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Re: Our 15th Anniversary:

We will be running a "Guess the Venue" Competition in June & July. (Newsletter & Website)

The start of winter in Tulbagh

Winter had set in as predicted for our May trip to Tulbagh. We left Cape Town on a grey day - and the day never got any better. It rained en route but fortunately not in Tulbagh. This gave everyone chance to either be a "Street Walker" (walk the streets of Tulbagh) OR a "Street Crawler" (go to the Saronsberg wine estate and taste their wine).

Eventually everyone met at Readers Restaurant where Carol Collins served us lunch in No 12 Church Street a house which was built in 1754 by the district surgeon. After his death the house was sold to the church for the Reader—sick comforter—of the congregation. Readers Restaurant has been operating in this house since 1997!

We eventually took our leave of Tulbagh at about 15h20 and this meant that we encountered traffic on the road home. On the N7 the 'truck' traffic was intense and with it being a single road very difficult to overtake in our large coach! However, by just before 17h00 the Tableview ladies got home with the Constantia ladies being much later because of the 'car' traffic they encountered en route.

"Good company in a journey makes the trip seem shorter"



Lunch @ Readers Restaurant

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Thursday
25th June

Coach leaves
Tableview
at 08h45 &
Constantia

at 09h30

Please note CHANGE OF TIMES

Booking & Payment Deadline: Friday 19th June

Cost of this outing is R400 which includes transport & a 2 course lunch



JOIN ME ON A TRIP TO STELLENBOSCH & THE LEKKE NEH RESTAURANT ON THE WELTEVREDEN ESTATE

People who live in the Northern Suburbs of Cape Town know of the 'On The Rocks' and 'Ons Huisie' restaurants - even 'Petits Four' would be very familiar! **Lekke Neh Restaurant** on the Weltevreden Estate is part of this portfolio of fine restaurants! The site has official heritage status and now forms part of the renowned **Seascape Collection**.

At their restaurant Lekke Neh they promote gourmet comfort food. Their acclaimed executive chef is passionate about producing Boland inspired dishes using the finest locally sourced ingredients (that are organic whenever possible) Their 80 seat restaurant with adjoining pub will be a lovely place to spend a cold winter's day!

Some history of The Weltevreden Estate: It was awarded to Hans Henke by Simon van der Stel, Governor of the Cape, in 1692. Piet Retief built the Monor House in 1812 for his sister Deborah. Today this Manor House has been lovingly restored and is a guest house.

The owner of the Estate also houses his personal Porsche collection in an especially built pavilion

Its all about 'LOVING FOOD' - LEKKE NEH RESTAURANT

Thursday
30th July

TIME OUT IS 15

Thursday 30th July is when we all celebrate 15 years of Time Out outings and 8 years of Traveltime tours!! Many of you have already booked, but, if you haven't yet done so, please let me know ASAP. Our 11 day Namibian tour starts on 7th July and have to provide numbers to our Venue BEFORE I leave !!!

The day will be one of FUN, (boy are we having fun digging up the past); GOOD FOOD, at a fabulous venue (Now did you really think I would tell you where it is?)

Cost of the day which includes a 3 course lunch is R400 per person! Please book by 1st July.

If you still have outstanding gifts you wish to donate, please let me have them by the end of June!



IMPORTANT NOTES

• Booking & Payment for Outings

We have always had two dates, ie 'book by' and 'pay by' dates, which of late has caused some confusion. Going forward there will be only one date, 'booking & payment deadline date'. This is important for me because most restaurants need commitment a week before the booked date and any cancellations (after numbers have been confirmed) become my problem. Yes, I do have people who book for an outing, don't pay on time and then cancel at the last moment. Of course cancellation due to illness does happen and we need to be compassionate. (Hopefully the restaurant is also compassionate).

• Telling the driver which route to take.

Before each outing we do a "recce" to check the best route as well as access to the venue. We then discuss this with the driver on the day to get his input before setting out.

We regularly have passengers offering our drivers information on 'better routes to travel' and we kindly ask you not to do this. If you have any suggestions, please talk to Carol (or Brian, if he is on the coach).



















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