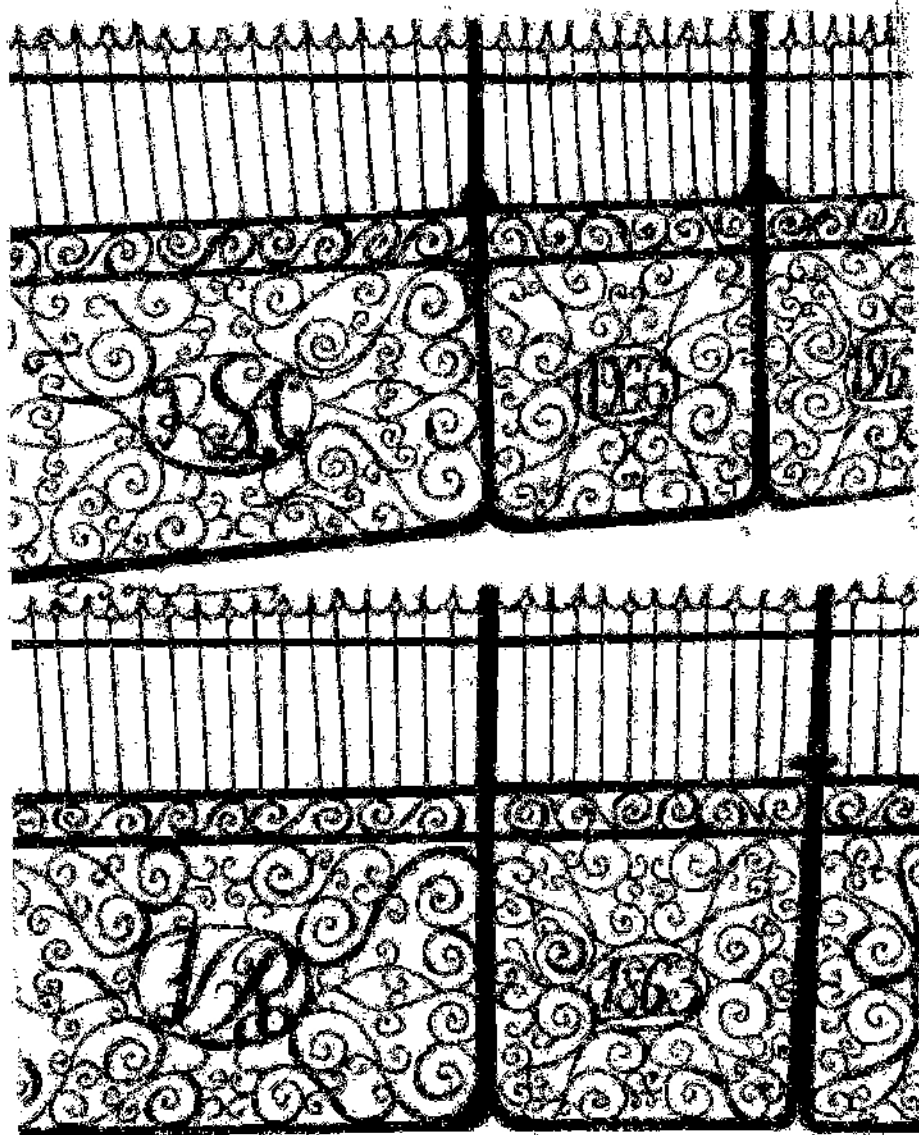


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West Dockyard Gates - Jona Loxton

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The Dockyard Gates

One hundred years separate the two wrought ornamental gates which form the impressive entrance to the West Dockyard in Simon's Town.

The one on the left bears the monogram "VR" (Victoria Regina) and the date 1863. The RSA monogram on the "new" gate was designed by Mr Stanley Grey. The original gates were made by Mr Charles Henry Algar in the West Yard smithery in 1863.

In 1961 the "VR" monogram was removed from the gate, together with other British badges and insignia, when the SA Navy took over the base from the Royal Navy, but this caused so much ill-feeling that the monogram was replaced. It was said at the time that from both the artistic and the historic points of view the gate deserved to be declared an historical monument.

With the widening of the main road from 18ft to 42ft outside the West Dockyard, a new walk was built with a new gateway. The SAN took the opportunity to satisfy both the English and local sentiments.

A replica of the original gate, considered one of the finest local examples of the iron-worker's art, was made in the SA Dockyard's blacksmith shop, and into it the Navy incorporated the South African monogram "RSA" with the date 1966 in the scroll work. The replicas which weigh more than a ton were made by Mr Claude Randall.

The intricate and massive gate, like the old one, is a splendid tribute to the skill of the SA Navy in a craft which it is not normally called upon to undertake.

It matches the original gate to perfection, and together the two gates provide a dignified entrance to the West Dockyard.

Mr Claude Randall recalls:

"This kind of workmanship had never before been called upon to be performed in this Dockyard, as scroll work is an art of its own. Therefore, when my foreman, Mr R Eddles (subsequently retired) told me that a set of four gates had to be manufactured on the pattern of the 1863 pair, he added (I quote) 'You are going to get the job'. I had such misgivings as to the result of so huge an undertaking."

Editorial

Well - an eventful and somewhat scary past few weeks. What with two robberies and attempted robberies in the CBD, in both cases the victim was St George's Jewellers. Unfortunately Helen Brown got beaten up by the robbers during the first event. Furthermore, a man was shot in Murchison Valley - fortunately not fatally. Tony Robinson will report on these matters elsewhere in this issue.

Now, the fuss and bother about the proposed bottle store at the Glenasmole 7-11! It is up to you to register your objections, or otherwise.

The saga of the ramps road linking Jubilee Square with O'Leary Point parking cages etc. In a previous issue I expressed my personal opinion to show this link road would be ridiculous, as is the statement that the Council's decision to close the road is irreversible. I have many times witnessed our Simon's Town Council reaching a standing decision - it's never too late! I was frequently near the

suggestion that steps should be built alongside the ramp - dear me! there are steps on the left hand side of the ramp, but there is no sign to indicate the location of the steps - for heaven's sake!

Now the good news: I have invested in a big machine - you know, out of the box wagon, on to the horse and cart. By publication date I hope to have learnt how to operate the machine.

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Down the Historical Mile

Menser die Voorzitter "ek stel die vraag". Stoffel Boesman's usual pompous way of announcing that he had something to say; you see, Stoffel has a relative who works in the Proprietary Council Overseas, and this relative says that this is the proper way to start things in Council - so Stoffel reckons that SLAP should do things properly.

Anyway, Stoffa wanted to know the real meaning and purpose of the nation stuck in the windows of Ghill Tynne, the tearoom opposite Jubilee Square, formerly Wind-and-Water and formerly six other owners going back to the time of ten years ago - the place must be "mixed".

Heather Lunders'ed Estates' "For Sale with Sole Mandate" placed across the board. SICAP went along to look at the board and discuss the meaning of the notice, in the process causing a traffic jam on the pavement, so bad that Marius - the lobby on the first, shouted at them to move along, the

So what's for sale, asked Harold Hargrove, is it the building? No, says Helen from the

jewellery shop next door - the building is definitely not for sale, She should know because she and George own the building. Thus perhaps it's all the cakes that are for sale, suggests Wignat Williams, because through the window he can see a whole heap of cakes on the table. Clara Fijnessch suggests that idea. Cake sales are not organised that way; cake sales are for church ladies, girl guides and so on, who put up tables on a Saturday and sell all sorts of baked cookies and cakes.

Okay, says Pat Pomplis, so what's with this Estate? Stoffel explains it means "real estate", but he's not sure if that means the property being sold is "real", or that the person selling the property is "real" - you know, a "fed person" and not someone who lives in a cell phone. So what about "sole party deal"? Mafioso Boop-pone wanted to know - sole is a flat fish, and she always thought it was a fishy business; perhaps "sold" would be better and make the business more negotiable and not a bunch a cheating.

Mannette, Stoffel explained, comes from the Latin word "maniculum" or "band" to





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command. They used to use "sole agent" but "Sole Mandate" is more upmarket; perhaps in Wynberg where property is not so expensive they still use "sole agent".

Schultz was getting cross - we're talking a lot of nonsense. It's the board that is for sale; but who in his right mind would want to sell an old board? Well, you never know: there are too many estate agents in the town and business is not that good! So anything is for sale - look at what was put up for sale at the Purple Patch!

Everything is a mystery these days said the Chairman, closing the October meeting of SLAP.

Streetwalker

False Bay Chess Club

Chess by submarine cable? Yes, first record is of a match between Liverpool and Dublin chess clubs in 1861. All above board however at the Monday meetings of the False Bay Chess Club at 8pm in the Fish Hoek Library hall. Your move!

From the Bosun's Chair

Here we are in the last week of October and what do we have? A return to winter. Strong Northerly winds and heavy rain for days on end. Little wonder that the visiting yachtsfolk are confused.

Simon's Bay is presently enjoying a good chokka or squid run with boats getting good catches of this tasty sought after mollusc. For those of you on the mountainside with a view of the Bay who may have wondered as to the cause of the brilliant patch of light on the outer fringe of the yacht anchorage, relax, it was not an invasion of Venusians but a group of intrepid anglers trying out a Port Alfred registered Chokka ski-boat.

Its lights are designed so bright as to attract the Chokka toward the surface for easier capture but I also noticed they confused the resident seagull population who were seen flying around in the pool of light at 9pm. Also in the Bay at present are snoek and yellowtail. So get out there and tight lines!

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Simon's Town Civic Association

For a change, let the members speak. There has been quite vigorous and healthy reaction to proposals reported about the future of the ramp or slip road from Jubilee Square down to the Cole Point parking area, and about the use of Jubilee Square itself, plus other subjects. Such debate is exactly what Simon's Town needs to unite its voices against intrusions of rampant (no pun intended) bureaucracy.

That ramp:

In Afrikaans "ramp" means, appropriately, "calamity". For so seemingly small a thing our ramp has generated unusual argument. Closing it is part of an overall traffic plan for Simon's Town approved by the city council. The STCA committee and almost all members who have reacted say the plan was not aired enough in public, which Councilor Nicki Holderness and municipal officials vehemently contest - recalling that a series of public meetings was held at great

cost and the plan was open for study in the library for months.

Chairman Fran Freeman asked traffic boss Frans Krause to reopen the plan for public debate. She got a somewhat forthright dismissal and a lecture indicating the plan is geared not to Simon's Town's needs alone but also to ensure a smooth flow tourist traffic through the whole Peninsula "when Chapman's Peak is re-opened". That could be light years away.

The ramp, he said, would be closed come what may. Reason: its steepness was dangerous for downgoing traffic. On that basis half the roads in the Peninsula should be closed including the two up to the library where municipal projects are tabled for all to see. Yet one municipal suggestion is for the ramp to be used by people in wheelchairs. Whoever said Simon's Town was dull? Manu Choudree, STCA security mem-

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ber, said the ramp should stay open as an emergency exit. Unfortunately, said Mrs. Holderness, municipal emergency funds had already vetoed that.

A strong proponent of closing the ramp is Mike Munnik. He wrote (in shortened version) "It appears that the so-called debate on the closure has sadly been largely based on the 'how is it going to affect me' syndrome."

"The Traffic Consultants have clearly indicated this road plays no significant role in Simon's Town's traffic movement system. The issue is not about traffic flow, it is about what benefits the road closure could bring to the layout of Jubilee Square... an important part of Simon's Town's attraction. The future lies in enhancing and adding to these assets. The hustle and bustle of the market centre of an historic town is what people come to see."

Mike suggests small changes to improve the appearance of the west side of Jubilee Square and on the east side closing the ramp to make space for the fruit and veg vendors

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and to give proper access to the Publicity Association. The benefits, he says, would be greater than keeping the ramp. Peter Fewell backs him strongly. He says there is a safety risk on the ramp with strangers wandering up and down. There has been a few accidents where they have been forced to stop, either falling or slipping. Sometimes traffic has gone the wrong way - up instead of down. He says better access to the Publicity Bureau would assist tourists who form an ever-increasing aspect of town life.

Bruce Parker says even so there is no really urgent need to close the slip road and it provides a good, short, off-the-main road link to the larger parking area at Cole Point. If there was better signage at the entrance to Jubilee Square and at the entrance to the slip road, this other parking area might be more easily found by visitors.

The slip road is an excellent pressure relief valve, allowing traffic to get on off from the Square without interfering the main road, says Nick Lee. There is a theoretical hazard

of pedestrians being knocked down, though he has never heard of it happening, so a small path on the side would be a bonus.

A set of brick steps should be built at the side of the road clearly and boldly marked **steps for pedestrians - keep off the road!** says Mike Conacher. These pointing arrow for left who do not speak English was. If the road is closed the country, etc. will be even less well attended. The information kiosk should be taken away from the inlet and replaced at the bottom of the island with left signage indicating how to proceed.

Two more of many remarks:

- * "Closing the ramp to the Seven Seas Club and Cole Point is busy. Just think of the chaos. The bus lane is a nightmare."
- * "Wish to keep it open."

Consultation:

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- "It's not good enough just to place plans, etc. in the Library for residents to react to. We need prominent notice boards in the vicinity of Jubilee Square with large notices, telling us what's on, what meetings are coming up, what civic matters bare in the pipeline.
- "On the point that the whole plan was available in the library: such complex documents should be summarized and publicized."
- "Not everybody goes to the library."
- "Displaying literature in the library is not an adequate means of gaining public participation."
- "The traffic plan should be re-opened for further public debate. I am sure a large number of residents have not seen it and if they had, finer details such as the closing of the slip road may well have been missed.
- "Just putting these things in the Public Library is not really enough."
- "It is of no avail to complain that traffic plan meetings were poorly attended - often

there is inadequate notice or publicity. Also, there is little point in placing a complex and small-print document in a library unless a member of your STCA committee is tasked to read, report and recommend on it."

Jubilee Square parking:

Reaction to this proposal has been mixed with most people liking the idea but some against parking attendants or with other reservations. However, since the STCA has approved it provided it creates jobs and raises money for local improvements, the ball is now back in the courts of the Business Association and Community Police Forum, whose idea it is. They must take it up with the city council, who appear supportive, and put it up for public scrutiny.

Quayside Lodge:

Everybody, without exception, objected strenuously to the idea of a second deck of parking above the present lot between Bertha's and the Salty Sea Dog. "It would be a

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catastrophe," as one person wrote.

This scheme, it seems, will die a natural death. There is consensus that paid parking there (on the same conditions as for Jubilee Square) should solve the problem. But the owners of the waterfront development have gone right ahead with extending the balcony deck beside the shops above the post office by two metres. The municipality approved the plans for this in principle, warning the owners they built at their own risk because the deck now intrudes on leasehold land, whose future ownership has not yet been determined. But it will mean more customers and more cars looking for parking...

Now for some general news ...

Squatters:

There has been an influx of vagrants and petty criminals into Simon's Town as heightened security has squeezed them out of places up the line like Kalk Bay, according to the CPF. Simultaneously more squatters are moving in and the situation at the old Palace

Barracks above the railway station has become virtually uncontrollable. It is Navy property in the control of the Public Works Department, whose lone watchman simply cannot cope. This historic and lovely old building has been allowed by PWD neglect to become a sad shell with most of its fittings stolen or vandalised. There is a scheme to develop it but when it will start is not known.

Squatters have also moved on to property in Quarry Road. Be warned that if squatters move on to your property it is extremely difficult to get them off. If they put up a shelter in the garden of your holiday home it will take a court order to evict them, says Mrs Holderness. **If squatters move in, you should immediately call the squatter control number 704-1950.** Our excellent Happy Valley Home has taken in some homeless people who have arrived there. It is very well run and there is no problem.

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Holderness said the new sub-council system had been approved and should be up and running early next year. We fall into sub-council No 4 which is chaired by Demetri Qually of Marina da Gama. Of its 10 members, 5 will be councillors, two proportional representatives, one from the ACDP and two from the ANC. It is not yet clear what the sub-council's responsibilities will be. Hopefully they will be able to raise some revenue.

The city council in its wisdom has allocated five traffic inspectors to cover the area from Hout Bay and Tokai to the city's southernmost extremes, including us. This is ridiculous, says Mrs Holderness, and she is fighting for more.

The STCA supports a proposal to extend the Seaforth parking area into the old tank farm with public toilets between it and the beach, a traffic circle at the entrance, and easy access for residents to Kleintuin Road. The proposal will be discussed with residents.

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Glencairn Heights Public Meeting - Crime

Thank you for the response to the vote forms, I received 170 forms and numerous telephone confirmations in favour of Chubb - 98%.

There are numerous questions about the security service that have been forwarded to the management of Chubb, who have undertaken to address them at the public meeting.

I sincerely hope that all residents including all shop owners in Glencairn Heights will attend with a view to implementing whatever decision is made.

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Just as children appreciate parental "pick-out" in their computer studies, they would love to hunt for marine treasure with their dad and dad instead of only their biology teacher. Parents can make it into an exciting educational game, by giving their children a clue to the treasure.

For example, they could be encouraged to discover a common sea urchin with the following riddle:

"I am the sea's prickly pear. If you touch me - just beware, I often bite to wear a hat,

what do I use to do that then?" Of course, the answer is a broken shell. This and other facts information in simple language can be extracted from the well illustrated, 1986 Snail pocket-guide "Seashore Life", by UCT professor Charles Gribble and his wife Repeta.

In our region, the most prolific rocky shores with easy access for children are Buffels Bay and Miller's Point. Closer to Simon's Town - but not as diverse in species - are the seaward approaches from Water's Edge to of the Seaforth and Foxy Beach.

The best time to hunt for treasure is during a low spring tide, which occurs every fortnight between 9am and 10am (as well as from 4pm to 10pm) when the moon is either full or new.

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Simon's Town Business Association Highlights

At the last meeting held in October 2001, the members discussed various outstanding matters. Particular attention was again given to the matter of **tour buses** being allowed to park in the main street and signage indicating that this was possible for tour operators and their vehicles. Action from the SPM is still being awaited.

ATM fraud was also a grave concern to the business community, particularly over weekends when there was no Community Police Officer on duty. It was felt that this problem was serious enough to enlist the aid of the S.A.P and one of the members undertook to discuss this matter with the Station Commander, SAP, Simon's Town. The trial period for the "Bobby on the Beat", an initiative with Chubb and the Police Forum, has now been completed. The Business Association was asked to provide funding to continue this service but unfortunately the association still struggles to finance our Community Police officer and therefore is unable to assist.

Vagrants. This continues to be an ongoing problem and at weekends, especially Sundays. Our already overloaded police service is not always on hand to assist. Constructive ideas regarding a solution to this problem would be welcome.

Spring Festival, although not a money-spinner, this event raised the awareness level in Simon's Town and was successful overall. Admiral Louw expressed his thanks for an enjoyable evening at the Fashion Show/concert and Annette and Charles Bates indicated that they would be donating a new crown on an annual basis for the Miss Simon's Town competition. The new Miss Simon's Town, Eliza Coetzee, confirmed her commitment to the youth of Simon's Town.

Business snippets:

75th Anniversary, the Cader family will be celebrating 75 years of trading in Simon's

Town during November 2001. Congratulations were offered to Central Supply Store for this outstanding achievement.

Award: Our local restaurant, Bon Appetit, has again been awarded a place in the top 100 Restaurants in South Africa for 2002.

Signage: The Association has supported Salty Seadog in its application for signage on the main road.

Breakfast Club: As a fundraising initiative a breakfast club has been formed with meetings scheduled monthly at different venues. Breakfast and a guest speaker will be provided at a cost of R50 per person. The first club breakfast will take place on the Cable Restorer on 2 November at 7:15am. The guest speaker will be Kent Morkel. Members and guests are invited. (*Bookings: Ailsa Burns 786-3838*).

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The framework defines the overall concept and sets out guidelines for four precincts within which more detailed planning will be carried out in consultation with the Boulders Advisory Committee and the broader public. Detailed planning will commence soon as part of the first phase of implementation. The proposals contained in the framework seek to find the most suitable solutions to the most pressing problems of traffic and visitor control.

If these measures are not taken as a matter of urgency, the current situation will deteriorate rapidly. The increasing flow of visitors to the area is placing enormous pressures

on the limited carrying capacity of the local residential area. The lack of parking and traffic capacity has led to chaotic conditions, and control systems are urgently required.

There are many complex and conflicting issues and compromises by all parties will be required in order to find the most suitable balance between people, penguins and the environment.

For example, it is proposed that the number of access points be reduced to two in order to allow for better access control and free access to Willis Walk. This would help ease the concentration of tourism at Foxy Beach and ensure the continuation of recreational activities at Boulders and its associated beaches. Local residents, however, prefer to retain all existing access points and are opposed to the closure of gates.

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of penguin nesting activities along the coast. Local residents have proposed excluding penguins from nesting above Seaforts Beach. Ideally, this will force penguins to use other habitats along the coastline.

Local residents recently paid for the erection of a fence on Water's Edge Beach to prevent penguins from nesting there. This resulted in birds moving onto Seaforts beach and into the urban area, much to the ire of local residents.

A joint management team of the local authority and the CPMF is seeking solutions to these problems. Clearly the CPMF will need to take and implement decisions that will not necessarily satisfy everybody.

Core concepts of the proposals to be developed upon during the next phase include:

Seaforts Parking

No buses will be accommodated at Seaforts

instead, the current parking arrangement on the SA Navy property will be sought as a permanent arrangement and the capacity will be increased with the acquisition of the old tank farm. Traffic flow to and within the parking area will be improved and measures will be introduced to exclude non-residential traffic from the Kaituma residential area.

Visitor Centre

The proposed centre will improve access control and visitor information and provide much needed toilet, refreshment facilities and office accommodation.

Boulders Beach

Traffic flow will be improved by allowing for a "keep and drop" arrangement. In addition, pedestrians and traffic will be separated, access control to the beach and toilet facilities will be improved and the access path will be upgraded - making the beach more accessible to the disabled. A link will be pro-

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vided between Boulder's and its associated beaches is provide an alternate access to the areas that are to be closed.

Action on Elsie's Peak

Area clearing, footpath maintenance and land acquisition are just some of the conservation activities underway on Elsie's Peak and Urkloofend along Fish Hoek.

Many will have noticed the swarms of cleared alien vegetation on the slopes of these areas where over 270 hectares of alien vegetation, mainly rockrose, were cleared earlier this year. The clearing is part of the ongoing Globe Environment Policy (GEP) and Ukusuka funded programme to eradicate alien invasive vegetation from the Cape Peninsula.

"Clearing was necessary to remove post-fire seed germination after the March 1999 fire that swept through Elsie's Peak, and to clear other more densely infested areas" says Marique Ruitenberg, Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP) Assistant Section Manager.

for this area. She stresses that the area is designated for follow-up clearing in terms of the alien clearing strategic plan for the CPNP.

In addition, rehabilitation work was done on a degraded 400m section of the main footpath leading up to Elsie's Peak from Peak Road. This included rerouting poorly planned sections to avoid further erosion, and introducing additional soil erosion measures.

With the acquisition of the two remaining privately-owned properties on this section of the mountain last year, the entire area is now within the CPNP Ert 0097 (3,8 hectares) and Ert 0562 (10,7 hectares) were purchased for incorporation into the CPNP with land acquisition funds from the Table Mountain Fund.

"It was critical to purchase these two remaining properties," says Mike Slayen, the bank's land use planner. "Both properties extended up and over the ridge and have underlying Geographical Place Halls back to 1924. These plans comprise residential, even, the lower portions with the intention of commercial zoning. Development of these areas would have been a disaster from a visual and environmental perspective. The land is now safe from development and its observation on the long term is assured".

Cape Point trail open more often

The popular two-day Cape of Good Hope trail begins accessible four times a week from May, offering visitors the chance of starting the trek on Wednesday, Friday, Saturday or Sunday.

The route of 13,2km traverses a beautiful and constantly changing landscape of scenery and views, with overnight facilities at the hut on De Groot's Peak.

"The trail was available for hikers on Wednesday-Thursday and Saturday-Sunday. It is so popular that we now offer four departure days a week," says Stephen Halbert, San Jacinto Marketing Manager of the Cape Peninsula National Park (CPNP).



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On the first day, the circular route commencing across the Sijf (with Kalkbake), and all birds are birds southwards to the coast. Along the coast, hikers will observe some sandy beaches and rocky shores, and will often encounter the rare African black oystercatcher amongst many other coastal birds. At Negama's Point hikers may take a short cut to the overlook, but in effect reducing the first day's walk from 23.3 to 19.5 km.

On the second day, the path from the overlook is initially a path to Bontjeskloof, where it heads inland and back to the starting point. The total route of 12.5 km takes approximately 5 hours.

The Cape of Good Hope trail ranges from rocky shores and sandy beaches to fynbos

and mountainsides. Over 7000 plant species have been recorded in this part of the park, over 250 birds species including ostriches, and a number of other species including crested serpent eagle, Cape mountain zebra and the recently reintroduced kudu antelope.

Bookings for the trail can be made exclusively at Bontjeskloof tel 280-7020, where further information is available. Bookings can be made two months in advance. "The demand is so far we urge people to contact our office on the first day of the month to avoid disappointment," says Steyn.

The trail costs R40 per person, which includes the entrance fee. Hikers who are in possession of the GPNP's Go Green card will receive a 50% reduction and only pay R20.

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Simon's Town Museum News

1. Pewter Exhibition

Mr Roderic Metcalf who lives in St James and worked in Simon's Town until his recent retirement, is a collector with a wide range of interests. Some years ago he became aware of the fact that Pewter is not collected in this country and after some research, he started his own collection. Roderic is now one of the only collectors of Pewter in South Africa and has very kindly loaned the museum a selection of interesting and unusual items from his collection, dating back to the 1700s and 1800s.

These items are now on temporary display in the Lecture Hall at the Museum and you are invited to view the exhibition. Weekdays 09h00 - 19h00; Saturdays 10h00 - 16h00; Sundays 11h00 - 16h00.

The Pewter is only the first of a number of other displays of Mr Metcalf's varied collections, such as Art Nouveau, Chinese Dishes,

Watercolours of the Cape Peninsula, etc.

2. "The People of Simon's Town" Room.

The Department of Environmental and Cultural Affairs and Sport have awarded the Museum a grant of R35 000,00 to enlarge the present display. To do this considerably more space is required, so work has commenced by swapping the Royal Navy and existing People of Simon's Town Rooms. The enlarged "People of Simon's Town" room will encompass all the people of our Town, the clubs, societies, social activities, sports, recreation, etc. If you should perhaps have any artefacts, photographs or documents relating to the above we would be delighted to see them. Photographs and documents may be copied and retained.

3. The Old Burying Ground at Stabroth

The OBG, opened in 1813 by Vice Admiral of the White, Sir John Lubbock, Commander H.M. Dockyard Simon's Town, contains a wealth of the Town's history. Unfortunately, due to neglect, squatting and the most frightful desecration of many of the graves, the cemetery is in a sorry state.

The Simon's Town Historical Society, with some financial assistance from the South Peninsula Administration have embarked on a project to tidy the burying ground and to rebuild and repair some of the desecrated graves. Assistance will be required to tidy the oldest graves, clear the grounds, etc. and the Society would welcome any support. Please contact Audrey Head 785-1995 or 785-3046.

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South Peninsula Catchment Forum

What is a catchment Forum you may ask. At first of all, provides a vital link between the community and the local authority to provide input into the management of stormwater river systems and the coast in this area. Being a non-statutory voluntary body it does not possess any decision making powers but forms the "eye and ears" of the decision makers.

For this reason the Forum's input and co-operation is essential and highly valued.

Who can get involved in such an endeavour, might be the second question you may ask. The answer is you.

A Forum consists of authorities, NGOs and interested public, the latter being the people of grassroots level dealing with rivers and coast on a day-to-day basis and are therefore in the best position to keep the authorities informed.

This Forum, which was launched on 27 June that year is involved in the Silverdale, Elsie's, Schuster's and Klärsgraben River Catchments; other smaller rivers south of the Elsie's and Schuster's Rivers and the coastal water quality from Milzenberg south to Cape Point and north to Scarborough.

Membership to this Forum is an opportunity for representation of the community to express their views and contribute to formulating a joint vision and plan of action for the river systems in the South Peninsula. Providing input and advice on the management and maintenance of these systems will be its primary function.

If you would like to be involved or receive more information please call Mandy Motke (Tel/fax 781-7905 cell 082 828 7155 Email quency@cupes.co.za).

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Historical Families of Simon's Town

FRIESLAAR

According to the Historical Research Centre "Frieslaar" is a Dutch rendering of the German family name "Fritzlar" which originated in the German town of Fritzlar on the River Edder in the region of Hesse.

The town was originally called **Fridislar** and was a well-established community by the 8th century when a Benedictine monastery was founded there. It was not until the 16th century that the vast majority of Germans bore family names that had been borne by their fathers.

Another source indicates that "Frieslaar" was originally "Frieslich" but the family's research has not been able to prove their connection to a person of that name who came out in the early days of the D.E.I. Co.

The earliest Frieslaar (Albert 1760-1837) probably arrived here in about 1790 and possibly in the service of the Dutch East India Company. He married someone called

Saartje and in 1792 they had a son called **Gerrit**.

Gerrit and his wife Caroline Wolff married in the Anglican Church in Simon's Town on 23 January 1832. They had 5 boys and 2 girls and thus began the Frieslaar family's foundations in Simon's Town.

They were hard-working, solid citizens of the town and over the years we find masons, stable owners (amongst whose customers were the future King George V and his brother when their ship called here). Later one ran the local taxi service and took the mail to and from the station and others were contractors to the Municipality.

It was a very large family for each generation produced at least four sons. From one of these John Arthur Edzard Frieslaar (1898 - 1964) the present rector of St Francis Church, Simon's Town (Rev. Henry Frieslaar) is descended.

The museum has received much help from Elizabeth Frieslaar (wife of James 1941) and

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Devin Malar, in compiling a Hristaer family tree but she's still trying to find descendants of Harry Charles (1844 - ?), Martha (1870 Malinda Maria Meeke), Albert Robert (1862-1897), married Mary Legum; Geoff William (1857 - ?), married Elizabeth Maria Charles (1861 - ?), married Elizabeth Hendrika?

BRUYNIS (sometimes spelled Brains in documents)

The forefather of this family came to South Africa in 1704 with the Dutch East India Company. He was a silversmith and assayer of the Castle. Later he became a Burger.

His son married the widow of his father and through their age acquired a large area of Noordhoek which he farmed as "Groot Hoop Farm". His son was employed by the D.O.L. Co for son fish whaling, fishing and farming enterprises as Fish Hook Bay.

When the company withdrew from this enterprise he took over the land and continued the whaling business. In his old age Andries Albertus moved to Simon's Town and built onto an old cottage transforming it into what is today known as "Klein Vischhoek".

The family lived there until about 1900 and operated as Deharmen. They travelled as far afield as Wellington by wagon with vats of salted fish. The farmers bought this for food for themselves and their slaves. On the return journey the Deharmen brought back vegetables which they in turn sold in Simon's Town, either to the ships or to the innkeepers. Klein Vischhoek was sold to the van Ryn family but some of the family continued to live in the Town.

and to live in the Town.

During the Boer War one of the family was a lay preacher at the Boer camp and was able to take little luxuries to one of his colleagues who was interned there. Today there is only one member of the family left in the Town. The others are scattered far and wide throughout the country and the houses is used by the S.A. Navy. It's next door to their Grammar School.

*Catharine Satter-Jansen
Simon's Town Museum*

Property Watch No. 33

Details of applications currently being dealt with by the South Forestry Administration etc.

- 1.1 Erf 60 Simon's Town: (Land Use Department application on behalf of Welgroot School). No change from Report No.32.
- 1.2 Erf 2298 Simon's Town (Boulders Beach Guest House): Application to change from General Residential to Business. No change from Report No.32.
- 1.3 Erf 1180, 186 Queens Road, Simon's Town: Application for a Land Use Department to convert Residential House to Medical practice. No change from Report No.32.
- 1.4 Erf 95 Gairmside: Application to subdivide into portions. No change from Report No.32.
- 1.5 Erf 625 Simon's Town (Military Way,

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Bylaw). Application to subdivide into two sections without formal road access to access off No change from Report No.32.

1.6 Erf 2212 Glencairn Heights: Application for Bed & Breakfast establishment. No change from Report No.32.

1.7 Erf 2454 Forest Hill: Application for subdivision into two parts. No change from Report No.32.

1.8 Erf 3550 Simon's Town (Quarry Road): Application for proposed rezoning, subdivision and departure change of zoning from general residential to single residential for five dwellings (attached) and 7 additional garages. Surrounding owners have requested certain conditions which have been accepted by the rate owner. No change from Report No.32.

1.9 Erf 3472 Simon's Town (Quarry Cliff): Application for the proposed subdivision into four sections. Access to the site is proposed by means of a driveway excavated over municipal erf 441 and ramped over Quarry Lane down to a level pit above the site (existing steps connecting

Quarry Lane to Goods Lift) to be replaced contiguous to the steps.

1.10 Erf 30, 36 Fairbairn Street, Glencairn Heights: Application for departure from height restriction.

Other Property Matters

2.1 GFM 983 Wildschuiskransdijk: Application for Land Use departure to permit arts and crafts shop, pottery studio and sales outlet and a place for curio sellers. No change from Report No.32.

2.2 GFM 1404 Wildschuiskransdijk Farm: Application for Land Use Departure for the establishment of a restaurant and tea garden, an African arts and crafts market and overnight accommodation. No change from Report No.32.

2.3 Erven 2204 Glencairn Heights: 3351 Glen Marine: Applications by Edson S.A. for permits for installation of Cellular Communication Base Stations and Antennas in Gekongda Street and Seagou Street. No change from Report No.32.

2.4 Erven 2904, 3233 and 3117, Simon's

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Town: The offer of R81 000 for Erf 2932 was withdrawn and the property is still open for sale. An offer of R102 000 for Erf 3117 has been accepted and the matter is now closed.

Eva Lengell
Simon's Town Civic Association

Flower & Music Festival

St Francis Church Simon's Town
10.11-12 November 2001

Flower arrangements following the theme "All things bright and beautiful" will be on display in the Church throughout the Festival.

Saturday 10 November

10am: Mini-Market and Tea in Church Garden. 11am: Kaffertee (bridge) - Reverend Sun Valley Martin Academy. Afternoon: Masiphakane Choir from Masiphakane. 5pm: Matthew Dixon, Cantor. Organ Scholar Organist. Tickets (R15) at the door.

Sunday 11 November

Remembrance Day

8am: Holy Communion. 9.30am: Sung Eucharist. John Parker of Conservation International will speak at both Services. 11am: Flowers on view. Tea and cake. 2pm: Guitars Michael Heron. 3pm: David Fiddell. The Sea Buo. 4pm: Bill Hobson. Organ 5pm: Sung Eucharist for Remembrance Day with Navy Band Trumpeter.

Monday 12 November

10am: Simon's Town Primary School Choir. Brass Band from Ocean View. Afternoon: Church closed for rehearsal. 4pm: Festival Concert. St George's Singers conducted by Barry Smith and the English Brass Consort directed by Graham Coote. Tickets (R40) from Simon's Town Pharmacy and AP Jones, Ritz Hotel. No reserved seating.

Enquiries: Juliet (786 6365)
or Margaret (786 1885)

Faith & Earth Keeping

How many people know that conservation of nature extends beyond the more recent focus of environmental people who often see on our television screens and has become intimately related to human survival and quality of life, a realisation which now has the support of the world's religions?

On Saturday 11 November in St Francis Anglican Church as part of the Flower and Music Festival, Dr John Wank of Conservation International and Director of Township Conservation Initiative in Southern Africa will be speaking on the exciting and relatively new development of an alliance between conservation and the world religions.

This came about when WWF (World Wide Fund for Nature) was celebrating 20th anniversary, which it did by calling on world religious leaders representing Buddhism, Christianity, Hinduism, Judaism and Islam to come together in the Basilica of St Francis of Assisi in Assisi, Italy for discussions and a unique "Religion and Nature Interfaith Ceremony".

The Basilica of St Francis provided the perfect backdrop for the religious ceremony. Assisi being famous as the birthplace of one of St Francis, patron saint of animals and gardens. The final product of this amazing initiative was the "Assisi Declarations - Messages on people and nature, from the Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Jain, Jewish and Sikh faiths", an opportunity for conservation to enter into totally new attitudes that should not be missed.

South Africa has already taken this further. Archbishop Desmond Tutu led a colorful religious ceremony in the small East African city of Kigali to celebrate World Environment Day and to promote environmental conservation in South Africa. A message of support was received from Pope John Paul II. With some 18 000 000 South Africans belonging to religious spiritual or faith groups, there is an enormous

opportunity through the pupil to use theatrical network to promote a message of peace, a direction for improved quality of life, and a respect for nature and conservation.

We are very privileged to have John Hering at our services on November 14th for Sam and Barbara at St Francis Church, Simon's Town and hope it might bring together South Africans of all creeds to celebrate and promote a unifying theme first espoused by Saint Francis of Assisi, nearly 800 years ago. We should ask ourselves why it has taken so long?

Juliet Bass for St Francis Church

Simon's Town Festival 2002 / Navy 80

As you know, for the last couple of years the Navy in Simon's Town has held a very successful festival here and it has brought considerable benefits to Simon's Town and whole. Next year's festival is to be held on

the 21st- 24th March. We feel that the time has come to encourage ourselves more actively with the Navy and expand the festival into a Simon's Town Festival.

If this initiative is to be a success, it is vital that as many local organisations, clubs and businesses as possible participate enthusiastically. This is a fantastic opportunity to shake off our town and a great business/ fundraising opportunity.

Our plan is to create a mini V&A museum with an exciting and entertaining program for the whole family, which will attract visitors from far and wide. The event will be broadly publicised through free media, internet, billboards and your organisations and with only 5 months to go it is vital that we get a provisional program together as soon as possible.

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Ward Councillor's Report

1. Various by-laws for the City are in the process of being developed or have been finalized after advertising. These by-laws, at different stages, include the following:

- Signage by-laws.
- By-law on Urban Security: this will include matters such as vagrancy and begging on the street. It is based on the American "panhandling" regulations.
- Christianity: Fire Safety by-law.
- Water Services by-laws (limit or restrict the use of water).
- Subcouncil by-laws gazetted on 20 September 2001 for the purposes of establishing the 16 subcouncils of the City.

2. At the same time Council is revising, amending and developing policies for the governance of the City based on, amongst other legal requirements, the assessed needs of the communities it serves. These include:

- Quality control, debt management and indigency policy.
- The integrated metropolitan efficiency/metro plan (MEP).

3. One of the most serious issues confronting residents in the time of restructuring the City's administration, is knowing who does what or who is responsible for certain tasks. We in Simon's Town have lived through this since 1996. The City of Cape Town was established in 2000 in terms of the Municipal Structures Act as a Metropolitan Municipality with subcouncils. The formation of subcouncils in terms of a by-law must stage that legislation and is in line with the Council's intention to encourage and promote a Council that is close to the people. It is intended that these subcouncils will assist in bringing local government closer to the communities it serves. An important function will be to make the administration accessible to the

residents.

On 25 October 2001 the subcouncil for the area stretching from Simon's Town to Steenberg, including Westlake, part of Helderberg and Muizenberg held its inaugural meeting in the old Council chamber of the New Hook municipal offices. Councillor Doreen Quality, ward councillor for greater Muizenberg was elected chairman.

The administrative component of the subcouncil is currently headed by Mr Brian Area Coordinator Dr Ivan Bromfield, tel: 780 1112. The Manager/Administration is Billy Jacobs, tel: 710 6000.

One of the first tasks of these subcouncils is to engage with the community on a name to replace the designation "subcouncil". Another priority is to get to know each ward and its needs as part of a proper assessment of backlogs in service delivery.

4. The saturated ground conditions which caused water damage on the main road near Lower North Battery required the installation of a drain against the retaining wall. This section of road will be re-laid in the near future, hopefully before the summer season.

5. Several old water courses are among the worst of the area and the clearing of alien vegetation. This has caused problems for some residents and some kind of permanent solution will have to be found. It is doubtful that this year's rains have not been unusually heavy. In fact they are within the one in ten years norm.

6. A contract for the spraying of weeds on sidewalks and roadway adjacent to road in the Simon's Town area is soon to be signed. Appropriate herbicides will be used.

**Alfred Holderness
WARD 69
CITY OF CAPE TOWN**

The Simon's Town Community Police Forum

Crime reaches Simon's Town

The events of the past week or so just might serve to shock residents out of the extreme complacency, which seems to pervade this previously quiet neck of the woods. Although a high number of Glencairn residents appear to be conscious of the need to support anti-crime initiatives, the apathy in Simon's Town is again demonstrated by the pitiful number of responses to the "Bobby on the Beat" questionnaire, and the unwillingness to participate, financially, in anti-crime measures.

Perhaps you are unaware that serious crime has reached us. Though details are still sketchy, a result of fears that investigations may be hampered, a visitor lies seriously wounded after being shot twice last week, whilst in his holiday house. Three armed men attacked our jeweller's wife in their shop in the main street, and the next day intruders broke into their flat above the shop. In both of these serious incidents arrests were made

thanks to the vigilance of the Community Police Officer, Sgt. Roberts and our Bobby on the Beat. In the one incident a civilian played a prominent role; we will report fully on these events when more details become available.

Glencairn was the scene for another violent intrusion, and by now everybody must be aware of the armed robberies that have taken place at Glencairn in the recent past.

So how does the community feel now? Fortunately Chubb have agreed to continue providing the Bobby on the Beat, and the Business Association, led by Peter Johnston, have taken some great initiatives in raising funds for the Community Police Officer, but there are many who are indifferent, even opposed to pleas for support.

These two officers are providing a wonderful service to the community. Yet there are still people who say they won't contribute because the officers don't patrol in the residential areas, or stand on the principle that they pay rates and taxes. Perhaps some people believe that criminals who attack businesses today won't attack residences tomorrow or perhaps they never park their car in the village, or draw money from an ATM, or walk down the main street, or visit the jeweller, or shop in Simon's Town.

Surely it is now obvious we are not immune from the violent crime that is so prevalent in our society. As police officers leave the force one by one, and are not replaced, so does the police task become more difficult. We have invited citizens to enquire about joining the police reserve. Not a single response. We can count the number who indicated they would be prepared to make a small financial commitment to providing more policing, on the fingers of one hand.

It gets worse. The police get virtually no information from residents. We know that people have seen strangers carrying a TV set out

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of a neighbour's home, watched a car being stolen in the early hours of the morning, witnessed piles of shell fish being loaded in the boot of a car, and not bothered to say anything.

There is a yellow Mercedes driving around the South Peninsula that is undoubtedly connected to a number of burglaries, yet nobody has bothered to write the registration number down. "Crime is happening right under peoples noses," says Inspector Cassie Carstens, "but still they don't call us. Nobody sees anything." It really is astonishing.

Your Forum, which is committed to supporting the SAPS, appeals to the community to be alert, to be aware of unusual events, but more importantly to report them. Many people feel foolish, not wanting to report something that turns out to be harmless. Don't be shy. The police would rather have the opportunity to investigate, and perhaps to forestall a criminal, so they will be delighted if you take the trouble to call them.



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Private consultation

We have frequently included telephone numbers in Snoektown, but if you haven't written them down, just look at the back cover of this issue. Please be alert, you could save a life.

Tony Robinson

Station 10 N.S.R.I.

Simon's Town

Statcom Dave Roberts

October 2001

It is a warm, late spring, afternoon at Station 10. Two pretty young women lay sunning themselves on the sun drenched slipway having just taken a swim in the clear blue water. It looks an idyllic summer afternoon scene at the seaside. It is, but within the boat house some crew members are gathered around the powerful out board motors making adjustments to the propshafts of the rescue craft "Spirit of Freemasonry, others are chatting in the background. The young women are crew members taking a break in the sun.

All, however are prepared to drop everything at a signal and make the rescue boat ready for a mission to sea. All these young people are ready to risk all to go to the assistance of people in distress at sea. They give willingly of their free time in the service of their fellow beings. This is the nature of the N.S.R.I.

I would like to introduce to the people of Simon's Town the female members of the Combrinck family. Warren Combrinck was introduced in the June issue of this magazine and just to refresh your memories I will suffice to say that he is a fully qualified N.S.R.I. boat coxswain and is a representative of the N.S.R.I.'s National Operations and Training Committee where he makes a most valuable contribution on behalf of Station 10.

His wife Karin developed an interest in sea rescue when Warren was a member of the Kommetjie Sea Rescue Station and she also joined the organisation there. Karin rapidly

classes all her initial courses, under Warren's expert tutelage and she became a qualified crew member. She participated in many rescues of small craft where she did her fair share of swimming to save people in difficult situations in the sea.

At present Karin is a controller in "A" crew which she now does as she has an intolerance to salt water and it affects her skin. Karin also takes her place in the 4x4s when the need arises.

Toine Cornilback, Warren's daughter, is a trained crew member who also started with the N.S.R.I. in Komurua in 1988 moving to Simon's Town in 1989. She has completed a freighting and pyrotechnics course and has learned navigation having passed the course. Toine has also completed her seamanship task book.

Warren, Karin and Toine are also amongst the very few N.S.R.I. personnel to have experience in the use of "worklike" or "fake" and have actually used this mode of rescue to assist some survivors that were in trouble. As a family they have served a total of 27 years in the N.S.R.I. and hope that this association will continue in the years to come. Toine also intimated that she is very grateful to her employers Malinda and Paul Coombe who own the Central Hotel, for facilitating and supporting her boat based service at Station 13. Karin and her husband are also volunteer firefighters in the Simon's Town Fire Brigade. This is some achievement for a small but very dedicated family.

Once more the Simon's Station 10 has had a fairly quiet time with very few call-outs and going to assist in the tow in of a noble cat when on the 25 September the Port Captain of Cape Town called the Station to assist the yacht "Tri Her". "Spirit of Freemasonry" launched at 12:30 and at 13:37 took over the tow and towed the noble in to Fish Hook beach where the Station "Scrubble" assisted to recover the vessel at the beach. Blair Zimmerman was the Coxswain on this occasion and Warren and Karin Cambridge operated the boat.

On the 2 October the Port Office again called

upon Station 10 to go to the assistance of a capsized boat off Swartkops only to learn at last launching that the vessel had overturned at Komurua in an Coxswain Lee Adcock had to return to base.

For the record I would like to correct a mis-take that I made in the last issue saying that the repairs of the "Eddie Desmont" had been overhauled when in fact they had been completed. Sorry about that.

During this past month the "Spirit of Freemasonry" was towed by a trailer to the Boat Show as an exhibit so in a way it is a good thing that we had few calls.

On Monday 15 October myself, the Chairman of the Shorelink Committee and Mrs. Meggie Dunning attended a luncheon at the Catering School at Granger Bay organised by the N.S.R.I. to launch "The Circle Circle" the new N.S.R.I. Bay and Society.

It was an excellent occasion attended by many people who are very supportive of the

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activities of the N.S.R.I. The guest speaker was Ian Ventham, Head of Fund Raising at the Royal National Lifeboat Institute of Great Britain who told us some very interesting facts about fund raising in Great Britain. What was particularly spectacular was the fact that the R.N.L.I. gathers 600 million Pounds a year for it's various activities.

"Life Boat Circle" certificates were handed to bequestors in recognition of support. This was a very splendid occasion in a wonderful setting. Just in passing for those who are not aware of it lunches at the Hotel School are open to the public and are of a very high standard and are very reasonably priced. Definitely worth a visit.

That is all that I have this month so please be careful when you venture on the sea and bear us in mind when you have loose change in your pocket! Our collection boats are on many shop counters be sure not to miss them.

*Yours Aye
Don Dollery*

News from Simon's Town Naval Base

Last Voyage of SA Navy Strike Craft

A Warrior Class Strike Craft, **SAS Rene Sethren**, (previously **SAS Oswald Pirow**) sailed from Durban on Friday 12 October 2001 on her last voyage. She was accompanied by **SAS Outeniqua** (on her return from Operation Migrant), **SAS Adam Kok** (previously **SAS Frederic Creswell**) and **SAS Isaac Dhyoba** (previously **SAS Frans Erasmus**).

SAS Rene Sethren sailed for Simon's Town to be de-stored and placed in reserve. **SAS Rene Sethren** was joined by the two Simon's Town Strike Craft, **SAS Galeshewe** (previously **SAS Hendrick Mentz**) and **SAS Makhanda** (previously **SAS Magnus Malan**). This was an historic occasion whereby five Strike Craft sailed in company into False Bay. This was the first time in many years that this was able to take place as the



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Strike Craft have different areas of responsibility in the defence of the coastline.

SAS Rene Sethren has had a colourful commissioning over her 21 years in the service of South Africa. This involved the rescue of stricken yachts and the Oceanous disaster. One of the more spectacular rescue operations happened in 1980 when she went to the assistance of the dismasted Singapore-registered yacht Kaleo, in gale-force winds and mountainous seas off Port St Johns. The Strike Craft's upper deck was awash for most of the time and the seamanship party did exceptionally well in maintaining the tow, which parted on three occasions, until she was relieved by the anti-pollution vessel Kuswag 1.

SAS Rene Sethren was the sixth Strike Craft to be brought into service in the South African Navy. She was built at Sandock Austral, Durban and launched on 28 September 1979 and commissioned on 4 March 1980.

SAS Outeniqua returns to Simon's Town. The SA Navy's Combat Support Ship, **SAS Outeniqua**, arrived in Simon's Town on Friday 12 October 2001 from her deployment to Australia (Operation Migrant).

SAS Outeniqua departed on 10 September 2001 for a voyage that last took place 32 years ago by the SA Navy. There was no sunshine and a calm breeze the day that she left. With overcast skies and a powerful wind **SAS Outeniqua** departed from Simon's Town for Sydney, Australia to take part in the Australian Centenary Naval Review.

Unfortunately on the advice of the RSA Nigh Commissioner in Canberra, Operation Migrant was cancelled. This was the result of the tragic events in the USA on 11 September and the subsequent withdrawal of American participation in the Review. The Royal Australian Navy was presently involved in operations and there was a potential involvement in future operations with the United States Navy. On 20 September 2001, **SAS**

Outeniqua, turned and headed for South Africa.

Yet, not all was a loss, as permission was granted to visit La Reunion to build upon relations with the French Navy. On route to La Reunion, **SAS Outeniqua**, once again, was involved in a rescue of a sick sailor from a Greek vessel. Authorities on La Reunion contacted authorities in South Africa requesting assistance from **SAS Outeniqua** as she was in the area of the vessel that was carrying the sick sailor. Permission was granted and an Oryx helicopter from **SAS Outeniqua** was launched and airlifted the sick sailor from the Greek vessel and transported him to a hospital in St Denis on the island of La Reunion.

SAS Outeniqua's visit to La Reunion was a success and on her return to South African waters she accompanied **SAS Adam Kok**, **SAS Isaac Dhyoba** and **SAS Rene Sethren** (RSN) on RSN last voyage in the service of South Africa.

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SAS Simonsberg held a medal parade on Friday 19 October 2001 at 11:00. The inspecting officer was the Chief of the Navy, Vice Admiral J.F. Relief.

History was made at this parade. Never before in the history of **SAS Simonsberg** has two brothers one of whom is the present Officer Commanding and the other was a past Officer Commanding of **SAS Simonsberg** received a medal on the same day.

Rear Admiral E.M Green received the Southern Cross Decoration and his brother Captain A.G. Green received his 30 year Good Conduct Medal.

The Southern Cross Decoration is awarded to Officers of the SANDF in recognition of outstanding service of the highest order and the utmost devotion to duty displayed in time of peace or war.

Simon's Town Seniors' Computer Club

At the Annual General Meeting of the Simon's Town Seniors' Computer Club held at the Simon's Town High School on Wednesday 24 October, the retiring President Dennis Murray reviewed the activities of the Club since its inception last May. He spoke of the huge progress that had been made since the idea had been first floated some eighteen months ago of finding a means by which retired members of the community could become more adept and confident in the use of computers.

In that time the club had grown from a loose association of six senior citizens interested in sharing computer knowledge to a highly successful organisation with a current membership of some 130. By the provision of regular meetings, activities and training sessions, the club not only enabled retired members of the local community to acquire and improve their computer knowledge and skills by means of mutual help and at minimum cost but also stimulated an interest in this fascinating enhancement to modern day retirement and lifestyle.

The outgoing President then mentioned a number of individuals and institutions to which this success could be attributed. However, none of this would have been possible without the support of the Simon's Town High School who had generously agreed to the Club's use of its superb computer facilities at a rental equivalent to direct operating costs. During the past year, after normal school hours in term time a comprehensive training programme had been carried out covering basic beginners and intermediate courses in the understanding of a computer and its various applications. The head of the school's IT Department, Andre Erasmus, external instructors and some of the more knowledgeable Club members had conducted this.

In addition to the annual membership fee of R40 a small charge of R10 per hourly tuition session was made to cover the costs of the use of the equipment and to reimburse external advisers. In recognition of the invaluable assistance and support given to the Club by the school, the President was



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pleased to present to the Headmaster a cheque for R2000 from the Club's funds to be used for the procurement of additional IT equipment.

After reports had been received from various officers, Committee members were then elected for the next year with Don Butcher assuming the office of President. Club activities and a new training programme will resume early next year. New members who of course always welcome and those interested may like to contact either Don Butcher (788 9997), Joachim Zomer (Vice President - 786 3931) or Alan Grose (Communications - 788 1070) for more information.



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Linda's ayah, Prudence, was a young girl, although not as pretty as Eugina. She's well trained as a nanny and obviously enjoys bath time, especially showering and liberally with katy powder, and Fuller's Earth when it's needed. There's no rivalry between the ayahs, except for Prudence's boast that Linda's cat is much sweeter than Christopher's.

February 10

This has been a hectic period. Last month was spent turning at Sella's office reports into typed papers of neatly typed, detailed records. The accompanying maps of Block A and Block B and C, drawn at a scale of 1:35,000 have been typed in and colouring, signalling control types. Quite busy. The setting looks fairly professional - however strong point is the old Ace-Display days.



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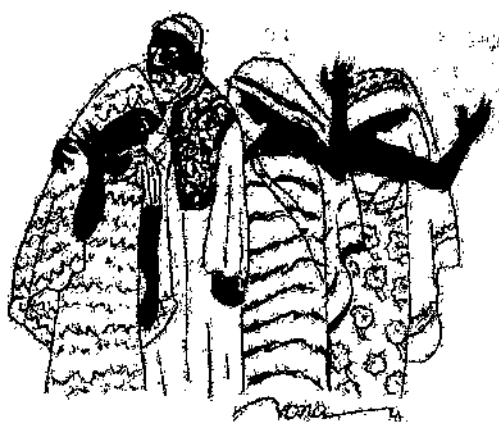
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While I worked on these maps I marvelled at the tenacity and patience of a man who, with one assistant and a gang of sometimes reluctant watu - and with very little help from the Department - has painstakingly covered the terrain of 700 square miles, following rivers, roads and tracks, crossing swamps and plains and venturing into dense bush. He hasn't just scaled Mt Everest: every foothold has been an achievement in the field; identifying soils, paying critical attention to vegetation, measuring water tables. The summit of this Mt Everest will be the proper use of land by the Government, through the study of this massing of accurate, detailed information.



"lucky business goes on". He also swears that the DC keeps the Government resthouse exclusively as a place of assignation. Gupta's term is "love nest".

February 21

I have given all my books to Aitken - at first he thought I was pulling his leg. It was a joy to see him grooving over the titles, stroking the covers. We've sold the fridge to the boy friend of one of the Mahenge harpies. Gupta - chief source of gossip - says that when the rains come Mahenge is quite cut off, and

February 26

Fervent goodbyes have been said to Gupta Singh "foremost citizen", to Kaspari, Father Ambrose and Mama Nolda. An emotional time. Sator has presented his shotgun and

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gear to Mkomela. I sorted our household possessions into piles: one for each of our domestic helpers. Sailor has taken a snapshot of Regina, Honorata, Prudenza and me, with the children on their nannies' laps. Most moving of all: chairs were brought out for us, and Regina read out an address in praise of Bwana Mzuri - high praise indeed. I was presented with a posy of wild flowers in a jam jar decorated with strips of bright cloth. Kaspari wore his most magnificent embroidered black bolero over a snow-white "night-gown".

We are about to move off, in our caravan of 2 Landrovers and the Bedford truck, bound for Dar es Salaam. Groups of doleful people have collected to bid us "kwa heri". One would think it was a funeral procession.

The Night Sky

The evening sky along the pathway of the planets (ecliptic) in November has Taurus (the Bull) rising in the East, with the Pleiades (the Seven Sisters) being about 10° higher. Aries (the Ram) is about 40° above the horizon, followed by Pisces (the Fish); Aquarius (the Water Carrier) being overhead. In the West after sunset is Capricornus (the Goat) and Sagittarius (the Archer) in the brightest part of the Milky Way. Scorpius has already set.

Just off the Ecliptic is the very bright Orion close to Taurus. At this time of the year Taurus, Orion (the Hunter) and his Big Dog Canis Major dominate the sky. The brightest star in

Taurus is Aldebaran, whereas Orion has three bright stars on his belt, as well as, Rigel, Betelgeuse, Bellatrix and Kappa.

The star always seen in Canis Major is Sirius, the brightest star in the sky. Sirius means "sparkling". The Big Dog is followed by Canis Minor, dominated by Procyon. The "sparkling" Sirius is visible in the East over Hottentots Holland mountains at 9pm.

Looking North of the Ecliptic, the bright Heavenly Twins, Castor and Pollux, are clearly visible. To the North is the Great Square of Pegasus (the Flying Horse) which borders on Pisces and Aquarius.

South of Pisces is Cetus (the Whale) with the interesting but huge galaxy M33, which is one of the Milky Way's closest neighbours, and M31 the bright Andromeda Galaxy.

The Leonid Meteors which are seen every year between the 14th and 20th November between 3 and 4am are a most wonderful sight. The greatest shower is predicted on November 17th between 3 - 4am, with the possibility of there being up to a few hundred meteors per hour. The shower is very photogenic and all that is needed is a camera with a tripod that may be set to time exposure.

The camera is pointed towards Leo, that is, in a North-Easterly direction at about 45° at 3am, opening and closing the shutter every 15 minutes and moving the film forward. A short wave radio may be turned on to hear the "swish" of meteors as they enter the Earth's atmosphere.

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The Leonid meteors approach Earth roughly at an angle of 35° , and are fairly slow moving being red, green or yellow coloured - often leaving vapour trails.

Last year the sky was cloudy between 3 - 4am and many of the meteors were seen coming through below the clouds; a memorable sight. About 40 meteors per hour were observed. The meteors are debris from Comet Tempel-Tuttle which pass through the Earth's orbit on the 17th November every year. Fortunately the sky will be dark on the 17th as it is only 2 days after New Moon.

There is a second meteor shower to look forward to in November, the Northern Taurids on the 12th between 9pm and 3am. This shower is active until 1st December at this convenient time, and is from the debris of Comet 2. P. Encke.

THE PLANETS

Mercury will be seen low in the East before sunrise at magnitude -0.9 but will be lost in the Solar glare at a superior conjunction with the Sun on 4th December.

Venus, magnitude -3.9, is the very bright planet seen in the early morning sky together with Mercury, Saturn and Jupiter.

Mars, magnitude +0.1, is the bright red evening planet in Capricornus, being 3° North of the Moon on the 21st.

Jupiter, magnitude -2.5 is the bright planet in Gemini. It rises in the evening two hours after Saturn. Saturn, magnitude -0.3 rises in the early evening and is tilted so that its rings may easily be seen, using binoculars. It will be at its most spectacular on 3rd December. It is very bright and open ringed at present.

Uranus, magnitude +5.8 will be seen in the evening sky with Mars close to it on 26th November. On the 22nd it is 3° North of the Moon in Capricornus. Neptune, magnitude +7.9 will be 3° North of the Moon on the 20th. On the 4th, Mars is only 2.2° South of Neptune. Mars, Uranus and Neptune are in Capricornus this month. Pluto is not visible.

THE MOON

Full Moon is on the 1st; Last Quarter on the 8th. New Moon is on the 15th; First Quarter is on the 23rd.

Perigee is on the 11th, apogee when it is furthest from Earth, is on the 23rd.

THE SUN

On the 1st, Sunrise is at 5:46am and Sunset at 7:13pm. On the 30th, Sunrise is at 5:30am and Sunset at 7:40pm. There is still a lot of Sunspot activity, which could affect the weather, causing abnormally hot or dry conditions, as well as radio transmission. There are 100 sunspots monthly at present.

METEOR SHOWERS

There are two spectacular showers at this time of the year, the Taurids from the 12th until the end of the month between 9pm and 3am, as well as the Leonids between 4th and 20th, with a strong display predicted on the 17th between 3 - 4am.

COMETS

No new comets have been observed due to weather conditions during October.

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CRIME REPORT

Simon's Town SAPS

Attempted Robbery

On Monday 22 October, there was an attempted robbery at Simon's Town Jewellers. One arrest has been made, the case is still under investigation.

Shooting in Murrumbidgee Valley, Simon's Town

On Wednesday 24 October approx. 10.30am three (3) young black males overpowered a Dutch citizen, at his holiday home in Murrumbidgee Valley.

He was shot in his right hip and the right side of his neck. His assailants fled the scene and he managed to contact a close friend who alerted the police.

He received medical assistance on the scene and was airlifted to Victoria Park. His condition was described as serious but stable.

The motive for the crime is unclear as subsequent investigation on the scene points to the conclusion that nothing was stolen.

The Police are appealing for witnesses. Insp Lynette Olivier is the Detective in charge of the case and can be contacted on 792-6338.

While the shooting was taking place, three men entered the residence next door to Simon's Town Jewellers and were brought red handed. They have been arrested on charges of house-breaking.

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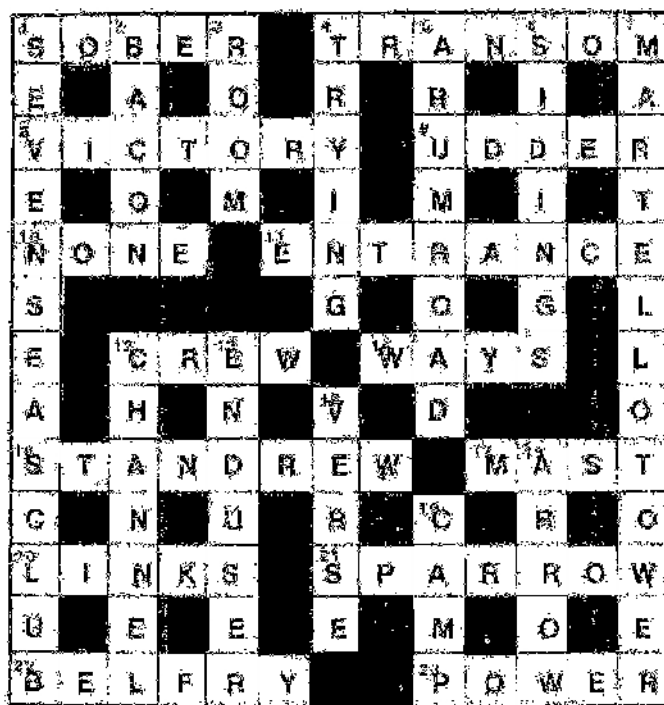
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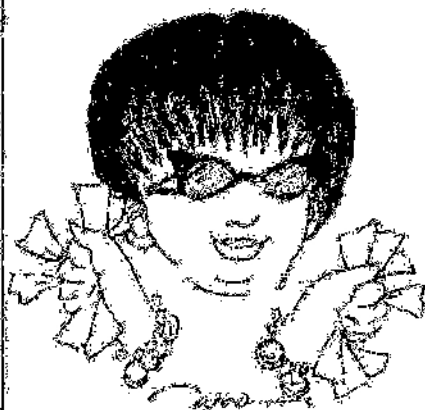
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	15:15	1.81	Sat	10:17	0.36
	21:26	0.22		16:25	1.74
				22:43	0.30
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	15:09	1.91			
	21:31	0.15			
16 Nov	03:40	1.77			

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She also plays with real estate -
Although misfortune struck of late,
Her goings-on have brought her fame.
Oh, Winale is a crafty dame.

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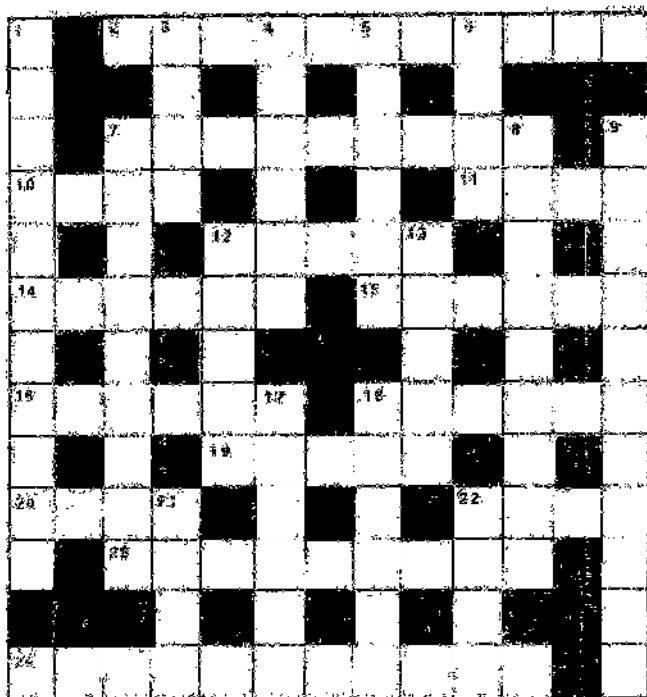
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CROSSWORD

P U N Z Z L E 8



CROSSWORD - OCTOBER

CLUES - ACROSS

2. "A. B. C. I care for you" (5)
7. A section of a very old map, or a first reference in a preliminary list (10)
10. A thing for which one changes (4)
12. A bit of old music (5)
13. Points made against on the way (5)
14. Show a quarter to (4)
15. Catch me back back (4)
16. It's a struggle for the broken into to find the ship (4)
18. These may be called out to see (4)
19. Show of the back (4)
20. A word for the old (4)
21. A clock, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
22. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
23. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
24. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)

CLUES - DOWN

1. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
3. The test used to be before (4)
4. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
5. A bit of a bit, a bit of a bit, and a bit of a bit (4)
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FORTHCOMING EVENTS

NOVEMBER 2001

WEDNESDAY 14 NOVEMBER

"Robert Gordon" a lecture by Dr Elisabeth van Heyningen at 5:30 for 6pm at Simon's Town Museum. R10 includes glass wine/fruit juice.

10,11,12 NOVEMBER MUSIC &

Flower Festival, St Francis Church S/ Town. **Sat 10 Nov** 10am Church open - music & flowers, mini-market in garden. 6pm Organ recital tickets R15 at door. **Sun 11 Nov** Remembrance Day. 8am Communion. 9am Sung Eucharist. 11am Church open - music & flowers. 6pm Concert - Barry Smith, St. George's Singers & English Brass Consort directed by Graham Coote. Tickets R40 Simon's Town Pharmacy or AP Jones. (No reserved seating) Enquiries 786-3613.

SATURDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2ND ST

Sea Scouts & Cubs mini-market. Books, white elephant, cakes and other goodies. Enquiries 786-3940 at 9am - 12pm. Outside St Pharmacy.

SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER ANCHOR

Players present Barry Hilton - comedian. One night only at Simonsberg Theatre. Bookings 785-2466

FREE MONTHLY PENSIONER'S

BUS to Pick 'n Pay, Sun Valley. from Murdoch Valley (Ixia Crescent Terminus) via ST, Glencairn, Fish Hoek to Sun Valley and return. Next trip 8 November. Times/pick-ups ph 786-3137.

FRIENDS OF SIMON'S TOWN COASTLINE

Sunday 11 November 9:30am

Alien Vegetation Hack at Frank's Bay. Meeting at parking area at Fisher-

man's Beach, Simon's Town. Enquiries: 786-3890

Thursday 15 November 7:15 for 7:30pm

Illustrated talk by Dr Yves Lechanteur on "Changes in Fishes preferences - taste is not everything" at Museum Hall, Simon's Town. Enquiries 715-9783

Sunday 18 November 9:30am

Vegetation hack with Simon's Town Flora Conservation Group at Lower Waterfall Simon's Town. Meet at top end of Cardiff Road Simon's Town. Enquiries: 786-1620

Saturday 24 November 9:30am

Vegetation hack with ST Flora Conservation at Woodlands near Da Gama Park. Meet at entrance to Woodlands via Dido Valley Road. Enquiries: 786-1620

Sunday 25 November 9:30am

All-day walk with Simon's Town Flora Conservation Group to Kleinplaas Dam area. Meet at Pinehaven Village, Redhill. Enquiries: 789-1334

NB!! On all-day walks bring suitable footwear and clothing for changeable weather and refreshments for tea and lunch.

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