

The St Helena Ambassador

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Bertrand's Cottage Open Day

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As part of the Napoleonic bicentenary, Enterprise St Helena held a ground breaking ceremony at Bertrand's Cottage

last year, and handed the keys over to Project Manager ProArc and main contractor Isaac's Construction. This major project was to refurbish the building into a modern training facility, restaurant and guest-house.

At a recent Open Day, Chief Executive for Economic Development, Dr Niall O'Keeffe said:

"It is therefore fitting that a year later, exactly 200 years since the Bertrand family moved into this cottage, we warmly invite you to view the progress that has been made, and to see first hand the transformation that has taken place."

"This is a transformation that not only brings this significant historical building back into productive use as a modern training facility, but also incorporates guest-house accommodation and a restaurant. We have also restored many of the original features to the cottage that would have existed in General Bertrand's time."

"Today is not just about Bertrand's Cottage and this is not an official re-opening - you will no doubt see that there are still a few finishing touches that we need to make. The Open Day gives you an opportunity to see another part of what ESH is doing, to deliver on the Island's vision to re-utilise the Longwood area as the future gateway to St Helena."



Chairman of the Project Management Sub -Committee Anthony Thomas, thanked the project managers ProArc and Isaac contractors, for their real attention to detail and pride in delivering this project.

He said:

"All involved should be proud of the work on display today. Both local companies have done the Island proud."

Special thanks also went to the Mercury family for remaining positive throughout the refurbishment. Gary Mercury was called forward and presented with a gift by Governor Lisa Phillips. The keys of Bertrand's Cottage were then handed over to Mr Mike Harper, who will be in charge of the training facility.

Invited guests and members of the public were then invited to tour the newly refurbished building, and enjoy the refreshments available.



Showing Appreciation To Island Teachers

Governor Lisa Phillips, on Tuesday 11 October 2016, hosted a special reception at Plantation House to recognise the efforts, contributions and hard work of all teachers on St Helena.

The reception was a fitting end to Teacher Appreciation Week, which aimed to raise the profile of teaching as a professional and rewarding career, and to show appreciation to all teaching staff for their work in education.



District Clean-up Competition Comes to an End

Judges made their way through the Island districts on Saturday 29 October 2016, to view the progress and hard work done by St Helena residents in the 'District Clean-up Competition'. Now it's just a waiting game until the winning district is announced.

An event will be held later this month where the winning district will be revealed.

Cruise Ships Visit St Helena



MV Europa anchored in James Bay on Thursday 27 October 2016, around 8am, with 336 passengers and 283 crew on-board.

A local market was set up at the seafront in Jamestown and also on Longwood Green.

The Cruise Ship, owned and operated by German company Hapag-Lloyd, and is the fourth ship to be named *Europa* in the company's history.

For twelve years in a row, the MS Europa was awarded the title 'Best Cruise Ship in the World' by Ward-Ranking and Berlitz. The previous *Europa* is currently sailing as the Saga Sapphire for Saga Cruises.

The MV Artania arrived in James Bay on Tuesday 1 November 2016 at around 7.45am, with 946 passengers and 516 crew on-board.

Again, a local market was set up in Jamestown and in Longwood. The MV Artania will have an overnight stay, leaving tomorrow, Wednesday 2 November 2016.

MV Artania is a cruise ship chartered since 2011 by Phoenix Reisen, a German-based travel agency and cruise ship operator. She was built for Princess Cruises by Wärtsilä at the Helsinki Shipyard, Finland, and launched on 18 February 1984.



Congratulations to Nicola Young - who has just celebrated 25 years working within St Helena Government. Nicola first started working in government in 1991 as a trainee clerk in the Energy Division, and has since progressed in various other jobs, resulting in her current job being Deputy to the Head of Procurement, within Corporate Finance.

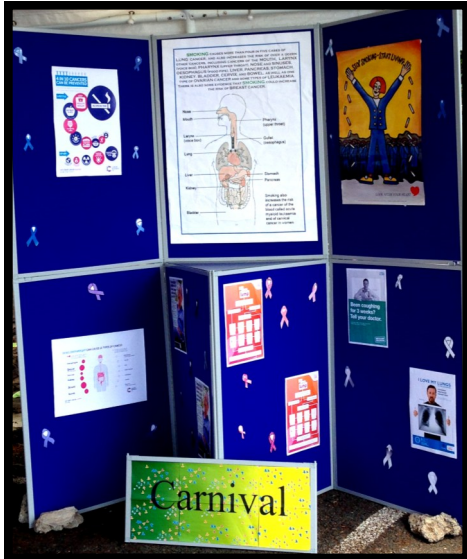
We would like to congratulate and thank Nicola for her continued work and commitment during these years.

Carnival was once again celebrated on St Helena on Saturday, 15 October 2016, with the theme of 'Taking Flight'.

Hundreds of people gathered to take part in the traditional dancing through the streets, from the Hospital through to the Seaside, where stalls, fun games and activities awaited.

This year saw wings of all sizes and colours, on the old and the young.

Carnival is celebrated every other year on St Helena with a different theme each time. It is a fundraiser for Cancer Awareness.



New Paintings for the Governor's Office

Governor Lisa Phillips received a selection of beautifully painted artwork from six of Prince Andrew School's GCSE art students, on Wednesday, 19 October 2016.

indication of the wealth of talent we have on St Helena. They are modern, bright, and exciting and I can't wait to get them on the walls."

The six students are: (L-R) Shelby Bargo, Laura Duncan, R-Jay Fuller, Jean-Paul George, Mic Kail Harris and Keira Francis, pictured with Governor Lisa Phillips and Art Teacher Lindsey McGinnety. The paintings are now on display in the Governor's Office at the Castle, Jamestown.

Governor Lisa Phillips commented:

"The canvasses the GCSE students have done for my office are yet another

