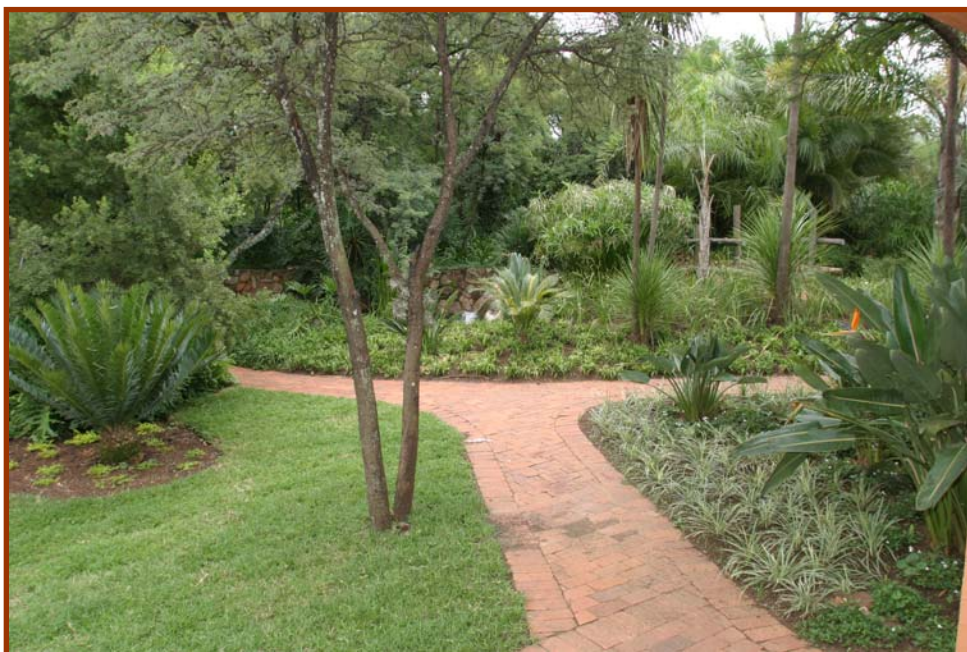


Dear Oostvallei

Theo and I arrived in Oostvallei on 25 January 2005..... and what a welcome we received! Lovely cookies, friendly visits, pot plants, candles, cake and welcome cards were everyday events.

Never before in our lives had we been welcomed in such a wonderful way and, needless to say, between all the unpacking and the giving away of goods to our children and Hospice Second-hand Shop, our little cottage at 59 soon became our new home.

In fact, it took me some time to remember that this was our permanent home and not a holiday resort which we would soon be leaving!



Theo and I just want to thank everyone: Heiner, the Office Personnel, Oostvallei Committees, the Supervisor and Grounds man, and even the Security, for helping us make our trek so uneventful and pleasant.

We have already moved from the end of summer to autumn, and of course, winter lies ahead. However, we are pretty sure that with a cozy home, a cheerful garden full of birds and surrounded by wonderful, warm Oostvalleiers, there will be no place for Winter in our hearts.

God bless you all.

Theo and Elizabeth Gevers (59)