



# The Dutch Burgher Union of Ceylon

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## Editorial July 2012

It was a hectic day at the DBU on the 1st July, when tables laden with food, clothes, linen, books, and all sorts of interesting stuff were set up by vendors, drawing huge crowds who soon walked off with bags laden with their purchases. The Burgher food stalls were most popular, drawing crowds of "early birds" desperate to get their hands on these delicacies before they ran out!

Golden Love Cake, Soft plump Bredudhers, Bol Fiadho, Lamprais, Crisp Patties, Rissoles, Asparagus rolls, pickles and chutneys and heaps of other delicacies made at home by Burgher ladies, and also by the DBU's own kitchen, fast disappeared off the tables. Word of the DBU's sales spreads fast amongst folk in Colombo, who know that this is perhaps the only place they could buy some of these quality products.

With the dwindling numbers of Burgher cooks in Sri Lanka, it is up to the few of us who can, to keep the traditions alive before our specialities disappear into the cobwebs of history. I was amazed at the number of people who did not know what a Rissole or Roll Cutlet was! The DBU kitchen is working on having the "hard to

come by" Bol Fiadho and Boroa for sale regularly at the DBU in addition to the very popular Lamprais.

The DBU building is in need of some urgent repairs. We are so fortunate to have this wonderful "old lady of Buller's Road", which looks so majestic amongst the surrounding buildings, in its prime location. However, like all old buildings, our "old lady" too needs to be maintained and repaired, to keep her going for many more years to come, and to be preserved in all her glory. Urgent work is needed to replace some of the joists supporting the upstairs floor. This fabulous upstairs floor is made entirely of Burma teak, with no concrete at all used in the construction.

Termite damage and other factors have necessitated replacement of some of these joists, which of course need to be carried out using similar old teak timber. Unfortunately all this important work needs money, and it is important that the DBU raises the much needed funds to have all this completed.

The Ladies Bathrooms have all been refurbished and spruced up, and the upstairs lounge has been given a fresh new look with new brightly coloured furnishings courtesy "Barefoot". The former "Committee Room" has now been converted into a spacious and very comfortable lounge with a wide screen tv for those who wish to have a quiet chat

or small private party, or just watch tv in peace and quiet. The former tv Lounge has been converted to a Library for those who wish to read or do research using all the valuable books available there.

Thanks to Nigel Austin, a new flat screen television has been installed above the grand piano in the bar area for those who wish to watch the sports or their favourite programme whilst sipping a drink at the bar.

The first major event organised by the DBU under the new General Committee is a "Dance/ Party" based on the old "Coconut Grove" days. You will be transported back in time to the



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Sixties, the era of the Beatles, Elvis Presley, and others. The band in attendance will be Sohan and the Xperiment, with a very special guest appearance by Mignonne Fernando and other artistes from that era. So, mark this very special event in your calendar/diary and make sure you don't miss out on all the fun planned for that night! You have plenty of time to get out

those old Sixties "glad rags" and come dressed for the occasion! Great prizes await those who come appropriately dressed. See you then, on the 3rd August at the DBU hall!

*Cheers*

*Anne-Marie Kellar*

*Editor*



## WELFARE REPORT

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For the Month of June 2012

On Saturday 2nd June 2012 the WBs of the Burgher Welfare League of Perth and the Serendipity Club sponsored children were paid their 2nd quarter allowance.

The BWL sent three crates of items to be distributed to the WBs and the children they sponsor. In addition some of the children sponsored by the Serendipity Club were sent personal gifts all wrapped up with their names on them and these were also distributed. There were in addition clothing, spectacles, stationery, books and cosmetics which were also

distributed to all present. Another well wisher gave some items of crockery which we also distributed.

On Thursday the 14th of June Mrs. Rita Hatch wife of the late Mr. Conrad Hatch and members of the Eighty Club of Melbourne wanted us to organise a lunch for 25 elderly folk sponsored by the ECOM Inc, and a Lamprais lunch was organised in the DBU Hall. Accompanying Mrs. Rita Hatch were Barbara and Mr. Mike Silva who are also holidaying in Sri Lanka from Melbourne,

After a short welcome address by me the visitors present were served with home-made Ginger Beer and Mrs. Rita Hatch

thereafter interviewed each of the 23 WBs present.

When selecting the WBs we decided to invite those most deserving and living in and around Colombo.

Mrs. Rita Hatch besides hosting the lunch gave each of them gifts of chocolate and also paid Rs.200/- each for their travelling.

On the 30th instant it is proposed to pay the Locally sponsored children their 2nd quarterly allowance.

*ANTHEA MULLER*  
*Chairperson Social Welfare*  
*15/6/2012*





## Why We Shout In Anger

A Hindu saint who was visiting river Ganges to take bath found a group of family members on the banks, shouting in anger at each other. He turned to his disciples smiled and asked.

‘Why do people shout in anger at each other?’

Disciples thought for a while, one of them said, ‘Because we lose our calm, we shout.’

‘But, why should you shout when the other person is just next to you? You can as well tell him what you have to say in a soft manner.’ asked the saint

Disciples gave some other answers but

none satisfied the other disciples. Finally the saint explained,

‘When two people are angry at each other, their hearts distance a lot. To cover that distance they must shout to be able to hear each other. The angrier they are, the stronger they will have to shout to hear each other to cover that great distance.

What happens when two people fall in love? They don’t shout at each other but talk softly, Because their hearts are very close. The distance between them is either nonexistent or very small...’

The saint continued, ‘When they love each other even more, what happens? They do

not speak, only whisper and they get even closer to each other in their love. Finally they even need not whisper, they only look at each other and that’s all. That is how close two people are when they love each other.’

He looked at his disciples and said. ‘

So when you argue do not let your hearts get distant, Do not say words that distance each other more, Or else there will come a day when the distance is so great that you will not find the path to return

## BURGHERS – PRIDE OF THE POLICE.

By S.Sivendran (Retired Senior Superintendant of Police)

Burghers were the descendents of the Portuguese and the Dutch who invaded Ceylon during the sixteenth and seventeenth century . They were fair in complexion and had an outstanding personality. Many of them joined the then Ceylon Police and were able administrators and outstanding sportsmen. They rose to high ranks and were the pride of the Police. They served all communities alike without fear or favour irrespective of race and religion.

During my forty years in the Police, I had the privilege of working with many of these officers who were real officers and gentleman. They were DIG Wilhelm W R Lembrugen, a six footer who looked majestic in uniform. DIG David CT Pate who was in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department, DIG Cecil Percival Wambeek, who was in charge of Administration, DIG Tommy H Kelart, who was an excellent cricketer who represented Ceylon in cricket. DIG Jack Vansanden, DIG Ivor D M Van Twest, who was a big name in Soccer, DIG C R Arndt, a tough cop and DIG Jeremy

Rosemalee Coque, a pleasant officer. The officers who adorned the rank of Superintendant of Police were Fritz Scharenguivel who was in charge of CID and Public Security, Harry Vanden Driesen, and his brothers Eric and Collin, who were born and bred in Jaffna and had their entire education at St Johns College Jaffna, Fred H Brohier, an athlete and ruggerite from Royal College who coached the Police rugger team during its formative days, Carl Van Rooyan, who last served in Kandy, V T Dickman Sr and V T Dickman Jr, an honest officer who always dressed

## NOTICE



### JUNE

Mrs. Yamini Ambani  
Mrs. June Francke Boyagoda  
Mrs. Myfanwy de Silva  
Miss Natalie de Niese  
Mrs. Denise de Alwis  
Mrs. Lana Foenander  
Mrs. Mystica Flamer-Caldera  
Mrs. Marie Ganesh  
Mrs. Sandra Rose Gomes  
Mrs. Rozanne Hemdev  
Mrs. Jennifer Kelaart  
Mrs. Coralie LaBrooy  
Mrs. Deanna Ryde  
Ms Corinne Smart  
Mrs. Anthea Senaratna  
Mrs. June Wijayasekara  
Messrs. Ronald Bakelmun  
Godfrey de Kretser  
Clinton de Kretser  
Tharaka Abeyratne  
Brian Chalkley  
Tony de Livera  
Brian Forbes  
Orville Fernando  
Anton Fonseka  
Monte Holsinger  
Bernard Holsinger  
Graham Hatch  
Azli Ismail  
Niroshan Dias Jayasinha  
Kristian Michael Martenstyn  
Graham Marshall



smartly, R A Stork a ruggerite and athlete from St Peters College, S Perkins, Ainsely Bartholameusz, Anton Joachim, a good ruggerite from St Peters College, Hugh G Bagot, an outstanding cricketer from St Josephs College, who was in charge of the Police Mounted Division for a long period, Shelly Salvador, a good administrator. A Stevenson, S. Vanderwall, J. Hopman, Carl Lowrensz, Mervin Serpanchy, Dudley Von Hagt, Cossie Orr, A K Koelmeyer, Allan Flamer Caldera, Toussaint, F N Zimpson, Conderlag, Paddy Simms, Heppenstal, Emille Ephreaums, Hague Christofelsz, Vernon F Solomonsz, Mauritz Diaz, Eddie Bultjens, a top cricketer and ruggerite from Trinity College, Kandy, John Van Rooyan, Malcolm de Cruze, Trevor Bartholot, Bertus of the Kandy Kennels and John Weiman, The officers who made the backbone of the police from the rank of Chief Inspector to Su Inspector were CI Barney Henricus,

who was the first to win a Gold Medal for the country in boxing at the Empire Games now called the Commonwealth Games, CI Christofelsz, a strict disciplinarian, who called a spade a spade, Inspectors Dennis Ebert, Ronnie Paul, Brindly Stave, a Josephian hockey player, Mike Schockman, a tough ruggerite and boxer from Trinity College Kandy who captained the Police rugger team, Jackie Vanderwert, Letcho Ephreaums, a Peterite ruggerite who captained the Police rugger team, Alcan Powell, a Josephian cricketer, Bran de Kretser, a physical culturist and a horseman, Terry Adolphous, Fred de Hodt, Heren Diaz, Beck Wright, M E N Rozairo, a tough boxer, who was my instructor at the Police Training School, Sweetie Webber, Eddie Grey, an Olympic boxer and a good horseman who rode at Queen Elizabeth's coronation, Lyn Taylor, a Thomian cricketer, Malcolm Spittel, who played cricket for

Ceylon, Vernon G Prins, who captained the Ceylon cricket team, Ralph Jansz, a national boxer, Dudley Ludkins, Dennis St Labrooy, Joe Grenier, Ryan Roberts, Wootler, Balthazar, T G Thomas, Loyd Pieterz, Vernon Elias, Glen Elias, Roy Kline, B L N Ferdinands, who resigned from the Police to become one of the leading lawyers in the country, Noel Ingram, who was a dreaded officer in the Bribery Commissioner's Department, Hilary Orloff, Norman Joseph, a good musician, Jhonny Lanceburger, Anderson, Ralph Van Rooyan and Anton Sheddon who both played Police rugger.

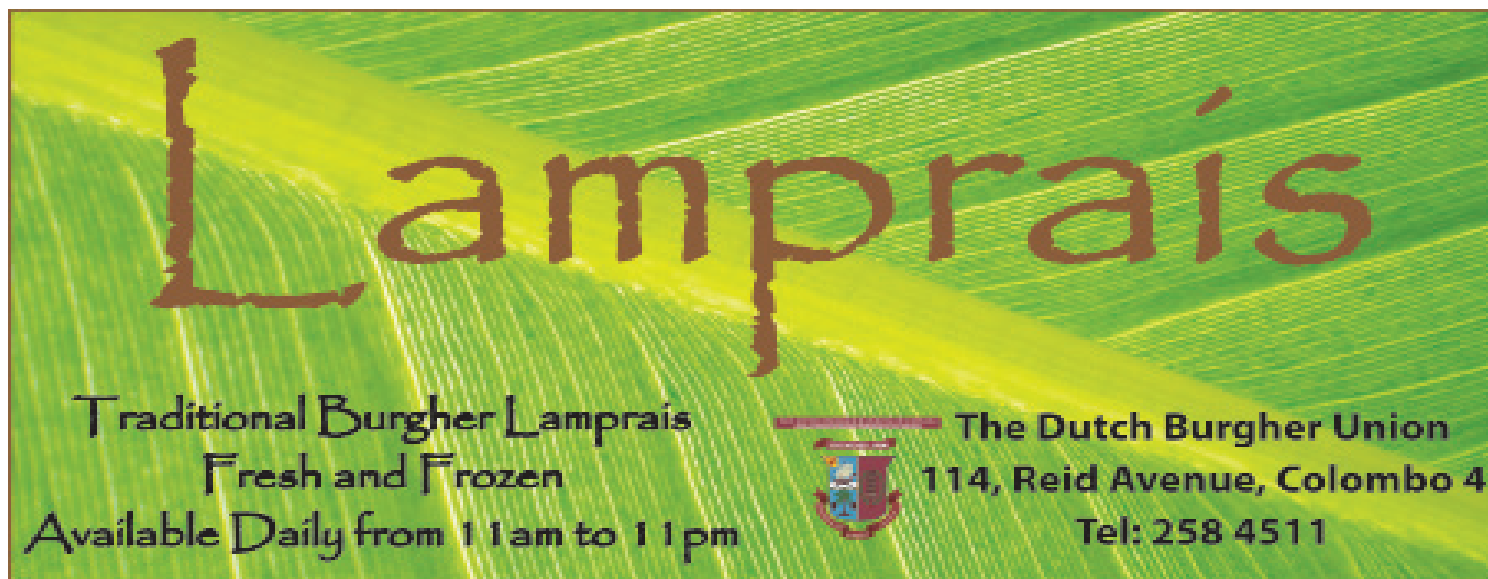
In the Constabulary too we had burghers who excelled such Malcolm Schucroft who was a physical culturist and won several contests and played rugger for the Police, Vadergert, who played soccer for the Police and the national team and Wally Bastianz, who was a renowned baila singer

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Roderick Anthony Nicholas  
Carl Rohan Obeysekera  
Reginald Poulier  
Christopher Prins  
Navein Danesh Perera  
Maurice Raymond  
Hiran Soysa

## JULY

Ms. Michelle de Kretser,  
Mrs. Janice De Zoysa,  
Ms Catherine Mack,  
Ms Eugenie Mack,  
Ms Prashanthi Mahindaratne,  
Mrs. Heather Pompeus,  
Mrs. Trudy Reza,  
Mrs. Rosanna Warnakulasuriya and  
Messrs. Scott Dirckze,  
Michael Daniels,  
Adrian Daniels,  
Hamesh Balasuriya,  
Patrick de Silva,  
Jaliya Devendra,  
Hubert Foenander,  
Bunchie Gunasekera,  
George Hyde,  
Darryl Isaaks,  
David Jansze, Jnr.  
L. Jayawickrama,  
Ivo Kelaart,  
Sanjeewa Kamalgoda,  
Fidel Moldrich,  
Tony Martenstyn,  
Dylan Modder,  
Angelo Pereira,  
Nimal Rambukwelle,  
Dominic Sansoni,  
Christopher Storer,  
Desmond Vandersay,  
Nishantha Wedagedara.



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## WEDNESDAY NIGHT ENTERTAINMENT PROGRAMME



11 th July Kismet  
18 th July Nalin  
25 th July Kismet  
31 st July Nalin (Pre Poya Day)  
08 th August Nalin  
15 th August Kismet  
22 nd August Nalin  
29 th August Kismet

## EVERY FRIDAY IS HOPPER NIGHT AT THE DBU

**Rs 600 per head**

Dining in the charming DBU Hall & Garden from 8pm onwards

EGG & PLAIN HOPPERS, THE DBU SIGNATURE "BLACK PORK CURRY",  
CHICKEN CURRY, ALL THE USUAL TRADITIONAL ACCOMPANIMENTS  
AND DESSERT

Prior bookings by noon on Friday are recommended to avoid disappointment  
Call Mohan or Etienne on 258 4511 or 533 1661 for reservations

## NOTICE

# Welcome

### NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Jennifer Colleen Vancuylenberg –  
Overseas member  
Mrs. Sandra Claudina Gomez, nee Pietersz  
Mr. Prasad John Pereira  
Mr. Amrit Rehan Dayananda  
Mr. Hiran Ajith Soysa  
Mr. Hamesh Rushitha Balasuriya  
Mrs. Tamara Dharmaraja  
Mrs. Shamila Kiriella



### Available Daily

Lamprais Rs 430

Beef Smore Rs 400 ( 250g)

Ginger Beer Rs 200

Love Cake Rs 650

Pork Badum Rs450 ( 250g)

Milk Wine Rs 1000





**Dress Code:**

**Swinging  
Sixties**

The DBU takes you

# BACK TO THE 60's

**Friday, 3rd August 2012  
8.30pm onwards**

Guest artists:

**Mignonne Fernando, Maxi Rozairo and  
Budrin Musafer together with  
Sohan and The Experiments**

**Fun games and competitions  
Dinner - Sri Lankan buffet**

Ticket price not inclusive of Dinner.

Sri Lankan buffet dinner - Rs. 750/- per head on prior reservation.

**Prizes include:**

**Weekend stay for 2 at Dolphin Beach Resort - Kalpitiya**

**Weekend stay for 2 at Bar Reef Resort - Kalpitiya**

**and other exciting prizes!!!**

**Entrance Rs 1000**

**Tickets available at the DBU office**

**For table reservations contact Mohan or Etienne on 2584511**

"Due To The Limited Number Of Tickets  
Available For The Dance/Party,  
Reservations Will Be  
Accepted By The Dbu Office, But All  
Tickets Have To Be Paid For In Full By The  
31st July, or  
Reservations Will Be Cancelled. The Same  
Goes For Dinner Reservations As Well.

We Sincerely Regret Any Inconvenience  
Caused, But We Are Compelled To Insist  
On Prior

Payment Due To Past Experience With  
Members Making Bookings And Not  
Turning Up Or Cancelling  
At The Eleventh Hour, Thus Depriving  
Others From Attending, As Well As  
Causing  
Us A Loss Of Income.

We Know You Will Understand And Co-  
operate With Us, As We Strive To Do Our  
Best To Bring  
You A Fantastic Evening !

**Anne-marie Kellar  
Chairperson  
Dance Committee**