



# ST JOHN'S COLLEGE

## NEWSLETTER

EASTER TERM

No 2/2007

Dear Parents



Tackie's last Amphi

Alan Wilcock has served St John's College for 40 years, from 1967 - 2007. During this time he has been a Head of Department, Head of Hill, Deputy Headmaster, Headmaster and Foundation Officer. He has grown from a young teacher to a man of stature, whose wisdom and experience is recognized by all. He will be retiring from St John's at the end of this term when he and his wife Genevieve move to Kokstad, where they will continue to be involved in teaching at St Patrick's College.

If we consider that each year Alan has taught over 100 pupils, then outside of his extensive extra-mural programme, he has had a part in shaping the lives of over 4000 Johannians. There is no doubt that Alan, with his modesty, delightful sense of humour, infectious laugh and deep wisdom, will be remembered as one of the great masters at St John's. His faith is so embedded and grounded in his life that the Lux Vita Caritas of Jesus shines out of him. He looks for the good in all his relationships and does not laud it over others or speak evil of anyone. He is thorough, honest and principled. The strength of his character has earned him the respect of the St John's community.

It was in 1966 that Alan, as a young 23-year old Geography teacher from Springs Boys' High, had a conversation with Frank Simmonds, who encouraged him to apply for a Geography post at St John's. On receiving Alan's application, Deane Yates, then Headmaster of St John's, made some inquiries about Alan. He phoned the Headmaster of Alan's old school, Parktown Boys' High, and this is what DY recorded from the conversation:

*Alan H Wilcock  
Matriculated December 1961  
1<sup>st</sup> Class – Distinctions in Latin and Maths  
Very good symbols all round  
Excellent fellow*

Alan, who had qualified with majors in Geography and Latin from Wits University, was appointed as an Assistant Master at St John's. After Frank Simmonds was appointed to St Andrew's, Alan was made Head of Department. Alan was, and is, a talented Geography teacher: his first love has always lain in the classroom, in teaching Geography and in shaping and influencing boys. However, his contribution has extended beyond this: Alan built a reputation as a JMB marker, an IEB examiner and moderator, and as Chairman of the South African Geographic Society. His wide ranging contribution to education and his impact on the lives of many boys was recognized beyond the boundaries of St John's when he was presented with a Gold Honours Award from the Rector of the Johannesburg College of Education for service to education.

Alan's progress through the school was as follows: he was appointed Housemaster of Hill in 1973, Senior Assistant Master in 1983, Second Master in 1989, Acting Headmaster in 1997, and thereafter the 13<sup>th</sup> Headmaster of St John's.

Alan served as Headmaster for fourteen months – a period about which Bishop Duncan writes regarding Alan:

*There can be few people who know themselves so well that, having had the headmastership forced upon them by loyal colleagues and a willing Council, accepted the appointment on the proviso that the Council keep looking for a more permanent incumbent, and when that incumbent was finally found, stepped down, while losing nothing of their dignity or personhood. That Alan did the job during the Centenary year, giving the school the self-respect and impetus it needed at the time, and then stood aside, says huge things about his humble commitment to the school, to himself and above all to the Lord.*

The most recent position held by Alan has been that of Foundation Officer, during which time he has been instrumental in reshaping and reinvigorating the Foundation as a major support for St John's College.

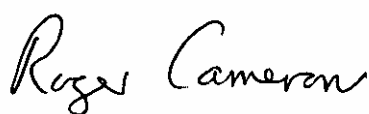
Alan met and married his wife Genevieve at St John's College. They have raised a family here and have lived in every single one of the St John's staff houses, finally living in the house they first moved into when they got married. Together they have made a formidable team: they have sacrificed and given their time and energy to this institution. Underpinning all that Alan and Gen have stood for is their Christian faith and their support of each other. Their integrity, honesty and strength have been invaluable, creating a hallmark of their support of each other and of the school.

In the final paragraph of his letter of acceptance to teach at St John's, in September 1966, Alan wrote:

*I am looking forward to joining the staff of the College next January, and feel sure that I shall enjoy the life and work. I assure you that I shall do all in my power to make the appointment a mutually successful one.*

The history of Alan's involvement with the school, and the contribution he has made to this institution has truly been a mutually successful one. On a personal note, it has been a real privilege to work with Alan as my Deputy. I have valued his wisdom and support and I shall miss his insight and his historical knowledge of the school.

We wish Alan and Gen all the best: our loss of this strong team is the gain of the community of St Patrick's in Kokstad. We wish them many happy years as they continue to contribute to education in South Africa.



Roger Cameron  
Headmaster

## ACADEMIC COLOURS – VITH FORM



Leandri van der Wat - UVI  
Matthew Krog – UVI

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### FIRST AID

The following pupils have completed a First Aid Level 3 Course with the Human Emergency Life Programme under the instruction of Sr. Roos. This is the most advanced level of First Aid that scholars are able to do.

#### College

Baraka Msulwa – U 5  
Jonathan Mellon – U 5  
Jason Wedlake – U5  
David Brooks – L 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> time)  
Dylan Jansen – U 4

#### Sixth Form

Nabby Ofori-Amanfo – U 6  
Gerlin Naidoo – U 6  
Charis Bylos – U 6  
Alexandra Williamson – U 6  
Michelle Kottler – U 6  
Andrew McKechnie – U 6  
Sara Maina – L 6  
Shari Joseph – L 6

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## CULTURAL AWARDS - MARCH 2007

### DRAMA

#### Backstage

Colours	Kyle Timcke
Half Colours	Wesley Easton
Certificate	Ben Walwyn

#### Performance in *This Boy's Life*

Certificates	Bradley Ellis Nicholas Hill Philip Sulter Gareth Sweidan Joshua White
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#### Performance in *Lord of the Flies* (which played at the Market Theatre last year)

Certificates	Norman Morgan Simon Kennedy
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### ART

Colours	Peter du Plessis
Half Colours	Kevin Hu Robert Hu Jon Parkin Keegan Ziady
Certificate	James Michaelis

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## SACEE Debating Teams - 2007

**A League:** Marc de Vos  
Lorne Hallendorff  
Steven Gaywood  
Shakeel Kalidas  
Andrew Petersen

**B League:** Morne Visser  
Richard Dunsford-White  
Tshego Khumbane  
Awadi Rathugamage  
James Williams  
Mohamed Bulbulia

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### PUBLIC SPEAKING



Congratulations to all public speakers who have been extremely busy this term. There were excellent results all round in the Speech and Drama Guild Festival: Gareth Beck was awarded an A+ in the individual event and other teams also got As and A+s. Gareth Beck won the Chilvers Senior Impromptu competition and Steven Gaywood the O'Dowd Medal for the prepared speech for seniors.

Ben Myres (Remove) and Zain Patel (LIV) were joint winners of the Junior Public Speaking award. Well done to you all.



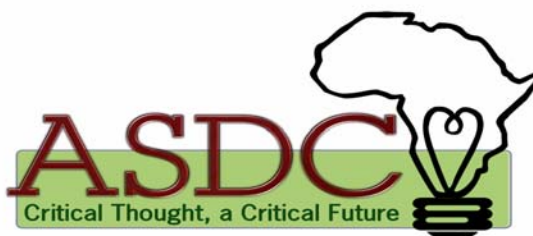
### African Schools Debating Championships

From the 3<sup>rd</sup> to the 6<sup>th</sup> of May this year, that is at the end of the first week of next term, St John's will host the first African Schools Debating Championships. This is the brainchild of recent Old Johannians **Garikai Nyaruwata** and **Michael Fargher**, whose first initiative was their highly successful National Debating Invitational last year. This year's event is bigger and better, and **includes ten teams from South Africa, as well as eight teams from other African nations.**

As well as the debating competition, the tournament will offer guest speakers, workshops, a celebrity debate and various other engaging forums.

**In order to help keep costs down for the teams, we are looking for volunteer families to host debaters. This would require very little: simply transport to and from school on the three days from Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> May and three breakfasts.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for students of South Africa to mix with students from across all of Africa. In addition, your help would be much appreciated. **If you feel that your family might be able to assist, please contact Joy de Souza on (011) 645-3216.**



## *Proposed Schedule*

### Thursday – 3 May

- 11:00 Registration opens
- 15:00 Welcome and meet hosts
- 17:00 Training
- 19:00 Formal Opening Ceremony
- 19:30 Address by Guest Speaker

### Friday - 4 May

- 07:30 Tournament briefing and debating techniques.
- 08:00 Prep Round 1
- 09:15 Round 1
- 12:00 Round 2
- 13:30 Lunch
- 14:30 *Guest Forum*
- 15:00 Prep Prepared Round 3
- 16:00 Round 3
- 18:00 Training
- 19:00 Dinner

### Saturday - 5 May

- 09:00 Audience briefed and discusses subject matter
- 10:00 Round 4
- 12:00 *Guest Forum*
- 12:30 Lunch
- 13:15 Celebrity Debate
- 14:15 *Guest Forum*
- 15:30 Semi-finals
- 17:30 Informal braai and social event

### Sunday - 6 May

- 08:00 Breakfast for ASDB
- 09:00 Preparation: Schools' Final
- 10:15 Schools' Final
- 12:00 Lunch
- 12:45 Nations Final
- 14:30 Prize-giving and Closing

Forum topics: Zimbabwe – where to?; Is Israel an Apartheid State?; Threatening Judicial independence; Democracy and the AU

## Colours Awards - Summer Sports - 2007

### BASKETBALL:

The team played 20 games: won 13, lost 7

<b>Team Blazer:</b>	Oscar Coombs Yale Nicholson Mpho Mutloane	Sibusiso Matsini Andrew Tainton Muzi Ntsaluba
<b>Full Colours:</b>	Robert Hu Baraka Msulwa	Thabang Motloun

### CRICKET:

The team played 23 matches: won 11, lost 10 & drew 2; were semi-finalists of the Johnny Waite Competition.

<b>Team Blazer:</b>	John Andreson Thomas Savage Jarryd Kuiper	Devon Conway Rushil Vallabh
<b>Full Colours:</b>	Glen Huddy Daniel Freund	Dmitri Ratnayaka Kyle Forsyth

### ROWING:

<b>Full Colours:</b>	Bradley Rautenbach Michael Meijers	Stephen Mattushek Simon Bosman
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### GOLF:

The team won most of their matches – played 7 and won 6. They convincingly won the Dainfern tournament for the second consecutive year.

<b>Team Blazer:</b>	Graham Van Der Merwe William Whitecross	Vincent Scaffler Phillip-James Slabbert
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### SWIMMING:

Kristopher Matulovich, St Elmo Wilken, Kyle Duckitt, Brent Stevenson and Jonathan Hill have once again participated at either provincial and or national level.

<b>Team Blazer:</b>	Kristopher Matulovich Peter Brooks David Du Plessis Kyle Duckitt Christopher Webster	Brent Stevenson Shaun Rudling Andrew Jones Myles Woolford Matthew Grant
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**Full Colours:** Lorne Hallendorff

**Honours:** St Elmo Wilken

### TENNIS:

**Team Blazer:** Alexander Welihockyj

**Full Colours:** Ameesh Kalan                      Stephen Panagiotou

## WATERPOLO:

Team results: played 11 games this season: won 9, lost 2

<b>Team Blazer:</b>	Shaun Rudling Andrew Jones Trevor Neves David Du Plessis	Myles Woolford David Brooks Adam Szpytko
<b>Full Colours:</b>	Lorne Hallendorff	Andreas Pfeffer
<b>Honours:</b>	Christopher Icely	Jonathan Hock

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## SPORTS NEWS



### BASEBALL

Congratulations to Jeffrey Souders on being selected to represent Gauteng Under 16 Provincial team at the Inter-Provincial Tournament in Boksburg from 1 - 5 April.

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## CLAY TARGET SHOOTING

**Jan Nel** has been selected for the South African Clay Target Shooting Team to compete in the Pan African Clay Target Shooting Championships to be held in Marrakesh, Morocco from 1 – 7 April. **Johan Van Zyl**, OJ 2006, has also been selected for the team.

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## EQUITATION



Alexandra Williamson (Upper VI) rode in the first leg of the 2007 FNB Equitation Super League at Kyalami on Wed 21 March and came 1st and 2nd in her two Adult Equitation classes.



## GOLF

### Dainfern College Golf Championship

St John's College produced an outstanding performance at the Dainfern Country Club to win this event for the second consecutive year. The team of Nicholas Ryan, Jason Surtees, Graham van der Merwe and Vincent Schaffler shot a total score of 669 to beat second placed St Stithians by one shot. The competition was played over 54 holes of medal, with the best three scores of the four boys for each round counting towards a cumulative team total. This victory means that St John's have won this tournament three times in its eight year history.

The St John's B team of Stephen Wattrus, William Whitecross, PJ Slabbert and Anthony De Gouveia managed a top ten finish, coming ninth out of 26 teams, most of which were A teams. Graham van der Merwe was placed 3<sup>rd</sup> in the individual competition, shooting a total of 219 (72, 76 and 71) while Jason Surtees came 4<sup>th</sup> on a total of 223 (75, 74 and 74) and Nicholas Ryan was placed 8<sup>th</sup> on 229 (72, 83 & 74).

## KARATE



**Julian Lap** and **Austen Parfitt** have been selected to represent South Africa as part of the South African National Karate Team at the KWF (Karatenomichi World Federation) World Karate Championships to be held in Tokyo, Japan from 24 March to 8 April.

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## SWIMMING

Telkom SA Level 3 Age Group Championships held in East London from 13 – 17 March.

Congratulations to the St John's boys who qualified to participate - Kyle Duckitt; Jonathan Hill; Kris Matulovich; Michael Rosmarin; Brent Stevenson & St Elmo Wilken. Kris Matulovich, Jonathan Hill and Kyle Duckitt excelled and returned home laden with medals!!!

<b>Kris Matulovich:</b>	7 Individual Gold Medals 1 Individual Silver Medal
<b>Jonathan Hill:</b>	6 Individual Gold Medals 1 Team Relay Gold Medal 2 Team Relay Silver Medals
<b>Kyle Duckitt:</b>	1 Individual Gold Medal 2 Individual Silver Medals

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## WATER POLO

Results of the U14A Ken Short Water Polo National Tournament played at Jeppe Boys' on Friday, 23 and Saturday, 24 February 2007.

vs. Grey Bloem.	won 5-2
vs. Michaelhouse	draw 4-4
vs. Jeppe	won 3-0
vs. Affies	won 4-1
vs. St Davids	won 5-0
vs. Glenwood	won 4-2
vs. KES	won 3-2

**Semi final:**  
vs. Selborne won 3-1

**Final:**  
vs. DHS lost 4-5

**Michael Pfeffer (Rem)** was voted 'Best Player of the Tournament'

Results of the KES National Water Polo Tournament played from Friday 2 - Sunday 4 March 2007, and won by St John's.

vs. Parktown Boys'	won 15-8
vs. Maritzburg College	won 13-9
vs. Rondebosch Boys'	won 7-5

**Quarter final:**  
vs. Diocesan College won 10-4

**Semi final:**  
vs. King Edward VII won 7-6

**Final:**  
vs. SACS won 12-8

### Team:

1. Shaun Rudling (U4)
2. Myles Woolford (L5)
3. Jonathan Hock (L5)
4. Andrew Jones (U4)
5. David Du Plessis (U4)
6. Trevor Neves (L5)
7. Adam Szpytko (L5)
8. Andre Lotz (6<sup>th</sup> Form) Capt.
9. Andreas Pfeffer (L5)
10. Richard Stevens (U5)
11. David Brooks (L5)
12. Lorne Hallendorff (L5)
13. Chris Icely (U5) Capt.

**Andre Lotz (UV1)** and **Jonathan Hock (L5)** made the "Team of the Tournament" and Andre Lotz was voted "Best Player of the Tournament"

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## For your Info

Cell phone theft is very difficult to deal with without the phone's serial number

Dial \*#06# (star hash zero six hash) and the instrument serial number is displayed. This number needs to be saved or SMSed to a parent as it will be required by the police in the event of reporting a loss or opening a docket for theft.

## Cliff Midgley



### **Smash and Grab Alert**

*Smash-and Grab activity has returned to Houghton Avenue at both St Patrick and Newton Road intersection traffic lights!*

*The St Patrick Road transgressor is a high-jumper who clears the palisade fence of The Wilds East Koppie! At Newton Road single palisade strips are removed behind lampposts, traffic signs and trees for a rabbit run to The Wilds West Koppie. The SAPS patrol regularly and 24-7 Security Services provide a great reactive response - there's not much more that they can do at present.*

*Please be extra aware at these intersections in traveling to and from school activities AND PLEASE place valuables out of sight and save on the trauma. Avoid distractions of any kind as you approach these intersections!*

*For your security:*

*SAPS is Inspector Bester on 076 901 8908 for the area.*

*St Patrick Road 24-7 reaction vehicle on 072 978 0530.*

*Unfortunately The Wilds is blamed for many of these incidents. While it may serve as an escape route, I can assure you that it's not home to a criminal element, since the execution takes place outside and there are no "base camps" left inside.*

*TJ /The Wilds*

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## STUDY SKILLS COURSE

Well-known educationist Myrna Silberman will be running a study skills course at the school, each term. The course will run for 4 weeks, every Monday afternoon. This course specialises in teaching students how to simplify schoolwork and how to answer exam questions. The course includes:

- how to summarise information
- memory techniques
- time management
- exam technique

The classes will be kept small in order to give each student the individual attention they require, and allow them to apply the skills to their schoolwork. The cost of the course is R650. For more information call Myrna (011) 887-9233 or 082 357-4920.

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April 2007

St John's College, in association with First National Bank, will be hosting twelve top schoolboy rugby sides at our 12<sup>th</sup> Easter Rugby Festival where six games will be contested over three days of play.

The twelve top schoolboy rugby sides scheduled to play on Thursday 5 April, Saturday 7 April and Monday 9 April are:

Grey College, Bloemfontein  
 Dale College  
 Paul Roos Gimnasium  
 Durban High School  
 FNB Invitational XV  
 Selborne College

Daniel Pienaar  
 Marais Viljoen  
 Pretoria Boys' High School  
 Cranbrook, Sydney - Australia  
 Paarl Boys'  
 St John's College

Prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> XV games, five games will be played each day between Preparatory School teams, namely Pridwin, Cornwall Hill, Clifton Prep, The Ridge, Jan Celliers, Leeuwenhof Akademie, Christian Brothers' College, St Benedict's College and St John's Prep.

The objectives of the St John's College Festival are:

- To promote the growth and development of school rugby, in the widest context, through St John's College
- To foster good fellowship amongst participants who come from a variety of backgrounds
- To provide an opportunity for boys from St John's College and from other schools to play against and socialize with sides they might not otherwise meet
- To foster an exciting rugby spectacle and social occasion that will increase the popularity of rugby amongst schoolboys and supporters of schoolboy rugby

Our neighbour, King Edward VII School, will be holding a Rugby and Hockey Festival at the same time. The two schools have co-operated closely to ensure mutual success. Entrance tickets are interchangeable at both festivals.

***Refreshments will be served in the marquee. Following the adoption of the St John's Policy on Alcohol Consumption, we point out that no scholar will be permitted to purchase or consume alcohol. Proof of ID will be required in support of this policy.***

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US FOR A FUN-FILLED EASTER WEEK-END  
 OF MAGNIFICENT SCHOOLBOY RUGBY**

Toni Williams  
 2007 Easter Rugby Festival  
 Publicity Chairperson

Tel: (011) 648-4248  
 e-mail: [publicity@stjohns.wits.ac.za](mailto:publicity@stjohns.wits.ac.za)



**Golden Eagles Gym is here to look after the health and fitness needs of everyone in the St John's community! The following services are offered:**

- **Training** – Free membership for all College boys and girls. We supervise all training, ensuring that members train safely and correctly for optimum results. Teachers, parents and Old Boys pay a nominal membership fee to use the facility.
- **Assessments** - For R160 boys and girls can have a health and fitness assessment, including body composition, agility, speed, power, fitness, strength and flexibility testing. This is done in order to establish individual strengths and weaknesses and any problems associated with poor muscle tone, posture, etc. It also assists us in identifying talent for various sports at an early age.
- **Specialised training programmes** - Programmes are designed, based on assessment results, to assist boys in achieving their goals. Sport-specific programmes are done for those boys who have specific sports needs.
- **Biokineticist** - A biokineticist is available if required, to provide rehabilitation for sports injuries or any other related medical disorders. Isokinetic knee testing and other tests can also be done by him at medical aid rates.
- **Nutrition Information** - Correct nutrition is of paramount importance for optimal performance on every level. Because it is not always possible to supply sufficient nutritious meals during the day, supplementation is of great value to ensure optimum nutrition. We endorse and supply supplements made by a company which is accredited by the Health Professionals Council. Because we are committed to the health and wellbeing of your sons, we would encourage parents and boys to consult with us before purchasing supplements.
- **Personal Training and group classes** - We offer personal training at an additional fee, for those who want to maximize their training and achieve excellent results. Group training classes such as aerobics, step, Kangoo Jumps etc can also be arranged at an additional cost.
- **Physiotherapist** - Two physiotherapists are available three afternoons per week to treat any members of the school community at Golden Eagles Gym.

**For more information, please call 011 487 2630**



# *The Johannian Club*

St John Road, Houghton

The Johannian Club takes pride in its celebrated history.

Set amidst the beautiful surroundings of the 100-year-old St John's College, this Herbert Baker-styled, restaurant and multifunctional venue provides a unique setting for private entertaining and business.

Open Tuesday to Saturday, breakfast, lunch and dinner, The Johannian Restaurant boasts up-market Pub Fayre, a la Carte as well as set menus, or simply a delicious cappuccino with home baked scones, cheese cake and other delectable goodies. The pub is open from 12h00 daily. Join us for The World Cup Cricket, the Super 14 and all other sporting events.

Our function venue caters for engagements, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays and more. The Johannian has a well renowned history in servicing the corporate conference, presentation, team-building and training market.

## **Conference Rates : R270 Full Day R190 Half Day**

Professional event organizers make booking and planning a simple workshop or black tie dinner an easy and hassle-free undertaking with the end result a resounding success.

Adjoining the restaurant, The Johannian Bed-and-Breakfast is a peaceful retreat for the discerning businessman or traveler, a real home away from home.

## **Rates: Double R650.00 Single R385.00**

To find out more about our venue, the restaurant and all events call

Mandy, Kim or Leonie  
Tel: (011) 487-1971/1951  
Fax: (011) 487-0900  
E-Mail: [thejohannian@oja.co.za](mailto:thejohannian@oja.co.za)

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>Saturday 31 March 2007</b>	Super 14 Rugby	<b>Lions/Brumbies</b>
<b>Saturday 21 April 2007</b>	Super 14 Rugby	<b>Lions/Bulls</b>
<b>Tuesday 24 April 2007</b>	Whisky-tasting	<b>Bookings Open</b>
<b>Saturday 5 May 2007</b>	Super 14 Rugby	<b>Lions/Cheetahs</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 May 2007</b>	Wine-tasting	<b>Bookings Open</b>
<b>Sunday 13 May 2007</b>	Mothers' Day Luncheon	<b>Bookings Open</b>