

DOING STUFF

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Greyton Calendar 2016



It's arrived! Greyton's full colour 2016 calendar is now available from Pure Café for just R150. The calendar features the outstanding work of Paul Bruins who has chosen thirteen landscape images from our area.

Greyton swallow, Mike Ash, sponsored the production of the calendars, Paul donated his time and his images. At his request, all profits from the sale of the calendars will be given to GTT for our programmes with young people.

So as well as buying a calendar you will be helping GTT to continue its work with over 200 local children, helping them to grow up respecting and conserving the special environment that features in the calendar.

GTT to feature at COP 21, 7th Dec, PARIS

Our little town is punching well above its weight in international climate change circles.

The COP 21 (Conference of Parties) in Paris in December is attended by

delegates from around the world - leaders of state, senior ministers, United Nations and leading climate change professionals. This year they will hear about the work of GTT via the

Transition Town Network which selected GTT as one of 21 initiatives to feature in their presentation at the Conference. We are also included in the Western Cape 110% Green presentation.

“Our trainer, Vivienne, was exceptional. What must the school be like where she teaches?”

“This is going to make a huge difference in our school. It will help our children so much and it’s already helping me!”

“I’m so happy my dog will be warm now – before she was sleeping in the cold and the wet. Now she has a warm place to be”

“It was really wonderful to experience such a feeling of peacefulness, of pure joy on the farm.”

“This is so amazing you have done such incredible work for these animals. I am so happy for them after everything they had to go through, to find your kindness and unwavering care, they are truly saved!”

Teachers embrace Humane Education



When we planned for training of teachers for humane education in our schools we allowed for two teachers from each school to attend a one day workshop. However, so

enthusiastic are the teachers that every one of them in LR Schmidt Primary asked to attend.

Alyssa du Gard took all 12 teachers to the first workshop and they came back with armloads of resources and all the skills they need to roll out this programme which is expected to have a major, positive effect in all our schools – for pupils, teachers and our wider society. Other schools will be invited to attend future workshops which are currently being organised.

Pupils make beds for their dogs



Children on the humane education programme are concerned that sometimes their animals aren’t being treated as they should be. They were worried their dogs had no beds.

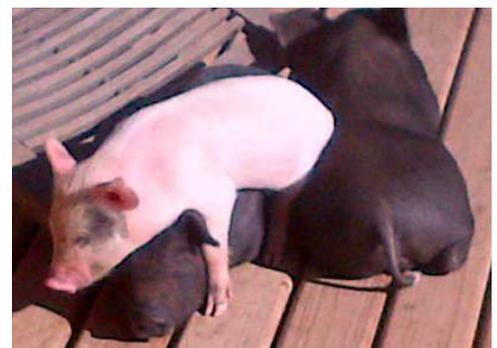
Coffee sacks, sponsored by Ruth Brunskill, were given to children to fill them with straw and provide their pet dogs and cats a warm, comfortable, easily cleaned bed to keep them cosy at night.

Greyton Farm Animal Sanctuary

Greyton Farm Animal Sanctuary, based at Nicky Vernon’s farm, is proving to be a great resource for the humane education programme, especially since the arrival of these cute little piglets.

They were born to Michelle who arrived at the sanctuary, already two weeks pregnant, with her mum Genevieve who’d been badly burnt in a township fire in Grabouw and has since made a full recovery.

Rudi, the only male, sleeping on his sisters



Zambia Eco-Crew Adventure

Without doubt, travel broadens the mind, which is why GTT sees our programme of flagship eco-crew adventures as a vital part of our work with local children.

Schools tell us that these adventures attract children to the eco-crew and encourage them to give of their best in order to win the reward of a major adventure that will take them to other

parts of South Africa and even further.

Byron Majiedt and Chantel Fielies were rewarded for their commitment to the eco-crew programme with a trip to Zambia to help Greenpop plant over 1000 trees in an ancient woodland threatened by illegal charcoal making activity.

They returned full of energy and enthusiasm!



The airfares for the children were sponsored by Klipheuwel Wind Farm Community Foundation. The children's teacher, Deirdre Erasmus, said this in her letter of thanks.....

"This opened so many doors for our learners. Chantal came back with a better self-image and self-worth and she wants to be part of a positive change in her family and her community. Byron is motivated to put more time into his academics to pursue a career in ecology.

Pure Café and Greyton EcoLodge

Our two social enterprises are thriving, with Greyton EcoLodge, under the expert stewardship of Janet Richards, welcoming a constant flow of happy guests.

Although, at present, much of the profits must be spent on continuing to improve the infrastructure of the building, EcoLodge provides a valuable resource to GTT by giving free use of space

for storage and meetings, and also providing a base for our eco-crew programme.

The EcoLodge also provides free space or reduced rates to other local organisations, groups and clubs.

Pure Café is building up a loyal clientele thanks to the magic partnership of Ruwayda Rinqest, Vianca Jafta and Alyssa du Gard.

Ruwayda and Vianca, cooking with love.



With a new mindset about community involvement and using basic resources to change their, and their community's, ideology about food security and natural energy these kids are educating their fellow students and community members.

I believe that it is projects like these that might seem small at first, but that will start to change the way that our youth will think about protecting their planet.

Swop Shops

GTT is now running three swop shops with a new shop recently opened in Heuwelkroon.

Increased donations of high end waste from Food Bank, local churches, residents dropping goods into Pure Café and our wonderful Chic

Mama's do Care, have made this possible and we give our very grateful thanks.

We have applied to Food Bank for a second monthly collection to allow us to open a fourth in Riviersonderend on behalf of TWK Municipality.

Children in beanies knitted by Greyton residents.



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We're on the Web!

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Greyton Transition Town is a non-profit organisation, registration number 103-944-NPO. GTT seeks to bring the communities of Greyton and surrounding villages together to find local solutions to the global challenges of peak oil and climate change.

Programmes include food security (Incredible Edible), waste management (Trash to Treasure), renewable energy (Pure Energy), sustainable housing, community integration and the GTT Eco-Crew programme for local school children.

Major Donors

- Industrial Development Corporation
- Theewaterskloof Municipality
- Nutri-Link Ltd
- Chic Mamas Do Care
- Humane Society International
- The Foschini Group
- Cape Agulhas Biodiversity Initiative
- Klipheuwel Wind Farm Community Foundation
- Biotherm Energy
- Pure Café
- Greyton EcoLodge
- Paul Bruins
- Michael Ash

And so many Greyton residents..... THANK YOU ALL!

AUCTION – PAUL BRUINS PHOTOGRAPH



This outstanding panorama photograph of Greyton must be one of the best photos of the village. Paul Bruins is the photographer and, once again, he is supporting GTT, this time by donating a large print on canvas, ready to hang on your wall.

The photograph can be viewed at Pure Café and we are starting the

auction to coincide with the launch of the calendar. Place your bids at Pure Café from 1st September.

We will close the bidding at an event to be announced where Orson Toombs has donated his skills as an auctioneer to bring forward the final winning bid!