

EAG TALK

THE ENVIRONMENTAL AWARENESS GROUP

Swetes village uncovered, giving back to the community



The team discuss plans (Photo by Natalya Lawrence)



Project team at the project headquarters, pictured with one of the 1,000-gallon tanks, 10 of which were donated to vulnerable homes (Photo by Natalya Lawrence)

By Natalya Lawrence

The village of Swetes is rich in history, culture and tradition. Vestiges of past days dot its countryside, and community members still preserve practices of days gone by like cooking traditional food including the notorious bambula, made from bitter cassava.

My grandmother told me that eating bambula with tea often left children in tears as sopping it in the tea would lead to the tea's complete absorption and disappearance!

It is not uncommon to find community members gathering at the historic Blouse and Skirt House, speaking of the good old days, being quizzed on the English translations of sayings told in dialect, and telling stories of a time gone by, including one of the famous Lady All Night.

The Blouse and Skirt House is described as such for the design: wooden shingles on the upper half, and green stone, hewn from the surrounding lands, as its lower half. This is one of the oldest homes in the entire country that still exists, is still occupied today, and still contains original furniture.

Now the Blouse and Skirt House site is important for social, community gatherings, but it is also the head-



Swetes community cleanup (Photo by JR Designs)

quarters for the Swetes Village Uncovered (SVU) Group. Led by the president, Zenworth David, and supported by many pillars of the community, the group endeavours to keep our culture and traditions alive and well for the benefit of the current and future generations of Antiguans and Barbudans, as well as any visitors to our shores.

Indeed, the group is determined to become a key part of our tourism offerings by contributing as a community heritage site, presenting traditional food customs with a modern twist, like packaging local tea bushes for Antiguan and Barbudan residents and visitors alike, and keeping crafts like local wine making and wood carving alive.

While these projects were originally born out of a passion to address urgent needs within the Swetes community, the members were both surprised and excited to learn that they were supporting several national and international targets, including several Sustainable Development Goals – 2: Zero Hunger, 3: Good Health and Wellbeing, 5: Gender Equality, 6: Clean Water and Sanitation, 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities, 12: Responsible Consumption and Production, 13: Climate Action, 15: Life on Land.

In November 2021, SVU signed its second Memorandum of Understanding with the Global Environment Facility Small Grants Programme (GEF SGP), a programme implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP).

This second project with GEF SGP is entitled “Restoring Swetes To Being A Beautiful, Healthy and Self-Reliant Community.” This project runs from November 2021 to June 2023.

The project is tackling

NOTICE

LIQUOR LICENSING APPLICATION

TO:
His Honour Magistrate Wason
The Licensing Magistrate (Ag)
Magistrates’ Court
Federation Road
St. John’s
Antigua

TO:
The Magistrate for District “A”
Federation Road
St. John’s
Antigua

TO:
The Commissioner of Police
Police Headquarters
American Road
St. John’s
Antigua

I, **CASSANDRA LEWIS ALEXANDER**, OF JOHNSONS POINT VILLAGE, in the Parish of Saint Mary’s in Antigua and Barbuda **DO HEREBY GIVE NOTICE** that it is my intention to apply at the next session of the Liquor Licensing Court to be held at the Magistrate’s Court, Federation Road, St. John’s on the 7th of July, 2022 for the Bottle License in respect of premises known as “**CSL Supermarket**” situated at Johnsons Point Village, in the Parish of Saint Mary’s in the state of Antigua and Barbuda

DATED the 21st day of June, 2022

NOTICE

PROBATE FORM P7 Rule 15 THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE OF ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (Probate)

In the Estate of **CLEMENT CHRISTIAN** late of Emanuel Village, St. Mary’s, Antigua, deceased

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT

FIRST PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an application has been filed by SYLVIA JOSEPH of Bendals St. John’s Antigua, for a Grant of Probate of the will of the above-named deceased who died on the 29th day of May, 2003 without revoking a will bearing the date of 30th day of December, 1987 wherein the Applicant is named one of the Executors.

Any person having an objection to the application for the grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 22nd day of June, 2022

Filed by EUNICA ANTHONY VICTOR Attorney-at-law whose address for service is #29 Recliffe Street, St. Johns Antigua, Email address: eunica.victor@gmail.com and tel #: 1 268 788 9662 / 1 268 783 9964

NOTICE

LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION FORM P7 Rule 15 THE EASTERN CARIBBEAN SUPREME COURT IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA (Probate) ANUHPB2022/0145

In the Estate of **THEOPHILUS MONTGOMERY JARVIS** aka **PETER M. JARVIS**, late of Tindale Road in the parish of St. John, Antigua, Deceased.

ADVERTISEMENT OF APPLICATION FOR A GRANT DE BONIS NON WITH WILL ANNEXED

FIRST PUBLICATION

TAKE NOTICE that an Application has been filed by **BRUCE DEXTER COCHRANE** formerly of Tindale Road, St. John’s, Antigua, currently residing at 556 Channel DR Lathrop, CA 95330 USA and **KALOMO NSILO GEORGE** formerly of Tindale Road, St. John’s, Antigua, currently residing at 1996 Ridgeway In Apt E Simi Valley CA 93065 USA, for a Grant of Letters of Administration Grant de Bonis Non with Will Annexed to the Applicants who are the grand-sons of the deceased, the deceased having died in the parish of St. John on the 11th day of July, 2008. Any person having an objection to the Application for the Grant of Probate shall file an objection within 14 days of the publication of this Notice.

Dated this 5th day of May, 2022

Filed by **Leon C. Symister** Attorney-at-law whose address for service is **Upper Newgate Street, St. John’s, Antigua** email: **legalforce268@gmail.com** and Telephone#**1-268-462-8888**.

four main challenges. The first is the issue of food security. SVU will support the development of backyard gardens in 10 vulnerable households, as well as tackle water harvesting and conservation.

The project headquarters will expand its current garden to include a plant nursery to support the distribution of seedlings for backyard gardens. In addition to this, the group has delivered 10 1,000-gallon tanks to members in need within the community, who will be participating in the backyard garden initiative.

Secondly, the group will undertake an activity to support the continuation of cultural food traditions through the production of bambula from planted bitter cassava. This part of our history is being lost in the advancement of the years but is being kept alive in Swetes.

Thirdly, the group will do their part to tackle the effects of climate change by ensuring the community becomes more resilient to



The Blouse and Skirt House, headquarters of the Swetes Village Uncovered Group (Photo by Nataliya Laurence)

storms. The group undertook its first village and homes litter and bulk collec-

tion and disposal on December 18 2021.

In addition to the bulk

waste removed from several households, the SVU team collected 25 extra-large garbage bags in a matter of a few hours. Keeping drainways clean and removing bulk waste and litter is a means to accomplishing a quicker "bounce back" following natural events, such as storms.

Finally, to ensure that the work of SVU continues after the completion of this current project, SVU understood that sustainability of its efforts had to be sought.

SVU will, as a part of the project, undertake both an organisational capacity strengthening exercise, and also a recruitment drive for new members.

Throughout the implementation of this project, and even beyond this, GEF SGP will be supporting the institutional growth of this community group.

You know the phrase, "We likkle but we tallawah"? Swetes Village exemplifies this! We wish them well and will give you an update as the project progresses!

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