

Unweilings

A celebration of
St Stithians College landmarks

THE TRUST DAM



The Trust Dam is the original Driefontein farm dam. Photographs in the historic collection of the Sandton Public Library show the Wilhelmini family enjoying picnics and fishing on the farm in the early 20th century.

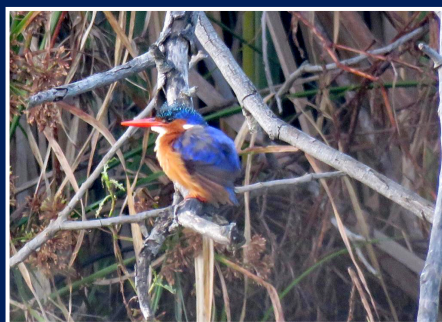
At the time, the dam would have served to irrigate the citrus orchards and flowers grown for the Johannesburg market; to water the oxen that pulled the plough; and to provide for the farm workers' needs. The small dam remains a drawcard for the prolific birdlife that inhabits the estate. Over forty avian species have been identified on the campus.

The Trust dam attenuates the flow from one of the three springs which gave the farm its name: Driefontein.

Dave Gear regales the following story:

The plough, which now resides at the Boy's Preparatory, was found in the mud just below the Trust Dam. An attempt was made to dig it out using a TLB lent by Judy Dixon's husband. The result was that the TLB literally disappeared in the mud. The dam wall had to be broken to dig it out from below. The wall was then rebuilt and sealed with bentonite.

The renaming of the dam to the Trust Dam, in recognition of the pioneering work of the original Trust from 1941, is fitting. The continuing work of the Trust to oversee the success of St Stithians College has ensured that the vision of the founders has been realised.



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