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LET'S LOOK BACK AT THE YEAR OF 2016



If I were to look back at the year of 2016, I know many of us have had great fun times. On the back of this newsletter I have posted a few of, what I consider, to be the FUN TIMES we had in 2016. Some of these times were 'serious' Fun Times—like the day at Bakenhof (first off a fun popcorn juice pairing & then anxiety when our poor coach driver had to reverse down a very long drive because the owner would not allow him to do a circle exit in her property—serious 'fun'); like the Fun Time in January when many of you told me after our lunch in Paternoster that you loved having time to interact with each other (look at the photo of Elaine & Margot chatting away) or Mel and Ruth sharing a Colouring Book in Pringle Bay; like the time in Darling in June when our burgers arrived cold and were sent back to the kitchen (were they even hot when you got them back again?!) OR the Time when our Dennis spoilt Laura with Chocolates in Franschhoek (or did she spoil him?!) Like the Fun (happy) time when we all heard that Heather had become a granny!

I have, and I'm sure you all probably have certain outings that you remember well & certain things that <u>made you happy</u> (or <u>sad</u>—or <u>maybe angry!</u>) At the end of the year of 2016 we all choose to remember what we want to!

Thank you for sharing the 11 Time Out trips with me last year. The definite highlight for me was the birth of <u>CAROLINE our very own Alpaca!</u>

It was the one trip that I never 'had to rush you away' - you were all very content to 'stay-put' and share in the miracle of her birth!



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Thursday

26th January,

2017

Coach
leaves
Constantia
at 08h45
and
Tableview
at 09h30

Cost for the day
which
includes
your transport,
entrance to the
farm and lunch
is R450.
Book & pay by
Friday
20th January

January is the time to visit Hoogwater Farm near Wolseley



The Hoogwater Farm near Wolseley provides luscious figs to the local market. Starting on Saturday 14th they open their farm to the public so our visit is well timed! You can pick your own figs (your entrance to the farm is included in the

price today) - you will only pay an extra R5 per punnet to take figs home! You can eat as many as you like whilst you're picking! Make sure to bring a sun hat and sun protection—maybe a basket to carry your figs in! - MAKE SURE you bring CASH TO PAY FOR YOUR FIGS—NO card facilities on the farm. Suggest closed shoes as well!

(I don't need to remind you it is January <u>and it will be a HOT</u> day)



Plan for the day

We will spend time on the farm (maybe an hour).

Make sure you bring along iced drinks - the only facility on the farm is the picking of the figs!

We then go to the DuToitskloof Wine Estate for lunch, where Melissas has



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Micro Herb Jarm-Weskuskraal

I am still putting the day together - at the time of doing this newsletter I was unable to confirm everything. So watch this space and come along and discover how Micro Herbs are grown very close to Cape Town (near Yzerfontein)!



Sadly <u>Margaret Olsen</u> passed away on 30.11.2016. We all have very fond memories of Margaret & her beautiful voice - she often just started singing on the coach coming home! RIP dear Margaret - we will miss you for sure!

SOME FOOT NOTES (FYI)

Unfortunately, the *price of hiring our coaches has risen*! The annual increase Hylton Ross has imposed is due largely to fuel price fluctuation, wage & salary increases and general operating costs. We now pay over R6100 to hire a 44-seater coach for the day. As you can appreciate I need to have a certain number of passengers to 'break-even'! You will also know that we have used smaller vehicles for a few of our day trips in 2016, BUT they come with their own limitations! (They are not that comfortable & usually slower).

I am going to do extensive advertising to try to attract more people to our monthly trips! Perhaps you can help me by speaking about the trips to friends and family!

I have another favor and ask that you **co-operate** and help me with **confirming your bookings!**

If your name is down in the booking file AND I have not received your payment by the due date it will be assumed that you no longer wish to come! I am no longer going to follow up with those who

you no longer wish to come! I am no longer going to follow up with those who put their names down and do not confirm their non attendance. I find this extra administrative work frustrating!

Of late I have had to pay for cancelled lunches - I might have to charge you if I have to pay for your cancelled lunch because you did not let me know in time! (I hope it doesn't come to this P.L.E.A.S.E. help me)

