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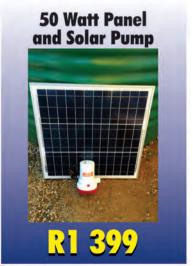












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FRONT COVER

SA's exhibit at the Chelsea Flower Show featured the flora of the Kogelberg Biosphere. It will be on show at Garden World, Muldersdrift from July 29 to Sep 4. See page 8

Your vote is VITAL

lections are important. Integral to the democratic process, they are the one opportunity ordinary citizens have to shape the political world around them. In South Africa we have two sets of elections,

one a proportional-representation exercise for national politics and one, constituency (or ward) based for local governance.

After 22 years of experience with the proportional-representation system many now argue that it is flawed, useless and simply encourages mediocrity, unaccountability and "snoutism" (the new word to describe the pigs-at-the-trough greed and profligacy displayed by so many of our public representatives).

This argument certainly has merit. How much better would it be if we reverted to a constituency system where individuals, preferably resident in their areas, would be voted into office by their neighbours, to whom they would be accountable for their pronouncements, decisions and actions.

Given the current focus on next month's local government elections that's an argument for another day.

For many argue that if you want to be a true servant of the people you should become a municipal councillor rather than a national member of parliament, because it is at municipality level that real civic decisions are made, which affect the physical surroundings of citizens, and thus the value of their lives.

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We're lucky with our councillor. You may not be so fortunate in that your elected representative may be an incompetent slacker. August 3, therefore, is your one opportunity to improve your lot. Your vote could mean the difference between an uncaring slacker and an energetic representative. That's why these elections are vitally important, and your participation essential.

On election day you will receive a ballot paper which, as in previous years, will have a myriad of voting choices, some being obscure political parties, others being of independent candidates. The fact remains that the contest in Gauteng this time around is between the ANC, the DA and the EFF.

Opinion polls are suggesting that there is a very good chance that the ANC's domination of the Tshwane municipality may be over, with the possibility of a DA majority (and as this edition went to press it was being clear through riots, arson and looting that many voters were unhappy with the ANC's choice of mayoral candidate). Certainly, the DA should continue to hold the majority in the Midvaal municipality, which it already runs, and equally certainly the ANC majority in most councils will be slashed, by increases in the EFF representation to the left and by the DA to the other side. Strategic opposition coalitions could also become a factor in our local politics for the first time, if a total of EFF and DA members is larger than the ANC number elected. How this will work in practice, however, is hard to imagine.

Another factor this election is the large number of ANC voters who have become sickened by the antics of Mr Zuma, his friends and his snoutist flunkeys. How will they vote? Some will certainly support the EFF, others the DA.

But there is a large group for whom either opposition party is not an option, the EFF because it is a leftist "bridge too far" and the DA because Mmusi Maimane is still too "white" for them.

It is vital that these voters do not simply stay away from the polls. That sends no political message at all. They must be encouraged to spoil their papers if they can't find it in their hearts to make a single cross.

An unusually large percentage of spoiled papers sends a strong political signal that society is unhappy with the status quo. Certainly a much stronger message than a low voter turn out, which merely signals apathy. And that we as South Africans simply cannot afford at this stage.



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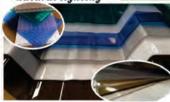
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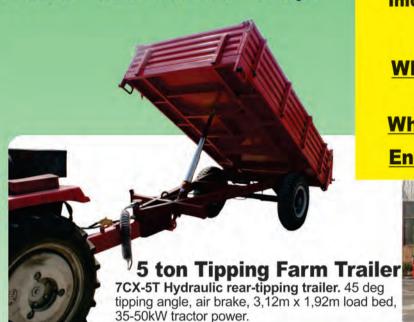
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Broken fences, pregnant bitches ~ Eish

Sir ~ We stay in Vischkuil and have four dogs on our property, all of them bitches.

The one dog went on heat. My neighbour's dogs keep breaking into our place to mate with the dog. Every night I must fix the fence where the dog comes in. Sometimes he even digs holes to go under the fence. Last week when my wife came back from town the male was in the yard and his penis was hanging out. The female started walking strange the next day. Three days later

and she is not drinking or eating at all.

We took her to the vet and discovered that the uterus was damaged due to the mating.

Cost of this now is going to be R2 500+ (she needs to stay three days to recover).

We did sent communication to the neighbour about the dog but they keep ignoring

Can we keep them accountable for the bill from the vet?

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Pigeons for weddings, funerals

ir ~ There is a trend arising which I find alarming and inhumane. People are releasing pigeons or doves at ceremonies such as funerals.

The idea is that the releasing of a white dove helps to begin the grieving process by opening the doors to "letting go" and is sure to live on in the memories of all attending the service. In principle, the trained white birds will soar into the sky, usually circling any number of times in a group before returning to

their home lofts.

However, I am not at all sure that these birds are trained. A friend of mine, who also lives on a plot, was selling his pigeons and someone wanted to buy them to release at weddings. Now, his pigeons are not trained at all and they are accustomed to being fed every day. If they are released in a strange environment they will be unable to fend for themselves.

I would have thought that

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NEWS

Chelsea winner comes to town again

or the 34th time in 41 years of exhibiting at the Royal Horticultural Society's Chelsea Flower Show, the South African stand won a gold medal this year, for its stand featuring the fynbos of the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve, between Gordons Bay and Kleinmond in the southern Cape.

The stand is made possible each year by the SA National Biodiversity Institute at Kirstenbosch and elsewhere, and for the past 23 years has been designed by David Davidson and Raymond Hudson, assisted by Sanbi staff and volunteers.

Although a concerted effort is made each year to showcase

the broad botanical and cultural diversity of South Africa, as well as the geographic range of the National Botanical Gardens, the stand often prominently features fynbos flowers. That's because

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sending birds to their deaths in this way is an inauspicious way to start married life together. Apparently they are also being used at corporate and civic events, allegedly to add dignity!

The websites of some organisations providing birds for ceremonies do state that their birds are trained and will only be released in a limited distance from their home base. Others however give no such assurances.

Mahatma Gandhi is alleged to have said, "The greatness of a nation can be judged by the way its animals are treated". I think our treatment of birds is just as revealing of us as a people.

Margaret D

Muldersdrift

BITCHES & FENCES

From page 7 And what would the procedure be?

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According to them we were supposed to sterilise the dog if we did not want her to have puppies.

They said that it is our fault in tempting nature and they can not be accountable for our stupidity.

Can I not do what I feel best on my own property? Please advise.

Wouter Steyn

Vischkuil.

My advice would be to have the bitches neutered.

Or if they are of breeding quality, to have them securely kennelled when in heat.
What do other readers think?

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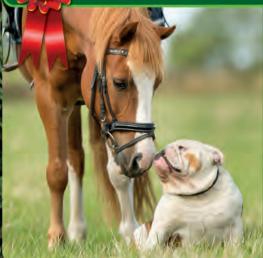


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the Chelsea show takes place in the northern Spring, while in the South it is autumn. Fortunately for South Africa, that's when the fynbos flowers, which is why such plants are used in abundance on the stand.

This year's exhibit therefore focused on the Harold Porter National Botanical Garden.



Arum lilies in a pond

located within the Kogelberg Biosphere Reserve. This is a place of great natural beauty and complex floral diversity that it is recognised as one of the world's greatest biodiversity hot-spots. A win at Chelsea has a farreaching effect. The Sanbi stand is one of the "must-see" attractions of the Chelsea Flower Show, drawing many of the more than 150 000 visitors to the grounds of the Royal Hospital in Chelsea,

Residents of Gauteng are also afforded the privilege of seeing this award-wining display as the stand is

London over the five days of

the show.

reconstructed as part of Garden World's Spring Festival from 29 July to 4 September at its nursery in Muldersdrift. This year, apart from the Chelsea exhibit, 22 gardens (the most ever) will compete for best on show and this includes the work of twelve landscapers who are participating for the first

There will be great emphasis on water wise Flora from the Harold Porter Botanical display gardens from Rand Water, and Sanbi's two Gauteng botanical gardens, namely Walter Sisulu and



Pretoria.

The Spring Festival programme of talks includes

gardening this year, with Garden in the Kogelberg Reserve.

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That's because they are saying, at this early stage, that indications for seawater temperatures in the central

Pacific Ocean point towards a weak La Nina effect developing over the coming months. A La Nina ("the girl" in Spanish) effect is the opposite of the El Nino ("the boy") that the southern hemisphere experienced last summer. With a La Nina event, ocean temperatures are generally lower than average in the central Pacific, which

sometimes results in slightly higher temperatures in the Western Pacific, the effect on the atmosphere generally being to increase moisture, resulting in increased rainfall over the land masses of the southern hemisphere, including southern Africa and Australia.

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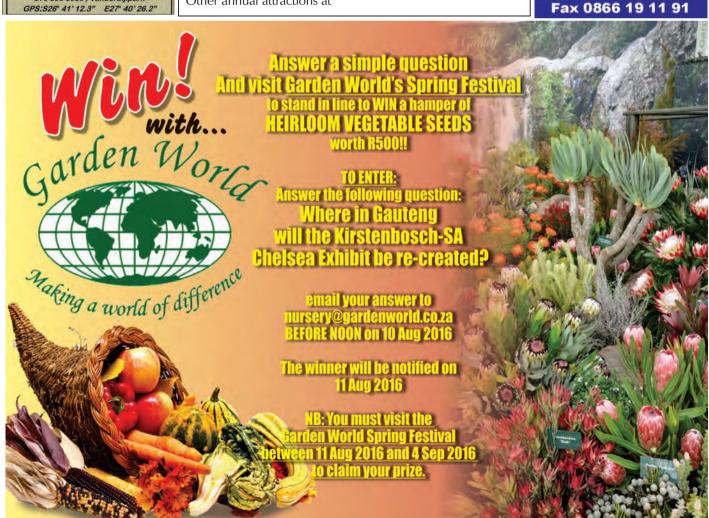
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Other annual attractions at

the festival are the school gardens, children's box gardens, and floral exhibits of the Gauteng Flora Union and Interflora.

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NEWS Indigenous, but undesirable Daff manual for Bankrupt bush control

y now, everybody must be aware of the various categories of alien invader plants (and other species) that we are supposed to remove and destroy, or otherwise manage, on our properties. Less wellknown, however, are those indigenous plants that can destroy a productive environment, especially productive pasture.

Among these is Seriphium plumosum, also known as Stoebe vulgaris, but commonly known as bankrupt bush or bankrotbos (because if you let it grow rampantly on your land it will bankrupt you), which has been guietly spreading throughout the country, including in Gauteng, it has been growing under the noses of those who have been focussing their efforts on the alarming spread of such much more attractive and colourful aliens as pompom weed and mexican poppy.

Bankrupt bush is a woody dwarf shrub that can grow up to 1m high and is really built for survival. The large crown may easily cover an area of 1m², over-shadowing and pushing out all other species, especially grasses that need to compete with the extensive root system for water and nutrients. The very small leaves restrict transpiration to a minimum while the grey to bluish colour reflects the harsh rays of the sun.



Close-up of flowers (larger, browngreen) and leaves (small, greyblue) on woody stems

Unpleasant smelling volatile oils keep away any browsers and fine seeds are distributed by the wind in their millions, which can lie dormant in the soil for more than five years. Growing points situated just beneath the soil surface ensure the survival of the plant against any fires or above-ground damage. Bankrupt bush occurs in a

wide area with a mean annual rainfall from 550mm to 800mm. It usually prefers well

drained slopes, but in some cases will also encroach into wetter areas and areas with slightly higher clay content. The plants are sensitive to salt as well as high levels of



nitrogen or soils with a high organic content. Bankrupt bush is however an

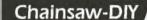
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cultivated fields or degraded veld, but from there will rapidly spread into adjacent areas, even veld with good cover and with a good species composition.

It is particularly prevalent in the Eastern Highveld parts of

Gauteng, but is found in the Eastern Free State, Northwest Province, Eastern Cape, Limpopo, KwaZulu-Natal and Mpumalanga.

The problem of bankrupt bush encroachment has become so acute that two officials from the Dept of Agriculture, Forestries & Fisheries, Paul Avenant and Ivan Riggs, have compiled a 52 page guide to the bush, how to identify it and its extent in one's lands, and best practices for its eradication and control.

Entitled the Best Practises

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KRAGDAG 2016



Reef Chainsaw Centre's two Pretoria branches put together an impressive stand of Husqvarna machines.



Left: Aqua-Earth Consulting

Now held with the support of Afrikaner worker's organisation Solidariteit, the annual Kragdag show ("doen jou eie ding") at Donkerhoek continues to grow.

This year, particulary noticeable were the large number of vendors of, specifically, solar electricity equipment.

Solidariteit lays great emphasis on education, and a number of exhibitors attended from this sector, including private academies with Christian leanings and vendors of homeschooling courses.

Home crafts of all kinds, clothing and collectables were also available, with food and drink in abundance.

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The Kragdag show is attracting an increasingly-large crowd, both of exhibitors and visitors, each year

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Left: Hydro-Scapes of Equestria combined pumps with solar power



The Sun Pays of Cullinan was one of many companies punting solar energy



Left: Sonkrag Solar of Pretoria East with an impressive low-pressure solar geyser

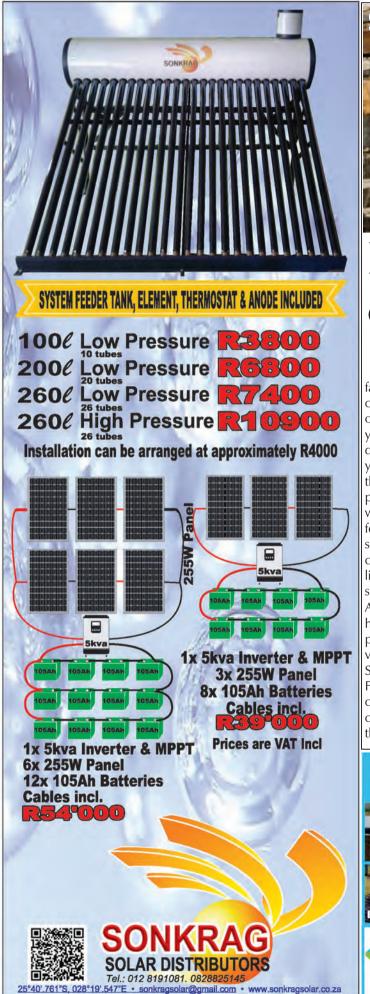
> Right: Connect-it demonstrated its unique fastening system.













How social media can work for YOU

orget for a moment the fact that humans with their smartphones are fast losing the ability to communicate verbally with one another (when last did you have a complete dinnertime conversation with your children without one of them clicking away on their phones?). Rather, consider the ways in which the various features of your phone and so-called social media could change the way you live your life, and do business, on your smallholding.

Already many communities have their own Facebook pages which they use for a variety of purposes. The Smallholder, even, has a Facebook page where visitors can ask for advice, or leave comments or links to items that interest them. We, as

publishers, in turn, use the page to notify readers of deadlines and developments as they occur, for example when a new edition has been published electronically to our website.

Down in Walkerville there are now a couple of active Facebook pages. One is dedicated to promoting businesses in the area, while another provides a useful online exchange mechanism for smallholders wishing to trade their excess produce. Bapsfontein has a Facebook page to highlight driving conditions on the notoriously dangerous R25, as well as security concerns. Gerhardsville and Rhenosterspruit residents have a page dedicated to community affairs and Continued on page 22









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13mm	×	13mm	1mm	30m roll / per metre
13mm	х	13mm	1.6mm	30m roll / per metre
13mm	×	25mm	1mm	30m roll / per metre
13mm	х	25mm	1.25mm	30m roll / per metre
13mm	×	25mm	1.5mm	30m roll / per metre
13mm	×	25mm	1.6mm	30m roll / per metre
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25mm	×	25mm	1mm	30m roll / per metre
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25mm	×	50mm	1.6mm	30m roll / per metre
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Galvanised BEFORE welding

Block size in mm		Wire dia.	QTY	
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25mm	×	50mm	2,50	30m roll / per metre
25mm	×	50mm	3.00	30m roll / per metre
50mm	x	50mm	1.60	30m roll / per metre
50mm	×	50mm	2.00	30m roll / per metre
50mm	×	50mm	2.50	30m roll / per metre
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15cm



SOCIAL MEDIA

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security, and many towns now have community pages. One in Benoni is dedicated to the town's past, the Springs page celebrates the town's heritage and (as to be expected, perhaps?) Brakpan has a page solely for off-colour humour. And there are now any number of pages carrying free buy-and-sell advertisements for secondhand goods, replacing the newspaper Classified pages (and even the classifieds in the Smallholder) of old.

Plus, of course, businesses (ours included) set up pages to promote their goods and services, sometimes just to establish a free presence on the internet, rather than paying for the development of a formal website.

These are just a small selection of the Facebook pages available to Gauteng's smallholders and residents and if you are not already a

member of a page, now is the time to explore Facebook and find out what's available and what suits your interests and needs covering your area.

And don't for a moment think

some pretty impressive algorithms that "mine" information from your online activity and sends back to you suggestions for pages you might like, advertisements

If you don't already have a Whatsapp group set up for your immediate family, do yourself a favour and form one. It's a free way to keep in touch.

that, just because you're not adolescent any more, Facebook isn't for you. Many, many middle-aged, even retired and elderly, people have found that being on Facebook has enabled them to communicate with long-lost friends and relatives who now. as a result of the South African diaspora, are spread all over the globe.

And don't be worried about security. How much you do on Facebook, and reveal of yourself, is up to you, although, to be sure, Facebook's back-office runs

you might be interested in, etc..

But it's not only Facebook that is making a difference in the lives of Gautengers. If you don't already have a Whatsapp group set up for your immediate family, do yourself a favour and form one. It's free, of course, apart from the cost of data transmission, and will enable you to instantly and privately communicate with your spouse, children and parents, even if only to check-in with them daily to see if they're safe and sound. This is also a

very useful and cheap way for parents to help children away at boarding school or university to combat homesickness. A daily message of support and love goes a long way to overcoming loneliness.

The community policing fora in some areas are also using Whatsapp as a way to instantly broadcast security and related messages to residents. These can include messages about lost or stray animals, road conditions, house break-ins and robberies, power outages, missing persons or other localised municipal matters. As social media evolve, it's fair to assume that some will grow and others will fall out of favour and become redundant. At the same time. there are bound to be new platforms launched to meet changing needs and consumer interests, some real,

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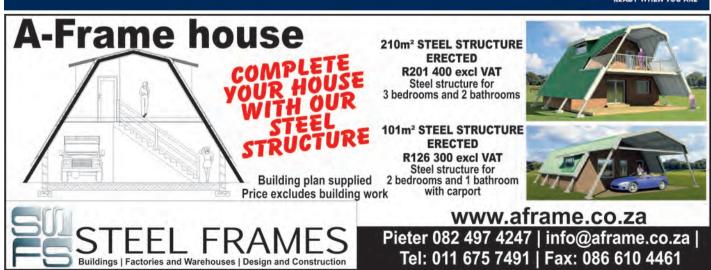
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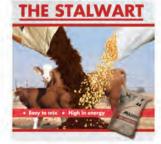
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BEEKEEPING

Success depends on vigour of the queen

he success of a beekeeping venture is dictated by the value of a good queen as head of the colony. Failing queens spell disaster

Some arithmetic by the Eastern Highveld Beekeepers' Association chairman Peter Clark to illustrate the ongoing value of good queens in your venture

Here are some numbers that illustrate the value of a good queen.

For our exercise, in our first year we start with 20 strong swarms headed by young one

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some merely perceived in the eyes of the developers.

For there's no doubt that the smartphone and social media are changing the way humans live, think, and do business. Many would say that some of this change is not good: Witness the obsession of teenagers with their phones, their consequent lack of social interaction, the development of cyber-bullying etc.

But much of this change is beneficial, both personally and commercially. In Zambia, small beekeepers use their

cellphones to let each other, and honey-buyers, know of when they have produce available for sale, as well as to communicate problems, price changes etc.

The Walkerville producetrading Facebook page is another example. If that page allows participants to trade their surplus produce efficiently and cost-effectively it will overcome the perennial problem that small growers have of getting rid of their excess, and getting paid for it. This, in turn, will lead to more smallholders feeling it possible to start growing and participating in the farm economy. Which will in turn generate a bit of extra income, and contribute to regional food security. And that's a good thing.

☐ If you have a communitybased social media presence that you would like publised to possible new members, send us an email with the details and we will publish them on our Facebook page and in the magazine in future editions. Email gautengsmallholder@gmail.co

year old queens. As an illustration, our apiary of 20 strong hives is in a cattle farming area somewhere on the Highveld, where we have a eucalyptus woodlot of 2 000 spring and summer flowering gum trees of a fair variety yielding good pollen and nectar for the bees. Each hive has been spring cleaned at the beginning of August. Spring cleaning is a beekeeping operation where from each hive the beekeeper has removed the two outer frames in the brood chamber and replaced these with two frames of full wax foundation in the centre of the brood nest by sliding the remaining eight frames, four on each side, outwards to make space. This relieves the brood area of congestion and prevents a

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swarm off of the queen. The gum nectar flow will be over four months, August, September, October and November, a total of 120 days, with the honey cropped in the first week of December, Each swarm will yield two super chambers of honey with an average of 20 kg per hive, for a total of 400 kg. The value of this honey at R60 per kilogram will be R24 000, or a yield of 165 grams of honey per day per hive.

In our second year, we utilise the same 20 swarms in the same area for the same duration of 120 days.
But beekeepers are losing an average of 20% of their swarms yearly because of the natural swarm off of our African bees, so to our calculations we can estimate that four good second year queens will swarm off at the

beginning of September, leaving us with new young developing queens from the beginning of October. These hives will only be up to

good strength by mid-November, but good for the established apiary of 20 good strong hives, this second year will be 240 kg plus 19 kg. at R60 per kilogram, a total return of R15 540. In our third year we are left

with four good strong swarms

Don't miss next month's article on beekeeping which will cover how to keep up the strength of your apiary by replacing the queens

following spring and summer flow. The honey yield will be 20 days of November at 165 grams per day for the four hives, equalling 19 kg of honey.

The remaining 16 hives will have a lesser honey yield because of the ageing of the second year old queens. The average yield per hive per day will be about 120 grams, a total from the 16 remaining hives being 240 kg for the 120 days. Therefore the total yield of the first

and 16 weak swarms because the queens of our first strong hives are now three years old and will only yield a poor return of about 80 grams per hive per day. 20% of these old queens will die, leaving 13 weak swarms and four good strong swarms from the previous year's swarm off. These remaining 13 weak swarms will yield an average of 80 grams of honey per day for 120 days. Our sums now read 80 grams per day for 120 days from 13 hives

equalling 125 kg, plus four hives at 165 grams per day for 120 days, equalling 80kg, giving a total at the end of the third year of 205 kg which at R60 per kg yields revenue of R12 300, nearly half of the R24 000 from the first year. By year four these older swarms will all die off because the life span of a queen is three years.

This exercise illustrates the importance of keeping the apiary up to strength by replacing the queens, and next month's article will cover replacement of the queens. Article by Peter Clark at 011 362-2904, author of *Tales of an African Beekeeper* and chairman for 2016 of Eastern Highveld Beekeeper's Association, assisted by secretary Mike Alter at 011 965-6040.









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Debunking some myths

he Smallholder has received reports of an unusually high number of snake sightings on plots this winter

Snakes do not actually hibernate in the winter. What they do is they brumate, which is a process in which they burrow underground and slow down their metabolic processes until the temperature warms up. It is a common misconception that snakes hibernate and many snakes can be seen on a warm day, basking in the sun, even in midwinter.

The Smallholder encourages plot dwellers not to kill snakes unless it is absolutely unavoidable. They have, after all, a

valuable place in your plot's ecosystem as they devour vermin such as rats and mice. Far better than killing them is to catch them, bag them and hand them over to a registered herpetologist or snake remover for humane release.

To do this safely you will need a snake tong and a snake bag, available from Snake Alert in Pretoria, tel 082 573-0710.)

There is a misconception that snakes do not like living on smallholdings where there are horses, because of the vibrations carried through the soil caused by the heavy horses' hooves as they trot and canter around the plot. According to Mike Perry of African Reptiles & Venom, snakes are not too perturbed by the presence of horses. "Snakes are sensitive to

ground vibrations but can also get used to ground vibrations, like a diesel generator, which causes vibrations, but may soon become a place of refuge as the snakes may hide under a generator because it is warm and dry there."

Also your stock of horse feed will attract rodents, which in turn attracts snakes.

He goes on to point out that

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finding rinkhals during the winter is quite normal, as they do come out to bask during a winter day.

"The next thing to remember is, because the sun is not as intense as it is in the summer. these snakes need to spend a much longer time basking, usually from 1000 to 1500 hrs. This leads to them being exposed to the view of the plot owners, thus they are being seen more often. They were there during summer but they were just not so exposed because they needed a short basking period to get to an ideal operating temperature, and then they move into shade or undergrowth."

The most common snake that occurs around Johannesburg

is the Rinkhals (*Hemachatus haemachatus*), a elapid (poisonous) snake closely

snakes."

If you are not up to catching snakes yourself, Perry is one

The most common snake found around Johannesburg is the rinkhals, which is closely related to the true cobras and which can rear up and spit its venom

related to the true cobras and a snake that can rear up like a cobra and "spit" its venom at its attacker.

Perry also reminds us that rinkhals do not feature in bites to people. "Dogs get bitten by rinkhals but that is because dogs will attack the snake when they find it in the garden, and the rinkhals will retaliate to defend itself from the attack by the dogs. If the dogs did not attack the rinkhals there would be no dogs getting bitten by these

of many herpetologists in Gauteng who carry out reptile removals. "All reptiles are caught under the permit system that is in place in Gauteng. The permit allows the capture and removal of reptiles that have made their appearance in domestic gardens or commercial businesses. These reptiles can be kept, made available to other member of herpetological associations or released back into the wild, 20 km away from where it

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was caught and into the same kind of habitat." Monitor lizards also turn up

in people's gardens, and these are normally released, again at the nearest river. African Reptiles & Venom also offer various courses in snake awareness, snake identification and dealing with snakebites. For more

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ANIMAL TRACTION

Eco-friendly option of value on plots

he use of animal traction over mechanised traction by smallholders holds many advantages. Animal traction refers to the use of animals to carry out a variety of tasks, such as:

☐ Ploughing, harrowing, planting, ridging, weeding,

mowing and harvesting,

Pulling carts and carrying loads.

☐ Driving water-pumps and pulling water from wells,

☐ Carrying building materials, earth moving, and,

☐ Mixing materials and providing power for threshing

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There are measures that you can take to discourage snakes from taking up residence on your smallholding.

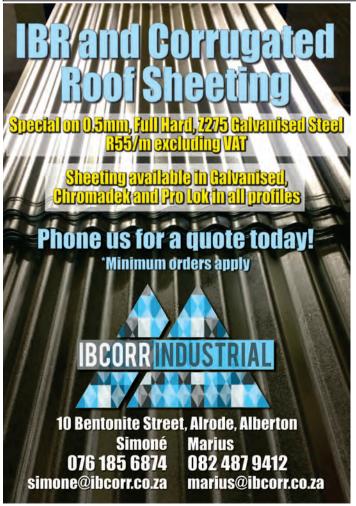
your smallholding.
Start by removing anything that might provide shelter or food for snakes. Keep the grass around your house well mown, as long grass is a favoured habitat of snakes. Also keep shrubs trimmed round their base and ensure that tree branches do not overhang your house or seating areas in your garden. Make sure that there are no holes in your roof that snakes

can get through - particularly if trees overhang your house. Ensure skirting boards do not have gaps under or behind them. Seal all holes where wiring, plumbing or gas enters your home. Cover gutters and drain pipes with fine gauge mesh.

Regularly sweep up leaves and other garden debris.
Fill gaps, cracks and crevices in brick and stone walls.
Wooden decking in seating areas should be solid, rather than slatted, to prevent snakes climbing through it.
Be aware that play areas such as wendy houses, tree houses, sand pits etc might be

appealing to snakes. Stack your wood on a suitable platform – such as a pallet – off the ground. Try to avoid piles of building rubble near your house or sheds. Compost heaps could potentially attract many different species of wildlife which, in turn, may become the prey of a snake, so make you heap far from the house or enclose it with a wall. There are commercially marketed repellents for snakes. There is no confirmation that any effective product exists to repel snakes humanely. Some people suggest using moth balls,

which do not harm the snakes but still deter them from coming inside. However, moth balls can also be hazardous to children, pets and domestic animals. Iohan Marais of African Snakebite Institute maintains that the only effective solution to keep snakes off your property is to cordon off the entire property with fine shade cloth. It has to be about a metre high and dug into the ground (about 30 cm deep), although given the average length of a plot boundary this could prove expensive.





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Donkeys are a common sight throught Egypt, this one pulling a cart on the streets of Cairo. They are often the family's only means of transport.

From page 30 per hour under such condi-

machines and grain mills. The benefits of using cattle, donkeys, mules or horses in this way are economic and environmental.

Draught animals are more cost effective to run than tractors, particularly for those who only use their tractors for a limited number of hours a year (ie, the typical Gauteng smallholder). For one shouldn't think in terms of the area of land that a smallholder works with his tractor, but rather the number of useful hours work that it does per year. Costs per hour for tractors of

various sizes have been determined by researchers based on 1 000 hours of useful work per annum.

These figures are often used to determine the rates to charge for small scale farmers who do perhaps 250 hours of useful work with their tractor per annum and where the cost

per hour under such conditions might be as much as three to four times that of the tractor doing 1 000 hours per annum.

Buying a tractor is costly, even for a second-hand machine. And, particularly for older second-hand machines, the cost of down-time awaiting spares (and the scarcity of some spares) is a factor to be born in mind (and you can bet your bottom dollar that, if your tractor is going to break down, it will happen just at a time of year when it is crucially needed). Some smallholders hire a tractor, but then they are not always able to do so when they actually need it. Using an animal for ploughing, etc, means less impact on the soil. Tractors wheels cause compaction of the soil. Animals, by contrast, cause less compaction and actually

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A pony being used for grain threshing





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contribute to the improvement of the soil through their manure. (The manure can also be used to make a seedfree manure "tea").

Tractors also contribute to air pollution (although to be fair, animals, through their rearend emissions, also contribute to greenhouse gases). Some small scale farmers actually use both tractors and animal traction in a complementary way. The tractors are used for the heavy work that

would normally take a long time with draught animals, while the animals are used for activities which they can complete in a relatively short time at a considerably reduced operating cost. Animals kept for draught purposes can be easily trained if the correct procedures are followed. Animals to be trained should be properly selected and should not be younger than two years.



The ancient skill of driving oxen is being preserved by certain heritageconscious farms in South Africa



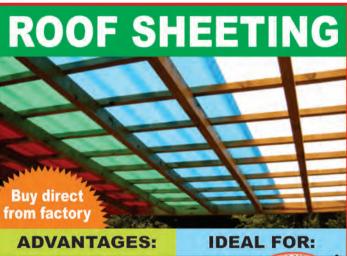
In many countries, notably in the Far East, but also Egypt, buffalo are favoured over oxen for cultivation.

There are some challenges when it comes to using draught animals, however. Not many people know how to go about using animals for these purposes and there is no doubt that the traditional knowledge of using draught animals and driving is being lost.

There is a lack of training in animal traction skills, both of potential agriculturalists and extension officers, and very little current research seems to be taking place. Much more emphasis was placed on the development of

animal traction in the decades leading up to the present century than is currently happening and many speculate that the idea of animal traction has fallen out of favour politically, being seen as "backward". This is particularly true among young people, and needs to be overcome for the benefits to be recognised. To keep draught animals, smallholders need to have sufficient grazing, or they must be prepared to buy in fodder and concentrates, or Continued on page 34

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to plant feed crops.

One has to be able to ensure that the animals are safe at night, as stock theft is widespread

Animal-drawn implements are readily available, although there is a need for smaller light weight implements that can be managed by women and pulled by fewer animals. And, research and innovation could help to modernise animal-drawn implements, carts etc, to incorporate modern technology such as solar panels to enable the greater use in rural areas of cellphone technology and the like.

Harness and tack is not always readily available, however, and in the case of donkey harness can be unreasonably expensive. Smallholders have been known to adapt small horse tack, which is not always in the best interest of the donkey.

Oxen harnessing is by means of the traditional yoke, skeis, riems and strops.

Horses, donkeys and mules are normally harnessed using the breast type harness with breaching, all of which is made out of either leather or webbing.

Animals should be chosen according to the type of work to be performed, the local environment, socio-economic conditions and the availability of local animals. Indigenous breeds tend to be well adapted to the local climate, feed availability, diseases and to traditional management systems.

Cattle are still widely used in South Africa for cultivation purposes. Oxen are favoured but cows and bulls will also be used depending on what animals are available to the family. These animals are large for most smallholdings, however. Cattle are also powerful and less tolerant of mishandling, so one really needs to know what one is doing.

Donkeys are better suited to work on small areas of cultivation. Most of them have calm temperaments and they are hardy beasts. They are relatively small, which means that women and even children can use them for a variety of tasks such as ploughing, transporting water and firewood, and for riding.



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ny dog owner who has watched a mother dog with her puppies will have seen that she licks them to encourage elimination and then she licks up the resultant faecal matter. This is instinctual and completely normal. A mother with pups is wired to keep her den clean so as not to attract predators with scent

However there are some adult dogs that eat their own or other dogs' droppings and Disgust Alert: The following article may revolt sensitive readers. But then again you may be the unfortunate owner of a pet that eats its faeces.

there are various theories

in appetite. So it is always a good idea to get your dog checked out prior to starting any treatment for coprophagia, which is what this delightful habit is called. Other theories state that the habit arises out of some kind of environmental stress or behavioural triggers, such as being kept in isolation or spending too much time confined in small spaces. Sometimes dogs feel neglected and they soon work out that eating poo is a surefire way to get the attention of their owner, even if it is negative attention.

Some dog owners have seen

improvements with a handful of strategies, including:

- ☐ Vitamin supplementation. There's been a long-standing theory that dogs eat faeces because they are missing something in their diets. Vitamin-B deficiency, in particular, has been a prime suspect, and studies have backed this up.
- Enzyme supplementation. Continued on page 39



about why they do this. There may be health problems, such as parasites, diets deficient in nutrients and calories, malabsorption syndromes or ailments such as diabetes, Cushing's, thyroid disease, and other conditions that might cause an increase

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OPEN FOR BUSINESS

Starting a profitable plot-based venture

or many smallholders the only way they can afford their properties is to run one, or more, businesses from their homes. While the choice of business should, therefore, comply with the relevant by-laws applicable in that area, and should not harm the environment or annoy the neighbours, there are still various factors to consider when deciding on what business to start on your plot.

Location, facilities, budget

and interest are some of the factors which will determine what money-making activity will thrive on a smallholding.

Location: Where your plot is situated in relation to towns, roads, developments and other settlements could

hold the key to the correct choice of activity. How far you are from your markets must influence your choice of enterprise, for transport costs can be the maker or breaker of a new venture.

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The modern canine diet is higher in carbohydrates and lower in meat-based proteins and fats than the canine ancestral diet. Some people have had success with a meat tenderiser that contains papain, an enzyme.

Taste-aversion products. The theory is that certain tastes and smells are as disgusting to dogs as the idea of stool eating is to humans and that spraying certain substances on poop will make it less appealing. Many of these products contain

monosodium glutamate, chamomile, pepper-plant derivatives, yucca, garlic, and parsley.

There is also much we can do to maintain an environment where the habit does not arise. Keep the dog's living area clean, including the yard, so there will be no stools for him to pick up. This applies particularly when there are a number of dogs in the household. If you take your dog for walks ~ as you should, even if it is only around your plot ~ take the

poop scoop with you and pick up after him immediately.

Training the dog to obey commands such as "leave it" and "come" will also help. Some animal behaviourists recommend training the dog to come to you for a treat once it has eliminated. We should not lose sight of the fact that dogs evolved as scavengers, eating whatever they found on the ground or in the wild, so their ideas of haute cuisine is somewhat

different from ours.







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In one respect plot owners in Gauteng are blessed when compared with smallholders and farmers in other provinces. Firstly, should you wish to enter the export field, producing cut flowers, mini vegetables or herbs, for example, you have on your doorstep sub-Saharan África's busiest international airport, with daily flights to any market you may wish to serve on our continent or overseas. But if exports seem a bit daunting there is a large urban market at your doorstep. According to economists' figures the Johannesburg market is under-served by the agricultural sector of Gauteng. Your plot's position on a main road might allow you to open a farm stall or its position in relation to townships or informal settlements may also mean that you have a source of labour as well as a possible market.

Most important is to inform yourself about the laws and regulations that govern your chosen activity.

Even in a small province such as Gauteng, where you are situated will make a difference to your climate, which will dictate the kind of horticulture that can be undertaken successfully. ☐ Resources and Facilities: What your plot comprises, in terms of topography, geology and development will also dictate what you can successfully do upon it. The number, size and type of buildings on your plot will also make a difference. A plot with a large barn or stable blocks will be suited to a different form of income generation from one with small cottages dotted on it. ☐ Budget: Some say a plot is a bottomless pit into which you throw money and, certainly, developing any

enterprise on one's plot will

capital, if not for buildings

require some degree of

and facilities, then at least for fertiliser, seed, animals, feed, machinery or other raw materials.

☐ Knowledge: It helps if you have some skills, knowledge and experience of the enterprise that you've chosen. Find out about courses that are available and look for books on the subject and search the Internet. Most important is to inform yourself about the laws and regulations that govern your chosen activity. You might need to acquire permits for example and you also need to know what health and safety rules might apply. Check with the relevant government departments as to whether they offer assistance and information. ☐ Interest: The motivational gurus call it "passion" or "drive". Whatever one calls it. it's the glue that holds all the

parts of a business together. For there will be setbacks. Drought or frost might wipe out your crop or disease will kill your animals or your main market could disappear. The extent to which you can rise above these setbacks and forge ahead again undaunted will dictate whether your enterprise will thrive or fail.

☐ Business plan

Some smallholders drift into a business from their plot ~ perhaps you have excess fruit, vegetables or crops which you sell and realise that there is a demand for your goods. Or you are so successful at your preserving or bottling that friends and neighbours are clamouring to buy your products.

Other smallholders consciously set out to start a business from their plots. But however you go about it, you'll need a plan, particularly if you need to borrow money to realise your dream.

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A business plan is not only necessary when you are looking for financial assistance or for initiating a business start-up - it should be an evolving working document that is reviewed regularly and adapted to the business circumstances as and when the internal and external environment changes. A good plan maps the course of action to achieve your business goals and aspirations; it is the operational tool that directs each and every step in the business.

Manage your cash flow Ensuring that you have sufficient to pay the initial bills, and managing your debtors and creditors is vital. Collect your cash as fast as you can, and don't pay anybody until they ask you to ~ that should be the mantra of the small business owner. Cash flow is affected by speed and volume ~ how much

A good business plan is the operational tool that directs each and every step in the business.

money flows into and out of your account and how quickly.

Ensuring that there is sufficient cash to begin with is imperative if one is to survive the first few months or even years in business.

So, when you are preparing the initial business model you should not only calculate how much capital you require for the purchase of machinery, stock and raw materials, but also how much you need to fund the cash flow.

How much is enough? The simple rule of thumb is to work out how much you think you will need ~ then triple it! Some knowledge of or research into the norms in one's chosen business should be the starting point.

Marketing strategy

Your marketing strategy is a

process that can allow a business venture to concentrate its limited resources on the greatest opportunities to increase sales and achieve a sustainable competitive advantage. A marketing strategy should be centred on the key concept that customer satisfaction is the main goal. Without customers you will not survive or exist. Possible questions to ask when formulating a good marketing strategy:

- Are you growing your business or are you entering into a new market?
- ☐ When and how will you sell your products?
- ☐ What gives you the competitive edge, how will you penetrate the market?
- ☐ Is there a gap in the market?
- ☐ Most importantly is there

a market in the gap? You might have identified a product or a service that is not being provided, but you must be sure that you have buyers for what you are offering.

Do you already have a market before you start your business? This provides critical information to a financier for a decision to be taken on a Continued on page 40



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loan application as it provides information on your projected sales and income.

☐ Who are your competitors?

☐ Have you considered the "4 Ps":

- ~ Price,
- ~ Promotion,
- ~ Packaging
- ~ Place.

Are there opportunities for value adding?

Will the macro environment your business will operate in affect your business and your marketing? There are six major macro environment forces: Cultural, Demographic, Economic,

Natural, Political, and echnological.

Advertising

The marketing tools at your disposal are direct and telephone selling, advertising and public relations ~ not forgetting, nowadays, social media.

Of all sales efforts, direct door-to-door or telephone selling is the most effective when used correctly. However, it is also the most expensive and the deals you make are limited to a proportion of the number of sales calls your or your staff can make.

When you consider advertising, try to make your expenditure as effective as possible.

Distribution

Once you have decided on your chosen activity, and have the permits and permissions in place, you will need to investigate how you are going to distribute your produce.

☐ Small scale: If you or a

member of your family works in a large company, you might be able to make enough sales among your co-workers without having to go further afield. Find out if there is a company policy which will allow this sort of selling to take place and, if it is allowed, think about how you can promote your products using in-house communication systems.

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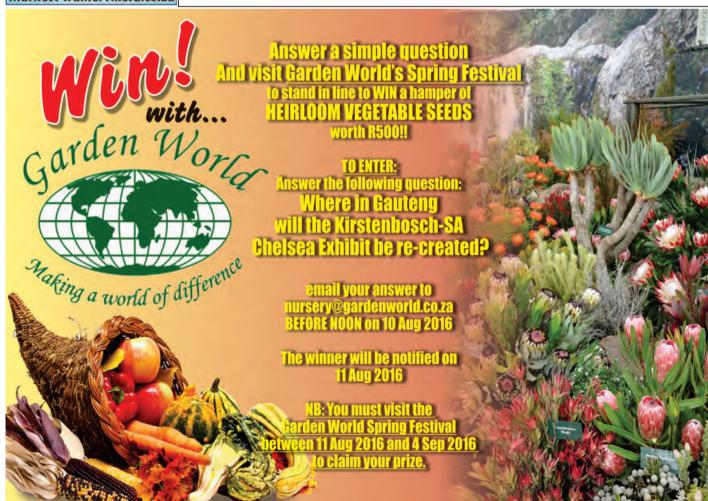
Farmer's markets: There are many weekend markets where one can sell homegrown goods. You will need to be assured of a constant and large enough supply of crops or products to justify the cost of a stall.

☐ Roadside stall: Once again you will have to weigh up the cost of manning it against the supply of produce that you have to sell. A roadside stand will only work if it is on a busy road, preferably close to town, and if the local authority grants you permission. Find a spot where the

BUSINESS
stand is clearly visible and
where there is space for
motorists to stop their cars.
Make an eye-catching sign to
advertise your wares. Ask
customers what they would
like to buy at your stand. This
will help you plan.

☐ Co-operative market: Working with other smallholders in your area might be a solution. Customers can collect a weekly consignment of, for example, vegetables, on the understanding that they will take whatever the suppliers are selling that week. This is valuable in encouraging consumers to be aware of what is available in each season and to plan their menus accordingly. Check what other people are selling and consider what you could cultivate that is unusual. This might need a harder sell to convince people to try something new, but it might be more profitable in the long







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Slide-together polycarbonate hobbyist greenhouse

hobbyist greenhouse small enough for a suburban garden but large enough to grow herbs and vegetables to feed the average family is available in kit form from Masbiz Trading of Boksburg.

Called the Mythos Greenhouse, the unit measures 248 x 185cm (8' by 6') and is made of multi-wall polycarbonate sheeting

panels, which slide into an aluminium framework attached to a galvanised steel base. The design is such that there are no locking parts

to attach to the glazing. The unit has skylight ventilators built into the pitched roof, and a hinged door.

Construction from polycarbonate sheeting gives it superior strength over flexible greenhouse plastic, and greater UV-resistant longevity. Nonetheless it offers more than 70% light transmission. And the multiwall panels prevent night time heat-loss far better than greenhouse plastic, a particularly important factor in the colder parts of Gauteng, where temperatures in small greenhouses



1,8m x 2,4m Mythos hobbyist's greenhouse

COOL STUFF made of plastic routinely drop below zero degrees on winter nights unless they are heated, which is hardly a proposition for a small home unit.

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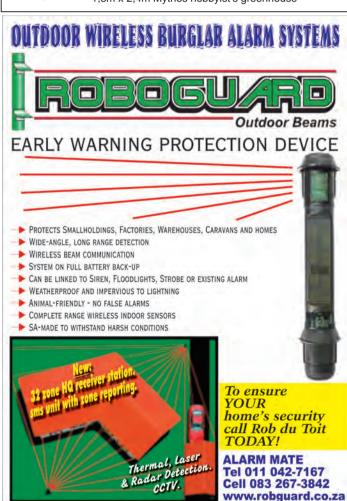
For more information: Smith Power Equipment tel 011 284-2000





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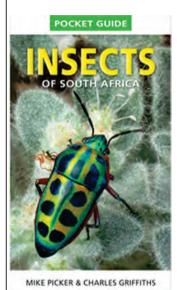


BOOKSHELF

Additions to your nature library

ere are some newly-published works that should feature on the bookshelves of any nature-aware smallholder.

The Pocket Guide: Insects of South Africa by Charles
Griffiths and Mike Picker



covers both common and interesting insects from South Africa, making it possible to identify a wide range of local species.

Some 431 insects are featured, many of which we may have spotted in our houses and gardens. Each is described with its key identification features, a colour photograph and distribution map. An illustrated guick reference guide on the inside front and back covers makes it quick and easy to navigate to the right insect group. It is published by Struik Nature and the recommended price is R150. ☐ The third revised edition of Making the most of **Indigenous Trees** by Fanie and Julye-Ann Venter is now available from Briza

Publications.

This valuable guide to indigenous trees should be within reach of every gardener, farmer, naturalist, nurseryman, forester and conservationist – in fact, anyone with a love and appreciation of trees.

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and animals, fibre and medicine.

- ☐ Properties of the wood and its utilisation by people.
- Specific guidelines on propagation and cultivation of each species.
- A map indicating the distribution of each species.
- More than 850 carefully selected colour photographs complement and illustrate the text.

A table on the utilisation of indigenous trees by wildlife, references for further reading and an index to the common and botanical names are included.

To order contact the publishers on 012 329-3896.

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BOOKSHELF

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☐ The S A National Biodiversity Institute publishes a series of books under the Strelitzia imprint, focusing on indigenous plants. The latest in the series is no 36 -Identification guide to southern African grasses, by L Fish, AC Mashau, MJ Moeaha and MT Nembuda.

Moeaha and MT Nembuda.

Identification guide to southern African

GRASSES

It is important for smallholders to be able to manage their pastures, so most of us need a good guide at hand in order to identify what we have in our fields. This identification guide relies primarily on the use of keys and descriptive information to aid the user in identifying a grass species. It contains some

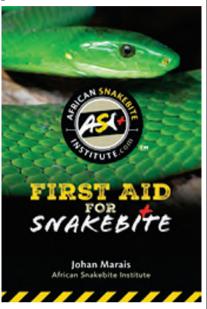
of the best information needed to identify southern African grasses. Keys to grass genera and species are provided, and in some instances also keys to easily confused taxa. For each species, a combination of useful characters is provided, and where applicable, line drawings of the spikelet or parts thereof accompany the identification keys. Species descriptions and

distribution maps are hugely important and add to the identification of grasses. The book is available from www.netbooks.co.za/ or directly from Sanbi at biodiversityadvisor.sanbi.org/li terature/4327-2/strelitzia/.

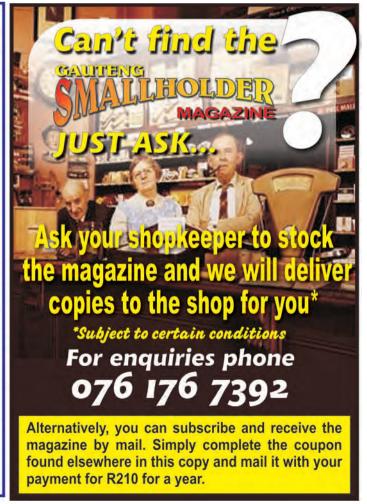
Living on the land as smallholders do, we sometimes have to deal with bites or stings and there are two useful books available to give us first aid advice. The first was the book on scorpions reviewed in the lune edition.

The second is *First Aid for Snakebite* booklet is available from the African Snakebite Institute and costs R40 including local mail. It is a comprehensive 24 page booklet that contains information on what to do and what not to do in a snakebite emergency, the use of pressure immobilisation, artificial respiration and

the use of a bag valve mask, what to do for venom in the eyes and a flowchart on what to do when different symptoms are observed after a snakebite. For more information email admin@africansnakebiteinstit ute.com or call 082 494 2039.









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NOTE: FARMERS' & CRAFT MARKETS. For a listing of REGULARLY HELD markets and fairs please see the separate section on page 51. Only markets that are held infrequently are now listed in this calendar section.

Every Sunday Cattle drive with City Slickers breakfast, Diamond X Cowboy Ranch, near Cullinan. Call Rudan on 082 410-3180

horses@diamondxranch.co.za www.diamondx.co.za., R400 per person.

Mnandi Methodist Church, 09:00, Mnandi Centre, cnr Tulip and Short Streets, Jen 012 651-5509. Gail 072 477-0708.. A small community who worship together. We have a Youth and Children's church

Premier Mine Presbyterian Church, Lower Oak Ave, Cullinan. Garden of Remembrance (Columbarium), 079 060-9990 or 012 734-1640, Worship and Sunday school. Holy Communion for all on the 1st Sunday of every month.

Every Monday Alcoholics Anonymous. 'Courage to Change' Group meeting, 19:30, Benoni Agricultural Holdings, Marcus 082 042-7730. Warren 082 335-0049. Glen 072 239-3024., If you want to drink – that's your problem! If you want to stop – that's our problem! No fees; no dues; just concerned fellowshin

2016

July

4: New Moon

4: Aphelion

12: First Quarter



15: Auction of livestock and agricultural machinery at 11:00 at 54 Glory Road, Muldersdrift. For enquiries contact Barco Auctioneers 011 795-1240. 18: Eastern Highveld Beekeeper's

Association monthly meeting at 186 Uys Street, Rynfield Benoni commencing at 9.30 am. Contact Peter Clark 011 362-2904

19. Full Moon

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- 1x Teffsaaier
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patsyspotions@vergeer.co.za.

26: Last Quarter

28: Algehele uitverkoping van beeste, skape en implemente om 11:00 op die plaas Trichardtspoort, Bronkhorstspruit. Navrae: Vleissentraal Ermelo 017 819-1106

30: Experience Chelsea 2016. Talk with David Davidson at Garden World. 09:30 for 10:00. Cost: R80 pp & includes the talk & slide show presentation, refreshments, as well as fabulous prize giveaways and entrance to the designer gardens. Contact Garden World on 011 957-2545, 011 956-3003 or 083 997-6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za.

August

2: New Moon

6: Delicious Urban Gardening: Growing Food in the City. Talk with Jane Griffiths at Garden World. 13:30 for 14:00. Cost: R120 pp & includes the talk / demonstration, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways.

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10: First Quarter

13: Designing Small Spaces & Up Cycling. Talk with Tuis/Home Magazine & Bernadine Drath & Fiona Lear at Garden World, 09:30 for 10:00. Cost: R120 pp & includes the talk/demonstration, a goodie bag, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. Contact Garden World on 011 957-2545. 011 956-3003 or 083 997-6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za.

15-19: Introductory Course in Small Stock Management at the ARC Irene. Contact Annetjie Loubser 012 672-9153 or aloubser@arc.agric.za.

18: Full Moon

20: Eastern Highveld Beekeeper's Association monthly meeting at 186 Uys Street, Rynfield Benoni commencing at 9.30 am. Contact Peter Clark 011 362-

20: The art of creating your own work. Talk with Lizz Meiring at Garden World. 10:30 for 11:00. Cost: R150 pp & includes workshop, refreshments as well as fabulous prize giveaways. Contact Garden World on 011 957-2545, 011 956-3003 or 083 997-6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za. 20: Mother & Child Fun Day with a Flower Arranging Course with Interflora at Garden World. 13:30 for 14:00. Cost: R100 pp & includes workshop, refreshments as well as fabulous prize giveaways. Contact Garden World on 011 957-2545, 011 956-3003 or 083 997-6142 or visit

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25: Last Quarter

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September

1-7: National Arbor Week

1: New Moon

1: Lunar Eclipse

5-9: Introductory Course in Beef Cattle Management at the ARC Irene. Contact Annetjie Loubser 012 672-9153 or aloubser@arc.agric.za.

9: First Quarter

10: Topic: In Tune with Nature - Join MayFord Seeds for a Fun Morning with Music in the Garden featuring Richard Cock & Tanya Visser at Garden World. 09:30 for 10:00. Cost: R95 pp & includes the event, a goodie bag, refreshments & fabulous prize giveaways. Contact Garden World on 011 957-2545, 011 956-3003 or 083 997-6142 or visit www.gardenworld.co.za.

12-16: Meat Processing Course at the ARC Irene. Contact Annetjie Loubser 012 672-9153 or aloubser@arc.agric.za.

16: World Ozone Day

16: Full Moon

17 September: Eastern Highveld Beekeeper's Association monthly meeting at 186 Uys Street, Rynfield Benoni commencing at 9.30 am. Contact Peter Clark 011 362-2904.

22: Equinox

23: Last Ouarter

25: Propagating workshop in the garden. From 14:00 to 17:00. Complete list of all ingredients needed will be given with prepaid booking. R60,00 per person includes refreshments. Venue will be given on booking.

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1: New Moon

4: World Habitat Day

9: First Quarter

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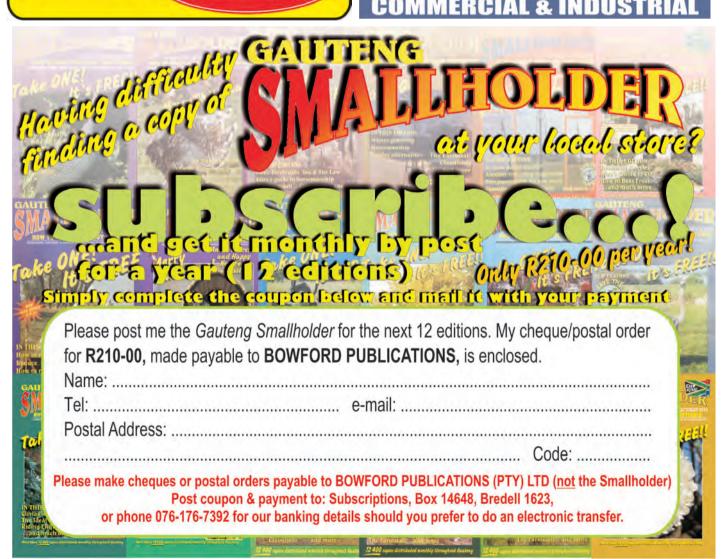
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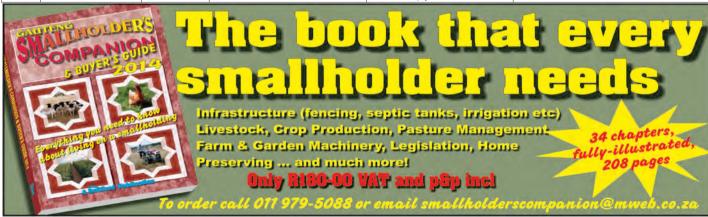




Regular Gauteng Farmers' Food Markets

NOTE: This is a listing ONLY of markets held to a regular weekly or monthly schedule. Markets held less frequently are listed in the DIARY section of the magazine and we urge readers to check each month for dates and events of interest. We would like this list of food markets to be as comprehensive as possible. If you know of farmers' food markets that are not listed here, please email us the contact details of the organisers, and details of the market. Only FOOD markets are included. Similarly, if you know of markets in this list that have CLOSED please inform us so that we can delete incorrect or outdated information. We invite you to tell us of your experiences when visiting these markets so that we can better inform our readers. Were they as advertised? Was the produce on sale plentiful, well-priced, well-presented and fresh? Email your comments to gautengsmallholder@gmail.com

DAY	WHAT	WHEN	WHERE	WHO TO CONTACT	WHAT TO EXPECT			
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Every Thursday	Bryanston Organic & Natural Market	09:00 to 15:00	Culross Road (off Main Road), Bryanston.	Konrad or Glenda 011 706-3671 or glenda@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za	Quality hand crafted goods, unique art and fresh organic and naturally grown produce			
Friday								
1st Friday	The Shed Night Market	18:00 to 22:00	109 Malcolm Road, Randvaal	Felicity 073 232-0017 or 081 011-9456	Food & craft market.			
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Every Saturday	Wholefood Country Market	09:00 to 14:00	Sawasdee Exotic Nursery, cnr Main & Zinnia Roads, Kyalami	Robyn 083 311-4768 wholefoodmarket@gmail.com	Variety of organic & homemade foods.			
Every Saturday	The Shed Food & Craft Market	08:00 to 15:00	109 Malcolm Road, Randvaal	Felicity 073 232-0017 or 081 011-9456	Food & craft market.			
Every Saturday	Pretoria Boeremark	05:30 to 09:30	Pioneer Open Air Museum, Silverton.	012 804-8031 or 082 416-3900 blinsga@lantic.net	Fresh produce and traditional bazaar treats like jaffles, kaiings with pap and boerewors rolls.			
Every Saturday	Bryanston Organic & Natural Market	09:00 to 15:00	Culross Road (off Main Road), Bryanston	Konrad or Glenda on 011 706-3671 glenda@bryanstonorganicmarket.co.za	Quality hand crafted goods, unique art and fresh organic and naturally grown produce			
Every Saturday	The Hazel Food Market	08:00 to 14:00	Greenlyn Village Centre, cor Thomas Edison & Mackenzie Sts, Menlo Park, Pta	Rietha 083 554-5636. www.hazelfoodmarket.co.za	Fresh produce straight from the producer. Coffee, eats on sale			
Every Saturday	Walkerville Farmers Market	09:00 to 15:00	R112 Main Road, Walkerville	079 076-7680 info@wfmarket.co.za	Fresh produce, arts & crafts, food court and kids play area			
Every Saturday	Walkerville Agricultural Market	09:00 to 15:00	K154 T-junction with R82	Dominique 082 775-0802 market@walkervillesa.co.za	Organic produce and Crafter's Market. www.walkervillesa.co.za			
Every Saturday	Bosheuvel Fresh Produce	09:00 to 15:00	54 Glory Road, Muldersdrift	Mitch 082 553-2846	Meats and vegetables, delicacies, honey, cheese, brewery, crafter's market and children's entertainment.			
Every Saturday	Jozi Real Food Market	08:30 to 13:00	Pirates Sports Club, Braeside Avenue, Greenside	083 532 2992 whitespace@mweb.co.za	Arts & crafts, music & entertainment, inspired cuisine organic vegetables & coffee, pet products			
Every Saturday	Market @84	09:00 to 14:00	84 On Main, Walkerville	Ariel 078 223-9238	Fresh organically grown produce and crafters market			
1st Saturday	The Green Market	09:00 to 12:00	Pretoria Botanical Gardens 2 Cussonia Avenue, Brummeria, Pretoria	Melissa 083 562-5249	Products ranging from solar equipment to organic food			
1st Saturday	Victus Christi Arts & Crafts Market	08:00 to 14:00	24b Miles Sharp Street, Rynfield, Benoni (north side of Bunny Park)	Schalk 082 561-9409 info@victuschristi.org.za	Arts & crafts, fine art, food, fresh meat & produce and home industry			
2nd Saturday	Brakpan Boeremark	09:00 to 14:00	cnr van der Walt and Dirk van der Hoff Brakpan	Marius 011 744-2322 082 904-8852	Over 50 stalls. Food, arts, crafts, etc.			
Last Saturday	Fresh2U Farmers Market	08:00 to 14:00	Corner Main Street and High Street Modderfontein (behind 33 High Street)	Jane 083 376 5567 Chantelle 082 338 7818 wardek@iafrica.com	Over 50 stalls. Fresh produce, home made goods, plants, food and more.			
Last Saturday	Fresh Produce Market	08:00 to 13:00	Lakeside Mall Boathouse	Alma 079 940-0201 realfood4realpeople@gmail.com	Local fresh produce direct to the public			
Last Saturday	Brrodblik & Koffeepit		R51 between Petit & Bapsfontein	bonniecoutinho4@gmail.com 083 458-3058 / 083 445-1608	Homemade crafts & food stalls bakery & coffee shop			
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Every Sunday	Fourways Farmers Market	10:00 to 15:00	Corner Montecasino Boulevard and William Nicol Drive, Fourways	011 465 0827 www.ffmarket.co.za	Get your groceriesIn the garden!			
Every Sunday	Jozi Real Food Market	09:00 to 14:00	Northcliff Country Club, Fir Avenue, Northcliff	083 532 2992 whitespace@mweb.co.za	Arts & crafts, music & entertainment, inspired cuisine organic vegetables & coffee, pet productsy			
Last Sunday	Aloe Valley Food, Arts & Craft Market	10:00 to 14:00	48, R511 Doornrandjies	012 669-3043 info@serendiptiycafe.co.za www.serendipitycafe.co.za	Community market to promote local business			



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A maplotter of big dreams

dedicated Walkerville smallholder, and good friend to this magazine, Rowan Roberts, died suddenly last month, just six days short of his 60th birthday. His death ~ a great loss to his family, his friends and his community ~ gives one pause to focus on the life of a classic working smallholder and his relationship with the land, his animals and his lifestyle.

For Rowan, an immigrant from England, was a classic working smallholder, until last year when he was retrenched.

On his plot in Walkerville he had, over the years, done all the things that so many of us do, starting with dreaming big. We envisage our plots becoming productive little pieces of heaven. We'll build this barn, that stable block, put up a water tank stand over there, dig a pond for ducks in the corner, plough up the bottom field for a commercial vegetable operation, erect a greenhouse, plant fruit trees ... sounding familiar yet? Many of us achieve quite remarkable things on our plots over the years, and learn (and spend) a lot in the process. Others do what they can, as time and finances allow.

Rowan did many of these things, balancing the long hours of commuting, and a job in Joburg, with time on the plot with family and friends, and building, scheming and planning, and like so many of us, too, acquiring livestock along the way. He was also an active member of the wider smallholder community. In the early days of our internet-based smallholder's forum, Rowan joined up and became an frequent contributor to the chatrooms we established. His often very sound advice and good humour made him many friends among our readership. In time, his two sisters and his mother in England became active members of the smallholders' forum, too, and many posts were made comparing the differences in seasons, weather, lifestyle etc, between the two countries.

The internet, of course is a truly international thing, and our smallholders' forum attracted interest all over the world. One of those far-flung people who joined turned out to be Rowan's long-lost cousin living in New Zealand, so the *Smallholder* was able to play a small part in reuniting family members. But more than just being an active member of our internet forum, he was an active member of his community. Young people at his funeral — neighbours and offspring of friends — spoke of how he would spend time introducing them to his livestock, and teaching them how to work with his ponies, etc. And beyond the surrounds of his plot in Walkerville he was an

enthusiastic participant in the workings of the steam machinery of the Sylviavale Heritage Museum in Van der Bijl Park (which, incidentally, is well-worth a visit if you haven't already been). His knowledge of steam power was legendary, and his ability to impart knowledge in a clear and logical manner was appreciated by the many who congregated around him when he started talking.

Not many years ago, he found, and bought, a derelict Austin

Vanden Plas Princess and brought it home with a view to restoring it. If you know your motoring history you will recall that this was the top-ofthe-range Austin, produced from the late Fifties to the mid-Sixties and powered by a three or four litre Rolls-Royce engine, and with the luxury coachwork including leather seats, genuine walnut fascia and fold-out-walnut picnic tables for the rear seat passengers. Utter luxury, and quite rare, especially in South



The Sixties were a long time

ago, and Rowan's car had been used for some decades as chicken housing or some-such. The leather seats were non-existent, and the deep cut-pile carpeting was covered in a thick layer of dust and rat droppings.

As anyone who has restored an old car will tell you, such a project quickly becomes a nightmare because, as you strip out the old carpeting you get to see the corrosion holes in the bodywork and chassis, and every turn of a rusty bolt reveals a terminally-worn, cracked or rusted component that will cost a fortune in time and money to source and replace.

How far Rowan had got with his car I have no idea, but I'm sure that, had he completed the project it would have been immaculately done, with great patience and care.

As it is, it now joins the hundreds of old cars, bikes and tractors lying in garages and sheds on Gauteng's plots, the stalled restoration projects that highlight the dreams and plans of myriad true smallholders like Rowan Roberts.



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