

# The St Helena Ambassador

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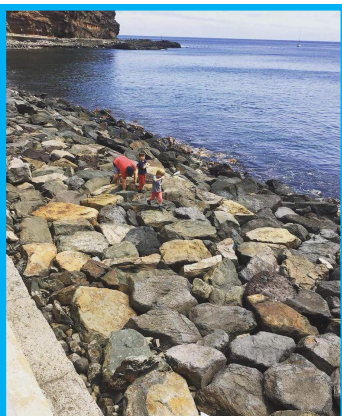
## SHNT MARINE TEAM HOSTS FIRST INTERNATIONAL COASTAL CLEAN

The Saint Helena National Trust hosted their first ever International Coastal Clean-up (ICC) in James Bay on Saturday, 15 September 2018.

The clean-up was done in collaboration with Ocean Conservancy as part of the 33rd annual International Coastal Clean-up and, for the first time, St Helena became an official recognised participant.

Thirty enthusiastic volunteers attended and were welcomed and thanked by Marine Project Manager, Beth Taylor. Marine Assistant, Jamie Ellick, gave a safety briefing before the group was split into two, issued with gloves, buckets and reusable litter bags. Each group then took to either end of James Bay and worked towards each other, collecting all litter in sight.

All items collected by the group were recorded and



tallied by the Marine Team scripters using the Marine Conservation Society Beach Clean Datasheet.

A total of 2521 pieces of litter was collected which resulted in 15 litter bags being filled, giving the total weight as 151 kilos. Amongst the litter was 1000 cigarette butts, 45 plastic bottles, 66 glass bottles, 77 crisp and sweet packets and 114 metal drink cans.

The event concluded with volunteers enjoying a well deserved pot of St Helenian Plo.

Marine Project Manager, Beth Taylor, said:

*"Given the fact that there were other large scale events on the Island during the day and it was St Helena's first official ICC, we were thrilled with the turn out and the enthusiasm and energy brought on the day. Well done to everyone!"*



## ST PAULS PRIMARY SCHOOL CELEBRATES ROALD DAHL DAY

St Pauls Primary School (SPPS) held a themed day to commemorate the birthday of one of the world's best-selling authors, Roald Dahl on Thursday, 13 September 2018.

The day began with the children singing Happy Birthday using sign language to Roald Dahl. This was followed by a school assembly, which was led by Headteacher, Pat Williams. The assembly gave an insight into the life of Roald Dahl and the books he wrote.

Following the assembly, each class chose a Roald Dahl book and based their activities for the day around that book. The activities ranged from paired reading, Roald Dahl audio stories and videos, arts & crafts activities, subject lessons and a bring & share.

Guest readers also visited the school for the day to read popular Roald Dahl stories to the pupils.

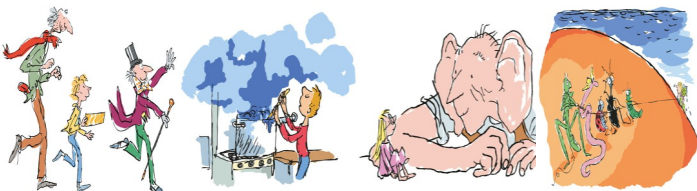
There was also a 'Dahliciousdress' where pupils and teachers came to school dressed as characters from Roald Dahl stories.

The day ended with the school launching the Roald Dahl sponsored read. The children were given different texts and rhymes from Roald Dahl books to read and learn. Nursery and Reception pupils had jingles. The aim of the sponsored read is to raise money for books to improve the Schools Library with non-fiction books.

Headteacher of SPPS, Pat Williams, said:

*"I was very pleased with the day and really impressed with the outcomes by all. Staff really went to town on this day at such short notice but it just shows how the creative theme approach can impact on so much learning. I know it was exhausting but really successful and fun of course! Parents are to be thanked for the lovely outfits depicting such awesome characters. Well done to all!"*

Roald Dahl was born on 13 September 1916 in Wales to Norwegian immigrant parents. He later became famous for writing books namely: The BFG, James and the Giant Peach, George's Marvellous Medicine, Fantastic Mr. Fox and The Enormous Crocodile.





## DOTTIE COME HOME ON THE AEROPLANE

A comedy roadshow by the Ivylettes entitled 'Dottie Come Home on the Aeroplane' was held at various Island districts during the months of August and September.

The show, led by producer Ivy Ellick OBE, was set on St Helena, broken into seven scenes, written in Saint dialect and based on a local family preparing for the homecoming of their wealthy daughter, her husband and their two children who lives in England.

The cast consisted of Granny (Gavin 'Jack' Thomas), Peggy (Gilly Brooks), Henry (Anthony Hopkins), Maudie (Deborah Knipe), Jack (Venus Williams), Jill (Marcella Mittens), Dottie (Natalie Lawrence), George (Nicholas Yon), Sabastian (Alaina Crowie), Lisa (Jaymie Lawrence), Trazer (Ivy Ellick), Reenie (Winnie Thomas), Lilly (Rosie Mittens) and Mama Lizzie (Emerald Newman). The compare for the production was Rodney 'Eggshell' Benjamin.

As a result of the roadshow, the Ivylettes have donated a sum of £1500 to the Girl Guide Association.



## ST HELENA RED CROSS MUSIC FESTIVAL

The St Helena Red Cross held a Musical Festival at the Grand Parade in Jamestown on Saturday, 15 September.

The event, which began at 3pm, saw a number of live bands and 30+ singers providing musical entertainment and included Johnny and da Bandits, the Young Turks, Route 66 and Island Politics.

Various stalls sold toys, local crafts, bric-a-brac and Red Cross branded goods. Stall holders included Abiwans, the St Helena Yacht Club, SHAPE and a variety of food and drink vendors. Various raffles were sold and the multi-affle was drawn on the night.

Chair of the St Helena Red Cross, Pamela Ward Pearce, said:

*"The St Helena Branch of the British Red Cross, whose patron is HE Governor Lisa Honan, strives to assist the Emergency Services with humanitarian support in times of crisis and support casualties and victims after an incident. Our aim is to provide a range of services to the community especially the vulnerable. Since re-establishment in April 2017, our focus has been on training, recruitment, setting up and refurbishing our shared training room with the Police at Ladder Hill where we will soon have internet facilities, sponsored by Sure South Atlantic Ltd, which will enable online training and fundraising towards a disabled accessible vehicle."*





**S**olomon & Company (St Helena) Plc held a ceremony to mark the reopening of the once dormant property of Greenlands on Friday, 29 September 2018.

The ceremony began with an opening speech delivered by Chief Executive Officer, Mandy Peters. Solomon's Board of Directors' Chairman, Jenny Corker, along with three special guests was called upon to perform the very important ceremonial task of cutting the ribbon to officially open Greenlands.

The three special guests were Alan Yon, a former Works Foreman for the Company who was responsible for the joinery work in the period windows of the tower, Patricia Crowie who currently works for the Company and used to live at Greenlands when it was a residential building in the 1970s and Nicola Constantine with a new title of Greenlands Manager.

Once Greenlands was declared open, invited guests made their way inside the shop where they were shown around by General Manager (Mercantile), Martin Henry and Greenlands Manager, Nicola Constantine and shortly after members of the public that had gathered in front of the Shop were also invited inside.

Greenlands carries the combined lines of The Bazaar and Warrens Department Store together with new product lines and includes shoes, clothing, bedlinen, toys and more.

Renovations to Greenlands started in 2016 when the existing property was demolished. The completion of the demolition phase allowed site levels to be taken and final designs to be produced. The second and larger phase of the project was to construct the new build element with a steel structure and a new frontage for the property which commenced in 2017 by AMD Engineering. Contractor Ambledale completed the interior partitioning works and Solomon's Services teams undertook the period window joinery, some interior decorating, all electrical work and all the final touches to fixtures and fittings.

Company history indicates that Greenlands was developed from a residence into a grocery supermarket in the 1970's and that this supermarket was closed in September 2000 when, following a total refurbishment of the Star and Butchery in Main Street, the grocery and butchery businesses were relocated there from Greenlands. Greenlands had remained closed to the general public since its closure in 2000.





## NEW CHILDREN'S PICTURE BOOK LAUNCHED ON ST HELENA

Just over a year ago, Creative Saint Helena Writers Group started the formation of their first children's picture book 'Rebel with Velvet Paws' (RWVP).

The book was written on-Island by four members of the Writers Group and was illustrated by St Helenian, Jodie Walters who currently resides in the UK.

Rebel with Velvet Paws is a book based on a real life Jamestown cat. The book describes her adventure around the Island, meeting different Island animal characters in her search for the Monkcat.

Director of Creative Saint Helena, Teeny Lucy, explained:

*"The group had been working on exercises and different styles of writing for adults including poetry, flash fiction and reporting so for a change, I gave them a challenge to write a collaborative picture book for children. Rebel – the real-life cat with no home had been adopted by Mrs D in town, so we all wrote different parts of her adventures. The best bits were put together and then edited first on-Island and then again by the publishers in the UK. Jodie Walters based her illustrations on the final story. It was a long publication process with the publishing team but we are very pleased with the result."*

Creative St Helena launched Rebel with Velvet Paws at the Museum of Saint Helena on Wednesday, 19 September 2018.

Creative Saint Helena Treasurer, Christine Scipio, welcomed all in attendance. Director of Creative Saint Helena, Teeny Lucy, explained how the book was conceived, written and then professionally published in the UK. Julia Drozdowski, the owner of Rebel the cat, spoke about how her family adopted Rebel, who was once a homeless cat. HE Governor Lisa Honan then officially launched the book. The evening concluded with guests enjoying light refreshments.

Rebel with Velvet Paws can be purchased at The Inkwell, The Museum, Greenlands, Arts & Crafts and the Airport shop and can also be purchased online.

