

**Happy New Year**  
**Bonne Annee'**  
**Frohes neues Jahr**  
**Gelukkige Nuwe Jaar**  
**Gelukkig nieuwjaar**  
**Godt nytt år**  
**Eftychisméno to néo étos**  
שנה טובה  
**Tau Hou Tau Hou**  
**Szczęśliwego Nowego Roku**  
**Feliz Ano Novo**  
**Heri ya mwaka mpya**  
**Gott nytt år**  
**Felice anno nuovo**  
**Blwyddyn Newydd Dda**  
**Bliadhna Mhath Ûr**

That's 16 languages reflecting all Broadacres residents, My...we are a multilingual bunch!  
**Chris**



Well here we are at the close of an eventful year.



**Looking back on 2017:** in our village alone there have been a number of milestones (in no particular sequence). Our first Centurion; a wedding between 2 residents; a shipwreck party; the opening of the splendid new Lifestyle Centre and then the opening of the Frail Care floor. Of course, one can also talk about all the new residents who have joined the happy campers here; the very many village activities; the amazingly well stocked library; and I have to mention the weekly Wednesday social dinners, each one with its own story to tell and then there are the special social evenings where we celebrated for instance Robbie Burns, St George, our Heritage, and Valentine's to name a but a few when many residents dressed appropriately for the function. You need not look too far to see why we have the slogan.....

At this time, I have to say thanks to my tireless, energetic ResCom team and to all of the volunteers running the specific activities ... each of you are a Godsend. This village would not be the amazing group we all enjoy, so to you all, I say a BIG THANK YOU for all your time, effort and commitment. It is really appreciated.



**And so to 2018! What is in store?** What I can tell you is the hospitality portfolio team have drawn up a really full activity calendar for the year. So, relax during the final days of 2017 and be ready for a full active programme in 2018. May it be a wonderful personal year for each of you! A year abounding in health, fun, and making wonderful new friends and beautiful new memories.



***"May you be a blessing to others and be blessed yourselves.  
I wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR" Cheers, Graham Langmead***



### **Staff Christmas Appeal by Cecil Fann**

Once again, the generosity and goodwill of Evergreen Broadacres Residents came to the fore this December. On behalf of ResCom I would like to thank sincerely everyone who contributed to the Staff Christmas Appeal Fund.

The contributions exceeded all expectations and collections of the past four years, to reach the magnificent total of R 26 750.00

At a small function on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2017, envelopes containing a message of thanks and good wishes and a cash amount, were handed to all the 5 Evergreen staff and the 29 contractors employed here.

Graham Langmead made a short speech of thanks in his inimitable style, while I had the pleasure of handing out the envelopes.

There was much hilarity, coupled with heartfelt appreciation from the recipients. Their thanks go to all of us.

All in all, a delightful conclusion to the year.



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

Kiloran Townsend (No 63) is still looking for some more sponsors for R40 donations towards the plastic covers for her A3 photo albums. She wishes to acknowledge contributions from Bob and Anna Haselum and Chris and Sue Edwards. These will help to make a future record and history of Evergreen Broadacres and where we have come from.

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We have some new Residents who we would like to say hello to:

In No 40, Hi and Howzit to Neville and Valerie Slaughter, he is from Durban and she is from Manchester, a warm Evergreen welcome to you both.

At No 102, you will find Dawn Hyams, who was previously in Alewynspoort. Don't know where that is? Well... you have to have lived in the South of Johannesburg to qualify! It's in the Kliprivier / Walkerville area. Welcome Dawn, we hope you will be happy here.

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Guess who turned 80 very quietly, like the lovely lady she is. Thank you for being you, Judy McLaren. We all admire your lovely demeanour. Congratulations, may you have many more happy birthdays.

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**I will be holding a Computer and Cell Phone clinic in 2018, to help anybody with any technical problems they may have. I don't profess to know all the answers, but, I think I can put you on the right road to sorting any queries out.**

**Chris Edwards**

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Street Party by Penny Rab

Sparrow Lane will never be the same and I hereby apply to have the name changed to Hooligan Alley!

On about the 20th, the main culprits (Lesley Veiz, Sandy De Villiers and myself) decided that it would be a great idea to start off Christmas Eve on the 24<sup>th</sup> with a street party.

All the residents came along with their folding chairs, a couple of benches were pulled out and I had my sun lounge so was very comfortable. We all had to bring our drinks and a packet of crisps but of course, some industrious souls made lovely snacks as well. The only people missing were those who had gone away for the Festive Season (6 in all). So, a few "outsiders" were invited namely the Murrays and their sister in law who was visiting from England. The Therons and Idonea Prentice. Also, the Blandin De Chalain's delightful daughter who was full of fun. We started at 6.00 and thought the party would finish by about 7.00 but we finally packed up after 10.00 and stumbled off to bed. Gunter Veiz had brought out his disco lights and our Wild Olive tree had flashing lights so it all looked extremely festive. Sadly, no one took photographs (where was Kiloran?!) We took up the width of the street and although someone had put up one of those hazard triangles, it wasn't really necessary as no one could have driven past us. All in all, it was an amazing evening and we are already planning the next Street Party on Hooligan Alley!

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I would like to start showing the series 'The Crown' on the large TV in the Clubhouse. This is for residents who have not got DSTV or have missed this excellent series. It is about the life and times of the British Royal Family and portrays the Queen and her family from her marriage in 1947 up to present. Claire Foy plays a very convincing Queen Elizabeth and Matt Smith partners her as The Duke of Edinburgh.

The plan is to show each 1-hour episode on Thursday mornings at 10 am. The only problem I can see is that the kitchen will be closed for tea or coffee. So maybe bring a morning tippie instead.

I will be starting from Thursday, the 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 with Series 1 Episode 1. Each episode will have subtitles in English and the sound is well balanced and clear.

I hope to see you there.  
Chris Edwards

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*We took a trip to the new Makro store at Riversands before Christmas. What a revelation! All the aisles are wider, the shelves are well stocked, lovely natural lighting, it's much closer than Woodmead and best of all..... no big crowds.*

*Remember, Tuesdays are pensioner days and you have to register your card at the client services desk before you can get a discount at Riversands even if you have registered elsewhere. (It only takes a minute).*

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#### **Our Honeymoon trip to UK – Catherine and Dick:**

We started at a farm in Peasemore, West Berkshire, the home of friends where the Panhard veteran car lives throughout the year. We stayed at a delightful country pub called 'The Crab & Boar' in the heart of the farming countryside. Dick and his son Russell spent 5 fun working days preparing the car (with my small contribution, polishing the brass lamps) for the big day for the London to Brighton Veteran car run, the oldest motoring event in the world, on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November. The car was then trailered to London on the afternoon of 4<sup>th</sup> November to our overnight hotel in London, where we enjoyed a lovely evening together with my grandson who lives in London.

The highlight of our stay in Berkshire was a visit to the Water Mill Intimate Theatre at the village of Bagnor where we saw the play 'Under Milkwood' by Dylan Thomas which we thoroughly enjoyed.

It was an early start from the hotel for the 20-minute drive in the Panhard to Hyde Park for the start of the run. What a wonderful sight to behold, all those pre-1905 cars, and the number of spectators, the drivers and their families, some in costumes of the Victorian era, an amazing atmosphere - a worthy commemoration of the 1896 celebration of the emancipation of the motor car, when the first London to Brighton Veteran car run took place.

We started off on time, and although cold, it developed into a beautiful sunny day. We were overwhelmed by huge crowds lining the route, some gathering at pubs and raising their glasses as we drove past, some cheering especially at the sight of the South African flag (the only SA entrant).

We reached the finish line shortly before 3pm in sunshine, to qualify for the finishers medal, after stopping at the Crawley check point for coffee and pastries compliments of Harrods, and at Staplefield for the usual family and friends gathering with hot soup and coffee provided by Dick's daughter Allison who lives in Surrey.

Driving up to the ceremonial finishing arch on Madeira Drive, with the approach lined by cheering crowds to complete Dick's 22<sup>nd</sup> run, a fitting end to a most memorable day, the highlight of our honeymoon.

The first British owner of the car was one Leslie Bucknall who visited Paris in August 1901 to purchase the Panhard. The naming of the car was the occasion of quite a little ceremony, with Bucknall's little daughter Vivienne performing the christening of "Le Papillon Bleu" (The Blue Butterfly). The Blue Butterfly has an impressive record in the London to Brighton, having participated in the inaugural commemorative run in 1927, and in total has completed the course over sixty times.

The rest of our holiday was spent in Surrey with Dick's family, who arranged a very special wedding lunch, and treated us to some wonderful sightseeing in Guildford and Godalming. The Autumn colours of the trees lining the country lanes and in the Winkworth Arboretum in Godalming were spectacular (my home town).

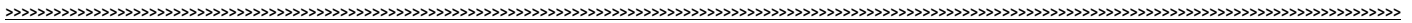
After a wonderful and most memorable holiday, its always good to be home – at Evergreen!

From Catherine and Dick.....

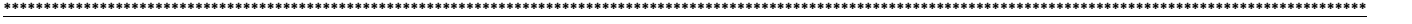


Just after the start. The building site in the background is Big Ben!





Congratulations to Kiloran Townsend and Wally Davey on winning the photographic competition which was run by Evergreen Cape Town. The entries were selected from those entered throughout 2017, of flowers in the various Evergreen villages.





## *Evergreen Book and Coffee morning, 12 December 2017*

About 25 Evergreeners gathered for the last Book Morning of the year, which was also the first in our new clubhouse. The venue was comfortable, even cosy, and directly opposite our new, magnificent library.

Libby Baker briefly reviewed the year's activities, which was filled with interesting book reviews and inspiring speakers. She also thanked everyone for their enthusiastic participation and support throughout the year, especially, during the move from the old to the new library. The packing of the books, which we anticipated would take at least a day, was accomplished in two hours, a record time, and a truly wonderful achievement. Then virtually just days before the opening of the Clubhouse, permission was given to us to unpack the books in our new library. This took a little longer than two hours, there were only four of us, but it still got done reasonably quickly – and we were grateful for the opportunity to do it ourselves.

The Book and Coffee mornings will continue on a bi-monthly basis, i.e. every second month. This was the popular choice according to the responses gathered from Judy Stuart's questionnaire. However, all your ideas and suggestions for these meetings would be most welcome.

Isabel Labuscagne thanked residents for all the donated books, which since 'the move' have been pouring in. More than 250 fiction books had been processed and shelved in the centre isle [left]. These will eventually join the main library shelves – but now the top shelves will also be used. To reach these top shelves, please use the three-step 'ladder', it's light but very sturdy.

Pat Bayley discussed the non-fiction section and proposed that with the extra space available, the categories under which these books are catalogued be changed or extended. She then highlighted some of the newer and more interesting books that have recently been donated.

Elske Fann, Isabel Labuscagne and Libby Baker also reviewed their choice reads of 2017. A short summary of these reviews will be printed and displayed on the library shelves.

And then it was time for the Library Christmas lunch. The Bistro team provided a delicious cold buffet, beautifully served with all the Christmas trimmings. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Pat Bayley had thoughtfully brought several bottles of wine which added to the merriment. Also enjoyed were Lynn Turner's delicious meringues filled with cream and berries – yummy!

The lucky draw for a book voucher [what else?] was won by Bee Elliot. Bee, enjoy the book of your choice, and to all our readers may we wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New Year filled with love and good cheer.

The Library Team,  
*Pat, Isabel, Kathy and Libby*



1. **Robert Goddard's trilogy** featuring James Macted [Max]. His quest to solve the mystery surrounding the death of his father, leads him into a world of espionage, treachery and murder. The books can be read as stand-alone novels or in the sequence - ***The Ways of the World, The Corners of the Globe and The Ends of the Earth***. The first two books are in our library.

2. **Clare Boylan's *Emma Brown*** is the completion of a novel begun by Charlotte Bronte in the 1850s. It is written using Charlotte's own phrases and style of writing and gives an accurate sense of the time, a time in which women and children had no voice or power.
  
3. ***The Book of Joy***, which chronicles a week in the life of two joyous people, the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu. They met in India to celebrate the Dalai Lama's 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and spent their time together discussing how it is possible to live a life of joy in the face of adversity. The book details their discussions, provides recent scientific findings in the science of happiness, and describes daily practices that can anchor one's own emotional and spiritual life.

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➤ **RAIN NEWS FROM Cecil Faan**



Our rainfall for December showed a welcome improvement, slightly bettering the average for the previous 5 years. Hopefully this trend will continue...

The national drive to conserve water is still a priority so we all need to continue using water carefully.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2017:

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
Nov 2017	55.4
Dec 2017	126.0

For comparison, the previous year's reading for December is 101.1 and the average for December since 2012 is 124.5

**HEALTHCARE by Atholie Preacher (she is still appealing)**

- 1) If any Residents have a problem with their TeleCare system, it needs to be reported to Jackie at reception (Ext 200).
- 2) The yellow button on the TeleCare system, once activated, will be responded to by our Evergreen nursing staff. This is available 24/7.
- 3) Sr Linda's hours are now 7.00 to 16.00 Monday to Friday.
- 4) We have an appeal from Sr Linda for the following items for the Frail Care. They need Children's Puzzles, Board Games, and wool along with Needles (wooden if possible)



## HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dawn Hyams
7 <sup>th</sup>	Gerd Pontow
9 <sup>th</sup>	Sue Coombe
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lilian Hartsief
13 <sup>th</sup>	Pauline Mackie
14 <sup>th</sup>	Cynthia O'Connor
14 <sup>th</sup>	Grace Schuurman
15 <sup>th</sup>	Rosemary Baird
16 <sup>th</sup>	Ian Gladstone
16 <sup>th</sup>	James Allan
18 <sup>th</sup>	Peggy Oosthuizen
19 <sup>th</sup>	Anna Haselum
19 <sup>th</sup>	Hugh Stoyell
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Libby Baker
25 <sup>th</sup>	Hilary Buckley
28 <sup>th</sup>	Charles Carroll
30 <sup>th</sup>	Gunter Veiz
31 <sup>st</sup>	Eleonore Scherz

*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 January*

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Jac & Rosalin Messerschmidt
18 <sup>th</sup>	Cyril & Penny Rabinowitz
19 <sup>th</sup>	Cliff & Atholie Preacher
21 <sup>st</sup>	Dennis & Cynthia O'Connor
21 <sup>st</sup>	Gunter & Lesley Veiz

*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***

#### For all phase 3 residents

You have probably heard about a box which can be used to stream movies, TV shows and live TV to your own TV through your fibre cable fitted in your unit and by subscribing to Vox. I have been extensively testing and using an Android box system for 9 months. I am so pleased with the results to the point where I have discontinued my DSTV subscription.

Since I started using this system there are several new commercial streaming systems coming onto the market. These vary from R399 once off for Openview HD (it is rubbish) to the Telkom LIT and Cell C "Black" offerings, which are run using relatively expensive monthly subs. There is also "Kwese" which costs R1599 for a box and R129.99 per month.

The boxes I have sourced from China are called Alfawise and are high-end performers which can be purchased for around \$70 each. Add to that post and insurance about \$4 then VAT and Duty (can be up to 34%, it has been lower depending on the clerk!), plus R300 for local items (Microsoft wheel mouse, plus short HDMI and Ethernet cables). The software apps are free and obtainable on Playstore etc.

If you would like a demonstration of my system and it's capabilities please give me a call on Ext 1089 or Whatsapp 084 582 9129.

Chris Edwards

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Cliff Preacher would like to sell his Weber Braai. (He's saving up for a more powerful engine for his bike!)

"Hi Chris,  
Here are the details of my Weber braai for sale.

57cm Weber grill complete with cover, a roast holder, a coal separator for roasts, an outer ring for potatoes, corn or onions etc. Price R700,00"

Give Cliff or Atholie a call on Ext 124 or send him a Whatsapp on 082 536 2878

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I have a large number of VHS videos to give away. The pre-recorded ones are things like Gilbert and Sullivan operettas, and a lot of British TV (recorded dutifully by my late Mum), comedies like 'Fools and Horses' etc. They may be useful for entertaining homebound folks.

Just give me a ring on Ext 1089 or Whatsapp 084 582 9129, I will deliver! Chris Edwards



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Neville from No 40 has got a TV for sale. It's a Sansui 24" HD, LED and it's 3 years old. He is looking for R1000.00 for it, so give him a call on 084 584 1353.

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*Sue Edwards is looking for a good upholstery /carpet cleaning service. Please contact her on Ext 1089 if you can recommend anybody*

**▶ LAST WORDS**

 *Laugh, and the world laughs with you;*  *Weep, and you weep alone.....*

**Thank you, Atholie for this little number**

**"Never Squat With Your Spurs On!" - Will Rogers**

Will Rogers, who died in a 1935 plane crash in Alaska with bush pilot Wiley Post, was one of the greatest political/country/cowboy sages this country has ever known.

Here are some of his sayings:

- 1.. Never slap a man who's chewing tobacco.
- 2.. Never kick a cow chip on a hot day.

- 3.. There are two theories to arguing with a woman. Neither works.
- 4.. Never miss a good chance to shut up.
- 5.. Always drink upstream from the herd.
- 6.. If you find yourself in a hole, stop digging.
- 7.. The quickest way to double your money is to fold it and put it back into your pocket
- 8.. There are three kinds of men:
  - The ones that learn by reading.
  - The few who learn by observation.
  - The rest of them have to pee on the electric fence and find out for themselves.
- 9.. Good judgment comes from experience, and a lot of that comes from bad judgment.
- 10 If you're riding' ahead of the herd, take a look back every now and then to make sure it's still there.
11. Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier'n than puttin' it back in.
12. After eating an entire bull, a mountain lion felt so good he started roaring. He kept it up until a hunter came along and shot him.

**The moral:** When you're full of bull, keep your mouth shut.

### ABOUT GROWING OLDER ...

**First** ~ Eventually you will reach a point when you stop lying about your age and start bragging about it.

**Second** ~ The older we get, the fewer things seem worth waiting in line for.

**Third** ~ Some people try to turn back their odometers. Not me. I want people to know 'why' I look this way. I've traveled a long way, and some of the roads weren't paved.

**Fourth** ~ When you are dissatisfied and would like to go back to your youth, think of algebra ...

**Fifth** ~ You know you are getting old when everything either dries up or leaks.

**Sixth** ~ I don't know how I got over the hill without getting to the top.

**Seventh** ~ One of the many things no one tells you about ageing is that it's such a nice change from being young.

**Eight** ~ One must wait until evening to see how splendid the day has been.

**Ninth** ~ Being young is beautiful, but being old is comfortable and relaxed.

**Tenth** ~ Long ago, when men cursed and beat the ground with sticks, it was called witchcraft. Today it's called golf.

**And, finally** ~ If you don't learn to laugh at trouble, you won't have anything to laugh at when you're old.

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Yesterday I got my permit to carry a concealed weapon.

So, today I went over to the local Bass Pro Shop to get a 9mm handgun for home/personal protection. When I was ready to pay for the pistol and ammo, the cashier said,

"Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to the NRA about the gun control wackos running amok, I did just as she had instructed.

When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out she was referring to how I should place my credit card in the card reader!

As a senior citizen, I do not get flustered often, but this time it took me a while to get my pants back on.

I've been asked to shop elsewhere in the future.

They need to make their instructions to seniors a little more clear. I still don't think I looked that bad!

Just need to wear underwear more often.

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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 for the forthcoming year.