Newsletter – October 2026

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Greetings, U3A members!

The Bitou Amateur Theatrical Society, better known as the BATS, are getting ready to stage their 10th live theatrical performance, Noel Coward's most celebrated and witty play, "Blithe Spirit". They have been working hard learning lines and rehearsing this well-loved comedy about an upper-class household haunted by ghosts. Coward's genius endures and this BATS offering will delight all audiences, young and old. Under David Hall-Green's able direction the talented amateur cast will put on another winning show to benefit PAWS. BOOK NOW! All previous plays have been a sell-out.

Please check the poster on page 4 for details of performances, cost and how to book. To summarize: the performances take place from 7th to 10th October, the cost is R 250 per person and booking is through Quicket or Barney's Kiosk at the Square.

On Wednesday 15 October, Duncan Campbell will talk to Plett U3A about his travels in Turkey. Details about his talk are provided in section 3 below along with a summary of Duncan's professional experience as a geologist with Anglo/ de Beers.

A reminder to all. Please diarize 21 October as it's the date of the U3A year-end lunch and function. This will be at the Riverside restaurant and I understand it will offer very good value for money Full details of the lunch are given below, as well as the details for booking. Please note that bookings close on the 14th October and that you will need to give your membership number as a payment reference.

1 Membership Plett U3A

We welcome two new members for September:

Olof de Villiers

Mary-Ann Ross

Total number of members now 220.

If you have recently changed your address, email or cellphone numbers then please let Peter Grube know. It is best to send him a WhatsApp at 083 381 5929.

2 **Calendar**

Here is the calendar showing the planned events for October 2026.

DATE			EVENT	TIME	LOCATION
Fri-Sun	2-4	OCT	Visit to the Karoo Theatrical Hotel	Frid 3pm – Sun 10am	Steytlerville
Mon	5	OCT	Untold: The Race of the Century	10 – 11am	Formosa Garden Village
Mon	12	OCT	The Secret Life of The Cruise: What Passengers Never See	10 – 11am	Formosa Garden Village
Wed	14	OCT	Travels in Turkey – Talk by Duncan Campbell	10 – 11am	Formosa Garden Village
Mon	19	OCT	Choice, happiness and spaghetti sauce - Malcolm Gladwell Grand Designs with Kevin McCloud | 4 Homes	10 – 11am	Formosa Garden Village
Wed	21	OCT	Annual lunch	12:30am	Riverside Restaurant
Mon	26	OCT	My Octopus Teacher – Academy award winning film (84min)	10 – 11am	Formosa Garden Village

2 Forthcoming Events

2.1 Wednesday 14 October - presentation by Duncan Campbell on Travels to Turkey

Last year Duncan and Annette Campbell spent three weeks in central and eastern Turkey. During the first week they visited the capital Ankara, the ancient Hittite capital of Hattusha and Cappadocia. They then joined Esplora's small group tour of eastern Turkey which started in Gaziantep before moving east and then north to Lake Van and ending in the town of Kars in the north east. Duncan's illustrated talk will give an overview of their travels in this fascinating part of the world. Highlights include the extraordinary 11,500 year old ruins of Gobekli Tepe, the large heads on the top of Mount Nemrut, the walled Kurdish city of Diyarbakir, the monasteries around Mardin and on Lake Van before ending up at the ruins of Ani: a city in a stunning location on the Armenian border that flourished in the 10th and 11th centuries.

Duncan was born and educated in Cape Town.

He went to University at Stellenbosch, later Imperial College and Fontainebleau.

His entire career was with Anglo American / De Beers in geology and mineral resources

He met Annette in Oranjemund on the diamond mine.

Annette was born in Zimbabwe and educated in Worcester and UCT (Teaching).

They have lived in Kimberley, Klerksdorp, Joburg, Santiago and now in London for last 25 years.

Duncan stopped working 15 years ago. His hobbies include nature and art and travelling.

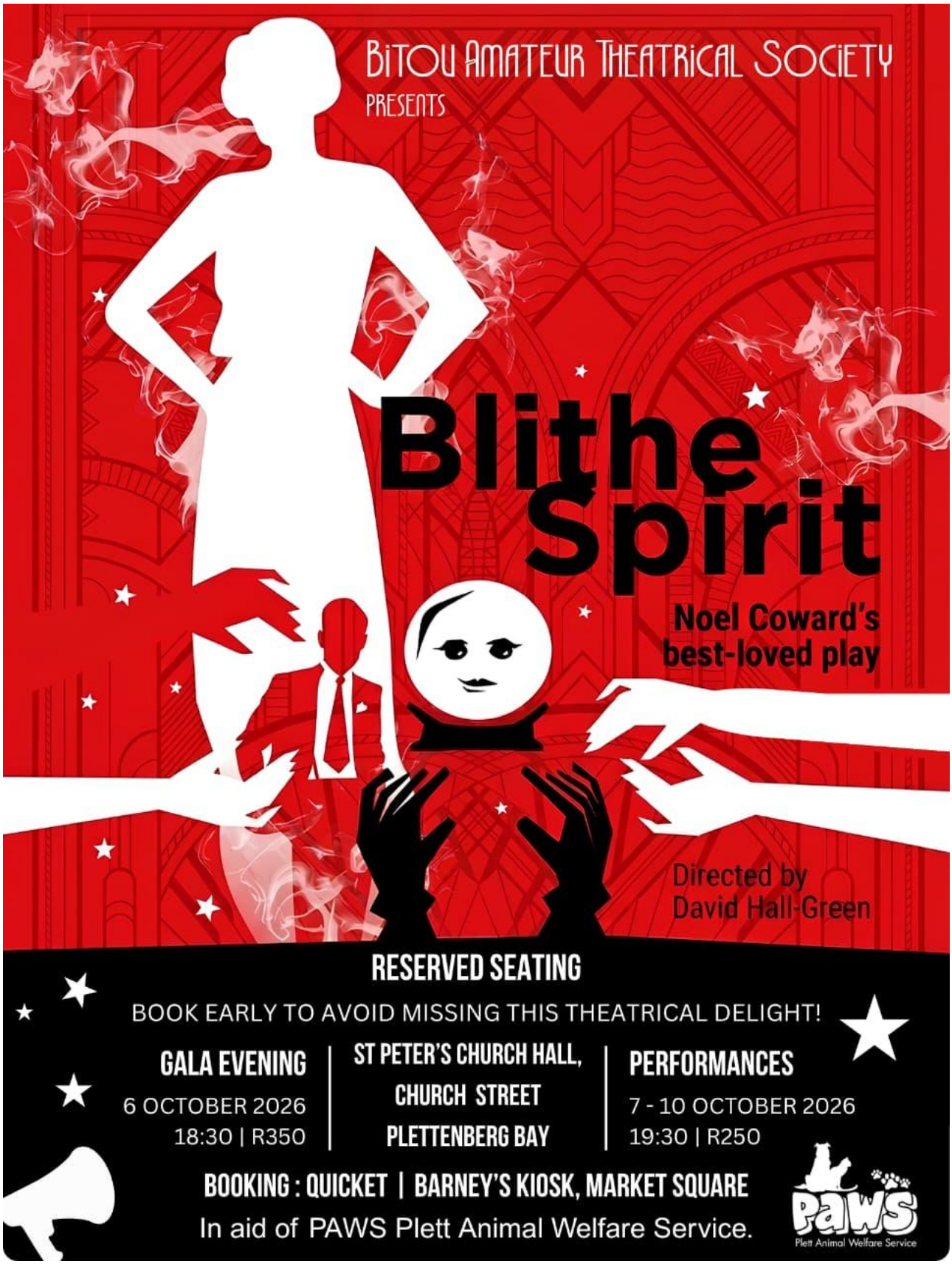
2.2 Plett U3A: Year-end Lunch at Riverside Café

Wednesday 21 October at 12.15 for 12.30

Beth H writes as follows: we are pleased to announce the plans for our end of year function which will be at Riverside Café on the third Wednesday of October. We are also happy to advise that this is our 50th event of the year. Riverside has a beautiful setting on the side of the Keurbooms River at the Angling Club, with plenty of parking. We're sure that members will be very happy with the delicious harvest table menu they have devised for us. There will be a welcome drink on arrival.

The food will be in the form of a self-service buffet, with a wide selection of starters. The main course will be Roast Lamb or Butter Chicken curry with roast potatoes and fresh vegetables, poppadom and sambals. Dessert of Chocolate Mouse with Strawberries, or Crème Caramel or Eton Mess Meringue with fruit will complete the meal. Included at the tables will be a glass of red or white wine per person, and a cash bar is available for other drinks.

The price for this 3-course lunch is R250 per member including service fee. Guests accompanying members will be charged R280 pp. Bookings will be confirmed on full payment to our normal Standard Bank acc. 001 8685 1987 – **Please can you use your U3A membership number as the payment reference**. This is to be found on your name tag: eg "CXP789. " Also, please send your Proof of Payment to u3aplett@gmail.com. Bookings will close on 14 October so please mark this event in your diaries, send in your reservations early and we look forward to a great afternoon together.



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