



AUGUST 2025

WOMEN'S DAY - 9 August



2nd Alida Oldroyd
2nd Cheryl Pienaar
3rd Roger Cummins
3rd David Walker
8th Trula Human
9th Hans Hammel

Happy Birthday

10th Andrew Spiegel
11th Jack Holliday
16th Jean Hargreaves
16th Stewart Fisher
26th Joan Misplon
30th Tertia Harrod



JULY, AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER ARE THE BREEDING MONTHS OF THE ENDANGERED WESTERN LEOPARD TOADS (WLTs) WHEN THEY ARE ON THE MOVE AND MIGRATE FROM THEIR GARDEN HOMES TO VARIOUS WATER BODIES TO BREED

The biggest dangers to the WLTs are :

Cats and dogs attacking them

Cars running them over

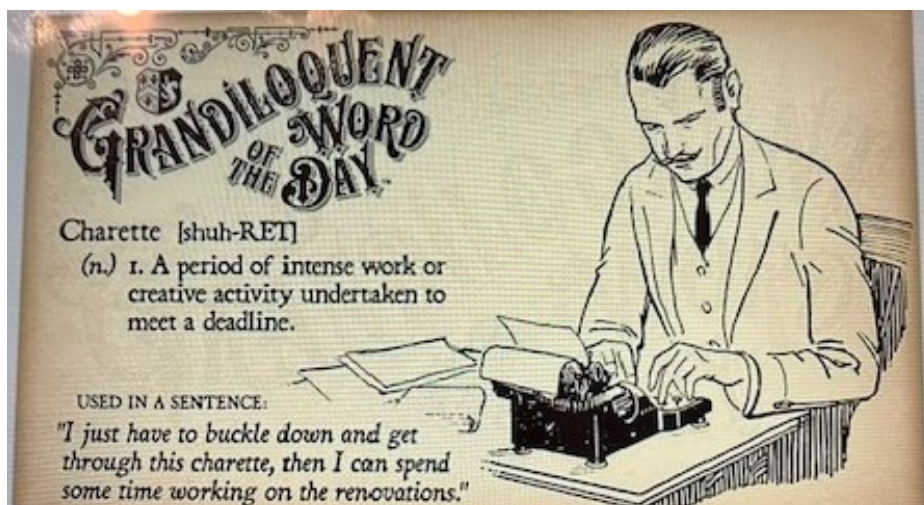
Swimming pool chemicals

Contrary to popular belief, the toads are not poisonous to humans

Should you find toads in your garden, do not move them to a wetland or pond. They can navigate and know where they are going. If one is found in the middle of the road they can be encouraged to the side.

All toads have toxins which will be distasteful to dogs.

**SLOW DOWN WHEN DRIVING ESPECIALLY IN BREEDING SEASON
ESPECIALLY ON RAINY NIGHTS**



Sincere condolences to Robin Carter and family on the
passing of Annmaree



SHAKESPEARE – THE MAN WHO PAYS THE RENT by JUDI DENCH and BRENDON O’HEA

For anyone with a love for words and the works of William Shakespeare, this book is a treat. And for those who love Judi Dench this is her in conversations with Brendon O’Hea (actor/director). This is Judi Dench as her down-to-earth self being deliciously irreverent, peppering her language with some choice swear words. I alternated between reading this on my Kindle and listening to it on audible in my car. Listening to her knowledge of, thoughts on and love for Shakespeare was the extra cherry on top for me. At 92 years of age she is indeed almost the last of the great British actresses of her time and deserves to be called ‘Britain’s National Treasure’. Sadly she has Macular Degeneration so manages to learn all her words on audio these days. For those who prefer to read on a ‘proper’ book it is available at most book stores. I loved it. *Penny Marek*

RESIDENTS’ NETFLIX RECOMMENDATIONS

Secrets We Keep

Woman in the Shadows

The Survivors

The Glass House

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**American Old Car Lovers**

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1937 Alfa Romeo 8C 2900B Touring Spider

By the late '30s, Alfa Romeo was well established as one of Europe's top performance marques, having enjoyed a huge amount of racing success over the years. From these myriad victories, Alfa developed a series of road cars that have gained legendary status amongst collectors, including the "immortal" 8C 2900. Sporting an advanced, tech-laden chassis, a powerful eight-cylinder engine, and impressive coachwork, RM Sotheby's calls the 2900 "the ultimate Italian sports car of its generation."

Understood to be the very first built on 8C 2900B underpinnings, this example was displayed at the 1937 Paris Auto Salon. It can be distinguished from the later cars by the more steeply raked radiator and the horns built into the front fenders. Shown again at the early 1938 Berlin Motor Show, chassis 412020 also starred in the sales brochure. The car is believed to have remained in Germany and was spotted by a British soldier shortly after the War. A decade later it was acquired by an American sergeant and it eventually made its way to the United States in 1960.



What a beauty

THE DAMHUIS OF MELKBOSSTRAND

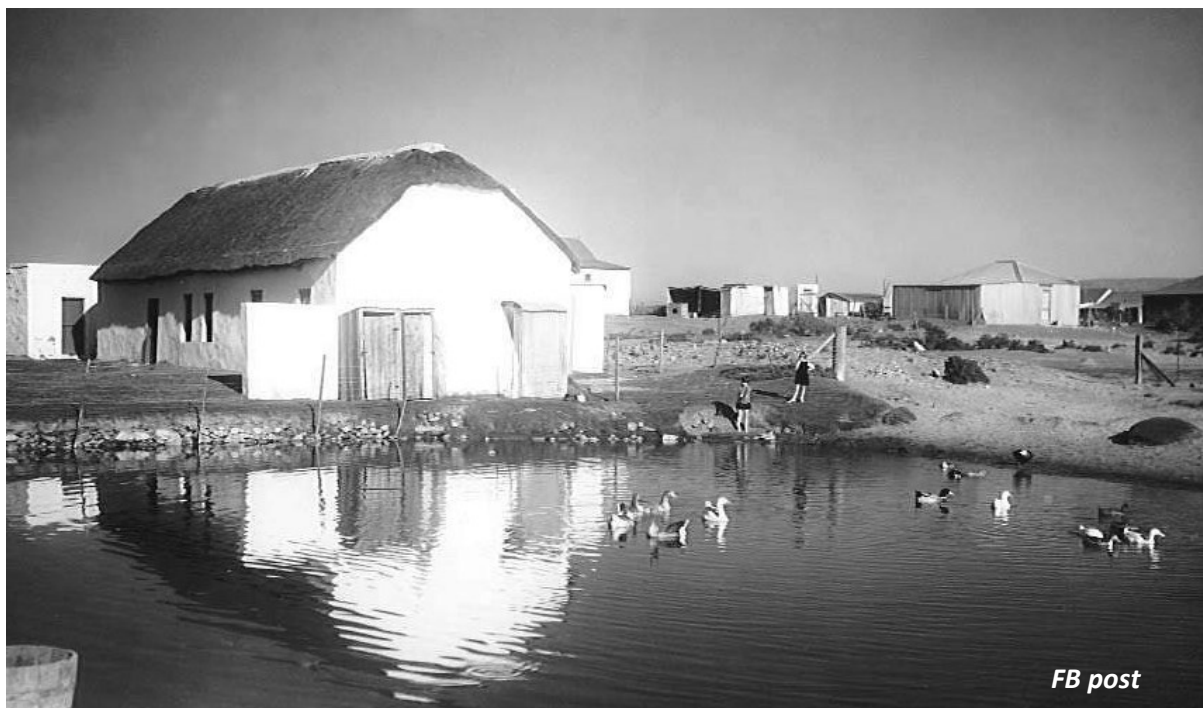
Located on Beach Road, the Damhuis (Afrikaans for “Dam House”) is one of the oldest surviving buildings in South Africa. Built around 1785 by Christiaan Brand, a whaler and early settler, the structure was originally used as a ‘visschuur’ or fish shed. It served as a place where fish were cleaned, salted and dried and included a separate boathouse used for storing nets and fishing vessels.

Constructed using traditional materials of the time - cow manure, sand, hay and whale bones, the Damhuis reflects the pragmatic building techniques of early Cape settlers. Some sections of the original structure remain unplastered today, exposing the historic fabric of the walls and offering a rare glimpse into 18th-century craftsmanship.

The Damhuis got its name from a freshwater spring that created a dam in front of the building. Although the dam has long since been covered by the development of Beach Road, the spring still flows on the property, preserving a physical link to its past.

The site also holds significance in the context of the Battle of Blaauwberg in 1806. During the conflict, the Brand family were forced to evacuate as military forces passed through the area. The house was damaged and looted, and Christiaan Brand later submitted a formal claim for the losses incurred.

In the years that followed, the Damhuis was used as a private residence. In 2009, it was restored and converted into a restaurant, which now includes various dining areas with names such as the Fisherman’s Tent, Die Voorhuijs and Die Stampkroeg. It offers traditional South African cuisine in a setting that maintains the building’s original character.



FB post

The Brazilian skydiver Luigi Cani executed one of the most important jumps of his life in the Amazon.

On this occasion, the holder of the world record for the smallest parachute jump in the world, took more than 100 million seeds from 27 species of trees native to the local biome, to a remote deforested area in the heart of the Amazon region.

When Luigi got within 6,500 feet of the deforested area, he plunged at 300 km/h,, reached the seed box in free fall and released the seeds at the correct height to ensure precise and even distribution.

The seeds collected for the project have a germination rate of over 95% and do not require human intervention to germinate, so in a few years we will see the fruits of this unprecedented action.

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THE STORY OF MOOIMEISIESDFONTEIN

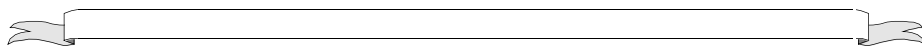
Mooimeisiesfontein is a historical farm located in the Eastern Cape. It is most notably associated with Piet Retief, a Voortrekker leader who owned the property from 1814-1836.

Retief built a substantial house on the farm, featuring yellowwood floors and a slate roof. The house was later restored around 1974. During his time on the property, he planted an orchard and vines, but the farm's main focus was livestock farming.

By 1829, Retief had already subdivided and sold a portion of Mooimeisiesfontein. In 1836 when the Retief family left on the Great Trek to the north, the remaining section of the farm was sold.

After passing through several private owners, the farm was acquired in 1910 by a group from Riebeeck East led by Dr. Hanekom on behalf of the Dutch Reformed Church. The property was then handed over to the State with the intention that it serve as a living monument to Piet Retief and be used for the upliftment of impoverished Afrikaaner children.

The original house was repurposed as an orphanage, and a new building complex was added in 1947, adjacent to the old homestead. The orphanage remained in operation until it was closed in 1978.





The Pomato is a real plant that grows tomatoes above ground and potatoes below. This grafted hybrid thrives in small gardens, allowing gardeners to harvest two crops from a single plant.

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Cut off date for September is the 22nd August

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