



THE BUGLE



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CHRISTMAS EDITION

THE END OF AN ERA.....

Warrior Shellhole had its origin on an open stretch of land in Muldersdrift, Krugersdorp during the 1950's. The property is now up for sale and the Shellhole will need to move to a new home by January 2022.

A total of 25 cottages were built on the property by Warrior and Oasis Shellholes over a period of time. Due to the pending sale of the property all the residents will need to vacate the cottages by January 2022.

The decision to sell the property was not taken lightly and it was an agonizing decision taken after extensive discussions with the Shellholes, the District and Provincial Dugouts and PMC. The property is no longer financially viable.

SHELLHOLE

During the early 1950's 5 Moths got together on the stretch of land under the leadership of Vic Clapham who had served with the 8th South African Infantry in German East Africa (now Tanzania) during the First World War. He was also a founder member of the Comrades Marathon. The members decided to form a Shellhole on the property. The 33 707 sq meter (+3.4 hectare) ground was purchased for the princely price of 1 150.00 Pounds (R2 300.00). Warrior Shellhole was subsequently chartered on 9 February 1952. Moth Vic Clapham was the first Old Bill of the Shellhole.

The first Shellhole building was constructed by the members over the following few years and completed in 1957. Further buildings were later added, once again by the members of the Shellhole. Their dedication to the spirit of Mothing, True Comradeship and Mutual Help is further demonstrated by them having rebuilt the nearby private cottage of Moth McArdle that had burnt down during his absence from the property.

Moth O was very impressed by the spirit of the members and designed their Crest in 1957 which forms part of their banner. Moth O described the Crest as crossed Crusader swords.

Warrior has in recent years been widely known for its renowned annual potjiekos competition and Warrior Walk. Both of which were well attended events.

A visible marker of the Shellhole was the Centurion tank, Honey tank and Bofors gun which were visible from the N14 highway. The Centurion has been relocated to a Shellhole in the Free State, the Honey to Dickie Fritz Shellhole.

In 1952 Shellhole had a membership of	20
In 1962 it peaked at	63
In 2010 there was a low point of	17
The current membership is	36

At this stage it has not been decided where Warrior Shellhole will be moving to. Various options are being considered.



THE END OF AN ERA CONT.....

COTTAGES

The first 3 cottages were built by Warrior Shellhole members in 1958. A further 4 cottages were built by the members in the late 1960's and were known as the Warrior Cottages which were managed by the Shellhole.

At a Shellhole meeting in June 1969 it was decided by Oasis Shellhole under the leadership of Old Bill Alex Alexander to approach Warrior Shellhole with the request to make ground available to build cottages. The Warrior Old Bill, Jim Hay agreed without hesitation.

By April 1970, with the generous financial support and donations of material from Shellholes in the area, members of the public and businesses the Oasis Shellhole had managed to build 13 cottages. The work was done by Oasis members working in their free time. By 1972 the members had built a further 5 cottages and a Chapel for the use of residents and members of the public in the area.

At this point in time the 7 cottages built by Warrior were managed by a Warrior Shellhole committee. The 18 Oasis cottages were likewise managed by Oasis Shellhole. In 2002 the sensible decision was taken to manage both cottage schemes by one Committee. Warrior Oasis Cottage Management Committee, known as WOCMAC ,was formed under the Chairmanship of Moth Andy Boden.

The majority of residents have already moved to other cottage schemes in the area. It is reasonably certain that the rest, will also find or be assisted with alternative accommodation.



BY MOTH ADRIAN EAGER

THE PMC SECRETARY

PHOTOS BY PMC TREASURER
MOTH BRIAN BENNETT



A LITTLE HUMOR.....



We live in Politically Correct Times.....

The Pink Book serves to infer that the MOTH is sensitive to and is non-condemnatory towards the category of individuals referred to these days as LGBT. Pink is the generally-acknowledged colour associated with certain members of these groupings; whilst Socially/Politically “Correct” there are obvious connotative difficulties here....

It would be unacceptable to have a Black Book (a negatively -perceived connotation, often implying criminal, secretive or similar organisations), or a White Book, which would expose the Order to Race Card allegations as being a Racially-based organisation.

Neither would a Yellow Book be acceptable (again), implying a Cowardly inclination. A Blue Book cannot be used as that description is long in use by the Business fraternity. Similarly a Green Book would imply concurrence with the now-political organisation devoted to Saving the Earth, the Greenies.

Stay away from Purple, which would instantly be mispronounced in an anal fashion.

A Red Book would strongly suggest brotherhood sympathies with the late Mao. Orange would suggest a harking back to the old South African Flag, a no-no ... and the very old blue-Grey used in the 1950’s would suggest a Grey Areas, Indecisive.

So, the standard colours of the Rainbow, and the Spectrum, all appear to have associated problems.

A compromise in the form of a Camouflage or Brown (*ie* Nutria) would not be acceptable for obvious reasons.

A Front Cover featuring the present or previous National Flags of any country would also be unacceptable. Sky-Blue Pink with Monkey-Ball Blue polka-dots does nothing to suggest acceptance.....

Which leaves us with the very-probably only usable alternative, and that is to use the MOTH Flag, in the correct colours, complete with Tin Hat.

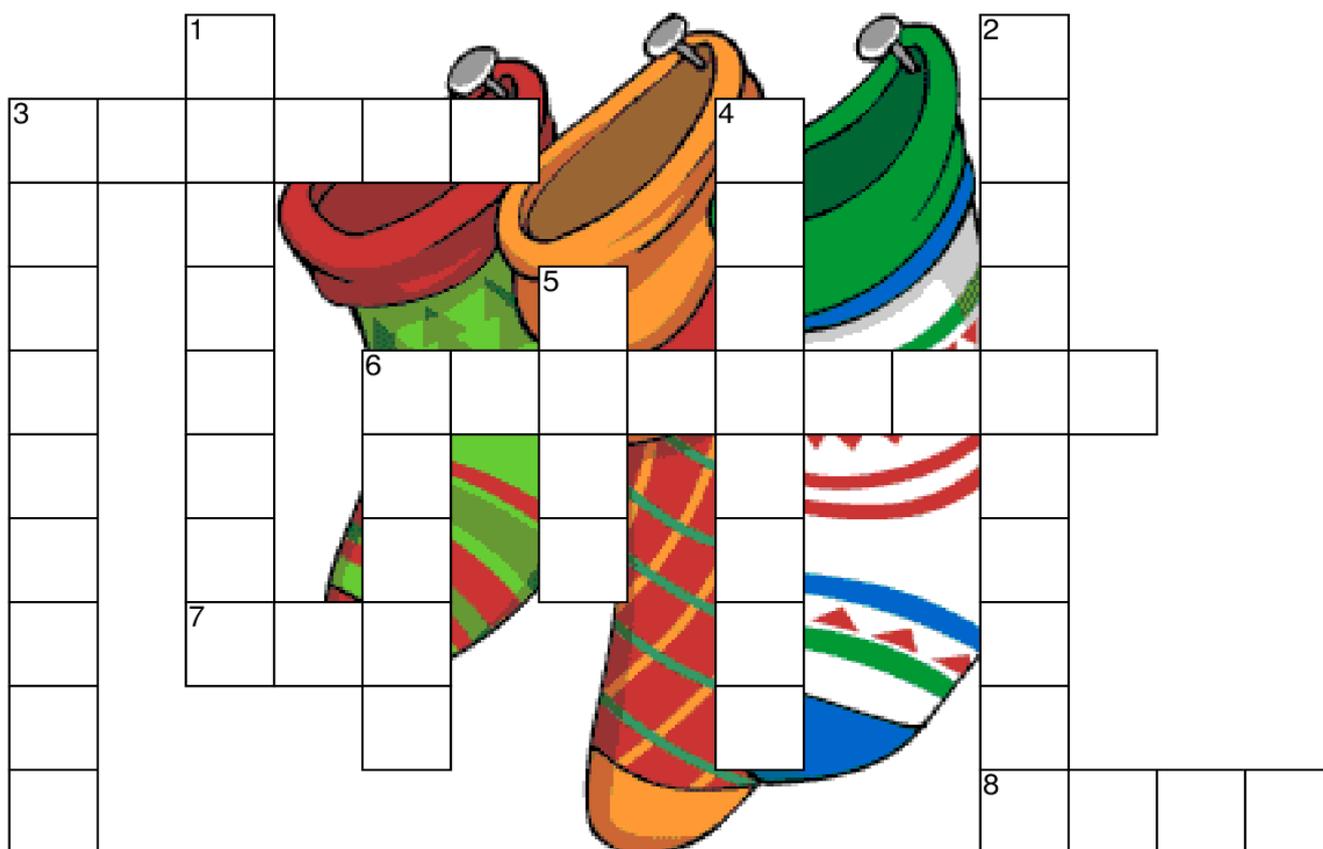
Cheers, Have a good day,

Tony M



PUZZLE TIME.....

Christmas Crossword



Across

3. What Santa rides on Christmas Eve.
6. Holiday filled with presents and cheer.
7. The color of Christmas.
8. It is usually placed at the top of the Christmas tree.

Down

1. The month you celebrate Christmas.
2. He wears a red suit and has a white beard.
3. We hang these by the fireplace.
4. What we find under the Christmas tree.
5. It is decorated with ornaments and lights
6. Type of cane that we eat at Christmas.



LEAST WE FORGET.....



REMEMBRANCE DAY

The other day I was looking at the poppies blooming and I saw the crusader tank.

I wonder who was the commander ,who was the crew of that mighty tank at our shellhole were it stands.

I imagine I hear the guns blasting, I hear the tracks rattling over desert sand, and the static voices over the radio. I see them in sweaty battle dress doing what they were trained to do.

After a fierce battle they share their fear and rations in comradeship next to their beloved tank.

Now the engine of that tank is silent, the tracks have stopped rattling and the guns are silent forever more.

The crew of our crusader tank are at peace, they did their duty, they received their final call.

The blokes of our Shellhole look at the mighty tank.

Our brethren we will remember you.



Johan Minaaar

Dardenelles
Shellhole

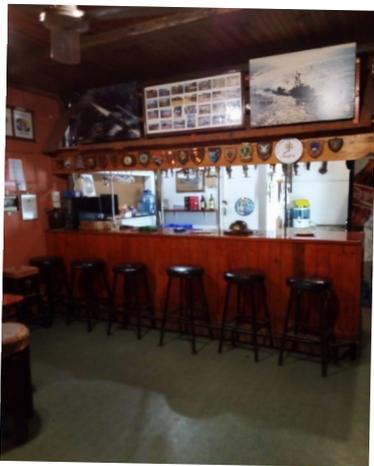
Photo by Brian
Bennett



KHAMSEEN...GREYTOWN KWAZULU-NATAL MOTH SHELLHOLE

In 1946, ex-servicemen in Greytown, founded a Shellhole known as "Khamseen"

(The big wind of the Western Desert fame) and in due course were handed their charter by National Headquarters. As far as can be ascertained there was a Shellhole in existence in Greytown known as "Lazy Liz" but unfortunately there is no trace of any records by which it can be shown who the original founder members where, many of who have been called to Higher Services.



For many years Khamseen Shellhole had no "Home" and used different venues for their meetings. In July 1984 they managed to secure the old Scout Hall and renovated it. Roughly the same time they acquired the land where the Khamseen Cottages are today. With lots of love, sweat and tears and fund raising they erected the 6 beautiful Cottages they have today.

Khamseen Shellhole has 12 active Moth Members, and the Lady Billie of Shellhole, is our Adj.

With the hard work of the team and support from our locals at our "Drinking hole" we managed to keep our heads above water financially. Due to the constant load shedding we have just acquired a extra-large generator to be able to power all the cottages and the hall. We also have electric fencing around the property. We are busy erecting CCTV Cameras; these measures have been taken to ensure the safety of our residents.

Each Cottage has two bedrooms, Lounge/Dinning area, Kitchen, Bathroom with shower and toilet. Some of the residents have added on a "Sunroom" where the stoep was and others have had a Wendy House erected next to their cottage, to give themselves a little extra space. Our residents are all very keen gardeners so between them all the grounds by the cottages are always neat and tidy.



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MMMM RECIPES.....

CHRISTMAS TRIFLE



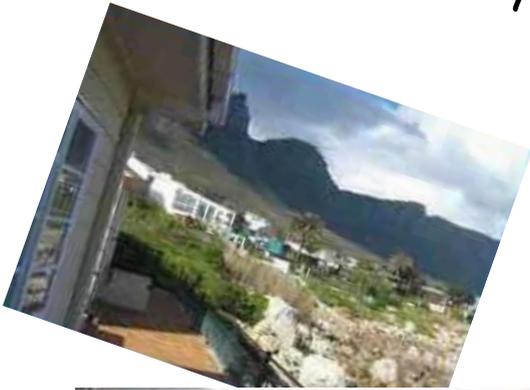
INGREDIENTS

- 2 x raspberry jelly 85 gram packs
- 600 ml thickened cream
- 395 gram tin of sweetened condensed milk.
- 400 grams jam swiss roll
- 830 gram fruit salad drained
- 400 gram sliced peaches drained
- 500 ml vanilla custard you can either make your own or buy a bottle already pre-made
- 50 grams flaked almonds toasted

INSTRUCTIONS

- Make your jelly as per the packet instructions and pour it into a large bowl and place into the fridge to set.
- Drain the fruit salad and peaches and set aside until needed.
- Cut the jam Swiss roll into 1cm pieces.
- Place the cream and condensed milk into the bowl of an electric mixer and beat until soft peaks form. Set aside until needed.
- Arrange half of the jam Swiss roll slices over the base of a 3L serving bowl and top with $\frac{1}{2}$ of the custard, half the fruit salad and peach slices, half of the jelly and half of the cream. Repeat in the same order until your serving bowl is filled and a layer of cream is on top. Place your trifle into the fridge for a minimum of 4 hours, or overnight if possible.
- Sprinkle toasted flaked almonds over the top of your trifle just before serving.

THE CLASSIFIEDS.....



WANT TO GO ON HOLIDAY

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THE COTTAGE IS FOR USE BY MOTH MEMBERS ONLY

FROM THE EDITOR.....

Upon reflecting on the challenges of the past two years, we can honestly state, that the conduct of our members was exemplary, and truly lived up to the three ideals of the MOTH Order.

I am really proud to be associated with the courageous Ladies and Blokes that make this order.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and Prosperous new year.

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CLAUDIA ATKINS

