



Hope you all had a great Easter!!!



**The International Official
Newsletter of**

"The Federal Saints"

Past Pupils, & Staff from the Federal Period of

St. Andrew's High School

The "Federal Period" started on 7th September 1953 until 4th July 1964
(the last school day before Independence)

Senior School classes started on 28th Jan 1957, & the 'High' school was named as such from Jan 1958.

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(The Editor's comments are displayed in this colour and font)



The screenshot shows the homepage of the Federal Saints website. At the top, there is a globe graphic with the text "FEDERAL SAINTS" and "Bringing our worlds together". Below this, it says "Newsletter of the St. Andrew's Past Pupils and Staff" and "welcome to our group". A navigation menu includes links for HOME, NEWS, BLOG, HISTORY, REGISTER, DATABASE, FAQ, GALLERY, PUBLICATIONS, SALES SWOP, CONTACT US, and SITE MAP. The main heading reads "The Website of the St. Andrew's High School Past Pupils, and Staff Group." Below this, a paragraph states: "That attended the school, in Blantyre, Nyasaland, (now Malawi), during the Federal Period (1953 - 1964). As well as any other "Junior" and "Post-Federal Saints" interested in joining up!" At the bottom of the screenshot is a photograph of the school building.

This is our WebSite - Have you been to visit us yet??

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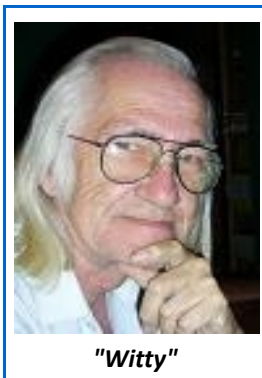
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## SPONSORS

The Newsletter has, by popular request, a "Sponsorship" system whereby anyone can make a donation to the running costs of the project. It is only right therefore that we should list those, (in no particular order - except alphabetical), who are now "Official Sponsors" of the publication!! Thank you all again for ALL the support in whatever form it takes. And again we reiterate - this is NOT a condition of membership of the group!! Bank details appear on the back page of the Newsletter for any such donations. PLEASE eMail notification of any such donations.

**The Attendees at the 50th Anniversary Reunions (RSA & AUS);**  
*All the contributors to the Collection for **Witty** (organised by **Moir**)*  
**John Longmore** (for Saints Domain Name, Web Hosting and Newsletter Distribution);  
**Moir MacMurray (Nolan); Liz Walker (Squire); Chris Spencer;**

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"Witty"

EDITORIAL

Moni Saints -

Once again it's Newsletter time!!!

My first request this month is for you all to change the eMail address both for myself AND the Newsletter in your address Books ASAP!

The new addresses are whitfield@federalsaints.net and editor@federalsaints.net. The old addresses will still work but I want to move away from them as soon as possible. Thanks a lot!!

Thank you also to everyone who wrote in about the Junior School House colours - we have now sorted that one out. An interesting observation received from **Brian Richardson** on this - he says "I believe there was a strong correlation between the colours and the first/middle/last letter in the names. ie Livingstone - Green, Rhodes - Red, Stanley - Yellow and Beit - Blue"

One further request in connection with the Saint's Data Base - we intend to have the Data Base on the WebSite in the near future. It will be password protected for members only and will only list contact information. If anyone does **NOT** want to have their info on-site please let me know.

Last of all this month I trust that no one suffered from a bout of paraskevidekatriaphobia last week!!

Confused about this??? Well For those who fear Friday the 13th, you would be interested to know that you suffer from paraskevidekatriaphobia, the modern phrase used to describe the great fear of the day.

We will have to come up with a name for that other ailment - waiting for the 15th of the month!!!!

Enjoy the Newsletter and all the best until next month!!

Zikomo and Tsalani Bwino.

"Witty"

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### PHOTO CORNER

#### **SAINTS AT WORK**



**Mary Poynton (Malachias)  
(49-63)[LV](NAM/RSA)**

The patient I am working on was trapped in the cab of this truck that had overturned. Just another day in the "office" for me.

Send in a picture of yourself at work with a short explanation. **PLEASE** I need more of these!!!

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RANDOM PHOTO FROM THE DATA BASE



**"Chippy" Kempson (George) (-)
[LV](RSA) and Ronnie Glennin
on Beira Beach (Ronnie later
married Luiza Mendes!)**

FEATURE



The Building of the
BLANTYRE CHURCH

NYASALAND

1888-1891

By the Late Rev.

ALEXANDER HETHERWICK

C.B.E., D.D., F.R.G.S.

On entering the building one passes under a shallow porch of four brick "fluted" pillars supporting a very small gallery under the western windows. This gallery Scott intended for a small organ, but it is manifestly inadequate for such a purpose.

The front of the gallery and the frieze running between the tops of the pillars is of wood, and is ornamented by a series of designs carved by one of the African carpenters. The series was never completed, but the parts already done give evidence of some wonderful symbolic work. It is not every artist who dare attempt to represent on wood the vision of Ezekiel, but there it is, plainly cut by the chisel of the African carver following the penciled outline of Scott's drawing. No flight of fancy was too lofty for Scott's mind not to soar after it.

To the left there is a narrow doorway with a Moorish arch leading into the bell tower staircase already mentioned. On entering the western doorway under the porch above mentioned one is at once struck by the vista of the Byzantine arcade formed by the arches between the nave pillars and the large transept arches on either side. These pillar arches are rounded and rise off the capital of the nave, while the pillars themselves are continued up the clerestory walls to meet the wooden corbels from which the principals of the roof rise.

The capitals of the pillars are plain ogee mouldings on a simple bead course running round the whole pillar. The base of each pillar is squared with a simple bead running around it corresponding with the bead at the top of the capital.

Looking along the whole length of the church from the western door one feels that the vista of aisle transepts and chancel would have been greatly enhanced had the floor of the chancel been raised by a few more steps, and still more had the apse been made the full width of the chancel instead of being narrowed to half. But in this case the architect would have had to sacrifice his half dome of the apse, as undoubtedly his system of groining by octagonal tapering bullet-head bricks would not have borne the strain of so wide an arch.

Standing beside the south-west pillar of the arch and looking across to the other transept and upwards towards the interior of the dome, the view is one of the most striking in the whole building, and shows some of the most difficult problems the architect had to solve. The working of the square central space between the main arches into the octagon above cost him many an anxious thought.

The panellino of the interior of the dome is seen, taken from below. The coloring of the panels was meant to represent the sky. The narrowness of the side isles of the nave - not more than three feet between the pillars and the wall. This gives a very cramped appearance to this part of the structure. A foot or two of extra width would not have thrown any extra strain on the flying buttresses which he threw over his isle, and would have added immensely to the spaciousness of the building. But when the foundations were laid he had visions of a groined roof in brick, and so thought more of strength than of space.

As left by Scott when he retired in 1897, the structure was completed only so far as its interior was concerned. The interior was still in much the same condition as it was when, it was hurriedly completed to admit of its being dedicated in 1891. The pillars and main walls were plastered over, and coloured - the former in dark green, the latter in red. At intervals since that date various efforts were made for its completion.

The roof has already been alluded to. The plaster was removed from the pillars, and the original brickwork uncovered. The mouldings of the main arches were done in various shades of brick colour, so as to emphasize their richness and depth. The same process was carried out in the various string courses and mouldings of the interior of the octagon and the dome.

In 1907 an organ was installed in the 'North transept. It is strange that Scott, with his musical inclinations did

not make provision for a larger instrument than could be accommodated on the narrow porch just inside the main door. The North transept was the only possible site, and even it could only be utilized for this purpose at the cost of interfering with the lower division of the central light of the triple window, in that transept.

In 1912 electric light was installed.

Much has been done to enrich the interior with gifts and memorials. The seven light windows in the apse form a memorial to Dr. John Bowie, for three years doctor to the Mission and to the European community. He died in the beginning of 1891 of an attack of diphtheria contracted as the result of an effort to save the life of the baby child of his sister, Mrs. Henderson, by sucking the tube after an operation of tracheotomy. He was a physician greatly beloved by both black and white, who together gifted this memorial of one whom all recognized as friend as well as physician. The three central lights represent the crucifixion- the figure on the Cross with the Magdalene kneeling beneath it, and on either side the Virgin and St. John. On either side again our Lord as the Good Shepherd and the Good Physician; and on either side again St. Peter and St. Paul.

In the centre of the large south transept window is an inset of the Resurrection, in memory of Catherine Drummond Duncan, wife of Jonathan Duncan, who died in 1883. She was much lamented by the members of the small European community to whom she had endeared herself by many kindly deeds. Two of the three lights of the north transept window are fitted, one with the Baptism of our Lord and the other with the Ascension. The former was erected by his Directors in memory of Louis Monteith Fotheringham, manager of the African Lakes Corporation, who died at Chinde on his way home in 1895. The latter was erected by the members of the Chamber of Agriculture and Commerce in memory of John Buchanan, pioneer planter and Acting Vice-Consul, who also died at Chinde on his way home in 1896. and of his brothers David and Robert, who died at Blantyre in 1892 and 1896. Of the five lancet windows in the western gable of the nave, the central light represents the Archangel Michael, and is in memory of Dr William Affleck Scott, Mission doctor in Blantyre, who died in 1896. The two lights on either side of the above represent the angels Gabriel and Raphael, and was erected by the European community in commemoration of the Diamond Jubilee of Queen Victoria. The pulpit was gifted by the late Miss Elizabeth Pearson of St. Andrews and Strathblane. The prayer-desk was made and gifted to the Church by the late Dr. Patrick M. Playfair, minister of St Andrews, at that time minister of Glencairn. The font was the gift of St Andrew's Church, North Berwick.* On the Communion table stands a small book-rest made from the tree in the Ilala country under which was buried the heart of David Livingstone . The wood was gifted by the late Robert Codrington, first Administrator under the British South Africa Company. A small brass plate is fixed to the desk giving the name of the donor as well as well as the origin of the piece of wood from which the desk is made.

On the walls of the chancel and on several of the pillars in the aisles there are brasses erected to the memory of members of the staff - Robert Cleland, Henry Henderson, William Affleck Scott, and Janet Beck. A bronze tablet laid in marble on the north chancel wall commemorates the Centenary of the birth of David Livingstone. It was gifted by his grandchildren, and was unveiled on the day of the Centenary.

Commemorative Service - 13 March, 1913. On the east most pillar of the nave - and over the seat which he occupied in Church - when not taking part in the service - is a brass erected in memory of the architect and builder of the church and bearing an inscription to that effect. To those who remember the idealism with which he looked at all his work, the text appended seems singularly appropriate, 'Ye also as living stones are built up a spiritual House' (1 Peter ii. 4). On the opposite pillar is a brass to the memory of Dr John McRae, minister at Hawick, who took a leading part in the movement which led to the starting of the Mission in 1874. On one of the buttresses of the south-western tower is a small brass plate which commemorates the fixing of the longitude of Blantyre in 1885 by Lieut.H.E.O'Neil by means of a series of 365 sets of lunar observations. The result made the longitude of Blantyre to be 2 hrs 20 min. 13.56 sec. E of Greenwich. This result has not required correction and has been made the starting -point for the geographical survey of the whole of the Protectorate and the surrounding country.

(To be Concluded next month with the Dedication and Addendum)



LETTER OF THE MONTH

Submitted by - **Helen Hall (Howard)** (69-73)[SH](AUS) - Hello **Witty** and Cher too!

"DOBBING IN" HEATHER MANSFIELD!

A missive from Sydney, Australia!

To reinforce all that is said, **Terry, Helen (nee Howard)** and Jonty Hall, along with my Sister's family, Henry, **Barbara (nee Howard)** and Blake Stenning are dining off the Perth Federal Saints Reunion big time. It was such an uplifting weekend meeting ex-Malawians who remembered our family in Limbe and we are so grateful to the organisers who welcomed us so openly. At our dining table, we were convinced the Hotel's loss of electrical power, (translate no air conditioning), was an enlightened idea to remind us all of our many many holidays at Lake Malawi where all we had was paraffin lamps and weird noises coming from the bush surrounding the cottage, accompanied by a cacophony of singing and drums from the local village!

We are the proud owners of two commemorative "Saints" coffee mugs. On Mon 19 March 2007 my Mum, Marion Howard, (famous secretary at Limbe Railways to Vince Mullen and Mr ? Mallem), ceremoniously partook of an inaugural cup of coffee in the mugs and enjoyed a chat about great old times!

I am "Dobbing-In" **Heather Mansfield**. She has returned to Africa following many years in Australia. She is continually updating her ex-African friends with wonderful stories and snaps about her new job at Zambia's "Takifa" wildlife resort/sanctuary. Please read this eMail dated 25 March 2007, written with character and a real feel for wild life and her new career project. Do you think we should encourage her to send in updates to your Newsletter to share with all Federal Saints? (YES - I do!!!)

Belated Happy New Year to you and Cher. We will stay in touch. Best regards



Heather Mansfield (-)[??](ZAM)

Sent: Sunday, March 25, 2007

Subject: **IT HAS BEGUN**

Hi All,

Well, we had our first guests in camp this week, a little ahead of the season but being a journalist and an agent who were insistent, we thought we would obliged as long as they understood they had to stay in staff quarters, (Brian, the Snr. Guide's house which is much more upmarket than those of us plebs!), and not the normal guests chalets as we haven't started rebuilding these yet.

The Agent works/co-owns a large Travel Agency in England that sends us a lot of business and he was accompanying this journalist from the Sunday Times in England, (Sports/Travel writer), on a trip out to Luangwa and they particularly wanted to come to Tafika for a couple of nights. So, a lot of tarting up of the camp and ourselves was done and instead of eating under our little rondavel shade near the kitchen we were all nicely set up in the main lounge area, or sitenje as they call it. So too was the bar which was quite exciting as for the next couple of days we would have pre-dinner drinks here before we moved to the dining table for a very nice three course meal. If this is what it's going to be like through the season I really am going to find it tough!

The journalist could not have looked less like a sports writer if he tried; with a long graying ponytail, and that typical gait of a wiry public school boy, he looked more like an ageing hippy than a sports writer. I think he was becoming a little concerned whilst here though when he realised he had missed the major story of the world cup cricket, something he should have been at but chose to send someone else!!

Soon after they arrived at camp, we adjourned to an area on the banks of the river where chairs had been positioned so we could look out over the river to view game and birds etc. and tea and cake was set up on a table close by. After tea, they went off on a micro-light flight which gave me a chance to finish off some work and then it was off to get ourselves ready for drinks and

dinner. The hardest part is joining them for breakfast at 6 a.m. each morning before they set off for their 'morning activity'. They headed off in the boat for a river safari up stream and I to my office for a mornings work. A leisurely lunch - something I am not used to after the years in the Entertainment industry in Australia - and back to work, to start all over again early evening. This is obviously how it will be in the season, but it will be up to me to find that balance between mixing with the guests and getting some real work done, or I am going to struggle to keep up with it all.

They left camp early morning two days later in a canoe paddling down stream to do a bit of bird viewing while their bags were transported down river by boat. It had been a very pleasant change to what has become a routine for us and to sit round the lunch/dinner table with fresh topics of conversation. I guess though, the novelty will wear off quite quickly once in full swing.

That day Carol and I were working in the office when we heard this incredibly loud "pop" and went out to the communal kitchen to investigate. Aside from our kitchen staff, there were a couple of game scouts there with their automatic weapons, one of which had a bayonet for some reason, (I'm sure a bullet would be sufficient in whatever predicament they found themselves!). Anyway, this scout told us he was sticking the bayonet into the ground to stand his weapon up when he pulled the trigger by mistake. The safety catch was not on so the gun went off! Pow! I had visions of what could have happened had he been waving that gun around in the air, as they tend to do!!! We were quite thankful our guests had left camp already.

Otherwise it has been the usual routine in camp with much observing of the bush, animals, insects and setting sun topped off with tapping away at the computer daily.

This observing of nature starts off with the dawn chorus for me; in the five minutes before getting up the other morning as I lay in bed I was amazed at the vast number of birds I could hear, so decided to try and count them. (I know, very sad isn't it!!) In between the sounds of the crickets, frogs and hippos I counted ten different bird calls and though there were quite a few more, I have no doubt, I was getting confused as to what I had counted and what I hadn't so left it at that. There is one that is so strange, it sounds so much like a kitten's meow - whilst working in the office a couple of weeks ago I heard it and went off to try and find this stray kitten, or so I thought, only to be told it was a bird! It's the weirdest sound! My two favourites are the sound of the dove, (which of the many, I haven't the foggiest), and of course the cry of the fish eagle which will always remind me of Lake Malawi, and is the national bird here.

One part of nature that is not quite so pleasant are the flies which are shocking at the moment due to the rains. I had to smile the first time I saw Jonathan Peach walk out in his hat with netting, that came off the brim to his shoulders, to protect his face from flies and 'mossies' but in the last couple of days I would have paid him for the use of it, the flies have been so bad. The minute you step out your room or the office they pounce - talk about the Aussie salute! Where ever you go when outside from there on you take about 15 or 20 flies for a walk too! For some strange reason though there are certain spots in the camp where they don't bother you and others where you wrap yourself in knots trying to fight them off. Fortunately when eating out doors we don't seem to be bothered as much which really baffles me!

I felt very sorry for the little pup the other day. Behind the kitchen we have this large vegetable garden which supplies the camp with much of its salad, fruit and veggies throughout the season, and to protect it from the animals, it has an electric fence around it which they turn on at night.

Between the kitchen and the garden runs the main path that we use to get to and from our houses/office and the kitchen/main area. Well we had stopped on this path chatting one evening, the garden had been closed up and the fence turned on, which the pup soon discovered when it touched it with it's wet nose. We heard this almighty zap! and the dog, yelping wildly, ran round and round the camp squealing it's poor little head off. I really don't think it has associated the pain with the fence though as it still goes frighteningly close to it at times.



John took me out on a long "familiarization" flight on the micro-light last week; my past and only two previous flights were for 15 minutes at a time but this time we must have gone out for about an hour. It was as spectacular and amazing as usual, but about 45 mins into it after many steep turns and swoops and much diving to view game and birds etc I started to feel a little queasy. Thinking that we wouldn't be much longer I didn't mention anything but we flew on and I started getting greener and greener and thought if we don't stop soon I think I'm going to throw up! There was me, perched right behind the pilot with this large helmet on and visor down and I thought if it comes to it, what do I do? Do I lift the visor and risk upsetting the pilot, or do I keep the visor down??!! Fortunately, we did head back to camp and we landed without incident and with John, the pilot, none the wiser. I think I will be keeping my micro-light flights short in future.

On that note, I will sign off. I hope you are all well and enjoying life; do drop me a line when you get a chance but in the meantime, take care.

With love,

HEATHER

(Do keep us up-to-date with all your adventures up there **Heather!!**)

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### IN MEMORIAM

Unfortunately we have to have a "Deaths Column" - so that we can record, and remember, those who are no longer with us. You are welcome to send in any memories, condolences and thoughts on those mentioned here.

† **Brian Phillips** (Jnr42-44)[??](RSA) - *We have been advised by Gwen that Brian passed away in August 2006. No other information at this time.*

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† **Charles "Charlie" Haines** (-60)[LV](BOT) - On your list of "The 1957 Club", is my Brother Charles who died of a heart attack at Gwaming Mine in BOTSWANA on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 1989 at the age of 47 years young. He lived life to the full and left behind 2 Daughters. *Sent in by Robbie Haines.*

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† † † † † **GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN** † † † † †

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SICK REPORT

Send us news if you are not well or going into hospital, or have news of other Saints you know who are "under the weather" for one reason or another. Then we can send them our best wishes for a speedy recovery and monitor their progress. I will forward any greetings, or best wishes, on to the people concerned and/or publish them here.

We have had a couple of reports of Saints in Hospital for minor things and a couple of others not too well at the moment - me included!! - but no major problems that we are aware of thank goodness!!

Roger Horn's Wife - Wendy - has been into Hospital for an operation but we understand she is now recovering well!!

!!! THE BEST WISHES OF ALL THE SAINTS GO TO THOSE WE REPORT ON HERE !!!

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## SAINTS DATA BASE

Includes anyone who attended the School during, or close to, the Federal Period, including the Teachers. This information is constantly up-dated and individual records are available to any other Saint wanting to make contact with any past friend, class "Buddy" or old "Flame".

### Current Count

|                                |     |   |             |     |   |        |    |   |               |             |   |
|--------------------------------|-----|---|-------------|-----|---|--------|----|---|---------------|-------------|---|
| Fully Active                   | 353 | ↑ | Semi-Active | 94  | → | AWOL   | 14 | ↑ | "Spotted"     | 104         | ↑ |
| Deceased (†)                   | 59  | ↑ | "Missing"   | 779 | ↓ | Others | 7  | ↑ | Non-Members   | 18          | ↓ |
|                                |     |   |             |     |   |        |    |   | <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>1428</b> | ↑ |
|                                |     |   |             |     |   |        |    |   | Accounted for | 45.5        | ↑ |
| <b>THIS MONTHS CIRCULATION</b> |     |   |             |     |   |        |    |   |               | <b>428</b>  | → |

(Semi-Active means they have not "Signed-In" yet. AWOL means their eMails are bouncing.)  
 ("Spotted" means "found" but waiting for contact info. "Missing" means only a name - no other information as yet.)  
 (Others are "Anonymous" Saints & Non-Saints. Non-Members are Saints not wanting to, or unable to, join us.)

## Country Register

We can now print out all the (received) contact information on Saints living in any particular City or Country. This is available to any ex-Saint planning a trip or Reunion. The only "rule" is that you keep us informed of your plans and give us a full report, (with photographs!!), afterwards. Any corrections or additions must also be forwarded back to the Data base. The information will be eMailed to you as an RTF format file that can be opened in ANY Word-processor.

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MISSING SAINTS

Are you looking for an old friend? Give us their name and lets see who "pops out of the woodwork". We also list people so far "un-found" in the Data Base and who we are looking for contact information on.

Names in the Data Base we are still looking for - The "Is"

F. Imlah; Neville Imray; Paul Irwin;Tommy Isgar;

If you have **ANY** information on one or more of the above please send it in to us.

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## AWOL SAINTS

This is the "AWOL" section. Here we list any Newsletter returns, or "Bouncing" eMails. Please contact us if you have any information on these people and hopefully we will be able to stay in contact even if they have forgotten to send us their new address!!

**Sue Aldridge (Bowler) (GBR); "Jo" Britto (CAN); Mike Coombes (GBR);  
 Stephen Cowton (ZIM); Mike Curnow (GBR); Leslie Gunde (GBR); Alice Malachias (GRE);  
 Mary Pat (Provance) (USA); Lisa "Beth" Philips (Chevallier) (RSA); Heath Weber (RSA);  
 Clive Whiting (AUS); Bronwin Williams (RSA); Alison Young (Prophet) (GBR);**

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The new address given to us for **Leslie Dixon (Renwick)** is "Bouncing" back to us - can anyone confirm her current address please??

Any help with re-connecting to these Saints will be appreciated.

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NEW SAINTS SIGN-INS

This section lists all the Saints as they are found and "join-up". Watch out for all your old friends and ex-Flames!!

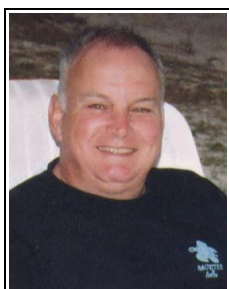
New Contact Addresses we have been sent

"Pru" Keen (Hornby) (AUS);

Sign-Ins without Details

Gordon Brighton (GBR); Dr Tony Smithyman (AUS);

Sign-Ins with Details



Robbie Haines (-)[LV](RSA) - **Witty**,

A special "Thank You" for including as in your Newsletter and "Thank You" also to **Luiza Glennin (Mendes)** for making contact possible.

When reading the first Newsletter - received last month - so many memories came flooding back, good and bad! Some school friends came to mind, **Barry Stranik (Gregg)**, **Reggie Rice**(†), **Suzanne Lategan (Chevalier)**, (Yes, the Chief of Police's Daughter!!), **Mary Poynton (Malachias)** and many more. Also **Miss DUNBAR** - what a teacher!!

I was at both the Junior and High Schools, (longest years of my life!).

Mr SILCOCK and **Bill OWEN**(†) would remember me in the "bent over the chair, cane position" - I'm sure they would not remember my face! In my own defence, most times I owned up to being the guilty party to get the "guilty party's" pocket money for the week and if my memory serves me right, it was about one shilling a week at boarding school. I then went to town on the bus on Saturday, in style, with many cuts and bruises, but it was worth it! **Mr SILCOCK** was the "Cane King" - OUCH!!!

At boarding school our initiation into school was "The Guinea Fowl" - all the guys lined up on the field in a straight line, and you had to run between their legs to the end of the line, our leather army cadet bootlaces were mostly used to encourage you to "move it up"!!

During the riots around the Clock Tower in Blantyre and other areas, the Federation soldiers from Southern Rhodesia, came to our school and bunked down in the corridors - we used to blanco their webbing, brasso their buckles and bone their boots etc, they tipped well and we spent our earnings in their army tuck shop at school - Be interesting to know if the Head knew about this? The planes used to fly over dropping pamphlets all over while President "Kamuzo" Banda was driven around in his open top vehicle swishing his tail flyswats.

Short life story:

From school, I did a 3 and-a-half years apprenticeship - Qualified Diesel Mechanic. Exempted from the army in Bulawayo due to motorcycle accident and returned to Salisbury.

Met my lovely Wife Lynne in Salisbury, (yes, happily married for 42 years). Came down to Durban end of 1963 - We have 3 beautiful, clever Daughters, (where the brains came from we are not sure!!) Kim, Kandi and Karyn. Kandi retired in Sandton, Jo'burg, at the age of 30 and has a Son Jacques and Daughter Erica-Lynne. Kim has a Son Keagan (14) who is at Kearsney College and is Cpt of the Jnr Cricket Team and Jnr Prefect. Her Daughter Kelsey-Lynne (10) attends St Mary's in Kloof. My youngest Daughter Karyn has two beautiful girls named Daena (11) and Beth (8) who both attend Hillcrest Christian Academy - Beth is very mischievous, (guess where that comes from??)

We have also brought up 2 children from children's homes - Ronnie from St Martin's Boys Home and Mischelli from Hilltops Children's Home in Pietermaritzburg - I come from a children's home myself!!

Two of my Son-in-Laws, Steve and Clyton, raced MOTO-X and SUPERCROSS Nationally before

getting married to my Daughters and I sponsored, drove and was their mechanic for plus/minus 9 years.

All 3 of my Son-in-Laws worked hard and all have top positions with 3 major companies in South Africa.

Myself, I progressed from apprentice Diesel Mechanic to Sales Manager in Heavy Earthmoving Equipment Shame, at present, I work alongside Ronnie Glennin, (**Luiza Mendes'** Husband), in one of Africa's largest Earthmoving Companies - 'BLC. Plant Co. (Pty) Ltd'. I had my own business for several years also.

Built a few classic cars and bikes over the years and at present am completing a 1984 MERCEDES 230-E Fuel Injection and should be finished shortly - photos enclosed.



Still riding bikes but at 63 feel happier on 4-wheeler quads in the bush. Sierra Ranch and the Oaks in Byrne Valley.

Please give my kind regards to all the Saints and **Mr SILCOCK**. Wishing you all you wish yourselves. Rind regards

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### BIRTHDAY BOOK (and other Celebrations)

Please send in your Birthdays (leave out the year if you want to!!), Anniversaries etc. so that we can record Birthday, and other, good wishes to those celebrating.

### BIRTHDAY BOOK

**NEW** - All Birthday Saints now receive a special Birthday eMail on their Birthday.

#### April

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Lynda Guy (Owen)** (USA)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - **Geoff Goodchild** (GBR)
- 8<sup>th</sup> - **Moira MacMurray (Nolan)** (RSA)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - **Oresti Yiannakis** (MAW)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - **"Ali" Saunders (Grant)** (MAW)
- 24<sup>th</sup> - **"Di" Robinson (Britz/Cronje)** (GBR)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - **Jane Hill (Howard)** (GBR)
- 29<sup>th</sup> - **Isabel Parker (Allan)** (AUS)

#### May

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Jacki Roberts (Card)** (GBR) & "Honorary Saint" **Cher Cahn (Witty's Cher)**
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Clive Gascoyne** (RSA) & **Dawn Pettifor (Gascoyne)** (ZIM)
- 5<sup>th</sup> - **Brian Philp** (GBR)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - **Clifford Art** (RSA)
- 10<sup>th</sup> - **Micki Perepeczko (Street)** (MOZ)
- 12<sup>th</sup> - **John Orton** (IRL)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - **Valerie Howe (Graham)** (AUS)
- 21<sup>st</sup> - **Margret LOCKWOOD (Miss MANNING)** (GBR)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - **John Moreton** (GBR)
- 25<sup>th</sup> - **Mike Belford** (ZIM) & **Jenny Williams (Durieu)** (GBR)
- 30<sup>th</sup> - **Richard King** (GBR) & **Janet Heij (Leather)** (NED)

No other Celebrations we know of this month

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**\*\*\* CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THOSE CELEBRATING!! \*\*\***

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THE 1957 CLUB

As we now know - the mentioned "132 Pupils who stated at St Andrew's" were in fact the pupils that started the SECOND Senior year at Saints, under the new Headmaster Bill OWEN! The best estimate of the original, 1957, intake is about 60 to 75, ie 3 streams each having 20 to 25 pupils.

We will therefore re-name this "Club" as the "1957 Club" and try to work out who these all were. From the names we have already listed I have checked their dates and it seems that we have the following, (so far). Any corrections or additions will be most welcome!

Club Membership

- Isabel Allan** (now **Parker**); **Jim Allan**; **Chris Aveling**; **Mike Belford**; **Valaine Cantley**;
Jacki Card (now **Roberts**); **Michael Coetzer**; **Mike Curnow**; **Jan de Waal**;
Susan Eccles (now **Halpin**); **George Ferroni**; **Marina Gatto** (now **Gee**); **Geoff Goodchild**;
John Gregg (now **Stranik**); **Charlie Haines**; **Robbie Haines**; **Janet Cribb** (now **Hopping**);
Robin Keelan (†); **Sandy Kennedy** (now **Wynne-Jones**); **Maxwell Kennedy**; **Alfred Kennedy**;
John Kirkham; **Roger Kirkham**; **Johannes Kloppe**; **David Lynn**; **David Mansfield** (†);
Maria Mendes (now **Capener**); **Mary Malachias** (now **Poynton**); **Heidi Moss** (now **Clark**);
Paul Osborne; **June Patterson** (now **Lorita Hayes**); **Peter Parker**; **Sydney Pearson**;
Reggie Rice (†); **Antony "Ant" Richardson**; **Barrie Robertson**; **Martha-Jean Sandford**;
Suzanne Sandford; **Clifford J. Smith** (Senior); **Clifford D. Smith** (Junior); **Richard Tilley**;
Ian (Gunter) Urquhart; **Penny Waters** (now **Allan**); **Ian "Witty" Whitfield**;
Janet Whorton; **Chris Yiannakis** (†); **Jim Yiannakis**; **Keith Young**;

(All underlined names need confirmation)

Total = 48; (For confirmation 19)

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## SAINTS "ON THE MOVE"



**André Joubert** (-)[JH](RSA) - Hi one and all,

Just a quick eMail to let you know that we will be relocating at the end of April.

Unfortunately I cannot give you our forwarding eMail address or home address as I don't have them yet, but will make sure that as soon as I know I will notify you. Our cell numbers will stay the same. Regards

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WEBSITE NEWS AND COMMENTS

During the past month I have added two more sections to the School "History" page and we are busy - behind the scenes - with the preparation and software for the "Data Base", "Gallery" and "Blog" pages.

The visitor count is encouraging and I hope you are all taking time to go and visit our site, we look forward to your comments and thoughts on the new addition to our project!!

SPECIAL REQUEST - It is intended to set up a special "In Memoriam" section on the WebSite to list all the deceased Saints(†) who are no longer with us! What I need for this is full details AND wherever possible a picture from School days. If any of you have such material and have not already sent it in to me PLEASE do so - that way we can set-up a meaningful page of Remembrance for all our "lost" friends!!



Merv Wright (64-66)[?](USA) - **Witty**,

You are truly brilliant! What a fabulous WebSite you created. Truly extraordinary and appreciated more than you could know. Thank you, Thank you. I am more used to WebSites than Newsletters and this one is wonderful. You have heard the expression, "The right man for the right job at the right time?" This applies to you!! Congratulations. You have made the world just a little bit smaller for all

the rest of us.



Heather Dwyer (Morrison) (56-61)[JH](AUS) - *Moni Bwana Ian,*

I think the WebSite is fabulous and with all the extras you have planned it will be very much frequented by me :O)

I spent about ½hr poking around and that was after my monthly treat of the Newsletter - I had meant to ask you - would it be possible to send me a copy of the Zomba School photo that **Marina Gatto** entered in last month's issue - I feel if I can print it I might be able to pick out a few more faces. **Moir** Nolan was easily spotted and as she is in the same age group as my Sister **Mary**, it would be fun to see if we actually lived in Zomba at that time! My cousin Prudence should also be in that pic as should both **Roger** and **John Kirkham**.

We are in extreme drought here with savage water restrictions - my, what I'd give for a good old Nyasaland downpour!!

Oh, the other thing I'd like to mention is what a wonderful time I'm having driving to work and back with LM Radio on at full volume - love it - and congratulations to the wonderful people who put it together :O)

Take care and *Tsalani bwino*

Remember it's www.federalSaints.net !!

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## SAINTS "MAKING CONTACT"



**Chris Spencer** (56-63)[LV](GBR) -

**An Inspection of the Empire or.....**

**A meeting of old(?) chums from school.... mmmhhhh!**

May it please you Maam, I have to report on a recent visit in the colonies:-

Dear readers, are you sitting comfortably? I promised to pen a few lines for the Newsletter in exchange for the contacts and here they are! (You will be grateful for the added info that the actual diary is in a moleskin notebook and sits somewhat overstretched at about 4 inches thick and that is not being reproduced here. I think I was taught that this is a précis. (Probably need a French accent somewhere there)!

**Chris Spencer**, (and Suzanne - not a 'Saint' but a saint nevertheless, being married to me for 36 years if you see what I mean), departed old Blighty's shore in the caress of British Airways bound for Vancouver for a stop-over on the way to Christchurch NZ for a family wedding. I didn't fancy a "there and back" in 10 days or so; and so the peripatetic reunion tour begins. Nobody in Vancouver we could catch up with near as I could tell so just a couple of days enjoying ourselves. Seaplanes, Vancouver Island, Grouse Mountain etc.

### **New Zealand:**

Just managed to speak to (Dr!) **Helen Kingston (Rennie)** before leaving NZ for Aus. I have the notes I scribbled and understand that her Brother **Douglas** is in Newcastle. I remember **Doug** at school and from holidays at Monkey Bay but being 14 at the time I cannot remember **Helen**.

### **Australia - Sydney:**

Sydney was taken up by visiting the Blue Mountains, Sydney itself, Fort Dennison, Darling Harbour, Manly etc all in the company of a college friend, (with her hubby), of Suzanne's. (How dare people have lives when they did not attend St Andrew's in the Federal period!!! What is that about?). Lindsay and I dumped the women, (or did they dump us?), and we took off all over Sydney and the harbour and even visited Manly where I last paddled in the sea in the late 60's. We had a brilliant time in any event.



**- Brisbane:**

An old stamping ground of mine when at sea, but it was a one-horse town then, not the bustling metropolis it is today. I managed to speak, (if only on the phone), to **Edith Trotter (Edgar)** and met up with and had the promised beer with **Brian Richardson** and his good Lady Jenny Cumming. Needless to say neither of us could remember the other.....such memories! I actually still remember the name I just can't remember **Brian** at school.

**- Cairns:**

If any of you have not been to Cairns start planning now. Forget the rainforest, The Canopy, The Barrier Reef et al.... go and stay with **Val Howe (Graham)** and Husband Dennis!! Such hospitality. We were picked up in the Discovery and whisked off for lunch at Port Douglas, where I managed to buy a new 'cozzie', (Forgot mine in the rush to pack!). Luckily as **Val** and Dennis know the place they live in, (and everyone in it), they had planned our 4 day stay for us. It was brilliant THANK YOU BOTH VERY MUCH INDEED. Suzanne and I really enjoyed the evenings on the terrace after a hard day on the rain forest canopy or out on the reef. We visited the Tablelands, Kuranda up in the Great Dividing range, the 7 mile cable car ride over the canopy, lunch with a neighbour of Val & Dennis', **Martin Williams** but though he seems familiar the detail seems to preclude our knowing each other...but wait he has a Brother **Nigel** and he would have been my year!!

Another fabulous location, a beautiful house and lunch provided, (after a few beers), by Heather.....well you probably have the picture by now..... **Val** was looking great, (and I do remember her very well!!). For those who know; the Guinea Pigs are fine too!

**- Ayers Rock, (or Uluru if you are Aborigine):**

Nope no one here we knew! Now then a bit of travel advice. Don't go! Go instead to Alice Springs and watch the Road Trains thunder through, see a punch up in a bar, visit the 'School on the Air', (talkin' teachers), and the 'Royal Flying Doctor Service' and if you have to; then take a quick trip down the road to Uluru. It's a ROCK. They will not talk about it! Get Over it..!!.. and most importantly do not even think of visiting when we did as the temperature in the afternoon was 48 / 52C depending on whom one was to believe. I have been in a bit of heat and it was hot!!!

**- Perth:**

Now hospitality was never a competition but Perth rose well to the, (our), occasion. **Peter** and **Isobel Parker** met us at the airport and whisked us off to our hotel. It must be like this when one has money or is Royal, (when they do not have money!). A loose itinerary was drawn up with visits and people meetings. The diary records meeting **Brian Gunn** who I remember very well from school, (and Marion), thank you both for a great evening. It goes without saying that I remember **Peter** and **Isobel**, so ... like so many before me I say it!!), **Gwynne Evans (Jones)** and her Sister **Barbara Limb (Jones)** with many stories of the Ndirande Sailing club. I simply don't know who I did know now but am prepared to take their advice that there may have been an age difference. We visited King's Park, Burns Beach, Hilary's Boat Harbour, (Have I got the apostrophes in the right place?). What a lovely place. We did the Swan Valley wine tour, (pretty thoroughly..hic), the trip down river to Fremantle, the museum, the port, the Prison. The buses are fabulous, clean and CHEAP if you are from UK.....and even when we were leaving **Isobel** arrived ,(with Granddaughter), to deliver us safely into the arms of South African Airways.

**South Africa - Johannesburg:**

Brother **Mike** was late at the airport! But soon we were whisked off to his place for refreshments. This visit is going to be either difficult or too long to describe properly so I will foreshorten even more. Large Steaks, great wine, Voortrekker Monument, Soweto township, an incredible Braai where Suzanne and I both flaked out, (we suspected SAA trying to poison us), Flights to Cape Town, Table Mountain, Cape of Good Hope, The V&A Mall, Dinner on the deck at the hotel. The Blue Train to Pretoria, (that's a whole story by itself). **Witty** met us on arrival and handed over the ordered Reunion "Goody Bag" in exchange for a handful of Rand. **Mike** arrives and we are off to Durban, Zimbali, Hluhluwe, the big 5 and a few more and then to St Lucia for the hippos and the bird life.

Now I know people all over the place and indeed one colleague from London was in Cape Town while we were there but we didn't know! Another colleague from Durban I planned to call on and

did so the day he flew down to Cape Town!! But no problem the ultimate plan was to see my old mate from school and the Limbe railway estate.....**Phil Clark**.....guess where he was? Yup in Cape Town.....Damn!!..... we had a chat on the phone but it's not the same. Must do better and get together soon, **Phil!!**

Clearly Suzanne and I are very grateful for all the hospitality we received during our trip. We had a fabulous time and it was brilliant to see so many after such a long time.....and yes it is a bit scary for god's sake, you are all looking older !!!!

Kindest regards and many thanks to all of you who helped make the trip a great success.

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**Barrie Robertson** (55-63)[**LW**](GBR) - Hi **Witty** & Cher,

If I remember Stanley was Yellow and Beit was Blue. I was in Stanley at Junior school so I am sure it was Yellow !!!!.

Thanks for sending me **Anne Thorne's (Evans)** address as you know we have been in touch, it was great to catch up on all their news. We hope to meet up at the Malawi Reunion in August all being well. I have lost **Luiza's Glenin's (Mendes)** address could you please let me have it, as I want to thank her & Ronnie for looking after us when we were there in SA.

Jean & I are off to see my Mom at Easter, she is looking forward to seeing the photos of the Reunion weekend. Then we are going to New Zealand in November and will be spending a few days with **Tony "AB" Milner** and his wife Carol. We will be over there for 4 weeks and hope to see a couple of other ex-Malawians while there.

Hope you and Cher are well, great to get the Newsletter, can't wait for the 15th to hear all the latest news. Thanks again for the wonderful Reunion weekend we both had a great time. How is the photos from the cameras coming along, can't wait to see the results?

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**"Edie" Trotter (Edgar/Graham)** (57-62)[**LV**](AUS) -  
Dear **Ian**,

It seems so long since I wrote to you, but at last here I am with a promised photo of my reunion with **Cathy Kemp**. We took many photos and she said she would probably send one also so hope it's not the same! We had a lovely "catch up" when she came to stay on 27th January, and I was later able to talk to **Chris Spencer** who was in Brisbane briefly. Must be 40 years since I spoke to him, but it still felt like old friends.



Your last Newsletter was fantastic with all the news of the various Reunions. For such a small group of people , we certainly seem to be very busy and sociable!

Well done , **Ian**. You continue to do such a great job recreating old friendships.

Cheers and best wishes to Cher and yourself

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COMMENTS ON THE LAST NEWSLETTER



Yvonne Ryan (Gidley) (64-)[JH](GBR) - Hi **Witty** and Cher -

Good to receive monthly Newsletter again - always look forward to the 15th of each month!!

In answer to a few queries - looking for **Pru Hornby** - she is the Wife of Brian Keen who is going to be our resident DJ at our Malawi Reunion - so **Pru** can be contactable on **Brian's** eMail address.

Secondly - "*The Passion Wagon*" - two of the group are Steve Walker, (not resident in UK), and "**Billy**" **Gemmell**. And the Hats query - well they must belong to **Paul Osborne!!!** (you are right!!)

Looking for **Dave Humphreys** - I know **Alex Bishop** was in touch with him so guess that is your best bet.

I think **Sheila Johnson's** eMail should be eMail of the month - I am about to send one to her now - they did come such a long way from very very troubled Zimbabwe and we all "took our hats off to them" - what a lovely time we all had - I have a few more pics and will scan them through!

Love to you both from sunny but almost in snow Mud Island again!

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## SAINTS NEWS, MEMORIES & COMMENTS

Current and interesting Saints news items, (so send in yours!!). Are you moving, going on holiday, getting married (bit late aren't you!!), getting new Grandchildren (or others?), visiting other countries, or other Saints, starting a business, a new job, or a new hobby, or whatever you are up to we would all like to know about it! ALSO snippets of treasured memories from your School days.



**Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** (-)[JH](AUS) - *Moni Bwana Ian*

I have tried and tried to get a decent print of the Zomba School photo, even only slightly enlarged, but it just comes out too pixalated to see. The only one that stands out is **Moira!**

(I'm afraid that's the only copy of the photo that I have - if anything better comes in I will let you know!! Maybe **Marina Gee (Gatto)** has a better copy.)

Are we sure on the dates of the Junior School being at Nyambadwe? I recall being in Std 2 there which would make it about 1956 - maybe 1957 at the most! My teacher was a horrible **Mrs CHASEMORE** (sp) who used to like to yell and hit with a double ruler out in front of the class with our right hand extended.

(Re: The Junior School at Nyambadwe..... The 2 top Junior Classes (Std 4 and Std 5) moved to Nyambadwe in mid-56 and Std 5 became the first ever Form 1 in Jan 57. Therefore Std 4 would have become the new Std 5 and Std 3 would have moved up from the old School to Nyambadwe also at the beginning of 57. As far as I know the new Junior School was started in 1957 and occupied in 1958 (officially opened in July 59!!) So that would imply that in 1958 when we became the new Form 2, Std 5 became Form 1, and all the others would have moved up one place. Std 2 would have moved up from the old School so I guess you are right!!

The only teacher I list with a name close to what you say is a **Miss M. CHISHOLM** (56-57). )

Did anyone go to 'Granny Patterson's Nursery School' in Sunnyside and enjoy Mazoe under a big tree in her front garden at morning tea?

(We can still buy Mazoe Orange here in SA from time to time and I still enjoy it. I have been told however that most of the orchards have been pulled out and the ground given to the workers!! I'm afraid and the way things are going up there can't see it lasting much longer.)

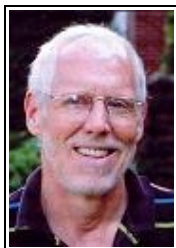
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Pre- and Post-FEDERAL SAINTS CORNER

To "accommodate" those ex-Saints that are not "true" Federals. In ALL cases the letters and sign-ins in this section will have some kind of connection back to our period. There will be common elements such as the Teachers, old school friends, family members or happenings that we can relate to. I hope that this will allow all ex-Saints to relate to each other's periods and to see the commonality that we all have with our great school. I recommend also to these "later" Saints, that if they are not already registered with "Vero's" Saints80s Website, that they do so. This Website covers the 80s but has many members from either side of this period also. I'm sure you will find more of your compatriots here.

Peter Conroy (57-58)[Stanley](USA) - Moni Witty,



I think I failed to let you know that back in December I sent off eMails to several of the Friends Reunited Saints you listed. It turned out that many of them visited the site 4 or 5 years ago and have since become unreachable again. I don't hold out much hope.

Yesterday I mailed you a CD of the musical "Wait A Minim", and another containing a selection of **Tony Bird** tunes. I know you will enjoy "Rift Valley" in particular.

Mary Chennell (Trueman) wrote about **Mr STOKER's** poetry "lessons" - Rudyard Kipling and Gunga Din stay with you forever. I also have a strong memory of Alfred Noyes "The Highwayman".

*The road was a ribbon of moonlight over the purple moor,
And the highwayman came riding—
Riding—riding—*

The highwayman came riding, up to the old inn-door.

I can still picture that road, not to mention:

*... the landlord's black-eyed daughter,
Bess the landlord's daughter*

Plaiting a dark red love knot into her long black hair.

Like **Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** I also have fond memories of being pulled across the Shire River on the ferry at Liwonde. As I recall the task fell to those African males who wanted to cross to grab the cable and walk the length of the ferry, singing a song. As each one reached to the back he let go of the cable walked back up to the front of the ferry and started again. It was a song as **Heather** says, but it reminds me that the general refrain used to coordinate the effort when there was any heavy lifting to be done was "one two three, *hansigo haya*" followed by a several more "*haya's*" until a pause was needed.

Hope you enjoy the CD's. (They have arrived and are SUPER!!! Thanks!!)

Cheers

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## EXTRACTS FROM THE SCHOOL MAGAZINES

### SAPS Vol.1, No.3 - Dec 1958.

### Report on Young Farmers' Club

1958

THE past twelve months have been a period of consolidation and expansion in spite of the splitting up of our club members due to the separation of the High School from the Preparatory School. We continued to work together until, during the visit of Mr. Derek Baker, the Chief Organizer from Southern Rhodesia, we elected two separate committees and planned our programme for the coming year.

Previously we had visited Bvumbwe Experimental Station and Mikolongwe Livestock Improvement Centre, borrowing a boar from the former and admiring Huntsman, the

heifer calf born from our cow Anticipation, at the latter. A most successful Pet Show, organised at Zomba by Mrs. Duncan, resulted in our winning the Pet of the Year award with our Jersey "Anticipation" as well as first prize in the heavy and light breed poultry, rabbits and guinea pig classes. We must confess with shame that a white mouse won first prize for us has since developed into a rat!

Following a visit from Mr. Faulkner, Director of Veterinary Services who talked to us about Animal Husbandry, we formed a new advisory committee of interested experts drawn from the Departments of Agriculture, Veterinary Services, Forestry and from practising farmers. We must record our grateful thanks to those busy people who have unhesitatingly at all times rendered personal assistance to us whenever we were in need of advice or help.

Our breeding programme this year has been most successful although we were unable to rear any piglets. Our large white sow ate several of her young at birth and in spite of the efforts of Mr. Eccles, who tried to hand-rear the survivors at home, the last remaining piglet died a month later. Our sheep and goats have increased considerably and we were able to hatch some very fine chickens in our perspex-topped "incubator. Our guinea pigs, tortoises and rabbits continue to flourish but we are now designing a new rabbit run to prevent too much fighting. Five goslings were born this year but we are turning down all applications to buy one for Christmas Dinner !

The highlight of the year was undoubtedly the visit of Mr. Derek Baker who not only officially declared our clubs and presented the badges we now so proudly wear, but also injected us with some of his enthusiasm for the Young Farmers' Club movement in the Federation. Our Senior Club will now work on project lines and we hope to invite children on leave from Rhodesia to join us in educational visits and functions during the school holidays. The Preparatory School club with their headquarters at Sunnyside, will continue to look after poultry (including newly imported Game birds and Silkies) and small livestock and to build up vegetable and flower gardens. Unfortunately, we have had to disperse our larger' animals, but with the assistance of Mr. Barry Marshall and officials of the Soil Conservation Department, terraces have been planned and a most attractive lay-out should be completed by the end of the year.

We should like to congratulate Mr. D. Dunn, who established a very flourishing unit at Glenae School, Cholo, in spite of having very few children of 10 and over. With the first club at Zomba continuing to go from strength to strength under the leadership of Mrs. Duncan, and the children of Chichiri School showing an active interest in our movement, the future of Young Farmers' Clubs in Nyasaland is indeed bright.

**Club Officials — 1958/1959**

HIGH SCHOOL

- Acting Leader:* Mr. D. Eccles
- Chairman:* Miss Penny Waters
- Secretary:* Miss Jacky Card
- Treasurer:* Miss Jill Kelly

PREPARATORY SCHOOL

- Leader:* Mrs. B. Marshall
- Chairman:* Miss Judith Waters
- Vice-chairman:* Miss Lilly Edgar
- Secretary:* Miss Irene Robbie
- Asst. Secretary:* Miss Cathryn Kemp
- Treasurer:* Master Douglas Rennie





## NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

("Friday in Malawi" reported on the following event at the School)

### **St. Andrew's High School 5-a-side Football Tournament**

After a gap of some years, St. Andrew's International High School will be running a 5-a-side tournament on Saturday 31st March as part of the Saints School Fair. We hope to raise 16 teams from companies and organisations across Blantyre in a friendly, but competitive tournament.

We propose that the first matches will kick off at 10.00am with the teams being divided into groups of four who will play each other on a round robin basis. After a short break, the top eight teams will progress through into knock-out stages. The final should be completed by 2.30pm and the engraved tournament trophy awarded to the winners shortly after. There will also be a player of the tournament trophy. All matches will be played on the main school field on 5-a-side marked pitches, refereed by professional officials and will last for 20 minutes with a 10 minute break in between. Refreshments will be available by the pitch side and all teams will have use of the school changing facilities. Each team will be expected to provide their own kit and players will be expected to play in trainers rather than football boots with studs. In order to keep each team fresh, a substitute will be allowed in every match, although only six names can be entered in each squad.

If you would like to enter a team, the fee will be 10,000MK. Proceeds will go to the Year 12 charity, (healthcare projects in Chikwawa and Ngabu), and to refurbishing the Sixth Form Centre. Please return the form with the entry fee by 23rd March to St. Andrew's High School marked '5-a-side tournament registration, c/o Danie Bester Year 12'. If you have any further questions about this event please do not hesitate to contact me via the school reception on 01822 368. I look forward to seeing you compete in what promises to be a very enjoyable and keenly fought tournament.

**Mr. J. W. Percival** (Head of Year 12)

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TEACHERS CORNER

To fill in this section we are including "Thumbnail" photos of all our Teachers, (in alphabetical order), with as much information as we have. I would like you to write in if you can fill any of the gaps in their information.

Collette PRICE (Miss HARTY) (61-64)[LV](GBR) - Dear **Witty**,

This might be called the triumph of hope over experience but I'm going to have one more go at getting a letter to you by 'SnailMail'. My last attempt in November seems to have gone into the void. Bring back the man with the forked stick!!

I saw in the January issue that you are still looking for **Marion ALLING (Marshall)**. She and her Husband live in Tewkesbury, Gloucestershire where they settled after Anders retired. His work took them to Southern Rhodesia, Venezuela, Canada and Berlin. Anyway I sent her my copy of the December Newsletter so you may yet hear from her.

Do you have **Lance PENNY's** address? If you have, and he doesn't object, I would love to drop him a line. Some of my funniest memories of my time in Nyasaland involve **Lance** and Clive. It was rather like having two slightly mad 'Brothers' and trying to keep them in line!!

(Unfortunately - so far - we have been unable to find **Lance PENNY**!!)

I am enclosing a photo taken 18 months ago just before we went to take part in the "Race for Life". With me are my two older Daughters and two Grand-Daughters. We ran in **Mike's** memory and managed to raise a fair amount for Cancer Research.

I know it's a bit late to wish you a happy New Year but I do hope 2007 treats you and Cher well. Best Wishes,





This Months Teacher

Anthony "Tony or Abe" BURDETT B.Sc.

Science / Biology 61-63, 67-70

(Lives in Butleigh, in Somerset)



I joined the School in 1961, but at the break up of the Federation, unlike most of the staff, I headed north, having by then been away from the UK for six years and as on only child I felt obliged to do that, but my real hopes were to return to Afghanistan to try to film tribal life - instead of which I got married!!

Subsequently I was awarded a place in Edinburgh University to do a M.Sc. in Wildlife Management with the aim of going to Southern Rhodesia, as it still was, to work in game ranching. However no grants were available and selling our cottages to raise funds for the purpose seemed too much of a long shot. Anyway I returned to St. Andrew's with my Wife and first Son in 1967 for a second three year stint, when **Trevor SNELSON** was still there. Our second Son being born there in 1968.

In 1973 I joined Millfield School in Somerset and remained there for 18 years until I retired early in 1991 - due to boredom and frustration with the newly introduced GCSE syllabus and exam, and ready to lose four years salary and pension. However I took pupil expeditions to Malawi for six-week treks in 1985 and 1987; then relatives, friends and colleagues in 1991. My wife and I visited Malawi again in 2001.

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## EVENTS & CONTACTS

### MALAWI REUNION 2007, in the UK

To be held at the **Kirtlington Polo Club** in Oxfordshire  
on **Saturday 25 August 2007**

to view the venue please go to: [www.kirtlingtonpolo.com](http://www.kirtlingtonpolo.com)

Details of plans for the Reunion, together with payment information, are now available on the website at [www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com](http://www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com)

It is VERY IMPORTANT that we receive some money upfront, in order to confirm the event itself and to pay deposits required by the venue etc.

So please make your sterling cheques payable to:  
and mail to her at:

**C. RAISBECK**  
CAROL-ANNE RAISBECK  
NYASA  
12 FOXCOMBE LANE,  
HORSINGTON  
TEMPLECOMBE  
SOMERSET, BA8 ODS  
ENGLAND

**Carol-Anne** has very kindly resurrected an old account she has had for years. For those people who do not have sterling accounts, please eMail **Nanette** or **Carol-Anne** and we will send information regarding bank transfers.

Please continue to watch our website [www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com](http://www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com) for further details/news before the event. Thank you in advance for attending this exciting event !

**Dave Richards**

PS - Please pass this on to any MALAWI-ITE you can think of.

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## Australian Reunion "Wrap-Up"

Dear Federal Saints

I have finally got to the end of the refunding operation, and would offer my apologies to all of you who are still waiting! The final refund cheques were mailed out on Monday 19th March, so should be with you, at the very latest, by the end of the week.

There was a lot of work involved, what with memorabilia orders, posting and packaging, and I really can only seriously get into this at the weekend as I work 5x12 hour days= 60 hours per week and am really blitzed at the end of the day! That is my excuse, for which my reasonably sincere apology is offered!

Of necessity, I could not get help from the committee ladies in Perth as all the records and memorabilia etc are with me here and it just would not have been feasible to break it down.

All of the Australian memorabilia have now been dispatched, so please advise me, if you have not already done so, that you have received your orders, will you? Also please advise me that your cheques / Internet transfers have arrived safely?

I am still awaiting the South African memorabilia, including Artworks, Letter Openers, and School badges. For those of you who have orders for these items, you will notice that I have held back a small amount of your cash to cover future mailing and p&p costs. The final cash adjustments will be made when everything is done. Add to the above comment the further orders for the Reunion plate. **Barry** has advised that he was firing these up a few days ago and expected to dispatch them shortly afterwards, so they could really arrive any time. I will await the arrival of the SA items from **Witty** also, so there will only be one more consignment to send to those of you who are waiting.

Please contact me if you have any queries re your orders.

It was such a pleasure to catch up with old friends, and also make so many new ones, and I am already looking forward to the next Reunion, (in 2009?).

I will offer a challenge to the next Organising Committee! Beat this one for costs - \$25 per head!!!! And as the lady said - "He Had A Dream, OR We Didn't Start The Fire!!".

*Received as we "went to press".....*

You should all by now have received your refunds from 'The Cheapest Reunion On Record', whether they were made by Internet transfer, if you supplied your details, or by cheque if you did not! I note that three of you, to whom I have sent refunds, have not yet cashed your cheques. If you are expecting a refund and have NOT received your cheque, will you please let me know, so we can chase this up together?

I have recently received a second batch of Reunion plates from **Barry Hall** in New Zealand, to replace those that were damaged in transit. They ALL arrived intact, I am pleased to report! Despite my efforts to persuade him to accept payment for himself for this second edition, Barry has again, so generously, accepted not only the transportation charges from New Zealand to Australia, but also insists that 70% of the proceeds of these plates will go to The Nchima Trust and 30% to **Witty** for the costs of running your favourite Newsletter! Barry, your generosity and goodwill are so appreciated; I would like to publicly thank and commend you for your extensive efforts on behalf of all us, in creating what are truly memorable keepsakes of our Reunion, and also in so generously contributing to The Nchima Trust. Thank you and God bless you!! No doubt **Witty** will also have something to say about your behaviour when he receives his contributory cheque!!

On the subject of plates and mugs, I can advise that I still have only 2 Reunion Mugs, (out of 36!!), available for sale at A\$7 each, (plus p&p), and 4 Reunion Plates at A\$12 each. So: - first in, first served, in anyone would still like one of these classy mementoes, please get on to me at [gemar@mackay.net.au](mailto:gemar@mackay.net.au) as soon as possible.

**Witty** has advised me that the goodies from South Africa, including your Letter Openers, School Badges, and copies of **Moira's** beautiful Artwork of our school, are on the way. The charges by airmail from South Africa were very expensive, so I have opted for surface mail, and expect that these will arrive with me here before too long. To those of you who are still awaiting their plates,

mugs and the South African memorabilia, I would say that when the SA stuff arrives I will be sending your orders on to you all together in one package, thereby reducing further mail charges, so please bear with us. Your next consignment will, therefore, be all inclusive, and will be the final one!

Once all mementoes have been received and sent on to you, I will be in a position to finalise the figures relating to charity donations for The Nchima Trust, Vinjeru, and also, to the Newsletter, and these figures will be reported back to you publicly through the Newsletter, so you can see how generous you have all been!

On this subject, I am so delighted to say that a number of you have requested that they NOT be sent their refunds, but rather that the refund should be paid to Nchima and Vinjeru, to assist our less fortunate fellow Africans in Malawi! What a great bunch you are!! I would like to quote the special words of one Federal Saint, (I won't embarrass you by naming you, but you know who you are!), who said .....

*"We had already 'used' the money so feel someone else should now be able to 'use' it the second time around!"*

I really appreciated that! That's about all I have for now, Saints! God bless you all!

sincere regards,

**Geof Acton**

(Almost Retired Reunion Coordinator!)

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## Comments on 50<sup>th</sup> Reunions



**Barbara Limb (Jones)** (-64)[??](AUS) - Hello **Ian**,

I just thought, as I am listening to the great music CDs that I have been sent, how pleased I am to have them!

Thank you to **Luiza**, I think, who compiled them, they bring back lots of good memories, and to **Geof**, who took the time to copy them for me, and others.

We have a couple of radio stations here in Perth, Western Australia, who play this sort of music, and we often have them on.

It is amazing how much is instantly recalled, when the first few bars of a song are played, and how the words rise easily to the lips.

Thanks again to all concerned, my toes are tapping as I am listening to Cliff Richard and his 'Living Doll' - memories of sitting in our lounge room in Sunnyside, listening to **Paddy Briody** and **Greg Tomkins** singing and playing - **Greg** with his Welsh accent - sweet memories!!



**Ian Bate** (59-62)[LW](GBR) - Dear **Witty**,

My trip to Oz seems so long ago now but the memories of the Reunion and meeting up with so many old colleagues and friends are very much in my thoughts.

My decision to go to Oz was made after the UK Reunion was changed to coincide with the 'Friends of Malawi' Reunion in August. I had recently got back from seeing my Mother and Brother Paul, in South Africa, and with a long desire to go to Oz the decision was made. I arrived in Perth and **Barbara Limb (Jones)** was there to pick me up - **Carol Lawton (Jones)** had also arrived from Melbourne so it was good to see them both. However, the one draw back was the temperature was in the 40's. A bit of a shock after leaving London where the plane was delayed for a hour to be de-iced!! On to the Rendezvous Hotel to meet the people who had already arrived. **Geof Acton**, **John Whiting**, **Martin Williams** and **Graham Jones** were among the ones I recognised immediately. It was great to catch up after over 45 years!!!

The next day, the morning was helping out the organising team and I must give them all a very big thanks for an excellent time. Despite the few hiccups and no electricity which have already



been reported the day went brilliantly. In particular I enjoyed reading through the scrap book **Gwynne Evans (Jones)** had kept on the sailing days at Ndirande Sailing Club.

*(We would love to see this also **Gwynne** - is it something you could scan in and send us??)*

The afternoon and evening events were also time to remember the great days we spent at St Andrew's and Nyasaland. The meal in the evening was amazing and the oysters, (which I managed to recognise in the candle light were delicious). The next day the lifts were still not working and after a fairly heavy night going down to the foyer where the hotel had laid out for breakfast was quite an effort. I was one of the lucky ones who were only two three floors from the foyer- even so I sympathised with the lad who came to get my suitcase when I was ready to leave - it was packed with clothes , books etc for three weeks and weighed 25kgs.

I spent two days in Freemantle and then onto Alice Springs and Uluru. Amazing place Uluru - our guide was very knowledgeable about the place and with only five on the tour we learnt and were shown a lot.

I then caught the Ghan on the railway down to Adelaide. Unfortunately due to time I was not able to take either **Sue BAMPTON (Miss CHILDS)** or **Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** up on their kind offers to stay. I rented a car and headed for Melbourne along the South Coast - well worth a trip if anyone goes to Oz. In Melbourne after navigating the complex freeway system I arrived at **Carol and Frank Lawton's** house. My congrats to her on very good road directions. Had a very good time in Melbourne and then went up



to Canberra where **John Whiting** and Michele made me very welcome. **John** cooked me an excellent Nyasa breakfast. Canberra is very well worth going to even if just to visit the War Memorial. It was a fantastic place and I could have spent a week there.

I then headed for Sydney where I stayed with **Merle Newton (Gascoyne)** for a few days experiencing an 'Oz Barbie' and seeing the most amazing birds and possums. The birds I saw flying free there are pets in the UK. They cost £2,000 to £3,000 in the case of the Yellow Crested Cockatiels. After leaving **Merle** I spent a few days in Perth visiting friends from Zim. On the one day I caught up with "**Coffee**" **Kemp** and we went up to the Blue Mountains for the day. Unfortunately for us but a blessing for Sydney the draught decided to break and we had torrential rain all day. The next day it was beautiful again just in time for me to catch a plane for Perth. I flew Virgin Blue which I was not aware was a 'no-frill' airline. Expecting lunch on board - as the flight was at least 5 hours - I did not eat at the airport in Sydney. They did not even provide a cup of tea with out a charge which was in most cases not bad. Will not make that mistake again.

In Perth, **Barbara** very kindly again picked me up and I stayed with her and Murray for the night. **Isabel Parker** and Dudley and **Pauline Van Lelyveld (Penman)**, (fresh from Zim), came over for tea. The next day I did some exploring in Perth and was picked up by **Gwynne** to stay the night with her and Max.

That evening we met up with **Isabel and Peter Parker, Jane French (Bridger)** and **Barbara** and Murray for a very enjoyable meal. One last day in Perth and a visit to Freemantle Prison - very scary to think it only closed down less than 20 years ago. Then back to the English cold. I do not think that the temperature dropped below 25 the whole time I was in Oz and most days were over 30.



*Gwynne, Isabel, Jane, Barbara, Peter and Murry.*

Finally a big "Thank You" to



**Gwynne** who got up at 4.00 to ensure I was dropped off at the airport to catch my flight to the UK at 7.00.

The three weeks in Oz were a fantastic experience and it would not have been so enjoyable with out the hospitality of **Carol** and Frank, **John** and Michele, **Merle**, **Barbara** and Murray and last but not least **Gwynne** and Max who opened their home and made me feel very much at home.

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**Saint's Cap in Good Company!**



Look at this photo of one of the Saint's 50th Reunion Caps, hanging on the wall of one of our Saints who attended!

It is really in such "Good Company" - Ferrari on the left and Porsche on the right!!

You have been "Rumbled" Paul!!!  
**Yvonne Ryan (Gidley)** worked it out that it was you!!!!



**RECIPE CORNER**

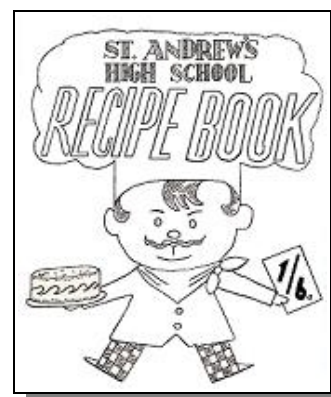
Extract from the "St Andrew's High School Recipe Book"

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**ORANGE JELLY:**

Take the juice of 6 oranges and 1 Lemon. Mix with yolks of three eggs and three teaspoons of gelatine dissolved in ½ cup boiling water and 1 cup sugar.

Whip whites of eggs until stiff and stir into mixture. Place in refrigerator until set



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**EGG ICE CREAM:**

**Ingredients.**

- 2 Eggs
  - Few drops flavouring essence
  - 1 small tin Carnation Evaporated Milk chilled in refrigerator overnight.
  - 2 tbsp. Sugar
- The refrigerator should be on very cold for at least ½ hour before making.

**Method.**

Separate the yolks from the whites and beat to a cream with sugar. Whip the egg whites very stiff and add to the egg yolk basin. Whip the milk as stiff as possible and fold with the egg whites into the yolks. Pour into an ice tray and freeze.

**N.B.** The secret of this ice cream is to have it as stiff as possible otherwise it will separate. The ice tray should be cold so that it freezes quickly.



## MARKET SQUARE

A section of the Newsletter where we cover Nyasaland/Malawi "products", Saints related businesses and general "business" information that you might be interested in following up on.



**Go 2 Malawi** is a useful recourse for anyone living in, moving to, doing business with or travelling to the warm heart of Africa. The Friday Team invites you to subscribe to this free weekly publication, "Friday in Malawi", which lists what's on and for sale in Malawi. eMail [friday@zikomo.net](mailto:friday@zikomo.net) to subscribe or visit [www.go2malawi.com](http://www.go2malawi.com) for up to the minute listings and news. Established 2001.

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### **SOME INTERESTING EVENTS REPORTED ON IN "FRIDAY IN MALAWI" NEWSLETTER**

#### **Friday 16 March**

St. Andrew's International High School ARTS SHOWCASE K1500 (including a plate of snacks) 7pm at the school hall. Tickets available from the school office. Students of the school will be performing in the different areas and it is also an opportunity to see the "A" level Art on display.

#### **Friday 30 March**

St. Andrew's International Primary School PTA presents an Adult FILM NIGHT! The Oscar Nominated 'The Devil Wears Prada' With Meryl Streep and Anne Hathaway. Tickets K1,000 - Includes Supper during the Interval. Full Cash Bar. Doors open 6.30pm Film starts 7pm. Tickets Available in Advance from the School Office.

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SAINTS SHOP



Ye Olde Saints Shoppe



There are still items available and the full listing is on the WebSite at www.federalsaints.net

NB - The Australian Items are available from Geof at gemar@mackay.net.au

eMail your order to editor@federalsaints.net and/or federalsaints@gmail.com

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## GENERAL MAILBOX



**Mary Poynton (Malachias)** (49-63)[LV](NAM/RSA) - Dear **Ian** and Cher,

So sorry I haven't written in a while, I have been over the wall here, and it's nearly time for me to go back home, hopefully, on the 19th I will be away from here!

Once again, thank you so very, very much for such wonderful memories. I am only sorry I couldn't have been with you all at our Reunion and I just can't believe how good you all look. Thanks also for **Orestis's** photo, tell him he is still my very good-looking 'kid Brother,' even though he looks older than I

remember him 40 odd years ago!! Goodness how the time flies, but at least I know what he looks like now. I would have loved to see more photos of all the Guys and Gals who attended, so hopefully you will print some more next time.

(I hope to have them up on the WebSite shortly!!)

Thanks again for all that you and Cher do so admirably, and for keeping us young at heart, at least, with our memories.

Love and best wishes to all who are celebrating birthdays this month, and to all who are sick or in hospital, I wish you a speedy recovery. To all who are travelling, take care and God speed so you may reach your destinations safely. Take care and God Bless - Much love always

**Christine Botha (Marshall)** (58-63)[JH](RSA) - Dear **Ian**,

Herewith, as promised, my letter of thanks to be put into the next Federal Saints Newsletter. My Sister **Linda Kensington (Marshall)** eMailed our Father in Port Elizabeth with the news that **Carol Lawton (Jones)** in Australia had contacted her with the news about the various Reunions of past pupils from St. Andrew's during the time of the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland taking place at the end of January 2007, (50 years that St. Andrew's officially opened). Dad mentioned it during his weekly phone call to me; I live in Valhalla in Pretoria and he happened to mention **Ian Whitfield**; to cut a long story short **Ian** returned a call I made to him and on Tuesday 30 January, 2007 we were on the phone for 3 hours!! I was asking after various good friends - **Jane Bridger, Gayle Lodge, Jackie Card**.... gosh there were so many I was asking after and **Ian** had the patience of a Saint, ('scuse the pun), to look up in his Data Base, to answer all my queries. Through **Ian** and his marvellous Newsletters about past pupils, I bought a computer, (with help from my Father), and **Ian** VERY kindly came over to my house several times, (maybe 25-30 kilometres a time), to set it up for me, and he taught me how to do eMails, and a few other simple things; on top of all this he downloaded all the previous Newsletters, right from No. 1 to the latest!! If there's not any decent programme on TV here, I come onto the computer and browse thru them; it's marvellous reading what friends have been up to - what I like the most is to see what they look like now! I notice that **Mrs. MULLON** is mentioned very often in these Newsletters - and I have yet another "anecdote" about her!! Hope she won't mind! Can't exactly remember what form I was in, but I think she took us for an English class and **Janet Chivers** and I were sitting right in front, next to each other, when all of a sudden, **Mrs. MULLON** shouts out to **Janet** and me "get those off and I will keep them for a while....." **Janet** and I were wearing our signet rings!! To this day I still have that signet ring - it was given to me for Christmas 1960 by my late Mother!!!! My best wishes to you **Mrs. MULLON**, I think, like a lot of others at St. Andrew's you had quite an impact on my life and thank you!

This is all for now **Ian**, Thanks again for all your help today; hope and pray you will soon be better. Take care. Love to you and Cher. Christine

**Arjan Leemans** (59-61)[SH](RSA) - Hi **Ian**,

A rather belated "THANK YOU" for the marvellous Reunion you, Cher and the team put together!! It was an unforgettable experience. I have finally managed to catch up with all 27 Newsletters and it made some incredible reading. I was particularly fascinated by the number of publications available on Nyasaland. However, I thought I should check through my limited collection and discovered a few others which do not appear to have been mentioned previously, so perhaps you might want to add them to the list.

| Author       | Title                                                             | Publisher          | Year |
|--------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|------|
| S. S. Murray | <b>A Handbook of Nyasaland</b>                                    | Govt. of Nyasaland | 1922 |
| C. A. Baker  | <b>Johnston's Administration</b><br>1891 - 1897                   | Govt. Press Zomba  | 1971 |
| W. D. Gale   | <b>Deserve to be Great</b><br>(The Story of Rhodesia & Nyasaland) | Stuart Manning     | 1960 |

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|-----------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------|
| Edward B. Proud | <b>The Postal History of Nyasaland</b>                             | Postal History Publications Co. | 1997 |
| E. E. Singano   | <b>Myths &amp; Legends from Malawi</b>                             | Blantyre Print & Packaging      | ?    |
| John Gunther    | <b>Inside Africa</b>                                               | Hamish Hamilton                 | 1955 |
| Bridglal Pachai | <b>Livingstone - Man of Africa,</b><br>Memorial Essays 1873 - 1973 | Longman                         | 1973 |
| P. A. Cole-King | <b>Cape MacLear - Dept. of Antiquities</b>                         | Govt. Press Zomba               | 1968 |

I hope you will continue to do the sterling job you have been doing and look forward to the next edition.

Everything of the best.



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**Moira MacMurray (Nolan) (60-64)[LW](RSA) - Dear Witty**

By the time the next Newsletter comes out I shall be on the QE II, on the high, (hopefully low), seas. Tsunamis are not for me!! David and I are fulfilling a dream of a lifetime and celebrating my 60th Birthday in style. Had ± 60 guests to a party here last Saturday night and had a splendid send off. Party No. 2 is in Cape Town given by marvellous friends who have 'semigrated', (as opposed to emigrated!). Slight hitch, found out at the 12th hour, dear Husband on S.A. Passport - (not one of us)!! - needed a Shengen Visa, went to the Spanish Embassy and arrogant bastard on duty refused point blank to help - had to go

via the "back door" - just shows "who you know" is far more important than "what you know" - God Bless Africa (& the Spaniards!)

I have been in touch with a few old Saints in England, and shall be going to the Nyasaland / Malawi get-together on the 18th May in London with **Mary Chennell** - Wow! - life is sure adventurous and exciting and I can't wait to see **Mary** again. The South African Reunion was so fantastic and full of old/new friends and acquaintances and lovely memories, and it seems that you, dear **Witty**, are continuing to open many closed doors for all of us.

I have not had the time to eMail, phone or contact the many old friends yet that I see live in England. I cannot find anyone who lives near where I shall be staying, in Letchworth in Hertfordshire, near our youngest Daughter Jessica, but maybe there is. I shall be in England from 22 April - 19 May, (David is leaving on 1 May), so shall have plenty of time to meet up and renew friendships. My British cell number is 077 1761 5504, so please anyone who remembers me, give me a call and let's have a chat. Having been in touch recently with many old Saints from all over the world, it has been a joy and a delight, what a privilege to share memories from so long ago and to renew and re-enforce friendships after such a long time.

Best wishes

Have a GREAT trip **Moira** and David - we expect to have a full report and lots of photos!!  
 Also Congratulations from us all on the "Big" Birthday!!!



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**Pete Charlton (59-)[SH](AUS) -**

I officially retire on Friday 13th April so please from then on eMail me the Newsletter etc to my new address.

Thank you **Witty**

Congratulations **Pete** from all of us - we hope you have a great time now that you are joining the "Professional Loafers Club"!!

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MALAWI NEWS

THE MALAWI POLITICAL SCENE

From Nation On Line

Zainah Liwanda, 13 March 2007

DPP HAS NO PLANS FOR CONVENTION

The Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) has no immediate plans to hold a convention to elect a presidential candidate because Bingu wa Mutharika is the party's automatic torch bearer in the 2009 general elections. DPP publicity secretary Zeria Chakale said Monday the party is well-prepared for the 2009 general elections with Mutharika as its candidate.

She added DPP has no immediate plans to hold a convention, saying the current focus is to strengthen the party at grassroots level. "The DPP is a focused and strategic party. We cannot fight the President. He is delivering. He is an automatic candidate. Our party currently does not have a programme or agenda for a convention. Right now, we are building the party. We cannot go to a convention without proper structures," said Chakale.

Asked whether or not by declaring that Mutharika is the party's automatic candidate was not a warning to aspiring candidates, Chakale said DPP has no intention to interfere with a president who is performing. According to the publicist, constitutionally Mutharika has another five-year term to continue with his development agenda. DPP regional governor for the North, Harry Mkandawire concurred with Chakale, saying there is no one who can compete with Mutharika for the position of president. "We can't get anybody better than Bingu. There is no one who wants to compete with the President," said Mkandawire. DPP regional governor for the Centre, Kalazi Mbewe and his Southern Region counterpart Isaac Nyakamera could not be reached as they were with Mutharika on a whistle stop tour in Kasungu.

Commenting on regional polls which were postponed last year, Chakale said the party is working on modalities though the date has been set yet. **Mutharika is likely to face former president Bakili Muluzi who said on Sunday at a rally in Blantyre that if endorsed by the party's convention, he will stand in the 2009 polls together with MCP President John Tembo.** The development, according to some quarters, is a threat to democracy as possible candidates are naturally intimidated since their bosses have declared interest to stand. Political analyst Mustafah Hussein said the declaration by Mutharika, Muluzi and Tembo to contest in the 2009 polls undermines democracy as it prevents possible aspirants from competing. Mustafah said the problem is that there is a "founders" and "big man" syndromes in most parties, arguing it's high time the old guard groom and promote young leaders to be seen practising the democracy they preach.

Newspaper cutting sent in by **Ian Urquhart (60-62)** [U] (GBR)



MERVY'S CORNER



LUCKY ESCAPE: Paul Lytle with an African newspaper report of his minibus smash.

Madonna denies new adoption reports

London - A spokeswoman for pop star Madonna confirmed on Friday that the pop star was going to Malawi over the weekend, but denied a newspaper report that it was to adopt another child from the impoverished African nation. Citing unnamed sources, The Sun tabloid in London said Madonna was intent on adopting three-year-old girl Grace after watching a documentary about a child care home for orphans in the country, despite a storm of controversy over her efforts to adopt a Malawian boy last year. "Madonna is going to Africa to continue her work with the Raising Malawi organisation," the star's spokesperson Liz Rosenberg said. "She is overseeing the building of a children's healthcare centre. She is absolutely not adopting another baby."

The pop star, 48, sparked a furore late last year when she and her husband Guy Ritchie, secured a temporary 18-month custody order from the Malawi courts for baby boy David Banda. The couple hope to formally adopt him. They have two other children -10-year-old Lourdes and Rocco, six. But the granting of the order, which enabled Madonna to take Banda out of Malawi last year, sparked heated debate about adoption laws in a country where the number of orphans is surging as a result of Aids. A legal challenge is now underway from rights groups who claim that existing legislation in Malawi does not allow for international adoption.

"Madonna saw a film of children at a place called The Consol Home," The Sun quoted an unidentified source said to be close to the star as saying. "She spotted a beautiful girl called Grace who lit the room with her smile, and fell head over heels for her. Madonna kept saying, 'That girl has so much love in her. I want to help her achieve her potential'," the source said. "But adoption officials are being very strict after uproar when Madonna adopted David. They know Grace is her first choice, but have insisted she looks at other girls first - and that the final decision is theirs." David's father, Yohane Banda, was initially quoted as saying he did not realise his son would be taken out of the country for good, but later said he supported the adoption. "It was always Madonna's intention to adopt two orphans from Malawi - a boy and a girl. Grace is healthy, stunning, and has no living relatives. It was the fact David's dad Yohane was alive and well that caused most of the problems last time," the source told The Sun. - Sapa-AFP

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## MEMORY CORNER

### Last Month's Memory Photos

John Budge - Hi **Witty**,

You were saying that no one gave you any names for your mystery photo last month of the Passion Wagon! The only name I can remember from the Passion Wagon is Bob Bolf (?spelling?)



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**Helen Hall (Howard)** (69-73)[**SH**](AUS)

We recall "**Billy**" **Gemmell** as lead singer and probably lead guitar. The drummer was Reg Hussein, the other two members I will leave to others!

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**Keith A. Bishop**(65-69)[**??**](BAH) - *Moni Witty*.

Another great Newsletter many thanks – I would have thought you would have had a flood of eMails on the picture of "*The Passion Wagon*". The names I remember are from L to R; Victor Lobo, Steve Walker, Scott ??, and "**Billy**" **Gemmell**.

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**Mary Chennell (Trueman)** (58-63)[**LW**](GBR) My Brother **Tony** had some wonderful memories of "**Billy**" **Gemmell** and the scrapes they got up to, as well as some antics he and **Gordon Cummings** perpetrated. I won't repeat them, as they are their stories for them to tell. I know he would love to hear from them, but eMails to him should be without any art-work or photos, as he can't download much more than straight messages. [trueman.anthonygor@tiscali.it](mailto:trueman.anthonygor@tiscali.it)



**St Andrew's Float??**

When I met up with **Nanette Alsop (Lenkiewicz)** [JH] at the SA Reunion she gave me some photos and amongst them was this one that she does not have any information on!

It seems to be a Float of some kind with some African Huts on the back. The Ford in the background certainly dates it to the 60s.

Can anyone shed some light on this or maybe remembers what the occasion was?

**No one seems to have any information on this picture!!**



**This Month's Memory Photo**



Can you tell us who this is and where it was taken??



## HOUSE POINTS

All submissions used in the Newsletter are awarded "House Points".

The current "House Points" standings are - (Houses listed in alphabetical order!) .....

**JOHNSTON** - 270; **LAWS** - 210; **LIVINGSTONE** - 385; **SHARP** - 395;

(2006 Winner - Livingstone)

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CLOSING COMMENTS

Sent in this month by - **Mary Chennell (Trueman)** (58-63)[**LW**](GBR)

These are the sort of words one wishes one had thought of!

ANNUAL NEOLOGISM CONTEST Once again, The Washington Post has published the winning submissions to its yearly contest, in which readers are asked to supply alternate meanings for common words. The winners are:

1. **Coffee** (n.) the person upon whom one coughs.
2. **Flabbergasted** (adj.) appalled over how much weight you have gained.
3. **Abdicate** (v.) to give up all hope of ever having a flat stomach.
4. **Esplanade** (v.) to attempt an explanation while drunk.
5. **Willy-nilly** (adj.) impotent.
6. **Negligent** (adj.) describes a condition in which you absent-mindedly answer the door in your nightgown.
7. **Lymph** (v.) to walk with a lisp.
8. **Gargoyle** (n.) olive-flavored mouthwash.
9. **Flatulence** (n.) emergency vehicle that picks you up after you are run over by a steamroller.
10. **Balderdash** (n.) a rapidly receding hairline.
11. **Testicle** (n.) a humorous question on an exam.
12. **Rectitude** (n.) the formal, dignified bearing adopted by proctologists.
13. **Pokemon** (n) a Rastafarian proctologist.
14. **Oyster** (n.) a person who sprinkles his conversation with Yiddishisms.
15. **Frisbeetarianism** (n.) (back by popular demand): The belief that, when you die, your soul flies up onto the roof and gets stuck there.
16. **Circumvent** (n.) an opening in the front of boxer shorts worn by Jewish men.

The Washington Post's Style Invitational once again asked readers to take any word from the dictionary, alter it by adding, subtracting, or changing one letter, and supply a new definition. Here are this year's winners:

1. **Bozone** (n.) The substance surrounding stupid people that stops bright ideas from penetrating. The bozone layer, unfortunately, shows little sign of breaking down in the near future.
2. **Cashtration** (n.) The act of buying a house, which renders the subject financially impotent for an indefinite period.
3. **Giraffiti** (n) Vandalism spray-painted very, very high.
4. **Sarchasm** (n) The gulf between the author of sarcastic wit and the person who doesn't get it.
5. **Inoculatte** (v) To take coffee intravenously when you are running late.

6. **Hipatitis** (n) Terminal coolness.
7. **Osteopornosis** (n) A degenerate disease. (This one got extra credit.)
8. **Karmageddon** (n) It's like, when everybody is sending off all these really bad vibes, right? And then, like, the Earth explodes and it's like, a serious bummer.
9. **Decafalon** (n.) The grueling event of getting through the day consuming only things that are good for you.
10. **Glibido** (v) All talk and no action.
11. **Dopeler effect** (n) The tendency of stupid ideas to seem smarter when they come at you rapidly.
12. **Arachnoleptic fit** (n.) The frantic dance performed just after you've accidentally walked through a spider web.
13. **Beelzebug** (n.) Satan in the form of a mosquito that gets into your bedroom at three in the morning and cannot be cast out.
14. **Caterpallor** (n.) The colour you turn after finding half a grub in the fruit you're eating.

And the pick of the literature:

Ignoranus (n): A person who's both stupid and an a__hole.

40 years on!!!

Have you ever been guilty of looking at others your own age and thinking, "Surely I can't look that old?"

Well... you'll love this one!

I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his D.D.S. diploma, which bore his full name.

Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark-haired boy with the same name had been in my high school class some 40-odd years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then??

Upon seeing him, however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray-haired man with the deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. ... hmm..... or could he???

After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Morgan Park High School.

"Yes. yes, I did. I'm a Mustang," he gleamed with pride.

"When did you graduate?" I asked.

He answered, "in 1959. why do you ask?"

"You were in my class!" I exclaimed.

He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly, old, wrinkled, bald, fat, gray, decrepit s-o-b asked,

"What did you teach?"

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