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Graham steps into breach

GRAHAM BLICK has very kindly offered to be our new Chairman, with Don McClure offering to stay on the committee so we are in good shape, thanks to the respective persons.

The last couple of months have been busy with a successful BBQ at Point Walter, joining in the Anzac Parade and joyful Sundowners at the Irish Club.

And with many thanks to Will Dunlop of the Gallery Innerspace Westgate Harare, Rhodesians/Zimbabweans were able to view some superb nostalgic paintings by Ian Henderson.

Accompanied by authentic Zimbabwean wine and Mazoe Orange.

It certainly helps to keep our community together.

Upcoming events include a

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Editorial

Sunday Lunch at Chalet Rigi in the hills on June 13. Contact either myself or Doug Capper to make your bookings.

Unfortunately, we have had some errors in advising of correct dates for various Association activities so the Social Calendar has been revamped for this edition.

Eddie Preston has forwarded to me updated information on the Harare 4 - Barry Bawden, Philip Conjwayo, Michael Smith and Kevin Woods. If any reader requires information please contact Eddie on phone 94502888 or P.O.Box 78 Como 6952.

The Association was provided with a copy of a superb magazine entitled African Safari with many articles and pictures of Southern Africa which is sure to bring back a lot of memories.

Please contact Doug Capper if you want to borrow the magazine.

Included in this edition is an extract of a project written by Graham Blick on early days in Shamva.

I am always looking for interesting and original material and I again appeal to readers to forward to me anecdotes of their experiences in bygone days.

CLEM BARRATT

The History of Shamva

By Graham Blick

IN 1969 I commenced gathering information and carrying out research for a history thesis which I majored in during my teacher training at Teachers College, Bulawayo, Rhodesia.

The Teachers College was part of the Faculty of Education of the University College of Rhodesia and Nyasaland.

My parents lived in Shamva at this time and therefore it was quite convenient for me to undertake this project.

Also, there was a great deal of history, pre-colonial, colonial and post occupation.

The local population of Shamva and its immediate surrounds were most helpful as were many other former residents, some well into their 90s at this stage.

Ednie-Anne Logan, my parents Graham and Margaret Blick and Theo Hastings were all very supportive, encouraging and forthcoming with ideas, anecdotes, sources and incidents.

On submission of my thesis in 1970, I was awarded a Distinction and the Shamva Rural Council decided that they would print the thesis at their cost for non-profit sale to local residents, post residents, Universities and other interested parties.

About 700 copies were printed, sold and circulated worldwide. It is now 30 years later and a dusty, fading single copy is being resuscitated and beginning this issue, on Page 13 excerpts are being printed in the Bundu Times on another continent. Extraordinary!
THE M’dalas meeting of April 13 was attended by 54 members. It was noted that Margaret Croft’s hip operation had been successful and she was making good progress.

Events held and forthcoming events included:
- Botanic Golf Gardens on May 6.
- Coach Tour and conducted tour of the Mail Exchange followed by lunch at Kaillis restaurant in Fremantle on May 13.
- Sunday Lunch at Chalet Rigi on June 13.
- M’dala’s Christmas lunch has been booked for December 16 at Wentworth Plaza Hotel.

Denis Hoyes presented the Zimbabwe Report which included news of an outbreak of cholera in Harare.

Another item concerned the fact that BHP Australia has pulled out from the platinum mining project at Chegutu due to frustration dealing with Government officials.

On a lighter note Mike Bray read out an amusing poem of his own composition and the Chairman read out a list of medical definitions supposedly provided by the Ministry of Health in South Africa for the benefit of Cuban Doctors working in that country (see page 6).

ZIMBABWE’S police force is spending 400 million Zimbabwe dollars (some 10 million US dollars) on new anti-riot equipment in anticipation of violence in the run-up to parliamentary elections next year, the Daily News reported. The paper quoted Police Commissioner Augustine Chihuri as saying that the equipment includes troop carriers, motorcycles and buses to get riot police to the scene of any violence quickly.
Give that man a cigar!

Charles Smith, of Mosman Park, Perth, has sent in this letter and list of medical terms, and their meanings in modern-day south Africa.

Dear Doug,

After you have perused the enclosed, and it passes the Censor!! you might like to arrange for publication in the Bundu Times.

As you may well know, Dr Zuma has been the South African Minister of Health in the Mandela Government from the Word Go, at that time, her background being rather obscure, you can well imagine what was said about Witch Doctors, and such comments!! The good Dr really made a name for herself by recruiting the Doctors From Cuba. It was no hardship for these fellows to leave Cuba, where they were paid 20/30 US Dollars a day, should I say the equivalent there of. So with doubtful credentials, lots of them hastily left the Island of the workers Paradise!

Dr Nkosana Zuma’s medical terms for Cuban doctors

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<td>BARIUM</td>
<td>What to do with dead patients.</td>
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<td>BOWEL</td>
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<td>CAESARIAN SECTION</td>
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<td>A search for kitty.</td>
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<td>COLIC</td>
<td>A sheepdog.</td>
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<td>D &amp; C</td>
<td>Where Washington is.</td>
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<td>DILATE</td>
<td>To live longer.</td>
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<td>ENEMA</td>
<td>Not a friend.</td>
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<td>FESTER</td>
<td>Quicker.</td>
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<td>HANG NAIL</td>
<td>Coat hook.</td>
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<td>Distinguished, well known.</td>
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<td>Get hurt at work.</td>
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<td>MEDICAL STAFF</td>
<td>Doctor’s walking cane.</td>
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<td>A higher offer.</td>
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<td>Person who fainted.</td>
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<td>Fatherhood test.</td>
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<td>Cousin of Elvis.</td>
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<td>POST OPERATIVE</td>
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<td>Place to do upholstery.</td>
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<td>Damn near killed him.</td>
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<td>Acknowledgement of a greeting.</td>
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<td>Attic with a sky view.</td>
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<td>Roman emperor.</td>
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<td>TERMINAL ILLNESS</td>
<td>Getting sick at airport.</td>
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<td>Opposite of ‘You’re out.</td>
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<td>VEIN</td>
<td>Conceited.</td>
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<td>TUMOUR</td>
<td>An extra two.</td>
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Oh, no, Minister . . .

ZIMBABWE’S Treasury has instructed the Foreign Ministry, which is broke, to recall non-essential staff from Zimbabwe’s 37 foreign missions because the government is unable to meet the costs of keeping them there, government sources said.

According to top government officials, the Ministry of Finance had also advised Foreign Affairs Minister Stan Mudenge and his senior staff to freeze new diplomatic postings until the next budget, which is seven months away.

The Foreign Ministry has already used up its budget of $391 million for the fiscal year 1999, less than three months into the fiscal year.
Assault with a friendly weapon . . .

TWO women got the shock of their lives during a round of golf at the Wingate Park Club in Harare recently. Two nude thieves jumped from bushes, performed a war dance and then grabbed their handbags as the golfers ran for dear life.

The women, one of them an elderly visitor from England, lost their purses, cash, a cellular telephone handset, car and house keys and other valuables to the men, whose only weapons were their birthday suits.

Police are said to be looking for a pair of naked aggressors . . .

Banana defrocked

ZIMBABWE’S former president Canaan Banana has been defrocked by the Methodist church because of his conviction on charges of homosexual assault, the head of the church in Zimbabwe said.

Bishop Farai Chirisa said the church decided to strip Banana of the ministry after he was convicted in the High Court earlier this year on several charges of sexual assault and sodomy.

Most of the offences were committed while Banana was president from 1980-1987.

He was sentenced to an effective one year in jail and is currently on bail while awaiting an appeal to the Supreme Court against his conviction and sentence.

Banana, 63, was ordained in the Methodist Church in the United Kingdom in 1962.

● Hundreds of Zimbabwe’s PTC engineers and technicians have been fired for going on strike. The strike knocked out all telecommunications links for hundreds of foreign exhibitors at the country’s premier industrial showcase - the Zimbabwe International Trade Fair.
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Groups of friends soon congregated and before long the banter rose to a high level.

Everyone met everyone. Old acquaintances reunited, and, with the new faces, some new friends were soon made. Point Walter is an excellent picnic venue with much to see and do.

The view over the river is great with plenty of water borne craft to be seen.

The path leading along the shoreline was full of walkers and children and adults on bicycles.

All in all, it was an enjoyable day out and for those who missed the bbq, make sure you diarise the next function and be there!

The parents of a Zimbabwean airforce officer killed in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) are outraged that they were given only his kneecap for burial, a newspaper reported.

The Independent quoted the father as saying that he was given a saucer containing what looked like part of a kneecap and told this was his son, 27-year-old Flight Lieutenant Evans Kadyauta.

“I know death is there... but you can’t say that ‘your son has died, there is a knee-cap,’ then you run away. It is bad. Very unacceptable,” said the father, Mike Kadyauta.

FORMER German tennis star, Michael Stich, is to seek funds for Tennis Zimbabwe, The Standard has reported.

It said Stich was so impressed with the public tennis facilities in Zimbabwe that he said he would look for sponsors for a new tennis project in Chitungwiza.

Tennis Zimbabwe president, Paul Chingoka, said Stich would be kept up to date with developments.

“ We really appreciate his support," he said

Stich won the Wimbledon title, reached a career best of world number two on the Association of Tennis Professionals Tour and was also part of the German Davis Cup team for several years but has now retired from tennis.
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Lower down the Mazoe River, near its junction with the Pote, the district was called Abercorn, in honour of the Duke of Abercorn, president of the British South Africa Company. This is now known as Shamva.

By 1896 Abercorn boasted a small European community, mainly on and in the vicinity of Tafuna Hill, at the foot of which Messrs Deary and Company had established their trading store.

In June, although the Matabele Rising had begun nearly three months before and was in full fury, the settlers of Abercorn were peacefully occupied with their daily tasks, confident that, “it can’t happen to us”.

No one suspected that some of the Mashona people were also planning to rise until the first sign of local trouble blew up in the adjoining Mtoko district, where the Acting Native Commissioner, H.H. Ruping, went to MAHOMBA’s kraal to collect hut-tax, and met with a hostile reception.

Ruping’s opinion was that the unrest was “due to the imposition and collection of hut-tax”, and quoted the names of seven headman who had refused to pay, and who “forbade their boys to work for white men, and desired to have nothing to do with our government.”

Ruping was subsequently murdered.

The B.S.A. Company’s “Report on Native Disturbances 1896/97” states that there were about 20 prospectors and traders on the Abercorn goldfields at the start of the rising.

The Europeans had been alarmed by reports from Mazoe and on the 20th June 1896, fortified Deary & Company’s store; they remained there in a state of siege for 23 days until they were relieved on the 13th July by a patrol from Salisbury led by A.H.F. Duncan, a retired naval officer and senior official of the company.

Hickman in his article writes, “These are the bare facts, but the
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Anzac parade

TWENTY Rhodesians gathered under the flag behind the veterans from the Burma Star, Normandy, Dunkirk and Pegasus and in front of the North American Vets.

Beret’s identified the respective units with own medals worn on the left and other medals on the right.

We watched the various army, navy, airforce units lead by various bands pass our position whilst we waited to join in.

Doug Capper lead the Rhodesian contingent with Sergeant Charles Scott and Sergeant Richard Blick being the flag bearers.

Both sides of the street all the way to the Esplanade were thronged with spectators with the occasional voice shouting out “Hooray for Rhodesia.”

At the Esplanade a commemoration service was conducted by the Returned and Services League with hymns, prayers, the Last Post and Reville.

After addresses, further hymns and prayers we dispersed, glad to be part of the parade.

Sundowners

Association get-togethers are now held at the

Irish Club of WA

61 Townshend Road Subiaco

Join us for a few chibulis the first Friday of each month

Business Directory

Participation in the Directory is voluntary but we urge you to complete the registration form and return it to the Association. You could look on the Directory as FREE ADVERTISING of your business or skills.

Business Directory: Registration form

Name:

Skill:

Profession:

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Regular meetings:

Venue: Irish Club 61 Townshend Road
       Subiaco.

Committee Meetings: First Tuesday of each month
                    5.30 p.m.

Sundowners: First Friday of each month
            5.30 p.m.

Coffee Morning: Second Wednesday of each month
                10 a.m.
Contact Helen Lumley 94576970
Contact Yvonne Beesley 94574047

M’dalas Indaba: Third Thursday of each month
               9.30 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.
Venue:
       Citiplace
       Community Centre Railway Station
Contact Doug Lyon 92953490

Upcoming Events:

Chalet Rigi Sunday Lunch June 13 (see advert)
Blarney Castle August (date to be advised)
Houghtons Winery October 17
Mdala’s Christmas Lunch December 16
Christmas BBQ Kings Park December 5

New members

Nick & Mandy Harrison, ex-Harare, New Zealand
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EVER dreamt of catching the ultimate freshwater fish?

For most of us this opportunity remains a dream. For a handful of intrepid anglers and adventurers, and Dann Douglas in particular, the hunting of Africa’s Goliath tiger has become an obsession.

In this, his first book, “The Largest Tigerfish in the world - THE GOLIATH”, Dann takes the reader on an adventure of discovery and mystery. The book boasts some excellent photographs of these magnificent fish as well as the equally impressive Congo River.

From an early age, Dann, growing up in the wilds of what, even by today’s standards, is an unspoiled Eden, the Congo was savage and primitive.

From the dense and unexplored equatorial forests, one of the world’s only remaining tropical jungles, to its spectacular kaleidoscope of flora and fauna, much of which remains unexplored, the environs of the Congo were a boyhood paradise. It was the lure of the great Congo River that, as a young man, became the focus of Dann’s insatiable appetite for adventure.

The Congo River basin covers

IN Australia, the barramundi is regarded as the ultimate freshwater sportfish. In Africa, there’s a fish that would eat it for breakfast and then take on a croc for afters! This review of The Goliath, a book written by Dann Douglas, was published in Zimbabwe Fisherman, who kindly gave us permission to reproduce it. Oh, and you have to go to the Congo to find this beast - not the healthiest holiday venue at present!!
The Goliath

a vast area of the Democratic Republic of Congo. This huge, often swamplike depression has an average altitude of less than 400m, the lowest areas being located in the northwestern region near lakes Tumba and Maji Ndombe.

The Congo is the second largest river in the world after the Amazon. With a length of 4700km its volume averages between 30,000 and 80,000cm/sec.

Upstream from Kinshasa the river broadens and at “the Pool of Kinshasa” reaches a width of 15km.

The country has over 12,000km of navigable waterways, the Congo River being the largest.

Flowing westwards it winds its way through Bukuma, Kongolo, Kindu, Ubungu, Kisangani, Kinshasa, Matadi, before entering the Atlantic Ocean.

There is a multitude of large lakes which offer the country great potential for sport fishing - although at the time of writing, another civil war grips the region, pushing the elusive Goliath even further from reach.

World records in Goliath Tiger, Nile Perch and Catfish have been recorded from these waters and there is no doubt that the country holds tremendous promise for the adventurous angler.

“These fish can attain an incredible size. Some old Congolese fishermen have told me that they can attain a mass of 70kg. These old fish lose their teeth and frequent the deep dark holes of the river. The largest fish seen caught was a specimen of 49kg, and was taken by my friend Christian”, explains Dann.

“It was the lure of these huge fish and his encounters in trying to apprehend them that inspired Dann to write a book about his experiences.

“The goliath is a killing machine, always ready to pounce on a likely meal.

It is also a cannibal and will not hesitate to attack other tiger. So strong is its predatory instinct that it will often attack bait half its own size - that’s what makes it so exciting!”

Years of experience and a great understanding of the tiger and their environment makes Dann one of the few authorities on angling for this species.

“I can only quote my own personal observations and experiences on this topic, it is a fascinating subject, and one that I have studied for many years.

“I was born in Kinshasa, and had the privilege of growing up in the bush.

My parents lived 30km from Kinshasa, in a house on top of a hill overlooking the forest. That’s how I got the fishing and hunting virus.

“From the age of seven I would roam the bush with one of my father’s workers who was also a fisherman. But as he said, the big Goliath always eluded us.”

"The goliath is a killing machine, always ready to pounce on a likely meal. It is also a cannibal and will not hesitate to attack other tiger."
The Goliath

erman. For me he was a precious teacher.

“The river was so rich in the number of species, we came back every day with a stringer full of fish threaded on a palm tree stem.

“As I matured in years, so did my appetite to catch bigger and bigger fish.”

Never before has such an in-depth and comprehensive study been made of this little-known fish. Dann’s book is the first of its kind and is a reflection of his pioneering spirit.

It is large, measuring 250mm x 300mm, and its 120 pages are filled with some outstanding full colour pictures of monster fish. Full of technical information it covers various aspects of tackle and tactics as well a narration of personal experiences and encounters with goliath by Dann and his colleagues.

The book was originally written in French, Dann’s native tongue, and was designed to cater for the French speaking, European market. A limited number of English copies have been made available for other parts of the world and in particular Zimbabwe and South Africa have received a limited number of copies.

In trying to keep the text as close as possible to Dann’s French version, some of the English grammar has been sacrificed. But this by no means detracts from the technical data and it remains very readable.

The fact that this book is the first of its kind ever written solely about the goliath tiger makes it a real collector’s item. It holds a wealth of information and is the ideal textbook and a must for anyone with ambitions on one day tackling these monster fish.

Dann’s book is available through mail order from Mag-Set Publications at P.O. Box 6204 Harare, Zimbabwe Africa at a cost of US$50 (including packaging and posting). Faxed orders can be sent to (+263-4) 572786.

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human side of the story is dramatic in the extreme; it follows largely the narrative of Edward Charles Broadbent, who may have taken command of the beleaguered people, and who wrote for the Rhodesia Herald after his rescue.

He is described as a prospector and had been at work between the Mazoe and Pote Rivers when he heard of the rising, and was called in to Deary’s Store with all available guns and ammunition.

In a separate group John Fletcher, Joseph Francis Deane, George Holman and James Stroyan, all prospectors, made their way to Deary’s but whilst passing CHlPADZI’s kraal the party was fired on and Deane and Stroyan wounded.

There is a curious reference in the official casualty list to Trooper George Holman of the Salisbury Field Force being 5 “wounded in action” on 17th June at Abercorn laager, but he only came in on the 20th and was certainly not a member of the Salisbury Field Force which formed part of the rescue party in July.

It is therefore most likely that he was wounded whilst defending the store. Hermann’s Mining Camp had also been warned of the rising and when Louis Hermann came in, it was decided by the council of war that, having a horse, he should ride to Salisbury to report the situation.

But on the way he was murdered at MAKOMBI’s kraal and three Africans who were also sent were never heard of again.

If they had been aliens they were probably murdered, but if locals, it is likely that they ran away.

Alien or “Zambesi” Africans were as much in the Mashona target area as were Europeans. The other Europeans who endured the siege were John Robert Rowland, J. Pickering and A. Ragusin.

Broadbent was surprised at the rising, because the local Africans had been quite friendly, though he had been somewhat disturbed for some time previously because more produce had been bought for sale to the miners than they required, and the vendors seemed anxious to get powder and caps. departed with none but thought they obtained their supply from “Zambesi native traders” - the first reference Hickman has seen to trading being conducted by Africans who may have been hawkers rather than storekeepers. Then the Mashona suddenly stopped trading, an ominous sign.

Deary & Company’s store was not designed for defence; it was in a bad position on the level; with rising ground on every side, particularly the lower slopes of Tafuna Hill, but

"The garrison enlivened proceedings from time to time by throwing out plugs of dynamite with short fuses when the rebels crept up close"
there was no other choice. So the settlers prepared for its defence.

At that time, buildings consisted of two store huts with a kitchen and mess huts in line on either side, and it was decided to set up the laager about 15 yards to the north of the site. It was in the form of a half circle with the flat side to the north, that is furthest from the store.

One of the store huts, that to the south-east was burned, because it would have screened the rebels where the grass was very long and close to it.

The foundations of the laager consisted of sacks of kaffir corn, mealies, and the like; for the breastwork, cases of corned beef, liquor and pickles were used.

“We loopholed it as well as we could, and filled up surplus holes with limbo, bundles of socks, clothing etc . . .” said Broadbent.

The inside measurements were about 150 square feet and here the refugees were quartered, eight European men at the start, five Zambesi men, with one woman, one girl and three boys, 18 souls in all; together with six dogs which later proved most useful in their warnings of rebel approach. Twenty-five other Zambesi employees deserted when the first shots were fired.

On Sunday 21st June before the laager was complete, the rebels came up in force from the direction of the Pote River and opened fire at 9.30 a.m.

They were driven off from the left by volley fire, a favourite mode of defence in those days, but moved round through long grass to the rear and there extended across the road to the right.

At this time Broadbent was wounded but not incapacitated, and several rebels shot in the open. Amongst them, as became apparent later, was their leader, for whose loss they swore vengeance.

This temporary repulse gave the refugees time to complete their laager. In the meantime the rebels retired into a kopje to the south-east, held a noisy council-of-war, and then began to parley with the garrison.

No notice was taken of them except by Fletcher, who “against orders and advice foolishly advanced to the edge of the bush. He held up his arms to show that he was without firearms, and was immediately shot dead”.

His body lay where it fell, and he was probably buried at the same spot where his grave may be seen to this day.

Throughout the whole siege there could be no relaxation for the garrison. On the 24th and 25th June, most determined attacks were made, and Broadbent estimates that the rebel strength of guns was between 70 and 80 and there were “hordes armed with battle-axes and assegais”.

On the 25th the main body of rebels left, but a sufficient number remained to invest the laager. In all eight separate attacks were made and at other times rebels kept up a harassing fire.

The garrison enlivened proceedings from time to time by throwing out plugs of dynamite with short fuses when the rebels crept up close through the long grass to the south and south-west “which had a very wholesome effect in making them keep a respectful distance.”

Next issue: Nothing to drink but liquor
THANKS to all those who attended the Ian Henderson Art expo @ Burswood, Perth in April. Anyone who would like to see more art from current Zimbabwean artist, please go to www.primenet.co.zw/innerspace thanks again. Will Dunlop (innspace@primenetzw.com) Harare, Zimbabwe
ANYONE know the current address of Cliff Paget - used to live in Borrowdale in Salisbury and then went to Perth Australia. Lost contact about 5 years ago. Glen Landsberg (GLandsb500@aol.com) Atlanta, Ga USA
I AM trying to contact LORRAINE HOWELL (maiden name) who was a member of the Matabeleland Diving team in the mid 1940s. If anyone has any information on her whereabouts please can they contact me at my E-mail address. My father Taff Lawton and Bill Semple (who were also divers) are trying to re-establish contact with her. Phill Lawton (ram@faroc.com.au) Perth, WA Australia
TO Bill Wardaugh, Dave Baisley and Margie Martin (Ellison) re: Lee Mackie (nee Kirby). Thank you all for your help in my quest to find Lee. As a result of a check on the Zamnet site I found Lester Shenton in Mkushi. Lester is married to Sherry (nee Kirby) Lee’s sister and the rest, as they say, is history. Thanks again to all the “Bushies” who helped. Colleen (VERITAS@bigpond.com) Perth, WA Australia
I FINALLY got round to reading “The Great Betrayal” - probably last person on Bush Telegraph to do so. It makes wonderful reading and evokes many special memories but hey, isn’t it badly written and edited? All those repeats and endless praise for the “British” way of life, sense of decency etc. The book could have been half its length and still been a good read. Never mind, our Prime Minister deserves his retirement and is entitled to peace at last.
Martin McGhee (marek@yebo.co.za) Mafikeng, NW South Africa.
DOES anyone know the whereabouts of CAROL PRITCHARD (nee PETERS) ex Nagle House? Anne Gillingham (Anne-Louise.Gillingham@unilever.com) Durban, South Africa
EX-CHURCHILL, played in lots of bands inc The Cyclones RTV Teen Time rock with Locke what ever happend to Martin? Married to TINA long time now. Kids all grown up now. Last 20 yrs in AUSTRALIA its a good place. I Also had a music shop in Manica Rd. Let’s hear from old chinas. Barry Taylor (barrytina@bigpond.com.au) Sydney, nsw australia
CAN anyone put me in touch with GORDON AND ANGIE REED (nee PREECE), ex-Bulawayo. Last heard of trekking to and fro across Canada, possibly in Regina now. I’d love to renew contact again if anyone can connect us!! Chrissie Lewis (lewkids@iinhug.co.nz) Kaitaia, New Zealand
OBITUARY. LOUISE CHENEY, wife of Jack Cheney, previously of Eastlea, Salisbury. Past Matron of Fairways Hospital, member of BSAP Bowling Club, passed away in George, South Africa on April 25th 1999. Jack’s address, P.O.Box 4241, George East, Western Cape, 6539 Daryl White (sawubona@canada.com) Pickering, ON Canada
TRYING to ascertain if there are any ex members of the NRP (Northern Rhodesia Police) resident in Perth, Western Australia or anywhere else in Oz for that matter - give us a hoy - Ta. Paul Garnett (VERITAS@bigpond.com) Perth, WA Australia
I'M STILL looking for information about my sister HILARY STORR (nee Copeland) and/or her husband ERROL STORR. Last heard from 1978? They were living in Victoria Falls, Zim. Errol was working as a croupier at the casino there. They were living in Johannesburg before that I have very little information to go on and need all the help I can get. Did they leave Zim for another country or go back to the UK. Haven’t been able to trace them in the UK. Can’t get any answers from places in Zim. Yvonne Benefiel (debenefiel@earthlink.net) San Mateo. Ca USA

I AM looking for any information on Lorraine McKerrell who was born in Zambia. She lived in Chingola in 1965 when she would have been about 17. She later married (somewher between 1966 and 1972) and became a Humphreys. She had a daughter Susan, who got married in 1987 (married name unknown). If anyone knew Lorraine or any McKerrells or Humphreys please could you let me know - the smallest pieces of information will help. Many thanks Margi Simmons (Margi.Simmons@fluordaniel.com or K.A.Simmons@tesco.net) Frimley, UK

I WAS most concerned to read about that geezer who was reduced to (and proud of the fact) making a biltong maker out of a plastic dustbin. Whilst I too consider biltong as the food of the gods I can only sympathise with this fella and suggest that he is definitely living in an unhospitable region and should move pronto. The ignorant and uninitiated all think we are nuts for eating raw meat but hell, what do they think when they see this genius pulling his tongue out of a dustbin and then grazing it? Jak

WIDOWED from Bob Westergaard . . . formerly tobacco in the Mtoko area up to 1964. Then Salisbury up to 1974. Now in Australia. Looking for June-name unknown (nee Oliver) believed to be living somewhere in Australia. If she would like to contact Lola or if someone knows her whereabouts please leave message on Lola’s daughter’s email address. Lola would also like to hear from any old friends, family, etc. who may be out there! Lola Westergaard (lorenehayden@yahoo.com) Perth, Australia

CAROL CORREIA (nee STRICKLAND) I’d be chuffed to hear of the whereabouts and any news of Carol - who worked with me at ICL in Salisbury. Last I knew she and Desi (her hubby) were living in Faerie Glen, Pretoria. Would love to catch up with her. Thanks, Karen (nee Gibson) (kdc@gei.net.au) Esperance, WA Australia

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Kalanga dads 'do' their duty

A PECULIAR tribal ritual, which will delight the fellas and horrify the girls has come to light.

It was learnt of during a recent Zimbabwe court case where a woman was charged with torching her father-in-law’s house.

It seems he continually persisted in demanding a bit of hanky panky with her. The woman, from the Kalanga tribe ended up in jail, apparently happy to be there.

Kalanga wedding nights aren’t what westerners might call a night of bliss – especially for the groom, it seems. The reason? Father-in-law gets to bed the bride instead of the young bloke!

And seeing as how multiple marriages aren’t unknown in that part of the world, a guy’s dad could be in for a lifetime of breaking in nubile young maidens - particularly if he happens to have half a dozen sons!

Among the Kalanga - the tribe to which political leader Joshua Nkomo belongs - sex between a father-in-law and daughter-in-law is not only permissible, but compulsory.

Raphael Bhutshe, a staunch Kalanga traditionalist, told a reporter from the Mail & Guardian their young men were not allowed to have sex with their wives until the head of their families officially “approved” them. There were no dissenters or protests usually.

Kalangas claim they have practise this tradition for centuries.

“Among my people, sex between a father-in-law and daughter-in-law is an initiation act never to be ignored,” Bhutshe said.

Besides being a way of welcoming a new bride into the households, the father-in-law is also believed to be more experienced in determining a bride’s virginity. A Kalanga father presides over all domestic disputes, Bhutshe said, and a daughter-in-law who had sex with him would “have absolutely no inhibitions when she reports matters concerning her sexuality”.

But there is a restriction: sex between the father-in-law and his son’s wives can only happen on the wedding night. Dumisani Ncube was not satisfied with one night only.

Marita Ncube told the court that she had been pestered by her randy father-in-law who wanted to have sex with her regularly. “I don’t want any more of it. I will never do it again and that is why I burned down his house.”

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