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Hello from Outspan Inn – Newsletter 106

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Once again, it's nearly time for the Sardine Run. Many people on hearing of this event, think it's a sporting event or marathon of a kind. The Sardine Run it is the marine equivalent of the Masaaai Mara migration, and it happens right here on our door step. In short, millions of sardines are pushed close the shore because of the currents, and in turn, thousands of marine animals, such as dolphins and sharks come for a feeding frenzy; the dolphins forming the 'bait balls', which are much sought after by cinematographers and divers. Pelagic birds also arrive to feed on the sardines, the most common being the Cape gannets, which dive in to the water like bombers.

Also happening this time of the year, and coinciding with the Sardine Run, is the migration of the Whales to warm water breeding grounds in the Mozambique channel.. For a short video, see our website:

www.bluespheremedia.com/southafrica-sardinerun-video.html



Common Dolphin thrilling sightseers.



Kim van Kets , with her family seconding her, spent a night here on her epic Tri The Beloved Country run/ cycle / paddle trip around South Africa. That day she had run 50km over some of the toughest wild Coast terrain, including both 'Heartbreak' Hills. She left here in the morning with two running friends, Katherine from East London and David from Durban, who would keep her company for the next leg of her run. For info:

<http://kimvankets.com/>



Kath, Kim & David, about to cross the Umzimvubu River

According to history experts, Port St Johns may be the site of the second European settlement in South Africa. In 1635, the Portuguese caravelle, the Nossa Senhora de Belem. After a series of problems she ran aground in the Umzimvubu River mouth. She then caught alight and burnt to the water line.

No lives were lost, and her crew camped out on what are Outspan Inn's lawns today. Two boats were built right here, to get the survivors back home.

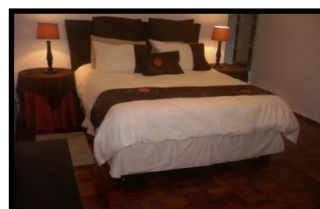


One reached its destination, the other was lost.

Once again we are proud to have hosted & sponsored another NSRI First Aid course held to train Station 28's crew.



Our Conference facility hosts 30 people in comfort



Bed & Breakfast Suite



One of our historical wood and iron self catering units