

The St Helena Ambassador

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SCOUTS FUN DAY 2019

The annual Scouts Fun Day took place at the Mule Yard, Jamestown, on Sunday, 25 August 2019.

Throughout the day, there were various stalls selling goods and refreshments. There were also sideshows including football tombola, lucky dips, bottle and can stall, raffles and face painting. Other entertainment included Bingo and a bouncy castle. The novelty races were well supported by the children as was the Tug o' War. Music throughout the day was provided by DJ Colin Peters and live band – Easy Island – performed during the evening.

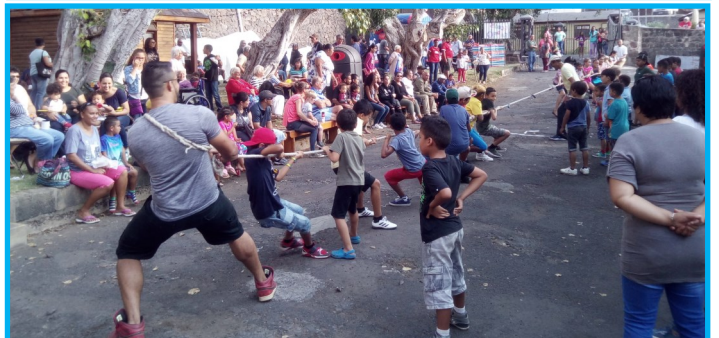
Assistant Group Scout Leader, Bobby Essex, commented:

"It was a successful day with great atmosphere! The Scout Group appreciated the wonderful support from the public and all the many voluntary helpers. Thank you!"

The Scouts Fun Day has been organised by the 1st Jamestown Scout Group since 1969 and is one of their major fundraising activities. Funds raised on the day will be used to contribute towards the Group's annual scout camp, equipment and badges and the yearly insurance subscription to Scout UK Headquarters to name a few. The Scouts, Cubs & Beavers meet weekly on Tuesday afternoons at the Scout Hall in Jamestown where they learn and enjoy a variety of activities.



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'MV STENA IMPORTANT' VISIT

The oil/chemical tanker 'MV Stena Important' anchored in James Bay at 6am on Friday, 23 August 2019. The purpose of her short visit was to drop off a sick crew member.

The tanker had travelled from Durban, South Africa, and was headed for Brazil when she departed St Helena at 7.30am.

The vessel was built in 2015 and has a Gross Tonnage of 29666.



MV Stena Important leaving St Helena

SHAPE CREATES PRODUCTS MADE FROM RECYCLED PLASTIC

SHAPE (St Helena's Active Participation in Enterprise) has recently started to create products made from recycled plastic.

The plastic recycling is currently taking place at the SHAPE Recycling Centre, Donkey Plain, and is led by Plastic Recycling Trainer, Ernest Fritz, together with Recycling Operations/Project Manager, Tracey Stroud-Belgrove, and Assistant Recycling Trainers, Wilhelmina Fowler and Cheryl Knipe. All have been instrumental in training the disabled and vulnerable Trainees in bespoke craft production using this reclaimed, sustainable material.

This new initiative forms part of the project for sustainably managing plastic waste on St Helena to minimise marine debris, and is operated in partnership with St Helena Government's Marine Section, the Saint Helena National Trust and Waste Management Services. The project started in March 2018 and ended in June 2019 and was funded by DEFRA (Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs).

Ernest explains the process of recycling the plastic:

"The plastic items are collected and stored at the Recycling Centre. From here, they are sorted by the different types of plastics. The plastics are then placed into a liquid which removes any sticky labels. They are sorted into categories by colour and type and placed in separate boxes. Different plastic types have to be separated as they have different melting temperatures and properties. Each plastic object, in its original form, is put into the shredding machine which chops the plastic into smaller flakes. The shredded plastic is then labelled and stored in separate containers, categorised by the colour and type of plastic, ready for when they are to be used."

The team uses a number of machines to create products from the plastic flakes. Currently, the team uses the 'Extrusion Machine' which extrudes a line of plastic that is spun around a mould. The team also uses the 'Injection Machine' which heats the plastic flakes and injects it into a mould. So far the team have created products depicting Jonathan the tortoise, whale sharks and square coasters using this machine. The final machine used by the team is the 'Compression Machine'. This machine heats the plastic inside the oven and is slowly pressed into a mould with a carjack. So far the team have experimented with creating plastic bowls.

Ernest concluded:

"We are still very much in the trial period and experimenting with products that can be made with these machines which is why we welcome any suggestions or ideas for new products."

There are seven different types of plastic. Plastic that can be recycled can be identified by the 'chasing arrows' symbol with the number inside the arrows (see below).

Any plastic item that has the 'chasing arrows' symbol with numbers 1-5 inside such as toilet cleaner bottles, plastic medicine bottles, shampoo bottles, margarine tubs etc can be recycled and are suitable for recycling at the SHAPE Recycling Centre.

If you would like to recycle your plastic items, please drop them off at the SHAPE Recycling Centre.



SUCCESSFUL ST HELENA SPORTS DAY 2019

The 40th St Helena Sports Day in the UK took place at Reading Abbey Rugby Football Club between Saturday, 24 August, and Sunday, 25 August.

Warm temperatures and an abundance of activities for all ages saw the number of visitors over the weekend increase dramatically from last year.

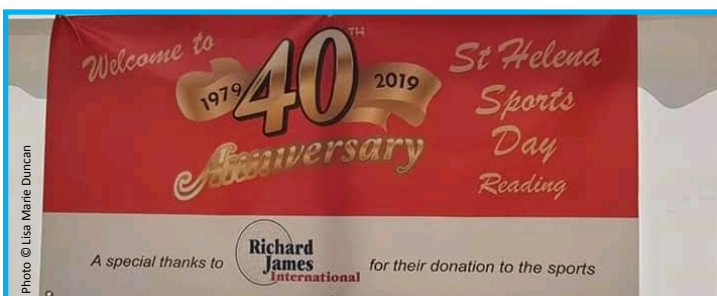
Throughout the weekend there were a range of activities taking place. On Saturday a disco was held with music provided by DJ Phil Thompson along with some delicious Saint food from Shaz & Doug Stevens.

Sunday saw the 40th Sports Day games. To commemorate the occasion, those who came first in their event won a special trophy - 'The Owen George Cup'. The Sports opened with a fancy dress parade led by Tim Eyles and his New Orleans Jazz band. Fittingly, they played 'When The Saints Go Marchin In' along with other jazz standards such as 'When You're Smiling'. In addition, the Inflatable Arena was back after unfortunately being cancelled last year due to the rain. The activities in the arena included The Zorb Balls, The Gladiator Joust, The Obstacle Course and The Surf Board.

There was a huge number of stalls under the marquee with traders coming from up and down the country as well as from the Island. G-Unique Boutique (Giselle Richards) travelled to the UK to promote her jewellery and 2020 Calendars. Saint Cooks (Robin and Emma-Jane Richards), who are known for their continuous promotion of the Island's cuisine, were at the Sports Day with their recipe cards as well as the 'world's largest coconut finger' which was won by Georgia Martin. Other traders included Twintastic Ltd (Shirl Osbourne), The Royal British Legion, Printsetters of Bristol, Shaz and Doug Stevens, Patrick Andrews, Alice Francis, Raymond Williams and Gemma Hobs and Balfred Peters.

Sunday evening saw entertainment from DJ Phil Thompson and the popular Saint band, 'Love Affair' in the clubhouse. In the marquee, the AllSaintz3 played numerous club/dance classics as well as being part of the first Silent Disco at the Sports Day which was a major hit.

Saint FM was heavily involved during the day with a live broadcast both on-air and on Facebook so people could relay messages to friends and family on-Island.



PUBLIC LIBRARY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

The Public Library held a number of activities during the August 2019 school holidays.

The first activity day took place on Tuesday, 13 August. 36 children attended and took part in activities themed around 'Emojis'. Crafts were based around the theme and included making clown faces, emoji fans and emoji wrist bands using paper plates and tissue paper. Emoji colouring sheets were also available.

The second round of activities took place on Tuesday, 20 August, and was organised in partnership with Harford Primary School. The theme was 'Autumn', and crafts such as Autumn tree craft, leaf bunting, Autumn wreaths and Autumn window pictures were created. 35 children supported this event and the day was enjoyed by all.

The final activity day took place on Tuesday, 27 August. This day was organised in partnership with St Paul's Primary School. The theme was designed to celebrate 'Book Lover's Day' and consisted of crafts such as origami, collage, colouring pages and decorative book markers. The day was thoroughly enjoyed by the 42 children who attended.

