

On 22 October 2005 Francis Bennion received the following email, which is reproduced with the permission of its author. Comment is unnecessary.

Letter from victim of John Harris bomb

Whilst browsing the net I perchanced to land on your website...and was interested to read your comments on Mr Peter Hain . . . a name that has been very familiar to me since I was 12 years old and blown up in the terrorist bomb planted by friend of the Hain family - John Harris.

It has often struck me as ironical that someone who had such close links to terrorism should have a standing in the present government.

My grandmother . . . born and bred in England . . . (Ethel Rhys) died one month after being blown up on Johannesburg station (july 24th 1964) and it was thought that I would too.

When I first came to this country in the 70's and was being interviewed by a South African journalist, Peter Hain was asked if he would like to meet me and perhaps be photographed with me. I am sure that you can guess what his reply was.

Whilst I do not wallow in the past, it was interesting to know that at least one person knows about Mr Hain. The media always seem to leave certain bits out about S. Africa and the likes of Peter Hain.

I enjoyed your style

Yours faithfully
Ms. G Burleigh.