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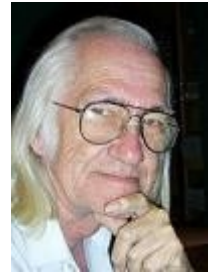
**The Attendees at the 50th Anniversary Reunion;  
Moira MacMurray (Nolan); John Longmore;**

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## EDITORIAL

### **Moni Saints -**

Because we had such great events over the weekend of 27<sup>th</sup>/28<sup>th</sup> January, (in both SA and Australia), I realised that I had too much material for the Feb issue of the Newsletter. That left me with some choices - either cut-down on the normal Newsletter, (which would make all of you cross!!), or cut down on the Reunion coverage, (also not a popular choice), or do TWO issues - one Newsletter and one Reunion Coverage. Hence I picked the latter. So here is your February Newsletter, but now which will be followed tomorrow by a **SPECIAL REUNION ISSUE!!** Hope you enjoy them both.



**Witty**

You will find in both issues a new section - **SAINTS SHOP** - under which we will list the special Reunion Mementos that have been produced. Both Reunions seem to have suffered from a late withdrawal of attendees so we both have surplus items that are now available to all Saints everywhere!! Please order yours - once they are gone there will be no more!!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank not only my Committee for all their sterling work, but also all the Saints who attended our Reunion. Also a special "Thank You" to all the Saints who contributed towards my VERY special, and totally unexpected, gift that was presented to me at our Reunion. It is a wonderful gesture, deeply appreciated and has pride-of-place in my home and my heart!! Thank you again!! Thanks also to **Moira** for being "The Ringleader" here!!

A last request before I let you get stuck into the latest issue of your favorite Newsletter. **Luiza Glennin** "lost" her Attendees Booklet at the Reunion and would really like it back. Please look inside the cover of yours, (as she wrote her name there), and if you have hers by mistake please send it into us. If you want another copy to replace yours just let me know. Likewise **Nanette Alsop** was given a plastic bag with some original Saints Magazine in it and these seem to have 'gone missing'. If anyone picked these up in error please let us know as she is devastated to have "lost" them!!

Thanks again to one and all who made our Reunion such a fantastic event.

*Zikomo and Tsalani bwino. "Witty"*



## PHOTO CORNER

### SAINTS AT WORK



**Paul Osborne**

In his office  
(Note picture on back wall!!)

### RANDOM PHOTO FROM THE DATA BASE



**Phil Clayton**

Now living in the UK but  
with no eMail!

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



## FEATURE ARTICLE



### The Building of the **BLANTYRE CHURCH** **NYASALAND** **1888-1891**

By the Late Rev.  
**ALEXANDER HETHERWICK**

#### **II. THE BUILDING**

The foundations of the building were dug in the dry season of 1888. The site had been chosen long before - though there could only be one site in the mission - the heart of it, facing the road that runs down the old mission "square". Building was commenced immediately after the foundations were cleared. There was no ceremony of laying the foundation stone, but one Saturday afternoon, when the first bricks in the chancel were laid the members of staff gathered within the foundations, and each laid a brick.

No one, not even the architect himself, knew what plan of structure was to be raised on these bricks. There was no detailed plan previously prepared. The building grew in the architect's mind, and the outward structure followed the inward vision.

The general idea as first conceived in his mind, and which he showed me in a sketch he had made in 1888, was that of two cubes forming the nave, a third cube making the central space under the dome, while the transepts and chancel each occupied half a cube. He himself thus describes his leading ideas in the design:

"The ground plan has been the guide of the whole super structure; it was very carefully proportioned to begin with. The form was a Latin cross with very short transepts, (10 feet outside measurement). A short choir, (12 feet outside measurement), and a semi-circular apse of 8 feet radius. The aim was to make a comely Presbyterian place of worship."

"Regarding the elevation, it was felt that brick offered few facilities in the way of ornamentation beyond the perpendicular line and the right angled corner. It was resolved therefore to lighten the brickwork and lessen the material by perpendicular lines, as long and as many as could conveniently be obtained.

The first idea then in the elevation is the perpendicular rushing up of lines of buttresses and corners. The proportions were ruled by geometrical progression, the first member being large in proportion to the rest. In fact the last two last members of the proportion form simply a head to the first perpendicular rise. The cubic spaces, however, perhaps formed the chief element of theoretical difficulty. A harmonious plan and proportioned elevation of themselves give true cubic dimensions; but the square was taken for the general form of the end section and about two cubes for the nave with the aisles. The aisles are merely passages behind the pillars, of three feet width, but they serve to throw out the pillars and give passage on both sides of the nave which is only twenty feet in width. The whole length of the Church is about 106 feet; the breadth from aisle wall to aisle wall about 30 feet; and the height to the crest of the roof, (right angle elevation), about 37 feet.

There is no dull back, the whole being so managed as to present frontage on every side.

Of the detail of this no entire complete plan was drawn. Each detail was "effected" on the spot in brick without clay or mortar before the bricks were actually laid. It was well perhaps that there was no plan laid down on paper, for had such been drawn in all its complicated forms even the architect himself would have stood aghast at the task before him.

Without doubt he would have been checked from headquarters. He kept his counsel and worked on -

keeping himself within the amount allowed.

"Why were we not consulted and the plans of all this submitted to us?" said one in authority.

Another still higher in authority made the reply "If we had been consulted it would never have been built. Now we're proud of it" and well might they be, for pictures of the wonderful "Blantyre Cathedral" appeared in many of the illustrated papers, and the "Kudos" of it fell to the Church.

That was after the church was finished, and men who knew what they were talking about realized the immensity of the task he had accomplished - single-handed.

Few save his own immediate circle of friends sympathized with him in his undertaking. Many criticized and prophesied disaster. In fact one such, up country, wrote condoling him on the "fall of the Church".

During the early months of the actual building Scott had the aid of Mr. David Buchanan, of the firm of Buchanan Brothers, himself a trained stone-mason. "Mr. Buchanan built until November 1889" says Scott. He left to superintend his own work, which he felt was suffering by his absence.

Scott himself then took the responsibility of building, and continued from November 1889 to May 1891. Mr. Buchanan's aid was invaluable in giving their first lesson in bricklaying to the African builders, none of whom had ever handled a trowel or level before. Building to the string was a hard task, many courses in the building bearing evidence of the early workmanship.

The spring of the arch over the west door shows careful instruction in chiselling, the keystone - the only stone in the building - being the work of Mr. Buchanan's own hand. Gradually, however, the builders - as well as the architect himself- gained in confidence. The construction of the arches of nave transepts was the first really difficult task he had to face. The photo of these arches with their elaborate mouldings, all worked out in specially formed bricks, reveals the character of the problem he had to solve (plates 2&3).

Himself an utterly inexperienced builder with no architectural training, he had to work out his problems of thrust, bond, etc, solely by the principals learned in Tai's classroom in Edinburgh University - these coupled with a large measure of common sense.

He was afraid of strains and thrusts, and made allowances for the weight of the superstructure far beyond what the laws of ordinary construction would have called for. But he was working with inexperienced workmen, and in making these decisions he was wise. No evidence of crack or setting was ever discovered over the later years.

Only once did he dread that his substructure was insufficient for the mass he was piling on top of it. For the octagonal drum underneath the dome, he planned a triple course of bricks moulded together to represent a crown of thorns.

The bricks for these courses were specially heavy, and when the topmost of these were laid he noticed a crack in one of the arches - the main arch of the nave.

This was in no doubt due to the ordinary process of 'settling' but it was enough to give him uneasiness, and he resolved at once to strengthen his main chancel arches, by buttressing them on the north and south of the transept walls.

The buttress on the north side took the form of the porch seen on the photo (plate 4), which has now been roofed in to form the minister's vestry, while on the south side the buttress formed a simple continuation of the side walls of the south transept (plate 5).

Still further, however, to strengthen the main arch of the nave, he added in the angle between the buttresses already mentioned and the main wall of the isle, a triple buttress ending in triple crown - a little gem which few take note of (plate 6).

(To be Continued)



## LETTER OF THE MONTH



**John Kirkham** (55-61)[SH](GBR) - May I tell you a story? Over the years I have related it, now and again, to friends and acquaintances here in the UK - with little or no impact. What do you think?

When my parents were in England on Home Leave in 1967, one evening in June or July I was in a pub in Bath with my Father - having a medicinal "swift 'arf" before dinner at my parents' home. There were only half a dozen or so other people in the pub.

A well-dressed elderly gentleman entered the pub and, addressing the whole bar, said that he had heard that there were some people from Nyasaland staying in the area and wondered if they were in the pub at that moment.

After introducing ourselves, and buying him a drink, he said that his name was, I think, Green, and in 1914 he had been the manager of Barclays Bank DCO in Mbeya in Tanganyika when he received news that war had been declared between Britain and Germany and that the forces of General Paul von Lettow-Vorbeck, the German Commander in German East Africa, were heading towards the area and, amongst other acts of mayhem and war, were detaining all British nationals for internment. There was, said Mr Green, only one other Brit in the town at the time, and over a beer or two they decided not only to make a run for it, but to get back to England, join up and do their bit for King and Country against the dreaded 'Boche'.

The other chap, said Mr Green, was not a young man, but was an experienced hunter and very fit. He organised a team of porters and within a day or two they set off, trekking south. As the plan was to board a ship for England at Beira, they decided not to go directly south into Northern Rhodesia, but to head southeast around the northern end of Lake Nyasa, (as it was then), over the Livingstone Mountains and turn south down the eastern coast of the Lake through Mozambique. The weather conditions in the mountains were appalling and several of the porters died of exposure. However, he said, there was plenty of water and his companion shot game for meat as they needed it for food as they progressed southwards. Although the two white men stayed healthy, some of the porters contracted malaria en route and also died.

Eventually after an arduous trek they arrived at Fort Johnston in a rather ragged state, but otherwise in good order. They presented themselves to the DC and explained what they were aiming to do. He advised them to go on to Blantyre, via Zomba, where they could catch a train to Beira, thus saving a considerable foot journey and a fair bit of time. Having walked from Mbeya to Blantyre, they at last had the luxury of a ride; they took the train from Limbe to Beira, only to find that the next ship to England was not due for some months. Change of plan; they then took a train from Beira to Salisbury, and from there all the way on to Cape Town, where they were able to take passage on a ship without too much delay.

On arrival in England, said Mr Green, we joined the British Army and were both commissioned into the Royal Fusiliers - despite the fact that my friend was over 60 years of age; he obviously had friends in high places! We had become very good friends by now and contrived to serve together for most of the time, both being posted back to East Africa with our unit later in the war. My friend was a first class officer and soldier and was decorated with the DSO, (Distinguished Service Order, awarded to officers of all three Services for 'especial service in action'), Sadly, whilst performing the duties of a dispatch rider and holding the rank of Captain, he was tragically killed in action at Behobeho in Tanganyika in January 1917 at the age of about 65.

Mr Green then said that he just thought that, as we were from Nyasaland, we would be interested to hear his story, and did we know that his friend's Son, (with whom he had kept in touch over the years until his death in the 1950's), had lived in Nyasaland for many years? His friend, he said, was not only a great hunter, but had written several books on Africa and there was a bust of him in the Natural History Museum in London.

"Oh yes, by the way, you may have heard of him", he said;

"His name was Frederick Courtney Selous".



## 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.

No reports this month!!

## Other News

**Alex Slight** (-)[??](RSA) - At the "In Memoriam" at the SA 50th Reunion we were pleased to be told that the report of **Alex's** death was incorrect. **Clive Gascoyne** corrected his previous report by telling us he had now re-found **Alex** who is alive and well. We are very happy to remove a name from this list and apologise for any distress this caused.

+++++ GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN +++++

## 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.

No reports this month!!

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

## 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	<b>344</b>	↑	Semi-Active	<b>94</b>	↑	AWOL	<b>12</b>	→	"Spotted"	<b>106</b>	↑
Deceased	<b>58</b>	↓	"Missing"	<b>782</b>	↓	Others	<b>7</b>	↑	Non-Members	<b>19</b>	→
									<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1422</b>	↑
									Accounted for	<b>44.9%</b>	↑
<b>THIS MONTHS CIRCULATION</b>										<b>434</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.

## 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 "Gs"

**Margaret Galley; Derek Gibbs; Grettl Gibbs; Mr ?. GIBSON; Ian Gilbert; A. Giordani; D. Gladwin; Miss Margaret GLEDHILL; Linda-Anne Glover; Mr W. GLOVER; Allan Godden; Sylvia Gold (Handman); David Gosda; Christopher Graham; V. Graham; Miss V. Granlay; Ian Grant; "Tony" Grayling; John Grayston; Joy Grayston; Melody Green; Stephanie Green; Mr Jim GREENWOOD; J. Grieves-Cook; Anna Griffin; Dawn Griffiths; "Rico" Grilli; Ben Gunn; Mrs Bev GWYTHYR.**

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

## 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!!

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

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

## 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

**Ivano Baglioni (ITA); Gian Piero Fiorini (ITA); Gianni Leotta (RSA); Mario Leotta (RSA); Edwina Flemming (Jackson) (RSA);**

### Sign-Ins without Details

**Christine Botha (Marshall) (RSA);**

### Sign-Ins with Details

**"Jan" de Waal (57-)[SH](RSA) - Hello Ian.**



What a wonderful discovery!! I was searching through the Skype network last weekend and found the name of a long lost friend, **Rod Bater**. I left a message and he responded the next day. He forwarded me the amazing "Federal Saints Newsletter" issue 24 and I found it truly amazing - such fantastic memories. I see with interest the mention of the Reunion. Please send me more details. Its sounds to good to be true.

I trust you will remember me. I was at Saints from the very first day. I have some interesting photograph which I will scan and send to you shortly. I will give you my last 45 years resume in the next mail. I have also forwarded the information to my Cousin **"Arjan" Leemans**.



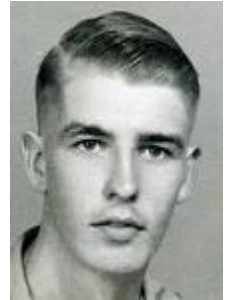
Great to re-establish contact. Looking forward to hearing from you.



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

It was great talking to you yesterday after all these years and I am most impressed with what you have achieved with the Newsletters. My compliments and I look forward to seeing you at the Reunion next weekend. Thanks for the eMail which I received this morning and here follows a synopsis of my life.

At the age of 14 my parents decided to emigrate from Holland to a place called Nyasaland in darkest Africa. It was a long journey and took about 3 weeks by boat, train and aircraft to arrive at Chileka airport. My knowledge of English was very basic, (one of three foreign languages I had to learn at school in Holland). At the beginning of 1959 I joined St. Andrew's in Form 2B as a day scholar and now had to learn all subjects in English. I coped reasonably well and after a while managed to get top marks in English from **Mrs. ATKINSON**. My 3 years at Saints were very memorable and I thoroughly enjoyed them, even though I did not excell in sports.



At the end of Form 4 I was very undecided which career path to follow, but joined the Federal Post Office and completed a Technical course at the P.O.Training College in Salisbury. From there I landed up in the drawing office in Jameson Ave. where I worked for a year. After the break-up of the Federation I decided to move south to Johannesburg and went knocking on the door of Anglovaal House to apply for a job. I was signed on and placed in the drawing office of Anglo Alpha Cement where I worked for several years as an electrical draughtsman. I progressed to Junior Buyer and subsequently became Chief Buyer for AAC's chemical subsidiary company until 1976. I felt it was time for a change and applied for a buying position at E.L. Bateman, a project engineering and management co. in Boksburg where I am still, 31 years later.

In 1974 I married my Wife, Lia, who had emigrated from the same town in Holland with her parents a few years before me and completed a life-long career in Nursing and Nursing education. We have been blessed with 3 wonderful children, Natalie 31, Laurence 30 and Mary-Anne 19, and now 2 Grandsons.

I am a very keen Philatelist, (Central Africa in particular), collect books, (good novels and Central Africa Africana), love good music, (classical and popular), of which I have a large collection of 33rpm vinyl records.

I live in Ferndale in Randburg.

Greetings and I will keep in touch.



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**Ann Thorne (Evans)** (57-59)[??](GBR) - Dear **Ian**

My Husband Peter and I have just received a letter from **Geoff Goodchild** in Exeter telling us all about the Newsletter so I'm responding in haste to say we'd love to be added to your circulation list. **Martin Rogers**, who was best man at our wedding over 40 years ago, sent you our details but wasn't sure we had an eMail address, however, this is proof that we do. I am still working at the University until the end of April when I plan to retire, so have a work eMail. Peter retired last September and has recently set himself up with an eMail account and I too have a personal eMail.

We live in Milehouse in Plymouth, Devon in the UK.

I left Nyasaland sometime in 1958/59 to return to UK, spent four years in Plymouth before going back to Malawi in 1963. Met and married Peter Thorne in Blantyre - 30 March 1964. His Dad was Leonard Thorne (Solicitor) who some people may remember and he had twin younger Brothers, Justin & Jeremy. My parents were Alf and Eddie Evans. Many years later, (18 in fact), we had our first and only child, Kimberley Ann, who has just celebrated her 25th birthday.

My maiden name was Evans and **Martin** mentioned to **Ian** that he thought I might be on your 'missing persons' list. I did attend St Andrew's High School, but only for a year or two, I think, round about 1957/58. Memory isn't what it was but do remember some names and even have a School photo tucked away somewhere. My younger Sisters also attended St Andrew's - **Linda Evans** and **Irene Evans** - so I'm passing on **Ian's** letter to them and hopefully they will either

contact you direct or ask me to do so on their behalf.

Not sure how much or how little background/news you want so rather than rambling on, I'll await a reply. I'm copying **Geoff** this eMail so that he knows I've responded and look forward to hearing from you.

All the very best.



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**John Holland** (58-64)[**LW**](ZIM) - Hi **Witty**,

Just been reading the Federal Saints Newsletter sent to me by **Rod Bater**, (we go back to Junior School in Zomba!), who I had a drink with a few days ago. Really is a trip down memory lane, I recall a great deal of the names and people and, what we got up to!

Sad to learn about **Cheryl Harris**.

Last time I visited St Andrew's with **Nigel Williams**, quite a few years ago, I was given the last remaining photo in the boys hostel which included me, by the, then, Headmaster.

I left after 'O'-Levels just after Independence to take my 'A'-levels at Strathallan public school in Scotland, a major culture shock!!

How do I go about subscribing to the Newsletter? How do I join? I know all the people in the 132 club as well but think I could have started in Form I in the second year of opening 1958 when they opened it for boarders I was in the same year as **Oresti** and **Evonne Yiannakis**, **Nigel Williams**, **Rod Bater**, **Mick Gange-Harris** etc.

I now live in Harare in Zimbabwe.

It's a really good effort and look forward to hearing from you.

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## Late Biographies

**Alex Bishop** (53-65)[**SH**](RSA)



Born Zomba 14.7.49. Parents Tots and Elizabeth, (both now deceased).

Brother **Philip** born 9.1.50 in Lilongwe, Sister **Carol-Anne** born 23.2.51 in Blantyre.

Schools - St. Andrew's KG1 & 2, (opposite PWD).  
St. Andrew's Junior, (Sunnyside) 1956-1961.  
St. Andrew's High, (Nyambadwe) 1962-1965.  
Peterhouse (Marandellas), 1965-1968, (to do A Level).



Work - Left school and started work at United Transport as Internal Auditor, moving into freight division, (Swift Transport), in Blantyre. Subsequently worked at AMI and Manica in Malawi, then Casalee who transferred me to Johannesburg in 1980. Own business, (trading in used freight containers), for 11 years then joined UTi, (Global Logistics Group). Became Managing Director, Africa Division. Still there, 2 years until retirement. Work has allowed me to travel extensively – last count was 47 countries all over the world.

Family - Married Linda Raisbeck in Blantyre in 1973, (her Brother John was married to my Sister **Carol-Anne**). Daughter Tammy born Blantyre 16.4.77. She has been in UK last 5 years working/studying. Son Stephen born Johannesburg 11.8.80. Presently living and working in Port Elizabeth. Celebrated 33rd Wedding Anniversary in December. Currently living in Johannesburg.

Sport - Malawi colours for Rugby, Golf. Malawi Golf Champion. Malawi Junior Tennis Champion. Club/League Hockey, Cricket, Squash, Badminton, Darts, Snooker. Dice,

Matches, Dominoes! Still play Golf, (9 handicap).

Party animal of note!



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**Yvonne Ryan (Gidley) (64-)[JH](GBR)**



Born in the UK - arrived Nyasaland pre-Independence June, 1964 - Father on contract to the QE II Hospital. Having left "Swinging London", it was a pretty big culture shock, to say the least, arriving at Limbe Station in a 'chiperoni' on the rail car from Dondo Junction - then to be told that we were going to live next door to the Headmaster of St. Andrew's High School which I would be attending that September! In my time at Saints I did not accomplish anything academically, (with the exception of English and History - Thank You **Florrie MULLON!**), or in the sports department - but did manage long-lasting friendships - for which I am truly grateful!

Left Saints and did a stint at East London Tech - secretarial course - back to Blantyre to start first job with Cory Mann George - Roy Patrick's secretary. Met Linda Bishop (Raisbeck) at **Geof Acton's** wedding and during the reception Linda and I decided to go overseas for a year. Prior to going I met John Ryan, (a 'newy' from the UK - good Hockey player), who proposed the night before I left! Eventually came back early and we were married in St. Paul's Church Blantyre in February 1973. Our Daughter was born in 1977, (at Malamula). In 1979 June Anderson asked me to join her at KLM, temporarily for 4 weeks which turned into 6 extremely happy years. In 1985 John was transferred back to UK - he is still working for the same company. After a couple of years, Monique was now well settled in Prep and High School in Oxford - I decided to take a computer course and applied for my first job ever in the UK - I worked for one of the Canons at Christ Church Cathedral Oxford until January 2005 when I decided to take early retirement. Since then I have continued to travel to all parts of the world which have been fascinating - and our Daughter is now settled in Sydney - couldn't stand the dreariness of the UK and although Africa beckoned - Australia was her goal. I now seem to spend my time in touch with all the ex-Saints all over the world which is a joy - wonderful days never forgotten.

Although I don't really 'qualify' as a Federal Saint I am indebted to **Witty**, and all the Fed Saints!, who gave the permission to "join up", we all have a special bond for which I am really grateful!

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**Pauline Labuschagne (Owen) (-)[LV](RSA) - Hello to all the Old Saints!**



**Witty** is doing such a fantastic job of getting us together and asking for news of the last 40 years. So here is mine...In 1964, (after he left Saints), my Dad became head of St. Mark's High in Mbabane, Swaziland, so I did my final, (Matric), year there, and really enjoyed the smaller, country-style atmosphere. I made some good friends, then went on to Durban 'Uni' and studied to become a High School English teacher. I only taught Seniors for 6 years however then changed to Grade 1 - 3 at Primary Schools! I really love the little ones and have been at Glenstantia Primary here bin Pretoria for 26 years now. (Must retire soon...)

I met my Husband on the beach in Amanzimtoti, married in 1972 and then moved to Pretoria. We had 2 children: Paul aged 30 - a Workshop Foreman; and Christi, 28 - a trained Beauty Therapist, but working as a Nursery School Teacher!! Both are good kids and have partners I really like, and are in long term relationships, but no wedding plans yet. This could be because my marriage ended in divorce after 18 years. He has since remarried, and I was engaged for a while but then chickened out!! Otherwise I lead a busy life and visit family and friends here and in KZN. I hope to go to Tasmania in December for a family reunion with Sister Lynda and Brothers Jeff and Dave. They are scattered around the world like so many families. Thus it will be great to see and hear from you all soon. Best wishes from an old Saint.





**Michael Spencer** (57-60)[LV](RSA) -

St Andrew's 1957-60

After 'O' level Mum and Dad gave **Chris**, (my little Brother), and me tickets to travel: railcar to Beira, ship to Brindisi, train across Europe and skiing in Austria. We both discovered what a big world there was out there. On our return a few weeks later I had to go to school at Prince Edward in Salisbury, Rhodesia, in the good company of **Dave Mansefield** (DEC), **Mike Belford** and **John Kirkham**. Following that, on to the University of Cape Town where I completed a B.Sc and also stints as a Researcher in the Dept of Oceanography and as a Game Ranger for the Cape Div. Council.

Received a letter from parents in Peru congratulating me on graduation and announcing their assumption that no further funding was required. I rushed out and immediately accepted the first job offer, at Afrox. Went through various jobs and activities mainly involving marketing industrial products until I realised that my aspirations and attitudes were not congruent with those of most employers!!

During these early years I married and produced a Son, (now 34), who currently works with me. After 9 uncomplicated years of working, running, squash, climbing, refurbing old sports cars etc I married again in Sweden and 2 beautiful Daughters arrived, (now 21 and 23). Furthermore we, (me and the offspring), manage to maintain a very warm and close family structure.

Have had a go at many things including: Building and selling packaging machinery in South Africa, Processing old dumps and extracting silver in Utah, USA., IP Telecommunications based in Montreal, Canada, Trading in intellectual property and industrial products in Poland. Of course these activities and others involved a great deal of travelling which may have contributed to the fact that I have been single since 1989.

I have a wide range of interests and am sure that the St. Andrew's and Nyasaland experience set me well on a path to enquire about everything. Currently still working much too hard, have a great lady friend, keen on cycling, swimming and reading.



**Geof Acton** (60-65)[LV](AUS)

I wrote my "O" Levels at Saints in November 1965. I then wanted to go, like some of the other "O's" to St. George's in Salisbury, to do my "A" Levels, but my Mum, & Dad, a serving senior Police officer, decided that I needed to "hone off the rough colonial edges!", (I wanted to keep them!), but the say was theirs, and as Dad regularly played bridge with the Archbishop of Malawi, I ended up at one of England's major Public, (= Private) schools, Prior Park College in Bath, Somerset, where, in 1968, I wrote "A's" in English, French, (thanks **Miss DUNBAR**, for your great grounding), and Economics and Politics. I hated it there, far away from my beloved African home, most of all hating the miserable, grey English weather. Due to my dark tan, I was called "Nigger" and ostracised by the Poms! My good friends were a black West African and a brown Zambian - so much for my enforced racist upbringing in Africa - we three had something in common, - we were all Africans! One good thing - after regularly swimming at the top with Livingstone House, (and usually coming second to "**Nobby Meadows**!"), at Prior Park I always showed the Poms a clean pair of heels, winning the school championships again and again, then also most of the the Inter schools galas!

When I finished school in mid 67, I was mad keen to fly with the Air Force, but, the era being shortly after UDI, was naive enough to tell the truth about my support for Ian Smith's Rhodesia to the Officer Selection panel at Biggin Hill!! Needless to say, I wasn't selected! So I then applied for the Fleet Air Arm, attended another officer selection board and was accepted for training at Dartmouth for February of 1968. There was a General Election, the Labour Party was elected, and my entire entry was cancelled. My hopes and dreams were dashed. That was the last straw for me, as far as England was concerned! I told Mum and Dad, (who, by now, had left Malawi for good and settled in the south of England, where they still live), that I wanted to go home. Mum cried, and Dad said "Here's a Hundred Quid!" He also bought me a ticket to Cape Town on the "Australis". Due to the closure of the Suez Canal, a free Mediterranean cruise to Athens was thrown in. I hitchhiked from

Cape Town up to the Free State, Transvaal, through Rhodesia and Mozambique and home to Blantyre. I was welcomed there by **Brian Philp** and his parents, Jim and Anne, who generously sheltered me until I found work as a trainee Field Assistant with 'Johnston Duckworth', Civil Engineering Contractors. Amongst many other projects I was directly involved in the construction of the irrigation canal at Sucoma, in Chikwawa, Southern Malawi, and also the railway from Liwonde through to the Mozambique border en route to Nacala. Those days were paradise. I lived in a caravan in the bush at Ntaja, and daily encountered njobvu, nyani, njati, and most everything else. Out of Africa indeed! Do you remember those days, and our trip to Nova Freixo, across the roadless border in Mozambique **Martin Williams** and **Brian Philp**? And how we ran out of cash drinking 2M and Laurentina, and somehow convinced the Portuguese landlord that our huge half crown coins were worth MUCH more??!!

In 1971 I married Jacqui, a government secretary on contract. **Yvonne Ryan (Gidley)**, **Bernie Paulton**, **Mario Masci**, **Gian Piero Fiorini**, **Julian "Baz" Bessone**, and **Sandro Agostini** were all at my wedding, amongst others. (The marriage somehow lasted 21 years, ending in 1992.)

In 1970 I left 'Johnston Duckworth', then 'Duckworth Civil Engineering', when they were bought out by a South African consortium, and I joined 'John Lamport Stokes', Malawi's only Licensed Surveyor, having realised that I had an affinity for the precise and fascinating science of Land Surveying. Memorably, I worked on the first survey of Lilongwe International Airport, when the boss and I determined the legal boundaries of the Airport, as we daily moved through peanut farms and swamps.

In 1971 I finally left Malawi and we emigrated to Rhodesia. We lived in Avondale initially, then rented a fabulous place - a cottage on the Lazy-J Ranch in Park Meadowlands. My work took me all over Rhodesia, but I mostly remember the nights in camp as we surveyed the Que Que to Wankie proposed power line for the Central Africa Power Corp, CAPCO. Yes! We DID have lions in camp at night, and I have never been so terrified in my life as when a lion came through in the early hours and I could hear it padding and breathing on the other side of my 0.5mm thick tent canvas!

Things became more dangerous out in the Rhodesian bush as the bush war intensified, and in 1974 we took ship to the UK from Durban and arrived there in order to pursue my aim of professionally qualifying in what had become my chosen career. There were great advantages in doing a degree with six years practical experience under one's belt. The school leavers in our class called we three seniors amongst them, (all around 25 years old), "The Old Men", but they nevertheless helped us with our math, which we had forgotten, and we helped them with problems that we had actually encountered. In 1978 I wrote my finals with The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors at Caxton Hall in London, majoring in Geodesy, and, then finally qualified, was able to regard the world as my oyster as far as overseas contracts were concerned. During vacations, I was attached to a British firm which sent me all over the country, and I worked in Oldbury Nuclear power station, did a good section of the M4 into South Wales, spent time in Scotland, Wales and all over England up to 1979. Earlier on in 1976, I went back to Africa for a few months, working in post civil war Nigeria south of Enugu, Biafra, at Umuahia on a major road construction and photogrammetric survey contract.

In 1979 I scored a contract with the government of Papua New Guinea, and we arrived in Madang, a tropical paradise, early that year. My work, as 2 I/C Northern Region, took me all over northern PNG, by light aircraft and helicopter, up the Sepik, and, genuinely, to places where no white man had been before! I took up scuba diving there, swam with turtles and sharks, and got my golf handicap down to 17. In 1980 I arrived in Mt. Hagen, was soon promoted to Regional Surveyor Highlands, and whilst there was able to submit my thesis to The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and upon its acceptance, became a Chartered Surveyor and A.R.I.C.S. Whilst in the Highlands, I ran into **Patrick Markwick-Smith** and his Wife, and it was great to catch up and to relive the good old days at Saints and in Nyasaland! I left P.N.G. in 1982, and next stop was back to Africa. I was designated Surveys Examiner with the Government of Lesotho, living in Maseru, and was able to further reduce my handicap to 13 at Ladybrand in the Orange Free State! In 1983, always attempting to seek a new home, I scored a private contract job in Grand Cayman, in the Western Caribbean, which was quite an amazing place. The scuba diving there was even better than the South Pacific! I was there for just over a year, (it is overrated as a place to live, though great as a holiday destination), when we moved to Saint Lucia in the Windward Isles, where I was employed as a Demarcation/Survey/Recording Officer with a United States led team from San Antonio, Texas, carrying out a systematic survey of the island in order to create a new Cadastre, (Land Register). This was a fascinating job,

and with my St. Andrew's French coming in very useful, I was soon translating ancient land documents signed by the lieutenants of the Emperor Napoleon, amongst others! We were endowed with quasi-magisterial powers and diplomatic immunity, and the latter was always most useful when importing excess liquor bottles, I seem to remember!

The St Lucia contract finished in 1987, and in 1988 we moved to Qatar, in the Arabian Gulf, where I was employed as Regional Surveyor on contract with a major British firm. After a couple of years there, during which time I most memorably won the Qatar Golf Open, (handicap division), I became 2 I/C, then, finally, Cadastral Coordinator, (Chief Cadastral Surveyor), and Technical Advisor to the Qatari Government. I was elevated to the Fellowship of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, and we soon enjoyed the blessings of the first Gulf War, when Doha was missiled by Saddam's final misguided ballistic efforts, both missiles missing the city, praise be to God!

In 1992, single once again, (I hated being a bachelor!), I drove back to the UK single handed from Qatar through Saudi Arabia, Jordan, Syria, Turkey, Bulgaria, Hungary, Yugoslavia, (in wartime - seems wherever I go there is a war - look out Australia!), Czechoslovakia, Poland, Germany, Holland, Belgium, France to the Channel and England. Whilst in Qatar, and having been diagnosed with Rheumatoid Arthritis, I had made up my mind on my "final resting place" and had applied for my Australian immigration papers. These finally came through, and in June of 1995 I arrived in Perth. I had always intended to go to Queensland to live, but my little Sister, Nikki, (a junior Convent Angel and born in the Sunnyside hospital in Blantyre), persuaded me to go to Perth because, she said, she had a responsibility "to find me a good wife!" Well, she soon had me introduced to Mary, my lovely wife, a Queenslander, and we were married in Nikki's beautiful garden in Darlington, in Perth's eastern hills, in 1998. Our beautiful and talented Daughter, Beth Rona, was born the same year, (we decided we were too old to be able to afford hanging around too much - Mary gave birth to our beloved Daughter, her, and my, first child, at the tender age of only 42, whilst I was pushing 49!!), and I worked in Perth, and all over Western Australia, including a stint in the incredible summer heat of Marble Bar, until we left Perth for Kalgoorlie in 1999. But 'Kal' was just too cold and too hot, so we moved to our present home in Paradise, (Mackay, Queensland), in 2001, and this is where we shall stay! Here I can fulfill my dream of wearing shorts every day of my life, as does my mate **Martin Williams** who lives just up the road a thousand kilometres or so! In 2002 I was diagnosed with Osteo Arthritis in my hips, (too many tens of thousands of kilometres walked and climbed all over the world), and in April of 2003 I underwent bilateral total hip replacements. "**Barbie**" **Hinkel (Rowe-Roberts)**, bless her soul, from the United States, tracked me down in hospital in Brisbane, and we had a llllooonnnngggg chat on the phone!

Having enjoyed (!) three left hip dislocations, I have finally been forced to retire from surveying as a full time bread earner, though I still do a little of it under my own banner of, wait for it : "Nyasa Enterprises"!! I am now working "part time" as a taxi driver in this tropical South Pacific paradise, doing only 5 x 12 = 60 hours a week, (that's a joke - full time taxi driving here is 84 hours a week = 7 x 12 hour shifts!), and loving it to bits! At least I can sit on my bottom all day in air conditioning and chat to the old ladies, some of whom are younger than I! Mary runs her own home based childcare business and we scrape by well enough.

So there, or here, we are! Any Saints passing through here are always most welcome to stop and visit, though, I warn you, the house is set up as a 'kindy'!

I so look forward to catching up with all you old Feds in Perth in a short while, when, no doubt, we will all have a ball!

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**Brian Clow** (56-60)[??](MAW) - Dear **Witty**,

Have decided I can get away, (must get away), so look forward to attending the Reunion. I will be coming with **Alex Bishop** and crew.

I only attended St. Andrew's Prep 1956-1960. I then went to Churchill in Harare finishing in 1966. Did quite well being a Prefect, House Captain and two years first team Rugby. My folks were still in Malawi so returned quite often in school holidays. Worked as a Geological Field Officer in Zim after leaving school, did my National Service in the Air Force and moved back to Malawi in 69, to work for 'Construction and Development' - Frank Grant's company.



Went back to Zim in 1971 and worked for another construction company, returning to 'Construction and Development' in Malawi in 1979. Joined 'Mandala Building and Construction' in 1980 which I ran until 1997 and then bought the company as "Mandala", or 'The African Lakes Corporation' started disinvesting. Changed the company name to 'Clova Construction' and here we are. I have my Son, Daughter-in-Law and Son-in-Law working in the business and we plod on.

Played rugby for Limbe and Malawi throughout the 80's, touring such exotic places as Mauritius and Reunion and not so exotic but still good fun Zambia and Zimbabwe. Unfortunately, rugby is now non-existent in Malawi. We should have encouraged the locals a little more whilst we could!!

I am chairman of the 'Master Builder's Association' here and a board member of our 'National Construction Industry Council'.

I married Lyn Snelgar, (ex Harare), in Sept 1969 and have two Sons and a Daughter. We are also blessed with three very cute little Grandchildren.

Kind Regards and looking forward to seeing you all soon.

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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.

#### **February**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Julian "Baz" Bessone** (RSA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Geoff Poriazis** (RSA)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - **Luiza Glennin (Mendes)** (RSA)
- 7<sup>th</sup> - **Neil Prior** (RSA)
- 11<sup>th</sup> - **Barbara Illingworth (Clark)** (MAW)
- 16<sup>th</sup> - **Gill McKay** (RSA)
- 18<sup>th</sup> - **"Tony" BURDETT** (GBR)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Sue Toyne (Reynolds)** (GBR)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - **Carol-Anne Raisbeck (Bishop)** (???)
- 26<sup>th</sup> - **"Merv" Wright** (USA)
- 28<sup>th</sup> - **Mary Loots (Ladd)** (GBR) &  
**Keith Bishop** (BAH)

#### **March**

- 1<sup>st</sup> - **Flavio Vergnano** (GBR)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - **Chris Spencer** (GBR)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> - **Rod Bater** (ZIM) & **John Howard** (AUS)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - **Barbara Limb (Jones)** (AUS) &  
**Barbara Stenning (Howard)** (AUS)
- 14<sup>th</sup> - **Stephanie Ambrose** (???)
- 15<sup>th</sup> - **Mary Poynton (Malachias)** (NAM/RSA) &  
**"Mike" Gange-Harris** (MAW)
- 17<sup>th</sup> - **Lynda Sage** (GBR)
- 19<sup>th</sup> - **Graham Jones** (AUS)
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - **Gale Taylor (Lodge)** (GBR)
- 30<sup>th</sup> - **Hartwig "Wiggy" Herold** (PHI)

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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**); **Bobby Haines**; **Janet Hopping (Cribb)**; **Robin Keelan** (DEC);  
**Sandy Kennedy** (now **Wynne-Jones**); **Maxwell Kennedy**; **Alfred Kennedy**;  
**John Kirkham**; **Roger Kirkham**; **Johannes Klopper**; **David Mansfield** (DEC);  
**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** (DEC); **Antony "Ant" Richardson**; **Barrie Robertson**; **Martha-Jean Sandford**;  
**Suzanne Sandford**; **Clifford J. Smith** (Senior); **Clifford D. Smith** (Junior); **Richard Tilley**;  
**Penny Waters** (now **Allan**); **Ian "Witty" Whitfield**; **Janet Whorton**; **Chris Yiannakis** (DEC);  
**Jim Yiannakis**; **Keith Young**;

(All underlined names need confirmation)

( **Total = 45; For confirmation 20** )

## SAINTS 'ON THE MOVE'



**Steve Walker** (65-68)[?](GBR) - Hi **Witty**,

Sorry its taken so long to get back to you. We have just moved house and as a result we had to get reconnected to the Internet which took ages over the festive season.

Sorry I don't have a copy of any school mags. Also with us moving into to the sticks it will be a while before I can send a photo, but will do my best.

Thanks for keeping in touch, all the best for 2007.



**Pauline van Lelyveld (Penman)** (65-70)[?](ZIM) - Dear **Witty**

Just to let you know that this is my final day at St John's College here in Harare. We leave for Oz on 28th January 2007.

Sadly, we just miss the Reunion in Perth, but the lady who is organising it has been in touch with me already and I will make contact with her once we get to Perth so that I too can arrange to meet up with my old friends from St Andrews.

This would not have been possible had it now been for your amazing Newsletter. Thank you.

Once we are set up in Oz I will forward those photos that I promised, and will also tell you about the truly amazing three week holiday that we had in Malawi over the Christmas period.

I look forward to receiving my next newsletter in Oz.

With every best wish for a very happy and prosperous 2007.

## SAINTS “MAKING CONTACT”

**Alex Bishop** (53-65)[SH](RSA) - I am sending you a series of small-sized pics that I took over the weekend, so that your server does not get indigestion!

Last pics are of myself, **Yvonne** and **Sally Bryson** who we spent Monday night with but who could not attend the Reunion.

Well done and a very big *Zikomo Wambiri*.



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## COMMENTS ON THE LAST NEWSLETTER



**Mick Gange-Harris** (60-64)[LV](MAW) - Hi **Witty**, Compliments for 2007. Trust your festive period was as festive as mine.

Concerning **Michael Conner's** letter. My observations are: I don't know what all the fuss is about. So he didn't like the food. So what! The main thing I never liked was the sadza porridge and the pumpkin pie for desert which we sent back to the kitchen, Made the head cook, (a white lady), cry and was never to be served again! Otherwise the food seemed pretty OK to me. But that's my taste buds not his and perhaps 11 years of boarding school contribute to accepting taste buds.

Well fact is fact. Segregation was the order of the day not only in British colonial world but let's not forget also in the old south of USA. Whites went to Saints Junior and Senior, Asians to Robert Armitage and blacks to, I'm not sure but perhaps to Black schools. This actually only changed after Malawi Independence. To emphasis the Colonial Policy at the time, recently 'The Times' newspaper reprinted an article, dated 1958, which announced the opening of the new Queen Elizabeth II Hospital and the utilisation of the old Hospital's Florence Nightingale dormitory for the Saints girls. The caption continues "Whites are allocated Wards 2A and 2B and Asians, Coloureds and Blacks to the other wards". As we at Saints didn't set out Colonial Government Policy it is part of British Colonial History which cannot be changed and should be relegated to it.

As to the Class grading system: well simply put, the brightest were in the A-stream and the 'mentally disadvantaged' in the D-stream. (Sorry chaps. No offence intended! And I'm not coming down to the Reunion for safety reasons. Ha!Ha!). As to the colour of the Greeks, well who knows what their ancestors had been up to but the system is sometimes colour blind and if they say Greeks are classified as whites then they are white even if they are brown!!

That's how I see it, anyway.

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**Anne Truscott (Henderson)** (59-63)[LW](RSA) - Hi **Witty**

Thank you once again for a fabulous Newsletter. I was so interested to read all about St Michael and all Angels church - Mike and I were married there in 1971 so it has a special place in my heart.

I also thought that **Mary Chennell's** response to **Mike Conner's** mail was so good. She certainly has a way with words!! It always makes me sad when people who have enjoyed Africa and all it's wonders, then go home and run it into the ground - perhaps his memory is playing tricks on him in his old age!

I am so sorry we won't be able to be part of the 50th Reunion, I wish you well and hope you all have a wonderful couple of days. I look forward to the Newsletters that follow as I am sure they will be full of the happenings.

My best wishes to you and Cher for 2007 - hope it is a really good one for you.

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**Anne Harris (Lowe)** (57-60)[LV](GBR)

Thank you so much for sending the Newsletter, although I was not long at St. Andrew's it holds many happy memories for me. I see **Heidi Clark (Moss)** and she reminds me of many things that happened that I had conveniently forgotten! I think I started at school in 1957. Happy New Year to you, and keep up the great work.

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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.



**Marina Gee (Gatto)** (57-57)[?]?(-) - Dear **Witty**,

My Daughter-in-law **Lynda Griessel** has been sending me the Federal Saints Newsletters which I enjoy very much as I know so many of the people. I was only at St Andrews for a term, (one of the 132), and can't remember what house I was in. I was a boarder but don't think I really qualify as one of the Federal Saints. (You do!!). From there I went to the convent in Limbe.

I am attaching a photo of Zomba School when I was there. I think it was about 1953 or 1954 - can't actually remember, but as there is a photo of the Queen on the notice board behind us, it must have been after 1952. I can't remember all the names but am listing those I can, although I have put in Christian names that I do recall. I wasn't aware of it having been called 'Sir Harry Johnson'. I thought it was when they built the new school in later years that it was so named. I only remember it as Zomba School - there wasn't another one. I have put a question mark where I can't remember the person's name at all.



Back Row from left to right: Margaret (I think), Mike Graham-Jolly, ?, Nicky Hopper, Sheila Holmes a Court, ?, Beryl (I think), ?,?, **David Lynne**, ?, Christopher ?, **Janet Whorton**.

Second Row from left to right: Claire Talbot-Edwards, **Marina Gatto**, Rosemary Bell, ?, ?, ?, ?, Richard Duncan, Ian Johnston, Robert Holmes a Court, David Barnes, Vicky (Poppet) Kettlewell, Prudence Bishop, Ann Mackenzie, ?, Margaret Mackenzie, John Thomson.

Third Row from left to right: Delphine Riley, ?, ?, Judy Chanell, ?,?, Mrs Bell, Mrs Davies, Mrs Nora Lomax, Margaret Pegg, ?, Gladys Tatton, ?, ?, Penny?.

Fourth Row from left to right: ?, **Moira Nolan**, ?, Stephanie (I think), the three teachers again, Pamela ?, ?, Mike Bridger, Susan Humphries (I think?)

Front Row from left to right: ?, **Penny Graham-Jolly**, ?, Jean Doughton.

Sorry a lot of the names I've forgotten but maybe a few will recognise themselves as quite a few went on to St Andrew's from there. I think Gale Taylor (Lodge) might be there too but not sure.

You are doing a grand job!!

## JUNIOR 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.



**Keith Bishop** (65-69)[?](BAH) - **Witty** ,

Many thanks for your latest Newsletter which for me personally was particularly enjoyable as although being from a "later" period I saw many names that brought back fond memories.

I am a member of 'Friends Reunited' but their data base only extends back to 1963 and I did not find any of the names of your "missing saints".

I did however see on their "waiting list" whatever that means – the name **Mary "Pat" Province** whom I recall and she is on your "AWOL" list.

I unfortunately will not be making the Reunion as I will be making a trip to SA later in the year.

Best wishes to all that are able to attend.



**Richard King** (65-68)[?](GBR) - I've recalled a few other people I knew at St Andrews when I first got there in 1965.

**Sandro Agostini**, **Piers Winter**, (I think he was in the BSAP at one time, as his name was mentioned on one of their Reunion sites, but I wasn't able to get in touch), **Susan Royle**, (My Sister once bumped into her in Bulawayo many years ago), **Janice Weir**, (Sister of **Dave "Squeaker" Weir**), **Kathy Williams (Sheehy)**, **Jill Burrington (Penfold)**, (Head-girl at one time - living at one time in Salisbury, Rhod), **Sheila Holland (Forder)**, (I also met up with her in Salisbury in the 70's), **Joanna Lee**, **Billy Annets**, (also in Salisbury at one time), **Geraldine Hollingsworth (Lally)**, (was in London - but I see she and Sister **Rita** will be at the Jo'burg Reunion in a couple of days time).

I really wish I could make it to Jo'burg for the weekend, I'd give anything to be a 'fly-on the wall'. Perhaps someone will be kind enough to send me some pictures??

From a snowy and wintry Cambridge...



## EXTRACTS FROM THE SCHOOL MAGAZINES

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

#### Editorial

1958 BRINGS the expected separate publication of the magazine of the Primary School, now known as St. Andrew's Preparatory School, our title having been taken over by the High School. It is with a note of sadness that we record this as we shall miss the expert reporting of the 'ever so old'.

The spirit of pioneering perforce continues to surround the school's activities. It must persist the more with our now being housed in yet another building. Some of us now operate in the finished (?) part of our new buildings at Sunnyside, while others remain the guests of the High School or use the original building leased from the Scottish Mission. It is rumoured that "Helicopters, Headmasters, for the use of — 1 " is likely to become a standard item of school property! It would certainly appear to be essential to maintain our links with one another!

This year we said farewell to our Regional Director, Mr. J. Dowley, who has returned to Bulawayo on promotion; whatever we have achieved is due largely to his ability, energy and enthusiasm. We send him good wishes and welcome in his stead Mr. R. Klette who began his association here as the new High

School's Headmaster. To assist him in the direction of education in Nyasaland's growing community has come Mr. P. Bowler as H.M. Inspector of Schools.

We send to all our readers good wishes for Christmas and good hope for 1959 by which time perhaps we will be firmly established together in Sunnyside.

### **Headmaster's Report**

1958 has been a year of consolidation combined with administrative difficulties consequent on our partial opening of the new school at Sunnyside. It has not been easy to maintain school spirit and pride when it has been impossible to hold a school assembly for all our children at any one time, but I must in all sincerity praise the efforts of staff and parents alike who have pulled together so well to build up a school tradition of which we can be justly proud.

I am particularly pleased that our School Council made the necessary recommendation that we should retain the name St. Andrew's, and it is most appropriate that the report of Mr. Adam Marshall on the history of our School and our Scholars should be included in this, the twentieth year of our existence. Mr.

Marshall, who served on the original school committee, has gone to a great deal of trouble to ensure the accuracy of his report, and it is gratifying to learn, of the success of so many of our old Scholars.

School activities have been necessarily curtailed due to the temporary inadequacy of our playing field space and to the spreading of our staff supervision to cover three separate establishments, but much valuable training has been done out of school hours. Cricket, soccer, netball and tennis have been played competitively and some extremely fine performances achieved at our annual Sports Day and Swimming Gala. It was with particular pleasure that we watched Johannes Klopper — our last-year's *Victor Ludorum* — beat the existing Rhodesian Schools' High Jump record in this year's High School Sports. Our Young Farmers' Club, after two moves in recent months, has now taken up permanent residence at Sunnyside and has many new problems to face up to, including a training course to persuade cockerels *not* to crow on Sunday mornings! Other school activities have been reported on, but I should like to say how pleased I am to see so many children taking advantage of the Speech Training facilities offered by Mrs. Middleborough. What, of the future? January 1959 will see us united once more as a Junior School, and a headmistress will administer the original St. Andrew's as a separate Kindergarten School. I shall miss the younger children with their freshness and spontaneity, but the separation is a natural one and will undoubtedly be beneficial to both schools. The Swimming Bath will, we hope, be ready for the use of the KG, Preparatory and High Schools by the beginning of next term, and a three acre playing field and car and bus parks should be completed at Sunnyside this year. A seventy-two bed hostel, school hall and extra classrooms will follow shortly at our new school, and we have every reason to be grateful that in these times of financial stringency, it has been found possible to provide the enormous amount of money allocated for our children's education in Nyasaland.

I should like to congratulate Mr. C. V. Caborn for his efforts in compiling this magazine which maintains a high standard in spite of the loss of older contributors now that the High School children have left us.

Certain features over which he has no control, may appear less satisfactory, but I am assured that the harassed look that my staff have adopted in their photograph is due mainly to their perpetual bewilderment as to where their Headmaster is!

My very best wishes to children, parents and staff for your Christmas holiday: may we all continue to work together to make 1959—the Centenary of David Livingstone's arrival in Nyasaland—art even more memorable year for St. Andrew's.

**D. ECCLES,**  
*Headmaster.*

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## **NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL**



**Gordon BENBOW,** (Deputy Head: Curriculum)

Your items were collected while I was away in Thailand for a month. I will print out your wonderful idea of a gift to the school and will, once again, press the Headmaster for his bio-pic, which he says he has done.

I got another of your 56-64 crowd the other day – I hope he has contacted you by now.

*(Give us his name please Gordon)*

Can't wait to hear how your Reunion went. By the way maybe you could advertise some sponsorship for me? We have been making some bicycle ambulances for use in the local villages. We have made 10 so far and will deliver them, with a free bicycle soon. The 6th form raised over 350,000 MKw but we are now in debt and looking for some help. If you think it is worthwhile I can send you a better article so that you can put it in your Newsletter. *(Please do that)*

On a sad note our board member of 10 years, Mr. Aziz Osman, whose kids have been through the School and he has been associated with the School for many years, died of a heart attack last month. *(Our condolences)*

Another thing – I am thinking of starting a think-tank for our 50th Reunion and would welcome your input once we get started on it, which should be soon I guess. Happy New Year!!



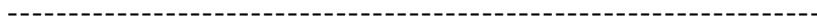
## TEACHERS CORNER

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. Hi Witty,



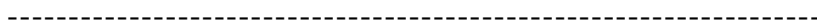
**Pete Charlton** (59-)[SH](AUS) - Great Newsletter again, many thanks. I attach-for your archive purposes only - specimens of two school reports.

**Mrs Rhona "Anchor" ATKINSON** was an English teacher. She was my Form Mistress in 1959 and I think she started at Saints at the beginning of that year. According to my school reports, **Ken DURHAM** (DEC) was succeeded by **Mrs A. HAMER**, (a temp), and then by **"Anchor"**. She taught me English also in 3A and I think she finished up in December 1960. She was a good teacher though played favourites a bit. I believe I am responsible for her nick-name, (and whilst on the subject, I think I also take the blame for coining "Federal Saints" - **YES you do Pete!!! And thanks for that, it's a great name for the group!!**). **Martin Rickards** will probably remember - we were watching a Federal Govt documentary film on something in the library. When it was over, amongst the "credits" for the film team there showed an "Anker Atkinson" as being part of the crew. Thus her name was born!!



**Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** (-)[JH](AUS) - **Mrs Marion ALLING (Miss MARSHALL)** was my Maths teacher in 1961. She actually got married during that year - and was Miss Marshall prior to that. I think **Sue BAMPTON (Miss CHILDS - "Charlie")** knows of her whereabouts and will ask when I next see her.

Also **"Florrie"** says she is the Daughter of Adam Marshal who wrote the first article on "The History of St Andrews" in the mid-50s, and which was published in the Newsletter and has now been incorporated into "The History of St Andrew's" booklet.



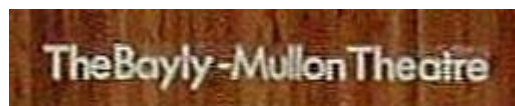
## This Months Teacher



**Major Bryan BAYLY**

**Headmaster 1977 to 1983**

Was instrumental in pulling the School back from a very difficult period when finances were a problem and pupil numbers had dropped. As a result of this when he re-visited the School at the time of their 40th Anniversary of the change of the School name to "High" School - in 1998 - the revamped School Hall and Stage was named "The Bayly-Mullon Theater" in honour of him, and also **Mrs "Florrie" MULLON** who was, at that time, the longest serving teacher at Saints.



## EVENTS & CONTACTS

**The 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNIONS reports are in the SPECIAL ISSUE!!**

### MALAWI REUNION 2007, in the UK

Perhaps some of you would like to take a look at the newly loaded pics onto the website [www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com](http://www.malawireunion2007.zoomshare.com) that I requested from **Alex Bishop**. I think they are so beautiful and managed to make me feel really nostalgic for Malawi!!!

Sent in by **Nanette Alsop (Lenkiewicz)**

## RECIPE CORNER

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

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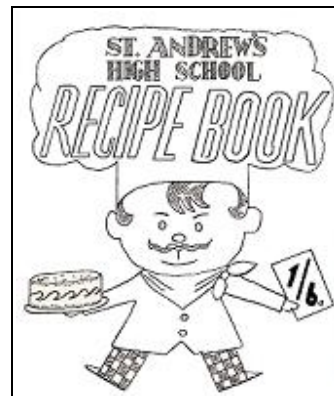
### APPLE MOUSSE:

#### Ingredients.

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|-------------------------|------------------|
| 1 lb. Cooking apples or | ½ oz. Gelatine   |
| 1 tin pie apples or     | Sugar to sweeten |
| ½ pint apple puree      | 1 Orange         |
| 1 Lemon                 | ½ pt. Cream      |

#### Method.

Prepare the apples and stew with 1½ gills water, sugar and grated rind of orange and lemon. Sieve. Add orange and lemon juice. When cold fold in the lightly whipped cream, sweeten if necessary. Add gelatine dissolving in a little hot water. Pour into a mold. When set turn out and decorate as desired.



### PINEAPPLE MARSHMALLOW:

#### Ingredients.

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|-------------------------------|------------------|
| 1 small tin crushed pineapple | 1 tbsp. Gelatine |
| 1 cup Boiling Water           | 1 tsp. Vanilla   |
| Whites of two eggs.           | (optional)       |
| Pinch of Salt.                | ½ cup. Sugar.    |

#### Method.

Soak gelatine in ½ cup pineapple juice for 10 minutes. Add boiling water, salt, vanilla and leave until cool. Add beaten egg whites and sugar. Beat for 20 minutes. Add pineapple and leave to set in fridge. N.B. Use fairly large bowl for mixing as quantity should be treble after beating.

## 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 resource 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).

**SAINTS SHOP**

# Ye Olde Saints Shoppe



An exclusive, limited selection of **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion "S.A.H.S."** branded items for sale!

**SPECIALS**



**Saints Limited Edition Prints**

This beautiful, numbered, limited edition, A4, reproduction of the water colour of the School by **Moira MacMurray (Nolan)**.  
(Original painting sold at the Reunion, on auction, for R2 200.00!!!)

ONLY  
**R150.00** each



**Saints 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Leopard Head Letter Opener**

This stylish and elegant memento of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the start of Senior Classes. Laser engraved "**SAHS 50<sup>th</sup> 2007**".

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High-quality Royal Blue shirt with white trim and embroidered School Badge - in Sizes M & L

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Beautiful black leather keyring with change pouch and silver tag featuring the School Badge Leopard.

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ONLY  
**R20.00** each

## **FROM AUSTRALIA**

**Reunion Plates** at AUS\$12 and **Reunion Mugs** at AUS\$7

**But wait ..... There is more!!**

**Order any three of the branded items above and receive .....**

- **History of St. Andrew's School** – compiled and edited by **Ian "Witty" Whitfield**.
- A replica of the original **St. Andrew's High School Recipe Book**.
- A replica of the original **NCW Cookery Book** – Chinyanja Edition.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Reunion (Johannesburg) Attending Saints** booklet - with pics and bio's.
- **St Andrew's High School Note book**.
- Pen, Pencil, **Registration Folder** and **Kodak** Fridge magnet picture frame.

**ALSO FREE!!! WITH YOUR ORDER - (WHILE STOCKS LAST!!)**

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**Saints 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion CD**

This incredible double CD compiled by **Luiza Glennin (Mendes)** features LM Music Radio station ID, David Davies Top 20 announcement and many of the great hits by the original artists of the 50s and 60s – **A MUST HAVE!!!**

eMail your order to [federal saints@telkomsa.net](mailto:federal saints@telkomsa.net) and/or [federal saints@gmail.com](mailto:federal saints@gmail.com)

(Postage & Packaging additional)

**NB** - For all UK Saints - **Moira MacMurray** is coming to the UK in March  
And she is prepared to bring all orders with her to save on P&P!!  
She will be staying with **Mary Chennell** in London and  
arrangements can be made to collect or have items posted to you from there.

## GENERAL MAILBOX



**Ilona "Lonnie" Upton (Milner)** (60-63)[LW](RSA) - Hi there **Witty**

Thank you so much for the birthday greeting. I had the most amazing birthday. Everyone went to so much trouble to make it an extra special day. I felt extremely loved.

The book of memories that my 'Hubby' and friend made, with everyone's photo's and wishes, was fantastic and something to be treasured forever. All in all life is really good.

I Have just become a Gran for the 1st time, on 10th November, a boy named Callan Dex, the cutest baby ever. (I'm allowed to say such things I believe!!). I have been to Jo'burg a couple of times but really haven't had time to look anyone up - have just spent the time with my Son Brett, Birgit, (my lovely Daughter-in-Law), and their new Son.

I must just say a huge thank you for all the work you put in every month. With the Reunion I bet you are really chasing your tail. I'm sure I speak for most of the Saints in saying that you are a really special person and what you do for us is greatly appreciated.!! Also to Cher for the time she lets you give to us. She must also be some special Lady. I find it hard to find time to even get a few eMails off now and again, so know how precious time is.

Well thanks again and lots of love.

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**Mary Abela (Morrison)** (-)[JH](AUS) - *Moni Witty*

*Zikomo kwambili* - Thank you so much for lovely birthday greeting!

I had started the day feeling a bit depressed having reached the "big 6-0", but with your lovely message and others I received by the second glass of cheer I was fine.

It only seems like yesterday that I was at St Andrew's, and not that long ago that my parents trudged up Zomba mountain for my arrival, obviously this was not the case.

I always remember some wise elderly person telling me once, that your school days are amongst the best days of your life, and now that I am wise, but not necessarily elderly, I know how correct they were, I think your fantastic Newsletter is testament to this, as we all seem to reflect on the wonderful years we had.

Wishing you all the very best for the New Year, once again - *Zikomo kwambili*.

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## MALAWI NEWS

### Zomba - Turning The Clock

The cultural landscape of Zomba town in Malawi is of great value and needs definition and protection as a unique cultural landscape. Zomba is a district lying at the foot of the Zomba Mountain plateau, (2085 metres at its summit), 69 kilometres from Blantyre on the old M1 road in the Southern Region of Malawi. Zomba is a major town, with a rich political history because of its role as the former administrative capital for the British Colony of Nyasaland and slave trade along the shores of Lake Malawi.

#### **The Old Residency and State House**

The town boasts some of the more-impressive old British colonial type of buildings in the country. The 'Old Residency' was built for Consul Hawes in 1886, (known as 'Masongola' or 'The Points'), and afterwards used by his successors and as government offices, and as the Government Hostel, hosting the nation's representatives during National Assembly. 'State House' is also one of several old-style architectural examples which have become obsolete in modern times. It was originally built as a six-roomed bungalow in 1898, on the slopes of the plateau in a beautiful surrounding boasting a temperate climate, (it was enlarged in 1902). It was used as the official residence of a succession of Governors during the colonial era. After Malawi gained Independence in 1964, State House remained one of the official residences of the self-styled 'Life President' of the country, Dr. H. Kamuzu Banda. It was closed to the public and any form of photography in the immediate vicinity was not allowed. It has a unique architecture with an octagonal tower that forms

its central feature. Its appearance is informal because of the various renovations undertaken by a variety of its occupants over a number of years. State House used to host a number of important diplomatic functions and State activities. It has a stadium lying in the vast, well-manicured terraced gardens - reminiscent of the sprawling English landscapes of the Capability Brown era. Today, with the building of Sanjika Palace in Blantyre and the New State House in Lilongwe, the Zomba State House no longer hosts significant State activities. In fact, until recently, the Zomba State House has been used as the official residence of the second wife of the current President of the Republic of Malawi, Dr. Bakili Muluzi. It is still not freely accessible to the public and an opportunity to admire, study and compare its unique architecture and its beautifully landscaped English gardens is lost.

### **The Secretariat and Parliament Buildings**

Nearby are the Secretariat and Parliament Buildings where members of Parliament meet for their annual deliberations, alternating with the modern new State House in Lilongwe. The Government Press, next to the Parliament buildings, was conveniently situated to provide a daily Hansard to the Assembly, as well as to produce all government printing and publications throughout the year.

### **The Traditional Courthouse**

Down the road, behind the Regional Police Headquarters, is the Traditional Courthouse. It has earned a special mention as one of the few colonial attempts to use traditional African 'round house' design, rather than to impose a European plan for an essentially traditional function.

### **Gymkhana Club, War Memorial and University**

Below the State House is the famous Gymkhana Club established in 1896. It has lush green fairways with 'sand' greens. The field in front of the clubhouse was used for sports, and socialising. The King's African Rifles (KAR) also conducted their parades on the British Monarch's birthday on the field. These activities have since ceased, and today the field is mostly used for sporting activities such as soccer, rugby and hockey.

As you enter the heart of the city on the main road from Blantyre, there is the War Memorial to the fallen heroes of the two World Wars. It is visible from the main road. A memorial function is held annually on Remembrance Day at 11:00 hours. The Armed Forces and the Commonwealth ex-Service League of Malawi take centre-stage to lead the nation in remembering the fallen heroes.

The town of Zomba is also famous as a University centre. The main campus of the University of Malawi, Chancellor College, was opened in 1973. The Great Hall, a Post-Modern building where degrees and diplomas are conferred, was completed in 1982. In 1975 the capital was moved from Zomba to Lilongwe as a political move to meet the increased government demands and the expanding bureaucracy.

### **Commercial Precinct**

At the heart of Zomba is a commercial precinct with 19th and early 20th-century veranda-style shops and the Mosque and madrass, (of the Yao Malawians), surrounding the busy agricultural market complex. This mix in architecture of the buildings in Zomba makes the city unique and rich and provides an excellent memory of the Colonial period as well as the slave history. As new and modern buildings are erected in the town, there is need to preserve the old architecture, landscapes and spatial experience for historical and educational purposes to benefit the new generation of Malawians and visitors. Zomba has the potential to be declared a Heritage and Tourist Attraction District, and desperately requires an integrated heritage conservation policy.

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(edited by K.A. Bakker)

ICOMOS South Africa

<http://international.icomos.org/risk/2001/mala2001.htm>

Submitted by **Geof Acton** who says - **Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** sent me this link, which would be a great insert to a future publication!

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## **Malawi may face fresh political turmoil after recording leaks**

Malawi is facing fresh political upheavals following the leaking of a recording in which a voice believed to be President Bingu wa Mutharika's is heard ordering unidentified government official to "shake up" former leader Bakili Muluzi.

The recording was first heard in public last Wednesday during a press briefing conducted by senior officials from the opposition and the former ruling United Democratic Front (UDF) who accused wa Mutharika of plotting to arrest the former president and the party's officials.

The alleged voice of wa Mutharika is heard in the 10-minute recording, telling the government official to "shake up" Muluzi after he refused to consider the incumbent's suggestions that he quit active politics and stop any UDF attacks on government.

Barely a few days after the UDF officials played the recording for journalists, the Malawian government threatened the officials with legal action for being in possession of the recording.

Information Minister Patricia Kaliati told journalists that government was contemplating to drag to court UDF Secretary General Kennedy Makwangwala, party Spokesperson Sam Mpasu and its leader in parliament George Ntafu.

"They have to explain how they got hold of the recording," said the minister who disclosed that the government official talking to Mutharika in the recording was Gustave Kaliwo, former chief of the Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB), who was fired last year.

Kaliati stated that it was only the former ACB director who had direct access to the president and threatened that Kaliwo himself would also be arrested over the recording.

Neither president wa Mutharika nor Kaliwo has come forward to accept or deny recording but the UDF has indicated that it got a copy of the recording at its offices from an anonymous person.

The issue of the president's recorded voice has continued to attract public attention a week after it surfaced with the media.

A local private radio station, Capital Radio, was on Tuesday threatened with stern action by a government controlled Malawi Communications Regulatory Authority (MACRA) after it aired the recording twice before withdrawing it from air.

Although Capital Radio obeyed the order and withdrew the recoding from air, the station's manager Al Osman told Xinhua on Wednesday that it aired the recoding in the public interest and expressed fear that government through MACRA could use the issue as an excuse to take the station off air.

Although the recording was withdrawn from air on Tuesday evening, a local newspaper The Daily Times ran a transcript of the recording on the front page of its Wednesday issue.

As the recording continues to circulate in the impoverished southern African country, which is ravaged by protracted political wrangles over years, local analysts have warned that the issue might throw Malawi into another political turmoil as government and opposition fight over it.

Mutharika's two-year rule has been marked by a deep rift between his government and the opposition UDF. The relationship between Mutharika and Muluzi worsened in 2005 when opposition parties ganged up against the incumbent and tried to impeach him, who was however saved by the court.

Source: Xinhua

Friends of Malawi - E.mail: [friendsofmalawi@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofmalawi@gmail.com).

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## MEMORY CORNER

### Last Months Memory Photo



**1964 Swimming Champions**

Standing : **Sheila Johnson (Brown/Grilli)** and **Godfrey Smith**. (Captains of Winning House - Johnston)

Seated : **Sheila Holland (Forder)** (Jnr. Girls Champion), **Robert Meadows** (Senior Boys Champion), **Sandra Parvin (Orton)** (Senior Girls Champion), and "**Malky**" **van Rooyen** (Jnr. Boys Champion)

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### This Months Memory Photo



*Can you name the band and it's members??*

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## HOUSE POINTS

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

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

**JOHNSTON** - 120; **LAWS** - 95; **LIVINGSTONE** - 140; **SHARP** - 270;

(2006 Winner - Livingstone)

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## CLOSING COMMENTS

Sent in by **Marie Zylstra (Bishop)** (52-67)[LV](RSA) - We get TONS of touchy-feely stuff this time of the year, here's a little caustic kinda humor.....

### **10 Things that piss me off...**

1. People who point at their wrist while asking for the time. I know where my watch is, buddy ...where the hell is yours? Do I point at my crotch when I ask where the bathroom is??
2. People in the supermarket check out line who wait until their entire bill is rung up before they begin writing their check. Hello...is the store name going to change, or the date, or your signature before the clerk finishes? Get a clue!
3. People who are willing to get off their ass to search the entire room for the damn TV remote because they refuse to walk to the TV and change it manually!
4. When people say..."Oh, you just want to have your cake and eat it, too." Sc\*\*w that!!! What good is a damn piece of cake if you can't eat it? What should I do...eat someone else's piece of cake instead??
5. When people say..."It's always the last place you look." No s\*\*t!! Why the hell would you keep looking for it after you've already found it?? Do people do this?? Who and where are they??
6. When people say, while watching a movie "Did you see that?" No, dumb ass, I paid \$7.50 to come to a theater and stare at the ceiling up there. What did you come here for??
7. People who ask, "Can I ask you a question?" Didn't really give me a choice there, did ya buddy?
8. When something is "New & Improved," Which is it? If it's new, there has never been anything before it. If it's an improvement then there must have been something before it!
9. When a cop pulls you over and then asks if you know how fast you were going. "You should know, you're the one that pulled me over!!!"

Here's the 10th thing that really bugs me....

10. Chain letters! Who the hell thinks that by annoying other people with stupid mail with no meaning, that they will grant you a wish, or make your long-lost love fall into your arms. Bull! I'm so sure that by breaking a stupid chain letter that the computer gods are going to curse me!! What a crock of s\*\*t!!!

By the way, if you send this to 10 people, s\*\*t won't happen, and that person you're in love with won't come crawling to you...so if you feel this is funny, go on and send it to some one else, but don't expect one damn thing in return!



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### LISTING OF NAMES & SCHOOL HOUSES

**SAINT'S NAMES** – All "active" Saints' names are highlighted in **BOLD**, with Maiden/Former Names (in parentheses), where applicable. Missing Saints' names are listed in **BOLD & RED**. In addition, in all main headings, (where known), their years of attendance is shown, (in parentheses), and their School House, [in Square Brackets], will be listed. Followed by the current Country of Residence (in parentheses,) using the 3-letter International Olympic Country Identifier. All, known, deceased Saints are suffixed (DEC), and all Teacher's names are shown in **BOLD**, with their surnames in **UPPERCASE**.

**THE SCHOOL HOUSES** – The School Houses at the Junior School, and for the start of the school in the New Buildings, were **Beit**; **Livingstone**; **Rhodes** and **Stanley**. Once the Senior School was started the new Headmaster changed them to **Johnston [JH]**, **Laws [LW]**, **Livingstone [LV]** and **Sharp [SH]**, and these are colour coded, as shown, in the headers. If you can't remember your House it's listed as [??]. If pupils were transferred between Houses the last House is listed as your House. In 1964, due to a drop of almost 50% in pupil numbers (as a result of Independence) **Sharp** was discontinued.

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