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Regional Events / Streeksgebeure

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BotSoc Talk: Saturday 14th December in the morning at 10a.m. Nivenia Hall. The Cape Leopard Trust Boland project.

Note: A voluntary collection will be taken and at evening talks there will be liquid refreshments. Please see the posters for any possible change of venue for the talks or contact Merrilee 028 272 9314.

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Crime Situation vs Statistics

Written by Dan Fick (Chairman)

The release of national crime statistics for the year 2012/13 recently made by the national Minister of Police showed that whilst there was a steady decline in almost all categories of crime during the year under review there was nevertheless a slight increase in property related crimes. This includes housebreakings, common theft and theft out of vehicles, all of which directly affect our particular area. It was also pointed out that drug and alcohol abuse coupled with unemployment are contributing factors to crime, all of which are prevalent in our particular area.

Together with Grabouw (+46%) and Caledon (+33%) our area has shown a dramatic increase of 47% for the period under review. Betty's Bay has been a large contributor to this statistic. The question being asked is why is our area being targeted since our area is not unique? Other areas along the Overstrand coast which are also faced with similar problems such as vacant holiday homes, unemployment, poverty and drug abuse are not experiencing as many housebreakings and theft as we are having.

Whilst Betty's Bay may have shown a slight reduction over the last couple of months when compared to earlier this year we cannot be allowed to become complacent as this trend fluctuates on a month by month basis which can be attributed to a number of factors. The many incidents of theft out of vehicles and from unlocked houses remain a concern and are particularly bad in the Betty's Bay area when compared to other neighbouring villages. The majority of these cases can to a large extent be described as sheer negligence on the part of the owners especially when valuables are left in vehicles which in some cases were left unlocked. The message of securing valuables and securing ones homes from unlawful access is not getting through to our residents and/or their visitors. Far too many incidents over the last couple of weeks involve the failure of occupants to adhere to simple precautionary measures of securing their properties. Far too many people are entertaining elsewhere on their properties whilst doors and windows are either left open or unlocked. Residents need to take more responsibility for the safety of their properties. Far too many residents retire for the night and leave windows open and alarms switched off. Quite a number of housebreakings are in fact now taking place whilst owners are in residence. There have been far too many incidents of theft out of vehicles where cameras, laptops, cellphones, wallets are being left in vehicles in full view of opportunistic thieves.

Many of the houses in the Betty's Bay area are vacant holiday homes and vulnerable to breakings. These areas are more likely to become vulnerable to criminal activity because of the lack of visible NW activity. We urgently need to become more organized, work together and work smarter on plans so as to address the problems in those areas. Residents in some zones have already taken ownership of their areas and are doing something about it; they are out on patrol and are showing a significant reduction in crime in their areas. In other areas residents have upgraded their systems and/or taken additional protection measures. The possibility is that the culprits will move to softer targets.

Whilst additional police visibility would certainly make a difference, the community also needs to maintain a partnership with SAPS and contribute by implementing precautionary measures to secure their properties and possessions.

The under mentioned **letter from Peter Berrisford** is an example of what precautionary measures can be taken to protect ones property.

Hi Dan

I think the answer is for everyone to add levels of security to their homes.

For example, I have now upgraded as follows

- 1. Beams all round*
- 2. Upgraded the alarm system*
- 3. Security doors fitted*
- 4. The glass fitted to all windows in my new extensions is fitted with reinforced glass. Very difficult to break, even with a hammer.*
- 5. CCTV camera facing down my drive. It lights up if it senses movement*
- 6. I have fitted a movement sensitive spotlight facing down my drive*
- 7. Movement sensitive lights at corners to my house which simply light up if there is movement*
- 8. Electric wires round the roof mainly for baboons but will shock an intruder*
- 9. Dog outside at night*
- 10. Polycarbonate burglar bar strips to be fitted to certain vulnerable windows. These are not intrusive and are very clear but strong.*
- 11. Some doors have three locks*
- 12. Curtains facing the street open when away, because all houses that close their curtains simply advertise that the owner is away.*
- 13. Lock all doors even when at home*
- 14. Boat and trailer are chained. Motor is chained to the boat trailer. Both trailers are chained together*
- 15. Blue light lights up when the beams and alarm are set. Beams and alarm are set when retiring for the night.*
- 16. Safe have emergency contact numbers.*
- 17. Gas cylinders are in a chained cage*
- 18. Some outside pipes are now plastic*

Remain vigilant at all times.

I regularly question suspicious people in the street-politely of course.

You can see that my approach is to outwit burglars and provide levels of defence

The broad reasons why Betty's Bay is susceptible to crime are clearly as follows.

- 1. Maybe 80% of houses are unoccupied*
- 2. The township is spread out with many vacant plots.*
- 3. There are many places for culprits to hide and escape*
- 4. We have multiple entrances*
- 5. Many folk don't pay much attention to security systems especially a decent alarm system*

In summary, Betty's Bay is a crook's paradise. The way we defend ourselves is to recognise the risk factors and take collective action to secure our properties. The Neighbourhood Watch system does a great job. You do a great job giving sound advice to all property owners but many simply are too careless and appear to imagine they will escape. The facts are that there is a finite risk that every one of us will experience a crime incident at some time or another.

I used your crime statistics some time ago to work out that our village suffers losses from thefts, burglaries and general crime of millions Rands a year worked on the basis of an average loss being about R10000 multiplied by the number of incidents you reported. Unreported losses clearly increase this loss.

The community should be able to justify spending money on beefing up security patrols substantially but there is a strange resistance to accept that such an investment pays off.

Maybe publishing this comment in the Buzz might help some folk to get off their proverbial and take action!!

Regards

Peter

Letter from Prof Michael Orren

Dear Dan,

I basically agree with Peter Berrisford about crime in that householders, especially "weekenders", need to be much more concerned about security of their own property rather than expect someone else to do it for them. We have fitted extra locks on our sliding doors (cost us nearly R600) to prevent a recurrence of our fortunately minor burglary where the locked stoep glass door was lifted to gain entry. We reported it and the police came so it was registered by the SAPS.

I strongly support the idea to publish his piece prominently in The Buzz. There is, however, always an attitude of 'it will happen to someone else and NOT me'. But we should still definitely make the effort and perhaps some will at last take note. Maybe you should write a preface emphasizing that the article should be taken very seriously? We do try to keep our place locked and alarmed, changed our copper piping and have gas cylinders chained up etc.

Nonetheless, I am not sure whether the additional security steps Peter has taken will be followed up by too many since the several extra alarm systems are expensive, need to be maintained in top order, are an issue if persons other than the owner make use of the house (e.g., inadvertent triggering of the alarm(s)), some of our elderly residents find even a simple alarm hard to handle, while a determined burglar will always circumvent any security setup given time and tools should they suspect there are highly valuable items in the house. And a house with lots of high fences, alarm wires etc sends out a signal that there may be valuable items in such a well-protected house and might attract more professional burglars rather than the opportunistic casual ones.

As you know I quite frequently attend meetings in the evenings, drive home relatively late when BB seems almost like a blacked-out ghost town, and always keep an eye open for any suspicious activity. I was posting a letter at Penguin Place the other night quite late

and nobody was about, then Safe Security rushed up probably thinking I was burgling the shop! They saw my little old white Nissan with the roof rack outside, knew it was me did a U-turn and drove off again without speaking to me. At least they are trying!

After all the publicity about not putting out rubbish on the street to minimize baboon damage I still see literally dozens of black bags out on the side of the roads on Mondays, even quite close to my house, when I drive around our village to look at water damage etc. People will seemingly only listen if you coerce them!

Keep up the good fight!

Best wishes,

Michael.

Global Climate Change-Jet Streams and all that

Written by Prof Michael Orren

What is causing the very unusual weather being experienced world-wide in the past couple of years? Eminent meteorologists recently gathered in Reading, England to debate this and suspicion centred on the newly discovered variability in the Jet Streams.

I apologise for the pictures being of Northern Hemisphere processes-I could not locate any for the Southern Hemisphere (*Applicable to same article on the web. –Ed.*).

The Polar Jet Streams (those we usually mean when we talk about “Jet Streams”) occur at 7 000-11 000 m or so altitude, are narrow (several 10’s km ‘wide’, 1 km or so ‘thick’), high speed (200 kph or more), west to east flows which meander from side to side, fluctuate in speed, and undulate up and down as well, however, until the past few decades remained within an “envelope” defining their boundaries.

Jet Streams are a consequence of the general atmospheric circulation set up by the atmospheric pressure differentials between the cold Polar higher pressure regions and the warm, lower pressure Equatorial regions and because of the temperature differences. They were predicted from the theoretical fluid mechanics treatment of the atmosphere but were only really discovered during World War II when high flying aircraft encountered these and suddenly found themselves either flying hundreds of kph faster than they expected when going east, or were almost standing still over the ground while flying westwards through the air at normal speeds. The Jet Stream was noted by airline pilots in South Africa years ago and I recall one early SAA Boeing 727 jet flight from Cape Town to Port Elizabeth which picked up the Jet Stream, then called a “following wind”, arriving far ahead of schedule at PE!

The Polar Jet Streams, centred at around 60° north and south latitudes, separate warm, humid, Subtropical air from cold, very dry Polar air and pull these air masses with them as they move. So if the Jet Stream moves pole wards, it brings in warmer air and the surface warms up along with rain from the humid air, and if it moves towards the Equator cold, dry air surges in chilling the land beneath. The interface where the cold and warm air interact with one another is unstable and powerful storms may develop here. Indeed in the flat US mid-west, the interaction between warm humid air from the Gulf of Mexico and very cold air from Canada sets the scene for the huge supercell thunderstorm and horrific torna-

does experienced there.

The Subtropical Jet Streams centred on around 30° north and south latitude, are weaker affairs altogether, higher and with much less effect.

Both Northern and Southern Hemisphere Jet Streams are very similar, like mirror images of each other, driven by the same atmospheric energy sources so we can expect that changes in one hemisphere are generally reflected in changes in the other. There are obvious differences such as that the Southern Ocean is unencumbered by land masses unlike the Northern Hemisphere, and there are far fewer observations in the south.

Recently, there have been changes in the motion patterns of the Jet Streams, those vast “rivers of air” whizzing through the stratosphere, but which nonetheless control our weather. For example, our local “Cold Fronts” form under the Jet Stream and then move generally, but not exclusively, towards us from the west. Hence as the Jet Stream wanders so do the fronts and their intensity fluctuates.

Over many years of observations the Jet Streams seemed to follow patterns that were recognisable and used for longer term weather predictions along with other cyclic indicators including the North Atlantic Oscillation, El Niño/La Niña and the Arctic Vortex.

However, the on-going effects of Global Climate Change have increased air and sea temperatures in Polar regions by as much as 8°C, much faster than the degree or less in Equatorial regions. This has had highly significant effects on the melting of Arctic sea-ice and on the melting of many glaciers especially on Greenland and the Antarctic Peninsula region. The melting of sea-ice shows what is called a “positive climate feedback” in the parlance of climate specialists. Ice and snow are excellent reflectors of light and heat so absorb only 10% or so of incoming sunlight. The sea under the ice is usually much warmer than the air above and melting often occurs from underneath. But as the ice cover diminishes and is replaced by open water, the absorption of heat increases significantly as water reflects much less heat and absorbs much more so the water is warmer and can melt yet more ice and so on. It appears that the Arctic ice melting has altered climate patterns but this has yet to be verified.

The warming climate has unsettled Arctic dwellers since snowfall has been replaced to a large extent by greatly increased rainfall and the hard permafrost on which dwellings were erected is melting and buildings collapsing. Rivers are less iced over and far more rain-derived fresh water is rapidly entering the Arctic Ocean through the many large rivers making it less saline. Arctic ecosystems have clearly been significantly affected.

However, the temperature gradient between Poles and Equator has decreased in recent decades with the reduction in differential heating caused by Global Climate Change and this is believed to have weakened the Jet Streams and caused more fluctuations in their flow regime. This has allowed the alternate intrusion of more cold air then warm air on a larger scale and induced more fluctuation in temperatures and hence rainfall too over a wider area.

The Arctic Vortex, a large, slowly rotating mass of very cold air centred over the North Pole, which acts like a sort of reservoir of frigid air, has weakened, as has the similar, larger Antarctic Vortex This has allowed periodic “leaking” of formerly trapped higher level extremely cold air into more temperate climes where it spins down to lower levels and

mostly comes in from an easterly direction, causing spells of exceptionally cold weather. The lack of any land mass between Southern Africa and Antarctica makes it easier for cold air flows to reach us and bring the freezing level right down, although passing over the warmer intervening sea adds heat to the cold air en route. Mountain climbers in South Africa are acutely aware of the frequent and very sudden decreases of temperature with altitude in our mountains at any time of the year often allied with snow and which seriously endanger the unprepared.

We have already noticed the effects of Climate Change induced expansion in the South Indian and South Atlantic High pressure systems bringing us stronger and more frequent South-easters right here, cooling our west coast waters through enhanced upwelling of cold water, and pushing our cold fronts to the south so many now miss us.

Any sailors who brave the hazards of the "Roaring Forties", and their violent elder sister, the "Furious Fifties", will discover to their dismay that these already gale-force westerly winds are now even stronger and pushing up still larger ocean swells to pound them. The swells reach and fling their considerable energy at coastlines in their path-Tasmania and New Zealand have already felt the effects.

The saga of Global Climate Change continues to unfold before us right here.

Learn how to buy a small business for sale

WHAT IS A SMALL BUSINESS?

Although the term is somewhat malleable depending upon where you live, a "small business" is generally considered to be one that is privately owned and operated; that is - not a Large business employing more than 100 employees, or a public company listed on the JSE; but generally a business- with fewer than 100 employees (or fewer than 50 in some categories). The RSA. government further defines a SME (small to medium enterprise) as a small business based upon annual sales, but this will vary by category and only comes into play in order to qualify for small-business support, when bidding on municipal or government tenders or contracts.

BUYING A SMALL BUSINESS FOR SALE

Businesses for sale are all around us. This could include the dry cleaner's shop where the owner wants to retire, the corner restaurant whose owners are interested in buying a bigger place, or the mobile garden-cleaning service with a proprietor who's tired of driving all over the area. There are a number of factors to consider when buying a small business, and plenty of questions to ask once you have settled on a couple of possibilities. Learn as much as you can before taking the big leap.

EXAMINE THE FINANCIALS

Check over the company's Financials - income statements and cash flow statements. You should know everything there is to know about how much money has come into the business, where it went, and what are the projections for future earnings. Enlist the services of an Accountant, a CA, or suitably qualified Business Broker to assist with these efforts. Pay special attention to the company's liabilities, as new owners usually acquire some of these along with the company's assets. The due diligence package should also include the com-

pany's income tax returns, legal submissions, articles of incorporation, and information on any litigation both past and pending.

UNDERSTAND WHY THE BUSINESS IS FOR SALE

Everyone has his or her own reason for wanting to sell a business. Retirement is a popular choice, as is the desire to change fields, move to a different town, or use the funds to purchase a larger business elsewhere. But the reason you hear may not necessarily be the truth. You will want to carefully explore this situation and avoid taking the seller's word without question. Is there an ongoing problem between the owner and employees, or is their relationship so tight that everyone plans to abandon ship when the business finally gets sold? Is the location a poor one, or possibly so terrific that a major competitor is planning to open up across the street in a few months? Knowing these things before you sign on the dotted line can prevent you from making a huge mistake.

OBSERVE THE BUSINESS IN ACTION

If possible, observe the business unobtrusively for a week, as part of your Due diligence process) and see if the traffic matches the claims made by the seller. Chat with customers and find out what they like about the business and what they would like to see changed. Find out more about the competition, see how they operate, and compare the kind of traffic they enjoy with that of the business you're thinking of buying.

DETERMINE THE VALUE OF THE BUSINESS AND ARRANGE FINANCING

The seller will have placed a price on the business. As the buyer, you are responsible for determining whether it is a fair price. Here you may wish to consult a local business broker, as most times, they are qualified to have a better handle on valuation issues, which can vary depending upon the type of business and the industry in which it operates. Fast-growing companies will normally sell for a higher price, as the potential for greater future earnings is factored into the equation. You will then need to determine if the price is something you can handle financially. Your banker and accountant will be of considerable assistance here, as each helps you to determine the monthly net earnings against the cost of buying a small business, using finance.

ASK FOR THE SELLER'S HELP

Under most circumstances, the seller wants out at least as much as you (the Buyer) want in. If you plan to meet the asking price - or at least provide a reasonable negotiating position - it never hurts to ask the owner to provide some of the financing (Vendor finance). You will probably get better terms from the seller than you would from a bank, including a more favourable interest rate and payback term; and most important of all - the seller will therefore be motivated to see you succeed. To that end, you may even ask the owner to stay on for a while - receiving a fair consultant's fee, of course - to help with the transition period (hand-over), so as to make sure that you are on the right track as the new owner.

IF IN ANY DOUBT DURING THE BUYING PROCESS, YOU CAN ALWAYS CALL IIN A PROFESSIONAL TO ASSIST YOU.

Fred Broom

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	After Hours	082 868 4267
	Kleinmond Pharmacy	028 271 3320
	After Hours	082 652 4309
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	Traffic	028 313 8111
	Sewerage Removal	028 271 8435
	Hermanus	028 313 8000
Seawatch	Betty's Bay	028 272 9532
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NSRI	Gordons Bay	021 856 1992
	Hermanus	028 312 3180
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	Centre Shop	028 272 9230
	Penguin Place	028 272 9257
	Tourism Bureau	028 271 5657
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	Fire Extinguisher Service	083 741 9914

Here comes the Sun

Written by Carol Botha

Something big is about to happen on the Sun. According to measurements from NASA-supported observatories, the sun's vast magnetic field is about to flip.

"It looks like we're no more than 3 to 4 months away from a complete field reversal," says solar physicist Todd Hoeksema of Stanford University. This change will have ripple effects throughout the solar system."

After reading this I looked through the window at the cloudy winter sky. In 3 - 4 months the smiles are supposed to be returning to our faces here in the Southern Hemisphere just like the The Beatles promised. Now it seems we are in for some stormy space weather.

How much will this event effect us here on Earth this time?

Every eleven years (give or take a year or two) the Sun goes through a sunspot cycle which is linked to magnetic forces. Now what have magnetic forces got to do with pole reversals?

Reading up on the Parker Solar Dynamo Theory, only to learn that the theory was flawed, I proceeded to the Babcock-Leighton Model until I hit the sentence: Unfortunately it could not offer a prediction.....

OK so now I've wasted some time but not to be deterred I googled until I found written in bold: And the answer is....

Two separate processes seem to be going on: The Local Dynamo and the Global Dynamo. Before attaching major significance to really weird terms like the Tachocline and helioseismometry data from SOHO, I scrolled down to the bottom of the page just to make sure I was on the right track. "There are still many details to be worked out...."

So while the physicists work on the many details, Kid's Astronomy gives a nice explanation. Solar Magnetic Field reversals occur more or less every eleven years and at a time when solar activity is at its peak. Solar storms travel through space towards Earth. Energy and radiation from solar flares and coronal mass ejections can harm astronauts, damage electronics on satellites, cause the most beautiful auroras but also blackouts on Earth by surges in power grids.

There have been predictions that the upcoming solar storm will outdo the 1859 Carrington Event, a super storm so intense that the Northern Lights could be seen from Rome.

Should I book a ticket to Rome or will media headlines change from Something big is about to happen on the Sun to Something is about to happen on the big Sun.

Well seeing that the Sun magnetic field has flipped 5.5 times before in my lifetime, for now I might as well carry on humming: Here comes the sun, here comes the sun and I say it's all right, sun, sun, sun, here it comes.

http://science.nasa.gov/science-news/science-at-nasa/2013/05aug_fieldflip/

Harkerville staproete

Geskryf deur Emile, 11 jarige kleinseun van Mervin en Dawn Burger

Toe ons op vakansie was by Nature's Valley het ons by die Harkerville staproete gaan stap. Die roete is 21km lank. Daar is 'n oornaght waar ons oorgeslaap het. Die hut word genoem "Sinclair." Daar is 2 slaapkamers met elkeen 6 beddens.

Ons het die oggend vroeg vertrek om die lang uitputtende roete te gaan stap. Ek het saam met Pappa, sy sussie en my nefie die roete gestap. Pappa en Dalene (sy sussie) het met groot staprugsakke gestap. En ek het met my sak wat ek vir Kersfees gekry het gestap. Ons het ons slaapsakke, kos en water daarin gebêre asook ons stapklere.

Die eerste dag se eerste deel het ons deur 'n woud gestap. Ons het 'n paar keer gerus om ons energie weer op te bou. Soos ons deur die woud gestap het was daar 'n hele paar spinnerakke. Ons moes stokke gebruik het om dit af te breek. Dit is glad nie lekker om die hele tyd spinnerakke in jou gesig te hê nie. Ek het 'n goeie stok gekry wat kleiner takkies aangehad het.

Daar was een ander span wat ook die roete gestap het. Hulle was jonger mense en het ons kort-kort verbygesteek. Toe ons al 11km gestap het was ons begroet met die mooiste uitsig oor die see. Dit was baie styl daar af en ons moes baie versigtig wees. Toe ons uiteindelik onder kom, het die ander groep in die see geswem. Dit het gelyk of die twee vrouens mossels gaarmaak wat die ander twee mans uitgehaal het.

Ons het sommer net 'n paar neute, sjokolade en vrugte geëet. Die strand was baie klipperig wat dit moeilik gemaak het om daar te stap. Toe ons verder gestap het kon ons die lang, styl berg sien wat ons nog moes uitklim voordat ons by die oornaghut kon kom. Toe ons uiteindelik daar kom was ons baie moeg en uitgeput en daar was nie eers 'n stort of 'n bad waar ons onself kon afspoel nie!!

Toe ons die volgende oggend opstaan was ons uitgerus en het weer begin met nuwe moed. Die eerste stuk was meeste van die tyd net bosse en klein boompies. Ons het seker so 'n uur gestap, toe begin dit weer rotserig raak. Ons moes steil heuwels afklim en oor rotse klim. Die koue seeluggie het ons darem so bietjie afgekoel. Soos ons verder aangestap het, het dit net meer rotse geword. As mens mooi kyk was daar pragtige rotsformasies en vorms. Op 'n stadium het ons oor 'n rots geklim wat reg oor die see was! Dit het my baie senuweeagtig gemaak. Die laaste stuk het ons op 'n nou voetpaatjie gestap. Al wat mens kon sien is bome en bome. Toe ons so stap het ons skielik 'n kar gesien en het gesien dat dit my oom was. Ons was baie verlig en uitgeput en uitgesien dat ons weer by die kamp kon wees en daar net sit en rus.

Dit was inderdaad 'n lekker ervaring en ek sal dit vir die res van my lewe onthou. Toe ons by die huis kom 'n week na ons gestap het, het ons gekyk na al die foto's wat ons afgeneem het. Ons kan nou vir almal wys dat ons 'n uitmuntende roete gestap het!!

DIE EINDE!!!

Pikkewyntjie Nuus

Oeeee... allah..... ek dink ons almal moet ma vir ons choepies gaat koep. Dit reent en reent en ek wiet nie meerie. Myse Juffrou lees mos elke dag vir ons yt die Bybel. So vertel sy mos nou vir ons van Noag en die Ark. Sy vertel van hoe dit gereent en gerent het vir baaaaaiiiiieeee daaee en nagte en toe almal hulle se oge yt vee, toe sink alles en almal is onnerie water. Sy vertel toe vir ons dis oorlat die mense so baie sonde gedoet het dat hulle almal dood is. Shieeeee, ek het nie biekie geskrik nie! Dadelik dink ek moes toe aan al myse sonne, en ek siet al hierie reen en ek wonner toe of Jesus wier al die sonige mense wil laat versyp. Ek hou oom Gerrie dop om te siet of hy al sy bootjie begin pak want sowaar as parramanel ek moet saam op daarie boot as hy begin dryf. Ek vat elke dag vir

oom Gerrie n sweetie of n koekie om ma in sy goeie boekies te kom, dat hy my nie dalk sal wil saamvat nie. Ek siet hy kyk vir my so snaaks aan elke dag ma dis ok as die popo die fan stike soos myse pa seg , wiet ek ek het n lift. Myse juffrou seg nou wel Jesus het die reenboog gestuur as belofte Hy dit nie wier sal doet nie, maar ek is maar n klein seentjie en myse geloof is nogie so sterk nie.

Flip, het julle se mense gesiet onse skool was inie koerant, shieeeeeee.... dit was nou n grend affere. Onse tannie Nicolette en al die grend mense was daar. Dit was onse nuwe klassie se opening en die mense het omtrent opgedress en daar was spieches en onse kinnners het gesing. Wow, die mense het ons kwaai gelike!! Die kleintjies wou nie eintlik sing nie, ek vestaan dit nie mooi nie. As hulle by die skool sing sien jy net bek en tanne soos hulle sing, maar neeeeeee sien hulle vriede mense is die bekke toe en al die tanne het uitgeval. Hulle moet soos eke sing, het julle my gesien, ek was die een met geen tanne voor in myse mond nie, maar ek lat my nie afsitie ek sing dat die spoeg spat. Dit lekka om so te pous en te sing. Ek swier al die mense het net foto's van my gevat!

Myse juffrou seg dat sy wens allie mense van die onnerdorp (dis nou julle, ons in Mooi Uitsig is mos die bo-dorp, want ons sit bo by die berg) wil bietjie vir ons kom kyker en kyk hoe mooi is onse kinnners en skool en hoe mooi slim leer ons. Sy seg sy worry nie, julle kan enige tyd kom, en bring sommer julle se kamera's saam, ons like van foto's en moeties die sweeties vergiet nie!.

Nou gaat ek weer groet tot volgende keer, want ek het nogie oom Gerrie se sweetie vir hom gevat nie. Julle mense moet mooi bly en soek maar vir julle ook n pellic met n boot!

Zaan Cilliers

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The Wind Bloweth...

Spring... the season of floral delight, birdsong, sunshine and gentle refreshing showers. A favourite song from the musical, Seven brides for seven brothers, states: "Bluebirds are twittering, they're all baby-sittering, spring, spring, spring." Ah, yes, rock thrushes zoom past our bedroom windows, en route to wherever only they know, pausing only long enough for a quick drink from the furrow, and sugarbirds alight upon, and delight in the nectar from the yet-to-fully-open pincushions.

Then, the bees... those busy little buzzers whose sole purpose in life seems to be pollination of the various species. According to the Encyclopaedia, the bee actually has no choice in the matter. It makes this statement: "Most flowers that are pollinated by birds and insects have colourful blossoms and an odour that attracts the animals. When they come into contact with a flower, pollen clings to their bodies, and they carry the grains to other flowers.." Our grandchildren's reaction to this statement would probably be: "Wow, coooool!" My reaction to this activity is generally a sneeze.

Have you noticed how beautiful the Gonnabos is at present (Botanists, forgive me if the botanically correct name escapes me) with its flowers ranging from deep pink to lemon and the hues in between? A flower-arranger's delight... and the hay-fever sufferer's nightmare. It reminds me of the day I took my new colicky baby to the doctor and he informed me that all babies are a blessing, but most blessings are mixed ones...

But back to the bee. It is drawn, and succumbs to the lure of the flower. Once inside, the flower deposits its pollen on the unsuspecting little insect's back, where it sticks. Until it reaches the next tempting flower. Cool... but have the botanists and entomologists established the possible effect this sticky stuff may have upon the little bee? Picture yourself in its position, crawling into a place with an inviting aroma (like Coffee specialists at the Mall). Then while you indulge, someone sprinkles heavy powder all over your scantily-clad back. It could itch. So after quenching your thirst you move on to another inviting aroma, depositing the icky stuff on the seats of the new venue, only to have them repeat the process with their own brew before you leave. Is this how we would choose to spend our day? The bee doesn't seem to stop to think.

There is a well-known passage in Matthew 5:3-11, known as the Beattitudes, the blessings listed by Jesus in the Sermon on the Mount: "Blessed are," He said...

"Those who are poor in spirit, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.

Those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

The meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

The merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

The pure in heart, for they will see God.

The peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the Kingdom of heaven.“

Many a sermon has been preached on this subject, and as I am not a preacher, I would not presume to try. But perhaps we could try to emulate some “bee attitudes?” Consider... That wonderful little creature goes out at dawn and starts working, in all the right places. It never fights other bees to gain the best position on the flower, but works wherever its maker appointed it to be.

It never needs the whole picture; today’s little worker will never see next spring’s flowers. It can be relied upon to complete each day’s task efficiently.

Should it’s life be threatened by hungry birds or frogs, it labours on, regardless.

It is happy to have things dumped on it in the course of a day’s labour because in the end those things will provide opportunities for others.

Ever heard a bee complain? Or plan something and leave it to the rest of the swarm to carry out?

Just a closing thought... we’ve all heard the expression “the bee’s knees” ...have you ever heard a bee sneeze?

Bev. Green

Jabberwocky

By Lewis Carroll

(from *Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There*, 1872)

‘Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

"Beware the Jabberwock, my son!
The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!
Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun
The frumious Bandersnatch!"
He took his vorpal sword in hand:
Long time the manxome foe he sought --
So rested he by the Tumtum tree,
And stood awhile in thought.
And, as in uffish thought he stood,

The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffing through the tulgey wood,
And burred as it came!
One, two! One, two! And through and
through

The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!
He left it dead, and with its head
He went galumphing back.

"And, has thou slain the Jabberwock?
Come to my arms, my beamish boy!
O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!"
He chortled in his joy.

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Did gyre and gimble in the wabe;
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