

End January 2018

Wow, it's the end of January already. Time flies when you are having fun (and when you're getting older)! As Graham says, 6 months ago we were a new Committee, bright and sparkly and now we are giving you feedback on what seems to have been six weeks!!

Elsewhere we talk about our wonderful children and grandchildren, well I have an amazing story about the grandchildren of the 10th US President. (Have I got your attention, Grace?) OK, Donald Trump is the 45th President, so we are talking about a guy called John Tyler. He was born in 1790 (so what? I hear you say). Would you believe he has grandchildren who are still alive today!!!! The erstwhile President Tyler had a son (one of 15 children) very late in life in 1853 when he was 63. His son Lyon Tyler also had two children late in his 70's. These two boys, Lyon Jnr and Harrison are still alive today. One born in 1924 and one in 1928. Ain't Genealogy wonderful?

Now y'all have a wonderful day.
Chris



Well, here are at the end of the first month of 2018. For those of us who stayed in Gauteng, weather was good (although some real rain would have been nice) and the traffic few. We all enjoyed the Bistro, both for a Christmas lunch together and New Year's Eve with much optimism for 2018. The evening was topped with some music and dancing, then Ian Stuart played the famous Dinner for One DVD ... always funny whenever one views it.

And so now to February and the highlight will be the ResCom mid-term feedback on Friday 16th. Amazing how time flies...when we came to set the date we all couldn't believe that the first 6 months of our term were done and dusted. At the feed-back you'll hear what has been accomplished by each portfolio in the past 6 months, what's currently on the go, and what's planned for the final months leading up to the Annual Residents Meeting mid-year. I do hope you will join us and stay for the networking (own drinks and plate of snacks) after the meeting.

Of course, Feb is renowned for Valentine's Day...month of the lovers.
So, to all of you have a lovely month.
Cheers
Graham Langmead

Two months worth of dates for your social and walking calendars: -

2018	February	March
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7 Wed	Social	Social
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10 Sat		Walk - Sisters with Blisters and TuTus
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12		
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14 Wed	Valentines Day Social	Social
15		
16		
17 Sat	Walk - Ernest Ullman Park	St Patricks Day
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19		
20	Library coffee morning	
21 Wed	Social	Human Rights Day - Public Holiday
22		
23		
24 Sat	Braai	Residents Village Fun Walk 5pm
25		
26		
27		
28 Wed	Social (St Davids day on 1st March)	Social (Easter)
29	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	
30	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Good Friday
31	xxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxxx	Presidents Walk

We have had two recent pieces of correspondence in the "Dear Mr Chairman's Box." Both were anonymous, which makes it difficult to reply to. If the sender's details were left off accidentally, please let Chris know on Ext 1089 and he can arrange to send the response from the Chairman or appropriate portfolio leader.

New Years Eve - Oh! what a party, Oh! what a night



The tables were so beautifully designed and laid



By Judy Stuart and her team



Some regulars and some new faces.



Our Penny Rabinowitz ready to show some dance moves



Gunter and Lesley showing how it's done.



Chris and Linda getting down to it.



Marilyn giving Ivar a twirl



John and Shelia making the right moves



Brice, don't let go of Jilly!



Burns Night (24th January 2018) with our guest of honour James Campbell





Kiloran Townsend (No 63) wouldn't mind a few more sponsors for R40 donations towards the plastic covers for her A3 photo albums. She wishes to acknowledge recent contributions from Pat Bayley, Grace and Derek Schuurman, and Judy McLaren (a second one). These will continue to help to make a wonderful future record and complete the history of Evergreen Broadacres and where we have come from.

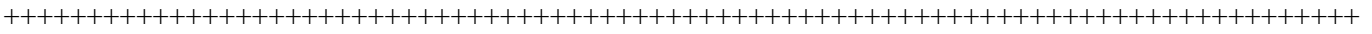
Kiloran says "I don't want to stop the donations yet, but will try and get to Waltons as soon as I have the money and update the list of donations in the albums. We still need an appropriate design for the covers of the albums. ANY artistic souls prepared to even give a rough sketch which I can translate on Photoshop into a cover???" (Sandy?)

We have a new resident who we would like to say hello to:

Lucia Ressa in No 21 is originally from a village near Ancona in Italy and is a wonderful seamstress. She apologises for her lack of English, but Mama Lucia, your English is far better than our Italian, (whatta mistake to makea) so don't worry about a thing, Benvenuti nel nostro Villaggio

A little bird tells me that some moves are afoot to begin an interest group in Geology

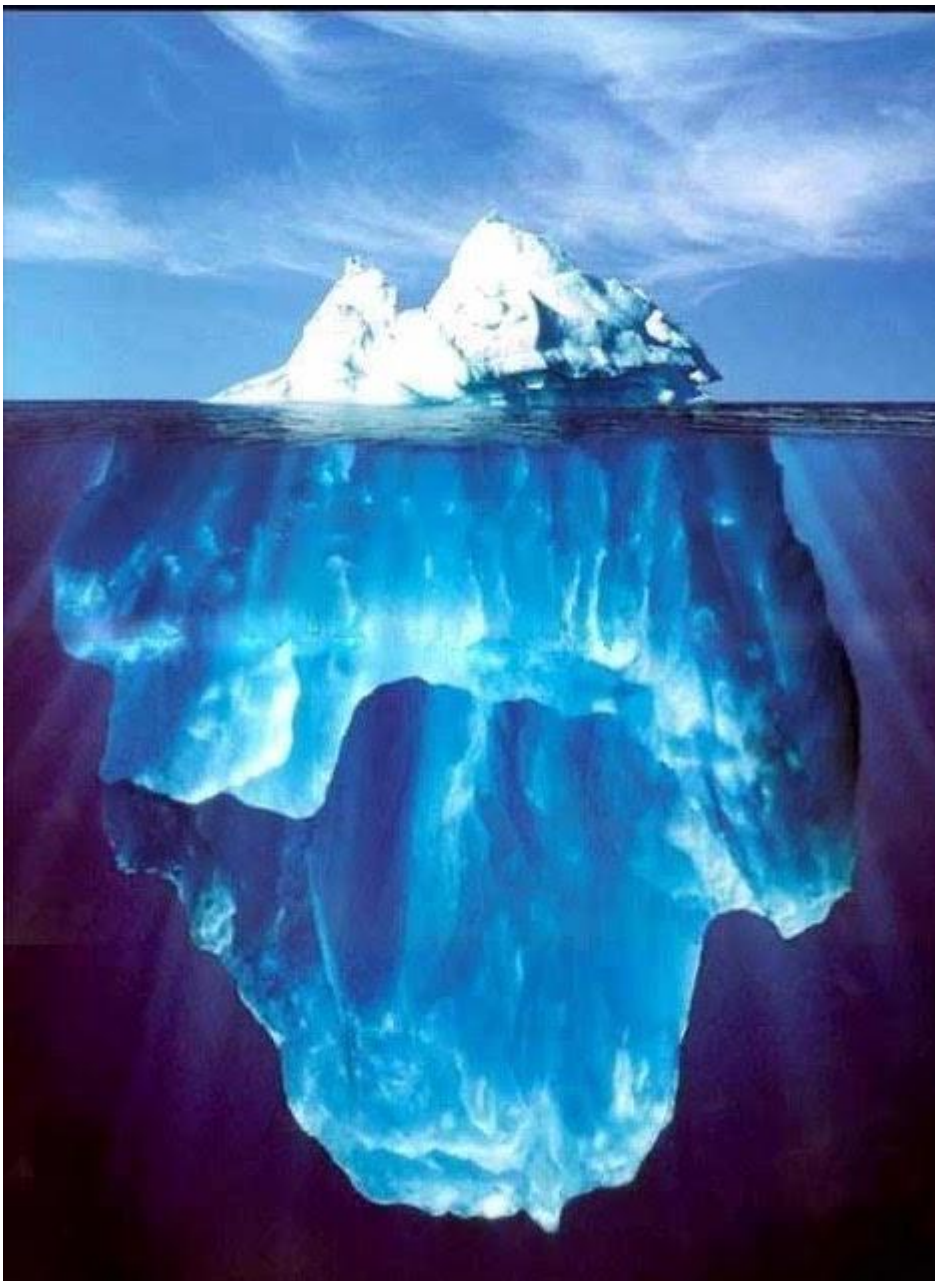
Anyone interested in Genealogy? contact Chris Ext 1089



Haven't we got some clever grandchildren (and children!)

Georgi Tasioulas, the granddaughter of Hennie and Marion du Preez obtained 7 distinctions whilst she was at Heron Bridge and is going to Stellenbosch to study Occupational Therapy.

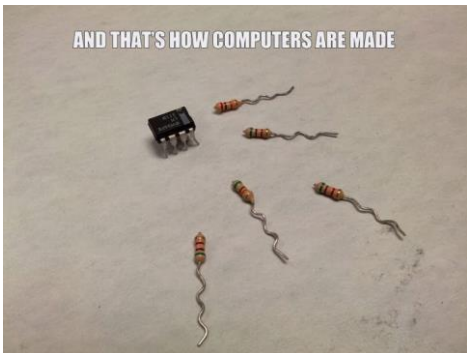
"MARKLE, Philip, dear. Harry's marrying Meghan Markle, not Angela Merkel."



They say we can only see 10% of an iceberg above the water line. I have not seen too many pictures of this, but it is true.



I will be holding a Computer and Cell Phone clinic soon, 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 (Ext 1089)



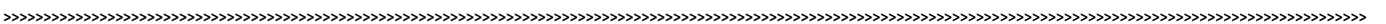
We are continuing to show the series 'The Crown' on Netflix in the Clubhouse.

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.

We are up to episode 6 out of 10 in the first series. Series 3 is being filmed at present with two major changes to the cast. Olivia Colman (Broadchurch) and Helena Bonham Carter are now playing the Queen and Princess Margaret respectively, which suits the story as they mature. Netflix will probably have this available in December.

Each episode will have subtitles in English and the picture and the sound is simply superb.

I hope to see you there.
Chris Edwards



Here are our photographic competition winners. Kiloran Townsend and Wally Davey were presented with block mounted (Sandy?) canvas-like prints as prizes. Wally's has been put on the wall near the Art/Craft room. Derek Drew did the honours. So now, in 2018, lets show Evergreen we can sweep the board. Get clicking!



➤ RAIN NEWS FROM Cecil Fann



January's rainfall provided a welcome relief from the ongoing heat wave but remains disappointingly below expectations (or hopes). Fortunately, the borehole project will come on stream (hopefully) in the not too distant future to relieve the stress on the communal area gardens. Thank heavens we don't have Cape Town's predicament! (Chris says: it's even more important to shower with a friend or even several friends!) As Day Zero approaches, have a care for Evergreen's Cape Town villages. The national drive to conserve water is still a priority so we all need to continue using water carefully.

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
Jan 2018	60.2

The average for January since 2013 is 99.2

Basil Bold is convinced there is a conspiracy forming. His rain gauge read 30mm, and after the same storm, phase 1 and 2 had 50mm? Cecil will investigate. After all, we pay the same rates in phase 3? Shouldn't we get the same rain?

HEALTHCARE by Atholie Preacher (always 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) Sister 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 February

2 nd	Peta Nesbitt
15 th	Shirley Dempster
15 th	Heather Allan
17 th	Eric Sampson
18 th	Val Hutton-Wilson
20 th	Bev Jackson
21 st	Milly Haestier
22 nd	Ossi Kauzil
23 rd	Joanna Wrogemann
26 th	Atholie Preacher
27 th	Barry Forbes

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 February

18 th	Chris & Tess Sleigh
19 th	Brian & Nora Quinn
21 st	Gunther & Joanna Wrogemann
24 th	Hugh & Helen Stoyell
25 th	Clive & Mary Pitt
26 th	Charles & Irene Carroll

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

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

Hi Chris,

I would like to advertise my Tom Tom GPS in the next chatter. It is a '@live Via 125' and would like to put it in at R1 000,00. If you have a new home for this GPS then give Cliff or Atholie a call on Ext 124 or send him a Whatsapp on 082 536 2878

Good morning Chris

Please may I ask you to 'advertise' the services of Mian, trading as Lock Hawk CC tel 072 203 2429. My sliding door lock was broken and both locksmiths recommended by Broadacres Hardware were away. Mian contacted me last night having just returned from Limpopo, offered to come and replace my lock as he was leaving Jhb early this morning. Being New Year's day I was so grateful when he only charged the normal callout fee! He is a very pleasant, well mannered and professional person and I can highly recommend him

Kind regards
Kathy Möhlig

Charmaine Hall (No54) has a DSTV dish unused and spare. Please give her a call on Ext 154.

Notes from the Library

Many of us love books; they've been our companions and friends through life. We've enjoyed their stories, learnt from their wisdom, travelled in thought to new worlds and gained new ideas and understanding. But did you know that books also have souls?

I came across this wonderful passage in a book written by *Carlos Ruiz Zafon*, who states,

"Every book ... has a soul. The soul of the person who wrote it and of those who read it and lived and dreamed with it. Every time a book changes hands, every time someone runs his eyes down its pages, its spirit grows and strengthens."

Sadly, he reflects that many are abandoning books now and laments that *"... millions of abandoned pages and the worlds they contain will, without owners, sink in an ocean of darkness, while the world that throbs outside loses its memory, day after day, unknowingly feeling all the wiser the more it forgets."*

We have a wonderful library at Evergreen, let's not let our books lose their souls. Read and enjoy.

The Shadow of the Wind
Carlos Luis Zafon

THE JOURNEY



A man and his dog were walking along a road. The man was enjoying the scenery, when it suddenly occurred to him that he was dead. He remembered dying, and that the dog walking beside him had been dead for years. He wondered where the road was leading them.

After a while, they came to a high, white stone wall along one side of the road. It looked like fine marble. At the top of a long hill the wall was broken by a tall arch that glowed in the sunlight. When he was standing before it he saw a magnificent gate in the arch that looked like mother-of-pearl, and the street that led to the gate looked like pure gold. He and the dog walked toward the gate and, as he got closer, he saw a man at a desk to one side.

When he was close enough, he called out, 'Excuse me, could you tell me where we are?'

'This is Heaven, sir,' the man answered.

'Wow! Would you happen to have some water?' the man asked.

'Of course, sir. Come right in, and I'll have some ice water brought right up.'

The man gestured, and the gate began to open.

'Can my friend,' gesturing toward his dog, 'come in, too?' the traveller asked.

'I'm sorry; sir, but we don't accept pets.'

The man thought a moment and then turned back toward the road and continued the way he had been going with his dog. After another long walk, and at the top of another long hill, he came to a dirt road leading through a farm gate that looked as if it had never been closed. There was no fence. As he approached the gate, he saw a man inside, leaning against a tree and reading a book.

'Excuse me!' he called to the man. 'Do you have any water?'

'Yeah, sure, there's a pump over there, come on in.'

'How about my friend here?' the traveller gestured to the dog.

'There should be a bowl by the pump.'

They went through the gate, and sure enough, there was an old-fashioned hand pump with a bowl beside it.

The traveller filled the water bowl and took a long drink himself, then gave some to the dog.



When they were satisfied, he and the dog walked back toward the man who was standing by the tree.

'What do you call this place?' the traveller asked.

'This is Heaven,' he answered.

'Well, that's confusing,' the traveller said. 'The man down the road said that was Heaven, too.'

'Oh, you mean the place with the gold street and pearly gates? Nope. That's hell.'

'Doesn't it make you mad for them to use your name like that?'

'No, we're just happy that they screen out the folks who would leave their best friends behind.'

Evergreen may not be heaven, but as we are able to have and enjoy our pets, it is truly "the village of our dreams"



IN MEMORY OF A DEAR FRIEND

PICO

(2006 - 2018)

▶ LAST WORDS



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

This from Kiloran - Retarded Grandparents

After Christmas, young pupils were asked how they spent their holiday away from school. Here's the pick of the bunch:

"We always used to spend the holidays with Grandma and Grandpa. They used to live in a big brick house but Grandpa got retarded and they moved to Batemans Bay in Florida where everyone lives in nice little houses where they don't have to mow the grass anymore!

They ride around on their bicycles and scooters and wear name tags because they don't know who they are anymore. They go to a building called a wreck centre, but they must have got it fixed because it's all okay now. They do exercises there, but they don't do them very well.

There is a swimming pool too, but they only jump up and down in it with hats on.

At their gate, there is a doll's house with a little old man sitting in it. He watches all day so nobody can escape. Sometimes they sneak out, and go cruising in their golf carts!

Nobody there cooks, they just eat out.

Some of the people can't get out past the man in the doll house. The ones who do get out, bring food back to the wrecked centre for pot luck.

My Grandma says that Grandpa worked all his life to earn his retardment and says I should work hard so I can be retarded someday too.

When I earn my retardment, I want to be the man in the doll's house. Then I will let people out, so they can visit their grandchildren.

ENJOY LIFE NOW...IT HAS AN EXPIRATION DATE!

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I got this both from Basil and from Graham - CHRIS SAY - do they go to same barber?

CONFUCIUS SAY. . .

OK to let a fool kiss you, but not OK to let a kiss fool you.

Better to lose a lover than love a loser.

Drunken man's words often sober man's thoughts.

Man who run in front of car get tired.

Man who run behind car get exhausted.

Man with one chopstick go hungry.

Man who eat many prunes get good run for money.

War does not determine who is right, war determine who is left.

Man who fight with wife all day get no piece at night.

Man who drive like hell, bound to get there.

Man who live in Glass House should change clothes in basement

Man who fish in other man's well, often catch crabs.

Man who wants pretty nurse, must be patient.

Lady who goes camping must be aware of evil intent.

Man who leaps off cliff jumps to conclusion.

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 y'all.