



The Link



Sharing news from St John International

Welcome to our summer newsletter.

Read on for the latest stories from around the world.

We hope you will enjoy reading the latest updates.

Happy St John's Day!

NEW WEBSITE LAUNCHED



Check out the new website at:
www.stjohninternational.org

You can find all the latest international and Order news, information on St John Establishments and many ways to support us.

Happy 90th Birthday to our Sovereign Head Queen Elizabeth II

On behalf of The Order of St John and from all members and volunteers from St John around the world, we would like to express our respectful and heartfelt best wishes as we mark the official celebration of Her Majesty's 90th birthday.

As Sovereign Head of the Order, Queen Elizabeth II has been supporting St and their activities for many years.

Visit <http://www.stjohninternational.org/news/happy-90th-birthday-queen-elizabeth-ii> to see a collection of photos.



Street Party celebrating Queen Elizabeth II 90th Birthday

The Patrons Lunch was held on 12 June at the Mall to celebrate the Queen's patronage of over 600 charities and organisations on the occasion of her 90th birthday.

Despite the wet weather, over 10,000 guests attended the celebration including individuals from St John International, St John Ambulance from England, St John Scotland, St John of Jerusalem Eye Hospital Group and the Orders of St John Care Trust.



Celebrations at the Mall



Residents from the Orders of St John Care Trust



Queen Elizabeth II with Prince Philip greeting the public



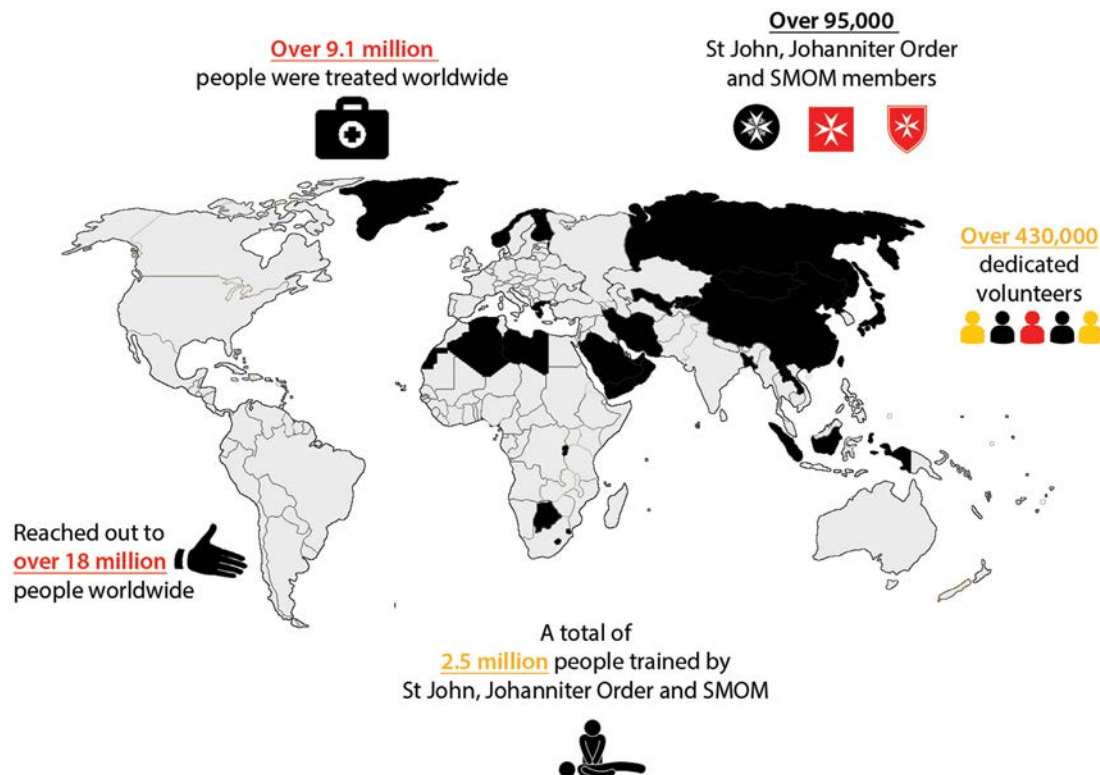
Isla Richards, St John Eye Hospital Group



Speaking with Princess Anne

Saving millions of lives around the world

Together the St John Establishments with the Johanniter Order (Germany, Sweden and The Netherlands) and the Sovereign Military Order of Malta (SMOM) have reached out to millions of lives around the world in 2015 through training and providing first aid and in other healthcare services.



Grand Council 2016 in Hong Kong



The Prior of Hong Kong, Dr David Mok welcomes The Grand Prior, The Duke of Gloucester.



Chancellor, Mr Patrick Burgess with members from the Hong Kong St John Ambulance Brigade.

The Grand Council of the Order met for their annual meeting in Hong Kong on the 27 and 28 May 2016.

The Council, which included the Grand Prior, HRH the Duke of Gloucester, were extremely well looked after by the Priory of Hong Kong. The two main themes of the Council were, charitable output and governance.

The members heard of how charitable output was being delivered across the world and considered how it could be improved. They also considered how the

Order could be run more efficiently in the future.

The Grand Prior told the Council that "because St John has experience of volunteering at a practical level and knowledge of health care in local communities they could provide medical support to those who would otherwise have no assistance at all".

St John volunteers providing relief aid during floods in Sri Lanka



Volunteers from Kelaniya and Delgoda divisions of St John providing relief aid to the communities in Malwana.

Thousands of people in Sri Lanka have been affected by heavy floods and landslides after a deadly cyclone in May.

An estimated 500,000 people have been directly affected with some places experiencing up to 300 mm of rainfall. According to the Disaster Management Centre, 43 people have been killed and close to 307,000 people displaced by the flooding. They are now being



Volunteers distributing food and drinking water for 1,500 people living in Colombo and suburbs.

housed at 594 temporary camps across Sri Lanka.

Many St John volunteers from different divisions in Sri Lanka have travelled to towns to provide relief aid for those affected by the floods.

Already the volunteers have helped a number of people with first aid, first aid supplies and basic supplies including food, water, medicine and clothes.

Off-duty St John Ambulance volunteer saves man in Ireland



Paul Downes, a St John Ambulance volunteer for over 40 years in Dublin.

While on his way home from a concert, an off-duty St John Ambulance volunteer, Paul Downes and his wife noticed a man in the water.

Attempts to get a life buoy to him failed and Paul realised the man was slipping further under the water. He was around five metres from the jetty and beyond reach.

Paul, who is a trained lifesaver and swimmer, jumped into the water to rescue the man and brought him



River Liffey flows through the centre of Dublin, Ireland.

back to the jetty. The man was then brought to the Mater Hospital and is recovering from his ordeal.

A St John volunteer for over 40 years, Paul emphasised that nobody should attempt a rescue unless appropriately trained.

"The key message is, don't go into the water unless you have to. This was a measured, thought-out approach and response based on training."

Mother and Baby Programme - New Updates from Uganda and Zimbabwe



A smiling baby from Zimbabwe

Since October 2015, 99 local volunteers have been trained by St John in Uganda and Zimbabwe to support their communities with the Mother and Baby Programme.

So far, more than 2,600 people including pregnant women, mothers with infants, partners and husbands have been enrolled into the project.

Through the mobile clinic reaching communities in rural areas, 4,800 people have been reached and supported.

Responding to car accident in Malaysia

While on their way to a national competition hosted in Kuantan on 29 May, members and cadets from St John Ambulance Malaysia (SJAM) witnessed an accident involving multiple casualties.



Immediately they responded by attending to the 4 injured passengers as well as extinguishing a fire.

A spokesperson from St John International said, *"This is excellent work from the members and cadets of St John Ambulance Malaysia. Not only did they use their first aid skills effectively but remained diligent during a difficult situation."*

Photo courtesy of Kawasan Selangor Selatan (KSS) Area Commander, Mr Kong Min Ho.

Welcoming our new Head of Finance

Karin Read joined the International Office in March. She is a Chartered Accountant with experience working in the healthcare and education sectors.



With a varied career, she moved from commerce to the financial services and then to the not for profit sector where she has worked for the last 18 years. This included the Association of Chief Police Officers in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, the Aldenham Foundation and WDP.

Karin is a Trustee of a local community charity and a member of Barnet's Citizens' panel. She has acted as financial lead for a free school proposal for the Diocese of St Albans, been a trustee of a care home for the elderly and has served on the London Society Business Board and the Corporate Responsibility committee of the Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales.

Upcoming Event Dates

20 July - Investiture of Governor-General designate of New Zealand (Kensington Palace, London)

6 - 7 September - Steering Committee Meeting (London)

9 September - Investiture of Governor and Commander-in-Chief Gibraltar (King's Chapel, Gibraltar)

If you have any stories you would like to be covered in the Link newsletter, or you would like information on any of the news featured in this edition, please email Chiao at:

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