIONER'S FREE MONTHLY SHOPPING BUS**
To Pick 'n Pay from Murdoch Valley (Ixia Cres bus terminus), then Simon's Town, Glencairn and Fish Hoek to Sun Valley and return. For dates, times and pick-up points please telephone 786 3137.

WALKING TOURS OF THE HISTORIC MILE, SIMON'S TOWN
Every Tuesday and Saturday. (Booking essential). Ph. Bobbie 786 3189 (Tues), Ph. Audrey 786 1805 (Sat).

5. **SPIER STEAM TRAINS**
Sunday 25th June
1. Cape Town – Simon's Town return (stops at Plumstead and Muizenberg). Adults R60 children 12 and under R30. Departs Cape Town 10.00 am. Returns ex Simon's Town 2.00 pm.
2. Simon's Town – Plumstead Return (stops Muizenberg) Adults R50, children 12 and under R25. Departs Simon's Town 12.00 noon. Returns to Simon's Town 2.00pm. Spier's delicious picnic is available on board if pre-booked. R60 per person. For tickets & enquiries phone Spier Vintage Train at 419 5222 or Peninsula Tourism at 786 5798 or 788 6176 or 790 1264.

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