

"Together let's make EVERGREEN the village of our dreams"

End February 2018

This is from a Chair with a difference!



WHOSE IDEA WAS IT TO PLIT SPEED BLIMPS ON A WHEELCHAIR RAMP?" I would like to thank all those villagers who sent messages and called to see me after my accident and for the support you have given Sue and myself, also the wonderful and caring management and staff at Unique Health, we love you all.

What did Arnold Schwarzenegger say? "I'll be back" Chris



CHAIRMAN CHAT IN CHATTER FEB 2018



Well, the month of love is at its end but using the love theme, I loved seeing so many of you (over 100) at the ResCom Mid-term Report Back. And thank you all of you who took the time and trouble in one form or another of thanking me/us for the initiative and its content. Yes, ResCom does a lot of varied things but it is all focussed on our collective and individual love of our village and the residents.

Many of us have been around for years and I repeat what I said at the meeting...none of us own any portfolio and we will all happily hand over to a new generation. Feel free to chat to any one of us if you have the inclination and therefore you'd like to hear more.

Much was made of the "Dear Mr Chairman" box. It is there for you to voice your opinions, ideas and observations as well as compliments. Use it - it is opened EVERY FRIDAY and responded to as a matter of expediency.

One of the current issues is the Lourie Lane complications. E.G. One way...which way; those who refuse to adhere to the rules, jeopardise the harmony of the village; then at the end is the traffic circle...many comments thereon too. To this end I will be addressing the matter shortly and will call for your input to finalise it once and for all. Remember, however, it was one way from the beginning and only became 2-way when the clubhouse building forced the closure of the other road.

The other major issue is the continual disregard for the house rule agreed at the start of the village: *twenty is plenty*. This is a place of retired folk...there are elderly walkers and many with

dogs and some with grandchildren...I do wish we would all just consider others and keep the speed down until we leave the village and then act like the rest and put foot then NOT inside the village.

So beware the Ides of March just upon us. Warm cheers as ever. Graham Langmead

Complaint to Dear Mr Chairman and a Note from Graham Langmead

I have received a note of strong complaint, but it is from "A concerned Resident" so I can't discuss it with the complainant to get more information before attending to the matter.

Please, if you want me to act, I need to be able to investigate further. By all means ask to be anonymous and I will keep your confidentiality but if I can't make contact I can't take it much further.

The one way system in Lourie Lane is non-negotiable. But we still have a few residents who choose to ignore the signs and endanger themselves and any residents and visitors who are abiding by the rule.

To them we say; abide by the House Rules or risk further sanction.

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

2018	March	2018	April
	The Crown and Movie Evening	1	
	Garden Club Visit	2	
3		3	
4		4 Wed	Social
5		5 Thur	The Crown and Movie Evening
6		6	The crown and movie evening
7 Wed	Social	7	
	The Crown and Movie Evening	8	
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9 10 Sat	Walk - Sisters with Blisters and	9 10	
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11		11 Wed	Social
12		12 Thur	The Crown and Movie Evening
13		13	
14 Wed	Social - St Patricks Special	14	
15 Thur	The Crown and Movie Evening	15	
16		16	
17 Sat	St Patricks Day	17 Tue	Library Morning
18		18 Wed	Social
19		19 Thur	The Crown and Movie Evening
20 Tues	10.30 Nature and Birding Group	20	
	Human Rights Day - Public	21 Sat	Walk
	Holiday Proposed Street Braai		
	The Crown and Movie Evening	22	
23		23	
24 Sat	Residents Village Fun Walk 5pm	24	
25		25 Wed	Social
26		26 Thur	The Crown and Movie Evening
27		27	
28 Wed	Social (Easter)	28	
29	The Crown and Movie Evening	29	
30	Good Friday	30	
	Presidents Walk		

Nature & Birding Group - Chirps & Tweets

For our next gathering, which will take place in the Clubhouse on Tuesday, 20th March at 10.30am, we have a most interesting programme. Wally and Robin (#127) will share their experiences and photographs taken on their expedition to India in search of tigers. It will also include other creatures and some birds. ALL ARE WELCOME so please come along. A number of new bird sightings have been reported taking the total into the nineties – the updated All Creatures list is on the notice board and if you have a new sighting to add, whether it be bird, insect, reptile or any other creature please call me on ext. 101.

SOCIAL MATTERS (as always thanks to Kiloran for the wonderful photos) this item has been carried over several times due to lack of space

Village Questionnaire

In September 2017 ResCom asked Judy Stuart to design and submit a questionnaire to the residents of Evergreen. The purpose of the questionnaire was to look at the present social/activity functions of the village and to obtain suggestions and ideas for the future.

On the 24th of November Judy presented the results of this questionnaire, in the form of a presentation, to the village. We now reproduce the condensed form of the survey for your information. (Chris says " I have not interfered with the layout, as a lot of people will know, you tangle with Microsoft Word Tables at your peril !")

EVERGREEN VILLAGE QUESTIONNAIRE – CONDENSED 24th November 2017

Below is the feedback of the questionnaire that was recently circulated in the Village. **We** received 50 replies, 44 of which were signed and 6 that were sent in anonymously. The comments have been consolidated but the complete feedback of 14 pages, is available on request. The figures do not balance to the number of completed questionnaires received, as not all the items were ticked. In some cases, the 'no' vote may mean "not applicable". Please contact me if you require any further information. Judy Stuart Unit 87

Event/Activity	Yes	No	Maybe
Weekly Social Dinner			
Happy that this is weekly	47	1	1
If no, please give your preference			
Happy with day of the week	47		
If no, please give your preference			
Happy with time of event	34	14	1
If no, please give your preference			
 Start the social later – 9 people 			
 Same in winter, later in summer 			
Like to seat myself/ourselves always	16	14	3
Prefer to be seated always	3	26	4
Would occasionally like to be seated	33	8	7
Would enjoy sing-along entertaining at the social	15	18	12
Occasionally (3)			
Like the theme evenings e.g. Burns Night, Valentines Night,	38	3	5
Heritage Night, etc			
Do you have any suggestions for other themed evenings?			
 A list of 26 suggestions that will be considered by 			
Hospitality, eg Italian/Chinese/Japanese/Indian/			
Barnyard/Mexican/Hawaiian/Western, etc			
Happy with menus? If no state why not?	35	7	3
 90% of the time – good considering budget (5) 			
 Please perk up the vegetables (4) 			
 Two serving stations if a lot of diners. (2) 			
 Re Weekly Menus – Pub lunch for a change? 			
 Larger variety of food choices (2) 			
 Butter instead of Marge (2) 			
 Vegetables not always tasty, e.g. Broccoli 			
Social Evening cont			
	Yes	No	Maybe
Any other comments or suggestions on the Weekly Social	17	18	10
Dinner?			
 Enjoyable and successful 	11		
Quieter please! (3)			

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Socialise informally for say 30 minutes before sitting			
at the tables. On the deck and inside in the new			
clubhouse. (3)			
Music in the background and candles (2)			
Nature and Birding Group	Yes	No	Maybe
Do you have suggestions to improve/expand the activities	7	33	1
of the Nature and Birding Group?			
 Love bird talks and more outings to places like 			
Random Harvest, Norscot, Walter Sisulu or National			
Botanical Gardens.			
More overnight visits.			
Cultural Outings	Yes	No	Maybe
Enjoy the theatre outings and wish them to continue	38	4	8
 Ample notice and reminders again for block 			
bookings.			
Would enjoy a cinema evening? If yes, please state how often:	16	19	10
 Occasionally (3) 			
 Depends on what is on circuit (2) 			
Would enjoy classical music concerts	27	15	5
If yes, please state how often:			
 Occasionally (4) 			
 When on and of good quality performances (2) 			
 Having Judy McLaren play for us as often as she is 			
able and willing!			
Would enjoy cultural outside lectures, eg University of the	22	13	11
Third Age			
 Occasionally 			
 Already a member (2) 			
Movie Nights in the Club House	Yes	No	Maybe
Happy with day and time. If no, please give preference	30	4	6
 Start at 6.30pm or 7.00pm 			
Happy with movie choice	25	4	10
If no, please give preference			
 Participants should submit list of choice of movies 			
 More up to date movies please 			
 Old classics and musicals 			
Any other suggestions for Movie Nights?	2	10	
 Occasional morning shows? 			
 How about order in pizzas? 			
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Any other suggestions	2	3	
A regular pub night would be a good start but I look			
forward to our wonderful new club house – with its			
lovely deck all around the front – being used a lot			
more (not always on an organised basis,) as a			
gathering point.			
Village Braais	Yes	No	Maybe
Anything more to suggest for the Braais?	9	7	
List of names of who will attend the braaiing			
 Fire Pit evenings – bring your own drinks and snacks 			
 Potjie cook offs. 			
 Nearer the new club house? 			
Special Events	Yes	No	Maybe
Guest performers in the Club House. Any suggestions?	27	3	11
Occasionally	11	2	11
,		2	
Prominent sport personality eg Gary Kirsten.			
Like Reef Caterers used to provide. At Friday lunch			
have quest performers, eg student groups from		1	
Wayne at Reef Caterers (3)		1	
• Singers (2) and choirs and in case of a better piano		1	
more soloists and trios.			
Wine Tasting			
 A "Happy Hour" with BYO on Fridays at 5pm in the 			
Clubhouse.			
Guest speakers - If yes, when, eg lunchtime, mornings, etc	29	1	6
 Lunchtime (9) 			
 Mornings or afternoons (7) 			
• Early evening, especially with social evening (4).			
• In the mornings (11)			
Afternoons or early evening (4)			
IT experts to make us more computer literate			
(Amdec arranged last time). Help us to sign up for			
Apps, eg Uber			
Bridge	Yes	No	Maybe
Are you happy with Monday as the day? If no, what is your	11	4	1
preference?			
Are you happy with the starting time? If no, what is your	7	6	1
preference?			
Would prefer 1pm (3)			
• Start at 1,30 or 2pm (2)			
 Evenings once per month. 			
Do you have any other suggestions?	2		
 Bridge players themselves to decide on issues such 	-	1	
as duplicate playing, finishing times, etc.			
 Duplicate bridge on a Friday. 		1	
Library	Yes	No	Maybe
Would you like "theme" monthly book morning?	15	6	15
 Or as is, every second month (6) 		0	10
		1	
Once per month (2) Thomas accessionally		1	
Themes occasionally Any other suggestions for the library?	+	9	+
Any other suggestions for the library?		7	
 Encourage donations of new books, eg thrillers 			
An alphabetical file for controlling books		1	
Happy with current format, facility is amazing.		1	
 Meet to discuss/explore themes such as crime 		1	
novels, romance novels, etc			

9 Y <u>es</u> 6 5 Yes 2	21 No 19 18 No 15 12 No 17	6 Maybe 6 2 Maybe 6 Maybe 1
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	17	1
10		1
12	8	6
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9	10	5
15	8	7
7	10	4
13	10	3
3	16	2
12	8	7
2	16	
17	6	6
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4	16	4
17	11	8
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(NB from Chris Art lessons and Water Aerobics are now a reality as a direct result of the survey. And because of Sandy and Anke)

We hope you find this feedback of interest. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Graham Langmead, ResCom

Some new residents have arrived in our Village and they refuse to pay the levy! or observe the speed limit.

7 Baby Guinea Fowl appeared recently and our intrepid wild life photographer caught them in the act. Too Cute. (thanks Kiloran for lovely pics)





Mid Term Report Back Meeting

Unbeknown to us this meeting clashed with the SONA and the new Cyril. Members of ResCom had been beavering away at their presentations for nearly a month. They then went to Basil to be converted to slides for our presentation. Invariably they came back again as we had a time frame to keep.

Photo attached of the handing over ceremony between Tess and Libby

Many thanks to Tess Sleigh for her donation of a laptop for use in the Library. If you feel you would like to donate any useful goods lying idle or duplicated in your house, give any ResCom member a call or alternatively drop a note in the *Dear Mr Chairman Box*.



Note from Kiloran

As a result of your latest copy of the Rescom Chatter I got 3 more donations for plastic covers so please just include a thank you to Graham and Aileen Langmead, Marilyn McLachlan and Jean Spurr. I took some pics on Wednesday when it was supposed to be a Super Moon, a Blue Moon and a Blood moon. Somehow I think it was only a Blue Moon.

Definition.

Super Moon is when the full moon is particularly close to the earth and hence much, much bigger than normal.

Blue moon when there are 2 full moons in one calendar month. Happens only once in every two and half years.

Blood moon is when the Moon, earth and sun are all in a line and the earth casts a shadow on the moon which gives it a red hue on the full moon.



TEAM EVERGREEN is a group of young senior citizens who live in the village whose ages vary from 60 to 90. The Team sets out once a month to walk/run 5km to "keep fit and remain evergreen" which is our motto. We enjoy going out into the fresh air and sunshine and stretching our legs with hundreds of other friendly, smiling people of all shapes and sizes. We have built up a very good comradie among ourselves and enjoy being together. There is a lot of competition among those who compete against each other, spurred on by the comments I make in "The Team Evergreen Walking News" that is publish after each event.

The formation of Team Evergreen started when Dick Sheppard, Val Hutton-Wilson, my wife Heather & I plus Emily, Truus' grand daughter walked in the Otter Estates 5km Fun Run in July 2013. Since then I have persuaded, convinced, some say nagged, many others to join us on our monthly outings. At the "Sisters with Blisters Fun Walk" in July 2014, the organisers made such a fuss after the walk about Dick being the oldest entrant, then 88 and videoed their interview with our Team for their website. As we were leaving they called Dick on stage to interview him again in front of all the other finishers and they cheered him. He felt really special and important. He subsequently won more prizes for being the oldest entrant. (Craig Stacey, who is exactly one year younger than Dick, also joined us on some of our monthly outing last year and did very well completing 5kms in around 55mins)

It was after this event that I decided that we needed to organise our own Team t-shirts so that we would be recognised at future events. After mutch persuasion and trying to convince Amdec, the owners of our village, that it would be good advertising for future sales, they relented and had the Team Evergreen t-shirts manufactured and printed for us, causing event organisers to take note of us and take photos for their websites. There are nearly 50 Team members who take part in our monthly outings when they are not on holiday, touring the world or visiting relations overseas or otherwise indisposed. We have a turnout of about 30 members at each monthly event and everyone enjoys them.

Twice a year I organise the Broadacres Village Fun Walk which is very popular and well supported by the residents and their dogs (Owners must carry pooh bags). Almost all residents can enter this event - the oldest resident to do so is Henri Postema at the age of 99, as there are 4 different distances for residents to choose from to walk. These are:

700 meters dash for those who use walking or motorised aids or have neglected their fitness

1 lap – 1.8 km around the village for the smokers & unfit – no smoke breaks allowed

2 laps – 3.6km around the village for the not so fit

3 laps – 5.4km for the regular Team members & others who want to test their fitness

It is a fun afternoon which starts at 5 pm, giving the residents time to have their afternoon nap before coming out to walk. No times or finishing positions are recorded, there are no prizes and no one cares who finishers 1st or last. Residents are encouraged to walk as far as they want to, at a comfortable pace, on the day and no one monitors how far they walk, or did not walk.

At the last Village Fun Walk there were 76 walkers and over 20 spectators who came down to enjoy the activities. About 70% of those attending proudly wore their Team Evergreen t-shirts. After the walk everyone is given a boere or hot dog roll to enjoy with Hennie's famous pap & sous plus a beverage of their choice. Ice cream is serves for dessert. Most of the residents BTO and stay afterwards to compare aches & pains and to socialise with other residents they may not have met before. A great time is had by all.

Ernie Mutch – Team leader. (Contact Unit 80, Ext 180 for more info if required)

Geology and Planetology by Jay

After my presentation at the ResCom mid term report back, there was some genuine interest among Evergreen folks in geology and planetology. I am pleased. I am taking this opportunity to provide some background material that you may find useful to expand your knowledge. Presently, geologic knowledge is evolving so fast that textbooks are obsolete before they are published. The information they contain is often out of date and the paradigms are continually changing. The internet is now the major source of information about geology and planetology. It provides close to real-time access to data. I recommend Wikipedia

(<u>https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Geology</u>) as a good place to start to keep track of the present state of geologic knowledge. The main site is linked to a multitude of sub-sites dealing in greater detail with more specific aspects. Go there and search around.

We are lucky to have a series of books that explain the geology we see along the major highways in South Africa (geomorphology). I recommend: Geological Journeys by Nick Norman and Gavin Whitfield (2006); Geology Off The Beaten Track by Nick Norman (2013) and, the bucket list, 50 Must-See Geological Sites by Gavin Whitfield (2016). They are still in print and readily available. Go to Google Books, for example, to learn more about these books. They really make driving to Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, Durban etc. more exciting.

We live in greater Johannesburg area which is an internationally recognized store house of geological treasures. The most obvious is gold. Over 50% of all the gold that has ever been mined on Earth has come from the rocks known as the Witwatersrand supergroup (Figure 1). Johannesburg really is/was Egoli. Go to this site for a summary of Joburg geology: http://www.ougseurope.org/index.php?id=54.

Technology is rushing ahead at a great pace that most of us, myself included, are finding it hard to keep up with. There is no doubt that Google Earth has revolutionized geology with free access to almost real time images of the Earth. I recommend that you use it, if you do not already do so. The images can be rotated so that geological features may be viewed from many different angles. Go exploring.

Finally, remote sensing has provided images of the surfaces of planets and moons in our solar system besides Earth as well as information on the composition of these bodies. It is fascinating and challenging to speculate on how these bodies formed. Go to this site to compare the surfaces of Mars and Earth: https://mars.nasa.gov/maps/explore-mars-map/fullscreen/. Play around. I attach a guide to the names of the features you will see on Mars (Figure 2). Olympus Mons is the largest known volcano in the solar system. It is bigger that the largest volcano on Earth, Hawaii, by a factor of 5, and it too is a basalt shield volcano. Valles Marineris is a rift valley, a graben, like the East African rift. But it is much larger. The walls are kilometres high and it extends for thousands of kilometres. There are massive landslides along its edges. The graben ends in what to me looks like a delta, suggesting that a river flowed down it at some stage. Olympus Mons and Valles Marineris appear to be relatively young structures because there are few impact craters on them. Areas with a higher density of impact structures are older. 'till next time.

Think big, let your minds wander. Talk to me. Cheers, Jay (Ext 1088 or 072 467 5466)



Figure 1: A sample of the Ventersdorp Contact Reef from the Kloof Gold Mine. The yellow mineral is pyrite. Gold in this sample is too fine grained to be seen with the naked eye but its concentration in this sample is about 400 grams per tonne.

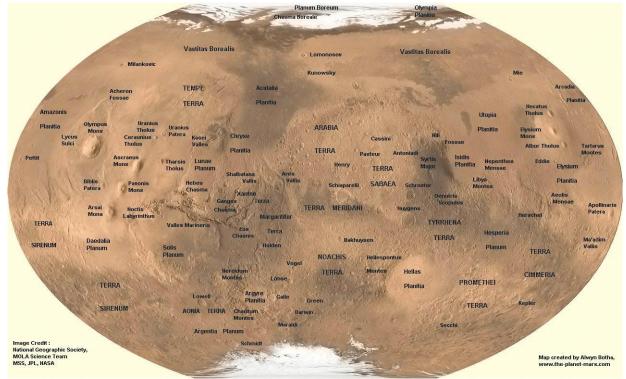


Figure 2: The image of the whole surface of Mars as seen on the NASA website with names attached to the major features.

RAIN NEWS FROM Cecil Fann



It's tempting to call this the "No Rainfall, Rainfall Report". The predicted and much anticipated February rainfall has mainly resulted in a few damp spots here and there in Broadacres. We await the implementation of the borehole irrigation system with keen anticipation! Remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Mar 2017	16.8
Apr 2017	116.4
May 2017	27.0
Jun 2017	Nil
Jul 2017	1.0
Aug 2017	Nil
Sep 2017	3.6
Oct 2017	68.2
Nov 2017	55.4
Dec 2017	126.0
Jan 2018	60.2
Feb 2018	58.0

Did you know?



HEALTHCARE by Atholie Preacher (always appealing)

(1) The yellow button on the Telecare system, once activated, will be responded to by our Evergreen nursing staff. This is available 24/7.

(2) We have an appeal from Sister Linda for the following items for the Frail Care. They need Children's Puzzles, Board Games, and wool along with Needles (wooden if possible)
(3). Also, a reminder to residents who are going away on holiday to notify Jackie at reception AND Sister Linda in the Care Centre. A second reminder: In the case of a medical emergency activate the RED button on the Telecare system ONCE ONLY and wait for a response (if the red button is pushed again, it deactivates the call!!!!)

HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in March

<u>March</u>

- 6th Derek Heard
- 5th Angela McMurray
- 5th Pauline Green
- 6th Dennis O'Connor
- 7th Aileen Langmead
- 10th Cynthia Lamb
- 11th Charmaine Hall
- 11th Bryce Rielly
- 13th Dave Campbell
- 14th Patti Bromfield
- 15th Judy Stowell
- 17th Kevin Morgan
- 18th Ivar Skanke
- 19th Peter McMurray
- 26th Andrew Johnston
- 27th Zap Lupini
- 28th David Lamb
- 30th Ian Stuart

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 March

March

- 1st Neville & Valerie Slaughter
- 17th Gerd Pontow & Gunnar Svensson
- 26th Eric & Pauline Sampson
- 30th Ivar & Pat Skanke

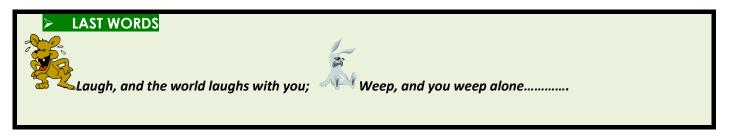
May you have a great day and good start to your next year together.

HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????

We have the following items surplus to requirements:-

1 x De Longhi Heater 1 x 26" Television Various picture frames

Cheers Catherine & Dick Unit No 1 Ext 101



The Cyril and Chris Shootout

Cyril started with this:-

The size of the cut inflicted upon your self is directly proportional to the importance of the event you are shaving for.

Paul Dickson The Official Rules

A man should be greater than some of his parts.

Mother Sigafoo on SEX

There are thirty two points on a compass, meaning there are thirty two directions in which a spoon can squirt grapefruit; yet, the juice almost invariably flies straight into the human eye.

Prof Louis Sattler

Chris fought back with:-

If you are in a spaceship that is travelling at the speed of light, and you turn on the headlights, does anything happen?

Dancing is a perpendicular expression of a horizontal desire.

I was going 70 miles an hour and got stopped by a cop who said, "Do you know the speed limit is 55 miles per hour?" "Yes, officer, but I wasn't going to be out that long."

Eagles may soar, but weasels don't get sucked into jet engines.

I got a new dog. He's a paranoid retriever. He brings back everything because he's not sure what I threw him.

I called the wrong number today. I said 'Hello, is Joey there?' A woman answered and she said 'Yes he is.' And I said 'Can I speak to him please?' She said 'No, he can't talk right now, he's only two months old.' I said 'Alright, I'll wait.'

Right now I'm having amnesia and déjà vu at the same time. I think I've forgotten this before.

Steven Wright

...this from Sister Linda

All men and women are created equal

Women are pregnant, go through labour, have babies and mena pause

Men have the pain of after shave

this from Chairman Graham

A Doctor specializing in geriatrics was on his morning walk, and he noticed a really old lady sitting on her front step smoking a cigar. So he walked up to her and said,"I couldn't help but notice how happy you look! What is your secret?" "I smoke ten cigars a day," she said. "And before I go to bed, I smoke a nice big joint. Apart from that, I drink several bottles of Jack Daniels every week, and eat only junk food. On weekends, I pop pills, and don't exercise at all."

"That is absolutely amazing! How old are you?"

......"Thirty-four," she replied.

The frequency of sexual activity of senior males depends on where they were born.

Statistics just released from Statistics Canada and The United Nations B.O.H. Team, revealing that: North American, Australian, New Zealand and British men between 60 and 80 years of age, will on average, have sex two to three times per week, (and a small number a lot more), whereas Japanese men, in exactly the same age group, will have sex only once or twice per year if they are lucky.

This has come as very upsetting news to a lot of us at the pub, as none of us had any idea that we were Japanese.

These are straight questions with straight answers.....No Googling the answers!

1. Name the one sport in which neither the spectators nor the participants know the score or the leader until the contest ends.

2. What famous North American landmark is constantly moving backward?

3 Of all vegetables, only two can live to produce on their own for several growing seasons. All other vegetables must be replanted every year. What are the only two perennial vegetables?

4. What fruit has its seeds on the outside?

5. In many liquor stores, you can buy pear brandy, with a real pear inside the bottle. The pear is whole and ripe, and the bottle is genuine; it hasn't been cut in any way. How did the pear get inside the bottle?

6. Only three words in standard English begin with the letters ' dw' and they are all common words. Name two of them.

7. There are 14 punctuation marks in English grammar. Can you name at least half of them?

8. Name the only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any other form except fresh.

9. Name 6 or more things that you can wear on your feet beginning with the letter 'S.'

Answers next month!

My thanks as always to all the contributors...have you got something to share? e-mail to me at :- chrisandsue291@gmail.com

Cheers for now.

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Best wishes and warm regards to you all.