



RESKOM CHATTER

“Together let’s make EVERGREEN the village of our dreams”

End April, 2017 edition



Hello all Residents of our special village.....So here we are at the end of April and now into Autumn or what the Americans appropriately call Fall!

Time share here. As you will see later in this edition there is some discussion on the name of Johannesburg and it got me thinking on our journey here how some of the places got their names for instance....Patataneke; Dogies; Machadorp; White River; Graskop; Middleberg; etc. If you can throw any light on any of these or other town’s villages and cities of our beautiful country Chatter would love to publish them...share your knowledge with us please.

CHAIRMAN’S CHAT

We are all very aware of the development of the permanent clubhouse and frail care. Derek assures me we should take occupation well before the year end and as there have been a number of folks asking for detail of costs and booking timing he has suggested that you contact him in the first instance...(Derek Drew, MD of Evergreen Villages at derekd@evergreenlifestyle.co.za) and he will provide the information you require.

DIARISE NOW.....

ANNUAL RESIDENTS MEETING...4pm on Tuesday 25th July in the clubhouse followed by snacks sundowners

EVERGREEN AGM...Tuesday 8th August at 4pm in clubhouse



SOCIAL MATTERS



Evergreen Broadacres Book morning and Coffee

Tuesday, 18 April 2017

Ancient Greece - the year 399BC -and in the forum 501 Athenian male citizens are gathered to preside at the trial of one man. The accused approaches wearing only a simple robe and, probably, with bare feet. His name is Socrates, the teacher and mentor of Plato.

Thus, in measured tones Andrew Domanski, our guest speaker, painted the scene of that early trial and took us on a journey with Socrates through the trial, his conviction and eventual death. And on the way he explored some of the central themes of Socrates' and Plato's teachings – such as the immortality of the soul and that an absolute Truth exists which is beyond the realms of relativity. He also introduced us to two of Socrates' famous statements, “I know nothing at all, and I know that I know nothing”, and “the unexamined life is not worth living.”

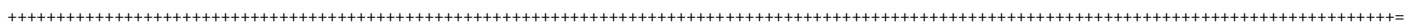
Socrates, like another famous man born 400 years later, never wrote anything. It was left to his followers, in particular to Plato, to record his dialogues and their teachings. And thankfully these have survived to become the basis of our western philosophical thought.

Our guest speaker, Andrew Domanski is an Associate Professor in the Law faculty at the University of the Witwatersrand. One of his absorbing interests is the study of Plato; he has published several articles in this field and runs a weekly Plato group through the University of the Third Age [U3A].

It was a wonderful morning. Andrew's inspiring and captivating talk was followed by a lively question session, and then a delicious lunch – again with much talk, discussion and laughter.

My thanks as always to Isabel, Shirley, and Ruth who provided delicious teatime snacks and to Isabel, Pat and Kathy, who work with enthusiasm and skill in the library.

Regards, Libby



ENVIROMENT...

News from Hennie....

Most of the Marigolds have been removed, the ground prepared and Namaqualand daisies planted. By the time this Chatter appears, the new daisy seeds will be coming up and a green sheen should be visible where ever the gardeners have planted them. Look out for the daisies that have this winter also been planted on the pavement down to the construction gate.

On Easter Friday 6 of your fellow villagers braved the mud and chilly water and waded into the top pond to remove as much of the algae as possible – a squelchy business indeed! Assisted by wives and friends on the side, bucket loads of algae and grass were hauled out of the pond. Their efforts were followed that afternoon by what will probably prove to be the final rain of the season. 20 mm was recorded and the pond nearly filled to the brim, but despite that, once the water subsided we were still left with a very muddy pond thanks to the way mud had been stirred up. The pond has since cleared and Henry Dobrowolski reports that he frequently sees our fish.

The civil works on our new composting station has been completed. Once power and water are available (after the borehole is complete and commissioned) we'll get a shredding machine and start making our own compost. Next time you're down at the bottom of the village take a walk down to the site to see the wonderful job that Civtek (the roads contractor) did for us – all for nothing!

On the way to the composting station you'll pass the site for our borehole. The latest is that it will be drilled in the 1st or 2nd week of May, so please pray that it will be a productive hole. Once drilled, we'll test it to see what its capacity is and once we know that, Basil Bold will design the rest of the system to connect the borehole water to the existing irrigation system.

Kiloran was there and reports... For two hours on Friday saw six brave residents and egos dredge the top dam of its mucky horrible algae. The water dredgers were Henry Dobrowolski, Dave Powell, Wally Ross, Ian Stuart, Hennie du Preez and Basil Bold.





Oh my boys will be boys no matter their age....
 The 6 were at times up to their waist in water and were excused as trying to walk around in ankle deep mud wasn't easy. There were also a fair number of wives Judy squared (Judy Powell and Judy Stuart), Heather Mutch and granddaughter Rebecca as well as Ernie who assisted by pulling up the collected slime in buckets from the sides.
A BIG "Thank you" to all who participated😊😊😊

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RAIN NEWS FROM CECIL.....



Hello Graham,
 April brought a quite surprising amount of wonderful rain, which, alas, will now taper off until the Sprifor comparison, the previous year's reading for April is:
 Apr '16 3.8
 The national drive to conserve water remains in force so we all still need to use water carefully. Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2016/17:

May '16	67.8	Jun '16	13.0	Jul '16	12.5	Aug '16	3.9
Sep '16	7.0	Oct '16	40.3	Nov '16	130.3	Dec '16	101.1
Jan '17	173.4	Feb '17	205.6	Mar '17	16.8	Apr '17	116.4

 For comparison, the previous year's reading for April is: Apr '16 3.8
 Regards, Cecil Unit 76

▶ HEALTHCARE



Hello everyone....
 I have had some folk enquire as to Sr. Linda's qualifications because it has been noticed that she never wears the standard nursing sister's epilates. This is a decision that was decided elsewhere, but if you have concern then I suggest you pop into her office and you will see the certificates displayed therein. In my and other experience, Sr. Linda is not only well qualified and extremely experienced she has a wonderful bedside manner and is oozing concern and compassion

REMINDER!!!! Residents are reminded to activate the YELLOW button on their Telecare system when needing any form of assistance from our nurses. This applies twenty- four hours around the clock.

Hi Graham, Please include a reminder to residents, old & new, that there is a transport roster on the notice board in the clubhouse for those needing lifts. Also to encourage residents to put their names on the list on Rene's desk if they intend coming to the Medical Talk, 9 May @ 10:30 in the clubhouse. Topics will include emergency awareness for falls, signs of a stroke and basic first-aid to be delivered by Warren Hastings from Life4Ways. Thanks Atholie

Arriving at the dam we saw a juvenile Green-backed Heron fly off and return, and then we saw the adult Green-backed Heron. We watched two Malachite Kingfishers flitting to and fro amongst the reeds while fishing for food and a Reed Cormorant resting on the dead tree. Leaving the dam we saw a beautiful Yellow-fronted canary, scarce in the area.

We made our way back to the nursery through a very muddy path. An interesting sight on the way back was a Karoo Thrush feeding her chick among the bagged plants in the nursery. The Karoo Thrush is often referred to as the Olive Thrush which is incorrect. Many years ago, the Karoo Thrush was called the Olive Thrush but the species, for some years now, has been split into two names. The Olive Thrush, has a conspicuous black streaking on white throat whereas the Karoo Thrush has black streaking on a grey throat, its upperparts greyer with greyish flanks and breast (orange restricted to lower underparts), compared to olive-grey upperparts and orange flanks in the Olive Thrush. The Olive Thrush is not found in Gauteng.

Over a scrumptious hot buffet breakfast which awaited us on arrival back at the nursery, we talked about what we had seen and tallied up our score of 42 (per Andre) for this walk. There was some debate as to what the top bird for the morning was with nominations for the Cardinal Woodpecker, the Mommy Karoo Thrush feeding her baby and from Andre he felt the Juvenile and Adult Green-back Heron as being a most unusual sighting, this winning the top bird(s) for the morning Heather Mutch Unit #80



Black-collared Barbet



Cardinal Woodpecker



Breakfast

HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in May

- 1st Pieter Moolman
- 1st Lesley Murphy
- 2nd David Bromfield
- 3rd Fred Solesbury
- 4th Alan Beattie
- 5th Elsbeth Hallbauer
- 8th Priscilla Read
- 12th Pat Morgan
- 14th Pat Moolman
- 15th Royston Knowles
- 18th Dorothy Forbes
- 22nd Rosalin Messerschmidt
- 24th Joy Blandin De Chalain
- 25th Marlies Bold



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

And these couples have an anniversary during the month of May...

5TH	ROYSTON & HELEN KNOWLES	Unit 9
15TH	JIMMY & BERYL SLETCHER	Unit 50
17TH	OSWALD & LILO KAUZIL	Unit 25
23rd	BRIAN & JUDY STOWELL	Unit 56

Anna Smith, quotes Rissiks daughter-in-law. who says, her father-in-law told her that Joubert suggested Johannesburg as the name, in honour of Rissik, but Rissik thought the name too harsh and difficult to pronounce so he suggested Johannesburg. Smith quotes in an article in the newspaper Die Vaderland, which in 1971, recorded a departmental note written by Rissik dated 1896 in which he confirms that the town was named after Joubert and himself.....

Regards, Catherine

LAST WORDS



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....



Changing Values as we Age...from Kiloran

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!"

You just Gotta love older people!

STORY FROM A FRIEND OF MINE IN THE USA...not about Trump!



Father Norton woke up Sunday morning and realizing it was an exceptionally beautiful and sunny early spring day, decided he just had to play golf. So... he told the Associate Pastor that he was feeling sick and persuaded him to say Mass for him that day.

As soon as the Associate Pastor left the room, Father Norton headed out of town to a golf course about forty miles away.

This way he knew he wouldn't accidentally meet anyone he knew from his parish. Setting up on the first tee, he was alone. After all, it was Sunday morning and everyone else was in church!

At about this time, Saint Peter leaned over to the Lord while looking down from the heavens and exclaimed, "You're not going to let him get away with this, are you?"

The Lord sighed, and said, "No, I guess not." Just then Father Norton hit the ball and it shot straight towards the pin, dropping just short of it, rolled up and fell into the hole. IT WAS A 420 YARD HOLE IN ONE!

St. Peter was astonished. He looked at the Lord and asked, "Why did you let him do that?"

The Lord smiled and replied, "Who's he going to tell?"

CRAZY SIGNS



Did you know that
"Dammit I'm Mad"
spelled backwards is
"Dammit I'm Mad"

I read that, by law, you have to turn on your headlights when it's raining in Sweden. How the hell am I supposed to know if it's raining in Sweden?



