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WISH Woman Of The Year



Hosting the event, Governor Capes said:

"This is a very special occasion, it is a ladies day, a day we celebrate women in St Helena and all that they do. If you look around at some of the people in this room, you will see brave, powerful, influential and important ladies who make a very big difference in St Helena."

"It's wonderful that you do so much in so many ways, not just in business but in the caring way that this society operates."

Equality & Human Rights Director, Catherine Turner thanked the Governor and Mrs Capes, sponsors of the award and the team of judges.

The crowning of WISH Woman of the Year 2015, took place on Friday 20 November 2015, at Plantation House. WISH was founded in 2011 to give a voice to all women on the Island, in subjects ranging from employment to the current economy or events specific to women like childbirth or female domestic abuse. The criteria for WISH Woman of the Year is **women who had made a difference in the lives of others.**



R to L: Linda Young with her daughter Jessica Young

Catherine added:

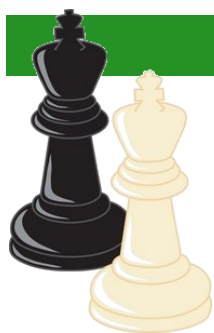
"There were 30 nominees for this year's award and I would like to say thank you to you all - it was such a privilege reading the nominations and hearing what people had to say about you all."

The winner of WISH Woman of the Year 2015 went to Mrs Linda Young of the Briars - who was unbelievably shocked by her win.

Describing Linda Young's community efforts, Catherine concluded :

"A silent lady with a heart of gold, who visits the elderly in care and within the community, signing and reading to them during a normal working day."

Tribute to Castle Gardens Groundsman



Enterprise St Helena (ESH) recently unveiled a Chess Set table in Castle Gardens in the presence of Anthony Caswell (pictured), who has been the groundsman in the gardens for no less than thirty years.

Tourism Projects Manager, Merrill Joshua, said:

"We wanted to add an attraction to Castle Gardens and in doing so, wanted to bring our attention to the fact that a resident of St Helena has looked after this garden for thirty years through the ENRD department."

"I want to thank Mr Caswell for his hours of hard and skilful work in these wonderful gardens."



Shown below is the tribute to Mr Caswell set into the new chess table.

In recognition of
Mr Anthony Caswell
for 30 years of committed service to
maintaining the Castle Gardens.
Thank you

ST.ART Exhibition

On Tuesday 17 November 2015, Creative St Helena hosted the **ST.ART Exhibition** at 1 Main Street. On display were various artworks created by five local and highly talented artists - **Keisha Peters, Luke Bennett, Alex Hudson, Nicole Peters and Jodie Walters.**



Director of Creative St Helena, Pamela Murray, said:
"We normally use to work with people during their GCSEs but we realised there was another group that were creating their own art but weren't supported or recognised."

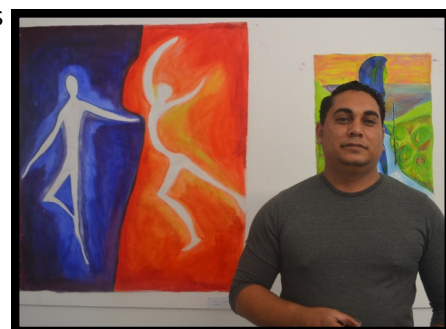
"To fill that gap, we teamed up with the Arts & Crafts

Association and launched the ST.ART programme with a grant from the Community Grant scheme. This exhibition highlights the wonderful work being made by an older group of individuals."

The well-attended event saw a group interested in the arts greatly impressed with the works on display.

Luke Bennett, pictured below, spoke of his paintings:
"I am inspired by things in my mind. One of my pictures here is called 'The Dream' - I actually dreamt that and I put it down exactly how I dreamt it. In regards to my surrealism type of artwork and also with my other picture which is called 'Peace', these are things that happen in my head and also what I think about."

The artists will be giving Creative St Helena one piece of art each in return for the supplies that were given to them. These artworks will then be auctioned or sold to interested buyers to raise funds for Creative St Helena - so that this type of activity can continue.



St Paul's Advent Service



On Thursday 3 December 2015, St Paul's Primary School held its Advent Service at St Paul's Cathedral. A large audience was present to hear the children singing a variety of Christmas songs.

The evening started around 7pm, with the Bishop welcoming everyone, followed by prayers and a selection of Christmas songs sung by the students. The children had learnt their songs in their Music & Drama lessons under the guidance of teachers at St Paul's. Nursery and Reception children also did an item at the beginning of the event.

The evening was organised by the Deputy Head and staff from the school. This year was a bit different to last year,

with the play being replaced with carolling.

Head Teacher Mrs Pat Williams said:

"St Paul's Primary School has been holding this service for quite a while now and it has now become an annual event. In fact, the teachers will be planning the December 2016 event from January next year. They are hoping to do an activity play in 2016."

"I would like to thank the children who did a really good job and also the staff for working so hard on preparing them. I thank the Deputy Head for coordinating the event, and Mrs Lindsay McGinnety who

came to our rescue in

upgrading the backdrop. My thanks also go to Mrs Joy George, the Congregational Corals, the Bishop, all the non-teaching staff, the groundsmen and everyone else who helped this service to take place. Most importantly, our appreciation goes to the parents for supporting their children so well.

"We hope they all enjoyed the 'Advent Service with a difference' this year."

Monies raised will go to PTA funds and a donation will be given to St Paul's Cathedral.

Spanish Lessons

Alison Laycock (pictured, 4th from left) has been teaching languages for over 15 years and offers language classes on St Helena to both children and adults.

Most recently, Alison has taught Spanish to absolute beginners and saw over 20 students sign up. The classes took place over 10 weeks at the Education Learning Centre (ELC) Hall in Jamestown, each Thursday evening.

Alison said:

"I love learning and teaching languages. Here on St Helena I wanted to introduce another language as we already have a French class on a Wednesday evening for those who started with me last year.

During the 10-week Spanish course, Alison covered the basics, including greetings and introductions, numbers, age, birthdays, family and time - plus asking and answering questions, which is vital in any language.

On completion of the course, participants were presented with a certificate of attendance (pictured) and went for a celebratory meal.

Alison added:

"For the Spanish class, they wanted to do a speaking test at the end of the course - rather than writing, reading or listening - and they all did very well. We had a good mix of students in the group and it was a pleasure to teach them."

Anyone interested in language classes can sign up by through e-mailing the ELC before the closing date - as advertised in local newspapers - or by getting in touch with Alison Laycock at Prince Andrew School, particularly if they are interested in learning a language not advertised.



Primary School Christmas Parade



New Horizons Christmas Bazaar

New Horizons held its annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday 5 December 2015 in the Leisure Park, Jamestown - organised by the New Horizons team. This annual event, previously held in the Mule Yard, is now in its fourth year.



New Horizons Manager, Nicky Stevens, said:

"The donations this year have been really good - we've had a lot more stuff than we had last year and I would say at least 60% of it is brand new. I would like to thank all of the companies and others who made donations, especially for the brand new items."

The money raised at this important event will help New Horizons to reach its annual target of around £20,000 which it needs to carry out its various activities for young people on St Helena.



This year's bazaar saw over a hundred people attending and purchasing items ranging from clothing, to shoes, cakes and jewellery - all for the price of £1 or less. There was also an auction held for more expensive goods.



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