

Well fellow Evergreen Broadacres residents hello again,
Seems like it was only yesterday that I was chattering about spring and now it's gone and summer is in full flight!!!



Way back in 1961 the 4th of September was Settlers Day (a public holiday) and Aileen and I decided to use that day to settle together. Here we are 55 years later more settled than ever. We have always tried to 'go away' for our honeymoon and this year we returned to the place where we spent our 1st one...Drakensberg Gardens Hotel (only now they have excellent time share facility. Yes down memory lane and the 'berg is as it always was...stunning with rhino's horn the feature.



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT

Well it happening (yes I hear you say at last) the start of the construction of the permanent clubhouse. So pencil in to your diaries late afternoon Friday 14th October for the soil turn ceremony. It will be in conjunction with a day of Classic FM back in our village. Evergreen Management are organising it so expect the information and invite soon.

Here is a message from Jill Blignaut our previous Village Manager.....

Dear Graham and All Broadacres Evergreeners,

I have received my gift book you sent for me from Derek Drew. It brings back so many happy memories. What a treasure!

Graham, I appreciate the copy of your speech at my farewell in the back. It is very touching.

I will be on leave in Fourways from 16th September 2016 for two weeks and would love to come and visit you all and see how the gardens and trees have grown and how the wetland is developing. I hear the clubhouse is about to begin. Please let me know when I can come.

I really appreciate your kindness and the gesture of including me in the book, and giving me one to treasure. I hope to see as many of you as possible when I'm there.

Kind regards, Jill Blignaut 0832257531 Bjblig@global.co.za.

ANOTHER MESSAGE FOR YOU ALL.....

"Dear fellow Evergreeners,

It's great to be home again after my extended stay with family in the UK. Unfortunately, as most of you know by now, I suffered a bout of shingles during my stay which affected some of our plans, including the cancellation of our proposed trip to Portugal. However, as my son Roland said "Portugal will still be there next year so why take unnecessary risks should there be complications". To compensate we took a week-long trip to the beautiful shores of Norfolk, basing ourselves in Cromer, famous for crabs. Delicious so no exaggeration.

We visited lots of quaint little villages with names such as Blakeney, Cley and Wells-by-Sea as well as others. We sampled all the local delicacies, especially the vast number of locally brewed beer and cheeses. We watched excited children with their buckets catching crabs by dangling pieces of bacon wrapped in mesh from the piers. They do have to be put back in the water though as it is a strictly controlled industry with the licensed boats going out up to 3 miles from shore for their catches.

demonstrating how to walk in her new line of footwear – a double thick soled slop. Details have not yet been finalised and will be sent to you as soon as possible. Remember to “Keep fit and remain Evergreen” – Ernie.

"A couple of years ago Sue and I adopted a school in the Eastern Province near Ugie. It was in response to an article on the Mud Schools which proliferate in that and other provinces. These were generally former farm schools which seem to have missed out with the new government. The kids are writing with pencils 40mm long sharpened at both ends, and the chalkboards are usually no more than A3 size scraps of board resting on the floor.

We took a load consisting of 10 chalkboards, old toys (they use them for prizes), old magazines (they cut out the pictures for spelling), assorted stationery, 36 tins of baked beans!, etc, the kombi was full up to the roof even after taking a row of seats out!

I am undertaking a visit in the summer to deliver some more items and ask if our Evergreeners can save up any items that would be useful and would be so gratefully received.

I enclose a couple of photos of our last visit.



If possible, could they also nominate the school in the Woolworths MySchool programme as below,

"You can sign up for a MySchool card in store or online at www.myschool.co.za or link your Woolies card to MySchool and choose which beneficiary you want to support every time you shop. Whenever you swipe your card at Woolies, up to 1% of your purchases are given back to your cause, at no cost to you! Woolies makes the contribution on your behalf."

For this they would need the school name and address which is:-

Msobomvu Senior Primary School

P O Box 404, Maclear, 5480

Thanks, Chris and Sue Edwards (Unit 89)"

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And then there was the Heritage Social supper evening....





➤ **ENVIROMENT**

Arbor Day 2016.... every picture told a story in the Spring Special edition of Chatter.....

"Another successful Arbor Day has come and gone as was well reported in the Chairman's Special Spring edition. For the record we planted 17 trees and they're all looking good except 1 willow tree that appears to have turned up its toes. All the previously planted trees and shrubs were fertilised and pruned as well. We didn't plant the Iceberg roses on the pavement because of the water restrictions; many have already been purchased by fellow residents and the rest will be kept in their bags for sale to residents or until we decide where we can plant them in the common areas. A sincere thank you to all who participated!

The water restrictions have had a number of consequences. All the automatic sprinkler systems have been turned off. 1 or 2 of Four Seasons' gardeners will be in the village at 05.00 to water those common garden areas that require watering. An appeal has been made to residents to take on the responsibility of watering their pavement gardens. Any resident, who is not able to do so, should advise René so that other plans may be made. We have stopped further work on the pavement. We are investigating the possibility of installing quick coupling valves there to allow watering by hose. If those are installed, work will continue to finish the rest of the pavement to Phase 3.

Under the direction of our team of gardening ladies, some of the areas around Pond 8 (above Crab crossing) have been beautified with water loving plants, and the yellow water irises have started blooming. Summer flowering annuals will shortly be planted in some of the areas where the Namaqualand daisies have been removed. All the long grass in the parkland, and the bulrushes and reeds in the stream have been cut so we are all set for the onset of the rains and the re-greening of our parkland.

Work has started on the new composting station at the bottom of the village and will be completed shortly after Tyris' TLB returns to site. In the meantime please continue dumping your composting materials in the bind provided next to the re-cycling station.

Vluit, vluit my storie is uit! Hennie du Preez"

There is a list of all the indigenous trees planted by residents is on the notice board in the Clubhouse.

➤ **OUT AND ABOUT**

Dear Graham re the table top book commissioned by ResCom....covering the first 4 years I have more or less finalised the photographs I have selected for inclusion in the album and hope to start the layout this week but a few things are missing.

I did ask you to put into the ResCom Chatter a request for any interesting photos others may have but I don't seem to remember reading anything but I suspect we haven't had a Chatter since my request. I do reserve the right to decide whether they are suitable for inclusion or not. A big part of this is resolution and quality. I will acknowledge anyone whose photos I have used at the end of the book.

I expect the layout will take me about two to three weeks but it is my aim to have the book ready by the early October THIS YEAR.

Here's hoping for some really nice contribution to the collection....Kiloran

The other day I had to renew my one car licence and hated the thought of gpoing to the post office and all the queues and drama there. Then I remembered that there is a nice lady at the Fourways gardens BP office who does it for one efficiently, no hassle and quickly. The cost for the service is minimal IF you tell her you are from Evergreen. She says she looks after her senior citizens! She did for me in less that 24 hours!!!



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HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in October

- 7th Pauline Sampson
- 8th Jay Barton
- 16th Teresa Turner
- 22nd Jacques Messerschmidt
- 23rd Marilyn Maclachlan
- 24th Chris Edwards
- 28th Pat Bayley
- 28th Erika Barton
- 29th Cecil Fann
- 29th Sue Jackson



May each of you enjoy a wonderful day and a Blessed personal year ahead.

These couples enjoy an Anniversary in October...

- Ian & Judith Stuart (1964) 87
- MICHAEL & MAVIS POWER 10
- Mr & Mrs Dave Campbell 61
- ERNIE & HEATHER MUTCH 80
- George & Maureen Privett 84



Congratulations folks May the joys of the past be the norms of a blessed future.

HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????

This is a new section requested by a few of the residents. So have you got something you no longer want, or a contact you want to recommend, whatever.....send to Graham and it will go into the next Chatter.

LAST WORDS



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

An elderly lady was standing at the railing of the cruise ship holding her hat tight so that it would not blow away in the wind.
 A gentleman approached her and said, "Pardon me, madam.. I do not intend to be forward but did you know that your dress is blowing up in this high wind?"
 "Yes, I know," said the lady. "I need both my hands to hold onto this hat."
 "But madam, you must know that you are not wearing any panties and your privates are exposed!" said the gentleman in earnest. The woman looked down, then back up at the man and replied, "Sir, anything you see down there is 75 years old. I just bought this hat yesterday!"

At Wollongong University there were four students taking chemistry and all of them had an 'A' so far.

These four friends were so confident that the weekend before finals they decided to go to Sydney and visit some friends and have a big party. They had a great time but after all the partying they slept all day Sunday and didn't make it back to Varsity until late Monday morning. Rather than taking the final they decided that after the final they would explain to their Professor why they missed it. They said that they visited friends but on the way back they had a flat tyre and found there was no spare in the car. As a result they missed the final. The Professor agreed they could make up the final the next day. The guys were excited and relieved. That night they studied for the exam.

The next day the Professor placed them in separate rooms and gave them a test booklet. Each one quickly answered the first problem worth 5 points. Each one in separate rooms, thought this was going to be easy. Until they turned the page. On the second page was written for 95 points:-

Which tyre went flat?

Phyllis Diller says... *The reason women don't play football is because 11 of them would never wear the same outfit in public.*

Many thanks as ever to all the contributors this month.....

And I ask...have you got something to share? E-mail to graleen@icon.co.za

Cheers for now. Best wishes and warm regards to you all. Graham Langmead