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Greetings from Rushen Heritage Trust!

After an incredible summer programme of exhibitions, fairs and festivals - with over five thousand visitors to our events - we are excited to announce the launch of our next project "The Isle of Man Walks App" and our first Story of the Sea evening, coming up this Autumn.

Isle of Man Walks ready to launch

Isle of Man Walks is the innovative new mobile app created by the Story of the Land Heritage Action Team of Rushen Heritage Trust. Using cutting edge technology, the team are excited that this will open up new walking experiences for local residents and visitors to the island in a way that has never been done before!

Using "beacon technology", the app is a virtual library of audio, films and photographs that anyone with an Apple or Android smartphone can access for free as they walk along a specific route. It could be a shipwreck along the coastal path or some interesting facts about the local wildlife. It could be the history and ancestry of one of the buildings along the promenade or stories and memories collected from across the decades that you may never have heard before.



Isle of Man Walks is the first mobile app in the world to use beacons within an outdoor heritage walk, allowing you to access the local history and heritage of a place at the single touch of a button. This summer, a special group of Pilot Testers and volunteers have been using the app along the coastal path from Port St Mary to the Sound but now, RHT are ready to launch two new town walks in Port St Mary and Port Erin as part of Manx National Heritage Week.

Come along to Bradda Glen Restaurant in Port Erin from 11am on Saturday 1st October, where two new 'town walks' will be officially launched by five-time winner of the Parish Walk Robbie Callister.

The team will be giving demonstrations of how to download and use the app for free and what the beacons look like. There will be a 'mini walk' for you to try to show you how they work too!

Isle of Man Walks App Launch

Join us between 11am and 1pm at the Bradda Glen Restaurant in Port Erin on Saturday 1st October 2016.

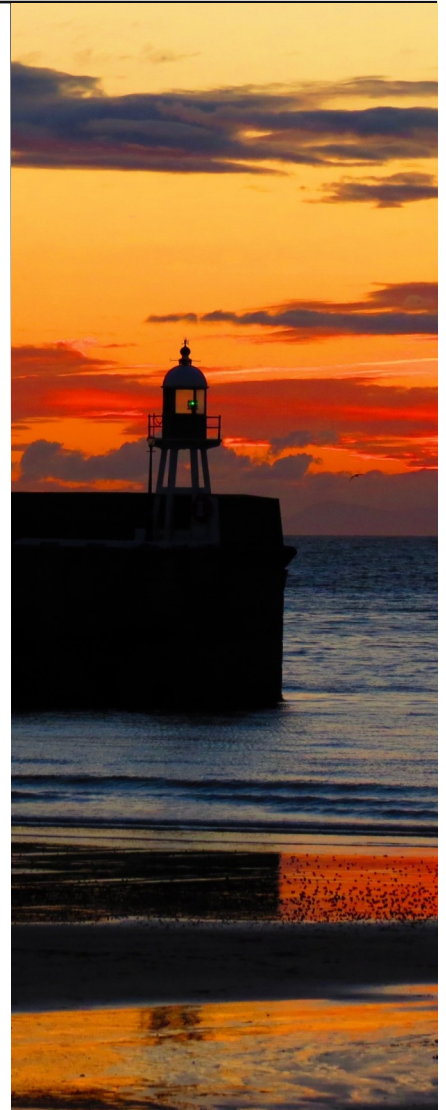


Photo taken by Susie MacKenzie-Fidlin, Story of the Land HAT Volunteer.

Look Inside...

- Find out who will be sharing their Stories of the Sea in October
- Discover three new walks that will feature on our app
- See who has made 2016 a summer to remember
- Meet the winner of our 2017 Charity Calendar Competition

Welcome to RHT!

We're always looking for new members and this month we put the spotlight on two of our much appreciated volunteers!



Susie MacKenzie-Fidlin grew up in Laxey but moved to the Isle of Man after living for 12 years in Hong Kong as an Investment Manager. Prior to that, she worked in the States training stockbrokers.

Susie met and married her husband Iain in Hong Kong, however the Isle of Man was lodged firmly in her heart and the call became too great.

Iain had never visited the Island so Susie brought him on a reconnaissance mission 4 years ago and 'bingo', he was hooked. Apart from her family, which includes her Spoodle Milly, her passion is photography. She also loves to cook, bake her own bread and volunteers with Manx Basking Shark Watch - taking photographs on lucky days for identification purposes.

For Susie, Rushen Heritage provides a combination of the past and present, to see 'today' but the ability to step back into the past and remember. She says every day she looks out of her window and feels blessed. She is home.



Margaret Galloway is Manx and proud of her ancestry, which can be traced back to the 16th century. Born in St John's and brought up in Douglas, Margaret went on to be a primary school teacher, head teacher and local authority adviser in Yorkshire.

After an eight year period as a self-employed consultant and OFSTED inspector, Margaret

returned to work for the Isle of Man Department of Education and retired from her post as Deputy Director of Education in 2008.

Since then she has been able to devote more time to her voluntary work as a Reader in Rushen Parish and to her art and craft activities. She is very interested in Manx social history and particularly the customs, traditions, folk lore and music of the Island. A resident of Port Erin for the last nine years, she is pleased to be able to contribute to the work of Rushen Heritage Trust.

Get Involved!

Visit www.rushenheritage.org to find out how you can join one of our Heritage Action Teams and be a part of our special projects that preserve the heritage of our community.

From Cadet to Captain... just one of our Stories of the Sea!



Born in 1947 in a small mill town of West Yorkshire, David Clarke was about as far away from the sea as you can get. Little did he know then that he was destined to become a Captain in the Merchant Navy and he will be telling his stories as part of a special evening in Port Erin this October.

"I was just 13 on holiday in the Isle of Wight when I was first seduced by the sea," says David, who now lives in Port Erin.

"We were on the ferry to Cowes, passing great transatlantic liners and cargo vessels in the Southampton Waters and the Solent and that's what inspired the dream."

David's great marine adventure began when he was just 17 years old, where he joined the SS Cerinthus in Liverpool. So began his journey from 'boyhood to manhood' on his first trip of 8 months, travelling across the world from Africa and America all the way back to Heysham and the Manchester Ship Canal!



Above: Captain David Clarke in his Cadet days.

Left: The SS Cerinthus.

Joining Captain David in this fascinating evening of storytelling are Dessie Robinson on the boom years of Herring Fishing and Michelle Heywood on diving and the wrecks of the south of the island.

The event will be held in the relaxed surroundings of the Falcon's Nest in Port Erin where you can enjoy a drink and listen to the tales of the sea and hear traditional sea shanties performed by local singers too!

The Story of the Sea in Words and Music

Thursday 6th October

7pm at the Falcon's Nest in Port Erin

Tickets are £5.00 each

Tickets can be purchased at the Falcon's Nest or you can contact Steve on 461446.

Where will your walk take you?

Download the Isle of Man Walks app and discover the heritage of Port Erin and Port St Mary like never before!

Have you ever wandered along the promenades of Port Erin and Port St Mary and wondered more about the history of some of the buildings as you pass them by?

Rushen Heritage Trust created the innovative new mobile app "Isle of Man Walks" earlier this year, aimed at providing interactive outdoor heritage walks in Rushen for the local community and visitors to enjoy through the use of beacon technology along the *Raad Ny Foillan* from Port St Mary to the Sound.

It's the first time anywhere in the world that beacons have been used for an outdoor heritage walk. They were originally developed by Apple to provide new shopping experiences for customers in the retail market. By taking beacon technology to the coastal paths of the Isle of Man, RHT has broken new ground in the way that they will be used and the range of locations that they can be used in because the unique feature of the app is that it can be used in an offline mode – making it especially valuable for visitors from abroad.



Use the Isle of Man Walks App to access photographs, films and audio interviews about local places in Port Erin and Port St Mary. You can even listen in Manx Gaelic!

As part of Manx National Heritage Week, our Story of the Land Team are launching two brand new 'town walks' in Port Erin and Port St Mary, designed to be more accessible for the wider community throughout the winter months. The plan is to develop these walks further during 2017 and also extend the coastal path from the Sound to Port Erin too. Download the app by searching "Isle of Man Walks" in your app store or come along to our launch at Bradda Glen Restaurant on Saturday 1st October from 11am to find out more!

We would love the whole community to get involved!

There are lots of skills needed to develop our app further from researching local information and stories, uploading photographs and files onto the app itself or even learning how to edit films and audio files. If you're interested in social media and the website, designing maps and posters, taking photographs or simply sharing your own memories and stories - we would love to hear from you!

Please contact Staffan on 492980 to find out more about these roles and how you can get involved in our 2017 projects!

A new partnership for Isle of Man Walks and Rushen Heritage Trust

Rushen Heritage Trust are excited to announce our new partnership with Pilgrimage Isle of Man – a walking trail group who will be using our innovative new app "Isle of Man Walks" to provide faith heritage walks across the island.



Pilgrimage Isle of Man is a collaboration between the Cathedral IoM, Manx National Heritage, Praying the Keeills, and Manx born geographer, Dr. Avril Maddrell, from the University of West England. Following on from research on the Praying the Keeills walks on the island, Avril secured funding to develop pilgrimage trails which explore the island's faith heritage. The trails use existing footpaths and heritage sites and the first two walking trails will be the *Triskellion Way Pilgrimage* which links Rushen Abbey, St Germans and Maughold; and the *Raad ny Foillan Pilgrimage* which uses the coastal path to explore keeills and Manx crosses.

"We thought that the Isle of Man Walks App would be a great way for people with smartphones to access the pilgrimage trail information because the app can be used offline," says Dr. Maddrell. "The app can be downloaded straight to an Android or Apple smartphone, allowing users to access the information while walking, without needing a mobile phone signal."

Find the Pilgrimage Walking Trail on our Isle of Man Walks app!

Thank you for a summer to remember...

With over 5,000 visitors to our three exhibitions and Wagner Festival this summer, plus the hundreds of people who have bought our second book publication “*A Year on Ballachurry Farm*” and talked to us at the various shows and fairs we have been to - it’s no wonder that our wonderful volunteers deserve an enormous thank you for all of their dedication and hard work!

Kick-started by our first exhibition of the year, “*The Happy Days of Southern Tourism*” attracted over a thousand visitors in just 19 days, exploring the memories and stories of tourism in Rushen from swimming at the Traie Meanagh Baths to golf at the Rowany, dancing at Bradda Glen and Collinson’s Café to tennis or bowls in Breagle Glen - showing just how much things have changed in the South since the late 1800s.



Anna Kelly, Sylvia Jarrett, Hugh Davidson and Kerry Hudson prepare for the launch of our Tourism Exhibition.



How Port St Mary used to be - can you remember these days?

This was our Tourism HAT’s second exhibition, following on from last Year’s “*The Glory Days of Southern Tourism*”, and led by volunteers Brian and Kathleen Trustrum, Sylvia Jarrett, Hugh Davidson, Anna Kelly, Viv Fayle and Graham Shaw along with help and support from other key members of the team, Sue Gowing, Margaret Galloway, Sharon Jamieson, Alison Watterson and Kerry Hudson.

Now enjoying a short break from research, the group are making plans for 2017 and will be meeting up again in mid October. If you are interested in researching memories and stories of how life used to be in Rushen during the “glory days” you are welcome to come along!

Please keep updated on our next HAT meeting dates at www.rushenheritage.org

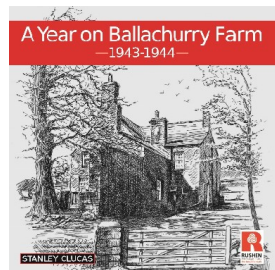
When Captain of the Parish Stanley Clucas sat down to write about his family memories of life on Ballachurry, he had no idea that it would one day lead to those stories being in print and a whole exhibition dedicated to his memories! With a beautiful and diverse collection of photographs and illustrations, “*A Year on Ballachurry Farm 1943-1944*” perfectly captures the stories and memories of a traditional Manx farm during WW2 and is the second publication by Rushen Heritage Trust, following “*The Illustrated Roll Call*” which was published last year.

Written with special affection and humour of farming through the changing seasons, illustrating the colour and rhythm of the busy farm that has been in his family for almost a hundred years, the book and the exhibition has been received with delight by hundreds of members in the local community and visitors to the island - with orders as far away as Singapore and Australia!

The exhibition and book would not have been possible without Stan’s brother Alan and sister Margaret - who also shared their memories in a special interview with Alan Jackson that can be found on our YouTube Channel - and also the Story of the Land HAT, who helped to bring both of these projects together.

Led by Chairman Staffan Overgaard with special help from volunteers Sam Styles, Hilary Peterson, Nigel Crowe, John Keelan, John W. Qualtrough, Kerry Hudson, Drew Herdman and Alan Jackson plus the special illustrations given to us by local artist John Hancox.

The Story of the Land HAT are now gearing up for their next project “Isle of Man Walks” and are beginning to look at their next planned exhibition, led by Nigel Crowe, for 2017. **If you’d like to get involved with either of these projects please call Staffan on 492980 to find out how!**



Above: Stan has signed hundreds of copies of his book over the summer. Below: The book’s front cover and Stan with his brother Alan Clucas outside the pigeon house at Ballachurry.

...in 3 exhibitions, a book and a festival!



Our third exhibition of the summer was the sequel to the 2015 “*Friend or Foe?*” exhibition, led by our WW2 Internment HAT. Launched by Baroness Ruth Henig, whose parents were interned in Rushen, with a special visit from His Excellency Sir Richard Gozney and his wife, over 3,000 people from across the world have visited and enjoyed the stories and memories shared about Rushen Camp W and its impact on the local community.



Rushen Camp differed in many ways from the male Camps in other parts of the Island. It was run by civilians and not by the military. Unusually for Manx Internment Camps, Rushen boarding houses were not requisitioned and owners remained there with their families. In practice, Manx landladies operated Rushen Camp following Home Office rules and, because they lived with the internees, often got to know them well.



Residents needed passes to move in and out, so to some extent everyone was interned including the locals. For these reasons there was much more interaction between locals and internees than in other Camps. Rushen internees could shop, go for walks, bathe, attend classes and often helped with household tasks either in their boarding houses or for local residents. Everyone managed to “rub along together” and friendships were made, although many internees were wrongly interned and lost their freedom even though they were loyal to Britain. Their boarding houses were not surrounded by high barbed wire fences, unlike other IOM camps, but barbed wire was erected around the whole perimeter, which had exit points patrolled by the police.

The exhibition was developed entirely by volunteers in our WW2 Internment HAT; Chairwoman Doreen Moule, Pam Crowe, Ali Graham, Sandra Davidson, David Wertheim, Jane Saywell and Hugh Davidson. Two years ago the team knew little about Rushen Internment and describes itself as “a bunch of amateurs” but aims to achieve professional standards. They have done much original research and generated new material on WW2 Women’s Internment, previously an under-researched topic. The HAT are now focusing on their second book publication, which will be launched in 2017.

If you are interested in joining the team in their next project, please contact Doreen on 457520 to find out more.

The success of the exhibition was also with thanks to the volunteers of St Catherine’s Church in Port Erin, coordinated by Gerry Callister, who helped to serve refreshments every day in the exhibition café. We were also very grateful to Rob and Sheila Creasey of Bradda Glen Restaurant, who kindly provided a stunning range of homemade cakes for our visitors to enjoy.

Launch Party Celebrations!

Top Baroness Ruth Henig with her nephew Jeremy Peters. Middle Sandra Davidson, Doreen Moule, David Wertheim, Ali Graham, Pam Crowe, Laura King, Baroness Ruth Henig, Hon. Juan Watterson MHK and Prof. Hugh Davidson. Bottom Captain of the Parish Stanley Clucas, Hon. Juan Watterson MHK, HE Sir Richard Gozney with his wife Lady Gozney and Prof. Hugh Davidson.

The Internment exhibition was enhanced by a special Internment and Wagner Festival at the Erin Arts Centre, put together by Pam Crowe. The three-day event saw special visitors travel to Rushen from Germany, including Professor Eva Rieger and her brother Chris, who were both children in the Rushen Camp, and Richard Wagner’s great granddaughter Dagny Beilder - who all gave fascinating talks alongside a re-enactment concert produced by John Bethell and a showing of Wagner’s *Lohengrin*.

Alongside a number of key community members such as Keith McArd, Drew Herdman and Nora Lewis, memories were also shared by Susan Freeman, who was born in Rushen Camp W. The events were well attended, with some visitors even travelling all the way from New York to meet our special guests!



Hugh Davidson, Dagny Beilder, Pam Crowe, Chris Rieger, Eva Rieger and Doreen Moule at our 3-day festival.

College Placement for Kerry a great success!

Rushen Heritage Trust has a great relationship with local schools and the Isle of Man College, with two of our volunteers - Doreen Moule and Margaret Galloway, both with long careers in education behind them - playing a lead role in working with them.

In May, Kerry Hudson, one of the volunteers in our Story of the Land HAT, approached us about a six-week placement with RHT as part of her degree course.



"I had no idea how busy a small charity like RHT could be," says Kerry, who is now about to start her final year. "I used so many of my skills and learned a lot about how a charity works, and how much volunteers are needed."

Kerry assisted with a number of RHT projects during her placement, including the Tourism exhibition and the Isle of Man Walks app. The app is where her passion really lies.

"I love running and walking and being a part of the development of the app really opened my eyes to how a product is developed. I had the freedom during my placement to create the Isle of Man Walks website and develop social media, going out to photograph the waypoints and think about branding. The whole experience was really beneficial to my course and what I would like to do in my future career."

Kerry's contribution to the app has been vital in our development over the summer and she continues to work with RHT on the website and social media, developing her expertise even further.

If you are a student and looking for a placement you could follow in Kerry's footsteps! Contact rushenht@gmail.com.

Congratulations Rowanna!

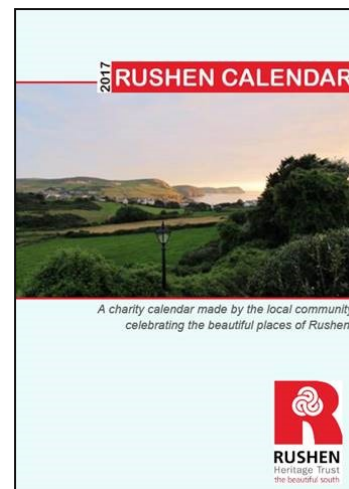
Almost 200 people voted for their favourite entry in our 2017 Charity Calendar Competition this summer and out of the 22 stunning entries we received, we can announce that Rowanna Miller is the winner with her photograph as shown on the front page of the calendar below.

From left:

"I chose this photograph for my entry for the Rushen Calendar Competition because it is the stunning view from my living room window," says Rowanna. "Day or night it is a place of tranquillity."

Rowanna also chose the setting for her entry as a personal tribute to her friend Vivian, who lived in the house before her.

"Vivian is a very dear family friend who had this view for many, many years before me," Rowanna continues. "Now, I feel privileged to share it with my own family. Aren't we all so lucky to live on such a beautiful island!"



Rowanna will receive £100 in M&S gift vouchers plus a copy of the calendar, where her entry features on the front page. Our eleven runners up will also have their entries featured in the calendar and will receive a copy each.

The calendar will be available to buy at both of our events this Autumn at Bradda Glen Restaurant on the 1st October or at the Falcon's Nest on the 6th October. You can also purchase the calendar on our website, www.rushenheritage.org

All proceeds will be used for our 2017 programme, dedicated to telling more stories of Rushen and involving the community in new projects.

A big thank you to our sponsors and partners - we could not tell the stories of Rushen without you!

As we head towards the end of the year, we'd like to take a moment to thank all of the special people and organisations who help to bring all of our projects to life for the community who gain so much from them.

Outside of our Heritage Action Teams are our Key Supporters, who regularly help us by manning exhibitions, distributing literature and sharing their memories. This wonderful group of people includes **the volunteers from St Catherine's Church, Iris Burton, Adrian Cain, Elizabeth Clucas, Pam Clucas, Rob Clynes, Gerry Collister, Joyce Corlett, Graham Crowe, Cary Ellis, Karen and John Elliot, Drew Herdman, Dollin Kelly, Irene Jackson, Nora Lewis, Breesha Maddrell, Ruth Matthews, Keith McArd, Betty Vernon, Tim Watson and Brenda Watterson.**

We also could not achieve such great success in our projects without the help and support of local organisations including **Rob and Sheila Creasey of Bradda Glen Restaurant, John Bethell and the Erin Arts Centre; Roger Watterson and the Copy Shop; Mel Wright and IOM Newspapers; James Davies and Manx Radio;** the teams at **3FM and Mannin Media; Manx National Heritage; Miles Cowsill and Lily Publications** plus the **Bridge and Lexicon** bookshops.



Our sponsors also play a big part in what we do and we would like to thank **the Gough Ritchie and Donny Collister Trusts**, who have supported our Tourism exhibition and our Isle of Man Walks app, which has also been sponsored by the **Manx Lottery Trust**. Our Ballachurry Farm exhibition was sponsored by both **The Elizabeth Clucas Trust and Culture Vannin**, who also sponsored the publication of the accompanying book. **Culture Vannin and the Isle of Man Arts Council** also sponsored our WW2 Internment Exhibition and Wagner Festival in August.

Rushen Heritage Trust only exists because of the vision of Hugh and Sandra Davidson, who continue to lead the charity with great enthusiasm and dedication along with the Board of Trustees - MHKs Juan Watterson, Laurence Skelly and Phil Gawne; Steve George; George Noble and Alan Jackson.

Special thanks to the volunteers of our Heritage Action Teams

Our volunteers have worked tirelessly over the summer months to share their research and tell the stories of Rushen to the whole community. We could not have done it without the following people, who regularly come to group meetings, help out at exhibitions and events and support one another in all RHT projects...

Story of the Land Heritage Action Team

Staffan Overgaard (Chair)
Helen Ashcroft
Stan Clucas
Nigel Crowe
Andrew Foxon
Graham Hall
Lindsey Hook
Kerry Hudson
Iain MacKenzie-Fidlin
Susie MacKenzie-Fidlin
Hilary Peterson
Sam Styles

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Alan Jackson
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Tourism Heritage Action Team

Laura King (Temporary Chair)
Hugh Davidson
Margaret Galloway
Sharon Jamieson
Sylvia Jarrett
Brian Trustrum
Kathleen Trustrum
Alison Watterson

WW2 Internment Heritage Action Team

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David Wertheim

If you would like to join one of our Heritage Action Teams please get in touch on rushenht@gmail.com!

2016 Autumn Events Programme



Isle of Man Walks App Launch

sponsored by the Gough Ritchie Trust, the Manx Lottery Trust and the Donny Collister Trust

**11am to 1pm on Saturday 1st October 2016
at Bradda Glen Restaurant in Port Erin**

Join Robbie Callister and our Story of the Land Team as they officially launch our exciting new mobile app "Isle of Man Walks" - the first in the world to use beacon technology for an outdoor heritage trail! Find out what a beacon is and how they work, how to download the app to your smartphone and then set out on a walk of your own - and discover your local heritage like never before!



The Story of the Sea in Words and Music

**7pm on Thursday 6th October
at the Falcon's Nest in Port Erin**

Tickets are just £5 and can be purchased in advance at the Falcon's Nest or on the door on the evening of the event.

Join Dessie Robinson on the subject of Herring Fishing in the boom years of Port St Mary, Michelle Heywood on Diving and the Wrecks of the South of the Island plus the story of Captain David Clarke - "from Cadet to Captain" and his first trip to sea as a Deck Cadet - in the relaxed surroundings of the Falcon's Nest for an evening of entertaining stories and memories as well as a collection of traditional sea shanties performed by local singers.

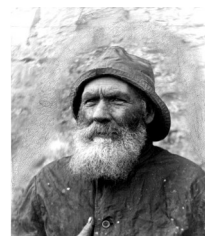
get involved and keep updated at www.rushenheritage.org

There are so many ways you can get involved with Rushen Heritage Trust!



Come to one of our Memory Sharing Afternoon Teas and bring photographs, talk to the volunteers in our Heritage Action Teams about your memories or share your stories so that they will never be lost or forgotten.

Join one of our Heritage Action Teams and research your local history with other members of the community, exploring the stories of the land, stories of the sea, the glory days of southern tourism or the internment camps of World War 2. You could even start your own HAT and special topic or area of interest!



If you like photography and technology, you could get involved with our social media, help with website or exhibition design, or help to design interesting new walks on our Isle of Man Walks mobile app! Or if you just have a few hours to spare here and there, you can help to cover our exhibitions, serve tea and coffee or help distribute our quarterly newsletters.

Whatever you'd like to do, we'd love to hear from you! Contact Laura at rushenht@gmail.com