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## HERITAGE FOUNDATION

Dear members,

Ernest Job, stalwart of the Parktown and Westcliff Heritage Trust and its successor, the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation, died suddenly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February. In honour of his memory, we dedicate this quarter's programme to Ernie, and include the eulogy Flo Bird delivered at his funeral.

He will be sorely missed, but I have no doubt that he is expertly navigating the great tour bus in the sky.

Yours sincerely,

Brett McDougall

### ERNEST JOB

Ernest Job entered my life 25 years ago when he and Winnie volunteered to assist with the Parktown and Westcliff Heritage Trust. Winnie was keen to become a guide and Ernie was there to support whatever she did. The spin-off for us was that year after year he took on more and more, expanding our Heritage Weekends especially so that they became quite unthinkable without Ernie and the Job Family. He trained himself as a first class navigator, learned the capabilities of buses and bus drivers, which corners they could handle and which trees must be avoided. He taught us the rules of navigating tours – concentrating on the route and the driver, and watching in case the planned stopping or slowing down just wasn't possible. He even taught many tour leaders that we simply had to keep to time if we wanted the bus to take us back to the school.

Ernie coped with the crises and foibles which he knew were inevitable and he did so with good humour, ever ready to laugh after the event.

My son William swears this story is true:

On one occasion, I think it was the mining tour to the East Rand the bus was rather full of old ladies. One old dear tottered to the front of the bus and offered him a handful of almonds. "Please take them. Our teeth just can't cope with the nuts."

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So he graciously accepted and ate the almonds. About 20 minutes later she repeated her totter to the front. Collapsing in his arms as the bus navigated a corner, she said: "Here are some more. I hope you enjoy them." He managed to get her back to her seat and once again ate up all the almonds. He was concentrating hard on the next turn off which should have been to ERPM when down the aisle she tottered yet again. This time she had to sit on the occasional lap as the bus turned the corner. He accepted the almonds, but said: "Why do you buy almonds if you can't eat them? " She replied: "Oh we don't buy the almonds, we just love the chocolate coating!"

It is hard now to remember the times when the buses broke down and even got lost, because once Ernie had taken over the organisation of our bus tours, we had no disasters. He created a built a new set-up ensuring that the sound system worked so that both upstairs and downstairs could enjoy the words of wisdom from the guides and also enjoy the views over garden walls.

When we changed name to the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation he joined Winnie on the Board of Management and astounded me by his always sensible advice on committee rules. Afterwards I remembered just how many committee meetings Ernie must have endured. He served on PTA's when his children were at school. The Parish Council and committees for church functions. Then came the Friends of the James Hall Transport Museum. I am not sure if he attended any board meetings for the S.A. Blood Transfusion Service, but he literally gave buckets of blood in his lifetime as a donor, truly a National Service.

To the Parktown and Westcliff Heritage Trust and its successor the Johannesburg Heritage Foundation, Ernie was a treasured and most valued member. I know we will miss his energy and resourcefulness more and more as time goes by. We have been promised though that his son James will be coming to fill his shoes.

They are big shoes you'll be filling, dear James. Very, very, big shoes and to all his family I want to say: be proud and walk tall in his footsteps. He was a lovely person, a generous and honourable human being and a very fine man.

He gave so much more than he ever received.

Flo Bird

## **WALKING TOUR 'JOHANNESBURG COUNTRY CLUB'**

**SATURDAY, 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

Explore this relatively little known but idyllic corner of Johannesburg by spending an autumn afternoon enjoying the superb gardens, and hearing something of the history of the Club so closely tied to that of Johannesburg. We will visit the Secretary's Residence and its lovely garden; we will view the original squash court with its antique, but very effective air-conditioning system and pay our respects at the Garden of Remembrance. The old stable, where Members' horses were attended to, and where the polo ponies and hunters were stabled, will be seen, and we will hear about the original spruit (still running) and the lake that developed out of the farm dam where the beaux of Johannesburg punted with their young ladies. The afternoon will end with tea and scones on the terrace.

**MEET : William Gaul**  
**PARK : Johannesburg Country Club, Napier Road, Auckland Park**  
**TIME : 14h00**  
**DURATION : Approximately 3 hours**  
**COST : Members R100.00 and non-members R150.00 including tea and scones!**  
**MAXIMUM No: 35**

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**THE FOUNDATION VISITS KIMBERLEY!  
16 TO 19 APRIL**

## **WALKING TOUR 'NEWTOWN BY NIGHT'**

**SATURDAY, 23<sup>rd</sup> APRIL**

Join our exploration of heritage sites and some important contemporary additions to the landscape too in Newtown, Johannesburg's cultural precinct.

Our tour encompasses much of Newtown's industrial heritage – the Potato Sheds, Market Building, the workers' compound, the Turbine Hall and others – but also celebrates the adaptive reuse of many of these buildings into theatres, museums, offices and apartments.

We will be stopping to view the sunset from one of the City's most dramatic vantage points, but if walking around our city at night has left you energized, why not stay and enjoy dinner or a performance at the Market Theatre or Bassline afterwards?

<b>MEET</b>	:	<b>Brett McDougall and Wiggie Ellenberger</b>
<b>PARK</b>	:	<b>Newtown Junction</b>
		<b>entrance on Carr / Miriam Makeba Streets</b>
<b>VENUE</b>	:	<b>Outside the Market Theatre</b>
<b>TIME</b>	:	<b>16h30</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	:	<b>2.5 hours</b>
<b>COST</b>	:	<b>R80.00 for members and R130.00 for non-members</b>
<b>MAXIMUM No</b>	:	<b>40</b>

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## **WALKING TOUR 'HILLBROW'**

**SATURDAY, 30<sup>th</sup> APRIL**

We venture into one of Johannesburg's oldest suburbs, which has changed dramatically time and again.

Hillbrow first went high-rise from the late 1920's, boomed after World War 11 and continued expanding higher and higher with blocks of flats getting bigger and bigger in what Clive Chipkin describes as Gigantism. Yet there are still remnants from the early Twentieth Century.

We start beyond the walls of The Fort with the house of the Prison Governor, guarded now by a kindly angel at the street corner, pass the magnificent Pabst building known to oldies as the Colin Gordon nursing Home, then to the Hugh Solomon block which was the first nurses' home, admire the proudly maintained Alpine Court to visit the Friedenskirche.

Then up past the old Andre Huguenot theatre to Kotze Street and Highpoint; down Edith Cavell for the fresh food market, down Twist and Goldreich Streets to admire fine Art Deco buildings and back up the hill to the old Police Officers Club. Several blocks of flats ensure the architectural interest of this tour, but of course the real fascination lies in the wonderful mix, which has made Hillbrow such an attraction.

**MEET** : **Flo Bird and Clare Eisenstein**  
**PARK** : **In Queen's Road between Sam Hancock and Kotze Streets on the east side of Constitution Hill. It is all paved and very attractive.**  
**START** : **The Piazza in Queen's Road between the tall tree sculptures**  
**TIME** : **14h00**  
**DURATION** : **Approximately 2.5 hours**  
**COST** : **R80.00 for members and R130.00 for non-members**  
**MAXIMUM No** : **40**

*The Johannesburg Heritage Foundation does not take responsibility if you walk with an open bag or keep playing on a cell phone. Expert pickpockets can be found anywhere in the world especially in densely populated areas.*

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## **WALKING TOUR** **'ANSTEYS AND ITS NEIGHBOURS'**

**SATURDAY, 7<sup>th</sup> MAY**

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Anstey's building is Johannesburg's most celebrated art deco edifice. Designed by the renowned practice of Emley and Williamson in 1935, this dramatic ziggurat rising off a podium occupied by the prestigious Norman Anstey & Company department store once dominated the Joburg skyline. The most elegant apartment address in the City, the building was also famous for the magnificent window-dressing seen through the large plate glass shop fronts of Norman Anstey's.

Its neighbour, Manners Mansions, was designed two years later by the same practice, and echoes its setback to open up the view of the sky in an extraordinary manner.

Saved from demolition in 1989, when the developer's architect refused to apply for a permit, Anstey's has been brought back to life by a group of committed preservationists, and its apartments have recently become sought after places to live. We will explore the history and architecture of Anstey's and its neighbours with heritage architect Brian McKechnie.

**MEET** : **Brian McKechnie**  
**PARK** : **To be advised**  
**START** : **The entrance of Anstey's, corner of Joubert/Jeppe streets**  
**TIME** : **10h00**  
**DURATION** : **Approximately 2 hours**  
**COST** : **R80.00 for members and R110.00 for non-members**  
**MAXIMUM No** : **40**

## **BUS TOUR 'ORLANDO EAST'**

**SUNDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> MAY**

This exciting tour is in the process of being finalised – details will be advised as soon as they are available.

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## **WALKING TOUR 'KING EDWARD VII SCHOOL'**

**SATURDAY, 21<sup>st</sup> MAY**

KES is a product of the Milner administration, which brought excellent, if Anglo-centric, education to post-1902 Johannesburg. Originally housed in a vacant cigar factory on the corner of Gold and Kerk Streets in Johannesburg, it soon moved to Barnato Park where it was established in the mansion that originally had been designed for Barney Barnato. But these premises also proved inadequate, and in 1911 the school was finally moved to a new site on the Houghton Ridge, provided by Barnato's Johannesburg Consolidated Investments at half its market value.

It has magnificent buildings and grounds and a proud history, but this is not an institution stuck in the past. The school has had the foresight to appoint heritage architect Joy Campkin-Smith to guide the renewal of existing heritage structures at the school, and to provide for the school's growth with exciting, new buildings. Her re-imagining of the old gymnasium into a Media Centre and Museum won the 2013 GIfA Award, and she will be leading a very fortunate group through this and more recent projects at the school.

<b>MEET</b>	:	<b>Joy Campkin-Smith and Janet Hughes</b>
<b>PARK</b>	:	<b>At the entrance to KES, on St Patrick's Road, Upper Houghton</b>
<b>TIME</b>	:	<b>14h00</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	:	<b>Approximately 2.5 hours</b>
<b>COST</b>	:	<b>R80.00 for members and R110.00 for non-members</b>
<b>MAXIMUM No</b>	:	<b>40</b>

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## LECTURE 'JOBURG ON FILM'

**SATURDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Johannesburg was founded a mere two years before Frenchman Louis Le Prince patented the first motion picture camera. It wasn't long before these cameras arrived on the southern extremity of Africa and the medium of film was enthusiastically adopted by passionate professionals and amateurs alike.

We have assembled a selection of rare footage of Johannesburg dating from 1910 to the 1970s that shows the City's fascination with dog shows and horse racing, motor vehicles and trolley buses, celebrations and protests, and the gold mining industry that brought the teeming masses to this place.

Join Brett McDougall for an entertaining and sometimes startling glimpse into our City on Film.

<b>MEET</b>	:	<b>Brett McDougall</b>
<b>PARK</b>	:	<b>Northwards, 21 Rockridge Road, Parktown</b>
<b>TIME</b>	:	<b>14h00</b>
<b>DURATION</b>	:	<b>Approximately 2 hours</b>
<b>COST</b>	:	<b>R80.00 for members and R110.00 for non-members</b>
<b>MAXIMUM No</b>	:	<b>60</b>

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## MEMBERS ONLY MUSEUM TOUR 'THE HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE CENTRE'

**SUNDAY, 19<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Established in January 2008, the Johannesburg Holocaust and Genocide Centre (JHGC) is dedicated to Holocaust and genocide education and memory. The JHGC will be opening this year in a building designed by Johannesburg architect Lewis Levin. Levin used the memories of Holocaust and Rwandan genocide survivors to inform the building's material and form. It is a powerful statement, haunted by landscapes of death, but one that primarily aims to teach tolerance and compassion.

Members of the JHF are fortunate to be among the first visitors of the JHGC, and will be given an introduction to the aims of the Centre, explore its architecture, and be able to view a temporary exhibition on display.

**MEET** : **Franky Toussaint and Kim Nates**  
**PARK** : **Underground parking at 1 Duncombe Road, Forest Town**  
**TIME** : **14h00**  
**DURATION** : **Approximately 2 hours**  
**COST** : **R80.00 for members**  
**MAXIMUM No** : **40**

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## **LUNCH TOUR** **'THE ORIGINAL CHINATOWN AND THE SWALLOW INN'**

**SUNDAY, 26<sup>th</sup> JUNE**

Probably not the first Chinese Restaurant in Johannesburg, but Den remembers only two in the CBD in the 1950's – the Little Swallow, now the Swallows Inn, but still in the same position in Commissioner Street, and the Dragon's Pearl, in Delvers Street, the latter now gone.

Not even the present owners of the Swallows Inn can remember the history, but this area is rich in fascinating heritage. The tour will incorporate a walk, a talk and a lunch. We plan to meet at the Sunnyside Park Hotel, sort ourselves into cars, drive into the City, park and walk around the area for about 1,5 hours and then go to the Swallows Inn. It sounds like a five to six course lunch, but simple Chinese-style, and it comes with a talk on the history of the Chinese in the area.

**MEET** : **Den Adams and Gail Wilson**  
**TIME** : **11h00 – PLEASE NOTE EARLY STARTING TIME**  
**WHERE** : **Park in the vicinity of 6 Commissioner Street (opposite John Vorster Square), and meet outside the Swallow Inn**  
**DURATION** : **3 hours**  
**COST** : **R200.00 per person including meal and tips. Any drinks are for your own account**  
**MAXIMUM NO:** **60**

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