

REPORT ON
OUTING

- February
Outing

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Ever get
That Sinking
Feeling?



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NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2014

TIME OUT Hits Hopefield

Our visit to Hopefield and Skoonsustersbos was an amazing day. Hopefield is nearly 130kms away which resulted in us arriving on the farm at 11h30. Amanda who grows tomatoes in tunnels took the ladies on a walk-about tour. Then we had the most amazing hospitality from Amanda, her sister, mom, friends and staff on the farm. Nothing was too much trouble and they produced a Mediterranean buffet par excellence. Yoghurt cheese; breads to die-for from **Once Upon a Bread** (Matha also lives close by on a farm); sun dried tomatoes and olives from the region. They also set up a mini-market for us which added to the atmosphere. Helena of **Simply Bee** gave us a talk on her product before we visited her shop in town. We all toasted "our Mel" on her special 80th birthday!



This outing has many happy memories - our sincere thanks to the Viljoen family for their hospitality.



Thursday
27th March

COACH LEAVES
TABLEVIEW AT
08H45 AND
CONSTANTIA AT
09H30

PLEASE NOTE

CHANGE-
AROUND OF
TIMES

Book by
Monday 17th
and pay by
Friday 21st
March

COST for
the day is
R350 which
includes
your
transport ;
fun wine
blending
and lunch

LUDDITE WINES IN BOT RIVIER

Pam McOnie (Di's daughter) alerted me to Luddite Wines. She took a group of Russians to the farm for a 'different' day, and raved about it on FaceBook. I contacted the owners, Penny and Niels Verburg.

Brian and I then did our usual reccie and found Penny and Niels and their property exciting! The majority of their wines are exported to the European markets. They bought this farm and completely changed the property. It is on top of a hill overlooking the hills around Bot Rivier. Penny's speciality is Wine Blending! She makes a fun thing of this.... So come along today and see how good you are at it. Penny will serve us lunch on the farm today.



PENNY AND NIELS VERBURG OF LUDDITE WINES

FEBRUARY REPORT BACK

**At Least There Was
Someone who Listened**

Hilda 'all decked out' for our trip to Hopefield.

Note the HAT and the
CLOSED SHOES!

(Some of us were 'caught out' and left our closed shoes on the coach!)

Not knowing that Amanda would change her farm tour to start as soon as we arrived, I had left my closed shoes in the coach! Did you as well?!



Thursday

24th April

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APRIL: *Destination* YZERFONTEIN

APOLOGIES

OUR PROPOSED TRIP TO GROTTO BAY HAS BEEN CHANGED TO YZERFONTEIN

I had been speaking to Marie Theron who lives on the Grotto Bay Estate and she enthusiastically welcomed our group. This was before she spoke to the Body Corporate who denied permission. The coach was too large and our group too big for their security! SO BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD. I had read of a new restaurant in Yzerfontein—Rooi Granaat and I will visit this restaurant in the next few weeks.

This Restaurant is run by two guys, Evert Smit and Marais Ziervogel. Apparently their décor reminds you of your granny's house.....

[More details in the APRIL newsletter](#)



This April trip is just after Easter and the weather should be cooler and a good time to enjoy the last rays of sun before WINTER.



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Hopefield Memories