

**Thanks to all the Saints for making the Reunions so successful**



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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 far too much material for the February 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 **SPECIAL REUNION ISSUE!!** Hope you enjoy it.

Just a comment on both the Reunion Committees, (who worked so well - thank you all!!). I notice that **Geof** in Australia and I had a common experience. Both of us were the only Male members of our respective Committees!! There has to be a moral here somewhere but I will leave it to others to find it!

All I can do here then is to copy my "Letter of Greeting" that went into the Registration Folder and was also sent to Australia to be read out at Perth.



**Witty in his Blazer**

#### **Muli Bwanji fellow Saints?**

First of all let me welcome you all the the Annual Saints Reunion, which this year includes the added Celebration of 50 years since the establishment of Senior Classes at Saints - (which took place on Monday 28th January 1957!)

In particular I would like to thank all our VIP guests for attending, all the hard work done by the Reunion Committees and most of all the fantastic level of support from all the Saints themselves. This is not only for the Reunion itself but for the support of the whole "Saints Project". Which has resulted in pulling us all together again so very well, and the resulting monthly Newsletter, which I have the honour to edit, that goes out to all corners of the World. Lastly a "Thank you" also to all those Saints who were not able to attend but who sent greetings and apologies to us and continue to support us from afar!

We were privileged to live in a part of Africa, (Nyasaland), at a specific period in time, the memories and values of which remains with us to this very day. We attended a vibrant and forward thinking school that was run by a fantastic group of Teachers and Staff. They propelled us all into life suitably "geared" and the proof of this is the success of our group now, the stories related by many Saints of their lives, and the support we still get, and the appreciation of, the Teachers and Staff who are still with us. And the support we receive from the School itself - even now!!

All I can say is that it is a privilege to me to be with you all again and to have been instrumental in pulling us all back together. I hope that this 2007 Reunion will be a foretaste of a very successful year for us all and that our group will continue to grow and prosper.

I wish you all a fantastic Reunion and a great "Saints 2007"!!  
*Zikomo and Tsalani Bwino .*

*"Witty"*

## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION 2007 - South Africa

The South African Reunion was held at 'The Johannian Club' in Houghton, Johannesburg. It is the 'Old Boys' Club' of 'St John's College' in Johannesburg and is situated in the very picturesque and 'Olde Worlde' grounds of the School itself.



The Johannian

The last few days before the Reunion had been a bit of a rush with all the last minute things to do and to collect. Unfortunately "**Witty**" had a very unexpected, and un-invited, guest on the Thursday when a 2m spitting Cobra came through his office door and took up "residence" under his desk between all the cables and wires of his computers and Ham radio equipment.

Needless to say it took the best part of the rest of the day to track this "nasty" down and get it out! At one stage it even spat at

him but luckily this type of snake is not too aggressive and would rather spit than bite otherwise it might have been a totally different story!! Naturally this un-planned for event disrupted last minute planning rather badly but we were able to recover from this "adventure"!!

On Sat morning all attendees signed in on arrival and received their 'Registration Folder', a Saints Golf-Shirt, "Basher" and a "Goody-Bag". The registration desk was ably manned, (or should that we womaned??), by Cher and the ladies of the Committee.

All the Attendees were given Name Badges with their names, (Former and current), and a picture - where available - from school days. For those that did not have a school picture we randomly used line drawings of Cartoon Characters which caused a few laughs and some interesting discussions!! As well as this the name badges included House Colours. The Partners also had badges but without photos and the "Federal Saint" logo but they included their relationship to their respective Saint. All the laminated name badges were supplied with a super plastic "Zipper" lanyard that can be re-used for your Cell Phone, computer Memory Stick etc that you carry round with you!



Registration



"Ant" and "Fud" getting their "Goody Bags"

The bulk of the Saturday program was very simple.... Look at the displays and MEET PEOPLE!! Most of the Saints donned their Shirts and did just that. Lunch was served at 12:00 and the 'Meeting-Time' carried on. Unfortunately an afternoon Highveld rain storm arrived so we were unable to do group photos until Sunday which means that some faces are missing, but I'm afraid it was impossible to control the weather - which was otherwise perfect.

"**Witty's**" big "Secret" was that he had had a replica School Blazer made up and had found a local school tie that matched the St Andrew's one. So he surprised everyone by being able to greet them in an (almost) perfect School Uniform. **Mr SILCOCK** however made a request to "See him in his office later!" Something to do with his hair I understand!! (see photo above!!)

In the Registration Folders there were letters of Greeting from "**Witty**", "**Silky**", "**Hammy**", "**Florrie**", **Gordon BENBOW** (current Dep Head at the School), Jenna Clifford (the designer of our Reunion Memento), the Weekend's Program, a List of Sponsors, a "History" sheet of News and Events in the year 1957, a Saints Data Base update form and a 2007 Saints Calender.

From a high of almost 80 attendees, of which 50+ were Saints, our numbers dropped off rather badly as the Reunion date approached. In the end 68 people indicated they would attend but several of these did not show I'm afraid. Our final count was 33 Saints and 17 Partners, 1 'Convent Angel' and 2 Special VIPs making a total of 53. Still a good turnout!!

## LETTERS OF GREETING

### Colin SILCOCK

#### **TO THE FEDERAL SAINTS**

Greetings on this important occasion!

50 years is a considerable stretch of time in anybody's life, and to regain the outset of these years is a great achievement.

Today you will be remembering transferring from Junior to Senior classes, being in a different school atmosphere, Subject Teachers, moving to new classrooms, no more feeling of being Juniors, but now you were in 'big school'. You were definitely 'going places'. You were pioneers of St. Andrew's High School!

Perhaps you did not realise it at the time, but you and the Staff were building something important, and to have been part of the whole team was a privilege as much as a pleasure.

Nobody can take away the pride you must have in those happy days of many years ago. Your presence here today indicates your feelings for your school and your contemporaries.

I salute you on behalf of the late Bill Owen, the Headmaster who developed and led our great school.



Colin Silcock  
Dep. Headmaster 1960-63

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### Rick HAMILTON

#### **Dear Federal Saints,**

Firstly let me say a heartfelt thanks to you for your hospitality and the fabulous work being done by the group. It is with gratitude and honour that I accept this opportunity to be part of the 50th Anniversary of the start of Senior Classes at St Andrew's .

I welcome everyone to the Reunion. This band of friends is amazing and reflects the quality of it's family that we are all part of.

The Federal Saints is a body to be proud of. If there is a "forever" this band is surely part of it and for those, unfortunately many, who cannot attend physically you are here with us in spirit.

The memories I have of this period in our lives.....

The Daraprim Tablets on the breakfast table; the queries about "ovies"; Mrs Bloxam(?) edging closer to a negatively-body Headley as she asked "Mr Lockwood, how would you like a roll in bed with honey?"; the inter-House rivalry on the field and in the pool; the 'Chiperonis'; the six inches of rainfall in two hours; the Cadets on parade; the great Hyenas overturning the refuse bins at night; the musicals - who could forget Martin Rickards' "Modern Major General" or Jim Yiannakis' "My Old Mans a Dustman, he wears a Dustmans' hat"? -; the Friday night movies with the Junior School rushing to sit up front on the floor; the jokes in the classroom; the beauty of the Countryside - Mt. Malanje, Cholo and the Lake -; the boys 'Blow-Pipe Hunting' the goggamannetjies on the tree trunks and the Africans shouting "Teacher! Teacher!" as Godfrey Keys drove to town.

As Mrs Keys, - for years "House Mother" to many of the girls - said the other day, "Those

were good days!!"

They were and they would not have been possible without you all.

Thank you!, Thank you!. The friendship, the fellowship, the people made it all.

With the greatest of pleasure, I wish you a most memorable and enjoyable occasion.

May we all meet again soon.

Very sincerely,



*Rick Hamilton*

**Rick Hamilton**  
Geography 1959-63

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## **"Florrie" MULLON**

Dear Saints

Again I am embarrassed by the very kind invitation to attend your "Federal Saints" 50th Anniversary Reunion, for again, I have to decline. This is with the utmost regret, for reading the Newsletters has brought back many happy memories - I can quite understand how the "Vintage Saints" put everything aside to read about old friends. And so many of you have done such interesting things and traveled to so many far flung places!!

But Dick is not fit to travel. I couldn't leave him to manage house and garden on his own.

So again you are gathering, and this time for a very special anniversary. Fifty years - a life time for many! Yet you will be meeting class mates you haven't seen in all those years and almost at once, the years will roll away. You will recall incidents best forgotten, friends unable to be present, exams that blighted your lives, sporting achievements that brought out the best and moments when you felt a real sense of belonging. I think those feelings are with you still and will be noticeable during your "Golden" weekend.

Have a wonderful time - it was a wonderful, happy school



Yours sincerely

*Florrie Mullon*

**Florrie Mullon**  
History, English & Sports 1959-1990

(School Hall/Stage re-named after her and the Headmaster Mr Bayly in 1990)

**The Bayly-Mullon Theatre**

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## St. Andrew's International High School P/Bag 211, Blantyre, Malawi, Africa

Dear ex-Andreans –

I have been in Malawi for ten years and am trying to get all my Sixth form students into a database for my eight years as Head of Sixth Form. I have had little success at the present so I am amazed at the gathering of ex-Federal Saints at the 50th Anniversary of the secondary school classes. Your organizers have done a brilliant job in getting you all together and I am sure you, “Witty”, must take a lot of credit for it. Your Newsletter brings so many of you together, your histories, your families, your school stories.

St. Andrew’s remains the best school in Malawi in my opinion. It is a genuine International School, teaching British Curricula to over 600 students. Boarding is much smaller now and caters for only about 80 students. The school population is made up of about 15% ex-pat children, (including the Greeks), 40 % Asian Malawians, and 40% black Malawians, and smatterings of Koreans and Chinese. The staff is predominantly from the UK with 6 Malawian teachers out of 45.

Our extra-curricular activities are second to none, and we have our own dance and drama studio. The facilities are excellent and our vision sees St. Andrew’s as a sports academy in Malawi. We also see the school as a centre for academic excellence and hope that we will have the best IT facilities in Malawi in the next three years, running as an IT training centre out of school hours.

Whatever St. Andrew’s is now, is built upon the reputation that was built up during the Federal era. You as students began the ball rolling, setting the standards for others to follow. I am disappointed that the school seems to have lost notice boards and trophies from your era but I hope that we will find them eventually. When I read of your houses and sports, about the teachers and adventures you had it does not seem too far from today’s houses Chiradzulu, Soche, Ndirande, and Michiru, names of the mountains I am sure you remember. I have lead the famous Three Peaks Walk around Blantyre for the past 6 years and invite any ex-Feds to join me in June next year to take part in this 42 Km walk up and down Michiru, Ndirande and Soche.

I hope that this is the start of some long lasting ties to the present school from the old. We welcome any ex-students to visit or communicate with us and ensure we learn our history from those that made it.

HAVE A FANTASTIC REUNION – OUR THOUGHTS WILL BE WITH YOU.



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## HAPPY 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

We at Jenna Clifford take this opportunity, and congratulate all Federal Saints past Scholars on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

We are honoured to be a part of this wonderful occasion and have therefore included to you a special gift from our designer homeware collection - a Leopard Letter Opener - as a symbol of courage, speed beauty and strength, Leopards teach us not to fear the future.

Jenna Clifford, a Prestigious Jewellery designer is passionate and dedicated to her role of the betterment of people in South Africa. Her fine Jewellery is made with passion and master crafted with acute attention to detail.

Jenna Clifford Homeware was born out of a need for gifts with exceptional value, quality and symbolic meaning. Our collectables are beautiful heirlooms that can be passed on for generations.

Enjoy the special moment and feel free to contact me for any information.

Special wishes.

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## GOODY BAGS

Every attending Saint received a "Reunion Survival Goody Bag", which was widely appreciated.

In the blue canvas "Shopping Bag" with the School Crest printed on it was the following....

A copy of the "History of Saint Andrew's" booklet compiled by "**Witty**"; an "Attendees Booklet" with photos, (before and after!!), and biographies of all the attending Saints - with a place to collect autographs, phone numbers or "rude messages"; two replica Recipe Books, (the original St Andrew's one and the NCW Chinyanja version one); a polystyrene Saints "Basher" with ribbon and Crest; a Golf Shirt with embroidered School Crest; a Thermal Mug with Laser engraved School Crest; a Baseball Cap with printed School Crest; a bottle of Lake Nyasa Sand; a Kodak disposable camera to take photos of the Reunion, (*we will be making up a CD of all the best photos taken*); various pamphlets and posters from the Malawi Tourist Board; some Aspirin, Enos, Plasters and a packet of Condoms(!); Sweets; a Saints Note Pad with a Pen and a Pencil; a leather Key Holder with a Leopard Crest; a magnetic Lapel Badge with the Leopard Crest; a replica cloth embroidered School Blazer Badge; a packet of Malawi Tea from Malanje; a Fortune Cookie with a Federal 'Tickie' in it; a mini-bottle of Malawi Gin; and a candle and matches. Last of all there was a two CD set of 50s/60s music prepared by **Luiza** including the LM Radio station ID, the LM Hit Parade introduction and also David Davies' midnight sign-off!



We felt that this constituted a good "Reunion Survival Bag" that would cover all eventualities!!



The Silcocks & Mr Hamilton arriving

"**Witty**" had collected our two "School VIPs", "**Silky**" and "**Hammy**", (and Mrs Silcock), the day before from the airport, as he had sponsored their flights up from Durban, and they were accommodated by **Moira** for the weekend at her B&B. Friday evening the Committee had supper with them at the venue. They were therefore one of the early arrivals on the morning of the Reunion.



"Arjan" Leemans asking for a re-mark on his Geography paper from 1960!!



Luiza Glennin (Mendes) and Mr SILCOCK



The Girls -Marie Zylstra (Bishop), June Hoy (Bishop) & Moira MacMurray (Nolan)



Yvonne Ryan (Gidley), Trevor Johnson, Phil Clark, "Witty", Barrie Robertson.  
Sheila Johnson (Brown/Grilli), Clive Gascoyne and Rose and Jean Lucas.



General Gatherings in the gardens

The program for the weekend opened with Registration and Tea/Coffee and Muffins. After which it was 'go and meet your friends' time! A light Lunch was served at mid-day followed by more contact time. As already mentioned the afternoon thunder storm washed out the Group Photo session but we were able to do it on the Sunday instead thus missing a few faces of those that only made the Saturday. During the afternoon we attempted to contact the Australian Reunion via Skype but both sides had problems and once we were able to sort this out we were unable to get a reply from Australia. I will leave it to the Australian Report to explain what happened!!

## DISPLAYS



For the rest of the day it was Display, and 'getting together' time. On display we had :-

A large "Welcome Federal Saints" Banner at the front of the venue, (painted by moi (*Cher*)); Two Autograph Boards for all the Saints to sign, (one for us and one has gone to the School); The Flags that have flown over the School - Union

Jack (original Flag), Nyasaland Flag & Federal Flag (printed copies) and the Malawi Flag (original flag); **Doug ECCLES'** Scrap Book from his time in Nyasaland and at Saints, (donated to us by **Michael** and **Sue**); original Maps of Nyasaland and a modern tourist map of Malawi; Lots of original photographs; copies of all the original School Magazines and the new School Magazine "The Fisherman"; a full set of printouts of "The Federal Saints Newsletter"; various Nyasaland/Federal books and pamphlets; information on the Malawi Charities ("*Vinjeru*" and the "*Nchima Trust*"), some original Nyasaland carvings, (loaned by **Moira**); The original framed painting of the School done by **Moira MacMurray (Nolan)**, (and auctioned that night); a collection of original School Name Tags; a display of modern Malawi Currency; various badges from Nyasaland; the Malanje Girl Guides "Peterking Shield", (for Cadet &



Doug ECCLES' Scrap Book

Ranger Coys, Nyasaland Girl Guides Ass.) from 1956-1960, (*found at the School and sent to us*); lastly the original "School House" sign from the School. (*School House was the Boarders House added in the late 60s*)



As well as this we had a display of Malawi items and pamphlets and tourist information kindly put on by the Malawi Tourist Board; a running audio-visual display of the large collection of electronic photos that we have built up; and the background music was supplied from the CDs that **Luiza** had prepared and were in all the "Goody Bags".

We ran a "copy centre" where we were able to supply Saints with copies of photos, download digital camera pics, copy CDs and other such services. Ian Jackson ran our computers and audio-video side, and Ronnie Glennin was our "Official Photographer".

## GALA DINNER



**The Main Table**

**Mr HAMILTON (off left), Charmian Silcock, "Witty" H.E. Mrs Agrina Mussa, Moira MacMurray (Nolan), Neil Freimond, Mr SILCOCK.**

At about 17:00 we were honoured to be able to greet the arrival of our very special VIP guest. We had invited Her Excellency, the High Commissioner of Malawi, (in South Africa), Mrs Agrina Mussa to the Reunion and she and her First Secretary had accepted. They both arrived in traditional dress, (we noted that Mrs Mussa's dress was a very nice St Andrew's blue!!) and she was met on arrival by **"Witty"**, (in his School Blazer). **"Witty"** proceeded to introduce her to the other VIPs and the Saints and to show her round all the displays, explaining the history and significance of these.



At 18:00 we all went into the beautifully decorated Dining Room and Sherry was served from the "Saints Friendship Barrel". This is part of what we are calling the "Reunion Totems" which will be passed between the groups who hold a Reunion here in South Africa. The "Welcome Saints" banner and the "Friendship Barrel", (donated by **"Witty"**), make up the Totems. Each time a Reunion is held a Brass badge will be affixed to the side of the Barrel.

Our MC for the evening was **Moira's** Husband - David MacMurray, and he opened the proceedings by welcoming everyone and calling on **Dean David Bannerman** to bless the gathering, he then called on **Mr Colin SILCOCK** to give a speech of welcome.

This was followed by an address from Her Excellency, Mrs Agrina Mussa.



**H.E. Mrs Agrina Mussa**

"Firstly, I feel greatly honoured for being with you tonight on this auspicious, historic and remarkable occasion of the celebration of 50 years of the St Andrew's High School.

Let me thank most sincerely Mr Whitfield, for the initiative he took to start the 'The Federal Saints' Newsletter which over time has managed to link and network the St Andrew's former high school students. That initiative is what has led to this function tonight thus making it possible to successfully bring together over 50 former students of the school. Let me once again thank you Mr Whitfield and congratulate you for that foresight. I suppose it is your dream come true.

I am told that some of you here tonight were at the school over 50 years ago and I hope you are still able to remember each other!

May I also congratulate the organising committee which worked tirelessly to make this function a great success. From what I see, it

must have taken effort, hard work, commitment and above all passion for Malawi - *'The Warm Heart of Africa'*.

For all of you, let me thank you for your valuable effort to travel long distances to be here to reunite with your friends of 50 years ago. Your coming here is a reflection of your true passion for Malawi - *'The Warm Heart of Africa'*.

Allow me, through your Master of Ceremonies, to express my gratitude for inviting me to attend the function. I don't take it for granted because it was possible for you to have had this function without the High Commissioner. For this consideration, I, on behalf of my country, thank you most sincerely.

Today's function makes me proud of Malawi for having produced passionate Malawian Ambassadors like you. I am happy to be with you and look forward to be with you again at the next Reunion in Durban next year. Thank you for your warm hearts of Malawi.

You will be pleased to learn that St Andrew's has grown to be one of the few education institutions in Malawi with consistent academic excellence and it continues to produce high caliber students who play a key role in the National and International economic sectors. You are among those, Malawi is proud of you!

What you knew as 'St Andrew's School' is now 'St Andrew's International High School' with over 40 nationalities represented there. However, as former students of the school you should be proud for the fundamental values and ethics that you laid, and left, at the school. The students of the school continue to uphold them for the sustenance of the school's reputation. You need therefore to know that you made a lasting contribution.

The Malawi Government has always been proud of the school and appreciates the role it plays in sustaining the high standards of education in the country. St Andrew's International High School has produced high level Malawians that have made, and continue to make, a positive impact in the development of the country. To whatever level the school has grown, you made a contribution which Malawi will forever appreciate and cherish.

It is my sincere hope that you will continue to have Malawi and St Andrew's in your hearts. For the education of your Grandchildren and great Grandchildren, your first choice should always be St Andrew's!!

Once again, thank you 'Your Excellencies' for your warm hearts for Malawi. I hope this Reunion will make some of you think of visiting the warm heart of Africa again soon. I can assure you that the famous fish, '*chambo*', is still as delicious as it always was! You will be most welcome!

I thank you for your attention.

*(The one comment missing from Her Excellencies' speech - and must have been 'off-the-cuff' - was when she mentioned that she had never gone to St Andrew's herself but her two Sons had. Therefore, she said, "That makes me the Mother of two Saints!!!")*

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Between courses "**Witty**" read out the apologies and greetings that had been received, **Clive Gascoyne** read out the Letter of Greeting from **Geof Acton** from the Australian Reunion and "**Marty**" **Rickards**, (our very own Modern Major General), gave us a short "clip" from the "*Pirates of Penzance*" and again wrote a new verse for us...

T'was fifty years ago,  
We crowded nervous, apprehensively  
To hear Bill Owen welcome us  
And tell us "unreservedly"  
The "onus was on us"  
To "play the game", "indubitably"  
And now we're back together,  
Celebrating half a century!  
  
From near and far we heard the call  
Of friendships old and durable  
And here we are to celebrate  
A time that's now indelible  
  
So raise a glass to days gone by  
Though scattered far and wide today  
The Federal Saints are safely  
Gathered in .....



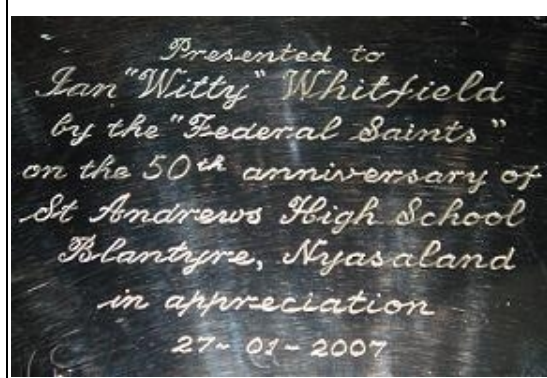
*(I wrote this just before leaving for Jo'burg and I couldn't find a rhyme in the car on the way up. It seemed like a good place to end - so I did!! "**Marty**" (or "**Rick**")*

After the main course a "Prize Giving" was held and **Mr SILCOCK** and **Mr HAMILTON**, (aided by **"Witty"**), proceeded to hand out to all attending Saints a "Certificate of Achievement" and the special "Anniversary Letter Opener". After all the "Pupils" had received their awards **"Witty"** proceeded to present **"Silky"** and **"Hammy"** with their Certificate and Letter Opener.

Totally unexpected by **"Witty"**, he was then called up to receive a very special award. **Moira MacMurray** had arranged with local and overseas Saints to collect for a special Silver Tray and Ice Bucket as a token of the Saints thanks for what he has achieved with the Federal Saints Project. The two items had been specially engraved and they were presented to him by **Mr SILCOCK**. He was also presented with a second, framed school painting by **Moira**, who had done this specially for him.



"Silky" presenting the award to "Witty"



Engraving on the awards

I might mention here that we had our own fire at the main table during the presentations. The centre-piece with it's blue candle burnt down and it caught fire. Unfortunately we had placed the High Commissioners' table flag in this centre-piece and the whole thing threatened to go up in flames. Speedy action by **Moira** resulted in it being removed from the hall and extinguished before any serious damage resulted. The flag however looked a little singed!!

After dessert, and with the kind assistance of **Dean David Bannerman** again, we ran an audio-visual "In Memorium" segment on the overhead screen. All the names and dates of all known deceased Saints, (totally 58 in all), were scrolled individually on the screen to the music of "Time to say Good bye" by Andrea Bocelli and Sarah Brightman. At the end **"Witty"** called for a toast of remembrance.

Additional toasts were then called for by **Moira MacMurray**, and for the School by **Keith Young**, who "spiced" up his address with an interesting story of the famous wooden Changing Hut!!!



"Witty" presenting H.E. Mrs Mussa with her Letter Opener

At this point H.E. Mrs Mussa had to leave and **"Witty"** took the opportunity to thank her on behalf of all the Saints for attending the function and to present her with flowers, a reproduction of the School Painting and one of the Anniversary Letter Openers. It was gratifying indeed that she thanked us so warmly for a very pleasant evening and commented that she had really enjoyed herself. As she departed she commented "I have even learned things about my country tonight that I never knew"!

*(Thank you Your Excellency, we appreciate your support of us and our function. I might add that she has asked to be included on the Federal Saints Newsletter mailing list from now on!!)*

Final presentations by **"Witty"** were then made, of flowers to the Committee Members, and "Thank You" gifts to the Spouses. This was followed by the Auction of the original School Painting ably conducted by **Neil Freimond**. After some spirited bidding the successful purchaser was **Oresti Yiannakis**, and it is rather fitting that the painting now goes back to Blantyre in Malawi!!

The very pleasant Saturday was concluded by more drinks and 'get-togethers' and the proceedings drew to a close around mid-night.

## SUNDAY

At 9 o'clock on the Sunday most of the Saints returned to 'The Johannian' to carry on the celebrations and meeting up again with their long lost friends and school-mates! **"Witty"** opened the morning by mentioning that exactly 50 years ago, on this very date, at 7:30 in the morning we, and St Andrew's, had started our Senior Classes!! A (very) short "Business Meeting" was then held followed by the presentation of a series of photographs taken in Malawi so that people could see some of the changes. As **Sandy** had been instrumental in taking many of these he gave us a running commentary and background information on each of the pictures as they came up.

**"Witty"** then called on **Neil Freimond** - as the representative of the KwaZulu Saints - to come up and accept the "Reunion Totems", (the Welcome Banner and the Friendship Barrel). **Neil** accepted with the rider that he doubted if KZN could do better than had been done in Gauteng as it had been such a fantastic event. Nevertheless he accepted on behalf of the KZN Saints and invited us all to attend the following year.

A Buffet Lunch was served a little later and the event began to wind down. All agreed that it had been a fantastic and very worthwhile function and agreed that the whole thing had been very well planned and executed. Slowly the "Good Byes" were said and people departed. The last to leave crawled out of the Pub at around 3pm with the excuse that they had been watching cricket, see picture!!!

But all agreed it had been a fantastic weekend - one never to forget!!



Ronnie & Sandy "Watching Cricket"!!

*Cher Cahn*

**Reunion Convener**

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## THANK YOUs

**Colin and Charmian SILCOCK** - Dear **Ian**

Congratulations!! You organised and ran a highly successful and memorable gathering of Federal Saints. Your eye for detail and planning was superb and was exactly right for the Anniversary.

Everything from the venue to the "Goody Bags" was so well done that we all just sat back and relaxed. There was laughter all the time and to say we enjoyed ourselves is really an understatement.

Please pass on our thanks to Cher, who was so much in the picture, and to the Committee who worked so hard before, during and after the actual gathering. They were all splendid!!

See you all down here in KwaZulu Natal next year??

*Later we received from Charmian Silcock.....*

Dear **"Witty"**

What a wonderful weekend!! Every detail was thought through and the "Goody Bag" was awesome! We enjoyed everything but what was special was that we felt again the essence of the Nyasaland we knew!

Thank you for flying us there and for fetching us from the airport and for all your kindness to us. Especial thanks to Cher for the amazing work she did before and during the weekend. What a tower of strength she has been.

Do hope you have recovered and are ready for more!!

Love - *Charmian*

*(On departing Colin Silcock said to me that if we had Honours for Entertaining we would award us a Gold!!! "Thank you" Sir - I consider that high praise and the offer is as good as the real thing! It was a pleasure to have you with us.)*

**Mike Belford** (57-)[JH](ZIM) - Hi **Witty**, Cher and the Committee.

Congratulations to you all on a superb Reunion. You guys must have all worked extremely hard to put everything in place and it showed. What a pleasure to see old friends after all these years. I think you all deserve a pat on the back - well done!! I know that you still have lots to do before it is all over but I am sure everyone agrees with me in that you can rest on you laurels somewhat now. Well done old Mate.

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

First, a very special thanks to you, Cher, and the great team of people on the Committee and helpers that arranged and hosted the weekend Saints gathering. Kindly pass this on to them.

This was one of the highlights of my social life to date!! A stunning event, venue, proceedings, and of course all made by the attendees. There are not enough words to thank you all, and all those that attended. Well done and a very big *Zikomo wambiri*.

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**Pauline Labuschagne (Owen)** (-)[LV](RSA) - Hi **Witty** and Cher ...

I must just say again how I really enjoyed the whole weekend. You both worked soooooo hard to make everything from the clothes, to food and even the CD's so interesting that I know we will be thinking of everything that happened for a long while. I hope you are having a bit of a rest now before the next 'big project'! For now I am so glad I went and thanks for a wonderful time. Seeing all the old faces brought back great times of St A's . Thank you and best wishes.

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**Nanette Alsop (Lenkiewicz/Clarke)** (53-63)[JH](IOM) - Dear **Ian**,

How does one thank you, Cher, and the others on the committee adequately for the wonderful job done in organising and presenting the fantastic 50th Saints' Reunion. It was highly enjoyable - beyond one's expectations. Actually, I felt a little apprehensive the day before with an emotion much akin to "first-day-to-school butterflies". I needn't have worried as, once amongst the old, familiar faces, the joy of being there sent all my nerves away. What a beautiful venue - one that I remember visiting some 35 years previously, and such a delicious dinner in the evening. The speech by the Malawian High Commissioner was most interesting and I think this impressive lady really captured our emotions about our special school.

What a joy to meet, the only slightly older, familiar faces of **Lonnie Milner, Paul Osborne, Alex Bishop, Phil Clark, Sandy Kennedy, Mr Rick HAMILTON & Mr Colin SILCOCK, Mike Cizek, Brian Clow, Luiza Mendes, June Bishop, Pauline Owen, Anne Quicke, Orestis Yiannikis, and Clive Gascoyne** and his wife Roselka, who I'd forgotten was also with me at the Convent. I could not remember **Jan de Waal** - until he laughed - and then the memory of him hit me like lightning! Then, of course, there were my old buddies **Yvonne, Sheila** and **Barrie**, of whom I have been fortunate to see quite a lot over the years. And, finally, it was a sincere pleasure, at last to meet you and Cher in person.

An awful lot of thought had obviously gone into compiling the "Goody Bag" and the result was a most interesting collection. The literature, the recipes, the sand, the lovely posters, the Malawi Gin, peanuts, super Tee-shirt, cap & badge, the candles, oldies music, hang-over cures, tickies and..... ... condoms!!!!!! Very thoughtful but, perhaps, wishful thinking. The lack of Viagra must, surely, have been an oversight. The exquisite Letter Opener was the highlight and its' daily use will be an appropriate reminder of the gathering.

Thank you. Much love.

*(We had been going to order a supply of cheap Viagra - on the Internet!! - but we were worried it might go missing!! We thought the "Ozzie Saints" might have Hijacked it!!!!)*

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## 50<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY REUNION 2007 - Australia/Oceania

Basically the Australian Reunion had a fire at their venue which proved to be a little disruptive but rather financially rewarding!! Here is the letter I got from **Geof** telling me what happened...

Hi **Witty**

There is a lot to tell, and this will be done, but, basically, it took us all day to get the Skype working, and when I spoke to you we were up and running. We had a faulty wireless router which we eventually replaced. There was a small window of opportunity when we could have connected, before the fire began, the fire brigade arrived, we were evacuated from the venue, and the hotel transformer burned out, leaving us without power in the hotel, anywhere, for approx 24 hours! We ate a wonderful dinner in 35 degrees of heat, without A/C, "speechified" without mikes, ate with only emergency lighting, but, being resilient Nyasalanders and Saints, had a brilliant time!

We will receive substantial compensation from the hotel, and ALL had our hotel costs waived for the second night! Climbing up and down to the 15th floor, and above, up the fire escape in the dark, and returning in the early hours of the morning, somewhat the worse for wear, to our dark, un-A/C'd rooms was all part of the fun!

We had a blast!!!

*Geof Acton*

*Then Geof - being who he is sent the following "tongue-in-cheek" report later.....*

Forget about that disastrous weekend! I have a much better deal for you! Not unexpectedly, it is in Perth. For those of you who don't live in Perth, you will have to pay your travel expenses - that's also to be expected!

**Now here's the deal:** Just imagine it!

You, and the partner of your choice, will enjoy a weekend, (Friday-Saturday nights), in a leading 5 Star beach hotel. For this weekend stay, you will only pay for one night. On the Friday evening, you may enjoy a convivial evening drink with old friends in the lobby bar - expect to pay for your drinks - fair enough?

**Now comes the best bit :**

On the Saturday afternoon you will spend an enthralling few hours in a tropical indoor climate, entertained by charming and witty fellow-revellers of long time vintage, for which there will be **no charge!** There will be excitement, a fire in the transformer, the fire brigade will arrive, then the drama of an evacuation from the venue - all **without charge!** Talk about entertainment! You will then feast on a beautiful afternoon tea comprising the beverage of your choice, accompanied by cakes, scones, jams, biscuits, and all manner of sweet delights - **no charge!**

Later that Saturday evening, you will occupy, for your planned rendezvous, a luxury private venue, "The Coral Room" - **no charge!** You will enjoy a superb multi-course gourmet meal, prepared by international chefs - at **no charge!** All evening, you will be fascinated, entertained and regaled by keynote speakers - **no charge!** Continuing in the warm, tropical indoor climate, (reminiscent of an African summer), thankfully, alcohol will free-flow all night - **no charge!** Toasts will be made, and, in the course of the evening, should you feel a need to visit the superb adjacent ablutions, you will be delighted to find that they are charmingly and romantically lit by candles - a truly beautiful touch, I felt. And **no charge** will be levied!

At midnight, as the clock strikes, your glass slippers revert to work boots, your footmen to mice, and your coach turns back into a pumpkin, you will happily wend your way home, up only two, three or merely four hundred narrow steps, in relative darkness, (it's more exciting that way), thereby getting, (at **no charge!**), the exercise that you all so urgently need after that superb meal! For those of you who wish to party on into the small hours, as the others retire to their slumbers, you will be issued with drink tokens, which will permit you to further imbibe, all night if you wish, to your heart's desire - at **no charge!** (Most of you missed that!). When you do finally retire, your beautiful luxury room, bathed in moonlight, without any ghastly artificial light or manufactured cooling whatsoever, awaits your slumbers, and after a restful night you will awake to an invigorating cold shower, before rejoining your fellow guests in the hotel lobby for a delicious continental breakfast,

for which there is - **no charge!**

Did you get the message, Federal Saints? **No charge!!**

The Rendezvous Observation Hotel has generously waived **all** charges associated with our inaugural Reunion! What this means is that you will all get your money back, both your Reunion fees as well as the dinner charges levied! Accounts will be finalised in the coming weeks, and you will be contacted regarding the disposition of your money.

For those of you who have made small, (or no) orders for Reunion Memorabilia, may I respectfully suggest that you now use a small part of your windfall to enhance your Australia-wide display cabinets with these original items?

There are still a lot of Reunion mugs available, which are no use to anybody but us, and I surely don't want to be stuck with two dozen, or more, of them! So please, please, place your orders! I will finalise your personal accounts, (you are all in credit!), and would balance up your account against any charges that would accrue for memorabilia, postage, and packing.

At the manufacturer's request, (**Mr. Barry Hall**, of Auckland, New Zealand), The '*Nchima Trust*' will benefit from your generosity by 70% of the proceeds, with 30% going to our Newsletter.

You will find all the details of the Memorabilia under "**The Saints Shop**" in this issue.

As if all the above were not sufficient treats, there is more!! "**Witty**" sent me some CDs which I can copy for any of you who may be interested. The CDs comprise the LM call sign, (in Portuguese, as you will remember it), followed by the Hit Parade intro by David Davies. There are then 60-odd songs from our Saints era! They are brilliant, and made me so nostalgic, and so sorry that they were not available to play for you all at the Reunion! South Africa Post must have plotted with Australia and New Zealand Post to ensure that nothing arrived on time! The other CD contains slides of our school, **Sandy's** and **Neil Freimond's** pics, **Gordon's** pics and many Malawi scenes. A couple of these are a little blurred, but are still worth having. These CDs could be supplied to you at cost of disc, packaging and post, so will be quite inexpensive. I will do this for those who are interested.

I look forward to receiving your orders, for all of the above mementos, in the near future. May I suggest that the end of this month, February 2007, would be a suitable date as a deadline for all such orders?

Congratulations, Federal Saints, on an exciting, memorable, fantastic, delightful and inexpensive, weekend! Hope that you all enjoyed yourselves as much as I did!

*Geof Acton*

Reunion Coordinator

*Geof than asked me the following.....*

**Witty**

Please publish this correspondence that I had with the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel, will you? I feel that my Saints have a right to know what has been going on since the Reunion weekend. They, (the Hotel), are VERY apologetic, aren't they?

*Geof*

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Cindy Billing wrote:

Dear Mr Acton,

My apologies for the delay in getting back to you. I am happy to inform you that your event cost for the dinner on 27 January 2007 at our hotel will be waived and we are in the process of refunding the \$1000 deposit to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any further information.

Once again, our sincere apologies for the unfortunate incident at our hotel on the night of your function. Thank you very much for the patience and we appreciate your understanding in this.

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*Cindy Billing*

Director of Conferencing

Geof Acton wrote

Dear Ms Billing,

Thank you for your eMail just received. On behalf of The Federal Saints, we very much appreciate your considerate reaction to the unfortunate circumstances that arose on the night of our Reunion Dinner at the Rendezvous Observation City Hotel.

We understand that the incident that occurred was beyond your hotel's control, but are very pleased to observe that you have attached such importance to it that you have made the decision to not charge us at all for the event!

As a result, I believe that we all have developed a high regard for your hotel, its management and staff, and believe that, in different circumstances, we would have enjoyed a truly memorable evening under your expert and professional hospitality. I would particularly make special reference to your Banquet Manager, Mr Sazali Juraimi, who was most courteous in his demeanour as he tried, with your excellent staff, to create a pleasant evening for us out of what could have been a real disaster. Also, please present our compliments to Ms. Rhiannon Miller, who was not only most helpful in the lead up to the event, but was also kind enough to personally take care of one of our delegate's special dietary requirements on the day. Please thank them both on behalf of all our party. Their professionalism is a credit to themselves and to your organisation.

As it turned out, the evening was, of course, for other reasons, most memorable! We are a group of old school friends who lived in a remote, and often uncivilised, part of Africa, and most of us would have borne similar difficulties in the course of our early lives. We were therefore able to look above the difficulties that the evening presented, and still enjoy one another's company to the fullest extent.

Thank you again for your generous solution, which is most appreciated. I look forward to receiving repayment of the \$1000 deposit.

Sincere regards

*Geof Acton*

Reunion Coordinator

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Cindy Billing wrote:

Dear Mr Acton,

Thank you very much for your reply. We truly appreciate your understanding in the whole incident and no words can express our sincere apologies for the experience you and your guests had at our hotel. Hence, the full waiver is the least we can do for your event.

Your compliments will be forwarded on to Rhiannon, Sazali and the whole banquets team. Once again, we thank you for your patience.

*Cindy Billing*

Director of Conferencing

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## He Had a Dream - or - We Didn't Start The Fire

The Oceania Reunion of the Federal Saints, was held in Perth, on the hottest weekend we have experienced for some time, certainly in 2007. Our many, many months of planning had come to fruition, there was nothing more we could do, to make it a success. It was up to the delegates.

Our country celebrated Australia Day, on Friday 26th January, and some delegates were collected at the airport, by friends or family..... one (**John Whiting**) went astray, due to airline complications, which I never did quite understand, but thankfully, he was at the hotel before the last arrival landed - **Ian Bate**, all the way from UK, via Dubai. Some folk had arrived a few days previously and enjoyed a good holiday, seeing the sights of Perth and surrounds.

I think **Geof** had said in the Newsletter, or his last eMail "Let's meet in the bar on Friday night" - and those who stayed in the hotel did so - so a third of the group of Saints and Consorts enjoyed each other's company, sought sustenance, got to know folk from far-gone days, that certainly, in my case, I had not met before. **Geof** issued our ID badges, showing our names, (maiden and current), our school house, old photos, if they had been made available and our current location; a great talking point - not least, how to operate the thing! By 11 most of us had left the bar and gone up to our rooms - many of which had lovely views of the ocean, others, good night views of the city - some folk saw the Australia Day fireworks. We were on the 9th Level - remember that number! Some were a bit higher.

30 Saints were booked to attend, in the event, **Martin Clarke** had to pull out because he was fighting a fire east of Merredin. **Peter Hall** lobbied in unannounced, but was welcomed with open arms. In all, there were 45 of us there. On Saturday, we were to meet in our function room at 10 and we were blessed by many pairs of willing hands, to set the room the way we wanted it - with maps, batiks, photos, school magazines, computer & data projector for a slide show and the SKYPE connection to make contact with the SA Reunion.

In Perth it had been extremely hot for 2 or 3 days before the event, and Friday and Saturday were no exception - we were looking forward to good commercial air-conditioning. Unfortunately, whilst we were decorating the room, it wasn't as cool as we may have liked, and we tried hard get it fixed. We also spent time working on the Internet connection, calling in staff and helpers.

People began gathering about half-an-hour before registration, and that was great - **Arnaldo Mendes** and Tricia from Queensland, then **Eddie Burns** and Alayne from Dawesville, south of Perth, were first in the door. Registration saw the rest of the badges, the souvenir bags, booklets and bookmarks handed out. The booklets had the biographies, (of various lengths), of the Saints, which were to tell us what had happened in our lives, since they had left St Andrew's.



Geof doing Registrations

Formal proceedings began almost on time, with **Geof Acton** making a welcome speech, and we sang "*Lord Behold Us*", the first two verses, unaccompanied, due to technical failure. **Geof** read out the very long list of our "True Saints", (Deceased Saints), and we decided because of said technical failure, not to sing "*Forty Years on*", but we all have the words, so we may sing it at our leisure.



Mrs Sue BAMPTON  
(Miss CHILDS)

Our Guest of Honour was **Mrs Sue BAMPTON, (Miss CHILDS)**, who was the first Home Economics Teacher in the early years of St Andrew's. She spoke fondly, interestingly, and impressively without notes, (they were in her pocket!), about those days, and on questioning, her reason for going from Australia to Nyasaland originally, which was to be a missionary. Starting in Mzuzu, I believe, and then being transferred to St Andrew's, when she understood her work in the school up north was doing an African woman teacher out of a job. **Sue** was in charge of the boarding house - the girls lived in Florence Nightingale House, they were even locked in behind wire during 'The Emergency'. We smiled at her story, that the cook in the boarding house, Mrs Parsons, knew that Aussies ate a good breakfast, and so she provided steak and eggs for her!!

**Sue** spoke about planting the grass on the oval, (field), where students and staff all helped, about building the swimming pool, about the musicals such as *"The Pirates of Penzance"*, making special mention of drafting and designing the Major General's costume.

Another memory of her's was that **Mr Bill OWEN** was the best principal she had in 16 years of teaching. He was ex-RAF, and as well as his handle-bar mustache, had a big car. When **Sue** bought her first car, a little Austin A40 from Hall's Garage, **Bill** gave her a bit of advice. He said, *"I never lend my car, and I never lend my wife!!"*

We enjoyed some informal talking time, before afternoon tea. **Ian Bate** told us a little bit about *"Vinjeru"*, the Education Charity in northern Malawi. He is on it's board, as is **Mary Chennell (Truman)**. We had their last report on display, with photos, so folk could read it at their leisure.

**Geof** told us about the *"Nchima Trust"*. There had been an article about it in the Newsletter some months ago, and **Barry Hall**, now living in NZ had crafted some plates and mugs with our School Crest, with the plan to have them available at our Reunion, with any proceeds to go to the *"Nchima Trust"*. Sadly, not all of the plates arrived intact, and the mugs had not turned up at all, when **Geof** had to fly out. Neither had the package sent from South Africa materialised either!!

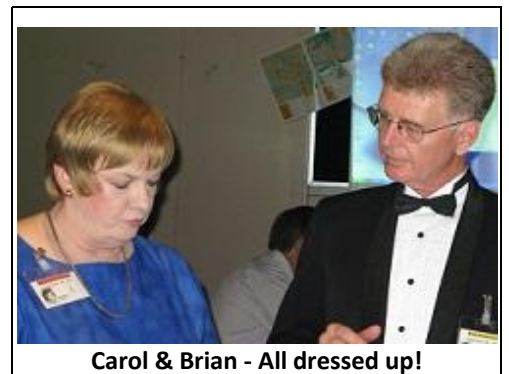
**Geof** also called upon Dennis Howe, Husband of **Valerie Howe (Graham/Brill)**, to tell us what he had been doing in the community, to receive the Order of Australia medal (OAM) award in the Australia Day Honours. It was officially for "Services to the Community in Cairns", it seems that Dennis has been unceasing in his work in, and for, the community.

**Geof** then read some messages from afar - from **Ian "Witty" Whitfield**, **Mary Poynton (Malachias)** and **Edie Trotter (Edgar)**. Time was getting on, and so we decided not to run the slide show that some of us had put together - these were photos from last year's Reunions, as well as photos from bygone days, and also evocative pictures taken off the Internet. We thought we would show them later. This was not a good decision!!

We parted, to change for dinner. The computer was working, as was the data projector, **Geof** had achieved a Skype connection with his Wife at home in Queensland, so we came down full of hope that we would be able to speak to **Ian** and the gang in Johannesburg. When we came back to the room, one of the sets of slides was showing - this showed the cadet group, from 1962/63, *"Pirates of Penzance"*, *"Enchanted Emerald"*, *"Merchant of Venice"*, and some individual and group photos. This caused a bit of a buzz, with different people spotting friends from the old days.

We were to have drinks and nibbles in the foyer, but suddenly we were ushered out, as there was a most unpleasant smell - there was an electrical fire downstairs!! This caused us to have no electricity for the rest of the event, even through to the next morning.

This meant: no air-conditioning, no light, (our floral arrangements had incorporated candles with flame lilies, so we were not entirely in the dark), no slide show, no Skype/video connection, the food which should have been hot wasn't, and the food which should have been cold, wasn't quite cold either, and it was all quite difficult to see in the dark, by the light of one or two candles. What I did eat was tasty though - just a bit of a mystery what it was - and I had been one of the ones who chose the menu!



Carol & Brian - All dressed up!

We had really struggled with the heat in the afternoon, and a few of us queried it more than once, with the staff - however, once we heard about the fire, and knew there was absolutely nothing to be done to improve things, we just did what came naturally, and rose above the discomfort and got on with enjoying ourselves.

**Geof** read more messages, this time from **Mr SILCOCK**, **Mr HAMILTON**, **Mrs MULLON** and **Mr BENBOW**, (current Deputy Principal (Curriculum) at St Andrew's International High School). There were votes of thanks to the organising committee and Max Evans and Murray Limb, toasts, to the School, The Staff, The Federal Saints, and of course, Australia. There were several anecdotes shared, to much laughter.

We worked in the shadows to dismantle the room, having to leave our equipment there, under lock and key. People who weren't staying in the hotel went home, but the others had to climb the fire

escape stairs - now you will remember that I was staying on the 9th level, above the mezzanine. Of course, on arrival in the room it was dark - just a bit of street lighting coming in, it was very hot outside still, so opening the balcony door didn't do all that much good. The bathroom was very dark and the water was cold. I had a cold shower by the light of the torch in my mobile phone.

The night passed quite slowly, and not so comfortably as the night before, and eventually I rose at around 6 to dress and pack, again in the dark. I took as much hand luggage as I could cope with and trudged down those stairs again - giving way to speedier walkers going up and down. I took all this stuff to the car - and moved it to a slightly more accessible spot, moved Murray's car as well, and went up to wait for others to turn up. I took my car round to the hotel entrance, hoping that I would be able to load all my things from the function room into it. Eventually, someone opened the door, and Graham, Martin and Max helped take all the gear downstairs, and loaded into my car and **Gwynne's**. By this time others had been assembling in the lobby, and it was already warming up.

The plan had been for some of us to meet for an informal breakfast in the morning, but still no power, so our informal breakfast was very informal, shared with many other hotel guests, just cold fruit, pastries, water, juice, coffee and soft drinks all morning, with special biscuits after 10. The staff were magnificent, keeping the food and drink flowing. Many off-duty staff had been summoned to help in the emergency, and they were wearing their civvies, just with their name badges, circulating, to see if they could do anything for anyone. The concierges were going up and down stairs, retrieving luggage for anyone who asked, and of course, the heat continued.

We sat around in groups, waiting for transport to airports and lifts to other destinations, still talking, signing autographs, taking photos, moving to other groups, catching up with others we hadn't spent much time with the day before. Murray and I were the last to leave, after **Alva DOWSON (Miss MAPLE of the Prep School)**, had come to collect **Sue BAMPTON** and **Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** - it was a long and hot weekend, but we wouldn't have missed a moment!

We are all greatly indebted to the enormous enthusiasm of **Geof Acton**, who had the dream, to get us together. "Thank you, **Geof**".

Report from **Barbara Limb (Jones)**

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**THANK YOUs**

**Heather Dwyer (Morrison)** (-)[JH](AUS) - Hi,

I'd just like to say how much I enjoyed our weekend together in Perth and to say that I was most impressed with all the small, (important), details that others, (namely me), would have overlooked.

What a fabulous weekend our Oz Reunion was. I had great fun meeting up with people from my youth, it all went so quickly but as **Sue BAMPTON (Miss CHILDS - "Charlie")** said on the plane homeward bound "I feel like I've been on a long trip overseas". She tells me that she just loved the occasion and commented on what nice people we had all turned out to be.

I am so grateful that Perth won the bid, there wasn't the smallest detail forgotten to make the nostalgic trip perfect - even down to the floral arrangements of Flame Lillies!! Our Oz Committee of **Gwynne Evans (Jones), Barbara Limb (Jones), Isabel Parker (Allan) & Jane French (Bridger)** were wonderful! Our "Co-ordinator" **Geof Acton**, had worked so hard to organise everything, he must feel very proud to have the event be so successful - well done to them all!!

I enjoyed meeting up with **Kate Elliot**, who had brought along photo's and news of her Sister **Mandy Tapp (Elliot)**, and great to see **Valerie Graham (Howard)** again after so many years.

We faced adversity to the extreme - 3 days of 40C and finally a fire in the hotel generator which left the entire hotel without power. We had dinner by candle-light, crawled up flights of stairs, (me gasping on each landing!!), to sleep in boiling rooms and faced cold showers the following morning. The hotel staff were very accommodating and apologetic - I felt it all added to the flavour. There was only one thing that I wasn't happy with ..... it all came to an end too soon!!!!

Thank you so much for making it the wonderful occasion that it was and for all your hard work in making it happen.

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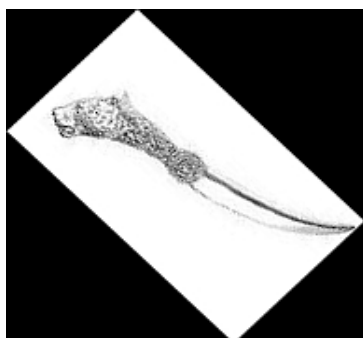
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She will be staying with **Mary Chennell** in London and  
arrangements can be made to collect or have items posted to you from there.

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## PUBLISHING INFO

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## LISTING OF NAMES & SCHOOL HOUSES

**SAINT'S NAMES** – All 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.

## FORMAT & COPY INFORMATION

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**FIRST TWO YEARS NEWSLETTERS ON CD** - In production are CDs of the first two year of "The Federal Saints Newsletter". This should be ready shortly and will include all 12 issues of each year, the Adobe PDF reader, a selection of photographs, (in a slide show format) and other items and features. Both the disc and the cover will have printed labels and it should be a good "Collectors Item". It will be available at a nominal price to cover the media and P&P.

**ORIGINAL SCHOOL MAGAZINES** - The next project will be to reproduce all the original School Magazine on CD but that I will only start once the Newsletter CDs are finished. **Mike Paulton** is doing paper copies of the Magazines and he can be contacted for these on [paulton@sai.co.za](mailto:paulton@sai.co.za)

**LOCAL ASSISTANCE** – Saints in various countries are available to help out those who have problems with downloading the Newsletter or who do not have computers or Internet access and will then forward electronic or paper copies to them.

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