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TOUCH MY CAKE AND I WILL CUT YOU

“Don’t slice the pizza. My diet says I’m only allowed to eat one piece!”

The Power of Love
De Don’s gone!

First he was Deputy … then Acting High Commissioner … now he is former to both.

Admittedly the Don had huge shoes to fill … but telling folk ‘I ain nuh Herbie Yearwood’ did little to endear him and its fair to say his performance till latterly was a poor reflection on what the community was used to or expected.

It was common knowledge. If anything existed between him and his former boss it certainly wasn’t love and respect - barbwire and landmines would be more accurate and from any distance professionalism appeared totally absent.

That said in many ways the Don was one of the boys - we’re not sure which he enjoyed more … dominoes … the ladies … or food! He was both verbose and entertaining … hand him a mike and he was in his element and as you can see from these pics … invariably enjoyed himself.

As we all know you can’t please all the people all the time … some were sad to see him go … some glad to see him go - which ever camp you fall in we’re sure you’ll join with us and wish Don the former all the very best in all his future ventures.
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Despite the recent successful west London event according to whisper and rumour …all is not well in the DLP Women’s League.

At their last AGM the organisation struggled to fill committee positions. From what we understand Jeanette Hill was either elected agreed or coerced to become Chairperson .. and Marcia Patterson seems to have been elected agreed or coerced to become everything else. The once well populated DLP Women’s League were reduced to a two woman outfit mainly due to personality conflicts… and therein lies the rub.

Rumour has it others were involved in planning the aforementioned event - we’re told Marcia ..who we believe had secured some sponsorship and donations ..went on a planned holiday to America leaving fellow organisers to print and circulate tickets for the shindig .. it was during her absence that an infection in the guise of Olivia Worrell re-invaded the organisation. A few weeks later .. Marcia returned to a shitstorm.

Ticket sales had gone well ..the event sold out ..the new organisers sold all the tickets …including Marcia’s !

‘Sorry ..all de tickets sell we ain got nun fuh you’

Interest in the event exploded as did demand for tickets …so extra provision was made and additional tickets printed but …yet again …not one of the extra tickets were made available to or set aside for Marcia.

‘Sorry ..we sell all de tickets an we still ain got nun fuh you’

Less informed readers might be thinking …nah …that wasn’t deliberate …it was an omission.. an oversight by busy stressed out organisers - others must be wondering who was responsible for such vicious vindictive nasty not niceness.

Whichever …the holiest saint would’ve been slightly miffed … we the great unwashed however would’ve been thoroughly pissed off and used some very colourful language to query the mental stability parentage and or evolutionary status of the organisers. So …feeling pissed off and ostracised Marcia told the sponsors and donors about the duo’s actions - we’re not sure if they were advised or decided to cancel - but cancellations happened.

The story being spun now is that Marcia deliberately tried to sabotage what turned out to be a fairly successful event.

So …what’s brewing for the DLP UK Women’s League ? Is it back to the drawing board or consignment to the dustbin ? Whichever (witch ever ..geddit ?) outcome …read it in these here pages !
Nah no no no … we had alternatives …
like The Eagle Has Landed and Here Comes The Boom …but we decided to
go with the Toy Story character Buzz Lightyear
because in our warped minds we spotted a
similarity between the two!

Unless you’ve spent your recent waking hours under a rock
you must know that our new High Commissioner is in situ
- he will be addressed as His Excellency the Reverend Guy
Hewitt or if you wanna be cheeky … Buzz!

Never in the history of High Commissioner - ism has an
arrival been preceded by such fanfare and publicity - his
face and name appeared on Barbados related media
everywhere - an obvious departure from his predecessor
you’ll agree ! Part of Buzz’s remit is a mission to develop
business links between the UK and Barbados - a task and
a half if we may say so.

So …who’ll be the first to call him Buzz - we not offering
any prizes but would love to be in earshot when it happens
- somebody’s bound to slip up!

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In Support of the Diabetes Association of Barbados
Invite you to our
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THE MORE THINGS CHANGE .... !

...the more they remain the same. Progression requires change. It was all change at the last DLP (UK) AGM … returned were bods from way back … another era if you like …and almost immediately things started to improve proving once again the old adage … ‘there is no substitute for experience’.

After the group was reformed a younger supposedly more forward looking committee was elected - history has shown they failed …failed to connect with the majority of the party faithful …failed to attract newer and younger members and crucially ..failed to rectify and or improve party coffers in fact …they did the exact opposite.

The Brixton function ..the first this new committee organised… was the most successful in decades. Support returned mostly because these new old bods are very well known and get on well with each other …which they should cos after all …they are friends.

So its …back to the future for the org - lets hope they reach a stage where they not just emulate their Canadian and American counterparts …but out do them.

Meet Alphea Wiggins - our new Deputy High Commissioner. We think she is a first - the first woman Deputy High Commissioner here in the UK.

Don’t know much about her background either except she once was Executive Director of the Barbados Association of Retired Persons. (BARP)

Experience of executively directing an org riddled with either world weary antagonistic old gits or impressionable mealy mouthed yes people …will come in well handy here in the UK.

Welcome Alphea … and all the best in your new post !
I n terms of organisation and support they’re head and shoulders above the rest …including the so called National Council… and every year the guys behind the title turn it up a notch - the only other Bajan org that might be mentioned in the same breath is the Barbados And Friends Association (BAFA) …the Reading group … the rest aren’t just lagging behind …comparatively they are poor relations.

Every two years the 2nd Gen take a coach load of people to Barbados - in August the island experienced another Brummie invasion …this (and for the first) time with media exposure especially from Q in the Community.

Credit where credit is due because indisputably… the Boss and his committee’s quietly impressive guidance is working wonders. At last an org outside London is leading the way. Bajan Brummies should be well chuffed!

R eviews ranged from … ‘it was alright yuh know’ to ‘stupse’ - nevertheless it was great to see a 100% 24 carat Bajan production on the big screen here in the UK. Sadly …there ain’t the faintest possibility we’ll ever get to own a DVD …or stream a copy of the film anytime soon (although unpublicised copies of other Bajan productions were available to a Brummie audience) - so no …you can’t keep up with the Joneses …its mental replays only. Tough!
First woman on the Moon: "Houston, we have a problem." ….What?
"Never mind"
What's the problem? …."Nothing"
Please tell us?
"You know what the problem is."
Hi guys...this is our Shaun...entrepreneur...multi-talented easy on the eye intelligent hard working yummy mummy and yummy granny.

...and man...can she cook!?

Till late November Shaun and all her delights (I’m talking about the food man...geez!) can be found at the Bajan Lime 214A Queensbridge Road, Hackney, E8 3NB - up there yuh could get a plateful...and an eyeful - go salivate to your hearts content lads!

...oh yeah...one more thing you guys might want to know...guess what? She’s single!
Barbados? Which part of Jamaica is that? Quite a few of us older folk have been asked that question at least once - fortunately increased foreign travel has seen that level of ignorance reduced significantly - but pockets remain - and our Karen found one.

In an article posted on Our Places (a page on the Virgin Atlantic website) titled ‘Where to find Bajan food in London and Barbados’ the writer described dishes like …jerk …gumbo and saltfish bites as Bajan cuisine …and referred to reggae as our national sound. This irked our Karen enough for her to fire off a missive exposing the misrepresentations … the obvious lack of research and the writers’ cultural ignorance. She got a reply …and an apology.

Karen can speak with authority on the subjects. Along with fiance Mark Q they are the owners of Ina Pikkle …a catering outfit specialising in both traditional and fusion Bajan dishes.

So don’t let the ignorant get away with it …we all need to keep an eye out for these generalisations and stamp down hard when we come across them. Happy hunting!

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Mark and Karen
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