



**The Lost Hamlet of Bonnefoi.**  
**24<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

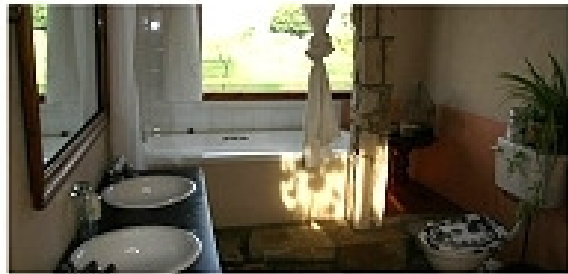
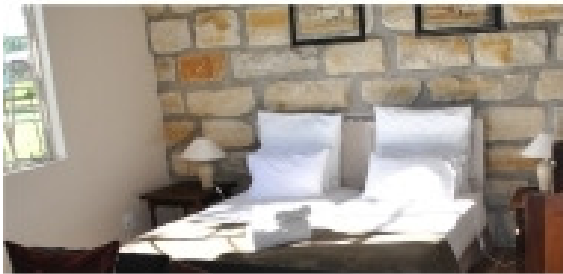
**Hi There.**

**Its time to diarise another great ride to Chrissiesmeer and to visit The Lost Hamlet of Bonnefoi.**

**Meeting at 12H00 at Blue Gum Lodge/ Groen Koei Coffee Shop, enjoy a cup of coffee or a quick bite. No 7 Lakeside Ave in Bethal; waypoint S26 26 49.4 E29 27 40.2 (PS the Groen Koei Koffee shop has moved to this address).**

**Make sure your tank is full and ready to leave at 13H00. As always there will be a leader and sweeper on this trip to make sure that every rider is kept in the group. If for some reason you fall behind, meet up with us in Chrissiesmeer just make sure to sms or leave a voicemail confirming this.**

**I have booked at Chrissies; one of the very best sand stone guest houses restored sympathetically and retaining many of its original features. En suite traditional contemporary luxury accommodation or a choice of camping in an Oak forest.**



**Remember to invite friends and family, any make of “Licensed” Dual Purpose Bike, Off Road or 4 x 4 Vehicle welcome; if you have space in your fridge you will receive an even warmer welcome ☺.**

**It's all about great African scenery, dust, mud, and whatever else Mother Nature throws at us; not to mention great camaraderie of course. As long as you enjoy Adventure and Nature this trip is for you.**



**Chrissies Lodge**



**Chrissies Camp Site with basic but adequate ablutions.**



### **Lost Hamlet of Bonnefoi.**

**This abandoned hamlet made famous by the book “The women of Bonnefoi ” is a marvel of history. The town is now a silent and empty place with it’s majestic empty mansion and over grown garden. The silent post office and hotel with the Queen’s raceway joining the mansion to the town tells it’s own story of the world renowned artists who lived here a 100 years ago. The abandoned antique car still parked in it’s garage and is mute testimony to the people who once lived here.**

### **Accommodation.**

**The accommodation is fully catered (breakfast and dinner) with a choice of camping or over night in the Lodge.**

**The venue is a working farm so please refrain from speeding or making excessive noise as we would like to be welcomed back in the future.**

### **Cost.**

**The cost for the weekend (two nights) on a Dinner Bed and Breakfast basis is R 1250.00 pp in the Lodge; sharing, or R1450.00 pp single accommodation. R 880.00 pp camping, with Dinner and Breakfast included. Motorcycle Hire, Toll Fees, Fuel, Border Charges, other meals, drinks and all other cost’s for your own account. Booking will be done on a first paid, first in basis. Numbers are limited for logistical reasons so please book asap.**

***Please call or mail for a trip reservation/indemnity and banking detail form.***

### **Rough Itinerary.**

Friday Depart from Bethal to Lake Chrissie via 90% dirt roads.

Saturday morning head off to Bonnefoi and explore the greater wet land areas around Chrissiesmeer, also dirt with short stretches of tar here and there.

Sunday morning home, via a mutually agreed route.

### **Rules of the Ride, very important !!!**

- 1. On the tar, ride in staggered formation, one rider on left, one rider on the right.**
- 2. Do not pass the leader, do not fall behind the sweeper.**
- 3. Don't ride too close to the rider in front of you, you should be able to see the eyes of the person in front of you in their mirror, otherwise you are in his/her blind spot.**
- 4. Ride with your headlight on dipped beam.**
- 5. We look after each other. The rider behind you is YOUR responsibility - if they stop, you stop.**
- 6. On the dirt refrain from overtaking unless the person in front of you CLEARLY indicates to do so.**
- 7. At intersections, do not turn until the rider behind you sees you turn.**

### **Skill Level**

**This ride is suitable for all Skilled Riders and Pillions comfortable with normal gravel roads. Rating 2/5. If rain is experienced this will change matters considerably and a tar alternative is available. Speed on the tar will not exceed speed limits and we all ride at our own pace on the dirt. This is an adventure outing and not a race. If we encounter any difficult or technical sections and you are not comfortable with; be assured that you may stop and help will be close at hand. Please don't ever feel pressurised to ride what you are not comfortable with.**

#### **Rating as follows:**

1/5 Any passenger vehicle. (Tazz, City Golf etc)

2/5 A raised Vehicle needed.

3/5 A raised Vehicle with Diff Lock needed.

4/5 A raised Vehicle with 4 x 4 needed. (Orange Route)

5/5 Raised 4 x 4 Vehicle with Diff Lock. (Red Route)

### **Kit to take along.**

#### **Not all items applicable, just a guide line.**

**Torch or LED Headlamp.**

**Tent.**

**Sleeping bag and Pillow.**

**Camping Mattress.**

**Cutlery.**

**Toiletries. (White Gold)**

**Personal Medications.**

**Energy bar's/snack's.**

**Liquids to keep hydrated.**

**Basic Tools.**

**Band aid for bikes. (Duct Tape)**

Japanese wire. (Cable Ties)  
Puncture repair kit and or spare tubes.  
Raincoat.  
First Aid Kit.  
Camp Chair.  
Insect Repellant.  
Torch or LED Headlamp.

### **Motorcycle Preparation and Conformity.**

**Please this is very important, make sure your bike is in good condition and ready in all aspects. Breakdowns do occur, yes, but unnecessary breakdowns can spoil the trip for the group as a whole. (Road side assist insurance is also a very good idea.) All Licensed Roadworthy off road vehicles and motorcycles are welcomed.**

### **Environmental Awareness.**

**Dual Purpose Motorcycle Riders are; as a rule, Nature Lovers, and we care for the environment and are considerate toward others. The areas we visit are often eco sensitive and frequented by bird watchers, hikers and tourists from all walks of life. There are also ladies along and refraining from bad language and harsh comments only shows respect for oneself and others.**

**To prevent unnecessary soil erosion please stick to existing roads, tracks or routes and avoid virgin territory at all times. Also, try to minimise noise level's. We as a group can do our bit to change the stigma that is some times associated with "Bikers" as a whole.**

### **Indemnity**

**Everyone participates in this ride at their own risk and are aware that motor sport has its dangers.**

### **Bookings; Please Note: (This is very important)**

**Your booking will only be confirmed on Receipt of a 50% Non Refundable deposit and a Signed Indemnity Form, the outstanding balance to be paid before departure or at the meeting point.**

**Note: If the trip is cancelled due to any reason from our side your deposit will be refunded in full. This trip can only take place with a minimum of six participants.**

**Please call or mail for a trip reservation/indemnity form.**

**Hope to see you all there.  
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