



INTERNATIONAL *Stars of Sandstone News*

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As the bookings for our **Stars 2019** event continue to come in we have been reflecting on what is most likely to interest people.

We have a 2ft Narrow Gauge Railway on the farm, which is world renowned by any standards. We also have representative collections of Agricultural Machinery, Tractors, Combine Harvesters and implements, Military Vehicles and Earth Moving machinery. This is in addition to our Stationary Engines, Buses, Trucks and Classic Vehicles.

However, the one item that does seem to interest people perhaps more than any other, is our team of trained Afrikaner oxen. We have made this the centerpiece of our Heritage

programme for many years now. It has involved purchasing oxen with the correct genetics, constantly looking for bulls with the older genetics relating to body conformation, temperament, horns etc, which would be typical of oxen bred to work rather than simply for their meat. Recently, we expanded our breeding programme to include Bont Afrikaners which was the breed that preceded the conventional Red Afrikaners as we know them.

Because of the amount of interest in them, we have made our oxen a major feature in this current newsletter. We hope that it will be educational as well as enjoyable.

Enjoy the read!



JOIN US FOR HERITAGE DAY STEAM WEEKEND

Diarise Saturday, 22 September!

September is Heritage Month in South Africa with Heritage Day on Monday, 24 September. To celebrate Heritage month, Sandstone will be holding an Open Day on Saturday, 22 September to coincide with this long weekend.

Train rides from Hoekfontein to Vailima Siding will operate at 10h00, 12h00, 14h00 and 16h00. Other attractions will be Ox Wagon rides and Military Vehicle rides, while the famous Sandstone Heritage Collection will be open to view. Refreshments will be on sale with the Sandstone Shop open for memorabilia, too.

Entrance is R200 for adults and R125 for under 12s which includes one train trip. Booking is essential and it will be a day not to be missed. Contact Leigh Sanders or Alina Halafu on 051 933 2235 or e mail, leighs@sandstone.co.za

We look forward to seeing you there.



Typical scene on a Sandstone Steam Weekend!
Class NGG16 No 113 takes water in Hoekfontein Yard prior to
working a special train to Vailima
NEXT STEAM WEEKENDS - Saturday, 22 September 2018
and also 16 and 17 November 2018 (Cherry Festival time)

THE STARS OF SANDSTONE: TEAM OF AFRIKANER OXEN



Lebohang Ramalingoana has been with Sandstone for many years and is a tried and trusted "touleier" and minder of our wonderful Afrikaner oxen. It is easy to see he is in harmony with these animals. Photo: Rod Smith



A full team of 36 inspanned for training

One of the major *Stars of Sandstone 2019* will be our team of Afrikaner oxen and the work that they are trained to do.

Ox wagons play a significant part in South Africa's history. They were used for just about everything for the best part of 300 years and all members of the population participated in their use as *Touleiers* (leaders), herdsmen and transport riders, serving all aspects of society from agricultural through to industry, government, and of course the military.

There was a huge build-up in the numbers of oxen used during the Anglo Boer War but sadly, as a result of the conflict, a vast number of ox wagons was destroyed.

The Sandstone Heritage Trust has an impressive selection of ox wagons, of which four pre-date the Anglo Boer War. This means that they survived the attrition to which their stable-mates were subjected.

In our last Newsletter, we mentioned that we had inspanned 36 oxen and some of the history behind that. In the near future, we shall be making a short video of our oxen but here is another video that gives an interesting piece of history on the use of oxen in South Africa from the very early days. Click on the link to view: <https://youtu.be/nHctR5hFeV8>

Our upcoming Steam Weekend on 22 September (South Africa's Heritage Day Weekend) will feature 36 oxen inspanned as part of the production of the video mentioned above.



Attention to detail by the minders



A classic Afrikaner cow with her trademark calf with its white tipped tail. This is a legacy from days long ago when the Afrikaner cattle were multicoloured, typically brown and white.



Oxen in training

For those of you who have never been to a Stars event before, this is typical of the type of action that you will see. The only difference is we have many more oxen in training now, so the teams for **Stars 2019** will be bigger.

If you want to be reassured that this actually happened click on the following link: <https://bit.ly/2xxSbZ7>

Breeding the correct animals

It is an exciting time at Sandstone Estates for our Livestock Division. We have a puissant breeding programme for our Afrikaners in particular. The herd calves seasonally and our calves are now being born in large numbers, with each birth being carefully monitored and recorded.

It is the first year that we have had our act together with regard to a programme to breed a separate Bont Afrikaner herd. The secret of success with most livestock breeding programmes, is to have the best quality bulls. We were successful in obtaining a top class Bont Afrikaner bull at the national Bont Afrikaner Breeders' Association sale in Kroonstad recently. There was only one Bont Afrikaner bull on sale and our bid was fortunately accepted.

We have, however, been using some older bulls and the results of their hard work has also started to manifest itself - as you can see from the photograph of one of our standard Afrikaner breeding females with her new Bont calf which has beautiful colouring.

If you look closely at the mother, you will see that she has a white mark on her, so she has genetics which go back to the days when Afrikaners were multi-coloured, principally red and white. While we expect some Bont Afrikaner calves this year, we should have a real bumper crop of them next year, bearing in mind the impact on the herd by our new masculine member of the team: Thabo.



Calf born Tuesday, 18 Sept 2018



Newly purchased Bont Afrikaner bull, Thabo (happiness) from whom we have high expectations



One of Sandstone's authentic ox wagons, restored by Professor Eric Holm

Sandstone has a varied selection of eight Ox Wagons in its collection, nearly all of which have been restored by Professor Eric Holm, now retired from the University of Pretoria. Professor Holm is the acknowledged expert in South Africa on these wagons.

As part of our overall strategy with the collection, we recently asked Professor Holm to document the origins and history of each wagon.

He then visited us and drew up an information sheet on each of the eight wagons. These make for fascinating reading, and will be used to make up an Information Board for each unit for visitors.

As we keep saying, there is a lot to see and do at **Stars of Sandstone 2019** — book now so that you can hitch a ride in an ox wagon!



Professor Eric Holm (far left) with some recent visitors to the farm

We feature the history of the Straight Rail Buck Wagon for this month, with two oxen in spanned.

Straight Rail Buck Wagon (aka *Bokwa*)

This wagon was built by R. Symons' *Buffalo Carriage Works* in 1935 in his workshop in King Williams Town; fitted with a half tent and restored by Eric Holm in 2002.

Symons only used axles made by Oldsbury in Wednesbury in the UK. He built mainly heavy wagons for hunters but also ran advertisements in Xhosa, since many of his customers were local tribal chiefs. He was very enterprising and offered a variety of services, even rentals! He also patented several small improvements on buck wagons. He started his factory in 1878, and the works still operated in 1938, having turned out more than 3000 wagons.

This wagon is known as a straight rail 16-footer. As roads improved, wheels of wagons could be made smaller, making the grid above rear wheels unnecessary (hence 'straight rail'). The *voortang* is a *tolletjie tang* with 4 spindles, an improvement on the *Natal Tang* which Symons adopted after 1920. The brake is a standard Natal crank-type. The wheels are extremely sturdy, and provided with exceptional *tolletjie* spokes — a traditional ornament harking back to 18th Century *Kakebeenwa* (jawbone) spokes. A wagon like this could take a payload of up to 7 tons.

The two rivets binding the arms of the rear *tong* have large round heads — a particular Symons feature.





All traces of the Ixopo Station have now virtually disappeared.

NGG 16 No 113

Continuing with our gallery of Sandstone locomotives in commercial service, NGG16 No 113 is one of the original Garratts that ran at Sandstone after overhaul in 2003 and is probably one of the best known Sandstone locos.

In its last years in commercial service, prior to moving to Midmar and then to Sandstone, it was stationed at Donnybrook and operated on the Ixopo to Donnybrook system. Don Taggart kindly sent us this picture of 113 entering Ixopo on 9 April 1979.

CLASSIC VEHICLES AT SANDSTONE



Sandstone's Brill, complete with its "SAS-MT" number plates

THE BRILL BUS

An article was written recently by Derek Stuart-Findlay in The Crankhandle Club's *Crankhandle Chronicle*, on the history of the iconic Brill buses used by the Motor Transport Division of South African Railways.

It has inspired us to relook at restoring our own Brill that we acquired some years ago. You can view the article by clicking on the link:

<https://bit.ly/2MIx38c>

Our pictures show the beautifully restored example in the Transnet Museum in George and our own version which we plan to refurbish to the same high standard.

The example in George was refurbished by the now defunct SAR Motor Transport workshops in Langlaagte some years ago, so sadly this expertise is no longer available.

We are looking for interested parties who would be able to undertake such a restoration.

If you are interested, please contact Dave Richardson on e mail,
daver@sandstone.co.za



ROAD STEAM



Over the years our Kenworth T900 has saved old Steam Traction Engines from many parts of South Africa



*Thabiso Alphons Makgetha is being tutored by Shawn Spaan to drive a steam roller.
Photo Keith Wetmore*



The arrival of the stone crusher from Britstown station towed by the "Right Hand" Fowler Z7 ploughing engine. Henry Vermaak is the driver. The crushing capacity was 1 cu yard per hour and this crusher was kept in service at the Syndicate until it was sold at the dispersal sale in October 1954. Photo taken in 1910

We have had a good response to our request for assistance from Traction Engine, Steam Roller and Road Locomotive drivers. These are the big heavy Traction Engines and other Road Steam vehicles in our collection.

Many of our volunteers who have been assisting us for the last 15 years are not able to attend these days, and therefore we are working more with international professionals, often people who own their own Traction Engines.

As our experienced and qualified volunteers, particularly on the Agricultural machinery side, find that the task of operating these big machines is too arduous, we turn ever more to our own farm staff.

We like to use our older equipment for normal purposes throughout the year, and it is really important that our staff understand them.

There are fortunately younger enthusiasts around, who are quite happy to put in a few days' work servicing, operating and training people on how to operate these machines. One such man, is Johannesburg's owner/operator, Shawn Spaan.

Thabiso was born on Sandstone's farm and has been here his entire life. As a young man, he drove Lanz Bulldogs and John Deere 730s, so instead of having to be familiarised with this old machinery, he knows exactly what he is doing.

At Stars 2019 most of our staff will be given a break from conventional farming in order to make a major contribution to our ability to put on the show.

South Africa had a substantial cross section of mighty road engines working from the 1880s to the 1950s.

An example is the engine in the black and white photo (left), which belonged to the Smartt Syndicate at the time.

The Z7 Ploughing engine featured on the left was the largest of the majestic Fowler ploughing engines ever made.

This system had a steam engine at either end of the field which then winched a large plough backwards and forwards in order to plough the field in a very systematic fashion. As each furrow was ploughed the engines would move forward.

Sandstone has two BB1 ploughing engines in its collection.

STATIONARY ENGINES



Gerrie de Jong who restored and built this display model of the Wolseley WD9 with Kragkop



We are working hard to put on a very good display of Stationary Engines doing their thing at *Stars 2019*.

These should be driving silage cutters, pumping water, and perhaps generating electricity as well.

Our loyal group of Stationary Engine enthusiasts under Danie Pretorius, Curator of the Sandstone Stationary Engines Museum, sent us the following report:

Let us meet the latest engine arrival at Sandstone Estates: a Wolseley WD9 (3hp) with Rapid P3/1 "Kragkop"

This was bought from Gerrie de Jong, a collector/restorer in Sasolburg who sold a few of his engines to make room for new projects. The engine is a 1972 model, fully restored, mounted on a trolley and driving a Rapid "Kragkop" (power head for bore hole pumps).

The Kragkop is modified to pump water from a tank in the base into a watering can which flows back into the tank. Quite a nice display model for our event next year.

WOLSELEY



VINTAGE AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY

Being born in 1947 means that you still have a long and productive life ahead of you.

The Field Marshall Series III (1947) in this picture is pulling a harrow after the Massey Ferguson 135 (late 1950s) in the foreground had spread cosmos seed using an old fertilizer spreader. The results were first class.

Sandstone Estates is always looking for ways of not putting hours on our modern machinery when it is not necessary.





MILITARY VEHICLES THE FERRETS

Our recent visit to Gavin Brown's Classic Flying Collection in Springs proved that skilled restorers can turn their hand to virtually anything old.

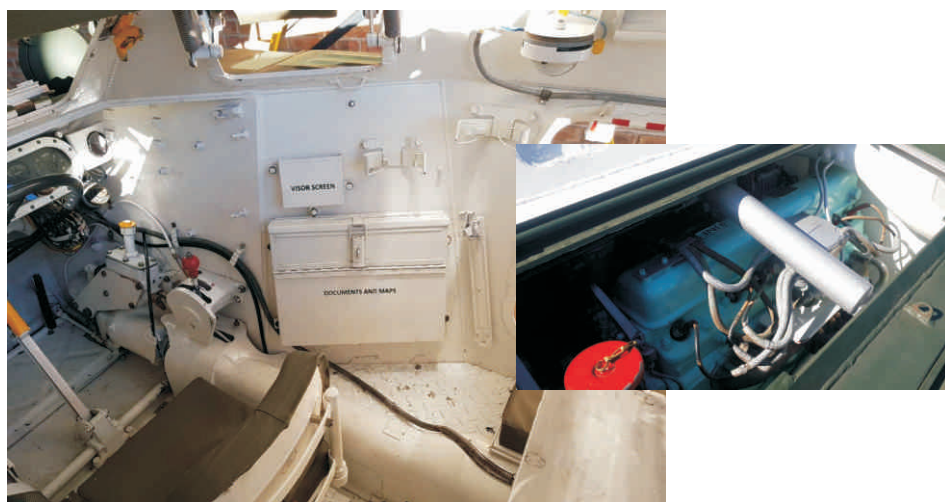
Gavin and his team will be providing the outstanding Classic and Heritage flying displays at **Stars 2019**.

We were not surprised to see a 1954 Mk1 Ferret armoured car from the SA Armour Museum, which had been languishing at Sandstone unrestored, now in sparkling condition. The restoration is almost complete.

The unit has had a total rebuild apart from the Rolls-Royce engine, which has been left untouched. The exhaust and radiator have been redone, together with the wiring and new drive belts that they sourced. The fuel pump was non-operational but the diaphragm is identical to that from a Chipmunk Aircraft (!) and was replaced. After the engine had a flush and oil change, it started easily - a tribute to its Rolls-Royce heritage. The tyres are still original and everything on the vehicle is now working. Fuel consumption is an eye-watering 1.7km/litre or 59 litres/100km!

Some minor touch ups are required and the unit will be returned to Sandstone for **Stars of Sandstone 2019**.

Another of Sandstone's Ferrets is under restoration by Andy Selfe in the Western Cape, and you can read the latest happenings on Andy's ongoing blog; <https://sandstoneferrets.blogspot.com/>



The immaculate interior of the Ferret and the equally immaculate Rolls-Royce engine bay. Very often with vintage vehicle restorations, the interiors are not as good as the exterior. That is not the case here.

SA ARMOUR MUSEUM MANNEAAND/SOCIAL

On Saturday, 8 September 2018, a group of Sandstone personnel visited the SA Armour Museum *Manneaand* in Bloemfontein. The event was presented in the big hanger called *Lesakeng* (a Sotho word for the kraal where they kept the old cattle) and in this case, all the old military vehicles.

The main purpose of the event was to raise funds for the SA Armour Museum. Sandstone Estates started the fundraising event when Management agreed to donate a percentage of the entrance money, from all Military personnel visiting the 2019 **Stars of Sandstone** event, to the SA Armour Museum.

We have had an outstanding relationship with the SA Armour Museum for nearly 15 years now and the relationship continues to go from strength to strength.



Some of the members who attended the event: Willem Wilke (School of Armour), Tankiso Montsi (Sandstone Estates), Thabiso Makgetha (Sandstone Estates), Randie Westraadt (Montagu Nature Reserve), Raymond Hohls (Sandstone Estates), Johan Nel (Sandstone Estates)



DHC 1 Chipmunk ZS-LJU, from the Classic Flying Collection, stabled with a horizontal propeller

Below: More Chipmunks, photo by Rod Smith



A TALE OF PROPELLERS

As featured in our last Newsletter, our visit to Classic Flying Collection revealed many interesting facts about older aircraft, thanks to our guide Jacques Ritchie's comprehensive tour.

For example, why are older aircraft always parked with their propellers in a horizontal position? The simple answer is that the wooden propellers used on these aircraft absorb moisture, and with the propeller vertical, would risk the moisture moving to the lowest point and putting it out of balance.

ZS-LJU featured in this photograph is the oldest version of a Chipmunk in South Africa, and was totally rebuilt from scrap condition by Classic Flying Collection after the roof of the hangar it was stabled in collapsed on it some years ago. It is believed to be the original De Havilland demonstrator, and is painted in those colours.

In our next newsletter we will take a look at an even older aircraft, the Tiger Moth, but to keep you guessing, what is this in our picture and why is it fitted where it is?

FICKSBURG AND AVIATION HISTORY

Ficksburg was the birthplace of one of the pioneers of South African aviation, Victor Smith. He was a civilian pilot, but is considered in the same hallowed ranks of early aviators such as Lt-Col Pierre Van Ryneveld and First Lt Quinton Brand.

Born in 1913 in Ficksburg, Smith was the son of the owner of the Ficksburg Boot Factory.

Around the time of Charles Lindbergh's historic trans-Atlantic flight in 1927, Smith became fascinated with flying. He took a job as an engineer at Union Airways in Port Elizabeth. Determined to be a pilot, he learned to fly in 1930 in a Cirrus Moth. He gained a love of aerobatics at the time, which developed skills he used through his 46-year career. In 7000 hours, he made only 21 emergency landings but never damaged an aircraft.

He was also determined to do what no one else had done - fly from Cape Town to England. After a failed attempt in 1932, he tried again (from the north) in 1933 but sadly only reached Vanrhynsdorp after running out of fuel in the Cape Province. So the record was officially denied to him as he did not reach Cape Town.

Smith was a trail blazer and adventurer and served in the SAAF in the Balkans during Ww2. He was South Africa's last open cockpit pioneer and died in 2001 at the age of 87 in the Cape.





For those railway enthusiasts who enjoyed the long distance Cape Gauge story, they will be pleased to notice that there is quite an increase in steam trips being offered in South Africa in this category. An example is a recent trip featured below by Ceres Rail see www.ceresrail.co.za

Klipdale is a small hamlet near Bredasdorp on the Overberg Line.

THE KLIPDALE TAXI

Railway Preservation inevitably records special Steam events and we are indebted to John Carter and Peter Rogers for these images entitled *The Klipdale Taxi*. The logic behind this is that the top image features Driver Jan “Taxi” Fourie, more often known as “Jan Taxi”.

Top: A pair of 19Cs leaving Klipdale with the 10:20 Bredasdorp-Caledon goods in August 1975 - Photo John Carter

See also <https://sites.google.com/site/soulorailway/home/system-1/back-from-the-ruggens>

Below: A 19D leaving Klipdale with the 9:30 Bredasdorp-Cape Town Ceres Rail passenger excursion in June 2018 Photo Peter Rogers

Two photos. Same place. 33 years apart. Who would have thought.....?

WHAT OTHERS THINK OF THE WORK WE DO

Marc-Henri André is a Swiss photographer and artist and sent us this letter after reading the Narrow Gauge World magazine article on Sandstone, “Replica or Authentic”. See this on: <https://bit.ly/2AcPzo5>

From Marc-Henri Andre:

“I read the article in NGW.

Sandstone is the only place in the world where one can see real South African Narrow Gauge goods train. I like the double-headed Garratt or a 91-000 Diesel with its original SAR colours, in action.

With the beautiful Maluti Mountains backdrop, one can appreciate the scene and take spectacular photographs.

After visiting Sandstone 5 times, I still enjoy this unique experience.

I look forward to see you in April for the **Stars of Sandstone 2019.**”



*Marc-Henri André sent us a marvellous photo gallery of Sandstone taken during his visit to the **Stars of Sandstone** event in 2017*



Dear Sirs,

Congratulations on a fine and nostalgic journey. Likewise, for keeping and investing in Narrow Gauge preservation.

As the AFRICAN EXCELLENCE FORUM, accept our sincere gratitude and endorsement of YOUR PERSONAL dedication and conviction to EXCELLENCE in Narrow Gauge Railway Preservation in Africa.

Best regards

Ed van den Heever

Convenor AFRICAN EXCELLENCE FORUM.

AN ENDORSEMENT

We received a welcome endorsement from the African Excellence Forum for our work regarding the preservation of Narrow Gauge Railways with a letter from the Convenor, Ed van den Heever.

TOUR OPERATOR

Soul Traveller is a newly formed domestic tour operator which is part of the Thebe Investment Corporation. . Their objective is to promote domestic travel across South Africa, in collaboration with Thebe Tourism Group, and they are focusing especially on untapped markets. They wish to create a platform for people to feel good about their country and heritage.

They are currently constructing their tour portfolio and visited the farm on Sunday, 19 August 2018. Penny Ndlela, CEO of Soul Traveller, is hoping that they will organise four trips to Sandstone in 2019. Jerry Mabena, CEO of Thebe Tourism Group, has a passion for trains and is assisting in fund raising to revive the Outeniqua Choo-Tjoe in the Western Cape.

The NGG11 was steamed up for a trip to Grootdraai and they enjoyed their experience but commented that the train trip was too short!! We have suggested that they book a longer trip on their next visit. Time was of the essence though, as they had another booking in Clarens and they only managed to do a short walking tour of the sheds.

A film crew accompanied them on this trip, as they wish to promote Sandstone as a tourist destination as part of what will be a comprehensive tourism portfolio in South Africa

Comments from the Visitors Book:

Amazing experience.

I am coming back!

Chilled and relaxing experience.

Too short. Lovely!

FROM THE NETHERLANDS

Charles Janssen Schmidt, a South African living in the Netherlands, visited Sandstone on Wednesday, 22 August for a Wickham Ride (entire line) and Walking Tour. He was joined by Gavin and Cynthia Richmond from KZN and had the privilege of meeting Professor Eric Holm, who shared his knowledge on the Ox wagons and carts.

Comments from the Visitors Book:

So great to see all so well restored. A blast from the past!

Fabulous insight into a bygone era!



The Soul Traveller Group: Penny Ndlela (far left) and Jerry Mabena (3rd from the left)



Soul Traveller Penny Ndlela tries out an alternative form of rail transport



Chris Janssen Schmidt with Thinus Dennis, the Wickham driver

The procedure for booking via our international agent, Geoff's Trains, is slightly different from booking directly with Sandstone as a Southern African Resident. However, any guests who wish to be active participants, particularly rail crews who already know their way around the country, are welcome to contact us direct. Please contact Dave Richardson by e mail daver@sandstone.co.za

International Bookings:

If you wish to indulge in a full package tour with all flights and land arrangements included, please book via the Geoff's Trains website, <http://www.geoffs-trains.com> or the **Stars of Sandstone** website under International Enquiries, <https://bit.ly/2LDEJbH> which are then routed to Geoff's Trains for processing.

No International bookings or enquiries will be processed by Sandstone.

On receipt of a booking form, Geoff's Trains will issue an invoice; once accepted, a deposit of US\$100 is requested. Should any optional extras be required a further invoice will be issued. Final payment is requested no later than two months prior to the event.

Bookings for Southern African Residents:

Only via the **Stars of Sandstone** website : <http://bit.ly/2rj6ocu>

We accept that these bookings will work to slighter shorter lead times than the International ones. Once an enquiry is received, you will receive details of pricing and, if you have identified dates and the number of people, we will issue a formal quote. You will be asked to confirm this quote at your earliest convenience. Reminder e-mails will be sent where no response has been received. Once confirmed, an invoice will be issued with a 50% deposit required by the end of October 2018. Final payment is required no later than two months prior to the event.

Southern African Residents will be required to confirm their identity number or passport number by way of a copy of such document on final confirmation prior to invoicing.

International visitors accompanying Southern African Residents will be required to pay the appropriate International rate.

Our pricing is structured to enable affordability for both local and international visitors as per common practice in the tourism industry in South Africa.



BOOKINGS FOR THE EVENT AND THE BLUE TRAIN

Registrations for **Stars 2019** are coming in steadily. Be sure to reserve your place and your local Free State accommodation in good time via our website.

Diarise the dates: 4 to 14 April 2019

The Blue Train to Stars of Sandstone 2019

The iconic Blue Train will be making a special trip to **Stars of Sandstone 2019**, departing Pretoria on 3 April 2019. Guests will enjoy two days at the **Stars of Sandstone** event on (4 and 5 April), with the train staged at Vailima Siding at Sandstone. Departure is on the evening of 5 April, with arrival in Pretoria on Saturday, 6 April.

The trip includes entrance to Sandstone and transfers from the Blue Train to the event, and of course all the Blue Train extravagances.

This once in a lifetime experience of travelling on the Blue Train to visit Stars of Sandstone 2019 is being rapidly booked and space will soon be limited. If you do not want to miss out on this great adventure you are urged to contact us now to avoid disappointment. The luxury suite options in fact, have already been booked.

Full details of this grand tour can be found on the Stars of Sandstone website:

<http://www.starsofsandstone.com/> or contact Dave Richardson on e mail, daver@sandstone.co.za

70% full already — BOOK NOW!



Photo Marc-Henri André



SANDSTONE LADIES SOCCER TEAM

World Cup, what World Cup?

The Sandstone ladies soccer team played away from home on Saturday, 23 June 2018 against Franshoek and took a resounding 4 – 1 victory against their opponents. As there is no specific fixture list, matches are played very much on an ad hoc basis, so we await the next match to see if the ladies can maintain the winning streak. Lefu and team thank Sandstone for their support and also for the transport provided to the match.

The Sandstone Rangers (the Men's team) also played a match the next day, Sunday, 24 June 2018 at Pandora against the Mooi Gesig team. The Sandstone Rangers took the victory with a 1 – 0 win.

Well done to the Sandstone teams!

A list of what you can see and do at *Stars of Sandstone 2019* during the event from 4 to 14 April 2019:

- Steam train rides and photography
- Steam footplate experiences
- Flips in vintage aircraft
- Tractor and vintage bus rides
- Military and Classic vehicle rides
- Ox wagon rides
- Modern farming tours
- Vintage agricultural machinery
- Traction engine displays
- Heavy armour military displays
- Battle re-enactments
- Special photographic sessions for the rail enthusiast, as well as numerous photographic opportunities on the farm and with the exhibits
- Tour to our 3'6" Bloemfontein Workshops
- On site Food Village and Bar
- Become involved as an active participant in the event

Over the next few newsletters we shall be showcasing these experiences for *Stars of Sandstone 2019*.

MEDIA LINKS

Read our latest Steam Reports here:

August 2018: <https://bit.ly/2MKgpFd>

We continue to be delighted with the robust coverage that *Stars 2019* is receiving in the media. Diversions, a specialist magazine for the medical profession, has done us proud:

Diversions: <https://bit.ly/2OAY3rT>

On our own website:

<https://bit.ly/2PQyTG5> (The Blue Train)

<https://bit.ly/2QGm1n9> (2019 event)

<https://bit.ly/2DilEwa> (recent local Afrikaans newspaper general advertorial)

Road Steam featuring the Fowler B5 and McLaren traction engines by Frameline Productions:

<https://youtu.be/RV4dRnj3UTw>

<https://youtu.be/H18Ds7ScRr8>

From all of us at Stars'19 — that's all for now!



Preserving the best of the Past for the Future

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