

PINELANDS COMMUNITY FAIR

4 October 2003

The Pinelands Ratepayers and Residents Association is proud once again to hold this Fair which should give all Pinelanders, a good time on Saturday 4 October at the SAPS Sports and Recreation Ground, Jan Smuts Drive from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Attractions of the fair include : a variety of stalls with goods for sale; food stalls, a tea garden and cash bar, exhibitions and demonstrations, dog displays, a display on security and police work, various dance groups such as mass line dancing, modern, Highland and Irish dancing, a touch rugby competition, a jumping castle, quad bikes, pony rides, children's entertainment, etc. In the afternoon there will be a battle of the bands in the hall. There really is something for the whole family all day. Entrance is R5 per adult, R2 per child under 12 or R10 per family. There will be a programme giving the times of the events and details of the Fair. There is secure parking directly across the road in the Western Province Technical College at R5 per car. Alternatively there is parking at Old Mutual.

The Fair has a serious purpose as all money will go to charity. One beneficiary is St Monica's, Bo-Kaap, which wishes to provide affordable housing and care for the indigent, abused elderly. Another is Phambili nge Themba ('Going Forward With Hope'), a Methodist Church project at the Joe Slovo Informal Settlement feeding children and assisting parents to become economically independent through skills training. A third beneficiary will be Lerato's Rope, a charity started by the Baptist Church to assist AIDS children and their families. All these charities meet a genuine need, are well run, and the money will make a real difference to people's lives.

There will also be a raffle with a host of prizes including bottles of Italian wine, a beautifully decorated cake, Zippo lighters, watches, toiletries, a food hamper and vouchers for meals, hairdressing, clothing, video hire and line dancing lessons. But the BIG prize for which the organisers are deeply grateful to the Arabella Sheraton Hotel is a bed and breakfast weekend for two at the Western Cape Hotel and Spa at Kleinmond plus R500 spending money !!

Raffle tickets will be on sale
at Howard Centre
on Saturday 20 September.

PINELANDS FAIRS IN 1940

The Pinelands community has, over the years, held numerous community fairs. Possibly the most celebrated were two Pinelands Country Fairs held on the Village Green (the Oval) in 1940, each held over three days.

The first fair in 1940, the first of its kind in Cape Town, had an 18th century village constructed on the Oval complete with Town Crier and Village Idiot. The Fair was opened on 11th April 1940 by the Prime Minister's wife, Mrs J.C. Smuts, the Minister of Commerce and the founder of Pinelands, Richard Stuttaford, and the chairman of the Pinelands Civic Association, J. Bowes.

The fair included a masked ball, a maypole, open air dancing, and beer garden. Miss Isabelle McLeod was crowned Queen of the Fair and was dressed in period costume as were many of those participating in the fair.

One of the biggest attractions was Gretna Green, where the first "marriage" was between the Queen of the Fair and the Town Crier (ex-Mayor William Foster). The entrance fee was sixpence and the Fair raised over two thousand pounds for the S.A. Mayors National Fund for the war.

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for their own needs or charitable projects.

They would like to thank Pinehurst Primary School for the loan of their audio equipment .

The following have very kindly donated raffle prizes or underwritten expenses and the Association wishes to acknowledge the generosity of Barnett's Pharmacy, Dave Bevan, BP Garage, Virginia Bulgin , Caldis Jewellers, Chemist Advice, Chez Monet, Decorative Details, Dream Nails, Durr Estates, Fables Hair Design, Jenny Feldman, Foto First, Grace's Place, Hair on the Square, Homenet, Howard Centre Motors, Howard Centre Management, Jakes, Kwik Spar, Magica Roma, Maynard Burgoyne, Mille Lucci Ristorante, Musica, Norty Lemon, Pick 'n Pay, Rawsons Properties, Robelle Dress Salon, Pat Roberts, Salon Pia, Seeff Property Services Ltd, Stax Home Entertainment, Steers Fast Foods and Zippo South Africa.

PINELANDS FAIRS IN 1940 (continued)

Gretna Green Marriage.

It is to certify that

Augustus Bachelor and
Annie Foster Spinster

entered into Gretna Green and that they were duly welded together according to ancient Gretna Green custom, by and with the fire on the Anvil.

Dated at Gretna Green this the 19 day of happiness, in the year for our Mayors Fund.

9d.

Duly witnessed and signed

John B. Herrewasser, J.P.
Village Blacksmith.

GRETNA GREEN "MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE"
ISSUED AT THE TWO PINELANDS FAIRS IN 1940

The second fair was held in December the same year. It was opened by the Administrator of the Cape, Captain F Jooste and Mayor W Brinton and it hosted the same attractions as the first fair. The main additional attraction was the British Commonwealth theme and a highlight of the fair was a tableau performed by Pinelands school children representing all the countries of the Commonwealth. Another additional item was an exhibition of antiques, souvenirs and objects of historical value which was opened by Chief Justice James Stratford. Some of these items were later auctioned.

The funds from the fair went to the Governor General's War Fund and the British Merchant Service. The target was four thousand pounds with one quarter of this being raised on the first day.

FOCUS UPDATES VIA E-MAIL

Councillor Brian Watkyns has issued 30 report back newsletters in Pinelands and 20 in Thornton. These newsletters, which are produced at least twice a year, provide feedback regarding Council affairs as they relate to Ward 53 and Councillor Watkyns' activities in the Ward. If you would like more frequent feedback via e-mail, you may send your e-mail details to Councillor Watkyns at bwatkyns@icon.co.za and he will add you to his mailing list.

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