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MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER

Dear Residents

Winter is upon us. Log fires, cuddly jerseys, sherry – but that's not all there is to winter. For many people the onset of winter is a trying time as they live in substandard housing, and have limited fuel resources. But winter can be very severe in parts of the country and you need to get ready for it. Unfortunately, ice-cold feet and blue hands are also realities of winter, so you have to give the coming winter some thought.

What are the things you need to do to prepare for winter?

Bedding down. Sort out your winter bedding. A brushed cotton sheet can work wonders on cold nights. Cover your duvet in the same fabric for a really cuddly winter. An under blanket can really contribute to a winter without frozen feet. Invest in a good electric blanket – but remember these should be switched off once you get into bed.

Batten down the hatches. Much heat escapes from your home through doors and windows that do not close properly. Get a



handyman to sort this out. Go to a flea market and buy one of those sand-filled sausage-like things to put against the inside of the door.

Get a flu shot. This should preferably be

done in April before the start of the winter. It won't cost you much and you can get them at most chemists. This will most probably prevent your annual bout of flu, which can cost you hundreds in medication as well as a few days in bed.

From top to toe. Check your winter wardrobe. You don't need all that much to stay warm. Layers usually do the trick. Invest in a couple of pairs of fleece-lined socks, thermal underwear, flannel pyjamas, a soft woollen jersey and one really warm jacket. A scarf and a pair of gloves to round it off will see you through any really cold morning.

Stock up on the vitamins. In winter people tend to spend more time indoors with others



and this heightens their susceptibility to viruses. Boost your immune system before the winter sets in. A daily multi-vitamin could be just what you need. Haul out these vegetable soup recipes.

Get the right cover. If you live in a windy area, a flimsy umbrella could collapse like a wooden shack under a tidal wave. Either invest in a sturdy golf umbrella (it depends how windy, since you could find yourself doing a Mary Poppins) or even better, a proper rain jacket with a hood you can pull over your head.

The heat's on. What do your home heating arrangements look like? If your house is cold, it might be worth investigating the possibility of installing wall heaters. They don't take much electricity and manage to warm your house, without parboiling the inhabitants. Bar heaters can be effective, but can also be dangerous if left unattended. Oil heaters have the added advantage that they can be moved from room to room.

Off the peg. Get one of those fold-out clothes driers that look like dinosaurs. They can be folded up and hidden away completely during summer. There is nothing worse than waking up in the middle of the night and realising that your washing on the line did not dry because of the dew. Oh, except one thing, and that is putting on damp underwear on a cold morning.

Let me light your fire. There is nothing as cosy as a fireplace. Wood and coal is also not in short supply in South Africa. Have it delivered at the beginning of the winter by bakkie-load. This works out a lot cheaper than buying individual packs from cafes. Just remember to let in fresh air somewhere into the room – you don't want to become oxygen-deprived. Gas-fired fireplaces are very economical, if somewhat less romantic than the real thing.

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Security



All too often we spend substantial amounts of money in securing our homes with high-end electronic systems, physical security and opt to live in secure estates. A lot of time, thought, and planning goes into the decision-making process when implementing these protection measures. In most cases when we employ domestic workers or contractors, we never complete a cursory or more in-depth background check on them. This often opens us up to the "Trojan Horse" syndrome.

We have all too often heard of cases of valuable items that are stolen, home invasions linked directly to the domestic workers, and in extreme cases, murders of the homeowner. In a recent article published in a local newspaper, SAPS

Stay in touch

We look forward to suggestions and recommendations via the General Manager, Gary Haynes, which we will address accordingly.

requested that residents seek police clearance for domestic and occasional workers, including gardeners and casual workers. This was not aimed to be a purge of undocumented workers by the police, but the objective is to help residents with crime prevention - it is recommended that all employees are vetted, and a police clearance obtained.

What you will need to do a police clearance at your local police station:

- A valid ID or passport
- A fee of R114 (the police will issue a receipt)
- Employee to go to the Police Station to record their fingerprints
- Results take approximately four to six weeks as police clearances are processed in Pretoria

24/7 Security complete a similar process during the pre-employment process with all their prospective employees. We have a fingerprint reader linked to the criminal record centre that can verify (within 48 hours) if the candidate has been convicted of any criminal offence. 24/7 Security is happy to extend this service to residents of FWG at a nominal fee.

Other factors to look out for when going through the vetting process is to ask for an original ID (not a copy), bank account details, and proof of physical address. Any reluctance to provide such information should be an immediate red flag.

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The process can be complicated when engaging with a contractor pre-renovation and building project. Residents must ask the contractor to perform similar checks on all his/her employees and provide you with a level of comfort that this has been done

When making payments to these contractors, please refrain from using cash. Instead, make payments via EFT, which are traceable. Also, ensure that when payments are made the recipient signs on a drawn-up document that they have received such payment. Always ensure that contractors work under supervision at all times. We also kindly ask that building contractors be legitimate companies registered with NHBRC (www.nhbrc.org.za).

Should you find or notice anything out of the ordinary, kindly contact the Security Department immediately on 011 465 5466 / 5465 / 2302.

Thank you again.

24/7 Security Team



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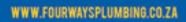


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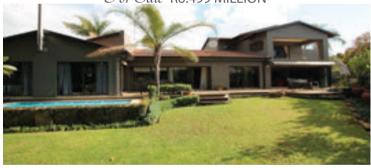
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Monthly Draw – 20 April

Draw results:

- 1st prize champagne with cool Brad Ferraris
- 2nd prize Dave Chalila, champagne
- 3rd kiddies prize, Holly Bell

Main draw roll over: • Sally Bates stand 1346 Sally was not in attendance so the cash cooler, prize rolled over to May for R10,000. Century 21 agreed to have a guaranteed ne pay out of R5,000 for the May draw. First draw would be for R10,000, if not won then a second draw for R7,000 and if not won, we would carry on drawing until a home owner in attendance wins R5,000!













Rules for the Monthly Draw: Anyoneinattendancestandsachance to win one of the lucky draw prizes. Simply complete your details on an entry form and you can win one of three beautiful lucky draw prizes. Our cash prize is for homeowners only and all owners in good standing are automatically entered into the draw. You have to be in attendance on the night to claim your prize. If not, Century 21 will donate another R1,000 that rolls over to the next month!

Remember, you have to be there to win!

The Monthly Draw takes place on the last Friday of every month in the Clubhouse at 19h00!

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Just Listed!

FOR SALE

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R3 800 000

Web Ref: 21DN-2721 R3 799 000

Web Ref: 21DN-2688

Hidden away behind a north facing walled 1129m2 stand, lies this inviting family home surrounded by a beautiful mature garden oozing tranquillity and harmony. The large entrance hall sets the tone for an elegant home and lead to the lounge with a wood-burning fireplace with a dining room adjacent to the kitchen. The home comprises three spa-cious bedrooms and two full bathrooms. The kitchen lead off to a private sunny courtyard. North facing terrace overlooking the garden. Sash windows throughout the home. Separate laundry room. Double automated aarage and ample secure off street parking for quests.



R60 000 PM

Gracious living after renovations or just move in, either way you cannot go wrong. This semi double storey house of 355 sqm on large stand of 1531 sqm comprises of entrance hall, very large airy lounge with wood burning fire place, big dining room leading to covered patio pool and super large garden with lapa, bright eat in kitchen with space for all appliances, double door fridge, hob and eye level over, guest cloak room, bedroom and full bathroom plus study or third bedroom. Staircase leading to upstairs large main bedroom with spacious covered balcony, walk in dressing area plus full bathroom en suite. Ample space for additional 2 bedrooms under roof from upstairs landing. Double garage and staff accommodation.

RENTAL



Web Ref: 21DN-2761 R47 500 000 PM

Web Ref: 21DN-2216

Elegant 5 bedroom home in a prime position close to the park with double volume entrance Spacious family home offering an inviting entrance hall, playroom, guest cloakroom leading hall for the family who enjoys entertaining. Spacious kitchen with modern finishes and sep- to a large open plan living area comprising a fitted bar, lounge, dining room and enclosed hall for the family who enjoys entertaining. Spacious kitchen with modern finishes and separate scullery. Family room, dining room and large bar/entertainment area with fireplace and a cinema room. Guest cloakroom. A sweeping staircase lead to 5 spacious upstairs bedrooms with access to a balcony. 3 Contemporary bathrooms (two en-suite). Study and large balcony offering views of the garden. Included is an expansive covered veranda with space for a dining and lounge suite, overlooking the mature garden with sparking Fourways Gards swimming pool and a tennis court. Staff suite with kitchen and bathroom. Garaging for 4 double garage. vehicles.

patio with stacking doors to the outside. Farmstyle kitchen with granite tops, separate scullery and laundry. 2 bedrooms downstairs and a full bathroom. Upstairs are 4 bedrooms (2 en suite) and 3 bathrooms. The main bedroom is huge with a lounge area and bright, sunny bathroom. A spacious lounge/office or gym opens onto a balcony with lovely views of Fourways Gardens. Garden with pool and a fire pit with built-in seating. Staff suite and

If you are considering selling or renting your property contact Century 21 Lifestyle Team for a gualified evaluation. We welcome your call and will be pleased to discuss your property needs at any time.

Our experienced team will provide you with the best professional service!

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14:30						Nicky Ridley 072 2388 063		
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15:00					Helen O'Grady Drama Academy			
15h30	Debbie (15:45-16:45)				(15:00-18:00)			Yogabats (15:30-16:30)
16:00	Jazz - 082 425 6098				Kerry Holbrook			Desley White
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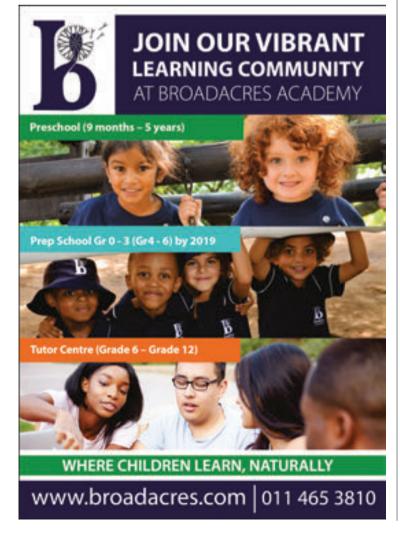


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Andrew Ward, Director Environmental HOA Board and Dan Barwick, MD of Turfnet, our landscaping contractor, held our total attention as they unfurled exciting, bold and achievable goals set to upgrade and beautify our Estate. The amount of work they have done and continue to do is quite staggering. Let's look at the main goals they are achieving and setting over the coming five years:

PUBLIC PARKS AND GARDENS

Firstly, the improvement of soil in the Estate through composting and mulching. This is the basis of healthy, beautiful gardens. We have established a nursery in the K56 road reserve and are making our own compost (Turfnet's particular expertise) and growing our own plants – keeping indigenous and water wise and propagating lots of succulents. This will supply the public gardens, parks, road verges and road islands throughout the Estate. Saturday training sessions for landscaping staff are resulting in motivated, knowledgeable gardeners.

Relationships with the Parks Board are being nurtured and great response is resulting. All our parks belong to the Parks Board and they must be willing to play an important role in helping us achieve a beautiful estate, including trimming of verge trees, important for healthy verge plants.

The Community is encouraged to get involved! If you have excess plants for recycling please contact Gary, our General Manager, on 011 465 7731. All the plants received will be nurtured and an annual low cost plant sale for residents is envisaged!

A Green file is being installed at HOA



Offices and residents are encouraged to add their comments and suggestions, to give our landscaper ongoing feedback.

ESTATE ROADS

At the AGM it was unanimously voted by residents to use budget to upgrade our needy roads. Great progress has been made with Johannesburg Roads Agency and FWG have started a 5 year plan for road upgrade throughout the Estate, without any special Levies. A major upgrade is currently being undertaken in Phase 1, with the plan in place for the whole estate. Our Levy is perhaps the lowest of any gated estate and these upgrades will do a lot to improve the value of our properties.

WATERWAYS AND DAMS

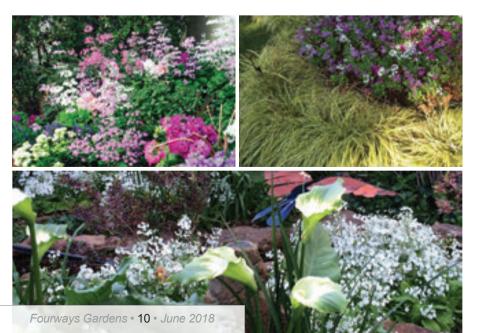
Here we have a huge challenge. At the AGM it was evident that the residents want a dam in Phase 2. The problem is constant natural accumulation of silt coming in from greater Fourways. This is a common problem at all the 450 dams in Johannesburg. Currently our environmental team are cleaning up, taking advice from experts and carefully navigating the serious protocol involved in working with wetlands. Silt traps are being implemented all the way along the water way, with a limited budget, invasive plants are systematically being removed and bird life is being protected. At all times in the future, the residents, not the Board will decide on any high value project at an EGM.

The Nature Reserve dam has been equipped with an oxygen tank, with very positive improvements to the water life there. Borehole water is used to top it up and other boreholes are planned.

CCTV cameras are being installed to control vandalism in our parks and speeding on our roads which unfortunately is necessary in our Estate.

Security where water ways occur is another challenge. Our environmental team together with surrounding estates are working on fine tuning of security where rivers are present.

All in all, a very upbeat future for our stunning Estate! Please, residents do get involved!

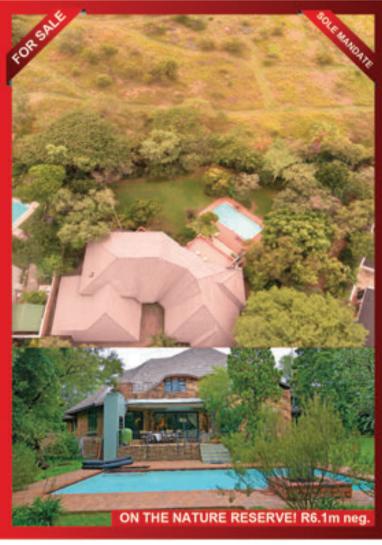


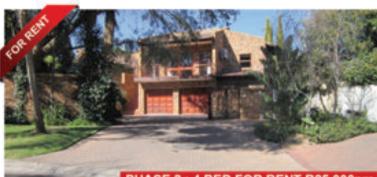


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Paul and Kerry Hackeson, BUFFALO THORN PLACE

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Gardens with gorgeous autumn colour and berries will be at their peak during June

'To do' list to help you keep on top of important gardening chores

- Water shrubs and plants with shallow root systems like azaleas and camellias during the dry spell in summer-rainfall areas.
- Collect seed from late summer annuals like zinnias, cosmos, cleomes (spider flowers), gaillardias and hollyhocks.
- Lift gladioli corns, shake off the soil, then store in a cool, dry place in paper or net bags, discard damaged bulbs. If lifting dahlias, keep them covered with slightly moist sand or sawdust to prevent them from drying out.
- Take cuttings of plants like fuchsias, heliotrope and daisy bushes and soft sappy plants like impatiens and plectranthus which are intolerant of cold, wet weather.
- Trim flower stalks from old liliums leaving a stump to mark their position. Buy lilium bulbs, keep them moist or plant them tempoarily in pots.
- Pinch off faded flowers from Iceland poppies, calendulas, violas and pansies to encourage further flowers.
- Make a note of the position of summer flowering arums and other plants like hostas and eucomis which die back in winter.
- · Foliar feed all existing annuals and bulbs fortnightly or use



3 reasons to take up organic gardening

- 1. Organic gardening produces food that is not only higher in nutrients, antioxidants and minerals such as calcium and magnesium but tastes better too
- 2. Organic gardening is good for your mental health. Time spent in the garden working with soil and plants can be very peaceful
- 3. Organic gardening helps the environment, it helps to replace nutrients naturally.

organic compost before the cold weather sets in.

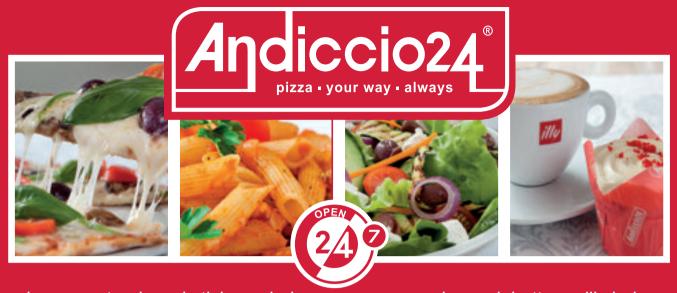
- Cover sensitive plants in colder regions with lightweight, frost cover, hessian, straw or cardboard boxes
- Lay down thick mulch or contour compost around the frost susceptible plants to insulate the roots.
- Clean up under hedges, clean out gutters and drains, rake up fallen leaf litter and other debris, loosen the soil to expose insect pests which may be sheltering there.

Ten of the best vegetables to grow in June

- **1. SHALLOTS:** to keep shallots growing, you'll need to make sure the soil drains well and stays quite dry.
- 2. CAULIFLOWER: don't let sunshine reach the cauliflower curds, this will cause them to discolour, tie the leaves closed, over the curds, with string.
- 3. BROAD BEANS: broad beans grow well and best in a sunny spot sheltered from wind, they enjoy moist, well drained soil.
- THYME: thyme can be used as an edible ground cover. It also grows well between rocks and paving.
- GARLIC: garlic does best in well drained, rich soil with lots of compost.
- 6. SPRING ONIONS: spring onions do well in loose soil that's well fertilised and drains well.
- WINTER GEM LETTUCE: lettuce grows well in rich, cool and moist soil, as it's 95% water.
- MICRO GREENS: keep the soil damp and remove weeds for best growth.
- **9. SPINACH:** the trick to good spinach is a good start. Keep it moist and cool.

10. SNAP PEAS: severe frost might kill your pea plants, so cover them up if the temperature is going to dip below zero.

To purchase natural gardening products or for more info on how to be eco-friendly give us a call: 073 935 9754 School road, Plot 17, Diepsloot 2189 Johannesburg



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Family Fun Run!

ur annual Mother's Day Family Fun Run took place on Sunday morning, 13 May. For many moms in the Estate it is the perfect opportunity to have a run with their kids, have some "me" time while dad is running with them or doing the run on their own! The morning was very well supported by our residents, young and old and no surprise why - the prizes sponsored by Lew Geffen Sotheby's were fantastic! Please see below this years' winners and the great prizes that they won. Special mention must be given to Logan Gray, who ran the 4,2km fun run in 16:38, a phenomenal time for any age, never mind a 9-year-old girl!





We wish to thank the team from Sotheby's for the wonderful morning and for also sponsoring the Mother's Day gift at the Clubhouse lunch. We cannot wait for next year!









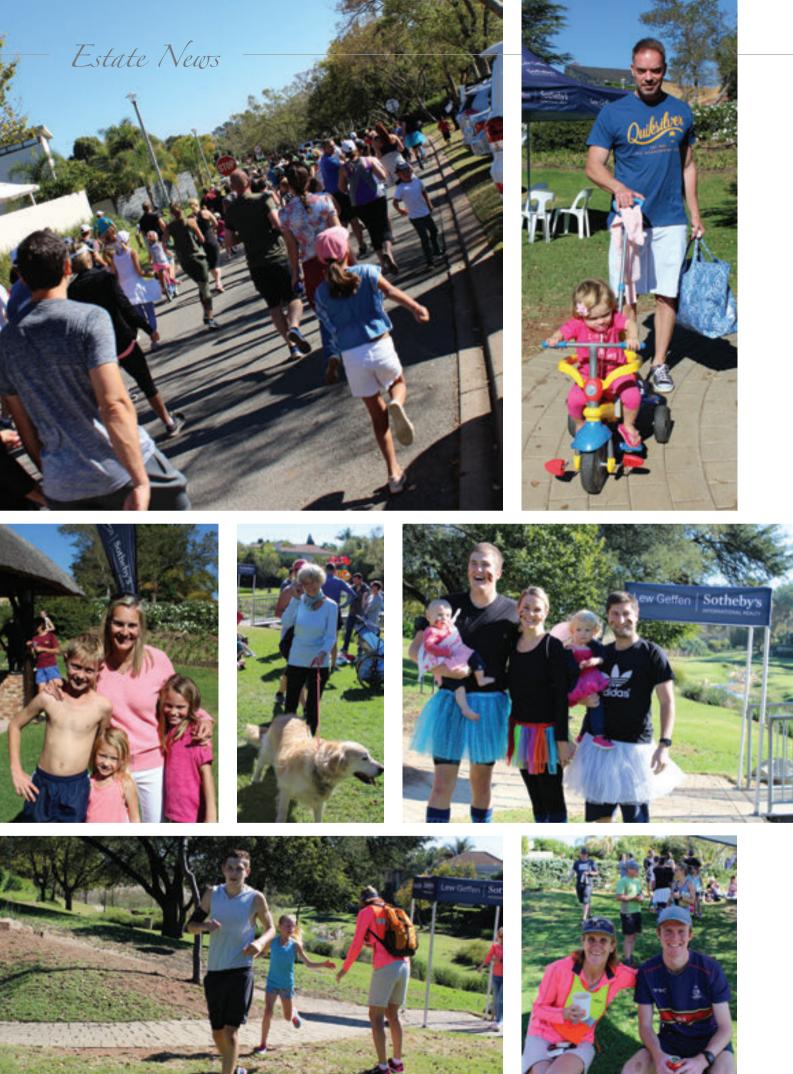
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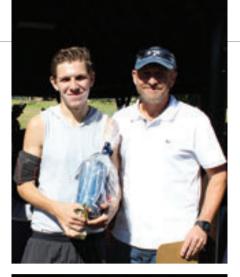






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Place	Name and Age	Time	Prize
1st Male	Sam Schnyder (16)	16:12	R250 Sportsman's Warehouse Voucher Monte Voucher for Dinner and Movies Chocolate and Wine Rio Largo Olive Oil
2nd Male	Dale Scrutton	18:30	Garmin goodie bag Rio Largo Olive Oil
1st Female	Vanjee Smith	18:47	Body Shop Gift Box Monte Voucher for Dinner and Movies Chocolate and Olive Oil Sports massage voucher from Anke Langenhorst Physio (for Mother's Day!)
2nd Female	Melissa Johnson	19:38	Garmin goodie bag Rio Largo Olive Oil Sports massage voucher from Anke Langenhorst Physio (for Mother's Day!)
1st Boy under 12	Caleb Webb (10)	19:23	Swing ball set Monte Voucher for Dinner and Movies Chocolate
1st Girl under 12	Logan Gray (9)	16:38	Swing ball set Monte Voucher for Dinner and Movies Chocolate
1st Boy under 6	Lance Gray (5)	23:03	Playdough Set Sweets goodie bag
1st Girl under 6	Olivia Holding and Ella Parry (both 5)	28:58	Swing ball Set Playdough Set Sweets goodie bag
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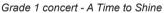
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THE ARTS: AN INTEGRAL PART OF INNOVATIVE EDUCATION

Grade 1 concert - A Time to Shine

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ainfern College believes that the integration of language and the arts is a powerful and innovative educational strategy. It gives each child an opportunity to experience music, theatre, performance, costume, art and language in a really significant and authentic way. The skills of speech and drama, music and movement and of course the visual arts are thus an integral part of a Dainfern College education from Grade 0 to Grade 12 and the College gives pupils as many opportunities as possible to perform for peers and parents.

Grade 1s' time to shine

In March this year, 100 little pupils starred in the Dainfern College Grade 1 Cultural Showcase event, 'A Time to Shine'. The children took the audience on a tour of South Africa, finding treasure wherever they went in our beautiful country. This took place on a Saturday morning so parents, grandparents, siblings, carers and other friends and relatives all had the opportunity to see the show. It was a most enriching experience and thoroughly enjoyed by the children and their families.

The Junior Prep Violin Ensemble

FEDA interschools drama festival

Grade 10 student Skye Goss, an accomplished and seasoned performer, took on the role of directing 'The Most Massive Woman Wins' by Madeleine George for the FEDA interschools drama festival. The play interrogates the contentious issue of women's self-image and Chiara Watson, Cameron Smit, Loyiso Ngebulana and Keamogetse Katane excelled with their bold and daring portrayals. They were applauded by the adjudicators for their courageous performance of a message that needs to be heard.

The sound of music

Preparatory pupils at the College perform at weekly break-time concerts for their peers to enjoy, they play in assemblies and take part in festivals and competitions with great success. Two Senior Preparatory pupils, Robert van den Steen and Cameron Seear, made it through to the finals of the St Andrew's 'Viebz' contemporary music competition, while the Junior Prep Violin Ensemble were selected for the semi-final round of the prestigious National Eisteddfod Young Performers' Awards competition. The annual Senior Prep Talent Show is the perfect performance opportunity for all pupils to enjoy their moment in the spotlight and this year's event was filled with music, dance and comedy.

The thorough grounding in the arts in the Preparatory School continues to bear fruit in the High School. 'The Sound' music competition, introduced into the High School this year, saw 14 finalists performing for a chance to win prizes valued at R3000. Grade 10 students Victoria Pettitt and Matthew Pretorius were invited to perform at the quarterfinal round of the NEA Young Performers while the High School Senior Marimba

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High School Senior Marimbas



Junior Prep break-time concert

band (one of seven marimba ensembles at the College) made it through to the semi-final round. The High School rock band 'The Undecided' made it through to the finals of the St Mary's 'Battle of the Bands', performing with nine other top school bands from across Johannesburg.

The collaborative stage experience, as one of the arts, develops discipline, communication and language, empathy and an understanding of different emotions, and is a real showcase for creativity and creative expression. Music and dance performances help children acquire new skills, set goals, grow in confidence and feel a sense of achievement. These crucial skills can then be extended into every aspect of the pupils' educational journey.



High School band - The Undecided



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While Lots&Crates has a traditional website for product reference purposes, other more dynamic social media platforms such as Facebook and Instagram are used to show new and exciting arrivals on a weekly basis. Some products sell before they are photographed so a regular pop-in to your local Lots&Crates is essential if you want to get your hands on these great value products first!

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Our May wine tasting was presented by Stellenrust Winery



wonderful evening was had by all at the Stellenrust Wine Tasting at the beginning of May. Stellenrust, situated in the Stellenbosch region, is one of the largest family-owned wine estates in South Africa. Our presenter Anneke shared her vast knowledge of their wines with us all and made it a very informative evening for the enthusiastic Wine Club attendees.

As always, Francois provided us with a tasty meal, and Tyson Properties sponsored the table wines and prizes for 3 lucky winners.

The increasing popularity of these wine tasting evenings is evident in the number of people attending every month, and tickets are usually sold out within a week, so please book early to avoid disappointment! We look forward to seeing you there!





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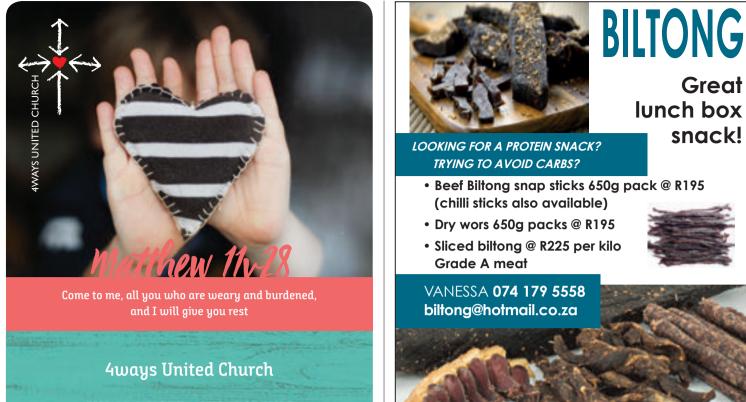


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LOOK BEAUTIFUL ALL WINTER

When the weather's frosty and dry, skin becomes dryer, flakier and more irritated. So how is it that some women look so supple and healthy, even in the dead of winter, while you're all dry and chapped? As usual, we're here to help with 10 tremendous tips to keeping beautiful in winter.

• Apply full-spectrum sunscreen even when it's chilly: You probably know that UVB rays are the sun's burning rays, but UVA radiation is the principal cause of wrinkling and skin cancer and can even penetrate glass. This means that even if you're at home, driving or in the office by a window, you'll need full-spectrum (both UVA and UVB) coverage. This is true on even the cloudiest winter days.

• Don't linger in the bath or shower: Healthy skin has a protective superficial layer called the stratum corneum – essentially, a natural "lipid barrier", and as temperature and humidity drop, this natural barrier becomes vulnerable to damage, says Stacy Salob, clinical assistant professor in the Department of Dermatology at Weill Cornell Medical Center in New York.

She cautions against prolonged bathing, especially with hot water, because the water will sap moisture from this superficial layer, leaving the skin drier, flakier and more susceptible to damage and irritation.

• Cut back on acids and astringents: For the winter months, consider limiting your use of alphahydroxy acid products and astringents that contain alcohol, Salob says. We may love these products for their exfoliating properties, but they can strip the skin of its natural protective oils, leaving it easily irritated.

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• Humidify thyself: Dermatologist Karyn Grossman recommends a humidifier in your bedroom and office to prevent winter skin from drying out. Humidifiers keep air moist. Look for a UV model because they offer a germ-free mist, better to soothe those dry lips and chapped skin.

• Sip hot cocoa and get your antioxidants: According to recent studies, cocoa beans were found to contain large amounts of natural anti-oxidants called flavonoids; thus cocoa powders made from these beans are an undeniably compelling choice of drink. Go ahead, steam some milk and enjoy your cocoa antioxidants!

•Resuscitate frigid feet: For dry and flaky winter feet, try exfoliating with a scrub. Afterward, dry your tootsies and slip on cosy cotton socks overnight. Your feet will feel pliant and smooth in the morning.

• **Revive chapped winter lips:** Aside from looking wretched, chapped lips feel awful. Problem is, we

continually exacerbate the condition by licking, so it's an endless cycle. To roll off the dead skin, try using an old toothbrush to gently buff away the dry skin before applying a nourishing lip ice.

• Protect those tresses: Using a leave-in conditioner before blow-drying hair, or using hot irons, and if you regularly use heated styling tools, bi-weekly or monthly deep conditioning treatments will keep hair hydrated and soft.

• **Repair winter cells:** Wellness experts explain how skin is nourished by blood and lymph fluid, and since less blood flows when you're cold, you'll want to compensate by giving skin extra protection and nourishment. Experts recommend regenerating your skin's appearance by using products that contain aminopeptides, which work by renewing the skin's outer cell layer. She loves *Olay Regenerist* because it repairs without irritating the skin.

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THE VOORTREKKER MONUMENT

I used to have a recurring dream – that I was walking close to home and, when I turned a corner, I found myself within sight of, an exciting destination which I recognised as somewhere, perhaps even half a world away. I was amazed it was so near and couldn't wait to tell everybody.

A recent visit to the Voortrekker Monument Nature Reserve south of Pretoria produced a similar effect.

I'd been there before – many, many years ago. But only briefly. I was underwhelmed at the time and uncomfortable with the puritan atmosphere and its almost belligerent exclusivity. One had to remove one's headgear; women had to cover their bare arms and legs.

I'm rather ashamed of this now. But in those heavily politicised days a cultural divide was palpable and the monument was certainly not there to ease it.

I can only say that this time I was enriched and greatly impressed.

This year, looking for somewhere to recommend for family outings or to do a bit of walking and birding, Mary and I decided on the Voortrekker Monument and its nature reserve.

First surprise: I did not realise how close it was.

We followed the N14 that slashes across the rolling hills north of Johannesburg – the motorway that links Krugersdorp and Pretoria. After a very few minutes the N14 peeled off to the left. As soon as we lined up in this new direction, there, not far distant, was Monument Hill and the architectural pile on its summit rising from a dense canopy of bush.



Monument in distance

Minutes later we were through the reserve's gates - R30 each; half-price, because we were over 60. ("How could they tell?" I said).

We were now in the huge Voortrekker Monument Nature Reserve. We immediately spotted zebra, black wildebeest blesbok and springbok. Deeper into the reserve, we saw impala and later a red hartebeest and what might have been reedbuck.

The bird list was not too shabby either.

This impressive hillside has a wonderous variety of indigenous flora and is laced with cycle trails, walking trails and bridle paths. They thread their way through sometimes dense bush aflame with aloes – wooded areas reminiscent of how the Highveld might have looked when the trekkers moved up from the Cape almost two centuries ago and when the Highveld was still rich in karee (Rhus) trees, stinkwood, olive and protea.

But, before exploring the reserve, we

climbed the huge bank of steps leading up to sub-Sahara's most famous monument – the bulky 40m high, 40m wide and 40m long granite edifice.

Its piece de resistance is the Hall of Heroes.

As one enters the building and stands in the vast hall lit by four enormous arched windows – a sort of lattice work of granite inset with amber-coloured Belgian glass giving the interior a golden glow – one becomes aware of the world's largest marble frieze.

It depicts the major episodes of the Great Trek from Cape Town to the Transvaal when South Africa's interior was poorly mapped and teeming with wildlife.

The detail in the frieze is awesome. The finely carved faces of the life-size characters were modelled on the faces of the living descendants of known Voortrekkers. Even a dog, in basrelief, was sculpted from a living animal that resembled the sort of dog that accompanied the pioneers.





The frieze is a blow-by-blow depiction of one of history's most dramatic mass human movements – every bit as filled with drama as the American pioneers' movement into the Wild West – every bit as controversial and radical and, too frequently, every bit as brutal.

The Monument itself is filled with symbolism from its intricate floor patterns to its domed ceiling and reveals almost no architectural influences from outside Africa. Whatever one's take on our boisterous history, the Great Trek is a vital part of it.

While our main interest in Monument Hill was as a place to explore we were irresistibly drawn into the monument's interior and its historical treasures and examples of really great South Africa art. Apart from Anton von Wouw's powerful frieze, there is Pierneef's great skycape – and, as eye-catching as anything, a frieze comprising 15 large tapestries breath-taking in detail and vibrant in colour depicting Voortrekker life and its tribulations. It is the work of nine women and it took them eight years and 3.3 million stitches.

The Monument's originators would be fascinated, even startled, by today's quietly flowing groups of tourists. There were many Chinese when we were there and two black guides interpreting in fluent French.

The Monument was inaugurated on December 16, 1949 – the anniversary of the Battle of Blood River.

I was surprised to find that the Hall of Heroes sometimes serves as a venue for classical music events and choral performances. It accommodates 600 people and has acoustics on a par with some of Europe's great cathedrals.

It hosts art exhibitions and antiques fairs - even weddings.

We took a lift to the top of the monument and walked around the balcony looking down on famous landmarks: Union Buildings, the CSIR, Unisa. Round the back, on a near horizon, the Witwatersrand's flat mine dumps.

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Fort Schanskop and its magnificent paperbark.

We climbed the path to Fort Schanskop, built in 1897 by Kruger's South African Republic after the Jameson Raid. In the event it was never attacked and three years later fell into the hands of Imperial troops. The fortress was opened to the public only in 2001 and is now a museum. Its amphitheatre is shaded by the massive umbrella of a paperbark.

By contrast to the fort on the hill we spotted a jumping castle not far from the central monument's steps.

The reserve has two large restaurants with great views but we decided on a snack lunch at a café at the side of the monument's steps whose quality of food and service greatly impressed us.

In fact so much impressed us and we realised, as we drove out, that we'd explored only half the area.

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Into the wild yonder and a journey in time

My gorgeous wife, Sara, and I have just returned from a trip into Botswana. We travelled with friends. Clive and Retha. It was a self-drive safari and the planning and organising began two years ago. A number of the locations and national parks in Botswana require advance notice to secure sites and gain permits to the different reserves. So, advanced planning is essential if you are doing your own thing.

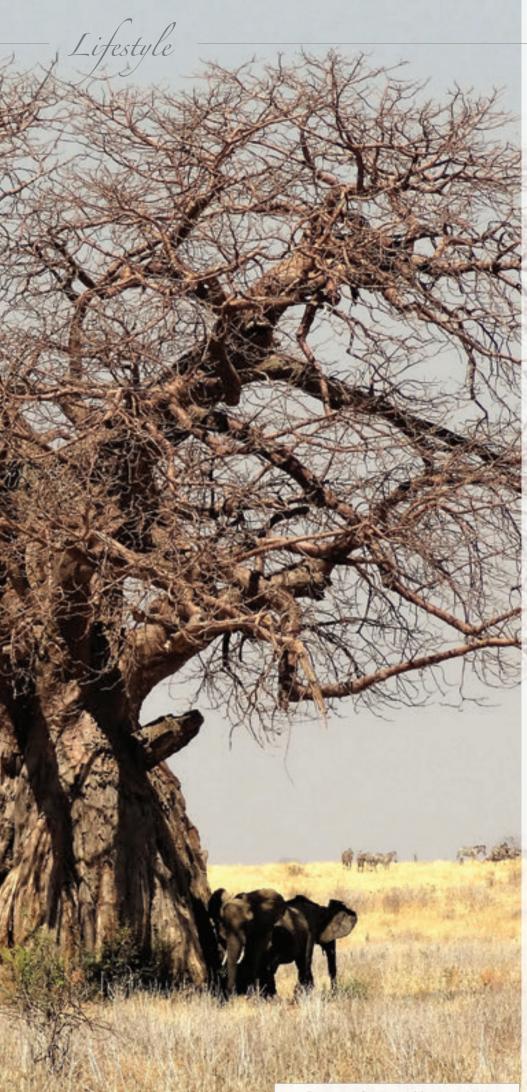
> here is also the matter of vehicle and camping preparedness. No small task and not inexpensive either.

But that's not what I want to share with you today.

What I would like to try and present to you is just one small part of our epic journey, a part that had a profound effect on my senses, my feelings and my thoughts.

Yes, we did go to the delta, spent an afternoon meandering the waters of Moremi. We saw the legendary marsh lions of Savuti under thorn trees, with a recent kill. We interrupted a pack of wild dogs savaging on some poor beast for their supper. We watched eagles hunting and vultures soaring. We heard the owls in the evening, and after the lights were





out, the unmistakable roar of lions connecting, as hyenas sauntered past dying campfires, searching for a bone or two, and all from within the imagined safety of our thin nylon tents.

But it was well before reaching the swamps that I want to talk about.

Before you reach Maun – the southern gateway to the delta and everything beyond that – are the great expanses of the Makgadikgadi Salt Pans.

These are endless stretches of salt flats, the remains of a once gigantic lake, which in its time was larger than Switzerland. These are harsh, flat and desolate areas that come to life once the rain falls.

Part of the Makgadikgadi network is Nxai pan, in the northwest and tucked away to one side of that, is Kudiakam Pan, where sit the famous Baines Baobabs.

It is not easy to create the scale and scope of these ancient trees, some estimates suggesting they are as grand as three thousand years of age.

But our journey toward this sought after target began from the south camping site of Nxai Pan just after 3pm with the heat of midday starting to lessen. The baobabs were about 36km away (think drive from Fourways to Centurion).

The first 18km was back down the twisted and corrugated thick sand road we had traveller up the day before. This is a fairly featureless stretch with dense apple leaf shrubs creating a corridor of dappled olive greenery on either side. Interrupted occasionally by pockets of grass, out of which darted the occasional francolin, squirrel or Koran.

Driving in these conditions demands consistent focus and concentration, it can become rather tense, always on the ready to navigate a particularly

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deep sandy trench, or to avoid a potentially suicidal francolin, hell-bent on outrunning one of your front wheels.

Eventually, we came to the briefest of intersections (if you blink, you miss it) where we turned off the main track and on to the second stretch toward the baobabs. Here the landscape slowly changed. After a kilometre or two, we left the dense apple leaf behind as the ground opened up to a sea of endless grasses.

The road beneath also hardened and as it did so it became less challenging. We could now increase our speed slightly, although always mindful of a looming dip or furrow cutting through the track. Any francolin, squirrels or Koran kept safely within the confines of the thick grass, as far as I can recall.

It was here I began to feel and sense a significant shift of thinking.

As we drove through these limitless fields of waving yellow green grass, I became aware of a rhythm and motion that I hadn't felt before. Were it not for the ticking hum of the noisy diesel engine, it could be, we were in a boat at sea. Tossing slightly up and down across the foaming waves of an endless yellow green ocean.

With the windows open I could reach out and touch the tops of the grass as we cut through a clearly defined track, only as wide as the Landy itself. It was truly mesmerising as we glided one way, then another, rising slightly and turning gently. I took a long deep breath and gulped in the air. It carried an autumn dryness and the ever so slight hint of an herb.

I was tempted to stop the Landy and get out, just to be in this vast openness, but with no baobabs yet in sight, an immeasurable distance in front, the sun sinking and an anxious Clive in the vehicle behind – I kept my foot on the pedal at a precise weighting.

And on, and on, and on, we went.

Now we were surrounded on all sides, 360 degrees by the sea of yellow green grass.

I walked some distance away the trees, found a firm spot and looked back – oh my word!

I was scanning the horizon for any sign of trees, nothing, just this constant continuum of uniformity, just grass, gently shifting in tune with the wind.

I got lost in that thought momentarily, contextualising myself in this tiny little car, a mere speck of dust upon a vast dusty desert.

The scale was infinite.

Then Sara broke the silence..."what are those"? She said, pointing to the faintest of smudges that broke the perfect line of the horizon.

And there they were. Baines Baobabs. I had no idea of the distance at the time, but we still drove on for at least another 20 minutes (so, we may have seen them at a distance of 5 kilometres).

Until you are actually in these scenarios, it is difficult to imagine the scale and distances. But we had been driving for close on an hour, and only now, were these few trees becoming a tangible target.

Imagine driving all the way to Centurion, never seeing another car, person, building or structure of any kind, on a single un-tarred track and a neverending flatness?

Eventually, after sweeping through sections of soft flat mud flats, we crossed over the very edge of a pan that had been a basin of water until very recently. Cresting a small rise we dropped into, and onto, Kudiakam Pan – and there as colossus sentinels alongside us stood the baobabs.

These giants of time dwarfed everything around them. Our huge vehicles suddenly looked like dinky cars. We scurried about taking snap shots, trying to gain a perspective, trying to capture scale. We were miniatures in some otherworldly setting, lost in time, tiny, tiny little dots on an enormous canvas, blank but for these magnificent trees.

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A thought then ran through my mind...

150 years ago Thomas Baines passed through, capturing his equivalent of a snapshot. But that is recent, an insignificant bleep.

What have these trees witnessed in their lifetime?

The seasons coming and going, epic migrations of all sorts of animals, climate changes, and the first tentative footsteps of Homo sapiens.

There are moments in life where we are put into context by events around us – this was one of those.

Although I felt small – I was in the presence of giants – and that power shone down on me.

Thank you, baobabs.



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Debra: Looking for a housekeeping, childcare or Au Pair job, she is amazing with children, is able to cook and has many year's experience, for a reference call Taniel 083 501 0444.

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Taina: Looking for domestic work on a Tues & Thurs. Taina has worked for me for 7 years, she is polite, diligent, reliable, honest and hardworking. She is very good with cleaning and ironing and looks after our pets when we are away. Taina can also cook. For a reference please call 082 944 0652 or 071 609 9504 / call Taina on 063 200 5157.

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Sarah: We are relocating overseas and our domestic Sarah is looking for a full time live in position, she is a mature, pleasant, hardworking, reliable and trustworthy person, also very good with children, call Sarah on 072 159 6666, for a reference call Tahira on 072 045 0771.

Romi: Malawian looking for work as a domestic lady or child minder or house cooking or office lady. She has certificates for all, also has police clearance, can live in / out part time or full time. Reference 071 643 5069, Romi 071 800 9806.

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Susan: Looking for part time work on Tues, Wed & Thurs, she has been working for us for past 7 years, she is very good at cleaning, call her on 083 872 2775 or call Claus on 082 564 0806 for a reference.

Happiness: Has been working in FWG for the last 20 years, she is honest, reliable & trustworthy person, excellent with cleaning, looking for work Mon to Fri, call her on 082 596 9263, for a reference call Pierre on 074 909 5094.

Rosemary: Has worked for myself and my family for 20 years, she is a perfectionist and extremely capable in all aspects of domestic work, she is absolutely reliable, dependable, honest & hardworking & a pleasure to have in your home, I recommend her with absolute sincerity in every regard, call Rosemary on 076 176 2531 or Penny 071 685 8866 for a reference.

Christina: Looking for part time work on Mon, Thurs & Fri, she is excellent cleaner and wonderful with children, she has a child minder certificate, call Christina on 082 755 8459, call Debbie on 083 253 1414 for a reference.

Patience: A super cleaner and great with the kids, loves animals, she is looking for extra work on Tues & Thurs, for a reference call Lindy on 083 212 2698 or Patience on 078 866 6101.

Emily: Seeking domestic work – 1 to 2 days a week, excellent at cleaning and ironing, very good with elderly people, call Emily on 073 163 2381 or Gillian on 083 737 5263 for references.

Winnie: Due to relocation, our wonderful nanny / domestic is looking for full time, live in work. She is an extremely caring, hardworking and honest person and took great care of our house and 2-year-old son. Call Winnie on 076 045 8311 or for a reference call Annabel on 072 483 6622.

Lonely: Malawian looking for part / full time domestic work with or without accommodation, call Lonely on 074 921 3623 for a reference call Jess on 083 274 4821.

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Mallium: Due to relocation my domestic worker is looking for a full time job Mon to Fri, for a reference call Deenash on 078 149 1672 or call Mallium on 073 750 7930.

GARDENERS:

Tyson: Malawian looking for part time work as a gardener on Tues & Fri, 10 year's experience, please call 078 607 1107.

Gracious: Has been working for our family for about 11 years, an amazing hard, loyal and polite worker, he is currently looking for work on Wed & Sun, he can clean house, gardening or anything else that is required, call Gracious on 078 816 4067 or 011 205 7000 for reference.

Isaac: A hardworking, honest person is looking for work as a houseman or gardener, he is humble & reliable, call 072 639 1879, for a reference call Dave on 076 237 8671.

Augustine: Malawian with SA driver's license is an excellent driver seeks either full / part time work Mon to Fri, he has proved to be a capable and proactive driver / gardener, he is friendly, kind and honest person, if someone else or you are looking for a driver / gardener please call him on 061 726 0078, for a reference call John on 083 267 2938.

Joseph: Malawian, excellent gardener, hardworking, reliable and honest, looking for work Mon to Fri, for a reference call Debbie 083 253 1414 or Joseph on 078 442 5492.

Winfred: Looking for work on Tues, Wed, Thurs or Sat as a gardener, painter or driver, call 078 106 2377.

Mike: Malawian seeks gardening work on Mon, Wed & Fri, he is hardworking, trustworthy person and comes highly recommended, if you are interested please call Mike on 063 839 5180, for a reference call 082 881 0713







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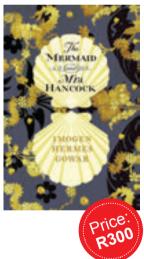
We Own The Sky

BY LUKE ALLNUTT

A story about love, loss and finding hope-against all odds. Rob Coates can't believe his luck. There is Anna, his incredible wife, and most precious of all, Jack, their son, who makes every day an extraordinary adventure. Rob feels like he's won the lottery of life. Or rather-he did. Until the day it all changes when Anna becomes convinced there is something wrong with Jack.

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Luke Allnutt shows that the journey from hope to despair and back is never as simple as we think, and that even the most thoroughly broken heart can learn to beat again.



The Mermaid and Mrs Hancock

BY IMOGEN HERMES GOWAR

This voyage is special. It will change everything... One September evening in 1785, the merchant Jonah Hancock hears urgent knocking on his front door. One of his captains is waiting eagerly on the step. He has sold Jonah's ship for what appears to be a mermaid.

As gossip spreads through the docks, coffee shops, parlours and brothels, everyone wants to see Mr Hancock's marvel. Its arrival spins him out of his ordinary existence and through the doors of high society. At an opulent party, he makes the acquaintance of Angelica Neal, the most desirable woman he has ever laid eyes on... and a courtesan of great accomplishment. This meeting will steer both their lives onto a dangerous new course, on which they will learn that priceless things come at the greatest cost.

Where will their ambitions lead? And will they be able to escape the destructive power mermaids are said to possess? In this spell-binding story of curiosity and obsession, Imogen Hermes Gowar has created an unforgettable jewel of a novel, filled to the brim with intelligence, heart and wit.



Only Child

BY RHIANNON NAVIN

'Captivating . . . Will appeal to fans of *Room*, *The Lovely Bones* and *The Fault in Our Stars*' - The Independent. Heartstopping. Heartbreaking. Heartwarming. Addictive and emotional, but also full of hope, Rhiannon Navin's *Only Child* is the most heartfelt book you'll read this year.

When the unthinkable happens, six-year-old Zach is at school. Huddled in a cloakroom with his classmates and teacher, he is too young to understand that life will never be the same again. Afterwards, the once close-knit community is left reeling. Zach's dad retreats. His mum sets out to seek revenge. Zach, scared, lost and confused, disappears into his super-secret hideout to try to make sense of things.



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