



Well, I don't know.....every thing seems to have happened whilst I was away. So much so I have come up with writer's 'block', not because of the paucity of material but there is so much I don't know where to start!

Graham has covered all of the comings and goings, so I will just go with the flow.

November has started and I have seen some very vibrant top lip growth round and about. Hennie reports a very strong support for this cause and we can be proud of our eventual donation to men's cancer health.

I will do a bit about the horrors of cruising on the high seas in the next edition.

Cheers, Chris



Well that was quite a month for all of us in our village. What with a wedding and its wonderful reception so well turned out to wish our loving couple well, followed by the last temporary Bistro social dinner, we sure ship wrecked the place. Thank you one and all for the spirit of participation. This is just such an amazing village crowned by you one and all the loving villagers.

To Bev and her willing team of *Hospitalitiers*, a BIG "Thank you" from all of us.

Of course, the move to the new clubhouse was possibly a nuisance to all who used the old clubhouse when it closed for a few days but again your attitude is very commendable and much appreciated.

Even though this is an October newsletter, I cannot but comment on the stunning new facility. It was expressed to me on the opening evening as.....

WOW  
*Beyond my wildest dreams  
Bistro we knew on steroids  
Impressive in deed  
This is the cherry on top of our lovely place*

*This epitomises our village slogan...  
Together let's make Evergreen Broadacres the village of our dreams*

Indeed, they and many more say it all. **Now it is up to us to make use of the wonderful facilities. See you there!!!! Cheers, Graham**

➤ **SOCIAL MATTERS (as always thanks to Kiloran for the stunning photos)**

Kiloran asks -"who did the crabs? Please ask who has donated the delightful wire sculptures on the bridge as we have no idea and I think they need a huge thank you!!!"



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Penny... the Purveyor of Personalised Post.....Unit 123 writes,

"I don't know when you write your newsletter but could you please ask residents to let me know when they have important anniversaries coming up.....silver, ruby, golden etc. Also, the "0" birthdays.....70, 80, 90, 100. I have some of them but we have had a lot of "newbies" moving in.

It would also be helpful if they let me know when they are going away so that I can get cards out to them early.

Thanks very much."

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The City of Johannesburg have launched a new platform for reporting illegal dumping. You can now use a SMS or 'WhatsApp' to report incidents, 082 7791361 is the number. Take pictures of the incident and send them to the same number and they will take it from there.

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Three lots of people have each donated R40 towards the plastic covers for the A3 albums. Bev Jackson, Judy and Ian Stuart and Peter and Angela McMurray. We would like to thank them all as this will go a long way in protecting the photos for future record and history of this place and where we have come from.

Thanks, from Kiloran

Mr and Mrs Dick Sheppard and their nuptials (a stunning event and our first wedding in Evergreen Broadacres)



What a lovely couple and such a great reception





Dick and Catherine's wedding Reception by Kiloran

The residents decided that such an auspicious occasion could not happen without a suitable celebration - What else would you expect from a place like Evergreen Broadacres!!

This was also the last major function in our prefab clubhouse, which we have been using for 5 years, as we anticipating moving into our newly constructed and fortunately much larger clubhouse within the next 2 weeks.

This function was arranged entirely by two incredible ladies, Judy Stuart and Marilyn Maclachlan, ably assisted by a battalion of other people who helped with decorations, music, flowers, tables and the food. This clubhouse had more people inside than it had ever done previously with 130 squeezing in at the seams!!! A wonderful celebration for two extremely special and wonderful people. We all wish them a wonderful life together! You are both iconic figures in this wonderful place we call home.

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A sincere thank you to our many Evergreen friends for the loving messages and many beautiful cards received on the occasion of our marriage.

Our lives have been enriched by our experiences over the past few weeks, the reception in the Clubhouse which will always be cherished as the greatest celebration of our lives, the Book of Messages a unique record which perpetuates the love and friendship of Evergreen, the Village of our dreams, and a treasure of our future lives together.

Special thanks to Marilyn and Judy S, and the many helpers who dedicated their time to organising the Reception, all the attention to detail, the flowers, decoration and the scrumptious food, a most memorable occasion.

Thank you so much Kiloran for the wonderful photographs, especially the creative image of the two of us on board the Panhard (Dick's French model!!) and to Royston for proposing the toasts and for the very special words, and to our Chairman for his delightful speech!

Love from

Catherine and Dick



The SHIP WRECK clubhouse was suitably well and truly 'wrecked'



Best 'wrecked' couple..... Dick and Kiloran

I am sure some of these were on the MSC Sinfonia!







That's right Graham, "women and children first then whiskey"



IMPORTANT INFORMATION – READ CAREFULLY

Dear Guests,

Your safety is our priority and for this reason we would like to point out the importance of the safety procedures as follows:

In the stretch of navigation from Aqaba (Jordan) to Port Victoria (Seychelles), between the 14<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017, we will transit through areas protected and controlled by the International Shipping Authority, as they are considered potentially dangerous due to the risk of piracy.

MSC Sinfonia has officially declared the transit through this area and our routes will be monitored by trained military personnel, specialized in facing any possible risk.

For your safety we kindly ask you to follow some rules in order to avoid any inconveniences:

From the 15<sup>th</sup> until 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2017:

- ✓ Access to the external areas on deck 6, both portside and starboard side along with deck 8 forward, during the day and night will not be allowed.
- ✓ From sunset until sunrise **ALL** the curtains must be closed, both in the public areas and in the cabins. We suggest you do not use cabin balconies during this time.
- ✓ You may access the aft external areas of the ship from deck 7 to deck 10, but it is not recommended.
- ✓ You may access any external areas of decks 11, 12 and 13 without restriction.

Furthermore we ask you to memorise some important signals that might be announced over the intercom in case of emergency.

- **BLUE CODE:** It means that a suspicious boat has been sighted and the crew will start to proceed with the evacuation procedures of the external deck.
- **ORANGE CODE:** It means that there is a real suspect, and the crew will request you to leave the external deck immediately and stay inside the ship.
- **RED CODE:** It means that there is an emergency and in this case the crew will request you to follow specific instructions.

Your cooperation is important in case of an emergency. We invite you to follow these rules and we thank you for your attention.





Ernie on the lifeboat first

Talking about ships being wrecked and pirates. How about this above which was left in our cabin whilst on holiday - scary stuff. We also had several very tough looking guys come on board at Aqaba and they weren't there for the sun bathing.

Sies on you Heather, you should have let poor

RAIN NEWS FROM CECIL.....

At last! The spring / summer rainfall has put in an appearance, and is hopefully a pointer to the rains to come. We now have records for 5 years of rainfall at Evergreen, with readings first measured in October 2012. The national drive to conserve water is still a fact of life so we all need to continue using water carefully.

Nov 2016	130.3
Dec 2016	101.1
Jan 2017	173.4
Feb 2017	205.6
Mar 2017	16.8
Apr 2017	116.4
May 2017	27.0
Jun 2017	0.0
Jul 2017	1.0
Aug 2017	0.0
Sep 2017	3.6
Oct 2017	68.2

For comparison, the previous year's reading for October is 40.3 and the average for October since 2012 is 43.5

➤ **HEALTHCARE** ...from Atholie .... please remember to notify the office that you will be going away in order that they can cancel the Telecare system

**HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

*These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in December*

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy McLaren
- 4<sup>th</sup> Elske Fann
- 5<sup>th</sup> Carole Saayman
- 11<sup>th</sup> Jill Bronner
- 14<sup>th</sup> Gloria Boswell
- 18<sup>th</sup> Brian Morgan
- 25<sup>th</sup> Elizabeth Davies
- 26<sup>th</sup> Felicity Morgan
- 28<sup>th</sup> Corrie Cartwright
- 29<sup>th</sup> Lilo Kauzil
- 29<sup>th</sup> Graham Brickett
- 29<sup>th</sup> James Green
- 30<sup>th</sup> Chris Sleigh

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



*And these couples have an anniversary during the month of December*

5<sup>th</sup> Derek & Grace Schuurman  
15<sup>th</sup> Colyn & Lyn Turner  
23<sup>rd</sup> Steve & Carole Saayman  
28<sup>th</sup> Cecil & Elske Fann  
29<sup>th</sup> Andrew & Norma Johnston  
30<sup>th</sup> Barry & Dorothy Forbes

*May you have a great day and good start to your next year together.*

**HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT???**

***This section was 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 Chris and it will go into the next Chatter***

DSTV PVR decoder and remote, quite old but working fine.- R100  
DSTV 'Explora' decoder and remote, 16 months old. - R600

Both now surplus to my requirements as I have now got a TV Streaming Box and cancelled DSTV.  
Contact Chris (084 58 19129 or leave a WhatsApp) I will even try to connect them up for you

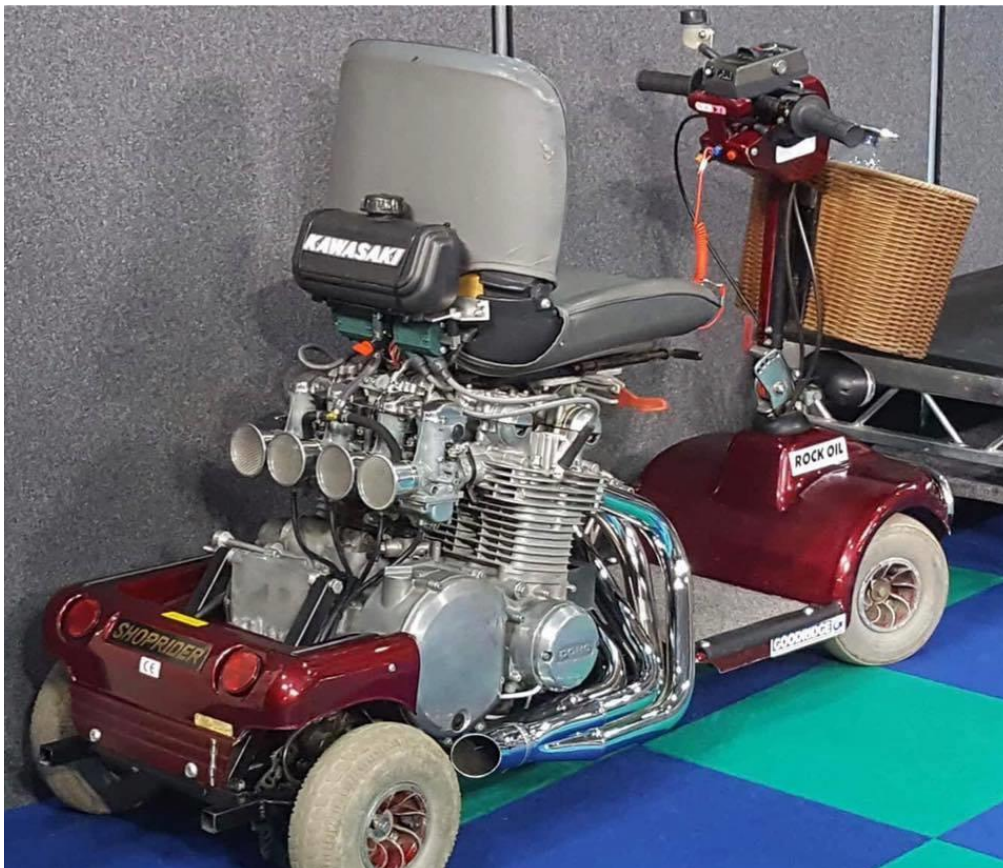
**LAST WORDS**



*Laugh, and the world laughs with you;*



*Weep, and you weep alone.....*



I had a Dream ----- Cliff Preacher

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## The Adjutant

In the great days of the British Empire, a new commanding officer was sent to a South African bush outpost to relieve the retiring colonel. After welcoming his replacement and showing the usual courtesies (gin and tonic, cucumber sandwiches etc) which protocol decrees, the retiring colonel said, "You must meet my Adjutant, Captain Smithers, He's my right-hand man and is really the strength of this office. His talent is simply boundless."

Smithers was summoned and introduced to the new CO, who was surprised to meet a hunchback, one eyed, toothless, hairless, scabbed and pockmarked specimen of humanity, a particularly unattractive man less than three feet tall.

"Smithers, old man, tell your new CO about yourself."

"Well, sir, I graduated with honours from Sandhurst, joined the regiment and won the Military Cross and Bar after three expeditions behind enemy lines. I've represented Great Britain in equestrian events and won a Silver Medal in the middleweight division of the Olympics. I have researched the history of...."

At that point, the colonel interrupted, "Yes, yes, never mind that Smithers, he can find all that in your file. Tell him about the day you told the witch doctor to bugger off."

### *Fifty Bucks from Graham Langmead*

*Ed and his wife Norma go to the state fair every year, and every year Ed would say,*

*" Norma, I'd like to ride in that helicopter "*

*Norma always replied,*

*" I know Ed , but that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks! "*

*One yearlater Ed and Norma went to the fair, and Ed said,*

*" Norma, I'm 75 years old.*

*If I don't ride that helicopter, I might never get another chance"*

*To this, Norma replied,*

*" Ed, that helicopter ride is fifty bucks, and fifty bucks is fifty bucks"*

*The pilot overheard the couple and said,*

*" Folks I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the entire ride and don't say a word I won't charge you a penny!*

*But if you say one word it's fifty dollars."*

*Ed and Norma agreed and up they went.*

*The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard.*

*He did his daredevil tricks over and over again,*

*But still not a word...*

*When they landed, the pilot turned to Ed and said,*

*"By golly, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm impressed! "*

*Ed replied,*

*" Well, to tell you the truth*

*I almost said something when Norma fell out,*

*But you know,*

*Fifty bucks is fifty bucks! "*

My thanks as always to all the contributors...have you got something to share? e-mail to me at :-  
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Cheers for now.

Chris

Best wishes and warm regards to you all.