

**MATOBO**



**SOCIETY**

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### **NEWSLETTER 83 / JUNE 2013**

#### **1 – WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY**

5th June is World Environment Day and once again, we are calling on our members to participate in an environmental work day. We will be travelling to Maleme Rest Camp on Saturday 22 June to assist in the clearing of exotic plants, especially cactus. National Parks have given us free entry for the day – but strictly only to go to Maleme! We suggest that you bring a gardener with you, if you can, to assist with the heavier work, gloves, and gardening equipment. Some of the cactus is very awkward to handle. So let's get out and do some real work – we are particularly concerned with the threat posed to the environment by a certain cactus that has been introduced at Maleme and is spreading fast! So this is a call to arms!

#### **2 - NEXT EVENT**

Date	22 June 2013
Venue	Maleme Rest Camp
Meet	8:15am to leave by 8:30am, Churchill Arms Hotel
Travel	All vehicles
Details	Provide own chairs, tables, meals and drinks. Don't forget your hat!

This is our annual Working Field Trip to the National Park.

In the past we have assisted with clean-ups around the Circular Drive, this year we will go to Maleme Rest Camp and tackle that area, in particular the removal of exotic plants. So come and support the Society! We will enjoy a picnic lunch after our endeavours!

#### **3 – REPORT BACK**

Our next full Newsletter will contain a report back on our last outing to Mbolele Cave.

#### **4 – SUBSCRIPTIONS**

The AGM maintained subscriptions for the year 1 October 2012 to 30 September 2013 at the same level as that which prevailed in 2012.

US\$ 20	Individual/Family
US\$ 5	Special Member (Pensioner/Student)
US\$100	Corporate

We urge members to settle their dues. At the same time, you are encouraged to invite potential members to join the Society. Friends are always welcome at our quarterly events – and hopefully will join the Society thereafter. New subscriptions were due from 1 October 2012.

#### **5 – CALENDAR 2013**

Proposed dates for the 2013 field trips are listed below, but as always, subject to alteration.

Sat 22/06/2013	World Environment Day outing
Sun 21/07/2013	Bhadja Sec School (in IBA) with Dambari & BLZ
Sun 08/09/2013	Ndebele Shrine (Njeleli?)
Sat 23/11/2013	MCS 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Diner
Sun 24/11/2013	MCS AGM

**6 – [www.matobo.org](http://www.matobo.org)**

Duncan is working on an upgraded web site. We hope you have been online to see the information on hand, check pictures from our last outing, and to see what is happening in the Matopos.

**7 – MCS APPAREL**

The Society has stocks of hats and caps (at \$10 each) and we are looking into shirts and other apparel. CD's are also available.

**8 – AGM 2013**

The MCS will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year, and to mark the occasion a special AGM will be held on 24th November. More information will be contained in the next Newsletter, but the plans are:

- The AGM itself will be held in Pomongwe cave
- Maleme Rest Camp has been reserved in full for the MCS for the evening of 23<sup>rd</sup> November
- A special anniversary dinner will be hosted that evening.

July 2013 also marks the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the inscription of the Matobo Hills as a World Heritage Site so this will be a double celebration!

So, get out your diary and be sure to join us.