

Well I don't know about you guys but I'm waiting to hear from Boris about whether I can come back home. Boris is going to talk to you at 7pm on Sunday 10th May. Of course here in Jo'berg it will be (what time?) **20.00 (8pm) Johannesburg is only 1 hour in front of us.**

In the meantime I am going to continue my bellringing journey north through Africa. But I am a great fan of the novels of Alexander McCall Smith particularly those starring Mma Ramotswe. So instead of going North I hop on a bus going just North of West to where? **Gaborone, the capital of Botswana is also the home of the No1 Ladies detective agency.**

<https://www.alexandermccallsmith.co.uk/series/no-1-detective-agency/>

To my joy I can take a literary trip, discovering the places made famous by Precious Ramotswe

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Well I'm on a bit of a roll. When I was at school I learned all about Stanley discovering Dr Livingstone in deepest darkest Africa. I don't know where this famous meeting was, but I do know of a world famous tourist site that was named by Livingstone after a famous British Queen and Empress. What is the name given by Livingstone to the site and what is its traditional name? **English: Victoria Falls; Lozi: Mosi-oa-Tunya, "The Smoke That Thunders"; Tonga: Shungu Namutitima, "Boiling Water".**

But it is worth taking the detour now from my bellringing. Why? **A drought is spreading across Africa and in December 2019 the Zambezi River nearly dried up.**

<https://www.nationalgeographic.com/travel/world-heritage/victoria-falls/>

Well I decided to take the train, but even that took more than 28 hours! But here I am.

To my joy it is as splendid as ever. But what country am I in? And what country can I get to just by crossing this bridge? **Zimbabwe and Zambia** https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Victoria_Falls_Bridge

My mind is beginning to need the stimulus of some ringing and I'm in the right country. But I'm a bit bus and trained out so I'm going to fly due West for an hour to get to a capital city with a ring of 10 bells. Which city is it? **Harare**

I phoned ahead. To my surprise the tower captain sounded almost ecstatic. When are you getting here he asked? Later today, I said. Could you ring in a peal tomorrow? Yes I said. What are we ringing? Well he said, Its Grandsire caters, but I need a tenor ringer, would that be OK with you? Of course it would, I said. This will be a famous peal he said. Why would a peal of Grandsire Caters at this tower be "famous"? **Since 1993 according to Bellboard there have only been 3 peals at Harare, all Royal, so this will be the 1st peal of Caters at Harare recorded on Bellboard.**

<https://bb.ringingworld.co.uk/search.php?place=harare&length=peal>

Well we got our peal. I think, I feel I have achieved and will settle down to listen to Boris in the pub with my new ringing mates.