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4389 Phil Kensett sponsors this page.
"Christmas and New Year have come and gone, and we are still here. Thank heaven for small mercies. Our ex-colleagues and friends in Zimbabwe continue, largely, to be in dire straits; our pensioners are still waiting for "something" to come out of Zimbabwe; Presidents Bush and Blair continue to try and run the world - so nothing changes."

The above is what I wrote this time last year and, again, not a lot has changed. Fortunately your Association is still here offering the comradeship and, benevolence, which I believe we, all value. One example of this was the excellent turnout at our Christmas gathering where we saw a lot of "new" faces. Another example was provided recently by John Turk who kindly invited him and myself to his 75th birthday celebration - a lovely occasion but, more to the point, John raised nearly £120 towards Trust funds.

I was contacted by one of our more senior members during Christmas, 3605 T S (Paddy) Anderson, who has generously offered to sponsor a page in the Outpost.

Our conversation revealed that he had had a very interesting past, since leaving the force. Hopefully he will give us some memoirs for use in Outpost.

No doubt there are others out there whose exploits would also be of interest to us all. Please give it some thought and contact the Editor (who now, of course, is Mike Abbotts - welcome aboard).

Our next major event will be our AGM in May. I was pleased with the response to our experiment last year so, again, it will be held on a Saturday morning to be followed by a buffet lunch. To those of you who are not yet convinced that this is the way forward, I say, please give it a try and give your committee your support. I look forward to seeing you for a drink and lunch.

Peter Phillips (6905) Chairman.
LETTER
FROM THE EDITOR

In his farewell message Dick Ray thanked me for “sliding into the warm editorial chair”. Some will share memories of moving into a cold, long vacated, chair when taking over a new post, therefore I must thank him for keeping it warm and planning the hand-over so well.

While I have the benefit of having twice been editor of the Transvaal Outpost I am also happy in the knowledge that Dick will not be slipping off to “foreign parts”, as I did when handing over the Transvaal Outpost to Glenn Macaskill and that he will be relatively close at hand if I need help.

Dick also expressed his appreciation to you, our readers, for providing the raw material that makes the UK Outpost what it is and he asked you to keep it coming. I echo those sentiments and express our thanks to Dick who now joins a fine list of previous editors.

Mike Abbotts 5975

Change Of My E-Mail Address.

I now have a new e-mail address: michael.abbotts1@btinternet.com

The change is from btopenworld to btinternet but please note that all characters are in lowercase and note the full stop between michael and abbotts, and the numeral 1 (one) after my surname.

Don't Forget
MONTHLY GATHERING
First Tuesday
Every Month
5.30pm

at the
Victory Services Club
Seymour Street
off Edgware Road
Guests Welcome
AROUND AND ABOUT
THE UK & IRELAND

London Gatherings

October 5th Those present were - 5975 Mike Abbotts, 4278 John Balchin, 7225 Keith Brown, 5699 Roger Catterall, 4360 Bill Hollington (RSA), Assoc Les House, 6527 Mike O’Donnell, 6095 Peter Phillips, 4843 Fred Punter, 4840 Mike Purslow, P/r Skip Rausch, 4735 Cliff Rogers, Guest Miss A Rogers, 4809 John Turk, 4158 Tim Weimer and 6684 John Wells.

November 2nd saw the following members in attendance - 5975 Mike Abbotts, 4278 John Balchin, 7211 Peter Biddulph, 7827 Geoff Blyth, 8457 Mike Cundy, 5404 Tony Dixon, 7125 Pop Ellis, 6629 George Glibbery, 6308 Dan Hughes, 5479 Mike Leach, 7892 Peter Marshall, 6527 Mike O’Donnell, 6348 Dennis Pool, 8515 Martin Powis, 4840 Mike Purslow, 6681 Geoff Quick, 4735 Cliff Rogers, 9638 Chris Smith, 4809 John Turk, 6883 Tim Webb

The Christmas gathering on 7th December was very well attended by 63 members, their wives and guests.

We shall need more snacks for 2005! The evening saw several new faces and the convivial chat made for a terrific evening. It was really nice to have members from the far corners of the Branch such as Dick & Bev Thompson from Newcastle and Tom & Joan Meekin from Belfast and newcomers, recently of the Transvaal Branch, one Biff Way and his wife Annetta. Parry Jones ran a raffle and the lucky winners included: John Balchin - a hamper, Maggie Plant - a bottle of whisky, Biff Way - a portable radio, Hazel Borrett - a tin of chocolates, Brian Lay - a tin of biscuits, Biff Way - a bottle of wine and Mike Coleman - a box of Toblerone Chocolates.

The Raffle raised £120 for the Association Funds. This was followed by a special auction of four caricature paintings of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother, her Jockeys and trainer. The paintings had been done by our own 4789 Eddie Matchett and donated to the Branch. Biff Way admirably fulfilled the role of auctioneer, which he had developed so well in the Transvaal Branch. The paintings were snapped up by Peter Biddulph and John Pall (a Guest of Keith Brookes) and this auction raised £53 for the Branch Funds.

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Special thanks to Eddie and the 'punters' for their generosity.


The Gathering on 4th January saw 2005 off to a fair start with 15 members turning out for the occasion. Why not join us if you are in striking distance ~ Make the effort. Perhaps that should be a New Year resolution ~ to be a little more active in supporting the Branch! Those attending (in numerical order) were: 4158 Tim Weimer: 4735 Cliff Rogers: 4809 John Turk: 4840 Mike Purslow: 5479 Mike Leach: 5975 Mike Abbotts: 6150 Dave Patterson: 6348 Dennis Poole: 6527 Mike O'Donnell: 6905 Peter Phillips: [7327] Maggie Plant: 7359 Bert Cubitt: 7548 Dave McClew: 8097 Dave Quilliam with Sharon: W/P 192 Jen Patterson (Nee Reynolds)

The 1st Tuesday in February saw visitors 6093 Dennis and Jill Bennyworth from South Africa greeted by the regulars at the Victory Services Club including; 4278 John Balchin; 4735 Cliff Rogers; 4809 John Turk; 5479 Mike Leach; 5975 Mike and Audrey Abbotts; 6308 Dan Hughes; 6338 Ed Boddington;
British South Africa Police
Regimental Association UK

6527 Mike O’Donnell; 6737 Mike Coleman; 6905 Peter Phillips; 7125 Pop Ellis; 7359 Bert Cubitt and P/R Norman ‘Skip’ Rausch

The 1st Tuesday in March was a good turnout considering the rain, sleet and cold. 18 members made the effort and this included 7310 Ed Ions visiting from the Cape. Ed had just flown in from Europe as was liaised at the standard of driving in England in the appalling weather. (I would like to say that we are just not used to it ~ but that’s not true - MLL) Alphabetically, those attending were: 5975 Mike Abbotts; 4278 John Balchin; 7211 Peter Biddulph; 8332 Chris Cumming; 9086 Tony Granger; 7298 Julian Hincks; 6308 Dan Hughes; 7310 Ed Ions; 5479 Mike Leach; 6527 Mike O’Donnell; 6150 Dave Patterson; 6905 Peter Phillips; 4853 Fred Punter; 4840 Mike Purslow; P/R Skip Rausch; 4735 Cliff Rogers; 4809 John Turk; 4857 Mike Wiltshire

Devon & Cornwall

7125 Peter (alias Pop) Ellis writes that a very pleasant get-together was organised by 5956 Dave Kennedy at a local hostelry near Lydford Gorge, where we had the pleasure of seeing 16 members plus 8 relatives. They were: the said 7125 Pop Ellis, 5956 Dave Kennedy, 5406 Peter Penning, 10462 Chris Jones, WP408 Jane Triggol, 3799 Tony Andrew, 4488 Buchan Telfer, 3967 Johnny Johnston, 8355 Chris Butler, P/R 14777 Howard Garbett, 9486 David Luscombe, 4709 Ron Peters, 5682 Peter Brock, 111999 George Fardell, 6580 Jim O’Toole, and WFR Gill Watson. The “8 relatives” remain anonymous (Ed.)

There were 12 apologies, from: 3667 Cyril Turner, 3661 Mike Kemp, 5367 Tom Board, P/R John Land, 3005 John Bellamy, 9226 David Cardy, 9337 Geoff Hurst, 5831 Dennis Wadsworth, 7698 Ian Macintyre, Alisdair Macintyre, 9196 Doug Bing, and 7298 Julian Hinks.

The rest of Britain and Ireland has been quiet this “term” but there are plans afoot for later in the year.

FROM THE FAR OUTPOSTS

Australia

On the 26th of June 4105 Bert and Sylvia Freemantle celebrated their Golden wedding anniversary in Perth. Their daughter Jane who lives in Perth arranged a surprise celebratory luncheon for them. Of the twenty who attended, only two were new friends made here in

This page is in memory of 3970 Larry Lowther.
Perth. The rest were all ex Zimbabwe or with connections to Zimbabwe. The biggest surprise for them was the appearance of their other daughter Sally who came from Toowomba (Queensland) for this special occasion. Bert & Sylvia emigrated to Australia in December 2003. Since their arrival in Perth they have been living a rather Spartan life in their rented flat with the minimum of borrowed furniture & household effects due to the non-arrival of their furniture and effects from Zimbabwe. They have probably passed their last few months with less goods and possessions than they had when they married fifty years ago. But would you believe it, their furniture arrived in Freemantle on their 50th wedding anniversary, so it was a double Golden Day. Kerry Hoadley reports that he visited a most interesting lady, 82 year old Mrs Theo James, who lives in the Perth suburb of Nedlands. She is the daughter of 1419 Henry Bugler who attested in the Force on 6 April 1911 and retired as Asst Commissioner in February 1945.
Her father was born in London. She describes him as being quite tall, a keen golfer who also enjoyed tennis, and who was an excellent shot. He loved horses, particularly his mount Punch when he was stationed at Gwanda. She recalls living in a wooden bungalow in the Police Camp in Salisbury. After that, the family moved to Gwanda where their house was on the side of a hill with a guest hut nearby. She recalls some of the characters stationed at Gwanda at that time including 1054 "Tick" Tice, 2927 Albert Hook and 3525 Jack Wordsworth who was regarded as being rather special as he was the only one entrusted with the only police motorcycle at the station.

Early in May John & Margaret Seward set off for a three week trip to Canberra and New South Wales. Margaret wrote the patrol report and records that they a wonderful time there. She says that they first took a five and a half hour flight from Perth to Canberra arriving there at 5.20am. Marcia Else, the widow of 5721 John Else with whom they had been stationed in Bindura, met them at the airport. She was a wonderful hostess and showed them all the sights of Canberra. Whilst in Canberra they met 8083 Will Singleton and Field Reservist Colin Blair.

They hired a car in Canberra and drove down to the coast. At Mollymook they met 4411 Peter Beach and his wife Hilda who drove them around taking them to many pretty little coves in the area. From there the visited Sydney where they met 7028 Alan Prince with whom they went out for dinner.

When 5339 Dick and Lyn Hopper arrived from Auckland, New Zealand, John and Margaret joined then at their "timeshare" in Port Macquarie. They had been stationed with the Hoppers in Chipinga once upon a time. En route to Port Macquarie, they visited the Hunter Valley to see how the wine industry area of New South Wales compares with our wine industry area down in the South West of Western Australia. At Port Macquarie they enjoyed

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exploring little coves with their own unique beaches along the coast. They also hired a boat and with "Captain" Hopper at the helm we sailed up the Hastings River one glorious afternoon. Like all good things our holiday came to an end. As they were driving back to Sydney, Dick suddenly said "Who would have believed forty years ago I would be driven down the Pacific Highway (in Australia) by my Member in Charge?"
The Annual Reunion Lunch was held on the 13 September 2003 at 12.30 hours at the Belmont RSL. Those attending were, 7784 Steve Acornley (From Jakarta in Indonesia), PR4460 Sonny Brooks, 11556K Don and Joyce Bulloch, 7682 Ian and Breda Calderwood, 15152 Patrick and Moira Cane, 8617 Doug Capper, PR15152 Mike Cave, 4306 Dave & Carol Clapham, (4147) Vivian Cordy-Hedge, (5531) Valerie Davies, 4326 Tom and Marjorie Doherty, PR Colin & Mrs Douglas, (5721) Marcia Else (Who flew in from Canberra), 4105 Bert and Sylvia Freemantle, Guest Mike Gale, 7045 Rob and Laurie Gates, 22399 George and Eva Gault, 7572 Al and Lynn Greenly, 7236 John Henderson, 5316 Kerry & Olivia Hoadley, Associate Sylvia Holborn, PR7825E Arthur and Doreen Hutson, 6929 Howard Martin, 7694 Steve and Linda Martin, 19034N Alan and Joyce Mc McGrath, (9234E) Margaret O'Neill, Guest Speaker John and Sylvia Plant - ex Unit Commander in the PRAW, 7028 Alan Prince - from Sydney, Guest Henry Ricketts, 17845W Charles and Adele Scott, 7365/8217 Peter Scott, 4649 John and Margaret Seward, Guest Michael Seward, 8083 Bill Singleton - from Canberra, 383583 Chuck & Peggy Warren, 7049 Lew and Joanne Whitmore - from Albany WA, 6211 Colin and Fiona Whittaker, 4780 Sam and Elizabeth Williams, & Guest DaveWilton. A total of 65 members and guests sat down to lunch.

On 5th February Queensland held their AGM at which Mike Edden was elected Chairman of the Branch. Their full committee is now Chairman 4727 Mike Edden;

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Secretary / Treasurer 7012 Mike King; Social Secretary 6604 J. Gold; and Committee Members are 6303 Pete Nortje; 28014 Z. M. Hayes; 6278 Gerry Dyer AND 7429 Frederick Carr-Thompson.

Eastern Cape

Since the last letter in October, 2004, we had the honour of not only being present at the annual local Memorial Parade on 11 November, held at the Club where we always meet, but for the first time, laid our own B.S.A.Police Regimental Association wreath.

Following that, our wreath was again laid at the city’s Annual Memorial Parade at the Cenotaph in Rink Street the following Sunday, where there were some 33 organisations represented. What a proud moment it was too. It is intended that we will continue to participate at this function every year from now on.

Thanks are extended to Anne Basson for the arrangement of the wreath, which naturally was made up in the blue and old gold colours, with an appropriate card attached giving a brief history as to how the Force came into being.

The Annual Sundowner was held at the club on 26 November and took the format of a ‘bring and braai’.

the following were in attendance: 9791 Aubrey and Pat Ingram, 4599 Ken Humphries, 6687 Alan Dickinson, 6966 Nobby and Pam Clarke, 5624 Pat and Lynette Ferguson, 137/281 Doreen Nowell, 5424 Noel MacKenzie, Mignonne Gibbings, 5144 Ray Weare and his daughter Norma, Jill MacKenzie, 6570 Brian Burnstein, Anne Basson, 5225 James and Elaine Carse, Claire Wilson, R. Morgan, Dick and Margaret Waite.

Natal

Annual Dinner

The 2004 Annual Dinner was held at the Shamwari/German Club in Westville on Saturday 2 October. Whilst there were fewer attendees than the previous year due, probably, to the concern about ‘drink driving’ and also the fact that many members are reluctant to drive any distance at night, the Dinner was an enjoyable affair (judging by feedback) and the speaker Justice Ted Beck’s speech was perfectly pitched. The now famous Judge Hilary Squires set the standard for the evening in his introduction of Justice Beck. We were indeed fortunate & privileged to have the pleasure of Hilary & Coralies’ company on the eve of his commencing the Shabier Shaik Trial. It is certainly heart

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warming that despite the great pressures placed upon him he still finds time to support and encourage us in our small endeavours.

Justice Beck reminisced about his time as a Rhodesian judge, in the course of which he made mention of the Diggeden/James case among others and then, changing the tone, he told a tale about George Bush, Tony Leon (Leader of the Opposition in South Africa) and Thabo Mbeki being in prayer. George Bush asked Our Lord how long it would take before weapons of mass destruction would be found in Iraq? Our Lord replied, "Not for fifty years my son"; and Bush wept. Tony Leon asked how long it would take before an opposition would take over the Government of South Africa and the reply, "Not for fifty years my son", and Leon wept. Thabo Mbeki asked how long it would take before his quiet diplomacy approach to Zimbabwe would bear fruit - and Our Good Lord wept.

6187 John Haswell again rendered sterling service in his role of replying to the guest Speaker, which he has performed so well over the years.

Those present were: Mr Justice Ted and Mrs Philly Beck Guest Speaker; Mr Justice Hilary and Mrs Coralie Squires, Guests, George and Lynn Galbraith SAS, Guests, Peter and Ellie Maunder SAS, Guests, 7402 Rob & Shelagh Hamilton, 8308 Rob & Dee Bristow, 5087 Robin Johnson, 7033 Derek & Megan Kerr, 8371 Colin Kerr, 6872 David & Maddie Lynn, 5934 Fred & Lindsay Mason, 5480 Scotty & Felicity McCauley, 8555 Les & Cathy Milne, 4521 Phil & Eve Mingard, 5749 Paul & Heather Shewell, 4947 Roy Welch, 5802 Ken & Yvonne Wood, 8453 Tom & Ann Archer, 7405 John & Val Borland, 8464 Alan Bailey, 4258 Derrick Bennison, 6468 Dave & Penny Callow, 5826 Nigel Cuerden, Sheelagh Chadwick (Guest), 8105 Peter Cutting, 5251 John & Carla Dolby, 20445 Eddie & Jilly De Beer, 6170 Graham & Betty de Wit, 5156 Peter Gibson, 5293 Trevor & Beryl Dutton, 7543 Peter & Elsbie Gatland, 4555 Charles
Grassett, 7617 David Fowler, 7564 Phil Hart, 6283 Nobby & Natascha Clark, 7229 Des & Trish Howse, 5874 Garth Hatton, 6187 John Haswell, 5931 Alan & Gerda Cunningham. The attendance register had two 'mystery' entries, Harriesx2, & Don Robertson.

Remembrance Day
7402 Rob Hamilton reports - "I had the privilege of laying our traditional wreath at the SAS memorial service in November at the Flame Lily Moth Cottages in Queensburgh. As always the service is extremely well organized and is indeed a touching service. I am always proud that the SAS, with their illustrious history, still permit us the honour, as the senior service to lay the first wreath. For those that have not attended this service in the past - you should! I am filled with melancholy as I look around at our now mature and aging constituency who gather each year to remember those of our countrymen who paid the ultimate sacrifice for our small country. This year Ron Reid-Daly travelled at his own expense to lay the wreath for the Selous Scouts. I was impressed that this brave commander, now fighting for his life against the scourges of cancer, still remembers the men he led. He has ample excuse to stay at home in Simonstown and send his good wishes, but he does not.

New Zealand

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS FUNCTION AND 25 Years ANNIVERSARY 2004

The Annual Christmas Luncheon took place on 4 December at the Silverdale Returned Servicemen's Association (RSA) premises, in Auckland. This occasion was used to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the founding of the New Zealand Branch in 1979.

51 persons, the highest number recorded for any NZ function, comprising members, wives, partners and guests, sat down to a very reasonably priced, but sumptuous, meal with formalities being kept to a minimum.

The UK Branch sent a very welcome and congratulatory message which was well received, and it was delivered by Fred Punter, a member of the UK Branch.

We were also very pleased to welcome Nigel Leakey (with wife and baby) whose round the world yacht just happened to be berthed in Auckland for a period. Nigel obliged by being the guest speaker, regaling us with tales of his voyage to date

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and the interesting places that he had visited.

Two framed certificates were presented. The first, commemorating the fact that he has been Chairman of the NZ Branch since it’s inception, was to Bill Schollum pictured below. The second to Ron Pilbrough for the dubious honour of being the only person not to have missed an Annual General Meeting in 25 years.


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HOPPER, Dick & Lynn Member: 111050
LAWN, Dave & Shireen: 8115 LEAKEY,
Nigel & Caroline: 5333 LeSUEUR, Dave
MAJOR, Rex & Anne Guest: 901576
MAWDSLEY, Butch A Sabina: 10431
McINTOSH-DONA, Steve & Kim
Member: Associate 390 (NRP)
McMANUS, Greg & Mona Assoc.
MIDDLETON-STOKES, Kate Hon.
Member: MILLER, Patricia Guest: 757
PILBROUGH, Ron: 4853 PUNTER,
Fred & Margaret UK Member: 9212
RICHARDSON, Peter & Sharon with
Jesse: 4623 ROFFEY, Maurice & Audrey
Member: 8030 RUSSELL, Murray:
3693 SCHOLLUM, Bill: STEWART,
Hannah Ex Palestine (W): SMITH, Sylvia
Ex Palestine (W): TAYLOR, Paul &
Brenda: VOGWILL, Ian Ex Palestine:
WHYTE, Sue Hon. Member: 8898
WILCOX, Scott: 7595 WINTERS, Ian

Transvaal
The Transvaal Branch is celebrating
the thirtieth anniversary of its
formation as a branch of the
Association, and so the Annual
Dinner this year was a very special
occasion. It was held at the
Rosebank Hotel on Friday, 10th
September 2004. The President of
the Association, Bill Ellway,
attended this important function.

The guest speaker was Geoff Hill,
author of the book “The Battle for
Zimbabwe”. Those who attended (&
signed the register) were: 8260
David Amm, 15009L R.L.
Anderson, 7705 Dave Bannerman,
5839 Colin Becks, 7847 Brian
Beeden, Graham Bendell, 110756
Chris Birtle, 6910 John Bissett,
7902 Brien Bonynge, 8556 Darroll
Brent, 8065 Steve Britz, Intaf Alex
Bundock, 8407 Graham Campbell,
23730 John Cannon, Capt Peter
Cloete - Sandton Commando, 7038
Ashley Collings, 6650 Peter
Combes, 6534 Ian Cuthbertson,
727984 J. Davidovics, 5272 Pat
Deasy, 5780 Mark Doyle, PR7789Q
Peter Drysdale, 10222 Pete Dyer,
Bob Edmiston, 4728 Bill Ellway -
President, 6145 Alex Fraser, Rhett
Gardener, 6692 Brian Garvey,
6769 Dick Glanville, 7319 Tony
Glover, Sgt Mike Groenewald -
Sandton Commando, 6587 Ian
Harries, 8026 Jonathan Harvey,
40211 Richard Henry, 13126
(Army) Geoff Hill, 5171 Peter
Hillier (Who has emigrated to the
U.K.), 8277 Hans Hoffman, 6345
Dave Holmes, 5991 Don Joss, 6535

Western Cape Branch

Our annual mid-winter get-together took place on Sunday 27 July. Instead of the usual evening 'dinner', this year we enjoyed lunch at the Mowbray Golf Club. We sat down to an excellent four-course meal, followed by coffee. After a splendid repast no one was the least bit interested in playing 18 holes of golf! The following folk attended: 5483 Dave & Hanni Blacker, 5234 Sandy & June Coutts, 4774 John & Joan Fletcher, 5860 Doug & Di Grierson, 7995 Winston & Felicity Hart, 6780 Graham & Pauline Jansen, 5349 Peter & Ann Lane, C697 Mike & Lucille Mays, with guest Audrey Mays (Mike's mum), 8714 John & Cheryl Munro, with guest Lolita Saffy, 5800 Tom & Phoebe Naude, 6893 Brian & Miriam Oberholster, 5689 Gilly & Isobel Potter, 4736 George & Joan

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The roll call reads: - 8511 Jed Alderson; (guest) Ernest Allen (NRP); (guest) Holt Allen (NRP); 7645 Taki Amira; (guest) Alan Barnes; 6558 Stu Bass; 7880 Guy Bekker; (guest) Roche Benecke; 5483 Dave Blacker; 6846 Jim Blain; 6820 Andy Bullmore; (guest) Colin Burke; (guest) Alan Constable; (guest) John Constable; (guest) Michael Constable; PR7213 Tom Constable; 5727 Peter Coolbear; 7751 Alan Crook; 6941 Richard Currie; (guest) Guy De Gruchy; (guest) Bruce Durham; 8895 Rod Eterman; 4760 Dermod Gloster; 5860 Doug Grierson; (guest) Deon Hardick; (guest) Harry Harvey; 7473 Dave Hillman; 8173 Lockie Howie; 7310 Edward Ions; 6780 Spats Jansen; 6118 Pat Keyser; (Guest Speaker) David Klatzow; 5349 Peter Lane; 6869 Peter Logue; 8151 Lawrie Mabin; (Hon. Piper) Des Martin; (Guest) Bernard Martindale; 6984 Richard Matteben; 6504 Andy Matthews; (guest) Steve McEvoy; 5880 Stan McMillan; 6654 Bill Merritt; (Associate) Wendy Meyer; (guest) Alex Millar, 7364 Dusty Thjs
British South Africa Police Regimental Association UK

Millar; 8532 Trevor Mitrovich; 3975 Vic Moisey; 8714 John Munro; 6893 Brian Oberholster; (guest) Dave Osborne; (guest) Ric Pepworth; 6158 Don Peters; (guest) Gideon Pienaar; 5689 Gilly Potter; 5795 Giff Reade; 8299 Mike Reeler; (guest) Dereck Renish; 7389 Taffy Roberts; PR14754 Len Rowley; 6581 Neil Sarsfield; 6837 Chuck Sawyer;

8655 Peter Shout; (Associate); 7471 Joe Surkent; (guest) Matt Surkont; 6222 Rob Traill; (guest) Andrew Van Blommestein; 8897 Carl Van Woerden; (guest) Shane Van Woerden; (guest) Ted Vickery; (guest) Roger Watt; 8336 Mike Webster; (guest) Eddy Wilkinson; 7955 Andrew Wood; 8265 Stuart Woodcock; WP222 Sue Wright & 8527 Phil Wright.

4840 Mike Purslow (left) and 4853 Fred Punter (right) met up with 4736 George Stewart (middle) on a visit to the Cape in December 2004

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THE LADIES PAGE

There is no doubt that women played a tremendous and varied role in the life of the BSAP, as police officers (both regular and reserve), nurses, clerks, typing instructors, first aid instructors, caterers and, oh yes, wives. It is also true that women view certain aspects of our lives, including our policing activities, from a different and interesting perspective to that of their male colleagues and their contributions to the Outpost has been and continues to be, most welcome.

However, one of our ladies posed the question of whether there should be a dedicated ladies’ page. Well, ladies, we would like your thoughts on the matter. If you would like a “Ladies Page”, “The Feminine View”, “The Female Perspective” or some other more imaginative title, give us “a shout”. It would be interesting to know what you think of this idea and indeed the format. We, the editorial team, would welcome your thoughts.

This happy group of policewomen features the late Judy Nicholson (nee Welch), the late Margaret Chisholm, Di Grierson (nee Fynn) and Di Treadwell with the lucky police man Alex Fraser on the right.
The UK Branch of the BSA Police Regimental Association

Notice is hereby given that the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the British South Africa Police Regimental Association (United Kingdom Branch) will be held at the Victory Services Club, Seymour Street, London on Saturday 15th May 2004 commencing at 11.00am to transact the following agenda.

1. Greetings and Apologies
2. Roll of Honour
3. Confirm the minutes of the last Annual General Meeting of 15th May 2004
5. The Chairman’s Report
7. BSAP Trust Report
8. The Almoners Report
9. The Election of Executive Committee Members (See Below)
10. Election of Chairman
11. Appointment of Auditors
12. Any Other Business

Mike Leach, Hon. Sec. ~ 23rd January 2005

Election of Committee: Three members retire by rotation: Dan Hughes, Parry Jones and John Martin. John Martin is standing down, but the others have offered themselves for re-election. Peter Phillips offers himself for re-election as Chairman. Any member wishing to stand, or propose another member for election OR have items for Any Other Business, should advise the Hon Sec not less than 7 days before the meeting.

Please try to attend this important meeting.
Your participation is both meaningful and significant.

At the conclusion of the meeting a buffet lunch will be available but prior booking before 5th May with the Hon. Sec. is essential. A bar facility will also be available. Any member seeking accommodation must contact the Club and make their own arrangements direct.
The Almoner
by
Allen Lucas 4393
Almoner, BSAP Trust

One of the objects of the Regimental Association is to provide assistance to any member, spouse and family in the case of need and every member of the Association has a responsibility for the welfare of their fellow members and their dependants. This is not as straightforward as it seems thus it was decided that the BSAP Trust would appoint an Almoner from among the trustees, whose task would be to manage this aspect.

The Trustees have appointed me as Almoner and the purpose of this article is to explain the role of the Almoner and what other members of the Branch can do to assist the Almoner and thus our fellow members who are in need.

The traditional role of an Almoner is to advise and assist those in need. In order to be able to do so the Almoner must know exactly what the nature of the problems are that are being faced by the person in need and what their own resources are, and he must also know the various statutory and voluntary organisations that exist to provide help, the nature of that help such as welfare benefits and other financial help, aids and adaptions in the home, nursing care, and respite for those who are themselves caring for incapacitated family members.

This, indeed, is the role designated for the Almoner of the BSAP Trust. However, in addition to the above challenges we have problems unique to Rhodesians returning to this country, many after years away, i.e., non-payment of pensions - these members and dependants not understanding the system.

It is my view that the work of the Almoner can be expected to increase over the years, let’s face it we are an ageing Association and with more people living longer it is inevitable that there will be an increase in the pastoral care required by members and their families, but as years are added to our life expectancy another challenge is adding life to those years.

The role is not usually a proactive one but rather reactive in that the Almoner reacts to the information he receives, in our case this is more often than not through the Secretary but can be direct from members and so he has to deal with problems as they arise. But we have acquired the knowledge of the
Part of the role is to meet personally with those in need and to discuss their problems with them. This presents a couple of problems, which I address below.

Firstly how is contact made with these members? As stated earlier the Almoner usually comes into contact with members in need through referral by other members who somehow or other have learned of the need. A real problem is the pride and independent spirit that is in us all that can lead to a reluctance to seek assistance and help when it is needed, should a member be contacted when it is known that he likes to maintain his privacy, so where does care end and intrusion begin?

So, a great deal of tact and diplomacy is called for together with the promise and exercise of confidentiality, indeed these are of the utmost importance.

What I would also like to do to get across to our members that we are here to help and that they should not be reluctant in coming forward if in difficulties because of false pride or the attitude 'I am alright' when in fact they are not.

Secondly members of the BSAP Regimental Association are so widely spread throughout the UK and beyond that the Almoner cannot and should not act alone. Thus members living in the vicinity of someone in need of assistance may be called on to assist by visiting the member concerned to assess the situation and obtain information which will be passed to the Almoner, so that any action required can be properly co-ordinated. This is of particular importance where financial assistance is being sought.

As stated at the beginning dealing with our fellows who are in need is not always a simple matter and the Almoner will guide those members who are asked to assist throughout each case.

To those who learn of others in need please pass the information on to the Almoner so that we can try and help.

Contact addresses for the Almoner and the Hon Sec are shown in the UK Branch Committee Members list on the last page of this Outpost.

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BRITISH SOUTH AFRICA POLICE REGIMENTAL ASSOCIATION

UK Branch - BROADWAY EVENT : August Bank Holiday Weekend 2005

You are cordially invited to the 2005 BSAP Regimental Association Event to be held at Farncombe Estate Broadway, Worcestershire, on Saturday 27th August. The braai starts at 5.30 p.m., but visitors may arrive via the gatehouse from 10.30 am.

- Single-bedded rooms will be available and you may bring your own camp bed and bedding to accommodate another person within that room for a small extra charge. Some double/twin accommodation is also available, with preference being given to those with special needs.
- Accommodation is available on Friday, Saturday and Sunday nights (which includes breakfast - Continental on Saturday and Monday - Full English on Sunday).
- Dinner available on Friday night, Lunch on Saturday – bookings essential.
- Entry cover to the Saturday night braai includes salads, roll and butter, cutlery, tea/coffee and braai fuel/equipment. You supply your own meat, but if you require boeverts please order below.
- Again this year the event has been extended to cover the whole of the Bank Holiday weekend to afford the widest range of options for friends to meet in congenial surroundings.

Reunion Centre: The Centre will be open from Saturday 10.30am, with historical (60s Theme) & memorabilia displays, with items for sale. Pre-booked lunches with Bar. Meeting Area with tea and coffee.

Contributions to the raffle will be greatly appreciated

Bookings & Cancellations: Bookings must be confirmed by payment within seven days. Notice of cancellation can only be considered at the discretion of the Organisers if received at least seven days prior to the event, and will be subject to a minimum cancellation charge of £5. Select your requirements on the form below - you will receive confirmation in due course.

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Confirmation of Booking for: BSAP Broadway Event 2005

Saturday Night Braai
Cover charge @ £10 per person x ....... people £
Boerwors @ £3 per lb x ....... lbs £
Accommodation required Friday / Saturday / Sunday (please select)
Single Room @ £35 per room x ....... nights £
* (extra person) @ £10 per person x ....... nights £
* (extra nights) @ £25 per room x ....... nights £
Double/Twin Room @ £50 per room x ....... night £
* (extra nights) @ £30 per room x ....... nights £
Dinner: Friday @ £12 per person x ....... meals £
Lunch: Saturday @ £10 per person x ....... meals £

Total Payment enclosed: £

Cheques/PO's to be made payable to 'BSAP Regimental Association'

Signature ........................................ Reg. No.: ........ Date: ........

Please return completed bookings portion to:
James Hazlett, 33 Hill Farm Avenue
NUNEATON, Warwickshire CV11 6TA
Telephone / fax: 024 76 343176 email: vidtec@aol.com

Title/Initials: ........... Surname:................................
Address: .............................................................................. Postcode: ...........................................
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Completed Booking Form should be returned with payment as soon as possible.
Bookings are subject to availability and must be received before 31st July 2005

If there is enough support – The Popular Sunday Lunch Cruise will be repeated – ask for details!
Visits to Members
Following an appeal by our Almoner the following visits have taken place:

7475 Paul Hodges made contact with 4983 Dave Sankey and reports that he appears to be keeping in good spirits.
5317 Keith Brooks managed to visit 4063 John Sowter in the Autumn and this was followed with a visit by 8009 Peter Butler and 7964 Stuart Thomson who also visited John at the end of November. John looked fit and well and has a positive attitude towards life. He is looked after well and is visited everyday by his ‘friend’. The visit lasted over an hour and a half with some reminiscences about the old days and mutual acquaintances. Despite his medical problems, John was very lucid and held an interesting conversation.

6090 Paddy and Bev Gardiner visited John and Beth Restorick on 22.11.04. We took with us a bottle of "Christmas Cheer" to hopefully make their festive season more enjoyable. We found John in much the same state of health as reported in August although Beth says he has deteriorated a little. He is still of course on full time oxygen administered via the nostrils and this will not change in the future. He recently had an eye cataract operation in Cromer and reports that as being a success. He has occasional coughing bouts, but despite his difficulties we were able to talk of the "days gone by" and some of the personalities we both knew and had a few laughs.

4996 John Neale made contact with 4389 Phil Kensett who was recovering well following a fall.
Thank you all for assisting our Almoner by conducting such visits.

1965ers – Reunion
1965, a momentous year in Rhodesian history, with one of largest and best intakes of recruits for the BSAP which saw many fine men join who would leave their mark on the Country and bar tops throughout the land (several fine women joined up also - and there was UDI). Some of those fine men thought it would be a good idea to commemorate the 40th anniversary of this intake by making marks on more bar tops and wondered if there were any other 65ers (including our fine women) who would like to participate. A luncheon, will take place at the Victory Services Club on 30th September, the same day as the Annual Dinner. For further details please contact Alan Toms at antoms1@btinternet.com or telephone 01386 831541.

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May
Tuesday 3rd - First Tuesday gathering at VSC London, 5.30pm
Saturday 14th - 11.00am AGM at VSC London, followed by lunch (book in advance for lunch)

June
Tuesday 7th - First Tuesday gathering at VSC London, 5.30pm
Sunday 12th at noon - Myserscough Gathering.

July
Tuesday 5th - First Tuesday gathering at VSC London, 5.30pm

August
Tuesday 2nd - First Tuesday gathering at VSC London, 5.30pm
Broadway Braai – Saturday 27th at 5.30pm. See centrefold for booking form and full information

September
Tuesday 6th - First Tuesday gathering at VSC London, 5.30pm
Saturday 10th – Clonmel – Ireland gathering 12 noon at Sandy Stokes’ place.
Sunday 12th at noon - Myserscough Gathering.
Friday 30th at 6.30pm – UK Branch Annual Dinner at VSC London. Details to follow.

THE HON SEC’S NOTICE BOARD

Passports: If you were born on or before 2nd September 1929 this announcement will affect you. The Home Office have now confirmed that with effect from Monday 18th October 2004 “Any British Nationals who were 16 years old or older at the end of World War II are eligible for free, concessionary passports which will be valid for 10 years. Any person who has applied for a passport between 19th May 2004 and 18th October 2004 may apply for a refund of the

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standard passport fee.” For UK residents, advice is available from “0870 521 0410” This equally applies to overseas residents who should contact their nearest British Consulate or High Commission for local information. The refund will not apply to passports obtained before 19th May 2004. Thanks to Bill Earle for this snippet.

Correction: This refers to the photo on page 36 of Issue No 58 “Fife Avenue Hostel 1953 No 2”. There was a slight mistake in the listing of those in the picture. Seated on the front, 2nd from left is 4345 John Kevin ‘Jack’ Shaughnessy who was in Traffic, not to be confused with 4509 Brian O’Shaughnessy. The Underhill/Underwood is in fact 4672 Norman Harold Underhill. Norman was ex Coldstream Guards in same recruit squad as 4669 Alan Stimson who asks ~ Is Norman still with us? My thanks to the many who sent me messages to corrected these errors ~ MLL

Lost Members: Outposts have been returned for:
9356 A M Lambert, Exeter, UK
7155 Ernie Mason, Woolstonecraft, NSW Australia
Any information to me please.

INPOST
5075 Dick Ray writes to say ‘For the past five years I urged members to stay in touch through your good offices and ultimately through UK Outpost, so I suppose I ought to follow my own advice.

I was very pleased that you put me in contact with 5658 Alan Whitehurst, recently settled in Dumfries and Galloway. We shared the Single Quarters at Inyati in 1958 with the likes of 5424 Noel MacKenzie, 5569 Bill Lowther and 6533 Colin Campbell. 3839 Tony Raynor was 2 i/c to 4741 Bill Bailey. Alan introduced the bachelors to chess ~ with his own rules! I next came across Alan when I was at Plumtree in 1962/63; I was by now married with a baby son, and Alan was with the Bechuanaland Police at the neighbouring Post across the border ~ near enough to be roped in as a baby-sitter, he reminds me.

At Christmas I heard from 5272 Pat Deasy (Jo’burg). He seems to be keeping fit and playing enough golf to maintain a very low handicap. He is planning a trip to Ireland and UK in the second half of 2005 and hopes to attend the London dinner. I was stationed at Wankie with Pat in 1955/56 and we have remained good pals ever since. Another regular Christmas correspondent was 4071 Doug Wright. He and Ursula are enjoying their retirement home in Tasmania, and Doug is
philosophical about having reached an age when he has to give up driving any distance beyond their local area. Unfortunately Ursula suffers from osteoporosis, and Doug has recently undergone surgery for cancer of the bladder and skin cancer. Another correspondent is June, widow of 4743 John Morgan. I am sure she would like us to pass on this extract from her letter: ‘If any Old Comrades are in the vicinity of Oldbury-on-Severn they may be interested to see (and rest on) the seat we have placed on the hill behind the church in memory of John. The beautiful view of the Severn and beyond was one of his favourites. There is a small plaque on the back of it – ‘Death is but an horizon and an horizon is only as far as the eye can see’.”

I plan to be at the AGM, so look forward to seeing you then.

3835 John Stanyon is living in Queensland Australia at 147, The Grooves, 4, Longwood Street, Minyama 4575. John, who keeps in touch with [4327] Rona Johnston of our branch, would love to hear from former colleagues.

3976 Taffy Morgan celebrated his 80th birthday on 30th December 2004 whilst visiting his son Glyn here in the UK. Being a special birthday Glyn arranged for a birthday lunch in London that was held on 12th January 2005 at the Victory Services Club. A magnificent 5-course meal and copious amber liquids mellowed those present to recall many happy memories. Those present in addition to Taff and Glyn included [3820] Pom and her son Teddy Travers, 3948 Eric Collier, 3942 Bob Barkley and his wife, 4393 Allen ‘Tubby’ Lucas and his wife, 5075 Dick and Jenny Ray, Dereck and Marie Jones, [5780] Denny Doyle, [P/R 7510] Doris Chipp, Mike Claydon (cousin of Alan Rich), and some of the Morgan relations still alive and present included Brenda Allenson (cousin), Brian (cousin) and Maxine Clark. Sadly Glyn’s wife Sarah who had made all the arrangements was struck down with a flu bug on the day and was unable to see the success of the event for herself.

January 22nd saw a gathering at the Gurkha Restaurant in Hindhead area of Surrey. 4809 John Turk arranged a special birthday luncheon to celebrate his 75 years on the planet. Similar to previous years he arranged a collection from all present to support not only the Ghurkha Welfare Trust, but also the BSAP Trust.
There were 32 persons present, of which nine were BSAP connected. The collection boxes raised £119.60 for the BSAP Trust whilst the Ghurkha’s Welfare fund was also generously supported. Our special thanks to John for supporting us in this way.

4789 Eddie Matchett recently had a surprise visit from 5833 Colin Macintosh who is now living in Nevada USA. Colin also dropped in on 5615 Tom Meekin. Colin moved to the states some ten years ago. Sadly his wife Debbie passed away suddenly two years ago and Colin was returning from Durban where he had been visiting his eldest son who had returned to live there.

On 5th February Queensland held their AGM at which Mike Edden was elected Chairman of the Branch. Their full committee is now Chairman 4727 Mike Edden; Secretary / Treasurer 7012 Mike King; Social Secretary 6604 J. Gold; and Committee Members are 6303 Pete Nortje; 28014Z M. Hayes; 6278 Gerry Dyer AND 7429 Frederick Carr-Thompson

It will be recalled that we had the pleasure of a visit from John & Laurette Hardie from South Africa in June 2004 while they travelled around Britain and Ireland meeting family and friends. Laurette sent us greetings and thanks to all BSAP who
their trip so great. In particular she said how nice it was to meet Hugh and Dawn Phillips, Fred Punter, Tim Wiemer and Peter Biddulph and Derrick Humberstone again and to meet the very efficient Mike Leach, and Peter Phillips. Peter Dewe reminded John that he had chaired Peter’s promotion board. On a visit to Letchworth they spent an evening with Brian and Adrienne Gibbs. Then off to Ireland and a visit to Youghal, to a friendly and warm welcome from John & Marie Berry. Our short time at his “local” was most enjoyable. Laurette concludes by saying that she and Hohn pass their sincere thanks to all for the help and kindness shown.

6710 Robin Hood still keeps going in Dorset. Recently 6130 Randy Symmons dropped in for a cuppa and reports that he is managing well despite his disability.

6355 Mike Moysen responded to the death notice of Colin MacPhail in our last issue ~ I was saddened at reading of Colin’s death in the current issue of UK Outpost. I was privileged to serve as Colin's troop at Gokwe between 1962 & 64. He was a great member in charge and I learned an enormous amount from him. He had an interesting background being the son of the last steamboat captain to sail out of the Port of Glasgow. When I knew him he was a very settled family man with a lovely wife Bettye (or Boo to Mac), and then two sons Colin who also joined the BSAP {Sadly also deceased~ MLL} and Nigel. Bettye was pregnant with their third child Shendra when I was at Gokwe. As she was overdue accompanying Mac on a patrol down to Bumi Hills did the trick and Shendra was born in Que Que Hospital soon afterwards. Colin subsequently served at Gatooma (Police Reserve) and I/c Banket from where he was very much involved in the fracas at Sinoia in the late 60's. I have subsequently lost contact with the MacPhail's although they did visit me in the UK in the 70's.

R C (Percy) Fraser-Milner 4584 writes that the photograph of Depot 1939/40 in Issue 58 in which ‘Coote’ Atkinson appears brought to mind that ‘Coote’ farmed at Oude Kraal farm in the Concession area. When I was stationed at Concession during the 1950s I used to visit him as part of a patrol. Twenty years later, whilst working as a ‘Ranger’ (Mounted Keeper) for the Wimbledon and Putney Commons Conservators, on arrival at the stables I found a familiar face working on...
cleaning a plough, together with what to me must have been his son. It was ‘Cooite’. His sister was the wife of the Clerk to the Conservators.

Whilst at Concession for the second time round, later in the 50s I was giving evidence in a case, with Sub-Inspector Ray Stenner prosecuting. He kept addressing me as Sergeant. I kept insisting that I was a Constable until he said that he had received the notification just after I had left the office.

Last year I underwent a minor operation on my spine, for the second time the first being in 1989 for spinal stenosis second and third lumbar. The surgeon I saw at the Royal Gloucester Hospital was a Mr Crawshaw. During the interview I detected what I thought was a slight South African accent. Mr Crawshaw has a house in Bulawayo and a plot at Chirundu. A friend of his was Chief Inspector Wood, known as ‘Woody’.

6388 Will Cornell sent the following resume of his recent visitations:

Following return from our 6-week trip to the UK and South Africa I need to comment on the ‘State of the Regimental Association’ in South Africa. Karon and I, and my brother and sister-in-law (who were celebrating their 40th anniversary) travelled through the country from October 6 to November 4 and had an absolutely wonderful time. It was the first time for the other three to visit and my first return visit since I lived there from 75-80. Those who went out of their way to spend time with us and extend hospitality in South Africa included Jac and June Van Nickerk in Jhb, Ken and Monica Mackay in Empangeni and Nobby and Natascha Clark in Durban. Biff Way also went out of his way to see we got home okay after the TVl meeting and Doug and Di Grierson assisted us in finding accommodation at Timour Hall in the Cape.

It was great to meet up with all those at the TVl. meeting, particularly those I knew including: Ian Cuthbertson, Sam McCrorie, Pete Coombes, John Pirrett, Glenn Macaskill, Alastair Webb, Biff Way and Terry Schwarz. Thanks to Terry’s cell phone, I spoke on the phone to Chris Wilkinson and Biff got Jock Crossan on his phone.

On arrival at Nobby and Natascha Clark’s home in Waterfall we were greeted by the BSAP flag on the gate and a gathering of former colleagues in the persons of Des Howse, Fred Mason, Trevor Dutton and Rob Hamilton. Also while in Durban, we met up with Alan

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Brent, who especially needs our prayers, and at Inchanga, saw Pat Knight and Smudge Smith and met Chris Wilkinson and his wife for dinner. In Amanzintot we stopped off with Glenn Martin to allow me to award him his bottle of scotch for winning a weekend internet competition some two years ago.

In Cape Town at the monthly meeting at Timour Hall I had a chance to chew the fat with Giff Reade, Dave Blacker, a different looking Gilly Potter, Pete Logue, Doug Grierson and Graham Jansen and put a face to Mike Reeler, having 'met' him over the internet. Later met up with Stu Bass at Quality Meats and with Derek Edwards at Stellenbosch Square.

It was great to see them all. I must thank my family members for being prepared to put up with so much BSAP 'when we' chat at the various gatherings.

Just after the UK dinner, Karon and I had two fun days with Carol and Doug Broderick in Salisbury and Maurice and Ethel Aked who also stayed with the Brodericks. We met Don Scarff at Coombe Bisset for a chat and a couple of drinks and Gus and Ellen Gale, who came for Sunday dinner. In Cornwall, Ann and Dave Kennedy (who I also met over the internet), took time out to get together with us at the Eden Project, which was very impressive.

It was a memorable trip made much more entertaining by the warm hospitality extended by the members of the Regimental Association.

New Members
We welcome the following new members into our Branch:

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5831 Dennis Wadsworth 21, Windsor Mead Sidford Sidmouth Devon 01395 516806

6513 Terence John Young No. 2 Prince Phillip Lodge R.B.L. Village Aylesford Kent ME20 7SE 01622 715029

7389 David Owen Roberts 18, Camp Road, Pinelands Cape Town 7405 Republic of South Africa (+) 27 21 531 7585

7661 Thomas Rodney Shelley 36, Centenary Court Beddau Pontypridd Mid Glamorgan Wales CF38 2DL 01443 207988

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Our once small community of Rhodesian-Zimbabweans have now spread throughout the world, and one of the greatest challenges facing the various Rhodesian-Zimbabwean Associations is how to keep our global community together.

To achieve this we are committed to the following aims and activities:
- to assist globally those Rhodesian-Zimbabweans who are less fortunate and in need;
- to preserve our heritage, our history and memorabilia for the world to see; and
- to arrange for Rhodesians-Zimbabweans to continue meeting each other socially.

To do this, several associations in Durban, RSA, namely, the Rhodesia Association of South Africa (Durban Branch) (incorporated in The Flame Lily
Foundation); the Rhodesian Army Association (Natal); the Rhodesian Air Force Association, and the BSAP Regimental Association (Natal), have combined to form an alliance called the 'Shamwari Trust'. The Trust is working towards achieving the above aims, with a 'Worldwide Reunion' of all Rhodesians and Zimbabweans in November 2005 being one of the projects.

The Shamwari Trust saw the need for a gathering of all Rhodesian-Zimbabweans and their associations, so it is planned that Durban would host the worldwide event, as we are able to offer reasonable terms of travel, accommodation and other tourist facilities to our overseas and local visitors. All Rhodesians - Zimbabweans are invited to attend this reunion.

It is envisaged that the various regimental associations including BSAP, SAS, RLI, Selous Scouts, RAF, schools and other associations will all hold their individual functions for their members during this week. The highlights of these celebrations will be a Grand Dinner, with guest speakers, prominent personalities and guest artists, and a Remembrance Day Parade.

We will acknowledge all Rhodesian-Zimbabwean prominent personalities, including our sporting greats. During the course of the week, golf and other sporting functions will also be arranged to cater for everyone wishing to participate.

Once we have ascertained the numbers attending this Grand Week's functions, we will be able to determine what discounts we can arrange for airfares, car-hire, bus travel and accommodation. Please complete the attached questionnaire as soon as possible and have it back to us by 31st March 2005.

The proposed Package Tours will be for two weeks: those attending the Reunion can spend the first week at the reunion and the second week on holiday in South Africa and/or Zimbabwe. Trips to various holiday destinations in the second week will be dependent on the demand for destinations such as Victoria Falls, Kariba and other places of interest.

This Reunion will focus on a lifetime of old memories where friends will meet, perhaps for the last time, to celebrate great friendships made in the wonderful country loved by us all. All we need is everyone's support to make this a special, memorable Grand Event!

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Further information will be distributed, as it becomes available. In order to gauge your support, you are asked to urgently contact Rob Bristow on email rhozim@mweb.co.za; Fax +27 (0)31-2671542; Tel +27 (0)31-2660836 or 7 Barham Rd, Westville, Kwazulu Natal, 3610

Punter’s trip around the world.

Our adventure started at 2.30pm on Wed 24 November 2004 at Heathrow flying to Los Angeles aboard an Air New Zealand 747 to Los Angeles. We were very pleased to be met at the airport by Karen & Will Cornell who whisked us off to our pre-booked hotel and then had dinner with us, nice to have a friendly face in a strange city. Next morning it was American Airlines MD 80 to Las Vegas where we were pre-booked into Luxor Hotel. Unfortunately, unbeknown to us, this was the start of the US Thanksgiving Day holiday, there were about 500+ other people checking into the Luxor at the same time, however since this hotel as 4250 rooms I suppose it could have been worse.

On Friday 26th we were picked up at the hotel and travelled to Grand Canyon with Scenic Airlines on their full day tour, “To the Edge & Beyond & More”, seeing the Grand Canyon, Hoover Dam, Lake Mead and Colorado River by plane, helicopter, boat and coach- a wonderful trip spoilt only by the rather lousy meal served up by very miserable characters dressed up as Red Indians. We had another full day looking around Las Vegas then on Sunday we left for Auckland, again flying Air New Zealand 747, very comfortable 34 inch pitch in economy, good food and service. Our daughter Susan met us in Auckland.

On 4 December it was the BSAPAssociation NZ Branch 25th anniversary Xmas lunch at nearby Silverdale RSA where we met many ex-colleagues including Bill Schollum, Ron Pilborough, Peter Burridge, Dave Lawn(111050) and many others.

On 7th Dec we flew down to Christchurch where Ron Pilborough met us, we stayed with Carol & Ron for three days during which time Ron showed us around. Tony Cooper loaned us his Mazda motor car for two weeks, for which we were most grateful. We toured South Island, had a Ski-Plane trip at Mt.Cook, landing on the glacier, a beautiful sunny morning with a pristine fresh covering of snow, quite beautiful. We did all the essential tourist things, Queenstown, Milford Sound, overnight cruise on
Doubtful Sound, float plane trip from the lake at Te Anau, Wanaka (can definitely recommend Edgewater Resort Hotel at Wanaka), Fox Glacier and then onto Nelson for three days with a visit to the Abel Tasman National Park. We handed the car back to Pat Cooper at Christchurch Airport on 20 December, having done about 3500 kilometres.

We spent Xmas with our daughter and family at Red Beach, Auckland. Boxing Day saw us at an all ex-Rhodesian lunch at a beach restaurant where I found myself sitting opposite Graeme Harvey, his father and grandfather both being BSAP. Also on the same table was 9583 Craig Frearson.

For the New Year we went to Paihia, Bay of Islands with our family and Butch Walmsley(110787) and his family. On 6 Jan 200 we motored (in our son-in-law’s Volvo S80se) down to Rotonua where we stayed with Norah & Ray Punter (5124). Wild trout caught and home smoked by Ray was an outstanding delicacy. Norah & Ray gave us a very good conducted tour of the thermal areas and hot springs. On Sunday 9th January we drove North to Mount Manganui and Tauranga we met up with our daughter and family, staying in a very pleasant B&B known as the Boat Shed until 12th when we returned to Auckland.

We flew out of Auckland on 19th Jan by Air New Zealand on a direct flight to Perth where we had made prior booking at Mercure Hotel, using Discover West as the booking agents, they also arranged transport from airport and a full day wine tasting and cruise up Swan River. The cruise operated by Captain Cook Cruises was well organised. Margaret & John Seward(4649) picked us up and showed us around, taking us to an Association organised lunch where we met several of colleagues including one of my old rugby playing mates Derek Foster(7133?) also John Henderson, Kerry Hoadley, Lew Whitmore, Vivian Hedge(widow of Cordy) and others but regrettably my memory fades. The next day Yvonne & Tony Drynan(4714) took us to their home for a most enjoyable lunch. We must thank John Seward and Tony Drynan for making our relatively short stay in Perth so very interesting.

On 24th Jan we winged our way by Singapore Airline to Singapore, staying for two days before flying onto Cape Town. We drove straight up to Mossel Bay where we stayed in the exceptionally delightful Bay Lodge on the Beach, a super spot between Diaz Beach and Hartenbos. This
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guest house is right on the beach and was quite outstanding. Whilst staying there we had a visit from Moira & Cliff Lovett who were on holiday from UK and later with them we had lunch at Pat & Guy Houghton’s house with Molly-Ann & Mike Day and Helen & Jamie Whitelaw.

The hot springs at Montagu was our next visit, staying in the Avalon Springs Hotel for three nights and then onto Arabella Country Estate where we stayed one night with Mike & Jill Purslow (also on holiday from UK). With Jill and Mike we visited Joan & George Stuart at Somerset West for lunch. Our final port of call was to stay with Annabelle & Gerald Spanton at Tygervalley. On 7 February I attended the regular gathering at Timour Hall, there was an outstanding attendance including John Munro, Gilly Potter, Dave Blacker, Doug Grierson, Peter Watermeyer, Nigel Harris, and many many more. During our stay in Cape Town we visited several vineyards including Boschendal, Delheim, Fairview and Simonsvlei. We also had lunch with ex-Rhodians Marlene & Skip Francis at their fruit farm near Villiersdorp.

Virgin Atlantic direct daytime flight brought us back to Heathrow and reality. It had been a most enjoyable trip.

LAST SCENE OF ALL
by
3362 – (Aged 90)
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Now that we have reached old age - and it has taken 80 years to get here - we are finding out what it is really like. Nobody told us much before and it has come upon us with stealthy surprise, and shock.

Robert Morley told a friend "You know you’re old when you have to sit down to put on your socks."

Somerset Maugham’s version was "you can no longer rumple a young girl on the bed."

But Shakespeare did best with Jacques’s "Seven Ages of Man" - "...sans teeth, sans eyes, sans taste, sans everything..."

That’s me. ‘Sans teeth’ - I have a complete set of dentures. ‘Sans eyes’ - cataracts have been removed from both eyes and lenses inserted, although they too are getting rather murky. ‘Sans taste’ - yes, my taste buds are losing their sensitive discrimination and I prefer strong-tasting food and drink. ‘Sans everything’ - well not quite, I still have me marbles though they do tend to roll about a bit which means loss of concentration. Especially when my granddaughter is showing me

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how to use the computer. The swiftness of her fingers deceives the eye.

Lack of concentration also affects the memory. Not only does it slow down your ability to absorb and retain, it dissolves instant recall. Memory is like a glass tankard filled to the brim and foaming over. I can see the contents clearly and remember events of 20, 40, 60 years ago, but yesterday? That means adding some drops to the tankard, which won't take them and they slip away down the sides and get lost. Today's date? I have to check with the newspaper. In my youth, from 17 to 70, I could study a manual for some electronic gizmo and master it in one reading. Today after hours of study I give up.

"Sans everything" would surely include "sans ears", for the deaf in those days were common enough, using an ear-trumpet, like Rene's mother in 'Allo Allo', and always the butt of jokes as they are today with the trumpet replaced by hearing-aid's I come in for it myself, and I have to admit my responses even make me laugh sometimes. "Classic F.M." sounds to me as "Traffic S.M." The vowel sounds are always clear enough, it is the consonants that confuse, especially those that sound the same, like p.b, t.d, s.f, l.r, m.n, and so on. When I am trying to listen to someone I concentrate hard, trying to catch the consonants and translating them into sensible words. The expression on my face should be a give-away, but doesn't seem to work because I get an askance look which clearly says "Poor old bugger, he's ga'ga." In a crowd I cannot translate anything; it is just a cacophony of foreign languages. So I stand aside looking unsociable.

Conferences, A.G.M's and Meetings are out: they do not give 'sub' titles. "Sans everything" would also include "sans feet", for it was not uncommon in those days to see men hopping about on crutches. Like me, shambling along with a stick. Cholesterol has taken possession of the main artery in one leg and I cannot walk very far. So now when I meet anyone for the first time I put him at ease by saying "I'm half-deaf, half-blind" half-lame, and half-witted". It puts us both at ease and he minds his p's and t's.

My ageing body can be compared to an old motor car that is constantly in need of repair. It goes into the garage and is put in order by skilled mechanics. When I go to the doctor he refers me to a specialist (like a skilled mechanic) who puts me in order - or certainly tries to. Between us my wife and I have been seen by an ophthalmologist, physiotherapist,
orthopedist, audiologist, urologist, dermatologist, vascologist, optometrist - I'm sure I've missed out an 'ist' somewhere. When I ask the medics why this is happening to me I get the stock answer - "It's the ageing process", a term I had never heard before I got old. When we were young we suffered from growing pains and everyone told us so. Now we suffer from ageing pains. There is no resemblance between them. Growing pains vanish, ageing pains multiply.

Oh how I wish I were young again, and I love watching young people enjoying themselves. It brings back such lovely nostalgic memories. But then we are shown hooligans and yobbos rioting, fighting, destroying property, and there springs to mind Bernard Shaw's bitter remark "What a glorious thing is youth, what a shame to waste it on the young."

**LEASE WE FORGET**

by

"Chinongo"

The morning of Sunday, 14th November 2004 dawned dry but chilly, perhaps a reflective climate in which to hold a Service of Remembrance of the many who had laid down their lives in wars that really be called the wars of the twentieth century.

The event organised by The Rhodesian Army Association at the Field of Remembrance, St. Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey was attended by many members of that Association and the British South Africa Police Association and others who had "Rhodesian connections". The service was conducted by Major the Rev'd, Terry Spong, C.F., who before he entered Holy Orders served in the British South Africa Police (No. 4600). Various members participated in the service, Mike Leach (5479) read the Lesson from Psalm 24, David Heppenstall (CO1RAR 1974-1976) read the "Remembrance Roll", John Fairey (Rhodaf) recited the traditional lines of "They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old", Geoff Cooke (RIC) recited the Kohima Epitaph and Joseph Skehel (DRRR/Intaf) led the Act of Commitment.

During the 2 minutes silence the Standard of the British South Africa Police, borne by Mike Abbotts (5975) together with the Colours of several Rhodesian
Army Units were lowered. To many it was a short time for reflection – “what is this man’s inhumanity to man” all about, why are wars fought? As time goes by I think it will be the case in this ever changing world as illustrated in a picture postcard just after the First World War finished – “God and the Soldier all men adore, In time of trouble and no more, For when war is over and all thing righted, God is forgotten and the old soldier slighted.” It behoves us to ensure that time does not eradicate the sacrifice made by the millions of casualties. The service concluded with the Blessing given by the Officiating Padre. Among those present were 6905 Peter Phillips (Chairman), 4180 Rick & Jean May, 5479 Mike & Jan Leach, 4158 Tim Weimer, 4278 John Balchin, 4809 John Turk, 5975 Mike Abbotts, 6348 Dennis Poole, The Rev. Major 4600 Terry Spong, and 7225 Keith and Judy Brown.

After the service a lunch was enjoyed at the Headquarters Club, The Duke of York’s Headquarters, Kings Road, when many toasts were given and prizes won in the raffle. It was a good opportunity to meet up with many of the Armed Forces of Rhodesia and chat about “wherewe” etc. etc. The food was very good and plentiful and the bar kept the fluids flowing!

Mike Abbotts, Rick & Jean May, Rev Terry Spong, Mike Leach, Keith & Judy Brown, Jan Leach, Peter Phillips, Dennis Poole, John Balchin & Tim Weimer.
Staying with Remembrance Day ~ 6156
John Andrews sent the following in from France ~ Jean and I attended a short but moving Remembrance Day service at the memorial in our local village square. November 11th is a national holiday here and these little services occur throughout the country, especially in the rural areas. The name of every local serviceman who died in the Great War is read out and the congregation replies "Mort pour la France" after each name. Our presence was much appreciated and Jean excelled herself by being able to remember all the words from the Marseillaise which she had learnt in her school days at Townsend. We were told that next year we have to sing God Save the King (sic)!

Afterwards we attended the official lunch where for 20 euros we had a 7 course meal with unlimited aperitifs, wine and cognac and finishing at about 5pm. The French being quite pragmatic about these things there would not have been any police around, stopping cars. The cognac comes in mineral water bottles, having been distilled in the nearby woods. WWII is still an emotive subject in this part of France as the demarcation line between Occupied France and Vichy was nearby, and there are still families that are ostracised as being collaborators from 60 years ago. Our next door neighbour is a gentleman in his 80s who was taken by the Germans for forced labour.

DEATHS
It is with regret that we report the following deaths.

We extend our sincere condolences to the families and friends of the deceased.

Sadly we report the passing of Alison Fall, widow of 4479 Rev. Gus Fall. Gus passed away in 2002, and Alison on 16/04/04.

3950 Eric Lawrence Crabbe passed away peacefully at his home, about 50 miles north of Port Elizabeth, South Africa on 11/08/04. Eric served from 28/04/1946, retiring on pension as a Chief Inspector on 31/05/1966. Eric will be remembered by many as Editor of The Outpost from 1956 to 1966.

5854 Peter Parnell died on 15/08/2004. He served from 03/08/58 to 02/08/61. On leaving the BSAP he joined the Bermuda Police and later the Devon and Cornwall Constabulary. Peter was on a P & O cruise with his wife Christine when he died in his sleep.
5288 George Dunstan BAVIN died in Johannesburg on 20 August 2004 after a long illness. George, who had served in the Merchant Navy “Did His Three.” from 27/06/54 to 31/12/57 then transferred to the Nyasaland Police where he served until 1960.

7002 Andrew Kendal Franks Dougall died at Wickford, Essex, UK on Sunday 26/09/04. Andy joined the force on 13/09/63 following service as a Cadet. He took his discharge on 27/04/70. He then moved down to South Africa and after country hopping for some years, Andrew returned to the UK in 2004, to rebuild his life and recuperate following a stroke he had suffered in Johannesburg in 2003. He died following a further stroke. Andy devised a computer program for the UK Branch, which saved many hours of administration for the Branch. His former wife Pat is in Johannesburg, whilst his son Bruce is in Germany and son Gerald is in Ireland. At his cremation on 22/120/04 The Association was represented by Peter Phillips, Mike & Jan Leach in addition to his former colleagues, Bruce Allen, Jeff Manning, Peter & Karen Lapage, Bernard Terry, Mike and Roxanne Homer who supported both sons, Bruce and Gerald.

6576 John Gallagher passed away in Essex, during October 2004. John, who served from 16/01/62 to 16/04/72 left as an S/O, was not a member of the Branch.

We have been advised that 6175 Willem Loedwyk van Staden died in Amanzimtoti, SA on 3/10/04 following a sudden illness. Bill served from 02/06/60 to 02/05/82 when he took his discharge as an Inspector.

Bill Birch advised the death of 5258 John Joseph (Sean) Lynagh. Sean served from May 1954 to May 1957 when he left to join the NR Police. He served there until Zambian independence and then joined the Met. He retired as a DI/Insp a few years ago. He was active in Special Branch particularly on the IRA side as he had a good command of Gaelic. Sean beat colon cancer some years back but, about two years ago he was diagnosed with Motor Neurone Disease to which he succumbed on Sunday 03/10/04. His wife, Chris, and his two children were with him when he died in a hospice near Wimbledon where they lived. He was a very fine man.
Advising the death during the early hours of Tuesday, 05/10/04 of P/R 5815 Norman Hill, ex Police Reserve instructor at Sinoia and Hard Square. Norman came to the UK with his stepdaughter Hilda Olivier a few months ago and was placed in a care home just outside Gloucester. Here he died peacefully in his sleep. Norman missed Zimbabwe terribly and, at age 90, was often confused about his surroundings and very depressed at having no friends or persons with whom he could share his memories. Dick Ray, Hugh Phillips and Hoppy Hopkins represented the Association at his cremation.

Fred Mason in Durban informs us that P/R Roy Buckland died in hospital on 10/10/04 from injuries received when a large gate that fell on him. Roy was +/-80, still very sprightly and full of go. He was a really good chap who took an interest in everyone and everything. He was a very competent mountaineer in his younger days. Roy regularly attended BSAP R/A functions. He leaves his wife Beth.

5018 Ronald Thornton passed away in Harare on 7 October 2004. Ron had moved to the UK but he had returned to Zimbabwe to sort out business.

110943 Gary Keogh died tragically in a plane crash at Halifax in Canada on 14/10/04.

3840 Richard Colin 'Dick' Wolfe passed away in King Edward Hospital, Durban on 23/10/04 following a short illness. Dick served from 04/05/39, taking his discharge on Gratuity whilst a Sgt. on 6th May 1949.

P/R Tony Alford died in Harare on Sunday 31/10/04. He was a very keen A-Reservist and was very much involved in the financial running of the BSAP Regimental Association and the Zimbabwe section of the International Police Association. He was for many years the Honorary Auditor of these organisations and he will be sadly missed.
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