



Schedule of Lectures February to November 2018

Venue: RJM Hall, Randjes Estate,

6 Randjeslaagte Road, Highlands North. 26.14S 28.09E

Tea and coffee are served at 09:30. The lecture starts at 10:00

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Date	Speaker	Title	Blurb
13 February	Kathy Munro	The Old Brixton Cemetery: a cemetery in severe trouble. What graves are there and who is buried there?	Brixton is a cemetery with a grand past but its future needs to be secured. Here is a cemetery in severe trouble. Brixton is a good place to observe that Johannesburg has problems with its current social dynamics and local governance.
13 March	Mark Heywood Executive Director: Section27 Catalysts for Social Justice	Social Justice or Bust – using the Constitution to tackle South Africa’s 21st century inequalities	
10 April	Ruby-Anne Birin Ruby-Anne is an archaeology honours student at the University of the Witwatersrand	Face to Face with the Philistines	From early mentions as ‘Sea Peoples’ in Egyptian hieroglyphs, references in biblical texts and their ultimate demise at the hands of the Babylonians, the story of the ancient Philistines has traditionally been told by their neighbours and enemies. The discovery of a Philistine cemetery in Ashkelon in 2014 now allows the dead to tell their own stories. Located outside the city walls, the finds at the cemetery dispel myths such as their legendary tallness and uncouth behaviour. Ruby-Anne Birin will recount her personal experiences while excavating the

			cemetery in the 2015 and 2016 excavation seasons and consider some of the conclusions and research that have been published subsequent to this remarkable discovery.
8 May	Prof. Bill Evans DipOrth, BDS Department of Orthodontics, University of the Witwatersrand Managing Editor of the Journal of the South African Dental Association	“Change amid order, and order amid change” A slightly cynical look at three examples	“ <i>Change is inevitable... Change is constant</i> ” Benjamin Disraeli. A look at three disparate subjects, linked by the commonality of change, hominid dentition and gum disease, orthodontic wires, and the curricula at Dental School. Somewhat cynical, but somewhat intriguing.
12 June	Reingard Nethersole Prof Emerita Comparative Literature, University of the Witwatersrand Adjunct Professor of English, University of Richmond, Virginia, USA	Paris Beckons: American Writers in Paris between the Wars	What drew so many American writers to the City of Lights after WW1? Hemingway was attracted by the cheap cost of living, Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald looked for fun, Gertrude Stein sought art and moral freedom, and the granddame of American literature, Edith Wharton, wanted to hobnob with the upper classes in aristocratic Faubourg Saint-Germain. But at the heart of the writers' life and work was American Sylvia Beach's <i>Shakespeare and Company</i> , the incomparable bookstore in the Latin Quarter, right in front of Notre Dame, champion of Joyce and Beckett and publisher of James Joyce's <i>Ulysses</i> in Paris in 1922, when British and US publishers refused it. The illustrated talk will introduce two decades of creative activity during which Paris was the centre of Anglo-British and Irish writing before the lights went out in the early 1940s.
14 August	Noel Deacon Member # TA:961 of the South African	A visit into the fascinating world of the honeybee, and the global crisis	Noel Deacon will bring an empty honey hive so that the audience can feel and touch all the

	<p>BeeIndustryOrganisation.(SABIO) Member of Southern's Beekeeping Association (SBA) Registered beekeeper with the Department of Agriculture, Forests and Fisheries (DAFF)</p>	that lies ahead	<p>components, hear the statistics around a normal hive, the annual time table, the life cycle of the bee, and learn about the global problems that face the world of bees as vital pollinators, or put differently, a world without bees.</p>
<p>18 September Note the changed date to accommodate the Jewish New Year.</p>	<p>Alastair Meredith Art Specialist</p>	Pierneef	<p>Pierneef, particularly in light of the recent world record price for the artist.</p>
<p>9 October</p>	<p>Mike Crouch</p>	Satellite Communications	<p>The lecture covers the launch and operation of syncro-satellites such as the ones that our DSTV uses. It explains how the satellite seems to hover over us when in fact it is circling the earth at thousands of kilometres per hour! Also how it is powered, what makes it fail etc.</p>
<p>13 November</p>	<p>Robin Binckes Author and tour guide</p>	A Bloody Miracle	<p>The talk covers the period of the signing of the Sand River Convention, the discovery of diamonds, through to our first democratic elections in 1994 and illustrates how a turbulent and violent past helped to forge this country into a society which is still taking shape but one that is a living example of a 'bloody miracle'.</p>