



IAN AND BERYL's NEWSLETTER 2025

Season's Greetings.

We send you our very best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year 2026.

2025 – a year we knew would be special ...holidays, Women's Rugby World Cup and our 25th wedding anniversary.

Winter on the island passed by quickly as lots of planning took place to prepare for our March trip to Cape Town. Not only was it to see family there but it was an opportunity for Ian to celebrate 60 years since matriculation with 4 days of events. Before that we spent a week away with friends in the beautiful Montagu area, some 3 hours drive from Cape Town.

In April, our Farnham family came to explore more of the island. One special activity for the 3 grandchildren was to visit Osborne House and take part in building a Lego version of the Swiss Cottage in the grounds.

During the summer we had fun visits from friends in New Zealand, Canada and Fleet and showed them some of our special places. Members of the local camera club spent a windy June morning in our garden taking images of the 900 or so yachts competing in the prestigious Round the Island race.

September's focus was to watch Women's Rugby World Cup matches on TV at home and live at several southern England stadiums. During our week away for the rugby, we visited notable gardens including 'Highgrove', King Charles III property in Gloucestershire, the Newt in Somerset and Stourhead in Wiltshire.

The garden, which is still under construction, keeps us busy as areas become more developed. The natural pond has a new edging, raised beds were made in the veggie and flower garden and a sliding gate has been installed at our entrance. Some wildlife e.g. red squirrel, stoat, badgers, foxes and birdlife including buzzards, kestrel, lesser spotted woodpecker are welcome, but rabbits are certainly not. The rabbit proof fencing has been upgraded in places to deter these destructive pests.

Ian has used his woodworking skills making gates to restrict rabbits entering our ornamental garden areas and he has also made wooden structures in the raised beds which allowed sweet peas, beans and squash to grow despite the strong winds that batter the island.

Beryl loves flower arranging and has joined 2 floral groups. On a couple of occasions she has joined a team to arrange flowers in Osborne House. Next year she wants to plant more shrubs in the ornamental areas to use in floral competitions.

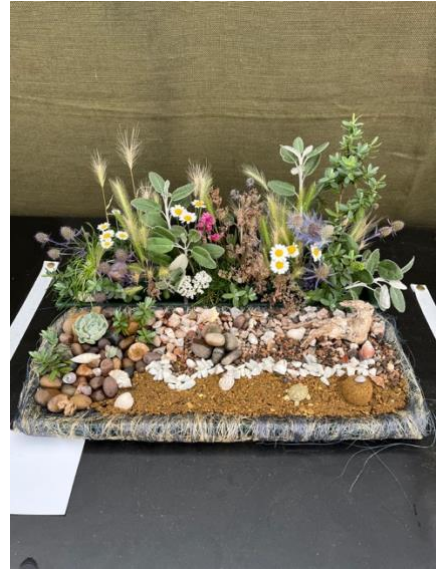
Our granddaughters are all doing well at school including music, football, netball and craft. Abi and Katie went to Brownie camp recently and Sophie has joined the junior choir at secondary school.

Finally, we will celebrate belatedly our silver wedding anniversary early next year.

Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year with good health and happiness during 2026.

Cheers for 2025, Beryl and Ian

BERYL's FLOWER ARRANGEMENTS



OUR HOUSE – HYDEAWAY:



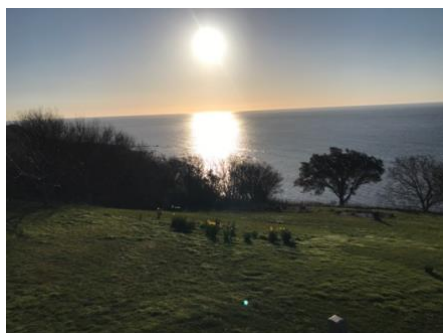
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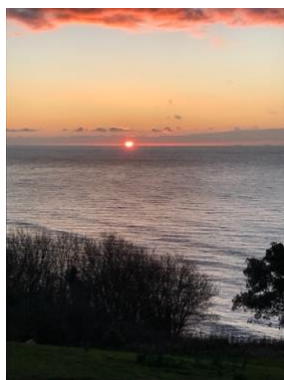
Water Feature



Balcony Christmas



Moonrise



Sunrise



Sunset

BERYL's VEGETABLE PATCH:



Construction



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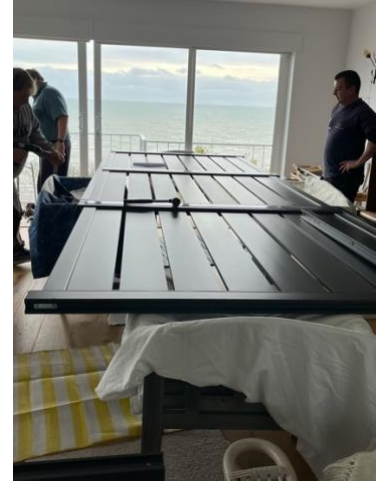
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Produce included Tahiti
Squash, Beans, Leeks, and
Spinach

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NEW AUTO SLIDING GATE:



GARDEN POND CONSTRUCTION:



CAPE TOWN MARCH HOLIDAY:



Beryl's School Friends – Beryl / Cheryl / Lorraine



Beryl's School Friends – Janet / Toekie / Cheryl / Beryl



Sand Castle on Fish Hoek Beach



Gordon (Beryl's brother) and Ian getting ready for Rondebosch OBU Dinner



Rondebosch E'65 Reunion attending OBU Dinner



**Memorabilia Mug
More on the E'65 Reunion at <https://rondebosche65.co.za>**

WOMEN'S RUGBY WORLD CUP 2025:



Beryl and Ian at one of the games



Beryl and her BATH BUN

For some video clips of WRWC,
please go to
<https://websteruk.net>

GRANDKIDS and Family:



**Looking at Permaculture's
Tortoise**



Lunch at Osbourne House



**On the Rocks at
Castlehaven Beach**



**Watching the King's Speech
Christmas 2024**

VISITORS 2025:



HELEN and BILL



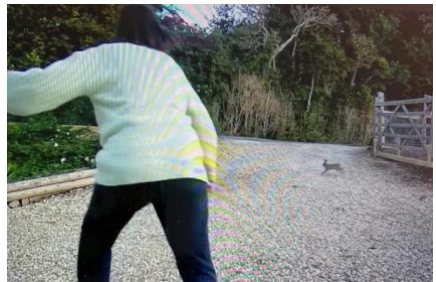
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MEDS



MERYL and GORDON



RABBITS



NITON CAMERA CLUB

OTHER PHOTOS:



PIZZA at No.7



**EARLY CHRISTMAS LUNCH
WITH MELANIE and JON**



**INTERESTING PATTERNS AT
THE NEEDLES**