

KITALE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 2009



80 years young!
2008: A year to be celebrated

The Gala year over, Kitale Academy enters its 81st year. Having completed 80 years by December 2008, the actual birthday falls on the day that the school first opened in 1929.

Those of us who were at the reunion, enjoyed the celebrations at first hand. Many others were with us in spirit. There seemed to be consensus in thinking that we do not let die what was bravely begun by Helen, Liz and Paula, with Bridget falling right into their trap and taking on the task of co-ordination. Whether we have been successful is for you readers to decide. My personal feeling is that, after 10 years, our approach needs a new and younger look.

I know of many much younger, retired Kitaleites who might and who have the skills to take over certainly the very responsible task of organising reunions and enlisting the help of the many very capable committee members such as we have enjoyed thus far. Much of the work is fun. However, it needs commitment, communication and consolidation. We have so far had seven very different, very successful reunions. Will there be an eighth? Where will it be held? It is Australia's turn to be followed by England [I have already had two offers of help from near London – well done and thank you].

Funds: We have among you many generous Kitaleites who keep the flag flying. These are the people who have made more than one contribution. Thank you to all of you who have kept us going. Sadly, those who haven't paid no longer get a Newsletter. The cost of producing a 20 page Newsletter rises annually as does air mail postage. Not all Kitaleites are on broadband and the message I get is that people prefer a printed copy that can be shared. This year, my personal contribution has been the cost of colour printing the centre and cover pages [to ring a change!]. Postage, stationery and printing will eat into our resources, leaving our Kitale School Bank Account with enough funds for one, perhaps two more Newsletters.

Might I ask that those of you who have so far made only one R100 [± £10 contribution] dig deep and send a further amount – that is if you agree that we are to continue. Cheques should be made out to Mrs B Walton and posted to me at P O Box 1113, HILTON, 3245, SOUTH AFRICA. As a Senior Citizen, I need then pay no bank charges on this separate Kitale School account – anything to save your money!

My next plea is for volunteers –either to take over and give the Newsletter a face lift or to co-ordinate the Reunions or both. Mwalimu Mzee has to work for financial reasons; she is one of four surviving teachers of your era – a scary reminder that, albeit one is as young as one feels, she is getting on in years.

I look forward to receiving offers and meantime wish all a happy, healthy and successful 2009. Thank you for support and Newsletter contributions during 2008.

Bridget

Hello All Kitaleites

What an amazing year this has been, culminating in the reunion, which saw us celebrate the school's 80th Birthday. Maurice Lewis has contributed his experiences of the weekend's events – so much better from a different perspective than mine.

This time, all the accolades must go to **Tony and Adrienne Mills** and **Cherry Dale**, with **Chris Hearne** and **Magda**, who were staying at Lokitela along with many others, always at the ready and doing much more than their share considering they were at the helm in 2006.

Reunion guests, 94 in number, travelled from 4 continents and met at the Kitale Club on Friday 24 October – all, that is, with the exception of the group from Perth who chose to camp on Elgon with John Wreford Smith, only to find themselves marooned because of the heavy rain. They eventually managed to join us in time for a good bath / shower before the Gala Dinner on Saturday 25th.

Our Guest List for the 2008 Reunion:

From Kenya:

Bob Anderson
Tony and Adrienne Mills
Jolyon and Janet Mills
Jane Barnley
Dick Barnley
Julia Barnley
Rob and Anne (Barnley) Bairstow
Horace and Caroline Horsey
Pam Robinson
Jennifer (Northcote) Hellier
Robin and Jessica Jensen
George and Janet Manuel (invited guests)
Jonathan Mayer
Tony and Rosie Monkhouse
Cliff Mukulu
Ben and Jenny (Coombes) Pont
Dan and June Shaw

Jennifer Eaton

Chris Flatt

Nigel Warren

John-Wreford-Smith

From New Zealand:

John and Cathy Dudin

Niels Sunde

From Australia:

Alan Dale

Jessie Dale (Senior)

Brandon Brooksbank

Ralph Fremlin and daughter Katryn with friend Miesha Bradshaw

Charles and Vicky Kerfoot

Caroline (Quinn) Esterman

From Canada:

Isabel Black and Maurice Lewis

Catherine (Black) and Albert Homenchuk

From the UK:

David Daniels and Christopher

Grant Daniels and Kingsley

Anthony and Penny Denton

Roger and Kirsty Dudin

Jenny (Dairs) and John Field

Peter Gerrard

Ronnie (Jocelyn) Ennes and Luke

David Jocelyn

Else (Sunde) and Hugh MacMichael

Robert Munday

Jane (Nicholson) Cox

Ralph Nicholson

Jenny (Wilson) and Charlie Munden

Trisha (Neale) Edge

Paul and Charlotte Edge

Richard Northmore

Henry Northmore and Tammy Reilly

Tom Shaw

Sven Sunde

Steve and Cecilia Wilson

From Cyprus

Lindy (Northcote) and George Wilson – Tug

From Luxembourg:

Patrick Halahan

From Germany:

Sue (Wilson) and Klaus Böll

From South Africa:

Celia (Falck) and Frank Isaac
Chris and Magda Hearne (who drove up!)
Tom Jacobs and Allison Veinings
Danie Steyn and friend Dave Joubert
Mwalimu Kali (Bridget Walton)

Friday evening was informal, yet the meal set in the already decorated Conference Centre was a 'Dress Rehearsal' in as far as catering arrangements were concerned. **Bob Anderson** had donated two bakkie loads of roses from his nurseries – flowers that were not perfect for export. Never have we seen so many arrangements and you can imagine how they enhanced the entire Club's main building and Conference Centre. Kenyans are amazing people – cheerful, friendly and so willing to help. The end result, thanks to the combined expertise of many helpers, as seen in the photos [Centre page] was amazing to a point where we could enjoy a truly festive weekend.

Saturday morning saw us all rise bright and early and arrive at the school (now called Kitale Academy) for a start of proceedings at 09h00. We were addressed by the Chairman of the PTA, **Mr Kiare** and the Head, **Mrs Wanyonye** after which Mwalimu Kali responded, mentioning that we were not in a position to organise teacher/pupil exchanges or undertake any assistance that would involve large sums of money. However, to partner Kitale Academy with a similar school in South Africa whereby the teachers and children could exchange ideas, compare schools, environment, geographical situations such as climate and economics – the list should be endless, is feasible and Bridget has already been in touch with a possible school which is mentored by one of Johannesburg's leading Heads. So much knowledge can be shared through electronic mail and Kitale Academy is blessed with and owns proudly no less than 40 working computers.

Bishop Steven of the Anglican Church also made time during his busy Saturday morning schedule to be with us and even to address the alumni gathering briefly.

Following the addresses, the Staff Choir entertained the audience as did the children, with dancing and singing. **Chris Hearne** and **Cliff Mukulu** presented soccer, basket and netballs, which were received with much jubilation. A new book on Madiba, Nelson Mandela, was presented, alongside a fund started through the extreme generosity of **Michael Brookes**, to which others added lesser sums. The money is to go towards uplifting the school library, with **Nigel Warren**, in conjunction with Mrs Wanyonye, monitoring spending.

Following on from the formal proceedings, we were offered excellent refreshments in the Junior dining room. Thereafter, staff members and boys and girls conducted tours of the school before lunch. I believe all who revisited the school would agree with my feelings that the Staff are to be congratulated on a school where, considering the numbers, time management is excellent, the children are disciplined and extremely well-mannered as well as neatly turned out. The curriculum, inevitably is syllabus-bound with, in my view, not enough emphasis on lateral thinking. This is a weakness in many African countries where large classes and the necessity for children to pass exams dictates. However, to find even one young man reading Ryder Haggard in Swahili was gratifying. **Jane Cox [Nicholson]** mentioned how delighted she was to see so many girls in brownie and guide uniforms, this indicating that the extra mural started by her Mum, **Margaret**, was still going strong. Lunch, like the morning coffee snacks, was an excellent meal after which many went to visit farms while several of us returned to the Club to add finishing touches to the décor for the

Gala Dinner.

Many, including the Club Committee Members were amazed at the transformation of the Conference Centre for the evening. The meal: The main course had been cooked in the Club kitchen while there was an endless, amazing variety of desserts provided by Committee and friends. Well done all and thank you for a huge effort. Invited guests included the Members of the Club Committee, Governors of the School and Senior Staff Members. They all mingled well with the rest of us and a great evening went on into the small hours with lots of photographs taken, music played and dancing enjoyed. Amazingly, albeit perhaps bleary eyed, most appeared the next morning for brunch and farewells on the Club veranda overlooking the golf course. Sunday activities again went on into late afternoon and evening for those who did not have to leave. It must be mentioned that the swimming pool and golf course are both in pristine condition and a credit to those whose responsibility it is to look after both.

Kenya revisited: I believe all who returned would agree that it remains a great country – both scenically and its people we found to be simply the best. Indeed, poverty and unemployment abound – as in so many other countries. However, the Kenya ‘watu’ are amazing – cheerful and friendly while most things, although expensive, are readily available in shops. We so enjoyed the time there.

As always, the 2009 Kitale School file is full of e-mails and letters received, so here goes!

Paula [Burch] and **Ian Allen** are among the many that manage to make me feel young when they send news and photos of grand children. Aside from enjoying time in their ‘batch’ in the bush, they have acquired a Spanish water dog, Azar, and they continue to run a perfect B & B. For both, the work never stops. **Colin** and **Sue** left Naivasha to settle in Queensland while **Tony** and **Audrey**, still living in England, were able to join the Picton, New Zealand, Burches for a family wedding.



Proud Paula with grandson Brayden, aged one

Michael Fulton managed to get in touch with Paula via the Internet, Visitors to the B & B were **Susan** and **Irvine White**, **Sue** and **Andrew Kerfoot** and **Terry** and **Gayle Davidson**. Paula writes also that she has been able to renew contact with **Sylvia [Bumpus] Rattenbury** – again through the Chichester Reunion and the Newsletter which followed.

Antonia Bagshawe has not yet completely retired from her work as a doctor. She spent November and December back in Zambia and enjoyed having sister **Clemency** stay over a **Kerfoot** daughter's wedding.

Phil and **Anne Bairstow** continue to live in Lavington, Nairobi. They organised the professional baking of our Anniversary cake, which took a huge load off committee member shoulders. Ten members of the Bairstow family travelled to Poland for **Rob's** eldest son's wedding – didn't manage to learn much Polish. Since the reunion, Rob has phoned to announce that he too is now a proud grandfather! The good news is that

Julia has, for now, been given an 'all clear' bill of health.

Carole [Barrett] Schmoll would like to get back in touch with **Nicola Waterfield**, best friend from Kitale schooldays. Carole's e-mail address: schmollcarole@hotmail.com She writes that her Mum, at almost 90 is still going strong, apart from very poor eyesight.

Koba [Bosmn] Bentley and **Bob** have settled down very well in England, both having got jobs which they enjoy. This year they were given tickets to travel to Perth, Australia, where they saw **Vicky** and **Charles [Kerfoot]** and **Sue [Shields] White** and **Irvine**. There was to have been a mini 60th Birthday bash at **Mary Sovic [Hayley's]** home in France. In the end, it took place at **Jenny [Wilson] Munden's** home and it seems a great time was had by all. **Petrie Bosman** remarried during 2008 and is blissfully happy. Sadly, however, **Harm**, who was a man of great energy and enthusiasm at Hlanlanathi in 2006 suffered a major heart attack earlier this year. It had been his plan to drive to the Kitale Reunion; sadly this never materialised. *[Koba and Petrie, I am sure all will join me in sending condolences, through the Newsletter, in your loss of a fine brother]*

Two members of the **Black** family, **Isabel** and **Catherine** with husbands **Maurice** and **Albert** made a huge effort and joined us from 24 – 26 October. They combined the reunion with visits to other parts of Kenya and even South Africa in Isabel and Maurice's case. Catherine was happy to touch sides with **Anthony** and **Penny Denton** as well as with **Horace** and **Caroline [Denton] Horsey**, both at the reunion and at Nyal. For them, first prize would have been to meet up with the **Cramptons**, **Dentons**, **Northcotes**, **O'Hanlons**, **Whitlocks**, **Pedersens** and **Humphris**. *[Two out of eight, not bad, Catherine, considering time and distance]*

It's good to be back in touch with **Moir [Bridson] McIntyre**, who managed eventually to get into the Kitale School website. Moira would like to renew contact with some of her erstwhile school friends. Her e-mail address: moiramcintyre45@tiscali.co.uk

Eddie and Jeanne Bristow are both excellent at keeping in touch. Eddie must be one of the few who still has perfect handwriting. We are really sorry that you were unable to join us in Kitale *[I need to apologise for failing to get in touch with you in Nairobi; I'll do better next time.]*

Michael Brookes: Pressure of work prevented Michael from getting back to Kenya in October. However, as already mentioned, he made a most generous gesture in that he donated almost the equivalent of a return London / Nairobi to Kitale School. Michael has recently had an evening meal with **Kirsty** and **Roger Dudin**, during which he related how he learnt to drive in his father's short wheel-based Land Rover with **Whiskey** and **Soda** sitting in the back as they negotiated roads and tracks around the school grounds. He enjoyed hearing about and seeing photos taken at the Reunion.

The **Brooksbank** family had a great reunion in the UK during April, 2008. Thirty-four members arrived from all corners of the globe and they took over the **Nicholson's** lovely home in Buckland Filleigh, North Devon. On the Sunday, **Alan Woods** and his wife joined the party as did **Ralph** and **Suzanne**, **Jane** and **Jim [Cox]**. **Sue** and **Gavin [McKenzie]** also visited **Sally [Kerfoot]** and husband **Robin**. While there they met up also with **Andrew** and **Sue [Roffey] Kerfoot**.

Sue [Chapman] James and **Philip** have spent their children's inheritance and moved

to a smaller, more manageable home. They are to be congratulated on having beaten the credit crunch! Travel in 2008 took them first to India and thereafter to a nephew's wedding in Cape Town – hence the reunion could not be on their agenda this time.

What would Kitale School have done without **Tony and Adrienne**? Both put heart, soul, shoulders to the wheel and left no stone unturned in relation to the Gala Reunion. We owe them a huge debt of gratitude. Tony wrote today to say he had a request for a biennial repeat. While this is a huge compliment, the answer from both of us and I am sure **Cherry** would 'hear, hear' it, is 'no way!' It's Australia's turn to host and thereafter England or another continent where there are sufficient, energetic folk who would like to have a bash. It's weeks – in fact two years of hard work but great fun and when things go well one can look back and feel it has been worth it.

Alan and Jessie Dale Snr: Alan was more than generous with his time and energy at the reunion. While he enjoyed the golf course, he was always available with a free taxi service for those of us who needed a lift into Kitale. Jessie, with **Pam Robinson**, as you can see from the photographs, was the life and soul of the party. **Cherry** – is another to whom we are all indebted. As a frequent visitor and committee member of Kitale Club, Cherry took on my role of Memsahib Kali. She made sure everything went like clockwork. More important was her positive relationship with the Club Committee Members who all went that extra mile, as did every employee. Thank you, Cherry and well done! What can I write except to say that she was everywhere all the time, organising and making sure of perfection, which she achieved. *[Thanks so much again, Cherry].*

Jenny Coombes [Pont] and **Ben**: Busy as they are with their filming, Jenny and Ben drove up and more than supported our efforts. Unfortunately, they had met up with some very sad and unsettled people as they filmed in the Rift Valley, shooting a pilot for a Danish Feature Film. Ben has 'officially' retired. Ben busies himself with cooking for two and looking after his orchids. Growing varieties of orchids is an extremely popular hobby among Kenyans.

David de Bromhead, along with **Rosalind [Williams]** **Graham-Smith** has offered to help with the next UK reunion. Depending on the response from Australia, I have had it suggested that we consider a time between the 2012 Olympics and the Paralympics when there are likely to be special offers on air travel. Am I being over-optimistic?

Anthony and Penny Denton: While Anthony continues to teach, Penny has given up her full-time position and this enabled both to travel to Kenya together during the UK school's mid-term break. Anthony and **Caroline [Horsey]** have both visited family in Australia, while Caroline has again spent time in Chichester. Caroline's 'wings' came in very useful and she piloted her single engine plane very skilfully from Mombasa to Kitale Air strip and back. Her most nervous passenger was undoubtedly her very proud and supportive husband, **Horace**.



Horace enjoying a Tusker

Jenny [Dairs] and John Field: Jenny writes, 'We are still raving about our trip to Kenya, SA and Zim. What a wonderful reunion – such a lot of 'old' friends. Even John found it a surprisingly rewarding experience when he thought he would be stuck in a corner not knowing anyone.' Jenny fed ± 85 mouths last Christmas. I imagine she and John will again be looking forward to having family members gather at Fern Hay this holiday season *[I believe the strength of the Kitale School Reunions is that we invite family members. New friendships are created while old ones are rekindled. I reiterate the plea that younger retirees come to the party and help with the organising. We need that energy and enthusiasm, which is so evident at all our reunions.]*

As upper middle age creeps in, **Doreen Drakes** and **David** daydream about First Class travel to reunions and look forward to Newsletters each year. They enjoy living closer to **Ian** and **Lynne**.

John and **Christine Eager** have sold their home in Queensland and are on the move again, this time in a new and bigger caravan, which will be their home as they explore so much of what Southern and Western Australia offers the indefatigable traveller. They will be spending New Year with **Liz [Statham]** and **Chris Kerr**. A trip to Tasmania is on their agenda and finally they plan definitely to settle back in South Australia. *[See photos back inside cover]*

Sally [Eager] and **Peter Hood** are well settled in retirement and enjoy living in Stanford, Western Cape, SA, which Sally calls 'A sleepy village!' Among his many other interests, Peter plays golf while Sally is doing some teaching, English to Khosa speaking children, computer literacy teaching and desktop publishing. She plays bridge, tennis and golf and seems to be a mah-jong

fund!

John and **Cathy Dudin**, having left their farm and moved to New Plymouth, North Island, New Zealand, are enjoying their new found retirement. In August, they saw themselves cruising around the Pacific Islands for several weeks, all this before flying to Kenya, where they met up with **Roger and Kirsty**. All four enjoyed visiting the Elgon farm near Soboti, previously owned by their grand-parents. From Kitale, all enjoyed a very successful trip to Masai Mara before returning to NZ and UK respectively.

Celia [Falck / Moore] Isaac and **Frank** are staunch supporters of our alumni movement. For two years now, once my printer has done its job, Celia comes to spend time helping with the folding and stapling of the over 500 Newsletters that are sent out. She keeps in touch with friends from the past and passes on news. *[Thank you so much, Celia.]* For the Isaacs, the highlight of 2008 may have been meeting up with **Else [Sunde]** and **Hugh McMichael** and going on safari – Lakes Nakuru and Elementeita, Lake Baringo, The Ark, Masai Mara and Malindi were on their itinerary. The low light for Celia, and this will have been a huge disappointment, was to lose her photo flip file, which she was generous enough to bring to the reunion for others to enjoy. She also lost her camera at the Kitale Club and would be more than happy to have that back, along with all her travel and reunion photos. Celia's e-mail address: ckfmoore@mweb.co.za *[Celia, I shall be sending a complimentary copy of the Newsletter to the Club Committee and I still hope your camera and the folder might find their way back to you.]*

Karin [Falck] and **Chris** Norman travelled to Australia in June to visit son Alex and his family there *[Thank you for getting me back in touch with Ronnie [Symes] Older.]*

Penny [Flatt] Madvig and **Peter** drove to Queensland and spent a few days on Lady Elliot Island on the southern tip of the Great Barrier Reef. Imagine the excitement as they watched a logger-head turtle lay her eggs before heading back to sea! En route, they visited friends, including **Sally [Disney]** and **Guy Robinson**. Penny and Peter continue to look after Mum, **Madeleine**, and on warm days they are able to take her out in her wheel chair. Having **Chris Flatt** come to Kitale for the Reunion weekend was an added bonus and we were just sorry that **Nicky** was not well enough to travel with him.

Ralph Fremlin, daughter **Katryn** and friend **Miesha Bradshaw** were among the Australian contingent that experienced very wet camping conditions on Mount Elgon. Besides Kenya, they travelled to Tanzania and Botswana. Ralph's plan was that all three go to Uganda to see the gorillas after which he would return to Perth, leaving the young ladies to go to Zanzibar for some diving, on to Cape Town and from there back home.

Karin Ganz: There has been no further news from Karin since she moved into Bundoora Retirement Village.

The two photos, Jockey Dance and Minuet are courtesy of **Vivien [Greaves] Young**. Those Kitaleites who feature will remember the display organised by **Vera Bowden** in 1949 Vivien writes that, having studied the lives and embroidery skills of ethnic minorities in South West China, she has become a textile artist in her own right. She comments on how proud **Mrs Fell**, art/craft teacher would be of her protégé. Memories of Kitale School: '...handstands on the grass, collecting "lucky beans" under the flame trees, Brownies, the taste of bread-and-melting-butter at break, clotted cream with everything, club swinging in PT and having throats painted with nasty purple liquid. The

best times, obviously, were when suitcases arrived in the dorms prior to going home for holidays!' Vivien would like to be remembered to all classmates who would have known her as 'Tiddles!'

Anthony Halahan's sudden arrival in Kitale from Luxembourg was one of many First Prize surprises. [*Good to have you with us, Tony!*] Sadly, **Patrick** and **Cindy** were unable to be with us. However, they managed to find out how to buy Tusker in California so they will have proposed a toast as they sipped 'cool refreshing' beer [*Remember the advert?*] Patrick remembers the time when a D9 tractor [he had never seen a machine that big] was brought in to rid the school of some eucalyptus trees. He remembers starting school in what they called the 'Old House' [*Junior Block*] and stealing fruit from the Headmaster's garden and how scared he was that he might be caught! He recalls breaking his finger and having the school sister put gentian violet on it [the correct treatment was administered later!] Their Dad, as in Captain Halahan, was the 'weird' guy who built a 27 foot yacht on the farm and then had to figure out how to get it to Mombasa.

People who stick in Patrick's mind: **Brian Durrad**, always up to no good who managed to persuade Patrick to go along with him; **Fleming Olsen** and **Marianne** for whom he had a liking while he thought Fleming was a great guy. **Miles Barton** managed to keep Patrick from straying off the straight and narrow with Brian – some of the time. **Barry Flatt** was a guy Patrick competed with – the two were best in class at Latin although Patrick writes that after leaving Kitale his Latin went to 'hell.' **Charles Kerfoot** was a guy Patrick came across and looked up to when he went to visit the **Perkins**. He remembers being given a pair of "38 radio transceiver" sets by **Tony Mills'** Dad and

trying desperately to make them work! The frustration launched his career in electronics.

News of **Pam [Hissey]** and **John Barbour** and the rest of the Hissey clan arrived via **Daphne**.



Pam with Daphne's great-grand-daughter, Olivia

Pam and John hope to be at **Mike Bennett's** 60th Wedding Anniversary in New Zealand, in February 2009. Pam continues to paint cards and prints while John busies himself as a landscape gardener. **Roger** and **Heleen** in Johannesburg have Danecia's wedding in March 2009 to look forward to, when there will undoubtedly be a large gathering of the **Hissey/ Northcote / Dwen** clan. Roger spent time in Australia during which he and **Peter** went fishing in Shark's Bay. Peter and **Jenny** have now moved to Albany and this necessitated a home move also for Daphne who now lives in Brunswick Junction, closer to Pam and John.

Jenny and **Allan Hallett's** Maridadi Pewter business now thrives to a point where they have additional help and have opened their own showroom in the Howick Hotel building down Main Street. The close friendship with **Chris** and **Magda Hearne** flourishes albeit that distance and work commitments dictate weekend visits to each other's homes.

Anna [Hasluck] Weaver, having retired, was taken by husband **Roger** to visit their daughter in New Zealand. On the return flight, they managed to spend a night with **Ian** and **Helen [Nicholson] Bailey**. Her next trip abroad will be to visit Mum **Margaret** in Harare where **David** and **Debbie** live also.
[Please, Anna, let me have updated e-mail and

Postal Address details for both David and Philip].

Mike and **Sue Haupt** are regular e-mail correspondents. Michael, who attended Bishops in Cape Town after Kitale will be going back for his 40th reunion in March 2009. As the photo indicates, **Tessa** and **Brian Watson** have become doting grandparents during 2008. They have also travelled to Scotland during this year where son Graeme is on a year's work visa.

Alison [Hemphill] and **Michael** continue to enjoy living in Switzerland. *[apologies, surname escapes me]* Their three young are now adult, with only Philip still at University. **Rob** visits **Nell** and **David** in Nenagh, Ireland quite regularly and he is hoping, eventually, to move back there permanently.

Melanie [Hickman] Forster was visited by her cousin **Peter Rosa** during February 2008 to coincide with work commitments in Melbourne. The previous meeting was in 1974. *[I imagine there will have been a few changes since then!]* She mentioned being madly busy preparing for Australia Day besides getting the garden organised for when Peter arrived. Melanie is still in touch with **Carole [Barrett] Schmoll**.

Mavis Hollows keeps in e-mail touch and from her we hear that **Judith** continues to do sterling work with the elderly. Judith has managed to move to a larger house so that she can accommodate three patients and a nurse. She seems to be much happier and all inmates have settled well.

Sarah [Humphris] Proctor hopes that, in spite of the housing crisis, they may be able to sell their lovely B & B and move to White River where they plan to enjoy a less hectic life.

Taken at the Reunion



*Margaret Nicholson, Aged 96,
sadly, unable to be with us*



with daughter Jane at Watamu and Ralph – both at Reunion



*Golden 'oldies'
Jessie Dale Snr and Pam Robinson*



Jenny[Coombes] and Alan Dale



*What's the secret?
Chris, Jolyon and Ronnie*



*Richard [Northmore]
with Henry and Tammy*



Sven Sunde



Lovely Adrianne Mills, Tony with Jane Barnley



*This Tusker sure tastes good!
Steve, David, Jessica and Robin*



They are ready to party all night!



*Farewell
– all too soon it was over*