January has simply flown past and what a month it’s been. Of course the biggest news across all industries was Madiba’s stay in hospital and the furore surrounding the associated media blackout. For two days we forgot all about rain, potholes and traffic while we waited, together with the rest of the world, to hear news of his well-being.

In this issue of Graphix CTP takes centre stage, with an interview with Gavin van Rensburg of Kemtek on developments on the environmentally friendly front, and we chat to Konica Minolta, Digital View and Printech about their new partnerships. We cover the HP book publishing event that was held in Milan, Italy towards the end of last year, and take a look at what’s possible in the world of digital photo book production. An interview with MSC Graphics highlights the differences between printers in Africa and those closer to home when it comes to technology. There’s also an article about a world first that originated right here in our own backyard – a locally designed and built infra-red flatbed digital outdoor printer. As we do every month, we also have contributed articles from our regulars, Bytes, Itec and Pifs.

It seems that everybody hit the ground running this year and we have tons of news flooding in on a daily basis. Not all of this information can be accommodated in the magazine, but every single word goes onto our website, so please visit www.graphixmag.co.za and stay up to date on what’s happening in your industry. You are welcome to link your website to ours so that your customers can also keep abreast of developments as they happen.

In addition to keeping you up to date on all of the international trade shows, closer to home we have two big events later this year, Africa Print and ProPak. We’ve just created a microsite for the Africa Print Show and Roadshows, which we’re updating on a weekly basis. If you attend any of these – or even the international – events, please drop us a line and tell us all about it.

During the past month, Graphix attended the annual German Chamber of Commerce lunch, which was a wonderful networking opportunity as it was attended by journalists from a wide array of media. We also attended the Antalis and Kodak Unified Workflow Roadshow, held in Midrand, which will be covered in more detail next month.

Please keep sending us all of your news, we love hearing from our readers and our advertisers, and we try really hard to find a place for pretty much everything that we receive, whether it be online or in print.

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