



Artifact from farthest away from HPH – Michele van der Poorten's gift from Edmonton, Alberta (on the other side of the world, literally!)

Halgolla Plantation Home

Accommodation of a different kind

- September 2016 -

September has produced a hangover in the matter of tardiness in the production of our monthly newsletter because we are later than we usually are with our little sheet of news from HPH. The reason? A slower than anticipated recovery from the serious health problems we referred to last month.

Anyway, we'll try to return to our prompt dispatch of our newsletter that was the rule rather than the exception in months (and years) past!

Before I forget and come across as an ingrate in addition to being a tardy editor: thank you very much to all of you who sent good wishes for a swift recovery. All I can say is that they have been most appreciated at a time when I was recovering from surgery that is about as "major" as it can get.

We've produced our first bottle of home-made marmalade, the fruit of the trees we have in our garden hitherto only being utilized for the production of a "kalke" (Can't think of an English translation of the term except to say that, gussied up with a variety of herbs and spices, it does provide relief when one is down with the 'flu and as used to be said in the days of blatant male chauvinism, "will put hairs on one's chest!") What we've produced for application on bread and toast will, even if we say so ourselves, hold its own with the "By appointment to His/Her Majesty" products that used to grace grocery store shelves in (Imperial) years gone by.

The weather's been strange recently, to say the least: cool, overcast days with the occasional sprinkle of moisture. If nothing else, it certainly helps keep things green.

This month, we've tried to give the Newsletter and even more "interior" feel, using photographs from within or immediately adjacent to our home. We think that apart from anything else, it will provide a cozier look to our monthly effort!



Stylised paddy sheaf made at harvest time



The "Winter corner" - Emil's maternal grand-parents and beyond with Arlene's favourite dry flowers in the foreground

For September, as in month's past, we'll continue our very popular "Sampler pack" of HPH-grown and -roasted coffee and the "Surprise Basket" of HPH "goodies," that appears to delight visitors as they take their leave of us and HPH!



HPH's unique jak-wood verandah "tea table"

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- Certificate of Excellence 2015 from Trip Advisor
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