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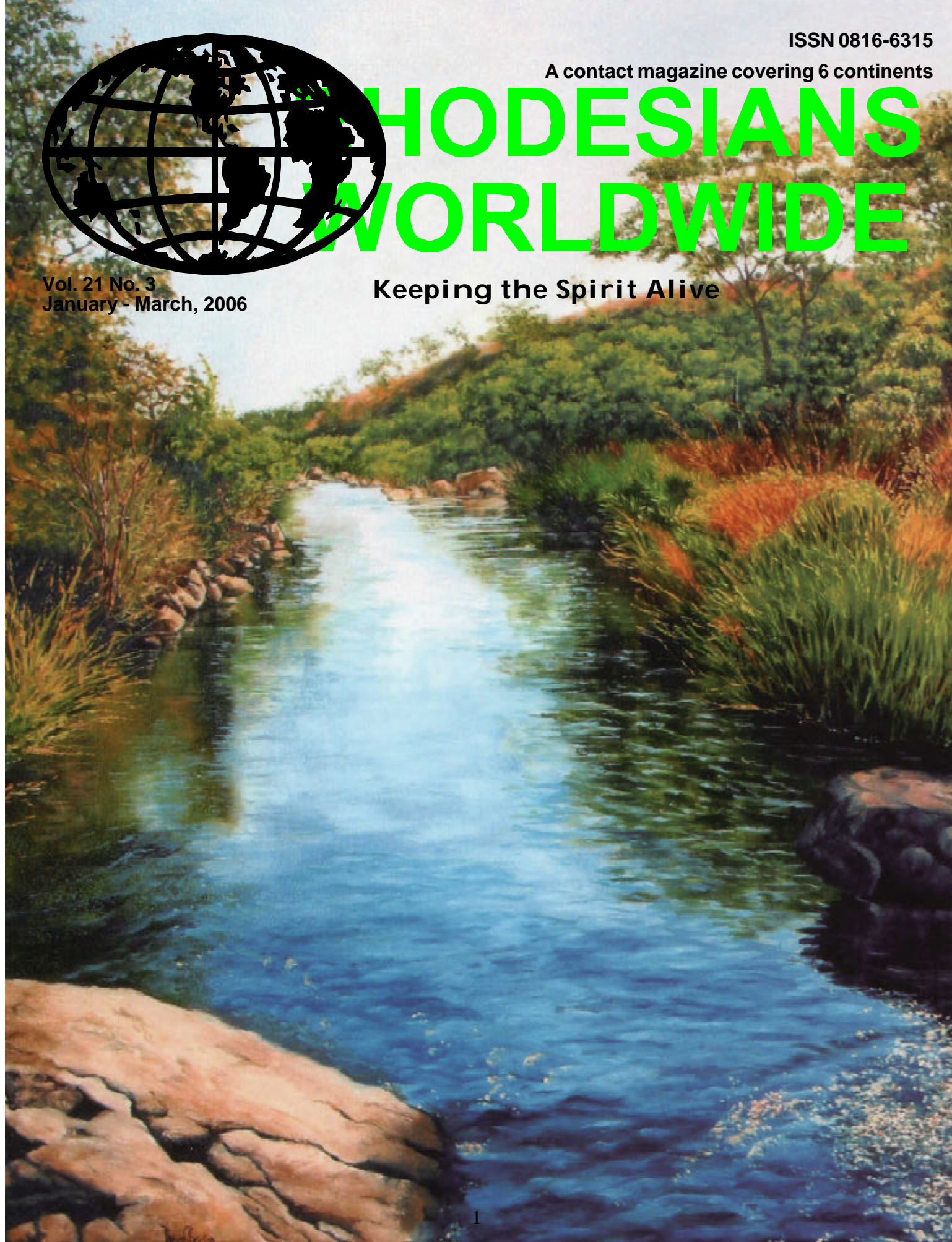
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Keeping the Spirit Alive



A RHODIE IN ANTARCTICA

By Lewis Walter, Fish Hoek.

In the bad old days of uncontrolled whaling in Antarctica, the hardened whalers had a saying "Beyond 40 degrees South there is no law. Beyond 50 degrees South there is no God". Today some little ships venture into the icy waters far beyond these limits, one of them being a former Russian research vessel, the Grigoriy Mikheev.



The Grigoriy Mikheev

Weighing only 2000 tons, and with 46 passengers on board, she left the Argentinian port of Ushuaia, near Cape Horn, on 19 December 2005 and headed down the Beagle Channel and into the Drake Passage. This is renowned as one of the world's roughest stretches of ocean, and it lived up to its reputation with a Force 8 Gale and huge seas which had many of the passengers and even some of the crew seasick. After a day and night of this, we reached calmer Antarctic waters and had our first sighting of the South Shetland Islands and icebergs. At more than 60 degrees South we were well within the "Godless" world of the old whalers.

Our landing by rubber Zodiac on one of the islands was the first of many during the next ten days, and we were greeted by thousands of chinstrap and gentoo penguins, many with eggs or baby chicks. Antarctic skuas prowled around hungrily, occasionally snatching an unguarded chick. As we sailed further South the scenery became more dramatic, with magnificent icebergs and towering volcanic peaks draped in snow and ice. I had always thought icebergs were snowy white, but in fact most are beautiful shades of blue and green, in fantastic shapes. We had close-up views of crabeater seals, beautiful amiable-looking creatures rather like oversized Golden Labradors, Weddell seals, and even some leopard seals, strange beasts with evil reputations and almost serpent-like heads. It was one of these which chased, and very nearly caught, a member of Shackleton's ill-fated Antarctic Expedition.

The passengers were soon getting to know each other and their countries of origin. There were some from the Netherlands, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, America, Britain and elsewhere. I was the only Rhodesian/South African. One thing all had in common was an interest in the environment, and this promoted a wonderful spirit on board. There were teachers, writers, doctors, people from all walks of life-among them an intrepid cycling duo Roosje and Kor who, after adding Antarctica to their list, had cycled on every continent on earth.

On 23 December we landed on the Antarctic mainland at 64°54' South/62°52' East. Here I raised a little Rhodesian flag, but our claim to the territory will probably not be recognised! The scenery was breathtaking, with massive glaciers every now and then "calving" icebergs into the sea with thunderous roars. Next day we entered the Lemaire Channel, curiously enough named after a Congo explorer. This is an area of soaring volcanic peaks, glaciers and huge icebergs among which we were able to cruise in the Zodiacs.



Laying claim to Antarctica

In the afternoon of the 24th we reached Vernadsky Island where we visited the Ukrainian research station with its most hospitable staff. After a tour of the station, I handed them the Rhodesian flag which is now proudly displayed in their bar. At 65°15' South/64°16' West this is possibly the furthest South a Rhodesian flag has ever been. It bears the Flame Lily Foundation e-mail address, and perhaps some other wandering Rhodie will see it one day and send a message. Among other mementoes in the bar is a fine collection of bras, kindly donated by passing lady visitors amidst much cheering. One of the bras now has a Zimbabwe \$500 note tucked into it!



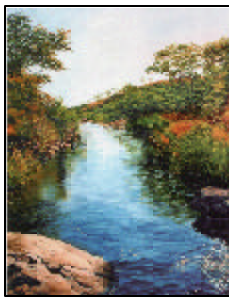
Congratulated after handing over the flag at the Ukrainian base, Vernadsky

Christmas Eve dinner took the form of a braaivleis on the after deck of the ship, and was very well done, even though they called it a barbecue. While we were eating, the ship was nudged by a passing iceberg – surely one of the strangest accompaniments to a braai.

On Christmas morning we turned North back up the Lemaire Channel and in the afternoon went ashore on the little island known as Port Lockroy. A British base was established here in 1942 as part of Operation Tabarin to monitor enemy activities, and it is now used for the study of gentoo penguins. The old wartime buildings and furnishings have been restored as a museum under the auspices of the U.K. Antarctic Heritage Trust and the penguins wander everywhere, completely at ease with their human neighbours and visitors.

Christmas Dinner was served in a magnificent setting of glaciers, volcanic peaks and icebergs, and next morning we had our first close sighting of humpback whales. We were soon back in the Zodiacs, and able to spend some time watching at close quarters these huge, slow-moving creatures feeding on krill.

Continuing Northward, we eventually reached the Drake Passage again, comparatively calm this time, and arrived back in Ushuaia on 29 December, having covered a distance of 2669 kilometres or 1658 statute miles. Truly a voyage of a lifetime.



Cover picture: Painting by **Dinah BEATON** titled "Mvuradonha-Zambezi Escarpment. See this and more on her website at www.dinahbeaton.co.zw

Look & Listen

Welcome...

Well how quickly the years come and go and 2006 is almost two months old as I write this. We are endeavouring to get this magazine out a little early as it all has a ripple effect throughout the year depending on how quick I am to gather all of the bits and pieces together. I plan to have the April to June magazine out by the beginning of June so that it will get to you in good time before the big braai in the UK which we hope to be attending this year. It has been many years since we have done so and feel that it is time to promote the magazine at this event.

The Darwin Days book has proven to be a highlight of my past year and I would encourage all communities to think about putting together an unofficial publication about their Rhodesian communities. There are so many stories that should be told and it is up to us to record them. The Darwin Days effort has resulted in a worldwide community of people from Mount Darwin and Centenary East and a four page broadsheet that is sent out quarterly. Our sense of community has been enriched by this effort and it has been a very rewarding exercise. So come on Mtepatepa, Sinoia, Banket, Lowveld, Eastern Highlands, Fort Victoria etc.-get your thinking caps on and get the stories recorded.

Our postal rates have increased markedly since the last magazine was mailed out and I am appealing to you as always to let us know your change of address and if you are not renewing. Also we need new members to help offset the new rates. Our postage rates for the magazine increased by 15% which in real terms means that the price of everything we do has increased. Thus the real cost of a magazine should be UKP1.80 more per subscription. Our rates as promised will not change this year, even though the postal increases were announced after the last magazine was at print. We will review the subscription rates at the end of this year. We respect the limited funds many of you work with and our only criteria is that the magazine remain able to pay for itself. I cannot fund it on a teacher's salary while maintaining a home for Annette, Peter and Gareth.

Thank you to everyone who sent us donations over the past year. We are deeply indebted to you and I cannot express enough gratitude for your generosity. You keep the magazine afloat and make it possible for us to make periodic donations to Rhodesian based charities and to provide support for all Rhodesian assistance organisations. I cannot write to everyone of you and I wish I could, but my teaching job does not allow for that sort of time, so please forgive me. Thanks to **all of you who have supported this magazine with donations and especially the donations to the Flame Lily Foundation to aid our pensioners.**

On the subject of Rhodesian charities please be aware of the plethora of organisations that are out there that aid and assist Zimbabweans and Rhodesians. There are a few that have stood the test of time and I urge you to work with these organisations so as to not split our precious funds. If all organisations worked together for the betterment of all Rhodesians and Zimbabweans (pensioners especially) we could accomplish many times what is accomplished. I urge all Rhodesian related organisations to find it within their hearts to cooperate with their fellow organisations across the world. Sadly accountability for some organisations is still lacking - as always remember to ask where your money is going and will Rhodesians benefit.

Our prayers continue to be with the people of Zimbabwe as their nation (and our erstwhile homeland) crumbles around them. What an incredible deterioration in so short a time-a testament to the uncaring attitude of the Zimbabwean administration.

Thank you for continuing to support this magazine and for helping to keep the spirit alive

Sarai zvakanaka

Chris and Annette Whitehead

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O Lord, my strength and my stronghold, my refuge in the day of trouble, to you shall the nations come from the ends of the earth and say: Our ancestors have inherited nothing but lies, worthless things in which there is no profit. Can mortals make for themselves gods? Such are no gods!

Jeremiah 16, v 19-20

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Greetings to you all, I took over the Chairmanship of R.W.A.F. from John O'Brien at the end of the last Trustees meeting in January. I wish to thank John, on behalf of us all for the sterling work he put into the Chairmanship and for his help and accessibility at all times. Mary Sawyers stood down as Vice Chairman at this meeting but remains a trustee and organiser of the 1000 Club. Thanks go to Mary for her hard work on behalf of the fund. Ian Dixon (the large one!), another stalwart of the R.W.A.F. was elected Vice Chairman in Mary's stead. Ian is the big guy you see organising at the Braais and really spends a lot of time and effort on behalf of the R.W.A.F. Thanks must go to all trustees for their time and efforts for the Fund. In addition to those already mentioned the trustees are Ian Dixon (small Ian), Ron Williams, John Dodds and Gary Wynn. Our administrator, Vicki Bowker, has recently undergone major surgery and is now recovering at home. We wish you a full and speedy recovery Vicki.

2006 BRAAI

Dates: Friday 30th June to Sunday 2nd July, 2006.

Venue: Just off the A1 on the Nottinghamshire/Lincolnshire Borders

Unfortunately this event clashes with Milton Keynes Branch "Pig on a spit". This is unavoidable as both venues are unavailable on any other dates. We will endeavour to avoid this clash in the future. Over the past few Years the Annual RWAf July Braai has become more and more popular, last year hosting over 3000. At last years event resources were stretched to breaking point with the sheer number of people attending. Unfortunately, a percentage of this number were non paying people who "gate crashed".

This event takes a considerable amount of time, effort, organisation and commitment from the RWAf trustees and all RWW clubs and is run entirely by unpaid volunteers. At a post mortem of the 2005 July Braai carried out by the Trustees of the RWAf, it was unanimously decided that stringent changes needed to be implemented to bring the July braai back to manageable levels and have in place resources which can effectively manage the event.

The Trustees decided that a club with its own committee be created, affiliated to the RWAf and reporting to the RWAf trustees, to run future July braais. The club is to be called The Rhodesian Pioneer Club and any profit made will go to the RWAf which supports many Rhodesies in times of need. The main purpose of the Rhodesian Pioneer Club is to create an environment at the annual July braai which is safe and can be enjoyed by all family members regardless of age. To ensure this, the committee of the Pioneer club have created Rules and Regulations which are there to protect against those with little or no respect or common decency to our fellow man. Anybody wishing to attend Future July Braais' will first have to become a member of the Pioneer club. This is done by completing an application form available initially through RWW branches, and in the post to those on the RWW database. This form should be completed and signed, accepting the accompanying Rules and Regulations. A letter will be going out with the application form explaining membership in greater detail. Gate crashers, abuse of campers and event organisers, along with unruly behaviour have necessitated that the new format for July braai attendance be put in place, however we are sure that most Rhodesies will very happy with this, as it will bring back true values of common decency which we

were all brought up with and make the annual July braai a very enjoyable weekend!

We hope all you Rhodesies will understand and support us in taking this event forward. Thank you for your continued support. Future July Braais can only be attended by members of the Pioneer Club and non members will be refused admittance. See the Pioneer club advert elsewhere in the magazine for details

Gift Aid

Caroline Witts has run the "Gift Aid" affairs for a considerable period and has now decided to hand this task on. Caroline was a trustee for many years and has done a tremendous amount for R.W.A.F. and I wish to record our thanks to her for her dedication and efforts. Mary Sawyers has taken this over. It is an excellent way to donate to the fund as we can claim back tax paid on these funds. Please consider giving in this way.

Best Wishes to you all

Stuart

R.W.A.F. 1000 Club Report

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For those of you who haven't yet joined our Lottery it's a great way to help the Assistance Fund. Half of the proceeds of the lottery go towards helping those in need and the other half is paid out in prizes. For just £12 a year you can make a difference to someone's life and get a chance to win a prize at the same time. The lottery is drawn monthly and the first prize currently stands at £122.10.

Congratulations to the following prize winners:-

December 2005

First	Cliff Francis	York	£123.30
Second	Ruth Darby	Braintree	£61.65
Third	D.C. Buchanan	Berkshire	£20.55

January 2006

First	Ed Cornish	Plymouth	£121.50
Second	Mr. & Mrs Menage	Portugal	£60.75
Third	Ken Spoor	Germany	£20.25

February 2006

First	Frances Grubb	Herefordshire	£122.10
Second	Rosalind Knight	Sutton	£61.05
Third	Christine Posselt	Worcester	£20.35

Consolation Prizes of one year's free subscription to the 1000 club went to:

Rod Fox	East Grinstead
Mrs. K. Holland	Hull
Randy Symmons	Hitchin

RWAF July Braai
June 30 - July 2, 2006
 For more details contact
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Bush Telegraph



Doreen JONES writes "Sad as it is I went to a funeral of one of our residents the other day, a lady who kept to herself. I knew she came from Bulawayo, but she never spoke about herself. Well at the funeral after the service I found out that she was the aunt of Rex SHEASBY who used to play soccer for Raylton Rovers and also for Rhodesia. I am still in touch with old friends living in Zimbabwe, but I do most of the writing as it costs a fortune and not a small one to post letters from there."

Pat GRAINGER writes "having returned from South Africa my life has become a turmoil while waiting for a council flat to finally become available. My late husband, **Tony**, and I put our names down for a Council flat nearly two years ago. I believe that one brand new flat should become available early in 2006. In the meantime my life continually shifts around as I will not sign any leases and so have to take temporary accomodation where I can get it. Being classed as OLD the landlords tell me they are advertising a room for youngish females of around 30 years old with a job, a professional person. The Old Age and Retirement homes cost a fortune which I do not have. Having stored most of my household goods here in Dublin, I spend my days painting in acrylics (having stored my oils and equipment). Fortunately I have been invited to spend Christmas and a few weeks (months?) with my son **Anthony** in Kent. There must be some English landscapes I can photograph and paint!"

Joan SLABBERT wrote recently "I read Fort Jameson Memories by **Dick HARKNESS**. He was in Chipata circa 1957 and my husband and I were there in 1946 until 1952 and even stayed at the Rangelys Hotel (he refers to the ruins of the place where they had to push their way through the bush). The only way one had a bath in Rangelys Hotel in my days was to stand with each leg in a paraffin tin of hot water and bathe standing up. The attached picture is of a book I have written. After leaving Chipepo in 1952 we went to Mazabuka and stayed there until 1971. While in Chipepo we had a farm in the Luangwa Valley and my husband was a keen buffalo hunter at that time. We later had our own business in Mazabuka and built the big hospital and Cikankata Mission (2 years work) and later the school camp at Tree Tops in the Kafue National Park. We lived for six months in the back of our Vanette sleeping on dry grass while we made the bricks for the house. My book tells of all the adventures with wild animals and our primitive way of living in those early days. I feel many Rhodesians would enjoy the book." Joan's book is called "Bwana Kakuli" and is available from www.amazon.com, www.trafford.com/ 05-1057. Its ISBN number is 1-4120-6156-3

Cecelle GODDARD writes that she is a 80 year old Zimbabwean born in Chinoyi (Sinoia) in 1926 and she is still living in Zimbabwe in spite of all of the difficulties and frustrations. Her children and grandchildren live all over the world and she is fortunate to be able to visit them periodically. She is currently visiting her daughter in Canada and enjoying her copies of the magazine.

John and **Anne KILLICK** report that they are well and still enjoying life in Malawi. They say that the magazine is well received and circulated in the homes where they live. They have the following residents with Rhodesian connections: **Val RAWSON** (Palmer), **Dick BUCKINGHAM** (Northern Rhodesia), **Hilda CLOW**, **Ron CUMMING**, **Lawrence** and **Pat ARTHUR** (Umtali Schools) and **Reg WELLS**. **Dick BUCKINGHAM** was at St. George's School in Salisbury, Anne and John's three sons attended Eagle and Falcon schools and **Dane ROSS**'s sons were at Falcon College.



Jill LAMBERT (probably better known to RWW as Jill Baker) was awarded an Order of Australia Medal (O.A.M.) in the last Queen's Birthday Honours – for services rendered to Zimbabwean immigrants to Australia. She writes "I have to confess that I feel very warm towards Australia in recognising the work I have done on behalf of my original country! We have managed to help over 300 families during the last few years, but the strain on me has been too great I'm afraid and we are having to wrap it up by March."

Mike HOPKINS wrote recently "I enjoyed reading the recent memories about early air travel between London and Rhodesia by John Rolfe - these stories help our younger readers to appreciate the history of Rhodesia. However it was the first sentence about the pioneering flight from London to Cape Town that got my memory banks working. Squadron Leader Quentin Brand and Lt. Colonel Pierre van Ryneveld made the first historic flight down the continent of Africa from London to Cape Town in 1920. They flew a Vickers Vimy until crash landing in Bulawayo and then conveniently completed the flight to Cape Town in a De Havilland DH 9. South African Defence Forces records indicate that Quentin Brand was born in Kimberley RSA in 1893 and by the end of the second world war he had become Air Vice-Marshal Sir Christopher Joseph Quentin Brand KBE DSO MC DFC. van Ryneveld, also born in RSA, had become General Sir H A Pierre van Ryneveld KBE CB DSO MC. After the war Sir Quentin and his family lived in Manicaland, Rhodesia and they had a property somewhere to the north east of Penhalonga /Old Umtali. As a young lad in the early 1950's, I visited their home a few times with my Aunt and I recall the house being set in a remote and rugged area on the banks of a small river. My Aunt, Nancy Macdonald, and Lady Brand (Mary?) were good friends and colleagues and I think both held high office in the Girl Guides and Red Cross at the time. Sir Quentin was mentioned as 'a well known parishioner' in a history of the Catholic Church in Manicaland and I do remember that he had a daughter (Veronica?). There must be other (older) readers out there who remember more than I do and it would be rewarding if they could put pen to paper about Sir Quentin and his family and their life and times in Rhodesia during the 50's and 60's. Sir Quentin died in 1968."

Mary SLEVIN sent in this news "have just read your September mag as we only returned to France a few days ago. Loved your definition of a BRAAI! And your Ozzie trip brought back so many fond memories. I loved The Alice and 'the red heart' - the climb around the rim of Kings Canyon was especial magic - and like you, for our next trip I want to go North, to see Katherine Gorge, Kakadu etc. We didn't experience the mozzies but the flies were something else in 'the red heart' and Longreach (we took a 24 hour train ride from Brisbane into the Outback to Longreach) - fly nets were definitely the order of the day! We stopped at Eridunda which proudly boasts it is The Fly Capital of the World - 10 million flies can't be wrong! I have a cousin in Brisbane so we have stopped there on both our visits. John is really keen to go to Perth next time as well. Also your obit on Fats Bowen-Davies struck a chord. Much the same was said for my Dad, and I still feel proud of the wonderful infrastructure that the Internal Affairs people set up, particularly in the really remote areas. What tragedy has befallen that beautiful country."

Eileen ROBERTSON wrote, but too late for the last issue "Happy New Year wishes from Eileen ROBERTSON. 2005 was a wonderful year for me, most particularly because my third great grandchild was born in June - **Martha Poppy** made a grand entrance! I enjoyed a lot

of time with my family and helped to look after the little ones. Also I turned 95 last July and had two marvellous celebrations. While I was on holiday in France with Mary and John, Mary took me to Lourdes for a 4 day visit which was such a spiritual experience for me, I really loved it. And then Yvonne organised a lovely party on my birthday for friends and family; this was also a good opportunity for everyone to meet my 3 great grandchildren and it was a very happy get together. I am still keeping well, living on my own and driving my car, and I keep in touch with local events in my village so one way or another there is always something going on. There is good news from all my family, and we all want to wish you good health and happiness in this New Year."

Annette and Robert DUNCAN sent us this report on their visit to South Africa in November/December, 2005: "Our last visit to South Africa had been in 1991, before the end of the "Apartheid Regime" and the birth of the "Rainbow Nation," and so the changes were radical in many cases although, in many respects - and in certain situations - it was hard to believe there had been any change at all. An example of this was two lunch visits to the Inanda Club, Johannesburg. On the first occasion, with the exception of three black members enjoying a meal on the verandah of the main clubhouse, it was colonial business as usual, with white diners and children being waited on - in very harmonious manner it must be said - by black staff. A disappointment of the Inanda visits was that we were not able to say hullo to Clare Marshall and Peter Tobin, who were said to be fairly regular attenders at Sunday lunch. However, checkout staff at supermarkets and hypermarkets was mainly black and bank tellers were either black or Asian. We were not impressed with the length of time it took to cash South African travellers' cheques at two of the banks and put that down to reduced speed and efficiency - but were advised by a (rare) white, female staff member at the second bank that the problem was the rampant crime in South Africa - which forced them to go right back to Thomas Cook in the UK, to confirm that the cheques we had presented were genuine. The "old regime" remained in place also at the Rand Club, where Robert was a guest of Annette's twin brother, Anthony at lunch. Apart from one black man (prospective member?) being shown around, all those holding up the main and "Tommy's" bars and later taking lunch, were white - one table of youngish men sounding very like Zim exiles. The main dining room of the 100-years-plus club remained out of action, while the builders repaired the ravages of a fairly recent fire on the upper floors. Robert was encouraged that it appeared to be business as usual at that end of central Johannesburg, having had the sobering experience of being driven through Hillbrow and the south-eastern area of the city a few days before. He had heard the stories of devastation in Hillbrow but even so was not quite prepared for the shock of the reality and the appalling conditions in what was once a vibrant, cosmopolitan community, of lively restaurants, theatres and bars. With its shattered windows, broken doors and general filth, it had the appearance of a war zone which, in many ways, it is - as we read, while there, about almost daily shoot-outs between police and rogue taxi drivers, or gun battles between rival criminals. Some of this found its way onto the SABC's TV news bulletins, which were unhappy evidence of how standards have dropped. The old broadcasting regime was no cutting edge facility but again positive discrimination had taken its toll, although a large diet of government propaganda would be hard for even the most professional broadcasters to make palatable. Robert met just one journalist former colleague on this visit - one Christopher Munnion, who covered the end of sound government in Rhodesia for the Daily Telegraph and now, although of pensionable age, continues to make a contribution from the Rainbow Nation. Chris was, sadly, able to confirm the recent death - in apparently violent circumstances - of another former Rhodesian journalist, Clive Mocke, in his home at Scottburgh. There was one other meeting with a colleague from

Salisbury days - casually in Exclusive Books in the Hyde Park Centre - and that was with former Rhodesian and Chibuku Breweries senior manager, Ron Schroeder. Ron, now retired in Joburg, had not lost his affection for the Luton Town football team, currently going strongly in the English Championship. Durban, by comparison with the Rand, remains more relaxed and less edgy, with many of the old buildings around the city centre retaining their old colonial look - wide verandahs and wrought-iron work. The Oyster Box at Umhlanga still does a good Sunday verandah lunch, although the hotel is dominated and marred now by three highrise blocks of flats, erected - no doubt at great profit - by the Oyster Box owners. Finally, in a corner of the Craighall shopping centre in Johannesburg, there's a little corner of Rhodesia. It's a basement bar, frequented by Rhodes, that has memorabilia scattered about the place - the main feature being a large, framed map of the old country, bearing the badges of each of the former Rhodesian military and security services. We drank a tankard of cold beer to those memorable days."

Belinda BOYENS writes "To all Ex Rhodesians/Zimbabweans, a team and I designed a new board game called "THE DICTATOR" It just got printed and boxed. Have copyright and patented it. This game was designed for all of you and we want to market this game worldwide amongst Ex-Rhodesians/Zimbabweans. The game is a cross between snakes and ladders as well as Monopoly. You pick a dictator, a leader of the opposition and players. You even get title deeds, maize/pap/sadza, money and pick up cards. You have roadblocks, a friendly embassy, jail, rehab, Green Bombers/Gatvlieg cards, Party and People's bank cards. You can even cheat. The aim of the game is to dethrone and outwit the dictator. It is a humorous and intellectual game and guys from Zimbabwe really know how to play the game. This is a must have! Price:R180.00 in South Africa postage included. If you are interested or have any questions feel free to e-mail me at hbarrierbreaker@mjvn.co.za or phone me on 0828241499. Let's talk business.

Rob EASTLEY wrote recently: "thought this photo I took of **Pam**



LANGDON (nee Wilson) and **Ian PARK** at the Alice Springs Airport might be worthy of something. Ian and his wife are former residents of Alice Springs now residing in Perth. He was flying through Alice so I took Pam out to meet him - for the first time since they were at Guinea

Fowl in 1958! Before Ian and his wife left Alice, he, Pam and I were three "Old Fowles" living here unbeknownst to the three of us. The other phot shows a gathering of former Zims, Rhodes and South Africans at our home in January 2006."



Pam ADDISON runs a Rhodesian Adoption website which tries to help people find their children that were adopted out or helps children find their birth parents. If you would like to visit the site it is at www.angelway.info

Betty COCKBILL wrote recently on the death of her father "His death was a great shock to us as we had spent two fantastic weeks with him in October 2005 where he was his normal self, doing his

crosswords and reading the newspapers. Then were called back to Harare on the 4th after he had this stroke. He knew we were there for the first three days but deteriorated from then on and died on the 12th. The border was a nightmare both trips and the heat was unbearable but the town itself (Salisbury) is as beautiful as ever. In October the Flamboyants were in full bloom.

John ROLFE wrote to apologize for and correct an unfortunate error which crept into his article headed "An early air trip between Rhodesia and London" in Vol. 21 No. 2 which he found difficult to account for. "I think I must have put the names down to reserve the syntax with the intention of correcting them after research which was then never carried out. The two S. African heroes who opened the route were not Quentin and Brand as I wrote but Major C.J. Quentin Brand and Lt.Col. Pierre van Ryneveld. I do apologize and hope you may find the space to publish a correction as I feel the mention in the article is an unintended slight on brave men."

Fred FICKLING wrote recently to introduce himself. He says "I grew up outside Kadoma - my Dad was ranching on the Umsweswe on the way to Empress Nickel mine. I went to Plumtree 1965-1970. I now live in Chandler, Arizona, having moved from Dallas a few years ago."

Ruth GORDON reports that she has recently been unwell and has spent considerable time in hospital. (*Ed: We wish her a speedy recovery.*)

Joan JOHNSTONE wrote recently "as always find the magazine extremely interesting-have all the copies from the first issue in the hope that my children will look through them to discover a long-gone slant on a colonial era and the people who made such a success of erstwhile Rhodesia."

Doug CLARKE sent us a copy of the obituary to **Ken HARVEY** with the following additions. "I attended Milton Junior at the same time as Ken. He being five months older than me was in the 18 to 20 call up before me in 1943. The last time I met Ken was when he was working on the railways".

Allan and **Carole HETHERINGTON** and family send all their love and best wishes to all of their friends in Zimbabwe, especially **Aileen EAKINS** and her daughters and families.

Bry BOMFORD says that the book "Tsanga" is excellent and very easy reading. She recommends it especially for those who knew or lived in Inyanga.

Terry and **Jan WALMSLEY** want to thank their dear friend Zane CHISNALL for introducing them to the Rhodesians Worldwide magazine.

Marge BELL reports that she has had some health problems recently, but is on the mend. We wish her a speedy recovery and good health for many years to come.

Bob FINNIS writes "Finnis: The name conjures up a wide variety of interpretations, and an even a wider range of spellings particularly here in South Africa where the reversal of normal grammar is par for the course. The missing person, **Patricia Winifred MADGE** in New Zealand, is the senior sister of none other than Colonel Bob Finniss of the SA Air Force, and of course the Rhodesian Army. Patricia MADGE, along with her sisters **Marjorie** (Tuppy) and **Daphne** were former scholars at Chaplin in Gwelo, before the transfer of the family to Salisbury in November, 1947. The younger girl **Ethel** went to Roosevelt whilst both Bob completed his secondary education at Churchill where he served in the Pipe Band under John Redfern as a tenor drummer, because he did not have the mental or physical ability to make meaningful sounds come from the bladder of some unfortunate sheep. Pat moved a few months ago from her pad on the coast outside Wellington, to be with her daughter Allison, son-in-law Lance and granddaughter outside Auckland. She would dearly love to have

contact with her friends from earlier years, and after 53 years in New Zealand still longs for the beauty of her beloved homeland. Her address is 12, Dressage Lane, Aintree Heights, Greenhithe, Albany New Zealand (Her e-mail patmadge@extra.co.nz). Bob FINNIS meanwhile joined the S A Air Force (Jan 1981) and enjoyed a very fulfilling career in the Finance Division of the S A Air Force. Initially deployed to Air Force Base Swartkop with all of its aviation history, he went about the business of getting "involved" in the S A Bush War, and saw service in many places. He was seen on many an occasion, with his "Bag-of Beans" in Mozambique, South West Africa, Swaziland, and even Britain. Bob and his wife **Fiona** have actually enjoyed the fruits of life here in the RS of A, have two delightful sons, Richard (Rick) and Robert (Roob), 23 and 21 respectively. They enjoy a good life in the country away from the hustle and bustle of Pretoria. Bob is the Finance Controller of the S A Air Force Museum based at Swartkop, where many ex Rhodies served in the fixed wing and helicopter transport squadrons of 44, 41, 17, and 19. All of this has changed of course, but the memories live on. Bob retired from the Air Force in 1998 as Deputy Director Finance (Colonel), not bad for the boy from Wankie hey! Finally of course, is the fact that Fiona and Bob were founder members of RASA (Flame Lily Foundation), early in the 80's, along with John and Mary, Gordon and Mona".

Mrs. E. GREENAWAY has joined our worldwide network, she is an ex-Rhodesian of 56 years and we welcome her to the magazine.

David SAFFERY recently owner of Afribilia store in London writes "I am putting together a book about African food and food culture (you can see some extracts on the enclosed sheet), and would like to ask for your help. My book is about African cuisine in a colonial context. It looks at the way different communities in Africa and across the African diaspora have used specific styles of cookery as a way to distinguish and celebrate their own cultures. In particular, the book explores aspects of cuisine that European settlers adapted and exported across the former British-ruled African colonies. It also analyses the importance of cookery as one of the means that people born in Africa or of African descent sometimes choose to symbolise their various ethnic or national identities. There is a very detailed and significant section on Rhodesia. which would make your input particularly valuable. I am trying to represent a broad range of experience in this project. You will be able to help me add breadth and interest to the book by allowing me, please, to quote within the work from your own personal observation. I hope, in fact, that you may agree to share your answers to the following three questions:

1. Remembering family meals when you were a child, what was the favourite dish that always made your mouth water? (What made it so special?)
 2. If you wanted to offer a foreign visitor a cooked dish that reflects what you view as your national or family heritage, what would you select? (Why would you choose that dish in particular?)
 3. Thinking about when you were growing up, what foods do you remember eating that you associated with people from other ethnic groups, nations or cultures? (How did you come to eat this food? What did you think of the food—and of the people?)
- If all goes well, the book will be published in late 2006. Of course I will send full details in advance of publication to everybody who is kind enough to allow me to quote from their own experience. Please send your reply to the address shown overleaf. You are also most welcome to send replies by e-mail to food@afribilia.coni, and you may find this more convenient. Please do not hesitate to drop me a line or an e-mail, or give me a call on 626 7613 1396 if you would like further information about the book or this project."

Mrs. Yvonne CURTIS reports that she has been unwell recently and has been in hospital. (*Ed: We wish her a speedy recovery.*)

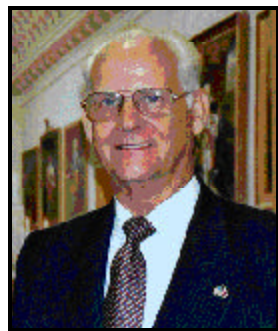
Linda BRIKKELS reminded us that February 12th was the anniversary of the downing of the Viscount in 1979. She says "was my sister **Pauline DELPORT** (nee Fleming) and her sister-in-law, **Lynette**

DELPORT's memorial on 12th February for the Viscount Disaster 1979. Does not seem like 27 years ago, but feels like only yesterday. (Ed: Given the reaction to the Twin Towers disaster today it makes me wonder where the outrage of the world was in 1978 and 1979 as terrorists shot our civilian planes out of the sky?)

Mrs. M.T. REMMER says "I lived in Rhodesia (and then Zimbabwe) for 45 years. Having retired from teaching to live on a farm in Banketl, as you will understand, had to leave the country. I left in 2002, but am still in touch with people still there, although mostly in Harare."

Sarah MCKELLAR says I highly recommend the book "Don't Let's go to the Dogs Tonight" by **Alexandra FULLER**. She writes "It is a tragic, yet funny, book of life in Rhodesia and the Burma Valley in particular. My home was Untali and I knew many of the people mentioned and in particular **Dr. MITCHELL**."

David E. HUNTLEY, CPC President/CEO of Huntley Associates (Dallas, Inc., and the co-founder of the British-American Business Council of North Texas (BABCNT) has been appointed to the American Advisory Board of the United Kingdom charity group Historic Royal Palaces (HRP). HRP was established in 1998 in the U.K. as a Royal Charter Body with charitable status and is registered in the USA as 501-3 (C) charity. It is responsible for the care, conservation and presentation to the public of the unoccupied royal palaces—HM Tower of London, Hampton Court Palace,



Kensington Palace State Apartments, the Banqueting House at Whitehall and Kew Palace with Queen Charlotte's Cottage. HRP is a Non-Departmental Public Body but receives no public revenue funding—all costs are met by income generated by the palaces. Mr Huntley will assist HRP in identifying US patrons willing to provide support to HRP in maintaining and conserving those edifices that have strong historical links to the United States such as Kew Palace and others. He assisted BABCNT in bringing the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester to Dallas for a Gala Dinner in June 2005 on behalf of HRP. Mr Huntley may be contacted at hnp@huntley.com.

Val TOMLINSON wrote a while back to say "Reference **John MORRISBY ROLFE**, page 7 of July/Sept issue of R.W. His father, **R.W.T. ROLFE** taught my late husband **Denis TOMLINSON** at Prince Edward School. In fact, **Patricia** and **David JACKSON** (my daughter and son-in-law) have a collection of old P.E. sports team photos, one of which is the school cricket team with **Mr. ROLFE** sitting with them. As a matter of interest, Denis was the first Rhodesian born cricketer to become a Springbok when he played for **Herbie WADE**'s team against England in 1935. South Africa won the series."

Glenn PEPPER wrote recently to inform us of a fund raising project for the Mdala fund which raises money to supplement the incomes of Rhodesian pensioners. The fund is managed by **Jean THOLET**, Mr. Ian Smith's daughter in Cape Town. "I have worked with Jean and Mr. Smith on the project and hope to be able to raise a considerable amount of money for the fund. I would appreciate it if you could include the following link on your site or advertise it in any of your publications. www.smithsdefiance.com Your help in this matter would be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact me in Canada at (780) 466-3927 or e-mail me at smithsdefiance@telus.net

Peter KELLY writes "Here we are again — another year gone. Thanks to everyone for cards, letters, Emails etc. and apologies if we have not replied. Hope you are well and in good spirits. We had a great Xmas and New Year in France but the bad news was that they were returning to the U.K. (partly because of **Tina**'s illness and they ran out of funds for more renovation). So no more family holidays in France! They came back in February, and are renting a property. Kelly started school straight away and has settled in well. Helen is working for the Government and

Bruce is a section manager at Tesco's. Tina's Mum died in Zimbabwe in February and her Dad died in October. Her sister and her family struggle on there but are trying to move to South Africa. We seem to be going from garden and allotment news to medical bulletins, so here goes Let's start with the good news. I am still in remission from the bowel cancer, and all check ups have so far been positive. Still two years for a final all clear but I will make it! I was 70 in October and aiming for 85 — to start with. Tina had good medical results in January. (She didn't go on the Herceptin drug — which was available here — as tests showed it would have done no good). In March Tina had to finish work and go on long term incapacity benefit, and disability allowance, so we have no real income coming in anymore. Oh well at least we are still here!! In April she had another five lumps removed and the devastating news was that the cancer had spread to the liver. They can not cure that but can only try to control it. So she is now on another type of chemotherapy plus morphine, steroids, all sorts of other tablets, and she has been in the hospice for three lots of blood transfusions. Seem to spend our lives either at the hospital, the hospice, the doctors or the chemists. In August the cancer specialist gave her only weeks to live, but she has battled on as positive as ever and some results were looking good. She has now been struck with some real bad side effects and has had to temporarily stop the Chemo. Her hands and feet have all cracked and blistered so badly that we have had her in a wheelchair. The district nurses have been every day to see her and try to help. The big problem is having to stop the Chemo which was stopping the cancer spreading any more on the liver. Sorry for all this depressing news it was much better when I could just rabbit on about the allotments. It seems strange having to go shopping for fruit and vegetables. Even worse having to pay for them! I am about to take a big chance now. In May Tina managed a weekend in London to see her friend Anna. They went to see Mama Mia and also had a 'glass' of champagne at the Ritz. Tina goes to the Hospice every Thursday to join her group of 'younger' cancer patients. They are wined and dined and have various beauty treatments plus they learn different crafts and skills. Having met some of them I can only say they are one hell of a bunch of strong and positive women. We had a small combined party on November 11th for my 70th and Bruce's 50th. Had to carry Tina up the stairs and the only thing she could wear on her feet were a large pair of pink 'piggy slippers'. Luckily we share many very happy memories with you. We send you our love and best wishes for Xmas and 2006 and wish you health and happiness. Our Manx email still gives us problems so here is our better email address peteandtina487@msn.com Do you know why Jesus was not born on the Isle of Man? They couldn't find three wise men and a virgin! Zimbabwe the only country in the world where the largest note - \$500 can't buy you a roll of 1 ply toilet paper which costs \$1000. We can and do still raise a glass so CHEERS with love and best wishes."

Pattie PINK reports that she has been in Australia for the past two months. Her book called "The Last of the White Ants" has been published. The book is a tribute to the British Overseas Civil Service and covers the last ten years before independence. The book has been published by Trafford in Canada and can be found online at www.trafford.com/05-0413.

Chris and **Annette WHITEHEAD** had an opportunity to repay some of the hospitality shown to them on their recent trip to Australia. **Michael** and **Carol HAMBROOK** of Sydney were in San Diego on a conference and they spent a couple of nights with Chris and Annette. Chris was able to reacquaint Mike with **Hector LOVEMORE** who also lives in Arizona. Hector and Micheal both attended Churchill in the mid to late 1950s and have not seen each other since then. Mike had previously sent us a cutting from the Sydney Morning Herald in December, 2005. It was regarding the recent fires and stated "As mopping up continued, opinion writers urged the governments to follow Canada, India and Rhodesia in using aircraft patrols to monitor forest fires." Maybe they have forgotten that Rhodesia no longer exists!

DAKTARI

A UNIQUE INITIATIVE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!

When we were younger, there was a TV program called Daktari. It was about a family in Africa, who looked after and raised many different types of orphaned wild animals. As kids we loved it and I remember getting deeply emotionally attached to the different animals.

Subsequently, having grown up in the bush in Africa and through my work as a ranger, I have taken care of many orphaned animals, all the way from small bush babies, giraffes, elephants and lions - even injured birds that had flown into power lines or windows.

My wife, Michèle also used to watch Daktari in France where she grew up. Already then she vowed to live in Africa one day and to look after animals herself. Her dream came true when we met on a game reserve, and she was able to assist in hand-raising a baby zebra which had been attacked by lions, an orphaned wildebeest, and two small orphaned warthogs whose mother had been killed by lions. Since then, there have been many more....



Michele Merrifield and her colleagues managed to save this baby zebra which was attacked by a lion. It was badly mauled, and only through love

and dedication could it have survived. The companionship of Michele and the baby Gnu (wildebeest) were, we believe, the essential catalysts

A very good friend is a quadriplegic. The joy he had (and us!) when we spent time together and he was



able to help in raising these animals inspired an idea. We learnt, through our friend, that there is always a way to 'make a plan' so that he could assist in



much of the day to day work needed to look after the animals. We rose to the challenge and modified or altered tools so that he could assist the animals nevertheless! Thus 'making a plan' is central to what Daktari is about.

Ed Bailey, our quadriplegic friend from America, with a baby lion cub, abandoned by its mother because it was the runt of the litter and much smaller than his siblings.

The idea took shape and eventually we decided to set up a charity where people from all walks of life, underprivileged, handicapped or simply in need of a break or an adventure could have the opportunity of caring for animals in need and learn about nature. At Daktari they will all work together as one team - we will not segregate by race, religion, ideology or physical condition.



Julie the duiker was caught by poachers. They broke both front legs so she could not run away. They did not want to kill her immediately as the meat would go rotten in the heat. They would kill her later, when they were ready to eat her.

We have set ourselves a great challenge: Our aim is to give people a chance to make themselves useful, to show them that they are needed, encourage them to take responsibility and let them be proud of their work and contribution to conservation. At the same time we want to offer animals a chance to survive in a world where nature has to retreat more and more in the face of human development. Hence, 'doing good', to people and animals is equally important to us. If every person on this planet has these two simple tenets, perhaps the world will be a better place to live in.

Daktari is not run by amateurs - it is run by experienced people who, if they do not know what to do, know whom to ask! It is run by people who have a common dream - and have the love and dedication to do it. For us, Daktari is a chance to share our world and some of the magical experiences that we have had in the bush over the years with others and it is thus immensely rewarding. It is a great character building experience for anyone that joins us and we hope that many more projects like this are started in the rest of the world and that our visitors share the knowledge and experiences they have gained!

Daktari is situated near the Kruger Park in South Africa, on a private reserve of 700 hectares, containing numerous plains game, but none of the "big five". The closest town is Hoedspruit in the Limpopo Province. In the area there are many attractions, game drives in big five reserves, hot air ballooning, white water rafting, tours to the Kruger Park, reptile park, rehab centres, cheetah breeding project, Blyde River Canyon and many more!

We would be more than happy to tell you more about the project, and our accommodation - just email or call. If you would like to get involved in the project - any help is greatly appreciated! Contact details are on our web page: <http://africanorphanage.com>

* Oriel School Reunion *

Date : Sat. 29th April 2006

Venue : Kearsney College, Botha's Hill, Durban, SA

Time : 5pm onwards

Cost : R150 per person (partners welcome)

Finger supper included

Cash Bar will be available

Email : highorth@mweb.co.za

website : www.orielschool.co.za

RWAF July Braai Important Information

Dear Fellow Rhodies,

Over the past few Years the Annual UK RWAF July Braai has become more and more popular, with last year having over 3000 people attending the Event. At last years event resources were stretched to breaking point with the sheer magnitude of people attending, and unfortunately, a big percentage of this number were non paying people who "gate crashed" the event.

This event takes a considerable amount of time, effort, organisation and commitment from the RWAF trustees and all RWW clubs. The Event is run entirely by volunteers who do not receive any financial reward for all their endeavours before, during or after the event.

In a post mortem of the 2005 July Braai carried out by the Trustees of the RWAF, it was unanimously decided that stringent changes needed to be implemented to bring the July braai back to manageable levels and have in place resources that can effectively manage the event.

The Trustees decided that a club that has its own committee be created, that is affiliated to the RWAF and reports to the RWAF trustees to run future July braai events. It was also decided that the club shall be called The Rhodesian Pioneer Club and any profit the club makes will go to the RWAF who support many Rhodies in times of need.

The main purpose of the Rhodesian Pioneer Club is creating an environment at the annual July braai that is safe and can be enjoyed by all family members regardless of age. To ensure this, the committee of the Pioneer club have created Rules and Regulations that are there to protect against those with little or no respect or common decency to our fellow man. Anybody wishing to attend Future July Braais' will first have to become a member of the Pioneer club. This is done by filling out an application form that will be rolled out initially through RWW branches, and in the post to people on the RWW database. This form will need to be filled out, signed and returned. The signature will mean that the accompanying Rules and Regulations have been read and understood and will be adhered to. A letter will be going out with the application form explaining membership in greater detail.

As previously stated, gate crashers, abuse to campers and event organisers, along with unruly behaviour have necessitated that the new format of July braai attendance be put in place, but we are sure that most Rhodies will be very happy with this, as it will bring back true values of common decency that we were all brought up with and make the annual July braai a very enjoyable weekend!

We hope all you Rhodies will understand and support us in taking this event forward.

The dates for July Braai 2006 are the 30th June to the 2nd July, If anyone needs an application form for the Pioneer Club, or wants any further info regarding the July Braai. Please contact lan on lan@RWAF.ORG

Thank you for your continued support
The Rhodesian Pioneer Club Committee

A Rhodesian Child's Prayer

A young mother stood quietly by the bedroom door
While her little son knelt by his bed on the floor
She listened intently to what he was saying
And I heard him say "Please, for my Daddy I am praying
God, my Daddy has gone to the end where it's sharp
It's not very nice there in the bush when it's dark
Daddy's taken a knife and a hat for the sun
And because of the 'terrs' he's taken a gun
Please God, look for my Daddy and keep him safe
It's not easy to find him in that sharp end place
For he's wearing clothes the colour of trees
And he crawls through long grass on his hands and knees
I know if you find him Mummy won't be so sad
And dear God, I know you will like him because he's my Dad
Amen

ZIMBABWE PUBLIC SERVICE PENSIONS

The Zimbabwe Public Service Pensioners' Group (formerly the ZSPG) has changed its title in order to draw a distinction between our service in Rhodesia/ Zimbabwe and the many other pensioner groups active on behalf of their members who are Zimbabwe pensioners. The ZPSPG continues to be represented on the Overseas Service Pensioners' Association by **Barry LENNOX** and **Brian WILSON**. It is now over three years since pensioners resident outside Zimbabwe last received their pensions. There has been no lessening of effort to obtain payment of pensions and OSPA has maintained regular contact on ZPSPG'S behalf with HM Consul at the British Embassy in Harare. On 9th June, 2005 OSPA posed the following questions to the Director of Pensions in Harare

- (i) Has the the money that should have been used to pay the pensions been paid into some kind of holding account or trust fund, so that it is actually available to him when foreign exchange is provided.
- (ii) If that has not been done, what assurance is there that there will actually be funds with which to pay the unpaid pensions ?
- (iii) What about the Income Tax that would be charged on the unpaid pensions?
- (iv) Would the Pensions Office please send to every pensioner outside Zimbabwe an Income Tax P6 certificate for the tax years ending on 31 December, 2003 and 2004 ? These certificates would show the amount of the pension and the various deductions each year.

The Director responded on 1 November, 2005 as follows : " The Government of Zimbabwe is willing to pay all outstanding pensions to those pensioners resident outside Zimbabwe but it is facing foreign currency problems. However, efforts are being made to secure the required foreign exchange so that pensions can be paid.

With regard to the questions you raised in your letter of 9th June, 2005. Please be advised that - :

1. When foreign exchange becomes available, the Department will be in a position to pay the pensions because a holding account has been established.
2. Payments are being processed in local currency. However these payments are not being remitted. So the tax issue does not arise.
3. We are examining the possibility of sending each pensioner a tax certificate at the end of the year. I will update you later on this issue. (At the time of writing this report in February and despite a reminder on 12th January, no update had been received.)
4. We know how much is owed to each pensioner and each time there are pension increases, their pensions are also adjusted accordingly. "

For what it is worth, the Director of Pensions, Mr S J Mnkandla has said he does not mind pensioners contacting him by e-mail or ordinary mail with pension queries. His addresses are sjm@zarnet.co.zw or P.O.Box CY 397, Causeway, Zimbabwe. Pensioners who have written have not received a reply.

Barry Lennox and Brian Wilson can be contacted at barry.lennox@virgin.net or 01626 335225 and sinoia52@yahoo.co.uk or 02380 584722 respectively.

A Vulcan Bomber Over Hartley School

by F. JAMIESON

This was no bombing raid, fortunately but a flight by an RAF 'V' bomber back in 1959. As we gathered on the sports field someone shouted, "Here it comes". Approaching without a sound and straight on course the large white bomber with wings swept backwards, headed towards us at tree-top level. Within seconds she passed overhead and moving away at great speed followed by the roar of her jet engines she pulled up sharply to the left in order to perform a 'victory role' for the little guys, gathered below!

Hartley School in those days, was blessed with a wonderful Headmaster, Mr Jack Bowen, who together with his wife, son David and daughter Janet making their contribution to what was a memorable institution for those who had the privilege of attending. Of Welsh descent, disciplinarian, sports lover and charismatic in character he retired from Hartley school in the late 50s to his small farm outside of town and was an authority on the history of Old Hartley.

With discipline ever present in our daily lives those of us who were unfortunate enough to be sent 'to the office' for wrongdoings, experienced the effects of a large takkie on you know what? Those who managed to slip on a second pair of under-rod as padding, prior to 'dooks' were indeed fortunate! Back in the dormitory a mutual inspection was carried out by all concerned to establish who bore the most impressive imprints on their bum.

When challenged by anyone with 'Come behind the School' this was the place where all disagreements were usually solved though often not! Like 'bees round a honey pot' the onlookers and supporters formed a tight circle around the two contestants in the hopes of witnessing a blood nose or a tearful surrender!

Standard 5 of that year, was divided into two classes, with boys and girls separated and the dreaded Mr McIlwaine in charge of the boys. Richard Sealy, Ivan Taylor, Georgie Bowes (Continental Cafe), the Heyns cousins Peter and Louis, Alec Cremer, Eugene Maree, Rob Brown, Dougie Stewart (toughest in the class) Patrick Harnden, Pete Smith, Terry Ford and Paul Fynn were but a few of my class mates at the time.

Various other teachers that come to mind during the 50s' were Mr Priestly, Mrs Hood, Mr Robinson, the explosive Irishman Mr O'Boyle, the much loved Mrs Pollard, Miss Humberstone and the KG teachers Miss Phipps and Davies. Miss Bloy was the boy's hostel matron and Miss Basson the cook matron.

Who could forget the groundsman Mr Truman, who kept the sports fields neatly trimmed with the use of a gang mower drawn by either a small red tractor or a span of donkies. With large brimmed hat we all became accustomed to his ever smiling face who always showed a great deal of tolerance towards anyone who may have caused

damage in one form or another. One year when the fields were overrun with crickets we were encouraged to catch or kill as many as we could by flooding their holes with water until someone suggested wee was more effective! A penny a cricket was the going price that year.

One of several games we played was 'Carlo', being one with a tennis ball thrown from either side of the toilet block between two teams. With the ball-thrower out of site of the opposing side, the team that caught it ran around the block in the hopes of hitting any member with the ball who would then become part of that team. By shouting Car-lo as the ball was thrown served as a warning for the opposing team. With a mouthful of green Lantana berries, pea shooters made from a section of hollow reed were used to fire single shots or auto should you require it!

Cotton reel tractors with grooves cut in the 'wheels' for extra traction. A sucker stick, a flat piece of candle wax secured on one side of the reel by means of a rubber band that ran through the centre and secured on the other side with a match stick and two pins. By rotating the sucker stick several times this wound the rubber band up and once placed on the ground the cotton-reel tractor became mobile. Mounds of sand were used on which to 'test the best' tractor at climbing.

Fly cattles were made from the rubber strands within the golf ball itself and were plaited on the top of one's thigh. Those with hairy legs suffered as a result of plaited rubber entangling their leg-hairs. The thicker rubber strand, closer to the centre of the ball, was used for a stronger catty and the ammo used were wetted pieces of rolled paper and great accuracy was achieved by their users.

There were two games of marbles. Fun-fun was played basically with the same rules but you did not lose your marbles to your opponent. Dob-dob was of a more serious nature whereby no 'chippies' (chipped marbles) were permitted and all marbles inspected beforehand for this. An oval ring was drawn on the ground in which all contestants each placed a marble in a line. At several paces from the ring each contestant was required to cast his marble or 'goon' (ball bearing) towards the ring and the closest to that started. This was known as 'laying-up'. Once you had struck a marble from the ring you were then 'killer' which entitled you to strike any other contestant's marble and on doing so removed him from the game and lost his marble.

The Boy's Hostel was double-storey with the Junior dormitory on one side with a verandah section attached. On the verandah and in the corner stood a large bucket which was used by the little guys who could not make it to the toilets during the night. In the ceilings of the roof nested the Barn Owls who returned year after year and kept many awake once their chicks arrived and needed constant feeding. The older boys were in the dormitory next door and Std 5's had the privilege of being downstairs.

Just some of the wonderful memories of a time and a place long since gone!

Those Damn Rhodesians

Gabriel came to the Lord and said "I have to talk to you. We have some Rhodesians up here who are causing problems. They're swinging on the pearly gates, my horn is missing, barbecue sauce is all over their robes, empties of Lion & Castle beers... their Ridgebacks are riding in the chariots, and they're wearing floppy hats instead of their halos, no proper shoes just things they call "vellies".

They refuse to keep the stairway to Heaven clean. There are watermelon seeds and bits of dried meat they call biltong all over the place. Some of them are walking around with just onew ing."

The Lord said, "Rhodesians are Rhodesian, Gabriel. Heaven is Home to all my children. If you want to know about real problems, call the Devil." The Devil answered the phone, "Hello? Damn, hold on a

minute."

The Devil returned to the phone, "O.K., I'm back. What can I do for you?"

Gabriel replied, "I just want to know what kind of problems you're having down there."

The Devil said, "Hold on again. I need to check on something." After about 5 minutes the Devil returned to the phone and said, "I'm back. Now what was the question?"

Gabriel said, "What kind of problems are you having down there?"

The Devil said, "Man, I don't believe this....Hold on." This time the Devil was gone 15 minutes.

The Devil returned and said, "I'm sorry Gabriel, I can't talk right now. Those damn Rhodesians have put out the fire and are trying to install fans and air conditioning."

THE ZIMBABWE PENSIONS DISASTER

By Edward Osborn¹

Government finances were already destabilized in the late 1990s by the extravagant Congo adventure and unaffordable lump sum payments to war veterans. Internal borrowings escalated rapidly, the interest bill mounted, interest rates were forced upwards as government commandeered the market, and inflation turned upwards sharply as the money supply exploded. All this may have been reversible or even manageable had it not been for the ruination of commercial agriculture, the backbone of the Zimbabwe economy, in year 2000, by government's unleashing of squatter occupation of farms under the guise of a 'land settlement policy'. The theft and pillaging of farms and equipment meant the loss of farming expertise, the loss of some 500 000 farm jobs, serious inroads into tax revenues, and most fundamental of all, a severe contraction of foreign exchange earnings.

This sorry mess had been entirely brought about by government mismanagement and a total disregard for economic realities. All but the elite politically well-connected few and 'wide boys' have suffered. This final episode in decolonization has displaced nearly 5 000 white farmers, raised unemployment to 80 per cent, and is now threatening the lives of millions through disease and famine. But hidden in this scene of disaster and ruin is the plight of the pensioner – the plight of those who remain in the country and those who have left.

Those left in the country are confronted by hyperinflation. Not 3 to 6 per cent in a year as we are experiencing in South Africa, but that in a matter of days, and escalating. The official figures (which tend to understate anyhow because of the use of controlled prices) recorded a jump to 47 per cent increase in the month of August 2005, compared with 18 per cent in July, but fell back to 22 per cent in October. To flesh that out, a bottle of Coke last October cost Z\$25 000, a standard loaf of white bread Z\$40 000, the weekly Financial Gazette Z\$40 000, an ordinary bottle of whisky Z1 million.

Broadly, there are two types of pensions; the private sector dedicated pensions paid from pension funds and the public sector pensions paid from the Consolidated Revenue Account of Government. The private sector pensions are mostly fixed. Clearly the prolonged tsunami of hyperinflation has rendered these fixed pensions worthless and pensioners have only survived on charity from abroad, largely channeled through old age homes.

On the other hand public sector pensions are increased in lock-step with public sector salaries, which are adjusted from time to time to keep abreast of inflation. Indeed there have been salary increases since January 2003 amounting to 213 times. Furthermore, the pension scheme for public servants, also affecting old pensions, has been changed in 2004 to a fixed percentage of current salaries, regardless of length of service. This effectively enhances the intrinsic value of pensions significantly. So the public service pensioner still living in Zimbabwe is reasonably comfortable but for shortages and poor services.

Following the disruption to agriculture in 2000 an acute shortage of foreign exchange began to develop. Zimbabwe was not meeting its debts and the banks were obliged to adopt their own rationing system of providing foreign exchange mostly in favour of commercial trade. Pension transfers abroad were put at the bottom of the priority list. The first pensions to dry up completely were the Railway pensions in 2001, followed by numerous private sector pensions funds and insurance company annuities. Government requisitioned its own supply of foreign exchange and was able to continue meeting its pension obligations abroad until February or March 2003.

Government had in fact honoured its pensions obligations for 23 years after Zimbabwe gained independence but was eventually forced to renege on these obligations, despite the Constitutional protection given to continued pension payments abroad, as well as the statutory requirement embodied in the Public Services Act to maintain pension payments, without distinction of residence of the pensioner.

In most cases the private sector pension funds continued to pay the foreign pensions into Zimbabwean bank accounts, but, by-and-large, these have been swallowed up by ever increasing bank charges and what residual balance remaining has lost all value because of hyperinflation.

The public service pensions not paid abroad since 2003 are faithfully recorded as ultimately due, but the sad fact of the matter is that if and when finally paid out the accumulated backlog will be worthless – because of the collapse of the foreign exchange rate. When government pensions ceased altogether in March 2003, the exchange rate to the rand was Z\$6.25. In October 2005, the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe was quoting Z\$10 000 to one Rand, the equivalent of a collapse then of 2600 times to February 2006.² This effectively wipes out any backlog but something might be salvaged if government were to apply its interest rate of 30 per cent on outstanding debt as it does on tax refunds.

The collapse of the exchange rate has far outweighed the rises in the public service salaries, 1600 compared with 213 times, so any resumption of pensions linked to current salaries suffer a similar fate. Only the very top of the civil service would currently get a pension in South Africa of R270 should pensions be resumed. This is a third of the South African old age grant.

The Zimbabwe pensioner has been screwed wall to wall!

Notes:

1. Osborn was a former Permanent Secretary for Agriculture in Rhodesia/Zimbabwe and before that the Senior Deputy Secretary in the Treasury. He was involved in the setting up of the Zimbabwe Pensioners Association. The ZPA is established under the auspices of the Flame Lily Foundation – Tel +27 (0)12 4602066; PO Box 95474, 0145 Waterkloof, South Africa. Osborn may be contacted by e-mail: eosborn@telkomsa.net
2. By mid-February 2006, the market foreign exchange rate was 100 000 Zim dollars to 1 US dollar, or 16 300 to the South African rand.

BOOK REVIEW

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Winds of Destruction

-the Autobiography of a Rhodesian Combat Pilot

The book the *Winds of Destruction: The autobiography of a Rhodesian combat pilot* by P. J. H. Petter-Bowyer is not only a comprehensive view of the history of the Rhodesian Air Force, it is a personal one. As I sat down to read this very large book I was amazed at how he had taken a seemingly boring topic for so many and turned it into an interesting and intriguing compilation. That is what this book truly is. It is a compilation of shorter stories strung together in both chronological order and in an order that would be appreciated by any officer when compiling a history of the Rhodesian Air Force. The accounts that he has written about are from his point of view with a sense of personal history. He includes everything from his commanding officers, parties, and animal antics. This in itself has given the book a warm and welcome feel in the style.

One of the most amazing things that I discovered as I read different stories in different parts of the book was the historical accounts he was able to weave into the short stories without losing the feel of a personal account. To add to the interest of the stories and the history Mr. Petter-Bowyer has included many pictures that chronicle the history as well.

This is not the type of book that one would sit down and read from cover to cover unless they have an undying need to learn of the history of the RhAF. It is a book that I would recommend to any one that has even a passing interest in the time period of the RhAF and the history of that time. It is an easy book to read as the stories in the book are relatively short and stand alone or work with the others that are included. It is a book one can pick up for a short read or longer one without fear of feeling interrupted when they are stopped. It has been an extraordinary effort put forth by Petter-Bowyer.

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NORTHERN RHODESIA REPORT



Northern Happenings

We met again on 14th January at the Smugglers and were joined by Shirley Corrigan from the Copperbelt and also by **Peter** and **Rosemary WITT** formerly of Standard Bank, Zambia, and now in Churston, Paignton. It was an excellent meal, with convivial company, and other attendees included organiser **Angela SEWARD** with daughter **Charlotte, Margaret SHARPE, Joyce HERRING** and **Elizabeth** and **Tommy TOMKINS**.

The next lunch is on 22 April 2006 - please ring Angela on 01626-865411 to give her numbers.

Northern Rhodesia Trip - 1958

by R.G. HARKNESS

Chapter SIX: Departure and the dead Puff Adder.

When Isaac, our attached servant, saw us loading up, his expression changed from his usual cheerful grin and changed again when he announced the last of the bacon that was for breakfast was bud. Anyway he knew he would get the bacon and suggested he would cook all the eggs in case they were bad. We knew he had done well out of us with the sale of eggs, a chicken and all the lovely vegetables he sold us.

Only the cooking vessels remained un-packed until we had breakfast~ My fishing rod was still out and I decided on a quick cast into the lake. Taking a piece of the smelly bacon as bait, I found a clear spot in the reeds, where I hoped there would be no unfriendly creature, and slung the bacon baited hook as far as I could out into the blue water. More by accident and perhaps good luck I had an enormous tug. What had I hooked? To my relief I landed a big bream, enough for us all for breakfast. So quickly back to camp to show off my expertise.

Full of excitement I rushed along the narrow track between the reeds. Without looking ahead I blindly rounded a bend and came to a quick stop in front of a coiled Puff Adder. Another step and I would have trod on it! It is one of the deadly snakes, quick striking from any position. I must have jumped back six feet expecting to be bitten in a lethal strike.

Amazed at its lack of movement I retreated to a safe distance, stood for a time before I risked throwing pebbles at it. There was still no movement and with courage renewed, I gingerly edged forward until I could poke it with the fishing rod, assuming I could make a rapid retreat if it moved.

After several prods, nothing happened, and this path being narrower than the one on which I came down to the lake I gave it a wide berth as I passed with pulse rate faster than ever. I presumed it was dead, as was later proved.

Reaching camp I proudly displayed my fish for breakfast. Whilst it was being cooked I led my doubting companions to view the fine dead specimen. With lots of "Ooohs and Ahhs" Isaac took the snake away, for what purpose I can only guess! Over a superb breakfast, Seth and James joked about my shaking hands and my still frightened look, as I related how close my foot had been to potential danger. Of course they assured me James was an excellent shot and we had the snakebite outfit, if they found me in time before the crocodiles got there! I was thankful it was dead for whatever reason.

We were ready to go, every thing checked and Isaac handsomely paid for his services, when I could not resist lifting the lid of his cooking

pot, the contents cooking on the embers of our fire he promised to extinguish when we were gone. Immediately I wished I had refrained for there in the boiling water I saw the tail, fins, and the intestines of the bream circling the perimeter of the mini whirlpool whilst revolving in the centre was the head. Each time its eyes came round to my direction they seemed to accuse, "You are the cause of this."

In Abercorn we bought the essential supplies we would need filled up all fuel tanks, topped up the water supply, checked the tyres and soon we were raising the dust on the way back to Senga Hill where we turned right towards Kawamba. We had enjoyed our stay at the Lake and were ready for the next stage into the unknown part for us. Happy are my memories of Abercorn and Mpulungu which I have never seen again.

Chapter SEVEN: On Remote Roads.

Once more we motored in extreme heat along the dusty corrugations being vibrated in varying degrees according to the last time the road had been graded. Some times the surface was smooth, sometimes deep sand and the occupants of the odd vehicle we met gave us that look!

We reached the village of Mporokosa about mid-day. It was not a hive of activity in those temperatures, but we got lots of stares from semi-interested on lookers, perhaps some had never seen "whites" before. We stopped at an African School beside the road. The pupils all streamed out and gave us a demonstration of various dances.



We could interpret some of the themes they illustrated. Their sheer enthusiasm would be reflected in the photographs we took and the vivid memory lingers to this day. We regretted we did not have more coins which we scattered as we drove away, waving as they waved and called what we assumed were polite farewells! Perhaps our visit may even feature in their fireside stories to this day.

I assume not much would have changed in that part of Zambia today, most likely the roads would be pot-holed and just as dusty as ours, which had not seen a grader for weeks. Even the goats grazing in the sparse scrub-lands objected to our cloud of dust.

We intended to stay at Kawamba for the night. There we located a roadside bakery where beautiful miniature loaves had been baked. I think we purchased nearly all of his stock for they were deliciously fresh and appetising. Surprises never cease in this remote area. The next one was the Government Guest House had no officials staying there, so we booked in for the night. Another surprise.

How nice to have comfortable beds, the services of the resident cook and all for a very nominal fee as we qualified for Government Officials, as we were termed Government officers good old Africa!! The fresh bread made an excellent addition to the well cooked evening meal. There was very little there, except a P.W.D. vehicle section, the Rest House and some native huts. It was remotest Africa.

The reception on our radio was poor but we could tune into some foreign stations, heard above the crackling noises. We wanted an early start in the morning to take advantage of the cool, which would soon change to mid-day scorching temperatures, when the metal roof of the vehicle would have burned a carelessly placed hand. It was early to bed.

The windows were gauzed and it was a real pleasure to sleep without being attacked by those blood thirsty mosquitoes. We slept soundly for the morning seemed to come very quickly with the sun seeming to rise straight up from the horizon to almost overhead. The smell of cooking announced a substantial breakfast from a well skilled cook.

ZIMBABWE ROUNDUP

Stories are summarised from the Zimbabwe Independent, Financial Gazette, The Daily News, The Standard, The Herald other foreign sources and from news articles mailed to us.

Power Up!! Zim Online March 2, 2006

Zimbabwe's powerful central bank governor Gideon Gono this week talked President Robert Mugabe and his Cabinet into virtually reversing a decision permitting the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority (ZESA) to hike power tariffs by 770 percent, ZimOnline has learnt.

Mugabe and his Cabinet had earlier on Monday approved a request by the wholly state-owned ZESA to hike tariffs over a nine month period beginning with a whopping 560 percent increase this month, followed by 185 percent in June, 15 percent in September and 10 percent in November.

But the cost of electricity will now go up by only 95 percent between now and December 2006. Power tariffs will also be increased by 70 percent in February next year after Gono told Mugabe and his ministers during their weekly Tuesday meeting that the hefty increases they had approved the Monday before would trigger a wave of price increases across the board and push inflation through the roof.

Inflation, which Mugabe says is Zimbabwe's number one enemy, surged to 613.2 percent in January from 585.5 percent the previous month.

Both Mugabe's spokesman George Charamba and Gono were not available for comment on the matter last night.

Not So Hot Zim Daily Feb 21, 2006

Bulawayo-based giant blanket manufacturing company, National Blankets has shutdown due to shortages of working capital. Zimdaily heard that the company was reeling under severe financial dire straits as evidenced by the management's decision to send them home for the umpteenth time. The workers said that the management had told them that they should "come and check on Wednesday" whether there was any job to be done.

"We were told to go home and only come back and check on Wednesday whether anything would have materialized as yet. We do not even know our fate as the company is reportedly under probe. To be precise, the future here is bleak and we are not sure whether we will be able to retain our jobs after all this. There is a serious rumor that

the operations might close forever," one of the workers was quoted.

The company has been undergoing trying times that have often forced the management to close down operations in anticipation of assistance from government. Recently, the company launched a SOS appeal for assistance and the Reserve Bank of Zimbabwe reacted swiftly with a foreign currency injection. The injection did not however take the company's operations anywhere as only a few weeks down the line, there was another SOS for assistance.

Jeremy Musgrave, the company's managing director has often dismissed media reports on the future of the company saying the "temporary setback has been caused by the shortage of basic raw materials that need to be imported into the country."

He was unavailable for comment this morning as he was said to be locked up in crucial meetings. Should the company decide to close, the workers said they doubted if the company would be in a position to pay them their dues in exit packages as prescribed by the Labour Act.

Let them Eat Rice! FinGaz March 2, 2006

Zimbabwe's top milling companies have virtually switched off most of their flour mills because of a massive reduction in wheat allocations by the Grain Marketing Board (GMB) to a meagre 600 tonnes per week.

Against a background of food shortages, milling industry sources reported that the state-run GMB, which has the monopoly to purchase wheat, had slashed wheat rations by 30 percent, the second cut inside three months. This could trigger serious bread shortages and retrenchments in the baking and milling industries which employ an estimated 15 000 people. They said the parastatal had completely failed to deliver its promised allocation of wheat to the country's three largest millers - National Foods (Natfoods), Blue Ribbon Foods and Victoria Foods.

Mike Manga, chairman of the Millers Association of Zimbabwe, confirmed this week that the major millers were getting between 600 and 700 tonnes per week, adding that they had relayed a distress call to the government. "The allocation is equivalent to one-and-a-half days milling per week and this is constraining capacity. We cannot sustain the present workforce," he said.

Lights Out! February 22, 2006

These days, the Makoni family can only afford bacon on Saturdays, soon after payday. It has become a symbolic reminder of years past, when Zimbabwe used to run smoothly and they used to breakfast on the typically English bacon, eggs and baked

beans.

The Makonis are a middle-class family of five living in a middle-class suburb of Harare, the Zimbabwean capital. The family misses the short car trip they used to make to the supermarket to buy breakfast goodies. Because of the ongoing fuel crisis, they now send their eldest son Tatenda down to the shops to pick up the bacon and baked beans and thus save what little petrol they have for more pressing purposes.

When Mrs. Makoni opens the packet of bacon she realizes it smells bad. Mr. Makoni takes the bacon back to the supermarket, only to find a long queue of disgruntled shoppers bringing back rotten merchandise. Some have sachets of milk gone sour while others have steaks that have turned green.

"It's the power cuts," explained the demoralized shop manager. "We have been having intermittent power cuts for 36 hours."

Welcome to Zimbabwe in 2006, where such blackouts are daily occurrences and power cuts can last more than two days. It is now quite usual to see smoke rising from gardens and chimneys as people cook food and boil water on open fires.

When the power does come back, there is no guarantee it will stay on, and so there is frantic rush to cook the next meal, do the ironing, work on the computer and charge cellphones and batteries. In factories, machines stop operating and pumps go quiet.

Assuming you can find them, a packet of six locally-made candles now sell for more than a quarter million Zimbabwean dollars, about US\$2.50.

Spoilt Senile Brat! February 25, 2006

Mutare (AND) THOUSANDS of residents have been disappointed at President Robert Mugabe's birthday party held in the eastern border city of Mutare this afternoon.

The residents left the venue of the 21st Movement Celebrations angry after failing to get food. The few who did get food, which was only made available after 2:30 pm when Mugabe had finished delivering a long speech, were served with cabbages.

Children were mainly affected as they had arrived at Sakubva stadium as early as 9:00 am. Disappointed residents said they did not expect to go home hungry after attending Mugabe's birthday. "It has come as a major disappointment for me, seven hours in the sun without any food. This shows great insensitivity to our plight. Speaking at the function, Mugabe who has turned 82 urged youths not to use condoms.

"Personally I don't like condoms. People should get married and when they reach

82, they would be tired of sex," said Mugabe who heads a country that is afflicted by an HIV/AIDS pandemic. Mugabe also said gays and lesbians had no place in Zimbabwe saying his government would not hesitate to jail them. "We will throw them in jail," said Mugabe who also threatened to castrate rapists.

But while the ordinary people have left the party hungry, chefs are currently feasting at Queens Hall in town where food has been reserved for government officials and those connected to Mugabe. The residents are also bitter that the commissioners running the city of Mutare, which has organised the festivities, have used their money without their approval to spruce up the city in preparation for the feast.

The commission forked out billions of dollars to fill up potholes and clean the streets ahead of Mugabe's visit to the city. Business people were also ordered to refurbish their building by putting a fresh coat of paint on their properties.

How Much is that Item? The Zimbabwean Feb 26, 2006

Bread	65,000-75,000
Old Fashioned Brown	
Sugar 1 kg	195,000
Brown Sugar - 2 kg	85,000
Salad Cream - 375 grams	107,000
Tomato Sauce - 375 ml	55,000
Yoghurt - 150 ml	53,000
Milk - 500 ml	45,000
Mazoe Orange - 2 litres	211,000
Mangoes - 1 kg	62,000
Tomatoes - 1 kg	80,000
Potatoes - 1 kg	60,000
Mealie Meal - 10 kg	500,000
Tea Bags - 100 - no name brand	130,000
Kapenta Dried - 750 grams	360,000
Gent's Bata Rafters	1,000,000
Pineware 2 slice Toaster	8,800,000
Insect Spray	414,000
Peaceful Sleep	1,269,500

Teachable Moment ZimOnline Feb 27, 2006

Thirteen-year old Cynthia Moyo, a pupil at a primary school in the leafy suburb of Emerald Hill in Harare, is in a quandary.

Cynthia's no-nonsense headmaster has assigned her and other pupils at the school, the unenviable task of reporting to him any teachers they see selling sweets and home-made cakes to pupils.

"It is like I am being made to spy on my teachers," she says rather uncomfortably.

"The majority of teachers are selling things, especially sweets and scones which they bring from home. But the headmaster says we must report these teachers to him," says Cynthia.

The teaching profession, once highly

regarded in Zimbabwe, has sunk to low levels after six years of a bitter economic recession critics blame on President Robert Mugabe's mismanagement of the economy.

Thousands of teachers, complaining of pitiable salaries and poor conditions of service have also fled the country in droves over the past six years to seek better opportunities elsewhere.

And So it Goes On Zim Independent Feb 24, 2006

Government appears determined to seize all land still in the hands of white farmers including those who survived the onslaught of the controversial fast-track land reform.

Sources in the Lands, Land Reform and Resettlement ministry said government last week dispatched a team to Mashonaland West province to establish the exact number of white farmers still on farms and serve them with eviction notices.

Last Thursday, a team led by permanent secretary in the Lands ministry Simon Pazvakavabwa served eviction notices on farmers in the Selous area, sources said.

Farmers in Selous confirmed having received fresh 90-day notices to wind-up their operations, a move they said buttressed Minister Didymus Mutasa's threat that: "We are still hungry and we want all our land back and all our land to be used by our own people."

How the Mighty Have Fallen Zim Online Feb 20, 2006

Fugitive Zimbabwean business tycoon and a top ally of President Robert Mugabe's ruling ZANU PF party Billy Rautenbach has been given up to May to vacate his farm as the government appears determined to seize all land still in the hands of whites.

Rautenbach, wanted in neighbouring South Africa in connection with fraud involving billions of dollars, was among the few white landowners who survived Mugabe's farm seizures on account of their close connections with ZANU PF.

But the controversial tycoon, who has in the past denied having links with ZANU PF politicians, is on a list of white farm owners from Mashonaland West province given up to May to surrender their land to the government for redistribution to blacks.

"It has been resolved that you move out of the farm on 14 May, 2006 as the land reform is being finalised," reads part of the eviction order to Rautenbach and other white farmers.

Oh the Human Tragedy CNN Feb 17, 2006

The corpses of at least 20 newborn babies and fetuses are found each week in the sewers of Zimbabwe's capital, some having been flushed down toilets, Harare

city authorities said, according to state media Friday.

Town Clerk Nomutsa Chideya said the babies' remains were found among a wide variety of waste and garbage cleared by city council workers unblocking sewers and drains in Harare.

"Apart from upsetting the normal flow of waste, it is not right from a moral standpoint. Some of the things that are happening now are shocking," the state Herald, a government mouthpiece, reported Chideya as saying.

New Man on the Block? Zim Daily, March 6

Newly elected president of the pro-senate MDC faction has vowed to bring down President Robert Mugabe and end the misrule that has left millions on the edge of starvation. "We can't expect the outside world to bring about change," said Arthur Mutambara, 39, in his first newspaper interview since being named leader of a breakaway faction of the opposition Movement for Democratic Change (MDC).

"As a Zimbabwean, I've had enough of seeing my fellow citizens suffering. The game's up. I'm going to remove Robert Mugabe, I promise you, with every tool at my disposal." Zimbabweans have been astonished by the sudden arrival on the political scene of one of the country's most eminent expatriate academics.

His last involvement in politics was in leading the first student protests against Mugabe in 1989. Since then he has completed a doctorate in robotics and mechatronics at Merton College, Oxford, and worked on the American space programme. He has been a professor of robotics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and other American universities and a management consultant for McKinsey & Company.

He recently moved to South Africa, from where he has been travelling to Zimbabwe as a consultant, and says he has been horrified by its deterioration. Violent "redistribution" of farms to Mugabe's cronies has caused food production to plummet so low that people have been fighting with dogs over scraps in rubbish dumps.

Inflation is more than 600%. Teachers send pupils out to sell sweets to supplement their salaries and students are on strike after a 700% increase in fees. "I felt ashamed that my country, which has so much potential, has become the basket case of Africa," said Mutambara.

His decision to intervene was prompted by a crisis in the opposition. After contesting three rigged elections the MDC split in November when its leader, Morgan Tsvangirai, decided not to fight for seats in a new senate.

The Rhodesia Herald

January - March, 1976

* The Hon. **J.J. WRATHALL** was sworn in as Rhodesia's second President at a simple ceremony held at Government House, Salisbury on January 14, 1976. After taking the oath of office before the Chief Justice, Sir **Hugh BEADLE**, the President said he was deeply conscious of the honour accorded to him.

* Talks have continued between the Rhodesian Government headed by the Prime Minister, Mr. **Ian SMITH**, and the African National Council led by Mr. **Joshua NKOMO**. Both sides have indicated that these talks have been cordial and constructive.

* New terrorist incursions into Rhodesia would mean a tough time ahead in the next few months, but there would be no surrender to the forces of evil, said the Prime Minister, Mr. **Ian SMITH**, when he addressed the nation on radio and television recently.

* The Minister of Health, Labour and Social Welfare, Mr. **Rowan CRONJE**, recently told Bulawayo Rotary Club members that southern Africa had the land, the climate, the conditions, the knowledge and the ability to become the grain bin of the world.

* The Mocambique Government has closed the border between Rhodesia and Mocambique And all Mocambique assets in Rhodesia have been placed in the custody of the Rhodesian Government.

* The retiring Governor of the Reserve Bank, Mr. **Noel BRUCE**, says the structure of the Rhodesian economy is healthier than it has ever been and is better off than any other single developing nation

including many of the oil producing nations.

* Two corneal transplant operations were performed at Mpilo Hospital Bulawayo, less than 24 hours after the donors of the eyes had died at Sri Lanka International Eye Bank.

* One third of total agricultural output will come from African-owned land this year.

* Successful kidney transplants will be possible within a year in Rhodesia with the aid of "expectant mother" volunteers.

* Dr. **Iain MCDONALD**, O.L.M. (53), Director of the Tobacco Research Board was recently listed among "tobacco men of the year" by the world trade journal "Tobacco International".

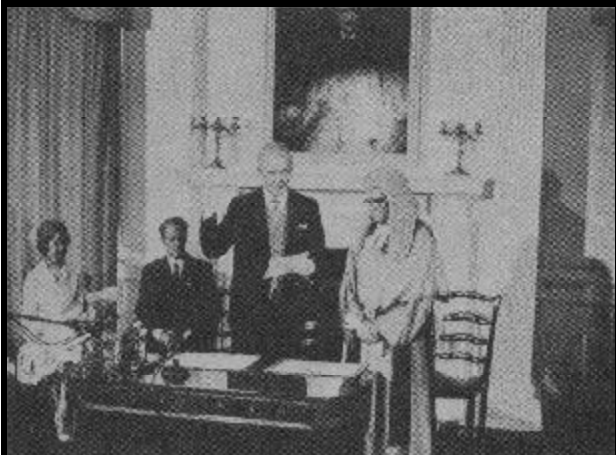
* Landlocked Rhodesia provided a surprise for the yachting nations of the world when the Salisbury built ferro-cement sloop "Gwen" won class 4 of the Cape to Rio yacht race with a largely inexperienced crew.

* Since 1965 the number of Black students in secondary schools has more than tripled and the total school population of Black Rhodesians is more than 800 000.

* Black Rhodesian population grew by 210 000 during 1975 it was reported by the the Government.

* In the first two months of 1976 the annual inflation rate was 7,1 per cent whereas a year ago it was running at 8,2 per cent.

* Rhodesia's fourth major nickel mine - the Shangani - is expected to come into full production within the next three months.



Pictures are from newspapers of 30 years ago so please pardon their quality.

Left to right, top to bottom: Caribbea Bay becomes popular, the swearing in of **John WRATHALL** as President of Rhodesia, The BSAP at work, **John WRATHALL**, the crew of the sloop "Gwen", District Assistants train in the Madziwa Protected Village

MISSIONARY LIFE UNDER LOBENGULA

Recollections of Mrs. Jessie LOVEMORE
Daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Charles HELM

My early life at Hope Fountain came to an end when we older ones were at school age and had to go overseas. It was over ten years since my mother had seen her relations in Germany and they wanted to see her and her children. It was then decided that she and her children would go to Germany for a couple of years and my father would continue at Hope Fountain till his furlough was due.

It meant a good four month's trek by wagon to the railhead, which was then at De Aar, in the Karoo, about 400 miles from Cape Town. In January, 1884, we all trekked off. We went via Kimberley and Kuruman.

The only means for us in Lobengula's country to communicate with the sea ports was by ox wagon. One's food supply, clothing, reading matter, medical comforts and all other necessities of life had to come by wagon. It was the life-line with the outer world, and valued as such.

To children a wagon journey was a joy, but to the parents it was not quite so delightful. There was an element of danger and worry about it. Still, it was a relaxation: on the journey south there was the pleasure of associating with friends and relations, especially if it was the beginning of a trip to England. On the way back one had the joy of returning home again. No matter if it meant the quiet, sometimes lonely, mission station, it was home.

From Bulawayo to Kuruman there was a route used by missionaries, hunters and travellers which ran from mission station to mission station. Along this route there were certain recognized outspans where there was water and where the day was usually spent. Fortunately there was water every 15 to 20 miles – a day's journey by wagon.

During the rainy season there was no lack of lovely clear water whether in rivers or vleis, but during the dry season these vleis became very small and stagnant and the rivers reduced to small pools not much better. Still, it was water.

A journey south from Matabeleland usually started at the end of February, when the heaviest rains were over and there was not so much risk of flooded rivers. We sometimes had to wait two or three days on the bank of a river for the flood to subside a bit, but not often. There were not many big rivers in Bechuanaland along the wagon route.

(By the time the wagons returned in August or September, everything was dry and we would have welcomed a flooded river. The oxen became very thin – dry grass is not very nourishing – and added to that was the fact that coming back the wagons were always heavily loaded. After much thought and experience it was found that this six month period was the best and so adhered to.)

We always took at least half a dozen spare oxen. These, with a few old goats and sheep bought perhaps at some native kraal for eating were driven a little ahead of the wagons.

We did not have much venison on our treks. It was a useless waste to shoot a big buck, as we could not carry fresh meat with us. An occasional small buck, and often guinea fowl, pheasants or partridges, fell to the gun.

We always had a supply of biltong. When it was finely sliced or grated it took the place of fresh meat, and was most tasty and nourishing. We also had a few tins of sardines, salmon and "bully" beef in reserve. They were only opened as a great treat.

Our vegetables consisted of rice, haricot beans (dry) and samp (dry mealies slightly crushed and the husk removed). Sometimes we were able to buy a pumpkin or sweet potatoes when passing a native village, but there were very few on the route.

It was a joy to arrive at a mission station – very few and far between – and enjoy green vegetables, fresh fruit, fresh milk and butter. Still, it was wonderful how we very quickly returned to our usual daily fare of tea and coffee without milk, and other food. It was "wagon-travelling" and everyone accepted it, knowing there was no alternative.

Such delicacies as tinned fruits were unknown. I doubt whether they existed in those days. One could get English bottled fruits for

pies, but where space and weight had to be considered in packing a wagon bottled food was clumsy, and there was always the risk of breakage.

For light we used candle lanterns. It was out of the question to use paraffin lamps or lanterns for nothing oozes so easily or permeates so quickly as paraffin, and the bumping of a wagon on the smoothest road shook the lanterns with most unpleasant results.

Most of the way there was plenty of firewood. During the rainy part of the journey it was a bit of a struggle to raise enough hot embers for baking: wet wood can be most trying.

On the whole a long journey was very uneventful. There was never any fear of being attacked by natives, or having our cattle stolen. Such a thing never entered our minds.

We always carried a small amount of reading matter – favourite books which if necessary could be re-read. I was once reduced to Green's History of England for two weeks. We had been delayed on our way and my light reading had given out – I was 20 at the time. I was glad it was not anything heavier!

While actually trekking we never read – the jolting, in spite of the slow pace at which we travelled, was very bad for one's eyesight. The womenfolk usually knitted to while away the time. That was no strain for the eyes. After dark we used to sing a great deal.

Children never seemed to find the treks tedious. They usually sat at the back of the wagon, looking out and chattering – always hoping to see a buck or bird or something else interesting.

_____ account of dust; 16 oxen treading up a rough road raise a steady cloud of dust, mile after mile. We had to shut the front of the wagon with a heavy canvas curtain or we could not have breathed, and the whole wagon would have been thickly covered with dust. One could not see the hind oxen. It was not so bad at night – dew and a slight dampness of the atmosphere after nightfall prevented the dust from rising too much.

Walking ahead of the wagon was not safe for the children or womenfolk – there was always the chance of suddenly meeting an animal.

A very strict rule, obeyed by all the children, was never to wander out of sight of the wagon. If we were outspanned on the bank of a river or edge of a vlei we waited till a grown-up took us to the water to play about a bit and then return to the camp.

We usually had a dog or two with us on our journey; cats too. We could not leave them to the tender mercies of the native, left in charge of the house, while we were absent. Cats settle down very happily in a wagon.

I had a paraquet – very tame – who sat on a little branch I fastened to the inside of the tent during the trekking. As soon as we outspanned it would climb down to the ground, walk about and then climb up a tree and amuse itself. As soon as it heard cups and saucers or knives and forks rattle, it would come down for food. It was not till we reached Mafeking (rail head) and had to go by train to Cape Town that I kept it in a cage at night.

I gave it to the children of a friend when we arrived there. These paraquets make delightful pets. They do not talk but their plumage is lovely: brown, heavenly blue and yellow.

Most of our travelling was done at night, except when we passed through tracts we called "lion country". This was in the vicinity of very big rivers, where it was thickly wooded. The procedure was then to outspan just before sunset, and not trek on again until dawn.

As soon as the oxen were tied up to their yokes the boys collected piles of wood and then made fires at intervals right round the wagon and oxen. The front yoke was pinned to the ground with a long wooden peg, or tied to a big tree close to the road. As there was no fear of another wagon wanting to pass, we usually outspanned in the road itself, which was more or less clear of bush and tall grass.

The boys always slept under the wagon close to the wheels, feeling I suppose a certain amount of protection from them. During the night they would get up to put more wood on the embers. Fortunately these tracts of lion country were not very wide, four or five days of travelling would see us through one.

One night we did have a scare. Everyone, children included, were awakened by a terrific clatter and lowing of the oxen. They had suddenly scented a lion, and had all jumped up and wrenched the yoke from its peg and were trying to get away. The skeys fell out of the yokes which rattled against the chain and pandemonium reigned. My father jumped up and seized his gun. The boys very bravely tried to quieten the oxen and made up the fires. It was bright moonlight and there was no sign of the lion.

I remember the incident well – I was nearly ten then. After a while everyone settled down quietly. You may be sure the boys saw to it

that the fires were burning very brightly. At daylight the next morning our drivers walked along the road to look for lion spoor – they found it. Apparently the lion was walking down the road, it was sandy and the spoor easily found.

It was walking with the wind and so did not smell the oxen. They, however, got its scent. The sudden clatter and noise scared the lion and it jumped clear of the road, and made off into the bush.

Some years before, the Rev. William and Mrs. Sykes, missionaries at Inyati, were traveling with the usual two wagons, one for goods and one for living in. The drivers and leaders were asleep under the goods wagon. The fires had died down and a lion came prowling around and made a grab at one of the drivers, caught hold of his coat (which fortunately was only wrapped round his body) and made off.

The driver jumped up waking the rest of the boys (they usually slept very close together) and they all climbed quickly on to the wagon, creeping under the tarpaulin which covered the goods, too frightened to make up the fires. The lion, disappointed with his empty coat, came back and this time sat in front of the Sykes's wagon. The wagon had the usual long heavy canvas curtains in front and back. The lion then tugged at one corner of the front curtain.

This shook the wagon and Mr. Sykes immediately got out of his bed and seized his gun, then sat and waited. Every now and then the lion would roar and tug at the curtain but fortunately did not attempt to climb up. Eventually it gave up in disgust and strolled away.

Nest morning early Mr. Sykes found a big hole in the canvas about twelve inches in diameter that had been torn by the lion. The family still have that curtain.

It is wonderful that in the thousands and thousands of miles travelled by the missionaries and others through these wild tracts not one single casualty was ever reported. Probably that was due to care taken by the travelers. With medical aid hundreds and hundreds of miles away no one took unnecessary risks.

Tati Goldfields, situated along the Tati River, was a very bad stretch of country. In spite of having been occupied since the early '60's, lions and leopards abounded. There were some dozen houses occupied by the staff on the mine, scattered about within an area of a mile or so, but after dark no one ventured out of his house or hut without a lantern and gun,..../

One evening a Mrs. Jacobs was putting her little boy to sleep in a small bedroom in which the cot was opposite to the window (a piece of calico tacked over the window frame). She said she felt very uncomfortable for some reason as she sat beside the cot singing a lullaby when suddenly from under the cot came a leopard which made one bound through the window before she could even scream out!

Yet somehow wagon traveling was never associated with fear of wild animals. That was just incidental, calling for reasonable precautions.

When our wagons eventually arrived at De Aar – a flat, cold, desolate looking place with nothing but tents and railway construction material in great heaps – we children were most interested as we had never seen a train and engine before.

My father saw us on to the train and then started his long lonely trip back to Matabeleland.

In those days the trains were not the things of luxury they are nowadays. No corridor carriages, no dining-cars, not over much upholstery. We occupied one compartment and though a bit cramped, it did not worry us. The train would stop at bigish stations, where meals could be obtained in the waiting rooms. To us it was all fun and novelty – I expect my mother did not enjoy it so much.

Travelling was slow and we arrived at Worcester the third night about 3:00a.m. This was at the end of May – very cold and bleak, an ordeal to be turned out of a warm stuffy compartment on to a rough, windswept platform. We bundled into a vehicle and were taken to a hotel for a few hours sleep, before having to catch the mail cart at 7:00am.

We were going for a couple of months to our paternal grandmother at Zuurbraak, near Swellendam, about 170 miles from Worcester, along what is now known as the Garden Route, before going on to Europe. The mail cart stopped at Robertson the first night and left again early next morning. We arrived at Swellendam that afternoon and were met by an uncle who drove us the remaining eight miles to Zuurbraak. We had a warm welcome from our grandmother and aunts and young cousins.

What a sigh of relief my mother must have breathed at the thought of two months of rest from traveling under fairly rough conditions, housekeeping, with the care of the children taken out of her hands

and nothing to do but enjoy congenial company. What gave us children special joy was to find a number of cousins of more or less our age. It was entrancing to find someone to share our games and toys and chatter. Having come from the back of beyond, as Matabeleland was looked upon, we were considered rather heroes.

Two months passed very quickly, and soon we were packing for our final stage. We had to get back again by post-carts, to Worcester, to board the train from Cape Town. I think the sight of the sea must have over-awed us – too big to grasp. Cape Town itself, with all its traffic, houses, lights, gardens, docks, crowds in the streets – mostly Europeans when we'd been used to seeing all black faces – was certainly a contrast to our up-country life.

We boarded the R.M.S....., belonging to the Union Line, which later amalgamated with the Castle Line, and has functioned thus ever since. My mother was an excellent sailor and the children the same. The voyage was delightful – nearly three weeks.

We landed at Southampton, where we stayed for a few days before embarking in another boat for Hamburg. It was our first experience of a boarding house. Having heard only our parents and the other missionaries speak, we could not understand the cockney accent and dropping of aitches.

On the boat and everywhere we were always looked upon as very well-behaved children – not rude to strangers or forward. My mother, apart from the fact that she and my father both believed in good manners in the home, knew that once we reached school age we would have to go to England to boarding school and spend our holidays with relations or friends or sometimes strangers. She felt, therefore, that at least she could repay a bit of the kindness they showed us by teaching us to behave properly.

This does not mean we were little angels! We had plenty of original sin, but knew when we could let ourselves go. I remember, on the boat, being really horrified to see one of the other children, a little girl of about eight, run along the deck where several passengers were sitting comfortably ensconced in deck chairs reading, and hit the book or paper from each one on to the deck.

We left for Hamburg on one of the Cross-Channel steamers. It must have taken two, or three days. We landed early in the morning and were allowed to stay on the boat till the train left that evening. We knew no German for my mother had never taught us, but we could speak the Cape Dutch patois and found German very like it.

How thrilled my mother must have felt as each hour brought her nearer her hometown Stolpe, in Pomerania. It was a long journey those days – probably well over two days. We arrived to meet hordes of relatives – I think some of the older people rather expected to see black children. To be born in darkest Africa, and yet be white, seemed rather strange to them.

We were very much feted and would have been spoiled but within three weeks of arrival we were attending school and very quickly picked up the German language.

My mother had a flat. She preferred running her own establishment. We saw our grandmother and our aunts (four of them) every day. Life was delightful. This was at the end of August – what a medley of changes we'd seen in the six months from January 28 when we left Hope Fountain.

In Pomerania the winter is very severe, and sets in early. It seemed that in no time we were being driven about in sleighs instead of carriages. Christmas, with its beautiful trees and loads of presents – skating on the big flooded meadows near the River Stolpe on which the town was situated – drives through pine forests, the only sound being the tinkling of the bells on the horses' harness – arrival at the lovely old homes of various relations on short visits, have never been forgotten by me. Fortunately Pomerania was not troubled by wolves in the dark pine forests as Russia was.

I was in my eleventh year, and intelligent, and in consequence was able to appreciate the fact that I was a very lucky girl to have had all that experience. We spent two years in Germany, at the end of which my father arrived and after a couple of months, in which he met a great number of my mother's relations, we left for England.

We were sent to boarding school at once. The following year my parents and the two youngest children returned to Matabeleland, knowing that it would be over six years before they saw us again – a bigger wrench for the parents than for the children.

Our holidays were spent with kind friends – and there were many. Children were less to be pitied than their parents for they adapted themselves very soon to their new lives. Our schools, one for the boys at Blackheath and for the girls at Sevenoaks, were for missionaries' children and were marvelous.

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the UK

Obituary

Colonel Ken HARVEY

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Colonel Ken Harvey, who has died aged 80, won a DSO for his part in a daring raid on a German corps headquarters behind enemy lines in Italy in 1945.

In the spring of that year Operation Tombola was launched to harass German troops in their withdrawal. One of the targets was the enemy 51st Corps HQ, based at two villas near Albinea, south of Reggio Nell'Emilia, and protected by Spandau machine-gun posts sited at strategic points.

The raid by SAS commandos, Italian partisans and escaped Russian prisoners was launched to the sound of Highland Laddie, played by a piper in a slit trench.

Harvey, a lieutenant attached to 3 Squadron, 2nd SAS, commanded by Major Roy Farran, was ordered to attack the Villa Calvi.

After approaching unseen in the moonlight on March 26, Harvey led 10 British parachutists against the villa. First, he killed two German sentries on the lawn; then his men unit burst into the villa after blowing in the front door with a bazooka bomb.

Four more Germans were killed on the ground floor, but others fought back gallantly, sweeping the grounds with machine-gun fire and rolling grenades down the spiral staircase. Confronted in the darkness by a German with a Schmeisser sub-machine gun, Harvey ducked but failed to extinguish his torch. Fortunately a sergeant reacted quickly and fired over his shoulder.

The ground floor was taken - but when Harvey realised that he could not force the staircase in the 20 minutes allowed him, he lit a big fire in the operations room with the aid of petrol and explosives. The wounded were evacuated, and the Germans on the first floor were pinned down by bazooka and machine-gun fire until the villa was well ablaze.

The whole area was now in a state of high alarm, with Harvey and his men coming under intense fire as they withdrew. He guided his party, which included two wounded men, through heavy concentrations of enemy troops back to the safety of the mountains.

It was discovered afterwards that the 51st Corps chief of staff was among the enemy casualties; also, a German general was killed in a raid on the second villa. Harvey was awarded the DSO, the citation stating that he had inflicted grievous damage on the German Army from Bologna to Massa on the coast.

The son of a shopkeeper, Kenneth Gordon Harvey was born on December 7, 1924 at Bulawayo, Southern Rhodesia, and educated at Milton Junior and Senior schools, where he was acknowledged to be bright but not academic.

On leaving school, he spent nine months with the Rhodesian Railways, then enlisted as soon as he could. In 1943 he joined the King's Royal Rifle Corps as a private, and served in Egypt and Palestine. He was commissioned into the Seaforth Highlanders and, after a chance meeting with Farran, volunteered to join the SAS.

During Operation Tombola, he escorted seven American airmen, who had been shot down during a raid on Bologna, through the German lines to link up with the Allied forces, and then returned to his unit in enemy-occupied territory.

He was troubled by the suffering of the SAS wounded who could not be given proper treatment and were often transported on ladders. So he raided a German hospital, and commandeered a Mercedes ambulance and an Opel staff car complete with its driver. He subsequently sold the car in Florence on the black market, and spent the proceeds on a three-day party after his return to England.

After the war ended, Harvey was demobilised and returned to Africa, going up to Witwatersrand University, Johannesburg, to read Architecture. His time with the Seaforths had given him a great affection for the bagpipes and Highland dances; while an undergraduate he enrolled in the Transvaal Scottish.

Harvey returned to Bulawayo in 1951 as a partner in a firm of architects, but never completely settled into civilian life. He subsequently joined the 2nd Battalion, Royal Rhodesia Regiment, and took command in 1962 in the rank of lieutenant-colonel.

Harvey saw active service in Nyasaland (now Malawi) in 1959, when he helped to suppress riots which had broken out in protest at the colony being linked to Northern and Southern Rhodesia to form the Central African Federation.

He commanded Operation Wetdown, a sweep of villages known to harbour African nationalists. This nipped a possible rebellion in the bud, and Harvey was appointed MBE (military) for "loyal and meritorious service". Subsequently he served as honorary colonel of the Rhodesian SAS.

A modest, friendly man, Harvey continued working as an architect after Rhodesia gained its independence as Zimbabwe in 1980. He established a large practice and designed many of the office buildings in Harare and Bulawayo.

Harvey was deputy chairman of the Central Africa Power Corporation for many years. As chairman of the Zimbabwe Legion, he worked hard to help ex-servicemen, particularly those whose savings were destroyed by hyperinflation. In his spare time he was a keen philatelist.

Despite the onset of cancer, he was most reluctant to leave the country, but was eventually persuaded to move to a retirement home in Cape Town. There he struck up a friendship with another resident, Ian Smith, the former Rhodesian prime minister.

Ken Harvey died on December 3. He married, in 1951, Luna Klopper, who predeceased him; he is survived by their three daughters.

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Derek HUDSON



Derek Hudson, former conductor of the Bulawayo Philharmonic Orchestra and Director of the Zimbabwe Academy of Music, passed away peacefully in his sleep in Johannesburg on 20 December, 2005, after contracting pneumonia.

Hudson was born on 23 May, 1934 in Hove, England and was educated at Tonbridge in Kent. He then spent four years as a pilot in the Royal Air Force before winning an award to study piano, composition and conducting at the Guildhall School of Music in London. He later studied in Geneva with Ernst Ansermet.

His orchestral debut was with the English Chamber Orchestra at the Wigmore Hall in London.

In addition to further concerts with this orchestra, he also appeared with the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra at the Festival Hall. He conducted for many ballet companies including the Royal Ballet Company at Covent Garden and the Paul Taylor Company of New York. He conducted orchestras all over the world, including France, Austria, Holland, Germany, Russia, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, the United States, Canada and South Africa.

Appointed to the Bulawayo Philharmonic in 1974, Hudson also became Director of the Zimbabwe Academy of Music in 1976. He was largely responsible for the formation in 1977 of the National Symphony Orchestra, with whom in 1980 he performed his own composition 'Prelude: Zimbabwe' to mark Independence.

As well as giving first performances in Zimbabwe of Beethoven's Ninth and Tenth symphonies, Elgar's Enigma Variations and Britten's Noye's Fludde, Hudson also appeared as soloist and accompanist. Well known throughout Zimbabwe as a lecturer, writer and broadcaster, he was for seven years a member of the Board of Governors of ZBC and in 1996 was awarded Bulawayo Civic Honours for outstanding services to music.

He retired from public life following a heart attack in 2001. He was married for nearly 40 years to Jill, a cellist and music teacher, to whom he was devoted. After her death in 2003 and because of his own declining health, he left Zimbabwe and moved to Johannesburg to live with his daughter. He leaves his two daughters, Joanna and Kate, and seven grandchildren.

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Chris DAMS, one of our three Honorary Vice-Presidents, held discussions with the British High Commissioner in Pretoria in December on the subject of Zimbabwe Pensions. The meeting was intended to make the High Commissioner, **Paul BOATENG**, aware of the hardship caused to Zimbabwe pensioners in South Africa through loss of their pensions. The High Commissioner offered to look into specific hardship cases of British citizens brought to his attention by the FLF. The first case was presented to the designated Consular official on 16 February, and we await the outcome.

Edward OSBORN (Zimbabwe Pensioners Association) wrote a follow-up letter to the Director of Pensions in Zimbabwe following his visit to the Pensions Office in October. He also prepared an article on the plight of Zimbabwe Pensioners for the magazine "Plus 50". The ZPA plans, in the near future, to send an update of the pensions situation to all those who submitted their particulars for the ZPA's database.

We saw the departure of one couple from our garden flats at Stilfontein in December, and three new tenants have taken up residence since the beginning of this year. At present we have two vacant flats in our newest home, Macdonald House, and a third flat is being renovated. (See Pretoria Branch below)



Entrance to Flat 3, Tuli House

Through Project 142, we have provided 65 dispossessed Zimbabwe pensioners with grants amounting to R106, 753 and 96 pensioners have donated Z\$156,095,133 of their pensions to homes for the aged in Zimbabwe. Most of this money was donated before major inflation set in last year. We really do appreciate the generosity of those who have donated towards this project. Unfortunately, the bank facility that the RAAF in the UK made available to us has now been withdrawn, so we need to find an alternative for UK donors. If anyone wishes to make a donation to help our dispossessed pensioners, please contact **John REDFERN** at an address given above so that a

suitable arrangement can be made.

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Blythe and Peggy STONE held a very successful Mongolian braai at their home on 26 January, with between 40 and 50 Rhodesians attending. The next **JHOBIE RHODIES** bi-monthly braai is on 26 March, 2006. Please phone **Hugh KIGGELL**, on 0118024869, for information on the braai venue.

The RASA PRETORIA AGM will be held in Pretoria on 7 May, 2006. Details will appear in the next Msasa Mail newsletter.

A braai was held at TARENTAAL RETIREMENT VILLAGE on 22 January. Old friendships were renewed, and it was super to see several new faces, some whom we have only been in touch with over the phone. Those at the braai were **Rey BANJE, Mary and Graham BERNES, Mike and Marin COONEY, Barbara CROSS, Gavin and Rose CUMMING, Donald and Heather DEX, Michael DORMER, Ronnie and Linda DUNK** with their friend **Daphne HODGSON** from the U.K, **Fred DU TOIT, Pat and Gary GREYLING, Ruby HARDY, Mavis KELLY** from Queenshaven. **Ted and Sue LAMB, Joan McCULLOCH, Maria PICKETT** who recently moved to Pretoria from Stilfontein, **John and Mary REDFERN, Betty ROSS, Kay ROWE, Mike RUSSELL and Ann INWARD, Dave and Liz LITTLE, Joe and Audrey LOWRIE, Dan and Elaine MELTON, Elaine SCHWIM, Mike and Jackie SMITH, Carol STRAUSS, Joan WILDING, Jack and Gem WOOD, Kathy and Don YOUNG.**



Rhodies at Tarentaal braai

We have welcomed the following new Members since the previous Round-up:

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Our final function of 2005 was the annual Christmas Party, once again well attended and greatly enjoyed by all participants. The programme for 2006 is being finalised, and will include a Rhodes and Founders lunch, Copperbelt Reunion, and North/South Braai, in addition to the monthly teas and bingo sessions. Members and non-members are all welcome. Phone **Avril** or **Skatie FOURIE** for details.

Mini McALPINE, who kept us in touch so well with the elderly and people in need of support has had to stand down temporarily for business and family reasons. We would greatly appreciate volunteers to assist in this important sphere.

Our Chairman recently returned from a most interesting voyage in Antarctica, where he raised the Rhodesian flag on the Antarctic continent and later handed it over to a scientific base on a little island at more than 65 degrees South - see article elsewhere in this issue. It would be interesting to know at what other remote places on earth the Rhodesian flag is displayed.

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Another year has passed us by and 2005 was a very eventful and busy year for the Durban Branch, with the committee members involved with the Zimbabwe Rhodesia World Wide Reunion. A big thank you to all who supported this event and the many that assisted in making this event a memorable one.

A week later the Annual Golf Day was held and the trusted committee members were at it again in full swing giving a help in hand with their faithful volunteers. The golf day was well supported with over 140 Rhodesians playing and thanks again to all the golfers for making this day a great fund raising event.

The Welfare team headed by **Jackie KARRIANE** was kept busy in December giving out gift vouchers, hampers and Christmas cards to the elderly that we take care of in the Durban area. The Christmas card had a true African theme replacing the normal fir tree with a good old bold Baobab tree.

The Shamwari Club laid out a fantastic Christmas luncheon on a hot, humid overcast day, with many members and their families enjoying themselves. After lunch the music was provided by "Sharon" with quite a few of the crowd staying and dancing into the late evening – shaking their bodies and losing those kilos that they had collected early on.

New Year's Eve was also well attended with about 130 people at the club and Les-Jo entertained the crowd with some good old rock 'n roll music. The evening was very hot and sticky with many taking a breather outside as dancing became a hot issue. There was very little relief from the few drops of rain that fell every now and again but this did not chase away the die hard inside. At midnight the sky around the club was lit up in a spectacular arrangement of fireworks from the surrounding neighbourhood as well as some real loud bangs, that one could imagine a full-scale mortar attack and take cover in the bar.

January was a slow month with the RASA committee getting together at the end of the month to go through the last two month happenings and of course start planning for the year ahead, as there are braais at the elderly homes to be held, fund raising events to be planned and many more members to be canvassed to assist with the fund raising events.

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Changes are proposed to the committee, as we do not expect nominations for Chair or Vice-chair at the AGM on Sun 26 Feb. to be held at Doug and Jackie's place. Since this would mean new Rules to allow for a smaller committee and fewer committee meetings, we have taken the opportunity to use the simpler (and cheaper) option of adapting the Consumer Affairs 'Rules' on their web. Please note that this will in no way affect the members. IF a large new committee is elected, we believe that the proposed new Rules (Constitution) should still be accepted to cater for a future similar situation.

Rhodesian memorabilia will be available for sale or swap. A framed photo of Ian Douglas Smith was placed for sale on ebay.

There was a good turnout for the 40th UDI, held at the home of Adele Scott. Brief speeches were made, in particular by Charles Scott. Interesting relevant letters to the newspaper were also read.

The Christmas BBQ in Kings Park was well attended, by some new people too, despite the unseasonal cool weather. A raffle raised \$62.

M'dalas

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M'DALAS CHRISTMAS LUNCH 15TH DECEMBER, 2005.

A jovial crowd of fifty nine members and guests gathered at the Holiday Inn City Centre by 12 noon for our annual Christmas Lunch. Guests included the SCOTT's two daughters **Amanda** and **Judith**, friends of the **TOBINS**, **Dick JOHNSTON** and **Sylvia HOLBORN** each brought along a friend, **Pip ARMSTRONG** had her son with her and we had our Administrator **Doug** and **Jackie CAPPER** attend as did our Chairman and wife **Graham** and **Fleur BLICK**.

The chairman thanked all the members for their help and contribution over the past year which she said had had its ups and downs and we have some members no longer amongst us and others who have been beset with ill health and she wished better health to all in the coming year. The chairman asked members to remember all fellow countrymen who are scattered far and wide especially those in Zimbabwe and wished them better times for the coming year.

The chairman then thanked **Dave DE SALIS**, **Marian DEAN** and **Margaret CRAFT** for the various duties that they undertake at each meeting and presented them with a small gift.

Benetia HODNETT conveyed her wishes to everyone as she was unable to be with us and the chairman congratulated **John**

and **Glenda TOBIN** on their 46th Wedding Anniversary and the fact that amongst their guests was their best man!

The chairman ended by wishing everyone an enjoyable lunch and a merry Christmas.

Our chairman Graeme Blick then addressed the gathering after which **Doug LEARMONTH** said grace for us and we then started our lunch.

The chairman distributed the door prizes to the lucky recipients and when most were seated and their glasses charged called upon Don Bulloch to give the toast.

We as usual were given an outstanding lunch and service by Keith and his staff at the Holiday Inn and the chairman thanked them and presented them with a small gift.

The luncheon continued on merrily with much talk and laughter until well after 2pm. and it seems a great time was had by all who were present.

M'dalas Meeting - 19th January, 2005.

Our first meeting of the year, and thirty three members and one visitor **Graham SANSOM** ex Karoi gathered today. With **Adele SCOTT** in the chair and **Marion DEAN** as our door treasurer it was the start of a new and hopefully good year. We had apologies from Denis and **Fay PETMAZAKI**, **Bill** and **Liz JOHNSTON**, **Heather WADDELL**, **Benetia HODNETT**, **Ruth** and **Doug LEARMONTH**, **Bob** and **Barbara OSBORNE**, **Carol CLAPHAM**, **Dawn MCKENZIE FRASER** and **Arthur** and **Doreen HUTSON**.

It was reported that **Lambert TRURON** has not been well and **Fay PETMAZAKI** had recently had an operation on her leg.

We had a delicious selection of eats provided by our tea ladies **Bernice COLE BOWEN**, **Glenda TOBIN** and **Alice WADDACOR**.

Tea ladies for February are **Edna HESELTINE**, **Sheila TULLY** and **Doreen HUTSON**.

Mike BRAY gave us a bottle of wine as an extra door raffle for today's meeting. The raffles were drawn by **Pip ARMSTRONG** and won by **Charles COLE BOWEN** and **Dick JOHNSON**.

The chairman hoped everyone had an enjoyable festive season and enjoyed the M'Dalas Christmas Lunch at the Holiday Inn. It was decided as we enjoyed it so much that we try and get the same venue for this year.

The chairman said she and Charles had spent a wonderful few weeks over East with their daughter and newest grandchild, also having a trip to the Lakes Entrance for a few days over New Year, a very lovely area.

It was announced that the AGM for RAWA would be held on Sunday 26th February at the home of **Doug** and **Jackie CAPPER**. Details will be in the next Bundu Times and it was hoped as many as possible would attend. There would also be a table out for any memorabilia that people wish to part with or buy. The chairman also asked if there were any members wishing to step into her position at the AGM as she had held office for three years and felt a change was needed. Sylvia Holborn was proposed by members and Bernice Cole Bowen offered to help her with the social outings.

Mike Bray tabled photos from the Christmas Lunch for members to have. Thank you to Mike for lovely photos and his generosity.

We had a great poem from Mike Bray on Going Fishing, a very funny joke from John Seward about political correctness organising an office Christmas Party, Charles Scott and Sylvia Holborn also gave us their usual good jokes and Sylvia also read out an article from Rhodesia World Wide about the influx of Chinese into Zimbabwe and the farms being given to them. The next meeting will be on the 16th February, 2006.

The meeting closed at 11am. Chairman: Adele Scott.

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This picture was from the annual curry afternoon held late in 2005

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Rhodesians Worldwide-Kent Branch

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Although we have not always been blessed with the best of weather, our meetings have always been well attended. Recently some of the new faces at our braai fires have included **Andrew SHOESMITH, Andrew and Karen SPILLER** (ex London Branch), **Andrew MORKEL** and **Phillip CHAPPELL**.

Our December meeting was extremely well attended, with over 70 people sitting down to a full Christmas Dinner, complete with Turkey and all the trimmings. All the children received a little pressie of chocolates while the adults battled with a "pass the parcel" (with various forfeits included) game.

During these winter meetings we are now serving sadza and gravy every month. Sadly, I think there is now more white Mealie Meal for sale in the UK than in Zim.

We meet on the second Sunday of each month at Chilham Village Hall, Chilham, near Canterbury. All are welcome, do come and support us.

Berkshire Branch

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As the hall is so very cold during the winter this branch has for the past two years continued to meet every 3rd Sunday of the month between March and October.

October's meeting is always celebrated with a Christmas buffet lunch, which is always great fun and works well. This last meeting saw a good turnout with many old friends coming together. The entertainment was provided by **Mary-Anne KEELING** and her two "little" friends, **Hannah and Mikey DONALDSON**, who sang some amusing songs. There was also a visit from "Father Christmas" alias **Ron SPRINGALL** who dropped in to see both young and those getting on a bit, to steel a kiss from all the ladies!

Grateful thanks to **Paul and Karen HOPE** who have done a fabulous job at organising meetings and keeping the Branch going for the past year, but due to work commitments have had to step down, we still look forward to seeing Paul and his family at meetings whenever they can make them.

So, if you fancy a bit of relaxation and a good chat with friends, please don't hesitate to come along and join in the fun. We are always thrilled and amazed at the effort people make to come from so far a field to attend our meetings. Just remember to bring along your meat to braai (facilities available) and drinks. All new members warmly welcomed. Give Coral or Jean a call if you need any further information.

OTHER

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Hwange Conservation Society

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BA OPEN DAY

Once again, Hwange Conservation Society was fortunate enough to be invited to the annual British Airways Open Day at their headquarters at Waterside which is just by Heathrow Airport. The Open Day is an invitation to many of the charities which BA supports and is a chance to meet up with people or organisations which we might only see once a year.

BA laid on a wonderful buffet lunch for all the charities. The stalls start to be dismantled by mid afternoon as people start to make their way home and we were ready by about 3.15 to depart from Waterside. I have always said that Hwange National Park is unique at the BA Open Day as it is the only place in the world that is represented by more than one stall. We have the HCS stall, the lion research stall, and most years Greg Rasmussen has his Painted Dog stall but for some reason Greg did not attend this year's Open Day but at least we had Hwange at two stalls.

Once again it was a wonderful event and I would like to thank BA for the great support they have given us over the years. In particular I would like to thank Mary Barry, Mary Berry, Keren Lovett and Susan Emodi who are the girls that I have most dealings with, but would also like to thank all the BA staff for making us feel so welcome and for going out of their way to make us feel at home.

John and Sandra GILLON

FINANCIAL/FUND-RAISING

Fund-raising for the final quarter of 2005:

General donations:

£338.00

Talks - Anne & Ian:	£110.00
Stamps/bookmarks:	£50.90
Book sale and table top sale - Anne & Ian:	£268.00
Interest on bank account:	£18.43
Proceeds from lecture tour by Karen Paolillo:	£397.65
Total:	£1182.98

We start 2006 with a bank balance of just over £3,300.00. Fund-raising will be starting almost immediately during January with John & Sandra's first collection day on 27th January. They already have two more collections organised and are hoping to arrange a few more as well. Ian and I have several talks booked already and we are also hoping to repeat the book sale held in October last year. This raised £230 in total and we felt it was well worth doing. Obviously, we will also be continuing with our other ongoing fund-raising activities such as the stamp project. If anyone out there feels they can help with fund-raising in any way, please feel free to contact us. Fund-raising is very hard work but without funds there would obviously be nothing we could do to help the wildlife.

TELEPHONE SYSTEM: The telephone system for Chris Foggin has now arrived safely in Zimbabwe as you will see from the enclosed photos. Again, a big thank you to BA for helping with the transport.

PUMPS: We have heard from John Brebner at WEZ that the pumps we purchased are now in Zimbabwe and are currently being cleared through customs. John also reports that he visited Hwange recently. The park is apparently looking good with plenty of water around at the moment so this has given the wildlife (and those trying to help it) a bit of a breathing space. However, we are well aware that the infrastructure of the game water supply system is still in a serious state and we will be doing our utmost this year to try to address this problem.

Common Sense

Today we mourn the passing of a beloved old friend, Mr. Common Sense.

Mr. Sense had been with us for many years. No one knows for sure how old he was since his birth records were long ago lost in bureaucratic red tape.

He will be remembered as having cultivated such valuable lessons as knowing when to come in out of the rain, why the early bird gets the worm, and that life isn't always fair.

Common Sense lived by simple, sound financial policies (don't spend more than you earn) and reliable parenting strategies (adults, not kids, are in charge).

His health began to rapidly deteriorate when well-intentioned but overbearing regulations were set in place.

Reports of a six-year-old boy charged with sexual harassment for kissing a classmate, teens suspended from school for using mouthwash after lunch, and a teacher fired for reprimanding an unruly student only worsened his condition.

Mr. Sense declined even further when schools were required to get parental consent to administer aspirin to a student, but could not inform the parents when a student became pregnant and wanted to have an abortion.

Finally, Common Sense lost the will to live as the Ten Commandments became contraband, churches became businesses, and criminals received better treatment than their victims. Common Sense finally gave up the ghost after a woman failed to realize that a steaming cup of coffee was hot, then she spilled a bit in her lap and was awarded a huge financial settlement.

Common Sense was preceded in death by his parents, Truth and Trust; his wife, Discretion; his daughter, Responsibility; and his son, Reason. He is survived by two stepbrothers: My Rights and Ima Whiner.

Not many attended his funeral because so few realized he was gone.

Seven Squadron to the Rescue

by Rusty THEOBALD

As WO Harry Marshall's (Engines) No. 2 on 7 Squadron (Alouettes II's and III's) I was sitting in my little box office early one morning working hard as usual. My little cubby hole was in the middle of the hangar and faced out towards 5 Squadron (Canberra's Mk's B2 and T4). I looked up and noticed a member of 5 Squadron, an airframe fitter, wander into our hangar, lean against the door and wipe his brow. Then he tried to walk but only managed to wobble into the corner of the hangar as though he did not know where he was going. I realized that something was wrong and ran out to help him. As I passed Harry's desk I told him that we need a medic quickly there's a man in trouble. The guy was as red as a beetroot and was breathing hard so I called for a stretcher and a blanket which was delivered very quickly (typical Seven efficiency). We managed to get the chap down onto the stretcher and covered with the blanket. Immediately WO Derek Jukes (Medic) turned up driving an ambulance.

Later that day we were to learn that the airman had reported sick that morning and had been given an injection to which he was allergic. The doctor said that prompt action had saved the airman's life and the antidote was administered with only 15 minutes to spare.

The airman concerned did come back to Seven later, but not to buy me a beer, he was posted to the 7 Squadron in 1973 as follows. I had already been posted to Air HQ.

In 1972 I Rusty Theobald (Airframes) was posted from Tech. Control Air HQ and became WO I, I/C 5 Squadron (English Electric Canberras).

During 1973 my No. 2 Ray Verdon (Airframes) told me that two of our members wished to speak with me. The two were marched in and they told me that they had had a long spell on 5 Squadron and would like a posting. One was Barry Thompson (Engines) and the other was the Airframe Fitter mentioned in the 1971 rescue story above. I asked them which posting they had in mind and they both said, "7 Squadron please sir". I told them that that was a tough one because everyone wanted to go to Seven, never the less I would see what I could do.

Within the hour OCTW New Sarum Paddy Rice (Airframes) phoned me and said than he was very sorry but he would have to take two of my men, and post them to 7 Squadron, an airframe fitter and an engine fitter. I gave him two names straightaway and he accepted both.

I called the two back into the office and asked if they still wanted Seven. Their eyes lit up and they both said, "YES SIR", in unison. "Then take your toolboxes and overalls and report to WO Gerry Grindley (Airframes) on 7 Squadron".

This is the first time I have mentioned this unusual train of events to anyone and again neither came back to say "Thank you Rusty" or buy me a beer. Much latter the airframe fitter went on to become a big wheel in the running of the new Eight Squadron (Bell 205 helicopters, Huey's, we named them Cheetahs). I feel very proud that I gave him two chances in getting there. I never did get a beer out of it!

Classifieds

BIRTHS

BARKER Sue (nee Heywood) and Phil are delighted to announce that on 20th November, 2005 (in Melbourne) Justine (nee Barker) and Heath **HELMORE** had a brother for James and named him **Oliver Charles**. Nephew for Clive Heywood and another great-grandson for Peggy Walker.

BLACKMAN: To Vaughan and Karen a son **Wyatt James** born on the 2 January, 2006 in Pretoria RSA. First grandchild for Carol and Adrian and fifth great-grandchild for Bill and Beryl Castle-Ward of Bulawayo.

DUNLEY-OWEN, Stuart and Sandy are pleased to announce the arrival of **Emily Maddison** and **Ethan Matthew** on 15th August, 2005 in Summerland, B.C., Canada. Brother and sister for Olivia and grandchildren for Avril and Patrick.

DEATHS

ALEXANDER, Ian (Sid) Clark passed away, in his sleep, on 23 January, 2006 in Harare. Sid served in the BSAP (7339) from May 1965 to March 1981.

BARKLEY, Ruth, passed away on 18th January, 2006 after a battle with cancer. Loving wife of Athur, mother to Allan and Michael, mother-in-law and loving Granny. God bless, rest in peace love John and Gillian Robb and family.

BAYNES, Frederick (ex-BSAP 6053) passed away peacefully, after a very short illness, in Durban on the 10 January, 2006. He is survived by his wife Jean and daughters Colleen, Sharon and Toni.

BLACKWELL, Chris passed away in Port Elizabeth on 4 December, 2005. Chris served with the Rhodesian Corps of Engineers (RhE). He is sadly missed by his wife Rose and family.

BLAMIRE, Bruce, ex-RhE passed away on 2 December, 2005.

BRUCE, Cocky ex Bulawayo passed away on the 18th November, 2005 in Edinburgh. He was boxing and wrestling champion and was also in the military police at Brady Barracks. Any replies to jimmypenny@blueyonder.co.uk many thanks from Sadie Tait

COCKBILL Dr. G.F. died in Harare on the 12th January, 2006 at the age of 93, he would have been 94 in April. He died from a massive stroke. Loving husband of Ann.

Dearly loved father of John, Betty and grandfather of Marilyn and Brett Cockbill. He stopped playing tennis at 90 as his eyes were giving him trouble. He drove the car till 92. He was as bright and 'with it' when we saw him in October, 2005 as ever. He will be greatly missed by his family and many many friends.

COX, John, died in Melbourne, Australia on 16th September, 2005. Long-standing family friend who will be sadly missed by "the girls" Judy, Sue and Lilia Vincent.

CULLUM, Fredrick Wallace passed away on 19 November, 2005 from cancer. Deepest sympathy to Edith and his daughters Daphne, Jean, Lucille and Colleen and his grandchildren. From Ern and Mary SMITH.

DU TOIT, George Wilhelm passed away on 8 December, 2005. From Sara Harper and Jane Pretorius.

DU TOIT, Wing Commander John G.W. passed away on 8 December, 2005. As O/C Tech Wing Thornhill, he and his team managed to keep the ageing Air Force fleet flying whilst under the duress of sanctions and heavy operational demands - a small miracle in itself and a fine testament to the man's engineering and command capabilities.

GOATLY, Alec (96 years 24:09:1909) passed away peacefully at Emmerson House of Bill Buchanan retirement home on Sun 18th December. Tina and I convey our condolences to his sister Thora Gunning (also resident in Emmerson House), to his son Robin and daughter-in-law Margaret, his daughter Lynette and son-in-law Frank. From Peter Shattock.

HARVEY, Kenneth Gordon passed away on 3 December, 2005 in the St James Retirement Hotel frailcare unit, Fishoek. Ken served with distinction in the SAS during WWII, and was later CO 2RR and Honorary Colonel of the Rhodesian SAS Association.

HAYES, Col. Clive, was at last released from the pain he experienced for over a year on 1st October, 2005 in George, South Africa. He was a unique friend and companion for over 40 years to Pam (nee Funnell). Rest in peace.

HAYES, Pamela Eleanor, dearly beloved Mum of Brian, Ralph, Sharon and Murelle, passed away peacefully in Cheltenham, England on the 27 October, 2005.

HEATHER, Gordon, a land surveyor resident in Que Que for many years, who died in Grahamstown on 27th January last aged 83, sadly mourned and survived by wife Ilona, two sons and a daughter.

HETHERINGTON Jean passed away on the 12th December, 2005 very suddenly in Camberley Surrey U.K.. Beloved wife of the late Cecil Hetherington. Loving mother of Arthur, Sandra and David. Special granny to Kevin, Tammy, Davyn and Courtney, Aunt of Mercia, Lynne and Des. She was a very special lady. Those who knew her, loved her. She will be sadly missed by her children, grandchildren, family and friends. She will always be in our hearts. Gone to be with Dad. Rest in peace our darling. We love you.

HONEY, Jenny passed away in Harare on 10 November, 2005 aged 86. Mom (Queenbee) you suffered so much after losing Brian last year. We will miss you so much, but take comfort from the fact that you are now with Dad and Brian. Loving memories. Ronnie, Marg, Janet & all the grandchildren and great grandchildren.

HOWLIN, James Henry (Jimmy), passed away in Blantyre, Malawi in December after a short illness. Jimmy farmed in Rhodesia in the Raffingora area for many years until he went to Malawi in the late seventies, where he eventually purchased a farm in the Zomba area and was well known and liked by all the community, who were saddened at his passing. He is survived by Shirley, who continues to live in "Newlands" home in Limbe.

JOHNSON, Cath, formerly of Bulawayo passed away peacefully on 22nd September, 2005 in Durban. A dearly beloved mother of Elizabeth Hogg of Umhlanga Rocks and Johnnie and Willy Johnson of Zimbabwe. A special Grandmother to Richard and Andrew of Umhlanga Rocks and Susan of Brisbane, Australia. A loving Great Grandmother to Kyllie, Ashleigh, Amber, Teal, Jaime, Sara-Lea and Matthew. We all miss you so much, you were very special in our hearts.

LAFRENTZ Dorothy On 17 December, 2005 in Bulawayo after a short illness. Beloved mother of Dianne and George Enslin and grandmother of Iain, Stuart and Bruce Chrichton, and Michael and Stephen Enslin and cousin of Barbara Hosie. Will be sadly missed by us all.

MATHEE, Iris passed away on 1 January, 2006. Loved mother and grandmother of Deanne, Ros and Verity and their families. Deepest sympathy from Ern and Mary Smith.

MATTHEE, Tracy Anne (nee van Rensburg) died on 31 December, 2005 in Klerksdorp. She was born on 11 July, 1970. Your pain was too much to bear. Sadly missed by all who loved you. Mom, Daryl (8), Cacey (6) and Tyler (4).

MAY, Beryl Gilling (Kim) passed away peacefully in Brisbane, Australia on 22nd December, 2005. She was the daughter of 1896 Pioneer George Chivers. Missed by daughter Sue and Doug Trenchard and grandsons Mark and Robert.

MEREDITH, Claude, son of Vaughan "Porky" Meredith of Somerset West, died suddenly on 21 January at age 47.

MILNE, Rev. Andrew died in Bridge of Earn, Perthshire, Scotland on 29th January, 2006. His wife, Elaine is in frail health, but was able to attend the funeral, and there were a number of people there who had had links with the City Presbyterian Church during the years he was minister there. It was a tribute to Andrew that some had come considerable distances to pay their respects and be with Elaine.

PRATT, Assistant Commissioner David Wilfred died from heart failure in Harare (date not advised). David served in the BSAP (4275) between May 1948 and July 1978, when he retired. It is understood that Dave also served in the Palestine Police prior to joining the BSAP.

PRATT, Joyce passed away on 13 January, 2006. She was born in 1920. Sadly missed by her daughter Heather Michael and son-in-law Mike and grandchildren.

REICHHARDT, Patricia A.M. died December 18th, 2005 in Houston, Texas. Born in Salisbury, Rhodesia on May 5th, 1936 to Nora and Cecil Vandre'. Mothers maiden name was Neill of the Neill sausage company. Her profession was a Florist and what a great one was she. She is survived by her son Shawn Reichardt in Houston, Texas. Correspondence can be via Shawn at shawnr@ev1.net. Pat will be missed by all and your kind thoughts and words will be heard.

ROBINSON, Joy, aged 73, died suddenly on December 24, 2005 in Lancashire. she was formerly of Bancroft Mine in Northern Rhodesia and Redcliffe in Rhodesia. She leaves behind her beloved husband Eric. Much missed by all who knew her.

ROWAN, John Pearson (Jock) (83) passed away suddenly in Bulawayo Friday 3rd February, 2006. Condolences to Betty, John, Mary, Liz and families. Will be sadly missed by all your family and friends throughout the world.

SMITH, Alec, died suddenly from a heart attack at Heathrow Airport, London, on 26 January, 2006. He leaves his wife, Elisabeth and three children. Deepest sympathy to Ian Douglas Smith, his wife Elisabeth, and the family.

SYMONS, Peter, (The General Plumber) passed away in Bromley, Kent on 31st

December, 2005. He had returned from Zambia in the 1970s to open his own plumbing business in Bulawayo which he aptly named 'The General Plumber'. He leaves his wife, Vonnice, and four daughters, Debbie, Tracey, Natalie and Michelle. He was a man among men and will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

WHARTON, Michael, Columnist for the "Daily Telegraph" died recently. A staunch supporter and friend to all white Rhodesians and South Africans. All who had ever read his "Way of the World" column will grieve for his passing

WINTER, Lillian died suddenly on 4th December, 2005 in Pinetown, Natal at age 85. She was the widow of Des Winter who was the Manager of Barclays Bank, Main Street, Bulawayo. Loving mother of John and Michael. Sadly missed by all who knew her.

WOOD, Lindsay Robert passed way 15 November, 2005 in England. He was born on 5 July, 1950 and arrived in Bulawayo with his family from England in 1955. The family went back to England, but Lindsay returned to Bulawayo in 1974 to work for Conex and in 1983 he and his family moved to South Africa. From Eric and Lyn Moore.

IN MEMORIAM

DELPORT, Lynette taken from us in an instant of horrific war. **DELPORT, Pauline** (nee Fleming) taken in the same tragic event. In your and the memories of all those lost in the Air Rhodesia Viscount shot down by terrorists we will not forget. These past 27 years have not dulled our feelings of loss.

HETHERINGTON Cecil Passed away 26/03/1997. It has been 9 years since you went away. You are loved and remembered everyday. There is a space in our hearts that will never be filled. words are not enough to express how we feel. You are loved & missed by your sons, daughter, grand and great grandchildren, nieces & nephew. God bless

ANNIVERSARIES

Bill and Beryl CASTLE-WARD of Bulawayo celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary on the 25th January, 2006. All my love to them on achieving this wonderful milestone.

Chris and Annette WHITEHEAD celebrate 19 years of marriage on March 21, 2006. To my loving wife, thank you for the past 19 years and for putting up with a lot of Rhodesia in your life. I am looking forward with much joy to many more anniversaries.

WANTED

Msasa Morning published in 1992 and any books by Maureen de la Harpe. If you can help please contact Mrs. M. Hancock at 4 Lansdown Grove Court, Bath BA1 5PL, UK

or tel (UK) 01225-481777

Vol 1 of J F MacDonald's "The War History of Southern Rhodesia 1939-45" published 1950 by authority of Southern Rhodesia. If you can help please contact Barbara Hosie on barbara@ruthvenhosie.freemove.co.uk

I collect **military watches** and own two Roamer watches. One is marked ZAXXXX and SFAXXX, the other RAXXXX. The first I believe is South African, the second a Rhodesian military watch. I am looking for information from anyone with knowledge about them, especially ex-members of the security forces about the Roamer watches. Any info at all is appreciated. I am especially interested in knowing when they were issued (year is fine) and to whom, unit, rank, etc.. Also what strap or band these came on originally. I would also be interested in purchasing any such marked Roamer watches. Contact Duarte Mendonca at 10 Beechwood Ct, Warren, RI 02885, USA or email dmendonc@verizon.net

Copy of **Rhodesians Never Die** by Peter Goodwin and Ian Hancock. Contact: Veronica at crozzie@slingshot.co.nz.

NADA Magazine numbers 22 (1945) required to complete a set. Reasonable prices paid. Please contact Mervyn Fox at 6 Ashley Park Road, Walton-on-Thames, Surrey KT12 1JU, UK

Roy Sinclair painting of cat on copper. If possible size approx. 64cm x 34cm Reply to John Thomson on johnt@wol.co.za or iona.thomson@virgin.net

Can anybody help? - I am trying to trace a copy of the book by Dusty Durrant called "**The Smoke that Thunders**" (A book about Garratt steam trains). I have already tried the most obvious sources that are in the U.K., namely the book retailers Ottakers, Wartstones, W.H.Smiths and the internet company Amazon.com. Please contact John Laban if you can help at john.laban@huntne.co.uk

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Postage Stamps: Postage stamps used or mint urgently needed by the British Section of Hwange Conservation Society for use in their fund raising efforts to help and support wildlife in the Hwange National Park Zimbabwe. Please send any contributions to:- Anne Wilkinson, Spotted Dog Cottage, Whorlton, Barnard Castle, Co. Durham DL12 8XQ, United Kingdom.

Rhodesian Flags: wanted military unit flags to complete a large Rhodesian flag collec-

tion. Already in possession of the following (named – 2 copies)
 flags: BSAP, Intaf, Selous Scouts, Rhodesian Medical Corps, Rhodesian Corps of Signals, Engineers, RLI Training Group, Rhodesian Defence Regiment, Pfumo ReVhanu, Guard Force, Rhodesia Regiment, 1RAR HQ, pre-1968 Rhodesian Army, post 1968 Rhodesian Army. Reasonable prices paid. Please contact Chris Whitehead at 4752 E. Encanto Street, Mesa, AZ 85205, USA.

Rhodesian Grey Scouts: We are desperate to locate a print commemorating the Grey Scouts. We wish to get a copy as a gift for our Son who was in the Grey Scouts as a Paramedic and is now a Doctor here in New Zealand working along side the army and police force doing wonderful work in medicine. Any help you are able to give us would be most appreciated. The print commemorates the Rhodesian Grey Scouts, it has great sentimental value and had been mislaid in relocating from Africa to New Zealand, and the loser is extremely anxious to replace it. It is a print of a Mounted Grey Scout in Water Colours, painted by David Laird and only 1000 were printed. In the foreground and background are three horses with the Grey Scout emblem and it has a verse which describes what the scouts stood for. Anyone who can help locate a copy please contact Veronique and Brian Turner on 0064 7 574 2098 or email them at : briveronz@xtra.co.nz.

Rhodesian Animals by CT Astley Maberly
 Am looking to replace this small hard cover book printed in Cape Town in 1957. There may have been subsequent editions - am open to any. Would be happy to purchase or donate to RW. Please contact Joy Brink ridgback@picknowl.com.au P.O. Box 50 Mansfield (Brisbane) Queensland 4122. AUSTRALIA Tel: (07) 5546 4541

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RHODESIAN ARMY BADGES: Tony Marshall ex Bulawayo has an extra numbered set of Rhodesian army badges mounted in a wooden cabinet, produced 1975 by Matthews Manufacturing. Mint condition, what offers? E-mail dc@powersales.co.za.

Hand-reared African Grey Parrot chick ready for a new home. My 17th chick, and first American born. Would make a wonderful long-lasting Christmas gift (they live 75-90 years)(oldest on record was 115 yrs). I brought the parents from Zimbabwe with me and the father bird's 34 and mother 23 years old. US\$1,100. This chick has good character. (859) 493.0223 (hm. evenings)(Ky.)

Rhodesian Sport Photographs:

Mashonaland Posts and Telegraphs Sports Club Soccer Section 2nd League 1947 (unnamed)

Mashonaland Posts and Telegraphs Sports Club Soccer Section 2nd League 1948

(unnamed) Saints Baseball Team (1949/50 - unnamed)

Rhodesian Team – Van Riebeeck Festival Baseball Tournament Cape Town 1952 (named)

If you are interested offers to Barbara Hosie at barbara@ruthvenhosie.freemove.co.uk

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Three videos about the Rhodesian military (Forces 1; Forces 2; The Final Chapter) available to USA collectors in NTSC mode at special discount prices. 17 complete sets available and 9 x Forces 2 and 8 x Final Chapter available. Each video costs only \$10 (surface mail) or \$17 (air mail) from the Flame Lily Foundation in South Africa - while stocks last. Make crossed cheque payable to Rhodesians Worldwide, and post to: Rhodesians Worldwide, P.O. Box 22034, Mesa, Arizona 85277-2034, USA. Please state clearly which video you want and provide postal address with order. Stock and other enquiries to John Redfern at email rasa@iafrica.com.

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100% Cotton Polo Shirts available from the Rhodesian Army Association: Staff Corps (red), Royal Rhodesia Regiment (green), Rhodesia Regiment (green), Rhodesia Light Infantry (green), Selous Scouts (brown), Zimbabwe Bird Rhodesia (white). Other units are now available. Shirts cost UKP15.00 each plus postage. Orders and enquiries to Rhodesian Army Association c/o Ian Robertson,

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Kunkuru Lodge in the Limpopo Province. 200Km from Pretoria on the N1 North on the way to Zimbabwe. Game viewing, varying size lodges mostly with open kitchens and self-catering. Contact John and Teresa Edmond at P. O. Box 85, Leeupoort 0486, RSA tel 014-7350774 or via www.mazoe.com.

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SERVICES

Car Hire in the UK run by Rhodesians Dave and Karen ROUSE. Contact them at email davro@bmcselfdrive.fsnet.co.uk

Registered Professional Nurse and Midwife available to visit elderly relatives in the Bulawayo area. Address: 18 Milton Avenue, Malindela, Bulawayo Phone: Bulawayo 243128 Cell: 091 301668 and email: tigger@mweb.co.zw - Must stipulate to Viv Bancroft

APPEALS

Project 142

This project was established in September, 2003, to enable Zimbabwe pensioners, whose pensions were no longer being remitted to them abroad, to donate their pensions to help indigent pensioners in Zimbabwe. The FLF would then make a grant to the pensioner, commensurate with their donation, thus helping pensioners both in Zimbabwe and in South Africa at the same time.

By mid-August, 2005, Zimbabwe pensioners in South Africa has donated over Z\$102 million to nominated charities in Zimbabwe through the FLF's Project 142, and the FLF had paid grants amounting to over R102 000 in return. 80 of the 260 Zimbabwe pensioners who had made enquiries participated in the Project. Unfortunately, Zimbabwe Government Pensioners are unable to benefit from the project, unless their pensions are paid direct into a bank account in Zimbabwe.

When the project was started in September 2003, the exchange rate was Z\$850 to R1. On 25 July, 2005 it had reached Z\$2 650 to R1 at the official auction rate (Z\$7 000 to R1 at the parallel market rate).

Because of the devaluation of the Zim dollar, the minimum amount for Project 142 participants has been set at Z\$500 000, and the maximum at Z\$10 million.

The FLF is indebted to those who have enabled the FLF to sustain this project through their generosity. Please continue to help us, if you can, by making donations to one of the following:

South Africa

Account Name: Flame Lily Foundation
Account Number: 1500680799
Bank: ABSA Bank, Swift Code: ABSAZAJJ

United States of America and United Kingdom

Rhodesians Worldwide, PO Box 22034, Mesa, Arizona 85277-2034

Cheque to be made payable to Rhodesians Worldwide, with a covering note to indicate that it is intended for Project 142.

Kindly include your name in the reference section when making a deposit, or let the FLF know when you have made a payment, so that the donation can be acknowledged. You may also be entitled to receive a tax benefit in South Africa.

Borradaile Trust: For those of you who don't know me, I am **Val WEBB-MARTIN**, and I am the President of the Borradaile Trust. This home for the aged is situated in Marondera, 70 kms east of Harare in Zimbabwe. BT is registered with the Ministry of Social Welfare as a Welfare Organisation Institution -W/O 236/68, and thus attracts a tax deduction for donations made to it. It was built by the **Reverend** and Mrs **Borradaile BELL** some 51 years ago, and is non-sectarian, non-racial and non-denominational, albeit having been founded upon Anglican tradition. It costs us twenty pounds sterling per month to fully maintain one B/C-scheme resident (67 pence per day). It costs us 45 pence per day to feed one B/C-scheme resident (15 pence per meal, on average). May I ask you to please consider making a donation to our cause, to help us to look after our elderly, our senior citizens, who've spent the best part of their lives contributing to the building and developing of this wonderful land of ours. Our U.K. bank is Lloyds details as follows:

Address: Lloyds's TSB Bank PLC., Northampton Direct Business, P.O Box 2135, Marlow, SL7 3FD, Bucks, UK
Our postal address: P.Bag 3795, Marondera, Zimbabwe. e.mail: borradailetrust@earth.co.zw Phones (079) 23558 Fax: (079) 21405. New webpage, being developed: <http://www.mweb.co.zw/borradailetrust>

EMIGRATION ASSISTANCE

IMMIGRATING TO CANADA? Anna ZIBARRAS and her team of lawyers is available to assist South Africans and Rhodesians with enquiries regarding immigration to Canada. She offers a personal assessment service free of charge and helps to find out if one is eligible for immigration to Canada. The fees are Cdn\$ 500.00 per adult and Cdn\$ 100 per child under the age of 18 paid to the Government of Canada. If an application is unsuccessful certain fees will be refunded. Please contact Anna Zibarras for more information at www.sacbd.com or email at azibarras@shaw.ca

WEB SITES TO CHECK OUT

If you have any other web sites you think we need to include please send them or email them to us. Please let us know if any of these sites are no longer active or if the content changes unacceptably.

Rhodesians Worldwide on the WWW
www.rhodesia.com

Zimbabweans Worldwide
www.thezimbo.co.uk
 Rhodesian Video Project
www.rhodesia.org
 Northern Rhodesians Worldwide
www.niner.net/nr/
 Rhodesian Security Forces Website
<http://home.clear.net.nz/pages/hbomford/>
 Mufilira Website
www.geocities.com/mufiliracommunity
 Rhodesian Music Site
www.bedrockband.com/rhodiemusic/home.htm
 Zimbabwe Democracy Trust
www.zimbabwedemocracytrust.org
 Financial Gazette (Zimbabwe)
www.fingaz.co.zw
 Zimbabwe Independent
 Newspaper
www.mweb.co.zw/zimin/
 Rhodesian Merchandise
www.mazoe.com
 Northern Rhodesians Worldwide
www.niner.net/nr/
 Political Prisoners in Zimbabwe
<http://free-harare3.org>
 Zimcare-New Zealand
www.geocities.com/save_zimbabwe/index.html
 Hwange Conservation Society
www.hwangecons.org.uk
 Flame Lily Foundation (RSA)
<http://www.flamelily.ws/>
 Rhodesian Adoption Search
www.angelway.info
 Rhodesian Sydney Consulate
<http://home.exetel.com.au/awn/rh/>
 Southern Africa Merchandise
www.lekkerwear.com
 C-Squadron S.A.S
<http://www.csqn.co.za/>
 Rhodesian Aviation History
<http://www.rhodesia.nl/Aviation/index.htm>
 Viscounts in Rhodesia
http://home.iprimus.com.au/rob_rickards/viscounts/viscounts.htm

NOTICE

PENSIONERS' PROJECT 142 DONATIONS TO FLAME LILY FOUNDATION

We regret to announce that the banking facility kindly provided by the RWAf for donors in the UK is no longer available. Please do NOT make use of the RWAf bank account for this purpose.

Anyone intending to make a donation to the FLF is asked to contact John REDFERN for an alternative arrangement, at one of the following:

E-mail: rasa@iafrica.com

Postal: PO Box 95474, 0145 Waterkloof, South Africa

Telephone & Fax: +27 12 4602066

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John GRAHAM wrote to ask if anyone knows the whereabouts of **Alexandra (Alex) HARDMAN** (maiden name) who used to live in the Vumba and Umtali? If you can help contact John at email jmrg@xtra.co.nz

Too late for the Christmas Greetings Doreen JONES wrote "To all Rhodesians wherever you are, Christmas greetings and all the best for 2006. Special greetings to old friends and family. To Kevin, Cathy, Erica, Ian and their children God Bless and love."

Anne MULLIN would like to contact **Sheila ZIPPRICH** (nee Manders) last heard of in Arizona. Sheila was her bridesmaid in 1960 when she lived in the Mbeza valley near Penhalonga. Anne's e mail is annemullin@waitrose.com

Rick and Wendy KELLY wrote to us in mid-December to say "Rick and I are at present packing up all our household once again as we are on the move to who knows where as Rick was made redundant at the end of November - having been with the same tobacco company since 1976!! We have had to sell our house here in North Carolina, which we have only lived in for about 2 1/2 years, and will be renting a friend's empty house for a couple of months whilst we make a decision as to where we go from here (we will be staying in the USA for the time being). Please could you note that our new address will be: 1207 Waverly Road, Wilson, North Carolina 27896".

Jean ULLYETT writes "I am trying to find my nephew. **Graham BRADLEY/ROBB**. He is the son of my late brother **Ross BRADLEY** who went to Milton High School, lived in Que Que, worked at Stewart and Lloyds, played baseball for Rhodesia, married **Jennifer WILSON** ex Evelyn High. Graham is the only surviving child of Ross and Jennifer. NO I don't have an inheritance for him or any thing like that but do have some photos which he may like!! His mother Jennifer remarried after Ross passed away to **Rob ROBB** who was the secretary at Que Que and Gatooma Hospitals. Graham may have severed all ties with the Bradley side of his family and if so then he won't be interested in which case I will discard the photos. My name is Jean Ulllyett (nee Bradley) and Graham can contact me on this email (ullyett@mweb.co.zw) or telephone 053 3594 or 011607172. I live in Chegutu, Zimbabwe."

Dana LAWLESS writes "I am looking for **Nelly** and **Archie KERWIN** or their children **Sherrel** and **Malcolm KERWIN** from Salisbury. If anyone is looking for **Peter** and **Betsy LAWLESS** they live in Cape Town on

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the Ostrich Farm at Cape Point. If you are Rhodesian and touring the Cape please pop in and say Hi even if you don't know them. Their daughters, **Candie**, **Kim** and **Tami LAWLESS** also live in Cape Town. I have landed up in Lubumbashi Democratic Republic of Congo, after 20 years in Johannesburg. Please contact me at email danalawlesscongo@yahoo.com

Gordon DODS, formerly of 30 Kent Road, Highlands, Harare, and Aetna SA/Monarch/AFIA Insurance in Livingstone House, is now at Room 7, Redcot, Three Gates Lane, Haselmere, Surrey, GU27 2LL, telephone 01428-642420, and would love to hear from old friends/colleagues.

Robert WOODWARD writes "I am a student studying history at the University of Sheffield. I am currently researching a dissertation, the focus of which is Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith and the heroic status that he achieved in the eyes of many Rhodesians. As your publication, Rhodesians Worldwide, brings together people from Rhodesia, I was hoping that I might be able to get in contact with some of them and ask them about what they thought/think of Ian Smith and why he was regarded as a hero by many people. Any help that you can offer to this end would be greatly appreciated." Robert can be contacted at hia03rgw@sheffield.ac.uk

Stella CORNALI, who is working in the clinic at Bill Buchanan, who would like to try and make contact with an old Rhodesian friend **Barry COTTON**, who used to work for Rothmans in Salisbury many years ago. Barry could have left Rhodesia and may be living in England. Stella can be contacted through Peter Shattock at email pshattock@telkomsa.net

Peter SHATTOCK writes "Chris I have been given a little book (10,5 cm x 16cm x 1,5cm thick) It is a book of poetry of Robert Browning's works. It was given to me by **Bertha MCSHANE** who was in Bill Buchanan (Rhodesian). The book was printed in London 1902, if there is anyone interested in having it, to make contact with me at email pshattock@telkomsa.net

Stephen and Yvonne BINNEMAN wrote "We lived in Rhodesia from 1953 until 1973 - Bulawayo, Gwelo, and good old "Bamba Zonke" Salisbury. Our daughter was born at the Lady Rodwell in 1969!! We are South Africans - since 1800's, regrettably, are living in Dallas, Texas. So much has happened in our lives, if there is anyone who remembers us, please contact on our Email yvonne_binneman@hotmail.com"

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Jimmy WOODS of Killiney, County Dublin, Ireland, is anxious to make contact with brother **William WOODS**, ex-Royal Rhodesian Air Force and Rhodesia Railways, who would now be in his early 80s. His last known addresses were 14 Albany House, Fife Avenue, Salisbury and 11 Georgian Mansions, Harare. Would anyone with information about William please contact Jimmy Woods at 84 Springhill Park, Killiney, Co Dublin, Ireland. (tel: + 353 1 2855835).

Rosemary WHEATCROFT writes "My mother and I are living in Swanley, Kent, England and have been here for the past two years having spent some years in South Africa after leaving Rhodesia. I would really love to contact two old friends and their details are as follows: **Rosemary** and **Roy THOMSEN** who have a son Russell and the last I heard from them they were in the UK but I have had my card I sent to them returned so now wonder where they are. The other couple are **Pat** and **Vic MCMMASTER** who used to be very active members of Rhodesian Worldwide in the Nottingham area. They had two sons Brett and Ryan and I would love to be able to contact them again. We both belong to the Kent Branch and try to go to the monthly braai in Chatham near Canterbury but my mother is in her 90's and some months it is difficult to get there. Thank you for your help and I hope to make contact with anyone who remembers us and wishes to get in touch. Rosemary and Mary Wheatcroft can be contacted at 26 St Andrews Court Swanley Kent BR8 7AD, UK.

Joy BRINK asks "if anyone who can supply address for my cousin **Alec MUIL** and wife **Myrna** - late of Chipinge, Zim" If you can help please contact J. Brink at email ridgback@picknowl.com.au or P.O. Box 50, Mansfield. Queensland 4122, Australia.

Molly MCDONAGH asks "I have been trying to trace Neil's ex girlfriend her name is **Ann STUART** (nee Levack) aged about 45-50, she lived in Gwelo with her parents, her father being the electrical engineer there. Ann completed her nursing training at Bulawayo Hospital before leaving for the U.K. Now comes the strange part Julia received a telephone call in Canada to state Ann had been killed on November 17th, 2005 no details given. **Julia** was in such a state of shock she failed to ask any questions. As soon as I put the 'phone down I started to make enquires and set the ball in motion, by contacting **Moirá RUSSELL** (RRW North) as Ann had been living in the Wakefield area since 1989 approx. Moira in turn contacted one or two people in that area, but to no avail.

I phoned the Wakefield Express, and Yorkshire Post, both of which were very helpful, but there was nothing recorded. I also 'phoned the police, but they were unwilling to even look at their records for that period. I feel at a "dead end" (no pun intended) and suddenly thought, just maybe, you could think of anyone else or possibly try the RWW magazine, unfortunately I haven't the current address. If she hasn't had an accident it's a pretty dastardly thing to do to spread such rumours and upset people." If you can help Molly with any information please contact her at wildthingmolly2000@yahoo.co.uk

Valda NAPIER would like to find Mrs. **Crydwen Jeanne** or **Jeanne Crydwen COSTELLO**, who was born in 1925 in England and married **John COSTELLO** in England in 1945. The last known address is from her late father's Will (dated 1948), as Post Office Box 4, Bulawayo Southern Rhodesia. Does anyone know of her, or the family's whereabouts? The last known address for Mrs. **Sally FORSHAW**, is at "Hilton Farm" in Harare. She also had a Postal Box No. 3352 Harare. Unfortunately not much more is known about her. Does anyone know of her, or the family's whereabouts. Contact for both people will be to their advantage. If you can help please contact Valda Napier at P O Box 4882 Randburg South Africa 2125 or tel./fax: +27 011 787-7820 or valdanapier@mweb.co.za

Mea Culpa: We misprinted the email address for **Alan CLEMENTS** in the last magazine and wish to put that right. He can be contacted at Dialan@amserve.com. Also unclear was the email address for **Ted** and **Kathy DAVISON** and they can be reached at ted_kathy@kingsley.co.za

Clarice Cornish is looking for information on her brother **LLEWELLYN SIM**. She has not heard from him for some years now, neither has her other brother living in UK and she wondered if anyone, anywhere, had any information. He used to live in Harare but has not written from there for many a year so may have moved on, or up as the case may be. Clarice can be contacted at 42 Shelly Bay Road, Beachlands, Auckland, New Zealand or NZ tel 64-9-536 5037.

Marion BLACKMORE (nee Birkby) would like to locate two friends who used to live in Rhodesia: **Niven MEREDITH** (nee Archibald) and **Cam MEREDITH** (her husband) farmed near Gatooma. They had two sons and one was called **Cyril**. Niven's father owned the newsagency in Gatooma; **Mae**

BURROUGHS (nee Stewart) and **Arthur BURROUGHS** (her husband) worked for I.B.M and they had two sons, **Kevin** and **Stuart**. Marion writes "I was born in Ndola, Northern Rhodesia and lived in Salisbury from the age of 4-leaving Rhodesia in 1963. Sadly over the years I've lost contact with these good friends and hope to make contact through the magazine." If you can help Marion or would like to contact her she can be reached at 7 Cheam Drive, Reynella, South Australia 5161, Australia.

Jo and **Tony COX** have moved from Bulawayo and are now living in the UK. Tony was for many years with the police in Bulawayo and after retirement worked for the justice system. Joy was well known as the sister in charge of the casualty department at Bulawayo Central Hospital. In later years she had her own business as a district nurse. They can be contacted at 39 Frobisher, Haversham Park, Bracknell RG12 7WR, Berkshire, UK.

Diana MURRAY and **Alex BERTRAM** have recently moved to the UK and would like to meet other Rhodesians. They are both 69 years old and could not afford to live in Zimbabwe anymore. They would be delighted to make contact with anyone near Milton Keynes. They can be contacted at 1A Priory Street, Newport, Newport Pagnell, Bucks MK16 9AF, UK or tel UK 01908-217609.

Bob FINNIS writes "I wish all of my former colleagues in the Rhodesian Army a healthy and prosperous future. Many have passed on I know, but my memory and appreciation of them all lives on. **Fred HEPPENSTALL**, **Charlie FERGUSON** (deceased), **Mel SIEBERT**, **Keith YEOMAN**, **Sam HARDY**, **Tony PARDOE**, **Colin CASTLE**, **Johnny VOLTAIRE**, **Bill SMALLMAN**, **Johnnie FAITHFUL**, **Vic SMYHTE**, **Rick PASSAPORTIS**, **Terry HOPKINS**, **Colin FINNIE**. Hey you guys out there, make contact. Our Email address is bfr@iafrica.com Yes you guessed it! Bob, Fiona, Rick & Roob. Crazy address! Tel +27 12 668-1645 Mobile +27 083-415-1645 We visited the USA a few years ago. This is where we picked up the idea. Anyone out there remember **Rich** and **Pam HOWE** (Tobacco industry in N. Carolina) Try RPABJ@hotmail.com"

Geoff TUE writes "Hello All Rhodesians, I am not in fact a Rhodesian, I'm an ex British Army Soldier living and working in Germany. However, I would love to hear from any Rhodesian in particular if they can assist me. I'm a record collector, of all kinds of music, but more especially Country Music,

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and in particular **Slim WHITMAN**. I would love to hear from any Rhodesian who either can put me in the way of website(s) that would sell me LPs of Slim Whitman that were issued in Rhodesia, or indeed any Rhodesian who maybe wants to sell any of the said LPs. In the meantime may I wish ALL Rhodesians all the very best, wherever they may be in this world, and say thanks in advance for any assistance you can give me. Geoff can be contacted at Hr Geoff Tue, In Berg 24, 41844 WEGBERG Germany, or fax number: 0049-2434-992631.

Edward MORROW writes "We had the pleasure of associating with Mr. **Kevin LONGSHAW** in the late 70's when I was assigned overseas. He was a talented artist who could paint a Rhodesian landscape in water color. The detail on the animals was remarkable considering it was water color. We still cherish the paintings he did for us. They are so beautiful and portray the beauty of the Rhodesian countryside. It is too bad that we lost track of him. We wonder if he is still painting beautiful art and spreading the message about his country from which he had to escape due to persecution. We pray he and his family are well and would really love to again be in touch with him." You can contact Edward at email bpeemjr@sbcglobal.net or a letter to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Morrow, 7439 La Palma Ave., #231, Buena Park, CA 90620, U.S.A.

Charmaine POWELL writes "I wonder if you, or through the magazine "Rhodesia Worldwide", would be able to help me find the full name or current whereabouts of a man, I only know as 'TOLA' who I believe was the "Chief of Staff" at the change-over from Rhodesia to Zimbabwe. I am actually trying to trace him for an American friend of mine who met him during his travels! I would be most grateful for any help you may be able to extend. Charmaine can be contacted at RSA Tel/Fax: + 27 (0) 31 572 4063, Mobile: + 27 (0) 82 853 8099 or on Email: charmaine@shasasafaris.co.za

Mrs. M.T. REMMER formerly of Banket, Zimbabwe can be contacted at 8 York Road, Wetherby, West Yorkshire LS22 6SL, UK.

Rosemary WATT (nee Van Rooyen) writes "I am looking for a young couple by the name of **Peter** and **Karen ELLIS**, they have two children a girl and a boy, they left Zim a few years ago. I would like to make contact with them, if anyone can help I would be most grateful, they can contact me on 09 432 8978 or by E mail donrose@xtra.co.nz"

UNKNOWN PAYMENT - Mary REDFERN writes You have had a payment of R120,00 for a subscription renewal from someone who did not write his name on the renewal form and the cheque is a Nedbank Business cheque: Business Northrand. For and on behalf of: F1 Couriers CC. CK1988/021461/23. I have phoned telephone enquiries and they have no such CC on record." If you are this person and have proof of payment please email Mary at rasa@iafrica.com

John DINGWELL writes "we are looking to re-contact with our relatives...**Charles** and **Nita IRWIN** and their sons **Angus** and **Roy**...who left the Bulawayo area sometime in 2005 for England. If you have any suggestions for our search, or any other information, we would appreciate your help. Please contact John at either of these two emails jdingwell@sympatico.ca or johnd@paladincanada.ca

Andrew KERFOOT is looking for documentary/research items related to the BSAP. Specifically he is looking for BSAP uniforms, photos and other memorabilia. He can be contacted at 3 Meadowvale Court, Lilydale, Victoria 3140, Australia or email caaj@bigpond.com.au.

Pam ADDISON wanted to pass along to us a website that is dedicated to adoption searches called the Rhodesian Adoption Search and it can be found at www.angelway.info

Arthur BARKLEY can be contacted at P. O. Box 1909, Pinetown 3600, KwaZulu-Natal, RSA.

Pam HAYES (nee Funnell) can be contacted at 37 Bergville Village, 8th Avenue, Denneoord, George 6529, RSA tel RSA 044-801-4057

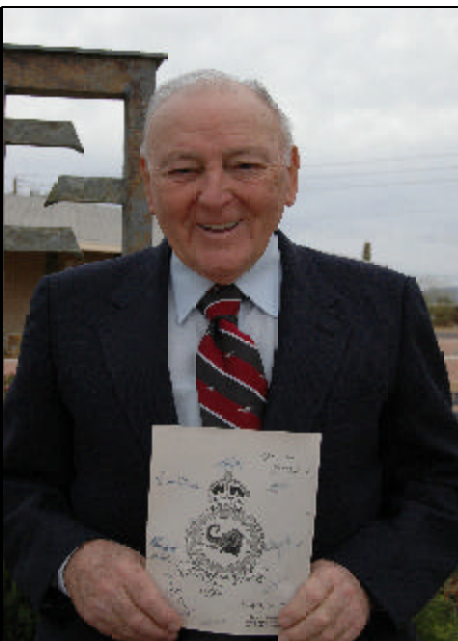
Veronika ZURAWSKI (nee Brand) ex Inyanga is trying to contact **George** and **Thyra MILLER** of Exeter area UK. Veronika can be contacted at Hauengasse 3, A-6900 Bregenz, Austria or at the following e-mail veronika.zurawski@tele2.at

Ron CORDINGLEY asks "Bottom of centre column, you record that **Steve PRINS** is enquiring re the whereabouts of an **Eddie RICE**. I know an ER in S.A. who is an Aussie and believe he may well be the person being sought, however, when I attempted to Email Steve my message was returned undelivered. Is it possible that Steve's address lpr15315@bigpond.net.au has been mis-printed" If you can help please contact Ron at roncordingley@onetel.com

Vic MACKENZIE let us know about a new book by Megan Timothy. She was born and raised in Fort Victoria and spent time singing with the late Clem Tholet before moving to the States. Her life has been anything but boring. She emigrated to the States when she was 21. Among her long list of careers and accomplishments, Megan has worked for more than 20 years as an actress (appeared in an Elvis film) singer and screenwriter. For 14 years Megan owned a well known bed and breakfast in North Hollywood frequented by celebrities and political movers and shakers. At the age of 56, Megan planned and completed a solo bike ride around Europe and parts of the Middle East - a tour of more than 10,000 miles. In September, 2003 Megan suffered a serious brain injury that left her unable to communicate at all. Never one to lie quietly and wait for things to happen, she dove immediately into intensive therapy and within two years recovered to the point of once more give the world the gift of her writing and speaking talents. The book can be ordered from Crone House Publishing, P.O. Box 1856 Idyllwild, CA 92549-1856 phone(951) 659-1938 ISBN m1-932905-06-5

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What are the chances that in Mesa, Arizona you attend an Episcopal Church and one of its members is a former RAF pilot who flew with **SMITH**? Well here's the story. Flt Lt K.R. "Sam" BEEBY who served with **Ian SMITH** in RAF Command, No. 130 Spitfire Squadron during World War II is shown here holding a copy of the Squadron Badge signed by the pilots of the squadron including him and Ian Smith.

Immediately the war ended the squadron was stationed at a previous German airfield at Christiansand, Norway together with a Norwegian RAF Squadron. Much athletic action took place between squadrons. Ian Smith ran the 440 yards and Beeby that 880 yards in their one mile relay team.

Ken "Sam" BEEBY took his flying training at No.4 British Flying Training School, Mesa, Arizona and at the cessation of the War he returned to Mesa and became an American citizen. The photographs above were taken in February, 2006 by **Chris WHITEHEAD** at the church that he and Ken attend. Ken would love to hear from Ian Smith and can be reached at the magazine address.

Geoff HILL asks if anyone might know something about this gravestone. He recently found it in Hargeisa, the capital of the Republic of Somaliland. It belongs to a **Cpl B.J. THAL** who died on 17th August 1940. What was he doing in Somaliland? If you can help contact Geoff at P. O. Box 78881, Sandton 2146, South Africa or email talkafrica@ovation.co.za



Above photo shows **Ian SMITH** far left with the rest of Squadron 130 in Christiansand, Norway in 1945. Photograph provided by Flt/Lt **Ken "Sam" BEEBY** of Mesa, Arizona, U.S.A.

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