

The St Helena Ambassador

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MS Albatros Visit

MS Albatros in James' Bay



The cruise ship, MS Albatros, operated by a German based travel agency, anchored in James' Bay at 7am on Tuesday, 31 October 2017. Built in Finland in 1973, the MS Albatros has ten decks, two main restaurants, two small movie theatres, cabins with an ocean view, one large swimming pool, a spa and gym.

At the time of her visit, she carried 681 passengers and 340 crew members, with the majority of the passengers being of German nationality.

Acting Tourist Office Manager, Juliet Williams, said: *"The MS Albatros spent a day and a half at St Helena. On the first day, all passengers came ashore, some enjoyed Island tours that consisted of visiting attractions such as the Tomb, Longwood House, Plantation House & grounds and overlooking Sandy Bay from Stitches Ridge. Jacobs Ladder was also a very popular attraction to visitors along with Heart Shaped Waterfall."*

During the evening of Tuesday, 31 October, live musical entertainment was provided in the Mule Yard for tourists and locals to enjoy.

Juliet concluded:

"Passengers remarked that they thoroughly enjoyed their visit to St Helena and some of them were interested in

returning to the Island for a longer visit."

The MS Albatros finally departed sunny St Helena at 1pm on Wednesday, 1 November 2017, bound for Walvis Bay, Namibia.

The next cruise ship visit to the Island is the MV Boudicca on 16 February 2018.



Riding in the Charabanc



All aboard the tour bus

October 2017 has been busy with fundraising events for the St Helena Cancer Support & Awareness charity. The theme of Superheroes was chosen for the month with the slogan - *'We all know some, indeed we may be one.'*



Local 'superheroes' supporting the cause

Crowds at the Sea Front for the Fire Truck Pull



Fire Truck Pull

The fundraising events were launched with the ever-exciting and much-anticipated Fire Truck Pull on Friday, 29 September, at the Sea Front. The event attracted around 1000 supporters as they watched brave teams of eight take on the Fire Truck Pull Challenge and enjoyed entertainment provided by Inventive.

Pink Panther & Friends and Quiz Night

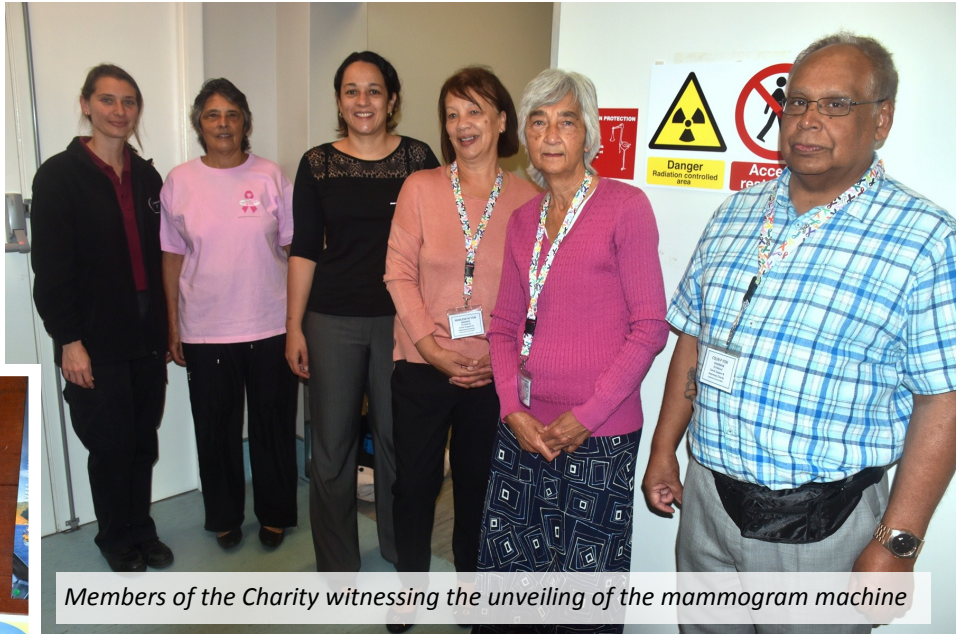
On Thursday, 19 October, the Charity hosted a stall in the market. *'Pink Panther and Friends'* were about town and raised a total of £360. In the evening a Quiz Night was held at the Mule Yard.



One of the teams giving it their all

Breast Screening Programme

Public Health launched their Breast Screening Programme on Wednesday, 4 October, with the unveiling of a brand new mammogram machine. Seminars were also held Island-wide to raise awareness and to help those interested in learning about diet and Cancer.



Members of the Charity witnessing the unveiling of the mammogram machine



Chief Secretary Roy Burke showing his support

Relay, Coffee Morning and Dance

Saturday, 7 October, saw a team from the Education & Employment Directorate complete a Super Hero relay challenge around the Island, raising over £1500, before joining the traditional Coffee Morning at the Jamestown Community Centre. Moonshines Bar, in Blue Hill, organised a dance and raffle on 14 October raising £540 for the charity.



A fun-filled coffee morning at the Jamestown Community Centre

Pink Walk

Sunday, 22 October, saw 231 participants brave the wind, fog and mist as they took part in the Pink Walk which was hosted at Plantation House, this event raised over £2400.



Participants braved the weather for the 2017 Pink Walk

Off-Island Support

In addition to the on-Island events, the Charity has received great support from Ascension Island with an Awareness Walk organised by Cheryl Anthony MBE raising £570. Interserve and staff hosted a dance and raised over £1200 and Sure Ascension raised over £200. Many additional donations have been received.



Sure Ascension showing their support, raising over £200

Hello, my name is Jodie Scipio-Constantine, I'm 19 years old and I've recently been appointed as a Press Officer within the St Helena Government Press Office.

Many of you might recall hearing me on Saint FM Community Radio in my former job as Radio Producer & Administrative Support. While working with the team at Saint FM, I gained a vast amount of experience allowing me to grow my confidence and knowledge.

Someone once told me it's good to move around and experience different jobs, so after working at Saint FM for two years and taking this advice on-board, I decided it was time to embark on a new adventure and pursue a new challenge, hence leaving to the opportunity for the position of Press Officer.

I personally have always been curious to know what life would be like working for SHG, having always worked for private entities. So, while in this new role, I am hoping to gain a new point of view of the internal workings of SHG. This role not only opens a window of opportunity to broaden my qualifications and knowledge, but will also allow me to have a more sustainable future.

In conclusion, I would just like to add that I'm extremely delighted to have been given this opportunity; so far I am settling in well and enjoying it. As the week draws to a close, I am becoming more eager to learn the operations of the Press Office and SHG as a whole. I'm also delighted to be able to promote SHG and I look forward to meeting and working with all employees of SHG and other organisations as well as facing the challenges ahead.

If anyone has any interesting information they would like to share, then please feel free to contact me on telephone: (00290) 22470 Ext: 248 or email: Jodie.s-constantine@sainthelena.gov.sh.



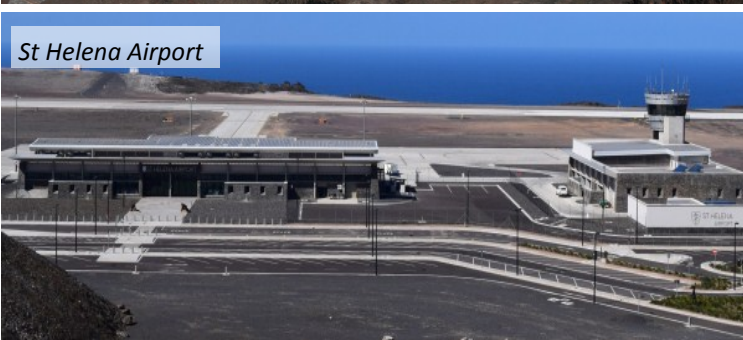
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6th Anniversary of the Signing of the DBO Contract for St Helena Airport

Airport Site before completion



St Helena Airport



It has been six full years since the contract between St Helena Government and Basil Read was signed to Design, Build, and Operate (DBO) St Helena Airport.

Those six years have seen massive change on-Island with the start of commercial flights at St Helena Airport being the pinnacle of the successes. Alongside this, we now have a jetty built at Rupert's and a dual carriage way linking Rupert's Valley to St Helena Airport. It has been six of the most important, exciting, controversial, but all in all successful, years in the history of the Island.

This month's Airport Update has been based around the 6th Anniversary of the DBO contract signing and the Inaugural Flight on 14 October and can be read here: <http://www.sainthelena.gov.sh/air-access/airport-updates/>.