

Tourism Newsletter



Villiersdorp Tourism

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News from in and around Villiersdorp

Dear Villiersdorp Tourism Members and friends,

Things are slowly getting back to normal in Villiersdorp after what can only be described as a gorgeous summer Festive Season in our town. Whilst many people went away for the holidays, many locals experienced a 'warm' Christmas ordeal... Our Tourism office was open for the full duration of the Season, save Christmas and Boxing Day, and the stats on our visitors look promising.

Our records show that we had 177 visitors whom visited our premises and the Tourism initiative to be open even days a week is proving to be useful and very successful.



Our committee has been working nonstop since our AGM last year to attract more members and our Tourism Bureau stands on 36 members at the moment as well as 10 friends of Villiersdorp, with this group in total constituting different trades in general businesses, agriculture, arts, accommodation, food and wine.

We extend a warm welcome to our new members and we hope that we can meet your expectations and thank you for your continued support. Our Committee consists of 7 members and they have all been assigned various portfolios for the year. The office is managed and run on a day to day basis by Monika Brunda, Jacqueline Caithness and Sue Gow. Please feel free to go in there at any stage and you will experience their friendly service and assistance.

A recent initiative which our Tourism Bureau has implemented is an Art and Wine evening and one can view further information on this at: www.villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com We are also working on a historical route in our town.

We remind you of the Alwyn Vintcent which is going to find its final resting place in Villiersdorp and our Trekker Club (whom have signed up as members of Tourism) are hard at work in getting it here. This boat will be a great asset to the town and contribute massively to Heritage Tourism in South Africa. We say well done to Eniel Viljoen and his team look forward to the moving of the boat in the next few months.

We take this opportunity to thank our City-Fathers from the Theewaterskloof Municipality for aiding our Tourism Bureau recently with a R50 000.00 grant which will go towards various Tourism projects and the running of our office which is open seven days a week. We wish our Town Manager, Mr. Patrick Don and his team, all the best for 2012 and thank him for believing in us. We look forward to further working with our Municipal colleagues.

We encourage you to join our Tourism family and visit our blog of day-to-day events and news content. May you have an active and successful 2012.

Kind regards

Me Elliott and the rest of your Villiersdorp Tourism Team

PAST CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NEWS:

Villiersdorp Tourism AGM - September 2011- Catch the report and full story:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/13/villiersdorp-tourism-agm-14-september-2011-2/>

In October 2011 **Badger Berg Wine Cellar** put on a super Oktoberfest. For more info on this and photos visit the following link:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/10/25/badgerberg-oktober-fest-photos/>

The Villiersdorp **De Villiersgraaf Laerskool** put on a very impressive Carnaval and one can view this story at the following link:



<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/10/31/villiersdorp-karnaval-de-villiers-graaf-laeerskool/>



Yet another impressive **Stettyn Family Day** took place in October. More on this:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/10/31/photos-from-the-stettyn-family-day/>

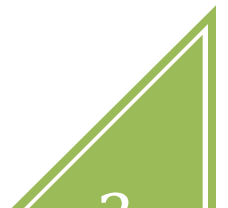


Goed vertrow Wine Estate held a luncheon in aid of The Tommy Prins Foundation:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/02/support-the-tommy-prins-foundation/>

Short Story BOOK by **Oom Petrus Roux** is launched- See photos from the opening and launch:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/13/met-n-lag-en-n-s-nuk-book-launch/>



Another successful open day at **Helderstroom Alpacas**:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/18/helderstroom-alpacas-open-day/>

Painting Courses with the Dale and Mel Elliott Story and photos of their past few painting courses and kick starting 2012:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/22/the-elliots-conduct-their-15th-full-painting-course-for-the-year/>

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/12/19/another-successful-painting-course-the-last-of-the-year/>

<http://elliottartonline.wordpress.com/2012/01/19/kicking-2012-off-with-a-banger/>

Villiersdorp Round Table with celebrities Amor Vitone and Karen Ferreira put together another magic show for the town and raised R35000.00 each for The Regina Kliniek and the Gemeente Sentrum- Well done Table...

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/11/22/the-town-recently-came-alive-with-the-round-table-melodrama/>

Dale and Mel Elliott (Father and son) open and host a successful Festive Season Exhibition from their Art Complex in Villiersdorp:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/12/19/dale-and-mel-elliotts-festive-season-exhibition-opening/#>



Bettys's Bay Art Society- Visit the Elliott Art Gallery for lunch and a demonstration:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/12/19/bettys-bay-art-society-in-villiersdorp/>

Villiersdorp Round Table hand over big cheque **to The Regina Kliniek**...Catch the full story:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2011/12/19/the-villiersdorp-regina-kliniek-kersboom/>



PRESENT AND FUTURE CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND NEWS:

Launch of a **New initiative by Villiersdorp Tourism**- For further details and

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2012/01/13/villiersdorp-tourism-art-wine-initiative/>

Mountain biking in and around Villiersdorp:

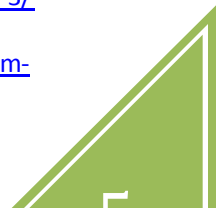
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<http://melelliott.wordpress.com/2012/01/18/673/>

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2012/01/25/mountain-biking-in-and-around-villiersdorp-3/>

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2012/01/25/finding-the-access-road-around-the-twk-dam-for-mountain-biking/>



Moonlight Market and Aphrodisiac Shack Deli

Contact Sean on: 0836825030, Email: aphrodisiacshack@gmail.com



Picnics are available seven days a week and are fast becoming very popular especially on Saturdays and Sundays so booking is advisable for those days weather permitting .

We are also launching the evening picnics. Picnic under the stars for February to tie in with **Valentines Day night picnic on the 14th** bookings essential as we will include Strawberries and local Champagne.

We will be having evening picnics for the whole month weather permitting so give us a call to check if the weather is ideal on 0836825030.

The Moonlight Market is celebrating its fourth Birthday at the next Moonlight Market on the 3rd of February with a great music line up to include the Worcester boere orkes from the Institute for the blind apparently very popular as well as our resident musician Ruan from Hermanus. Entrance is R10.00 per person and all kids free.

Please also remember (no cooler boxes are permitted) also remember that it is a outside venue so again weather permitting.

The date for the March Market is the 2nd March. Also a mention about our deli and the popular apple smoked trout fillets and the Apple smoked duck breasts that are selling out faster than we can produce them.

The Deli is also open seven days a week from 10am to 16.30.

Cranefields Wine Cellar:

We are having a Valentine's Special on our Cranefields Red Bishop 2007. Bottle is made up in cellophane with chocolate & card @ R40 per bottle, including VAT.

Shiraz 2007, Merlot 2007 and Cabernet Sauvignon 2006 selling @ R48 per bottle.

We will be at the next Moonlight Market and will be selling these wines.

Kind regards



Janita Montgomery

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Painting Courses with Dale and Mel Elliott:

<http://elliottartonline.wordpress.com/>

Leaders in S.A. of the Painting Holiday Concept!

**Dale Elliott
Mel Elliott**



VILLIERSDORP

Dates for 2012 Painting Courses

January 16,17,18	MULTI-LEVEL OILS /ACRYLICS
February 6,7,8	MULTI-LEVEL WATERCOLOURS
February 20,21,22	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
March 19,20,21,22	OUTDOOR PAINTING COURSE (for all mediums)
April 16,17,18,	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
May 7,8,9	ADVANCED OILS/ACRYLICS
May 28, 29,30	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
June 18,19,20	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
July 9,10,11	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
July 30,31 AUG 1	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
August 20,21,22	'NEXT STEP' COURSE – OILS/ACRYLICS
Sept 10,11,12	ABSOLUTE BEGINNERS OILS/ACRYLICS
October 1,2,3	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
October 22,23,24	MULTI-LEVEL WATERCOLOURS
November 12,13,14	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS
December 3,4,5	MULTI-LEVEL OILS/ACRYLICS

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Cost of Course:
R880 per day for three days R2640.00
Plus 14% Vat R 369.00



News on Hiking in the Franschoek Pass mountains and Big Oak Adventures:

Mont. Rochelle has approved the request that Villiersdorp Tourism sells permits + maps. They have appointed me as the contact. Also see the banner for their FB page... maybe you can use it to send out news about hiking in Mont. Rochelle. People can also contact **Big Oak** for guided hiking in Mont Rochelle. See our hiking pictures on face book:

<http://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100002452830440#/media/set/?set=a.360170130664907.104216.175485825800006&type=3>

Blessings

De la Harpe de Villiers

De VilliersGraaf Hoerskool 140th Bday celebrations:

De Villiers Graaf Hoerskool celebrate 140 years of existence and be sure to watch the spaces on their website and face book pages for more updates on events and celebrations which they have planned.

<http://www.dvghs.wcape.school.za/>

<http://www.facebook.com/people/Ho%C3%ABrskool-De-Villiers-Graaff/611358478#!/people/Ho%C3%ABrskool-De-Villiers-Graaff/611358478?sk=wall>

More on the Alwyn Vintcent:

From Andy Self: On the Alwyn Vintcent front we can report a breakthrough in the fundraising, with an anonymous donation of R100 000 towards the move! Now suddenly we're talking dates and times. We have to work the Move around our apple season and the April long weekends, so we have applied for the move to take place early in May.

There is still some cutting for us to do, then Portnet has offered to lift the vessel out of the water for us, a Cape Town firm has offered to pressure wash the hull and possibly paint it. All this has to be done as close as possible to the date of the start of the Move, which is likely to take three days. The route is via Nuweberg Pass, Wolseley, Rawsonville and into Villiersdorp from the north.

Huge publicity will be involved and we're still looking for sponsors; there's plenty of advertising space on the sides, which will be under the cameras for that time.

www.alwynvintcent.co.za



Report from the Chair of the Home Owners Association- John Glibbery:

“For those that have memories of the days when the Nature Reserve was a well visited attraction and the Caravan Park/Sports Facilities were utilised extensively there is hope that recovery to the former glory may be realised. The Villiersdorp Residents Association (previously Ratepayers) has lodged an objection to the rezoning of the “Caravan Park” property and its alienation sale. The latest news is that the proposals advertised by TWK are being referred back to Committee for consideration and that a team of experts from various organisations will be inspecting and reporting on the Nature Reserve with a view to re-establishing it as a major facility and attraction in Villiersdorp. At the same time proposals are being considered for the refurbishment of the “Caravan Park” and associated sport, swimming and recreation facilities. These proposals need the support of interested residents in Villiersdorp who should canvass Nic de Wet our councillor for this area.

The Residents Association (VRA) will continue to represent the Residents but need more members to swell the ranks and provide expertise in supporting these important missions. Assistance is urgently required to represent the Residents Association on the task team for the resuscitation of the Nature Reserve. The VRA has also raised the issue of tree preservation with the Municipality and proposed legislation for tree preservation orders such as that currently in place in Mpumalanga and the Eastern Cape. This will take some time but in the interim the Municipality has suggested that a preservation committee be formed under the auspices of the RA to recommend on proposed tree removal and planting as the situation arises. This will provide opportunity for the experts in our community to have a direct impact on the preservation and enhancement of the beauty of our town.

The RA is aware that many individuals in the community are already involved in the issues above; however, it will have greater effect if the Municipal Manager can deal with an organisation such as the VRA that provides a forum for reporting, objections, debate, and assistance.

The RRA is dealing directly with the Municipal Manager on a number of important issues in the Town including sewerage and sewage disposal, water treatment and supply, solid waste disposal, recreation, pollution and river management, traffic, and general maintenance of roads.

The minutes of the last RRA AGM and the latest meeting with the Municipal Manager Patrick Don are available for those with interest in the community

Further information on joining the Association and involvement with the community projects can be obtained from:

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John Glibbery 028 840 2622 john.glibbery@telkomsa.net”

Worcester Agricultural Show: See link for details:

<http://villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com/2012/01/25/the-worcester-skou/>



Farmers Market and Car Boot Sale:

http://villiersdorpevents.files.wordpress.com/2012/01/car_boot_sale_ad_2012.jpg

Kleinmond Tourism Bureau:

You are welcome to view our events list and news on our website
www.ecoscape.org.za.

Louise Fick
MANAGER Hanglip-Kleinmond Tourism Bureau
COORDINATOR Big Blues Music Festival Kleinmond

LITTLE TOWN, BIG BLUES

Blues lovers are excited to attend the annual music pilgrimage to Kleinmond on 2 & 3 March 2012. Early birds who buy their festival tickets before 31 January 2012 will save 25% on a weekend ticket and stand a chance of winning a Samsung Galaxy Y phone* valued at R1900.00, kindly sponsored by Kleinmond Cellular. These special ticket holders also receive a welcome gift at the festival entrance. Tickets must be purchased through Computicket.

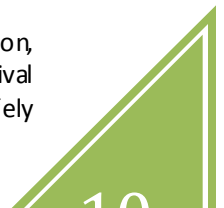
2011 marked the festival's first solo year as one of the country's premiere blues music fests. Organisers are determined to offer a bigger and better show, with an even stronger line-up of SA's most talented blues musicians on one stage over the weekend. Firm favourites such as Boulevard Blues Band, Dan Patlarsky and the Blues Broers will perform again, alongside the fairer blues songbirds such as Natasha Meister, Charlie King and Monique de Jager. There are some surprises on the line-up such as Vusi Mahlasela who will highlight the roots of blues and will certainly inspire.

The festival once again plays host to bands from up north such as The Black Cat Bones and now also Southern Gypsy Queen. Rock legend Piet Botha and the Lyzyrd Kyngs will return to the festival for a third time. Crowd pleaser, Gerald Clark will perform with Henry Steel Jr and Peter Hoven as Tony and the Trailer Cats, who will have just returned from their American tour in Jan 2012, invited by *The International Blues Challenge* in Memphis to take part in the biggest blues event on the American calendar.

And as if that's not enough, the festival takes place in the spectacularly upgraded Kleinmond Harbour, with restaurants, bars and interesting shops in the adjacent Harbour Road. The setting is breathtaking and will truly shine with Kleinmond and the Overberg's finest – from handmade chocolates to moerkoffie or a plate of "seekos" prepared in the traditional fisherman's way.

Partnering with Paul Bothner music, the festival is honoured to offer a Guitar Workshop and Vocal Workshop for aspiring blues musicians, hosted by two of the most popular artists.

The festival will once again offer value for money packages and offers to include accommodation, entry to the area's major tourist attractions and a range of additional discounts. General festival facilities include a 1050 square metre marquee for shade, safe parking, a buddy-bus to get you safely



home, a kiddies club, arts stalls and more. The full list of artists, with performance times, and festival ticket prices (Range R150 – R250 pp) are available from the website www.bigblues.co.za.

** with Android Gingerbread 2.3 operating system, 3" capacitive touchscreen 240 x 320 pixels, HSDPA, wifi, bluetooth, USB GPS/Geo-tagging and 2MP camera. Includes sim card and goodie bag.*

Gansbaai Tourism Bureau:

This year it is the 160th commemoration (The Birkenhead sank On 26 Feb 1852)
Various events are being planned and the full programme will be distributed next week.

However -

The Main service will take place at Danger Point Lighthouse (Gansbaai) on the 26th at 11h00. Everyone is invited to attend.

(The other events include a slide show etc but these will be communicated next week)

Thanks in advance
Glenda

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Beauty and Nature for a Better Future

Please feel free to email us your news and updates at any stage for the next newsletter.

May you have a prosperous 2012 and feel free to call on us if we can help in any way,

Kind regards

Me Elliott and the rest of the Villiersdorp Tourism Committee

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Events and news:

www.villiersdorpevents.wordpress.com