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RMS St Helena Hosts Open Day



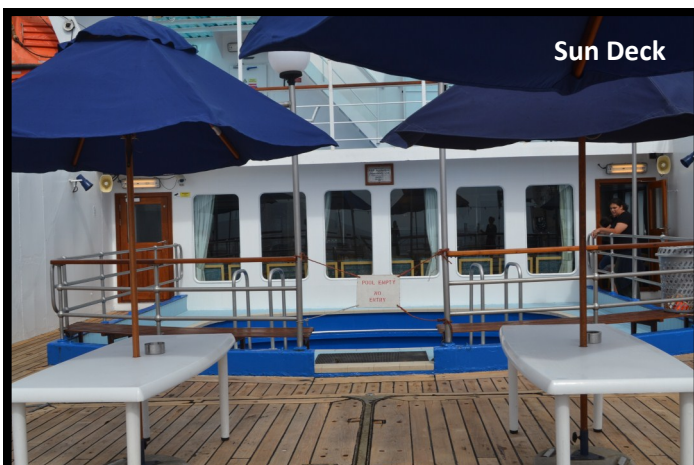
The Dining Saloon

The RMS St Helena hosted an Open Day on Saturday 9 July 2016 while she was anchored in James' Bay.

The ship was open to all members of the public who booked a space in advance - but priority was given to those who had never been aboard the RMS before.

Whilst onboard, members of the public were split into three groups for a full tour of the ship, including the Bridge, the cabin deck, the shop, and the Sun Lounge, where they enjoyed refreshments.

Primary School children were hosted on Friday 8 July 2016 and all schoolchildren will be given the opportunity to visit the ship during future anchorages in James' Bay.



Sun Deck



The Bridge

Community Grant Scheme

In 2011, the Civil Society Organisation (CSO) raised the need for a dedicated organisation to act with and on behalf of St Helena's community organisations and their relationship with St Helena Government. The following year, the Community Development Organisation (CDO) was formed and is today run by Isha Harris.

The Community Development Organisation aims to:

- *Strengthen community and family life*
- *Act as an advocate between community groups and SHG*
- *Raise standards of governance in organisations and enhance accountability and policy formation through support and training*
- *Encourage the inclusion of marginalised or underrepresented groups*
- *Protect cultural and natural built heritage*

The CDO administers and runs the Community Grant Scheme, which aims to support organisations to deliver services which will have an impact on these objectives. The Community Grant Scheme applies only to organisations which cannot secure funding elsewhere.

Community Development Organisation Director, Isha Harris, said:

"To apply for a community grant you must be either a Charity, Club or Association based on St Helena - a properly constituted group with a bank account that requires at least two signatures. Grants range from £500 to £4000 per round.

"In general, each project must contribute to community strength and advancement in areas such as the arts, public services, recreation, sports, or welfare."

Isha went on to say that the Community Grant Scheme can consider supporting projects including sports and play equipment, office equipment, furnishings, community arts projects, recreation events, access and equality projects, community research projects, motor vehicle and equipment purchases and health & safety upgrades, etc.

Projects will be selected according to how well they meet the organisation's strategic objectives and criteria, balanced against available funds.

There are five funding rounds each year and you can apply at any time. The scheme aims to grant £10,000 of funding at every round. Grant applications will be for amounts from £500 up to £4000 per round.

Applications will be assessed for the round that is open when you submit an application.

Community Grant application forms are available from the office at Guinea Grass Community Centre or at the Human Rights Office at the Castle in Jamestown. Applications must be submitted before close of business at 4pm on the published closing date for each round. Incomplete applications will be returned to the applicant for completion before the closing date for the current round.

You can submit your application by e-mail to:

community.sthelenagmail.com by letter, or simply hand in personally to either:

- Isha Harris, Community Development Organisation at Guinea Grass Community Centre, or
- Catherine Turner, Human Rights Office, PWD Yard, Jamestown.

We Look Forward To Hearing From You!



Prince Andrew School held a 'Family Fun Afternoon' on Monday 25 July 2016, an afternoon fun packed with activities and displays for all the family to enjoy. In the School's foyer were healthy foods and posters on display highlighting the importance of fitness for children and adults as part of a healthy lifestyle.



The Gym was also open where a number of families took advantage of the equipment available, with others enjoying a brisk walk in the school grounds.

Health Promotion Coordinator, Marian Yon, said:

"The Health Promotion Team organised this event, with the thought that it would be really good for children and their families together to see the importance of being active and of eating well. Both the Primary and Secondary schools were really on board with the idea and they have been great, with staff staying after school to help out."

Kerry Lawrence, a parent at the event, said:

"I came to the Family Fun Afternoon to support my kids and because it is a healthy event. We also got the whole family involved, and I think this initiative is a brilliant idea."



SHG provided a model greenhouse, together with examples of the fruits and vegetables that are being grown on St Helena.

Prince Andrew School students also contributed by having their own work displayed, including posters and poems about healthy living.

Volley ball and badminton nets were set up in the hall for families to enjoy, and Zumba took place in the Music Room.

