



Spring Newsletter 2017

SIGNAL CANNON SPRUCED UP

The signal cannon displayed in front of the Museum has had a facelift. A thorough clean and a lick of paint was all that was needed to smarten it up. It was first mounted on Klipberg in 1734 during the rule of the Dutch East India Company. The cannon was fired to warn burghers of danger or to summon them to town. However, its main function was to notify farmers in the region of the arrival of ships visiting the Cape, enabling them to take their produce to Cape Town for sale. According to Nina van der Westhuizen in her book "A Darling History", 'A series of cannons, all set on hilltops, would relay the message far inland. Among others, cannons were placed on Dassenberg near Kleine Postband on Klipberg north of Darling.' The cannon serves as a valuable reminder of the history of the region.



DARLING WILDFLOWER SHOW 2017



Visitors to the Museum over the 4-day Wildflower Show were well up on last year, with over 300 people visiting. The shuttle running to and from various venues in Darling at 1/2 hour intervals was a major contributor and we sincerely hope that this becomes a permanent feature of the show. Our sincere

congratulations and thanks to the organizers and all volunteers for the very successful event.

DARLING MYSTERY TRAIL REVAMPED

In 1853 Darling was named after the then Governor of the Cape, Sir Charles Henry Darling. Why did he choose this little valley nestled between the Swartland and the West Coast for the new settlement? Fragments of the mysterious story still exist. You can put them together on the Mystery Trail in our picturesque village. Cycle or walk (a 1,5 to 2 hours easy stroll) to solve the Darling Mystery Trail by sorting out the riddles. A personal trail map is available at the Museum for R30 per person. You can use your GPS, QR-Code reader and compass on your smartphone to solve the riddles. Everyone finds a treasure and has a chance to win a Darling weekend worth R1000. A draw takes place annually. Pop in to the Museum for your personal trail map.



UPCOMING EVENTS



DARLING MUSEUM
PROUDLY PRESENTS
Chris Murphy

The Old Road North

Come and listen to this fascinating story about the retracing of the original route from the base of the Cape up to Clanwilliam via the N7 and Old Malmesbury Road



**WEDNESDAY 25th OCTOBER AT 18H30 FOR
19H00**

SNACKS AND REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

Tickets: R70 (R60 FOR FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM)
TO BOOK: DIANNE AT THE MUSEUM 022 492 3361



DARLING MUSEUM

CAR BOOT SALE

An ideal opportunity to offload all unwanted and unused items cluttering up your house and garage



WHERE:

Parking area opposite the Museum

WHEN:

Saturday, 25th November 2017 (10h00 until 14h00)

R60 per car boot/table and R100 for commercial vendors

Simply phone Dianne on 022 492 3361 to book your spot

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