



# Newsletter

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## News

### Sunday Service with a Difference

Living in a wonderful multicultural society such as ours we have the opportunity to enrich our spiritual life in manifold forms. What an absolute pleasure it was, one Sunday in September, to have our Sunday Church Service at the Mercury Hall, conducted by the Reverend Jackson Peter of the Church of Zion in Zwelihle. We had invited him and his congregation to join us in a scrumptious breakfast, which we shared with our whole community. Afterwards the service was conducted by the Reverend and his Ministers and solemnity and stillness flew out of the window, as the Minister energetically exhorted us all to banish any darkness from our lives, and to let the light and joyfulness in. His words were answered by many enthusiastic "Hallelujah's" and "Amens" from the congregation. They then broke into song, prayer and energetic drumming, whilst rhythmically circling in the hall to the beat. We could not help but join them! And what a celebration it was! Nobody could have departed with anything but joy in their hearts. Thank you to the Church of Zion for sharing with us!



Jill Reid

*The pictures below relate to the article (right) which describes Camphill Farm's 30th anniversary celebration. Dance, Music, Laughter!*



*Dear parents, friends, and families,*

*Camphill Farm Community's 30<sup>th</sup>*

*anniversary* was a wonderful birthday party! Many of our guests took the opportunity to enjoy a guided tour through Camphill Farm. After the tours the hall was full to the brim with our whole community, families of our residents and many guests. The buffet was loaded with delicious home-baked cakes from our residents houses and pizzas from our bakery, which vanished quite quickly and were replenished at once. We enjoyed music performed by our residents Andrew Parsons on the piano and Edward Schutte on the trombone. Duncan Badnall, also a resident, gave a really wonderful and heart-warming speech about his life on Camphill Farm. Of course there were many more speeches – all of which were short glimpses of Camphill life looked at from both inside and outside - a big thank you to our chairman Ray Potton, to Amati Conradie and to Marylin van Rensburg from the Department of Social Development. Daniel Kamber brought some class 7 students from the Waldorf School and they played the Marimbas like professionals. The applause was tumultuous. Our Xhosa co-workers, dressed in traditional Xhosa garments, performed some lively songs, which was the highlight and wrapped up our "birthday party". What a wonderful day it was. Even the sky was a glorious blue and the sun shone all day!

During the celebration we also *launched our book* covering the last 30 years of Camphill Farm. It tells the story of how Camphill Farm came into being and how life here is today, with many contributions from former and present co-workers, from our young overseas volunteers, from our residents, from families, friends and from our neighbours. Part of the book is dedicated to the rich history of the Hemel en Aarde Valley and to the outstanding personalities who have lived here in the valley over the past 250 years.

## Green, green Ireland

One of our residents, Mark Meyer, had the opportunity to stay at Camphill Glenraig, Ireland, for three months. Read what he wrote about his amazing experience:

„I flew from Cape Town airport to Heathrow Airport, UK. Then I changed planes and flew to Belfast Airport. The mountains in Ireland were very beautiful. The Irish people were very friendly.

I was working in the vegetable garden at Camphill Glenraig. My house father's name was Ziggy and his wife's name was Anna. I went on an outing to the middle of Belfast and Ziggy showed me the different religious areas; the Catholic area and the Protestant area. We had an Open Day at Glenraig. I went to Camphill Mourne Grange for their Open Day and I also visited Camphill Bally Bay. There I

saw my old friend Stephen Palmer. At Glenraig we had a play for St. John's and I played the part of the plough-man. I visited the National Park of Ireland, between Glenraig and Bally Bay and it was really beautiful. The thing I loved most about Ireland was the beautiful green scenery. “

Mark Meyer



## „Fun Day“ at Camphill School

Camphill School is lucky enough to have been chosen as the focus charity Woolworths and Standard Bank in 2008. As thanks they were invited to our end of term concert. Afterwards they decided to hold an event at Camphill for friends and colleagues from their respective organizations. This will take place on 15 November 2008 from 12 - 6pm. They are advertising it as a 'Fun Day', for the family to spend an enjoyable afternoon with us. Tickets (R25) are available at Woolworths and Standard Bank. Fun events include a Jumping Castle, local entertainment, a talent show and the highlight will be a surprise guest-singer from Cape Town. Finally, "BAAM", the fabulous Camphill School's Marimba Band, will also entertain us with some their lively numbers. Refresh yourself with icy cool-drinks and delicious wors-rolls. For further information you can contact

Emil (Standard Bank) 084 5170705 or Quinton (Woolworths) 082 6600035

*On 15 August everybody got together to celebrate a birthday tea for one of our longest serving and much loved co-workers, Sylvia Julius (middle). All her fellow house-team leaders gathered to congratulate her, and even Ralph could not resist joining this bevvy of beauties*



Books are sold for a minimum donation of R70 so as to cover the expenses. It is available on Saturdays at the Fernkloof Farmers Market and, of course, at our Camphill Country Fair.

It's only six weeks to go before our **Camphill Country Fair** on Saturday 6 December 2008! Preparations are in full swing and volunteers are still very welcome. So if you want to spend a wonderful day with us in the valley and also help a bit, contact Frank, 028 313 8206 or 8228, [co-workers@camphill-hermanus.org.za](mailto:co-workers@camphill-hermanus.org.za). We would also greatly appreciate any donations of good quality second-hand books and clothes.

**The Camphill School** Medicinal Plants Project, started by Jean Jaques de Chazal a year ago, has moved to phase two, which is another plot of approximately 1000 square metres. It is now being prepared and will be planted up with only two or three species in order to have greater volumes for sale. The project is still very young and will only become viable when we are able to cultivate a full hectare of land. Although funding dictates our pace, we are encouraged by the result of phase one, are motivated by the reality of phase two and so inspired to reach phase three.

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