

JOHANNESBURG



HERITAGE FOUNDATION

FIRST QUARTER PROGRAMME JANUARY TO MARCH, 2016

JANUARY

LECTURE AT NORTHWARDS *'EMPIRE, WAR AND CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA, with DEAN ALLEN'*

SATURDAY 16 JANUARY

Be riveted by cricket, the Randlords, Anglo-Boer War, the Karoo and the "Laird of Matjiesfontein". Dean Allen came to South Africa in the 1990's and his interest developed further during his post-graduate studies at Stellenbosch University. While researching for his Masters degree he first visited Matjiesfontein and developed a special relationship with the town and its people.

"The Laird", James Logan, was a 19-year-old Scottish immigrant who intended to go to Queensland but the ship on which he was travelling was damaged off the Cape and Logan decided to "walk" to Cape Town. His first job was a porter at the Station but within a short period he became Station Master and subsequently the District Superintendent of the railway between Hex River and Prince Albert. By 1883 he was in Matjiesfontein and, with help from the likes of Cecil John Rhodes, Abe Bailey, James Sivewright and many others, he farmed in the Karoo, built the Lord Milner Hotel, started a local cricket team, became a member of Parliament and organised the first ever tour to England by a South African cricket team.

MEET : **Dean Allen and Brett McDougall**
VENUE : **Northwards, 21 Rockridge Road, Parktown**
TIME : **14h00**
DURATION : **Approximately 2 hours**
COST : **R80.00 for members / R130.00 for non-members, including tea and biscuits**
MAXIMUM No : **50**

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HOUSE TOUR 'EDOARDO VILLA HOUSE'

**NB:
PLEASE BOOK THROUGH THE OFFICE ON 011 482-3349
THIS TOUR IS RESTRICTED TO MEMBERS ONLY**

SATURDAY 23 JANUARY

We are indeed privileged to be able to arrange this tour for our members.

Warren Siebrits, the expert on contemporary South African art, a curator, writer and collector and his partner Lunetta Bartz purchased Edoardo Villa's home. They have restored the house back to its original condition and have placed their collection of Edoardo Villa sculptures in the house and garden.

Designed in 1968 by Villa's friend Ian McKellan the house is tiny, only 100 square metres, while the large garden accommodated many of Villa's steel sculptures. An example of the New Brutalism, Clive Chipkin describes it as "Powerful sculptural bagged brick forms, paved courts and perimeter walkways, brilliantly animated by Edoardo Villa's steel sculptures." It remained the sculptor's home until his death at the age of 95. Warren will talk to us about Edoardo the man and Villa the artists while Lunetta will tell us about her friend, the little known Claire, Villa's beloved wife.

MEET	:	Flo Bird and Brett McDougall
PARK	:	73 – 4th Street, Kew
TIME	:	2.00 pm
DURATION	:	2 hours
COST	:	R80.00
MAXIMUM No	:	20

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WALKING TOUR 'BRAAMFONTEIN CEMETERY: HEROES' ACRE AND THEN SOME'

SATURDAY 30 JANUARY

We include some unofficial heroes such as the gallant chap who tried to stop a runaway tram drawn by horses galloping off down Commissioner Street, and our gentle Captain von Brandis who kept order by threatening to call Mrs von Brandis to quell some noisy Uitlanders. But we shall certainly be visiting Enoch Sontonga's grave, Chow Kwai For who committed suicide "for conscience sake", the pitifully young Valiammal Munusamy and Swami Naggapen – objectors to the Asiatic Registration Act.

We visit the grave of Cornelius Broeksma executed by firing squad for sending out photographs of the Concentration Camp at Irene. There is a semicircle of soldiers' graves from Canada, New Zealand and Australia, the occasional Boer and our own Lieutenant Dawid Mare who was one of the despised ZARPs guarding the Johannesburg Fort while it was being built, but riding bare-backed he led a charge at Colesberg to halt a surprise British attack. VC material if he had been on the other side.

MEET : **Flo Bird and Val Hammerton**
AT : **2.00 PM**
PARK : **Inside the Braamfontein Cemetery – drive in from Graf Street**
DURATION : **2 .5 hours**
MAXIMUM NO : **50**
COST : **R80.00 for members and R130.00 for non-members**

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FEBRUARY

BUS TOUR
'SOUTH AFRICA, SATELLITES AND THE SPACE AGE'

SATURDAY 6 FEBRUARY

Did you know that throughout the 1950s to 1970s lunar and interplanetary missions conducted by NASA had been supported from a tracking station at Hartebeesthoek? And that the first images of Mars were received at Hartebeesthoek from the Mariner IV spacecraft in the first successful flyby of the planet?

Join us on a visit to the South African National Space Agency's Space Operations Centre at Hartebeesthoek and hear about the role that South African scientists have played in space mission support over the last 60 years. Find out about how South Africans accurately tracked and predicted the re-entry of Sputnik into the Earth's atmosphere in 1957, the support given from 1960 to 1975 to NASA's lunar and solar systems research programme, and the role that South African space scientists have played in supporting over 250 satellite launches and tracking 2-million satellite passes.

This is a tour not to be missed!

MEET : **Clare van Zwieten and Wiggie Ellenberger**
AT : **SANSA Space Operations (formerly known as CSIR Satellite Application Centre) Farm No 502 JQ, Hartebeesthoek, Krugersdorp**
TIME : **14h00**
DURATION : **Approximately 2 hours**
COST : **R80.00 for members / R130.00 for non-members**
MAXIMUM No : **40**

Directions to SANSA Space Operations from Malibongwe Drive in Randburg –

- 1) Get on R512 (Malibongwe Drive). Continue North past Lanseria Airport until you get to Broederstroom/Pelindaba T-junction (R104).
- 2) Turn left at T-junction (R104) and drive towards Hartebeestport Dam. (Drive for approx. 2 km).
- 3) Turn left at R400 (also called R3). (Signpost for Hartebeesthoek). (Drive for approx. 17 km.)
- 4) Turn right at small white signpost for HartRAO and SANSA. (You will have seen the big white satellite antenna dishes on the hills on your right hand side.)
- 5) After approx. 100 m turn right into SANSA Space Operations.
- 6) The guard at the entrance will direct you to parking.

Link to map: http://www.esesa.org/download/directions_to_sac.pdf

NB: It makes sense to carpool! If you are willing to be a driver, or need a lift, please let Eira know when booking. Shared cars will leave the Sunnyside Park Hotel at 13h00.

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PUB TOUR 'HISTORIC BARS OF JOHANNESBURG'

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

The discovery of gold brought thousands of men to the Rand, and a proliferation of bars to quench their thirst soon followed. We will be visiting some of the City's most historic watering holes on our tour, and will be using the City's most recent form of transport, Uber, to get to them!

MEET	:	Adam Golding and Sebastian Chatov
PARK	:	The Sunnyside Park Hotel, 2 York Road, Parktown
TIME	:	18h00
DURATION	:	Approximately 3 hours
COST	:	R100.00 for members / R150.00 for non-members
MAXIMUM No	:	40

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BUS TOUR 'KRUGER'S PRETORIA – MEMORIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN WAR OF 1899 – 1902'

SATURDAY 20 FEBRUARY

Join a tour to see lesser known aspects of Pretoria. We will visit the site of the Concentration Camp in Irene and hear the background against which it developed, and then travel to a Church where a museum of artefacts relating to the war and early times of the city has been assembled. Finally on to the Pretoria Country Club to listen to fascinating stories and pictures of the early residents of the city, Boer and Brit, who lived initially in harmony prior to the outbreak of hostilities.

MEET	:	Janet Hughes and Clare van Zwieten
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AT : **Sunnyside Park Hotel (safe parking available)**
TIME : **07h30 for departure at 08h00**
DURATION : **A full day! We return at approximately 16h00**
MAXIMUM No : **40**
COST : **R300.00 for members, and R350.00 for non-members**

A light lunch will be available for your own account at the Pretoria Country Club

Lecture/Panel Discussion at The View '100 YEARS SINCE DELVILLE WOOD'

SATURDAY 27 FEBRUARY

2016 marks the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Delville Wood, a long battle of the Somme fought between the armies of Britain and the British Empire and Germany and her Empire. Fought between 15 July and 3 September 1916, the British emerged triumphant but remained caught in a war that would last another two years.

The battle was the first in which South African participated, and they held the wood for 5 days between 15 and 20 July until relieved. This was done at huge human cost - the Springboks were decimated and the brigade lost two thirds of its strength, 750 men lay dead and 1,500 were wounded.

Delville Wood has become part of South African mythology. The Baker-designed memorial, with its many colonial reference points, was augmented in the mid-1980s with a South African military museum which commemorates South African military exploits of the 20th century.

It is a place of memory but also myth making, of history but also where evolving current political agendas intrude. Here the forging of new national identities and reconciliation of Afrikaner and English had the aim of uniting the country. And a democratic South African has added its own dynamics. But there are also some comparisons to be made. The fighting force of South Africans were all white volunteer soldiers and this fact now adds a new dimension for explanation and engagement 100 years after the battle.

This panel discussion will remember the sacrifices but also reflect on the sense of place, its history and that process of reinventing history and matching interpretations at national shrines to fit new current political pressure points. Here we can see the use and the misuse of history.

This promises to be a deep, dense discussion ... But one which will be enjoyed by those who read history and debate heritage. The venue is the View (the Transvaal Scottish headquarters), where one can see many of the relics and souvenirs that returned from France when the battle scarred Springboks returned home.

HOST : **Prof Katherine Munro**
VENUE : **The View, 2 Ridge Road, Parktown**
TIME : **14h00**
DURATION : **Approximately 2 hours**
COST : **R80.00 for members / R130.00 for non-members**
MAXIMUM No : **40**

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MARCH

WALKING TOUR 'JOUBERT PARK'

SATURDAY 5 MARCH

Our City's most historic and important public open space is under threat. The Johannesburg Development Agency has proposed turning it into a (temporary) taxi rank while it upgrades the Jack Mincer Taxi Rank.

Joubert Park is and always has been a city park for the people. Historically it is a much admired public space which has transitioned through the political, economic and demographic changes of the city.

Its history is part of the fabric of the City of Johannesburg and our city fathers ought to be protecting and defending that park with energy, dedication and passion, not sacrificing it to expedient solutions.

Join a talk on the park by Professor Louis Grundlingh in the courtyard of the Johannesburg Art Gallery, and then explore the park's historic structures and spaces on this important tour.

HOST	:	Prof Louis Grundlingh, Flo Bird and Monique Jefferson
VENUE	:	The Johannesburg Art Gallery, Joubert Park – meet on the main steps.
TIME	:	14h00
DURATION	:	Approximately 2.5 hours
COST	:	R80.00 for members / R130.00 for non-members
MAXIMUM No	:	40

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BUS TOUR 'MIAMI ON THE VELD – THE ART DECO HERITAGE OF SPRINGS'

SATURDAY 12 MARCH

The City of Springs boasts the largest number of small scale Art Deco design buildings in the world outside of Miami, Florida. Already a prosperous mining town, Springs

experienced a building boom after the spike in gold prices that followed South Africa's abandoning of the gold standard in 1932.

Art Deco architecture developed with a character all of its own in Springs, combining elements of streamlined, tropical and industrial Art Deco with the more reserved classical style.

We will be visiting some of the best examples, including the Central Fire Station, Renesta House, Court Chambers and Carlou Court, on this exciting tour, and we are very privileged to be led by the Divisional Head of the Arts, Culture and Heritage department of Ekurhuleni, Alba Letts.

HOST : **Alba Letts, Hannelie Swart, Vincent Maumela
and Mark Straw**
MEET : **The Sunnyside Park Hotel**
TIME : **13h00**
DURATION : **Approximately 2.5 hours**
COST : **R250.00 for members / R300.00 for non-members**
MAXIMUM No : **60**

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WALKING TOUR 'FORDSBURG'

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

Few suburbs of Johannesburg have as rich a social and cultural history as Fordsburg. From white working class origins closely tied to the mining industry (and many labour conflicts, including the 1922 strike) it has been transformed by the vibrant mix of bold colour, enticing flavours and fascinating cultures of its largely Asian population.

These cultural collisions provide wonderful surprises: the jail that once housed arrested miners is now a public lavatory, and the bakery Divine Confectionery is located in a former church.

And, as interesting as the buildings themselves, are Fordsburg's fascinating personalities, past and present, from politicians, to religious leaders, sporting greats and ordinary citizens.

And, of course, the dazzling array of foods, spices, clothes and religious items are what make this area irresistible – be sure to bring some spending money, and perhaps stay for lunch after the tour.

MEET : **Denise Alexander and Gail Wilson**
AT : **The Train Coach Restaurant
corner of Mint and Albertina Sisulu Streets**
TIME : **10h00**
DURATION : **Approximately 3 hours**
COST : **R80.00 for members / R130.00 for non-members**
MAXIMUM No : **40**

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