



It is always lovely to get away from it all, so to speak, but ever grateful to come home to Evergreen. We have just spent a week at our Ngwenya time share and then drove through Kruger Park to our Sabie River Bungalows time share. The Crocodile river was flowing nicely and the bush in Kruger Park is well grown and a lovely green. But few animals came to drink which has been unusual this year. Our trip through the park too was very low on sightings. So good rains mean less sightings I guess.

With limited internet access it has been a pleasure to sit and relax but, of course, always aware that there is going to be a deluge when you do access it!

I am very thankful for the House Rules team and all they have been putting in to get them right. The meeting with Evergreen Management went well and subsequently we have been asked to put the final touches to both the generic and local village rules.

My special thanks to Hennie and Royston for the latter and to Dick T and Dave B for their sterling work with this mission at the outset.

As Hannibal said *"I love it when a plan comes together."*

Of course TEAM work is what it is all about and I certainly have been blessed with an excellent team over the years. It has made my life so much easier and simpler having such dedicated and devoted people in the TEAM. I have said it before but to me TEAM is an anagram

T OGETHER

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My thanks go to them all, as should yours, because of the wonderful village Evergreen Broadacres has grown to be. I believe we have mostly accomplished our slogan...

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

As I end this month's piece I urge you to consider the folk who will be right to be heading up the portfolios in the year(s) ahead. We need to keep up the momentum with the relationships and camaraderie within the village and the relationships with the developer and Management.

And who to lead such team as my replacement.

Till next time best regards, and be prepared for the oncoming winter season.

Graham Langmead



A full house of face paint



Kiloran Townsend



Cliffy was only two when he arrived from Co. Durham!



Basil - The Honorary Pom (only one cross)

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WATER USAGE - I have held back this report until we can make more meaningful assumptions from the data as presented

A SHORT STORY

The Mummy sat with her youngster on her lap telling stories of when she was young, where she had been, and who she had eaten over the years.

"You must make sure that you travel the world as you grow", said Mummy, "so that you can experience all the tastes that life offers". You will find that some of us prefer to eat boys rather than girls, but then, so many of us prefer grown-ups to young people.

'Until you try all of them you won't know what you like best.

'I remember when I tried my first little girl; she had just started school - I thought that she was the most delicious thing that I had ever tasted. But the following week I was on a Jumbo-jet on my way to New York and met up with my first businessman.

'Wow, now that was really something!

'He was eating rare roast beef and drinking French wine at the time. It got even better when he started the ice-cream and hot chocolate sauce! You must really try to get a taste of a business-class traveller.

'I was in Paris one day, on my way from spending a few days in New York and travelled there with a famous woman, the wife of the President of the United States, who had lots of new outfits to choose for Spring.

Obviously she also had lots of money to spend and had gone there to see fashion shows presented by designers. I didn't enjoy her company all that much, but it did present the opportunity to travel.

'The ones that I really didn't like were the models on the runways. I just couldn't keep up with them! They rushed about changing from one outfit to the other in seconds - and more to the point, didn't eat enough to make them tasty for me to take the trouble.

'I even tried a dog once, just to see what it tasted like, but decided that the Persian kitten in the house was a much better bet, and I really enjoyed eating her.

And then I welcomed you into the world. Now you are big enough to go out on your own and find people and animals that you like to eat. Always remember never to be caught by those that you are eating as they will try to kill you immediately.

'Look at that little boy who has just come into the room", said Mummy. "Why don't you go over and practice on him?"

Off went the youngster just as the boy's mother came into the room.

"Come Daniel!" she said, "Let's sit here together and I will help you with your homework, but first, change out of your school uniform.

As Daniel was removing his shirt his mother screamed, "Daniel what is that on your chest? Oh my God, it's a flea, it's a flea!"

The flea's mummy, who had seen it all, shouted to her offspring, "Flee, my darling little flea. Flee at once, all has been discovered!"

Written by Sheila Schulkins.

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Egg Boxes Delivered to Unit 19

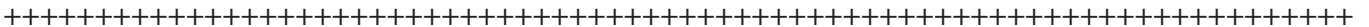
To everyone who so kindly supplied us with egg boxes for our son's egg sales from his smallholding in Midrand, we would like to say very many thanks for so kindly collecting and delivering them to us at Unit 19.

Our son has moved to Gabon for 3 years and so at this stage we do not require any more egg boxes.

We really do appreciate your contributing to this collection.

Kind regards

Vince and Gloria Boswell



Building an eBike (part 2) by Chris Edwards



You would think that breaking a hip would stop my mission but, no, it merely changed course a bit.

I now had a balancing problem, due to various unassociated reasons, and a solution was brilliantly sourced by Sue. When she was out looking at possible donor bikes (I mean shopping) she came across **a bright red tricycle** outside the Cajees showroom at Pineslopes.



As I mentioned in Part 1, I had ordered the parts, but it did not matter if the donor bike had two or three wheels, the bits would fit. Now we waited for the vagaries of Courier companies, Customs Officers and the Post Office.

Two of the major components were sourced in South Africa. The Red Trike came from Makro (their online service carries items they don't have on their store floors).

The Lithium- Ion batteries came from a bloke near Olivedale Hospital. We had decided to make our own composite battery to give 36 volts from 30 cells. The cells were held together by a form of Lego blocks

which came from India. Inexplicably, they got held up in Mumbai for two weeks whilst the Indian Customs decided what they were and why they were being sent to South Africa!

The major item from China was the hub motor, this came with free (!) shipping via TNT (Not so Express) Couriers. One of the peculiarities of dealing with China, is they always undervalue their shipments.

Which sounds fine until I was fined R750.00 by SA Customs because the Chinese Exporter had undervalued the item from \$230 down to a ridiculous \$40!.

Anyway, all the components had arrived and now I had to go on a second learning curve. The hub motor had to be mounted in the Trike front wheel.

I went to our local bike shop near Fourways Gardens Spar. Yes, he could do it, No, he had never done it before, but he has a man ! Three weeks later, his man had still not done it, so I decided to try elsewhere.

The grand sounding The Bicycle Service Company looked the part and, Yes, he could do it, and No, he had not done it before! Another 2 weeks of promises ensued and I again took the wheel (by this time it was in several pieces) to my third choice. Mellow Velo is in Broadacres and promised 7 days turnaround. And they did it!!!

The big day arrived and the wheel was mounted on the bike and I waited for Basil for the big switch on. He came by after a business lunch and within 30 minutes we were ready for a test drive. As Chief Engineer, Basil got to ride it first and was whizzing about all over Evergreen, narrowly avoiding fences and front gardens. He pronounced it safe to ride and I got my first exhilarating ride.

"Wot Larks, Pip old chap" came to mind as we tried to outdo each other for the fastest ride, 18 Kph, so far so good.

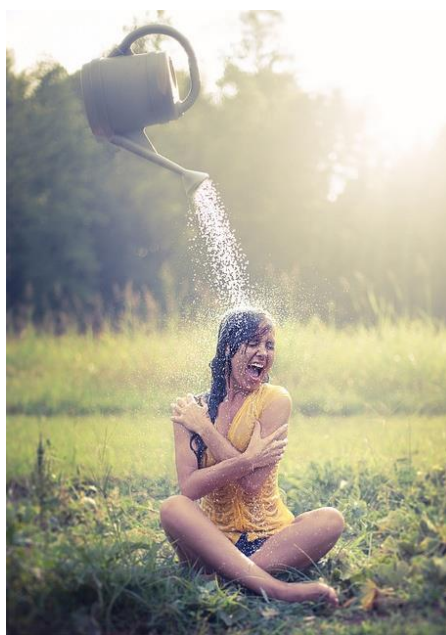
The eBike lacks a name but is fulfilling it's *Great Expectations* admirably. (Now to design the next one !!!!) My thanks to Basil Bold for help and encouragement and to my lovely Sue who let me get on with it.

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Hi Chris,

Report for April below.

(Cecil said that he was always trying to make the rainfall more interesting.....I thought these pics might help, Chris)



The dry months draw ever closer. Notwithstanding the many cloudy, even threatening, days this month, rainfall received in Broadacres is slightly below average.

We remain in hope that the implementation of the borehole irrigation system will proceed sooner than later!

Remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall in April for prior years:

2013	123.0
2014	25.7
2015	46.7
2016	3.8
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
Mar 2018	172.5
Apr 2018	42.0

The average for April since 2013 is 59.6 mm. Rainfall for the past 12 months amounts to 625.5 mm



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HEALTHCARE with Atholie Preacher

From Roy Martin :

Dear Mrs Cartwright,

Thank you for the email, I wish to comment on the points in your email and to give feedback regarding the procedure when the Buddyband Number is called.

Buddyband Emergency Number - The Buddyband procedure is as follows:

- 1) When the 0861677688 number is called, the TeleCare agent will ask the caller what the unique membership number is on the Buddyband.
- 2) When the membership number is given, the TeleCare agent will enter the number on the TeleCare database and the resident's subscription details will immediately be available on screen.
- 3) The TeleCare call centre operator will ask what the condition is of the resident, to identify if an ambulance need to be arranged, and the agent will ask where the resident is (street or residential address in SA) for the ambulance to be arranged and/or for the Evergreen Village Staff/Relatives on the subscription form to be informed of the incident.
- 4) The TeleCare call centre operator will not disclose any information of the resident to the caller (ID theft/privacy purposes) and only basic medical information to a paramedic, on scene, to assist the resident in a life threatening medical emergency situation.

Regarding your question to the operator:

"Then I asked what Unique Health's procedure is when they are phoned from outside Evergreen, which would be more likely as I would use the panic button or TeleCare machine from within the village."

In this case, Unique Health is a separate entity from the TeleCare and Buddyband, they are not affiliated, if you call Unique Health directly then they will have to either contact Sr. Linda or if you request that they call

an ambulance, they will do so. This is why the Telecare unit has the RED emergency button. The YELLOW button is not for emergencies, this goes to Unique Health Nurse on Duty for purposes if you not feeling well and want a nurse to come and see you for whatever reason it may be.

HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

These are the villagers who enjoy and celebrate Birthdays in April

May

1 st	Lesley Murphy
1 st	Piet Moolman
2 nd	David Bromfield
2 nd	Helen Stoyell
3 rd	Fred Solesbury
4 th	Alan Beattie
5 th	Elsbeth Hallbauer
12 th	Pat Morgan
13 th	Neville Slaughter
14 th	Pat Moolman
15 th	Royston Knowles
18 th	Dorothy Forbes
20 th	John Schulkins
21 st	Wally Davey
22 nd	Rosalin Messerschmidt
24 th	Joyce Blandin De Chalain
25 th	Marlies Bold
25 th	Philip Hartsliel

have a wonderful day  *and have a Blessed personal year ahead.*

And these couples have an anniversary during the month of April

May

5 th	Royston & Helen Knowles
17 th	Ozzi & Lilo Kauzil
23 rd	Brian & Judy Stowell
23 rd	Robert & Anne Haselum
31 st	John & Sheila Schulkins

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

➤ HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????

I have a spare new Android TV box available for R1 350.00 including fitting. You will need fibre based internet, a TV with a spare HDMI port, a wheel wireless mouse and an Ethernet cable to run from your router.
Contact Chris for further information on Ext 1089 or 084 582 9129.

➤ LAST WORDS



Laugh, and the world laughs with you;



Weep, and you weep alone.....

The Cyril and Chris Shootout : part 3

Cyril (after his visit to Sandton Clinic) did this:-

You can lead a horse to water, but if you can get him to float on his back you've got something - Conrad Schneiker

At any time you wish to demonstrate something, the number of faults is proportional to the number of viewers - Anon

You are not drunk if you can lie on the floor without holding on - Dean Martin

Chris countered with:- (all thanks to Milton Jones and Tim Vine)

It's 1891 - Sir Alexander Graham Benn receives the first wrong number telephone call

My grandfather was always saying that in the old days people could always leave their doors open. Which is probably why his submarine sank.

I phoned up the spiritual leader of Tibet, and he sent me a large goat with a long neck. Turns out I phoned Dial-a-Llama.

I lost my job as a cricket commentator for saying: 'I don't want to bore you with the details'.

Years ago I used to supply Tidy Files for the Mafia. I was involved in very organised crime.

I can't even count to ten in French: un, deux, trois, quatre, cinq, six, sept... Aarrgghh! Sorry, I've got a huit allergy (Sorry...Gillian)

I saw this bloke chatting-up a cheetah and I thought: 'He's trying to pull a fast one.'



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

Cheers for now.

Chris

N.B.

Sue and I are off to the Eastern Cape (via Scottburgh ?) to deliver all of the beanies and scarves made by our lovely "Knit and Natterers". Thank you again ladies, those school kids will be warm this coming winter, and I am sure they will help when learning stuff in the cold days.

Best wishes and warm regards to you all, thank you for the kind comments.