



## ST HELENA Newsletter



### FROM SWITZERLAND TO ST HELENA

A mandatory two week quarantine did not deter tourist Corinne Paper, as she was determined amidst the current travel restrictions to continue pursuing her journey of ticking St Helena off her bucket list. Corrine has encountered a unique destination as well as a unique experience, as she has the exclusivity of being the only tourist currently on island - as a client of Tour Operator Globoship. Corinne spoke about her experience at making friends at Bradleys camp, enjoying her stay as soon as she landed. Her activities were coordinated by DMC, Island Images.



### A TRADITIONAL SAINT CHRISTMAS

Christmas this year will no doubt be somewhat different for many around the world and on St Helena there is no exception. The festive period which ordinarily coincides with St Helena's peak summer season, traditionally sees an increase in numbers of holiday-makers, including returning Saints. However, with continued travel restrictions surrounding Covid-19, [Christmas on St Helena](#) will be unusually quiet on St Helena's board-front. With the island currently remaining Covid-free, the holiday spirit is planned to be kept alive amongst the islanders, with many large festive events stamped on the social calendar. In unique Saint tradition, 'house calls' are made in Jamestown, where family and friends visit each other's homes and good wishes are accompanied by drinks and the singing of old-time songs before moving on to the next house. Expect to hear a lot of merriment in the streets on this day! Seasons greetings are extended to our readers, may you keep well and safe during these uncertain times.



# —REMOTE ISLAND LIVING—

“Remote and far-flung, the island of Saint Helena is partially trapped in a time-warp and largely untouched by the outside world. The 'Saints' who live here lead a life that is very different to those of us who have grown up in big cities.”



## ST HELENA CONFERENCE 2020

The event was held on the 12th November and marked the first year of operation of the St Helena Research Institute. The conference celebrated the wide range of studies being undertaken and highlighted the benefits that research is bringing to society and St Helena's environment. The speakers programme included a behind the scenes look at historical research; an investigation into the genomes of Jonathan the Giant Tortoise, the oldest known living land animal, and the Island's honey bee; new discoveries of endemic invertebrates, whale sharks, tropic birds and in shore marine habitat mapping: trials and tribulations of agriculture on the Island, new studies developing control methods for alien invasive invertebrates and vertebrates, tourism marketing, health promotion and teenage well-being. All of the presentations including audio recordings will be made available on the St Helena Conference 2020 website very soon. **Do check out the website to find out more about the speakers and for future downloads <https://st-helena-conference.com/>**

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## WHALE SHARKS HAVE ARRIVED

Whale sharks frequent St Helena's waters around December to March every year and St Helena National Trust Marine are pleased to announce that two of our gentle giant visitors were spotted last week. So begins the 2020/2021 Whale Shark Season!

## FESTIVAL OF RUNNING 2021

Formerly the annual Festival of Running event was organised by St Helena Tourism with support from the National Sports Association St Helena (NSASH). This is a popular island event that consists of various running events, along with the Jacobs Ladder and Diana's Peak Challenge which attracts interest from local participants and international athletics alike. In future this event will be organised by the NSASH and it is anticipated to be held in February 2021 therefore all enquiries must be directed to the following email address: [nsash@helanta.co.uk](mailto:nsash@helanta.co.uk)

