



NEWSLETTER OF THE CAPE TOWN BRANCH OF THE SIMON VAN DER STEL FOUNDATION NO 1 2013

NUWE LEDE/NEW MEMBERS

Ons wil graag die volgende nuwe lede hartlik verwelkom by die Stigting Simon van der Stel:
We wish to welcome the following new members to the Simon van der Stel Foundation:

Mev E du Toit, Mrs A Weston, Mr & Mrs B Bertrand, Mr & Mrs B Fletcher, Mrs A Joubert, Ms T Brenner

DONASIES/DONATIONS:

Ons bedank graag die volgende lede vir donasies gemaak:
We are extremely grateful for the donations received from our members:

Mr R Jeffery, Mr J de Kock, Mrs S Collins, Mej C Beyers, Mr M Deacon

HERITAGE SA SYMPOSIUM 2013

Heritage Potchefstroom is proud to announce that we are hosting the 2013 SA Heritage Symposium. It will be held from Thursday 3 to Saturday 5 October 2013.

The main focus of the program is to introduce our visitors to the large spectrum of the heritage treasures of the Northwest Province and specifically the city of Potchefstroom. Items will touch on the challenges, obstacles and successes to preserve the Heritage of the Northwest Province. We are aiming to provide an interesting, informative and entertaining program.

De Hoop Farm & Clift Granite Museum

Another glorious autumn day greeted us in Paarl early in May. We met at the Clift farm, De Hoop, where Derek Clift gave a background history of the farm, its different owners as well



Derek Clift demonstrating to members how it is done

as how his family acquired the property. After this, there was a scary drive uphill to visit the open granite site for which the Clifts have become famous. Here Derek showed an awed audience how stonemasons of the past achieved such precision working in stone or granite in this case. By this time everybody was ready for the next adventure which was a visit to the Clift Museum and granite works. This was even more exciting when the wine tasting started!
Anlen Boshoff

Die Slag van Muizenberg

Op 'n wonderlike herfsdag in April het omtrent 28 lede en ander belangstellendes by die Posthuys in die hoofweg van Muizenberg vergader. Chris Taylor van die plaaslike Historiese Vereniging het op 'n baie interessante manier 'n kort aanbieding gedoen oor die historiese gebeurtenisse wat tot hierdie eerste Britse oorname van die Kaap gelei het asook die gevolge van die oorname in 1795.

Daarna het ons na die terrein gestap om na oorblyfsels van moontlike fortifikasies te kyk. Vir diegene wat hulself fiks genoeg geag het, is daar verder opgeklouter. Dit was beslis die moeite werd – ongelooflike uitsig oor die hele baai en 'n mens kan net bespiegel oor hoe klein hierdie skepies in die groot baai moes gelyk het.



Chris Taylor verduidelik 'n paar fyner puntjies aan die gehoor.

Anlen Boshoff

RESTAURANTS WITH HISTORY

Tea Under the Trees, St. Pieter's Roche, Main Road Paarl



A deduction of Vredenhof on the other side of Main Road, this beautiful Victorian house has been in the Reddlinghuys family for 5 generations. Debbie Reddlinghuys, who, together with her husband are the current owners, has started 'Tea Under the Trees' a beautiful tea garden situated on this working farm in Main Road Paarl. Tea under the Trees also boasts a unique bric-a-brac shop and is child-friendly with toys and a playground. A childrens' menu is also available. The gorgeous garden also makes it the ideal venue for functions. They provide

custom menus for functions of fifteen to a hundred guests. Tea under the Trees uses fresh organic produce, including the farm's own grapes, strawberries, artichokes, olives and a variety of home-made preserves. All food is made on-site and the restaurant prides itself on using only the best quality ingredients.

Monday-Friday: 09h00-16h00 Saturday only for functions

Tel: 082 825 5666. Email: redellinghuys@polka.co.za. Address: **St. Pieters Roche**, Main Road, **Paarl**. GPS Co-ordinates: 33°41'58" S

St Pieter's Roche will be the starting point of our visit to this part of Paarl when well known Paarl based restorer, Len Raymond, will take us on a tour of the house and other historic properties in this part of Paarl. This will mark the end of our 2013 programme of outings and talks and we are including a champagne brunch at Tea Under the Trees as a suitable way to end the year.

The South African Heritage Resources Agency (SAHRA), South Africa's national heritage authority based in Harrington Street, Cape Town, has developed the new national heritage management system known as SAHRIS (South African Heritage Resources Information System). SAHRIS is completely web-based and uses Drupal, a Free Open Source Software Content Management System, which significantly reduced the cost and development time. Access to SAHRIS is free and users are able to share information on SAHRIS through the Creative Commons license.

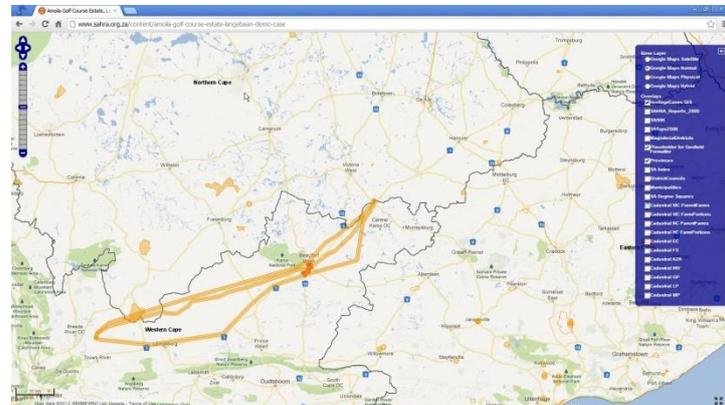


SAHRIS is a system for everybody and for all ages. Its primary purpose is to integrate heritage management with the planning process and to archive South Africa's heritage resources, both immovable (sites) or moveable (objects). So far eight of the nine provincial heritage resources authorities (PHRAs) are already in the process of adopting and implementing SAHRIS. In KwaZulu-Natal, Amafa went live on 1st April 2013 and PHRA-

Gauteng will be adopting SAHRIS at the end of April 2013.

For museums, SAHRIS is also a complete collections management system. Two dedicated file storage servers were installed in December 2012 and January this year at Mweb's data centres in Cape Town and Johannesburg to provide 96 Terabytes of online storage. As SAHRIS is free of charge, museums in South Africa can finally afford to allocate more of their resources to digitisation of their collections as the hosting infrastructure and software are already taken care of on SAHRIS. This means that the smallest, low budget museums can work side by side with the largest institutions on the same platform. Each museum is in charge of access rights to their data, especially regarding the locations of these objects, but by and large most of the information is made available on the public domain.

SAHRIS has a very sophisticated mapping system which allows users to learn about and participate in the processes pertaining to all developments triggering mining, heritage and environmental legislation in their area. The entire environmental and heritage application process is pooled together transparently into one user-friendly space to automate the administration of applications, and, importantly, to provide a self-service public commenting system.

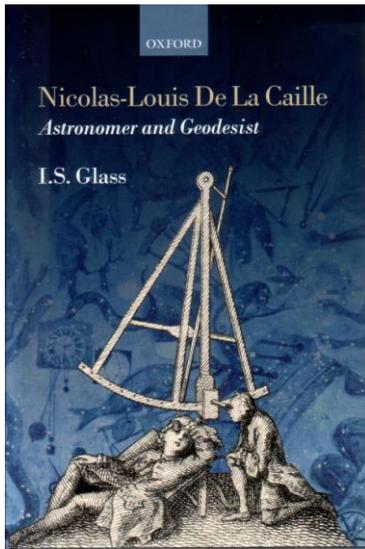


SAHRIS

To date more than 20 000 sites and 4300 objects have been migrated to SAHRIS with hundreds of thousands of records due for migration in 2013. SAHRA is calling on all members of the public to go to www.sahra.org.za and to register their free user account so that they can contribute their comments or information on heritage sites and objects or to assist in the latest digitisation projects.

By Nicholas Wiltshire, Project Manager & Developer of

BOOKSHELF



Nicolas-Louis de La Caille, Astronomer and Geodesist, Ian Glass

Nicolas-Louis de La Caille, a member of the Royal Academy of Sciences in Paris, was the first important scientist to visit the Cape, in the years 1751-3.

He built an observatory at the back of No2, Strand Street, then on the shore of Rogge Bay, from which he catalogued the stars of the southern sky. He named the southern constellations, even calling one after Table Mountain (Mons Mensa). In the course of his geodetic work he spent time in the Swartland, as far as the Piketberg, and worked from the tops of mountains such as the Kasteelberg and the Kapokberg. He commented extensively on the customs of the colonists and the Khoina. The book includes a translation of his comments and other matters of local interest. For example, he was distressed that the slaves were not given a Christian upbringing.

A few copies available from the author (glass.ian@gmail.com) for R450 + postage. Otherwise, buy from Amazon or similar. Publisher: Oxford University Press.

LOGAN OF MATJIESFONTEIN CRICKET, WAR AND EMPIRE IN SOUTH AFRICA DEAN ALLEN

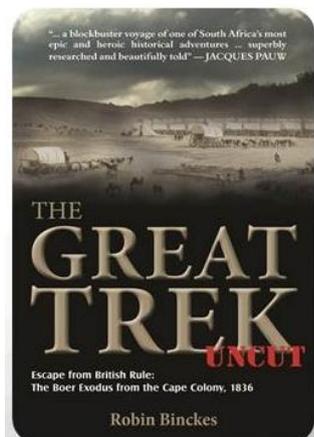


Dr Dean Allen's *Cricket, War and Empire in South Africa* is a unique social history of the workings of the British Empire in South Africa during the late nineteenth century. Allen offers an original historical account of the significance of Matjiesfontein and its founder James Douglas Logan. This work reveals the true story of the involvement of Logan and Matjiesfontein leading up to and including the Anglo-Boer War. Cecil Rhodes is on record as saying he had only met two creators in South Africa, one being himself and the other James Douglas Logan. Born in Reston, Scotland in 1859, Logan emigrated to South Africa at the age of nineteen. This book explores how Logan made his fortune in nineteenth century South Africa through business, politics and a high profile association with the British Empire's favourite sport – cricket.

Unique photographs and documents from the Logan family archives, many of which have never been published before, form an integral part of the publication.

SOFTBACK RRP: R349.00 HARDBACK RRP R449.00 Available in bookstores.

Dr. Allen will be giving an illustrated talk, based on his book on the 28-09-2013. See our new programme for details



Traditionally writers on the Great Trek have covered the event from a perspective not only of white history but predominantly of Afrikaner history. It has always been seen as an Afrikaner event. It was anything but. As the Great Trek and the events leading up to it involved every section of the population—Zulu, Sotho, Ndebele, Xhosa, Khoisan, Khoikhoi, Coloured, British, English-speaking South African and Boer—it is time to portray the trek in that light, in the context of a unbiased, modern South Africa.