

Royal Wedding Hat Special

And the prize for the best hat goes to Camilla, Duchess of Wherever.
Designed by Armani and built by Aerolite, 'Think Pink'.



CHAIRMAN'S CHAT



Dear friends and neighbours,

As we come to the end of the 5th month in 2018 I realise it is not too long until the winter solstice on 21st June. That was my late Dad's birthday so I recall it with ease. He always joked that he came to SA so he could party longer on his birthday being the shortest day and longest night of the year.

It also reminds me that the Residents Annual meeting is nearly upon us this year, being held on Friday 20th July at 4pm. That means the invitation and making the agenda available to you in June so watch out for it please. BUT diarise it now so you can give us the support and the direction in advance of the Evergreen Management AGM scheduled for 7th August, 2018.

It also means finalising the ResCom for the ensuing year. I am happy to say that we have nominations for many of the portfolios and whilst every portfolio is still open for nomination at this point in time, we are anxious for at least one nomination for leadership of the Healthcare portfolio. I appeal to you all to give this serious thought and chat to Atholie Preacher (unit 24) if you want more information on the role and function thereof.

The Residents annual meeting is the ideal time for us as residents to show our appreciation for all of the wonderful work the portfolio leaders and the activity leaders do to make this the happy village we live in.

As the adopted slogan says "Together let's make Evergreen Broadacres the village of our dreams"

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Camilla's other hats



By Pick n'Pay - Platter Special

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# **A forecast of things to come (Part 1)**

## **This really makes you think**

### **Predictions:**

1. Car repair workshops will slowly disappear. A petrol/diesel engine has 20,000 individual parts. An electric engine has 20. Electric cars will be sold with lifetime guarantees and are only repaired by dealers. It takes only 10 minutes to remove and replace an electric engine. Faulty electric engines are not repaired in the dealership but are sent to a regional repair shop that repairs them with robots. Essentially, if your electric "Check Motor" light comes on, you simply drive up to what looks like a car wash. Your car is passed through the facility, while you have a cup of coffee, and out comes your car with a new engine.

2. Service stations disappear. Parking meters are replaced/complimented by meters that dispense electricity. All companies install electrical recharging stations for workers.

3. All major auto manufacturers have already designated \$5 to \$6 billion dollars each to start building new plants that only build electric cars.

4. Coal based industries will close. Oil companies diminish or diversify. Exploratory drilling for oil stops.

5. Homes produce and store more electrical energy during the day and then they use and will sell it back to the grid. The grid stores it and dispenses it to industries that are high electricity users. Instead of 220 volt circuits, homes will have 440 volt circuits to charge cars at home. A baby of today will only see the cars of today in museums.

### **The FUTURE is approaching faster than one can handle.**

1. In 1998, Kodak had 170,000 employees and sold 85% of all photo paper worldwide. Within just a few years, their business model disappeared and they went bankrupt. What happened to Kodak will happen in a lot of industries in the next 5 to 10 years and, most people won't see it coming. Did you think in 1998 that three years later you would never take pictures on film again? Yet digital cameras were invented in 1975. The first ones only had 10,000 pixels (today's phones

with cameras have 15 million pixels), but what followed was Moore's law. So as with all exponential technologies, it was a disappointment for a time, before it became way superior and became mainstream in only a few short years. It will now happen again (but much faster) with Artificial Intelligence, health, autonomous and electric cars, education, 3-D printing, agriculture and jobs. Welcome to the fourth Industrial Revolution. Welcome to the Exponential Age.

2. Software will disrupt most traditional industries in the next 5 to 10 years.

3. "Uber" is just a software tool, they don't own any cars, and yet are now the biggest taxi company in the world.

4. "Airbnb" is now the biggest hotel company in the world, although they don't own any properties.

5. Artificial Intelligence: Computers become exponentially better in understanding the world. This year (2017), a computer beat the best "Go" player (Ke Jie) in the world ... 10 years earlier than expected.

("Go" is a complex board game that requires intuition, creative and strategic thinking. It has long been considered a difficult challenge in the field of artificial intelligence (AI) and is considerably more difficult to solve than chess.)

6. In the U S A, young lawyers already don't get jobs. Because of IBM's programme "Watson", you can get legal advice (so far, for more or less basic stuff) within seconds, with 90% accuracy compared with 70% accuracy when done by humans. So, if you study law, stop immediately. There will be 90% fewer lawyers in the future ... only omniscient specialists will remain. ("Watson" is a question-answering computer system capable of answering questions posed in natural language, developed in IBM's DeepQA project by a research team led by principal investigator Dr David Ferrucci.)

7. "Watson" already helps nurses diagnosing cancer ... its four times more accurate than human nurses.

8. Facebook now has a pattern recognition software that can recognize faces better than humans. In 2030, computers will become more intelligent than humans.

9. Autonomous cars: In 2018 the first self-driving cars will appear for the public. Around 2020, the complete industry will start to be

disrupted. You don't want to own a car anymore. You will call a car with your phone, it will show up at your location and drive you to your destination. You will not need to park it you only pay for the driven distance and can be productive while driving. The very young children of today will never get a driver's license and will never own a car. (to be continued)

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 Here is a simple schedule of monthly expenditure for inclusion in Chatter and also a brief summary of items discussed at our meeting held on the 10th May 2018.

It is of necessity a month in arrears as the current month is still open by publication date.

**Summary of ResCom expenses for April 2017**

|                                            |               |
|--------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Copying song sheets for Sing-along         | 200           |
| St George's Day decorations                | 105           |
| Craft Room Gathering: materials & snacks   | 331           |
| Birthday & Anniversary cards for residents | 550           |
| Coffee for ResCom House rules meeting      | 56            |
| Bank charges                               | 7             |
| <b>Total expenditure</b>                   | <b>1 249</b>  |
|                                            |               |
| Cash on hand at month end                  | <b>18 732</b> |

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 ResCom met this month on the 10th May, and some of the more relevant topics discussed were:-

- 1) DSTV Social Bouquet and use of Casting from Phone and Laptops to TV's.
- 2) Graham Brickett has done a survey of security matters.
- 3) Revised Welcome Pack being produced.
- 4) Phase 3 - Door bells list needed for replacement units.
- 5) Residents Annual Meeting (RAM) to be held on 20th July at 4pm.
- 6) Evergreen AGM 7th August at 3pm.
- 7) Rules for visitors to Care Centre distributed for discussion.

We would like to thank Pearl De Chalain for her donation of about 40 DVD's and Box sets which will form the basis of a DVD lending library.

Talking of the De Chalains, here is another one making news:



Hello Chris,

Attached find 2 pictures of Paul De Chalain with the award he received from Virgin Active in Broadacres for being the oldest member of their gym. Not only is he the oldest member there, but he was a member of the Virgin Active gym in Umhlanga for 20 years before moving to Evergreen Broadacres.

Now he drives to the gym with me every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning and spends 45 minutes there doing a circuit of at least 10 machines every day – no wonder he looks so youthful at 90, going on for 91!

Hennie.



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

| 2018    | June                                                       | 2018    | July                                         |
|---------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1       |                                                            | 1       |                                              |
| 2       |                                                            | 2       |                                              |
| 3       |                                                            | 3       |                                              |
| 4       |                                                            | 4 Wed   | Social - American Independence Day           |
| 5       |                                                            | 5 Thur  | TV - Designated Survivor 5 and Movie Evening |
| 6 Wed   | Social                                                     | 6       |                                              |
| 7 Thur  | TV - Designated Survivor 1 and Movie Evening               | 7       |                                              |
| 8       |                                                            | 8       |                                              |
| 9       |                                                            | 9       |                                              |
| 10 Sun  | Cheer on our Dave Nesbitt from No 14 in his first Comrades | 10      |                                              |
| 11      |                                                            | 11 Wed  | Social                                       |
| 12      |                                                            | 12 Thur | TV - Designated Survivor 6 and Movie Evening |
| 13 Wed  | Social                                                     | 13      |                                              |
| 14 Thur | Designated Survivor 2 and Movie Evening                    | 14      |                                              |
| 15      |                                                            | 15      |                                              |











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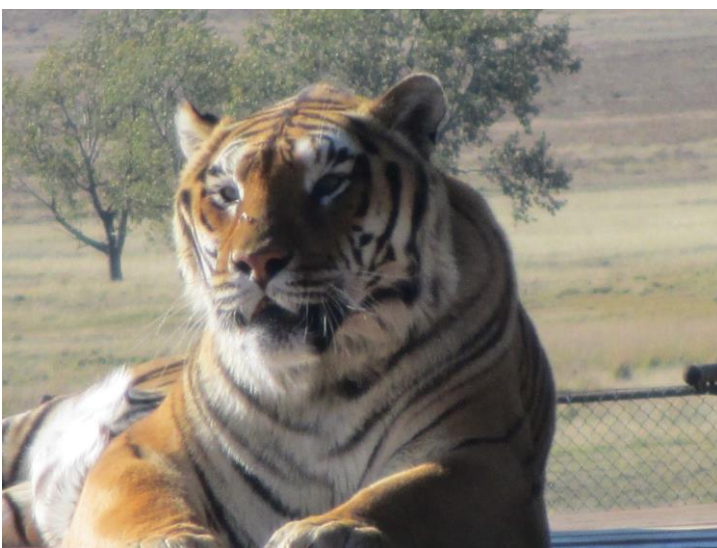
### Beanies from Gauteng

Sue and I drove down to Scottburgh and the following morning did another 200km to Kokstad to deliver the beanies and scarves. This was a much better way than via Bloemfontein, Elliot and Ugie (particularly at this time of the year, winter has come early to the Eastern Cape !) A change to the school staff meant that Mr Khulile Nombewu had resigned to run his own taxi business and our friend, Yandisa Magona (that's her with Sue) was Acting Head. It was her who met us in Kokstad and who will continue to transport the items to the school (in Khulile's taxi!!!) We asked her to take some pics of the kids and I show some here but the quality is not good. They were over the moon and we all thank you for a lovely gesture helping to keep them warm in class.





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I know it's not an eBike, but how often do you see a Tiger in South Africa. This magnificent boy is at Lions Rock Game Sanctuary near Bethlehem. They save animals from failing zoos and circuses all over the world and let them spend the remainder of their lives in as near natural

surroundings, not ideal, I know but it certainly beats performing in very unnatural ways and they can't be released back into the wild.

## Building an eBike (part 3) by Chris Edwards

(It's a bit technical but we have some people who understand these things)

The trouble when you build something like this from scratch you learn from your mistakes because nobody has done this before, in this part of the world, to my knowledge.

I had been using my bike for about two weeks when it came to a stop outside our garage and the display faded away, indicating a battery power failure.

I looked at the battery compartment and felt the cells, wow! one row of 3 cells was red hot. I took off the leads and let every thing cool down. Lithium-ion batteries have had a reputation for catching fire (Samsung Phones and Boeing 787's) so I had to be careful. I took the pack apart and measured the voltage of each group of cells. 8 volts, 16 volts, 24 volts and 0,0, volts. The meter should be showing me 32 and 40 volts.

As a result I had 2 cells measuring 0 volts each when they should be at least 4 volts each.

I thought the problem might be due to the battery pack being under strain when bouncing up and down on Evergreen 'cobble's'

So back to the Olivedale Battery Man who explained that they could not be recharged as lithium-ion cannot be recovered when 0 volts.

These battery packs tend to fail, not because of vibration but , "Did I have a BMS?" he said. That's a Battery Management System and was more or less the first time I had heard about this. So back to the Internet. Deliveries from China are typically 6 to 8 weeks so I checked deliveries to the USA, 12 to 20 days!! We are off to Paris, New York and Washington in 4 weeks time so I arranged for delivery to our friend Todd who is meeting us in New York. Now when we come back I think I will be 'en Bike'. (to be continued)

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(After his cataract op, Cecil can now keep his eyes on the weather and will be seeing lots of new colours!)

As ever, May is an unpredictable month when it comes to rainfall. 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 May for prior years:

|          |       |
|----------|-------|
| 2013     | 13.8  |
| 2014     | 1.0   |
| 2015     | 0.2   |
| 2016     | 67.8  |
| 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  |
| May 2018 | 12.7  |

The average for May since 2013 is 20.4 mm. Rainfall for the past 12 months amounts to 611.2 mm

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**HATCHES & MATCHES; BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES**

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

**JUNE**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Penny Henegan
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ruth Fidler
- 7<sup>th</sup> James Campbell
- 7<sup>th</sup> Milne Murray
- 16<sup>th</sup> Traudi Zauner
- 19<sup>th</sup> Eddie Simpson
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Norma Johnston
- 25<sup>th</sup> Pam Dean
- 26<sup>th</sup> Margaret Leitner
- 27<sup>th</sup> Tess Sleigh
- 27<sup>th</sup> Kay Olie
- 28<sup>th</sup> Gillian Campbell



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

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

## JUNE

6<sup>th</sup> André & Peggy Oosthuizen  
6<sup>th</sup> David & Cynthia Lamb (1970)  
26<sup>th</sup> Dave & Peta Nesbitt

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

### ▶ HAVE I GOT WHAT YOU WANT????

Hi Chris, Please enclose the two adverts below.

1. Sinotec TV (39") – ~~In good working order. Includes 1 X HDMI (one not working); 1 X AVI; 1 X USB; 1 X PC for R800~~      **Sold by the power of Advertising**
2. 3 Ink Colour Cartridges (933XL) and 1 Black Cartridge (932XL) for a HP 6830 Printer  
- . We had to upgrade the printer and had these in stock. (The Printer is also available for free but in a non-working condition)

All 4 Cartridges for R450 Total (1/2 price).

Please contact Ian Stuart at No 87 or on Ext 1087.

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Pauline and James Green at No 115 have a public address system for sale.

It is a Concept PA30 with amplifier, and a Microphone on a long lead and an External Loudspeaker. James has used it for school athletic days and is looking for R500.00 or o.n.o They are at Ext 1115.

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I am going to set up a table in the Clubhouse to display items I have imported from China, in the flesh so to speak. Should you be interested, I have already had some enquiries about getting items for Christmas presents and, allowing 6 to 8 weeks for delivery, this will certainly be possible. I can demonstrate nearly all of them (the mini drone is beyond me, but not a 9 year old). So come along next Monday 4th June from 12.00 noon and have a look. I aim just to cover my costs, Chris Edwards

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I have some DSTV equipment for sale. It is all about 4 years old and consists of :-

A Pace Explora decoder Model DPS5001 MC with card R800.00

A Pace PVR DD 2P Model TDS865MC with card R800.00

Along with 5 remotes and a signal splitter

Contact Chris Edwards 084 582 9129 or Ex 1089

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Isabel Labuscagne from Unit 30 would like someone to take over her time share in future in the Drakensberg for a nominal cost of R2,000.

It is Unit 3 Champagne Valley resort, week 18, which normally falls in the first week of May. Levies are in the region of R6 000.00 to R6 500.00 with 2018 being R6239.00. It sleeps 8 with 3 double bedrooms with 3 bathrooms fully serviced. It has a lovely lounge with fireplace and has recently been refurbished.

Give her a call on Ext 130.

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This is another call for help for a piano or keyboard for use in the Care Centre. Give Sisters Linda or Marius a bell on Ext 230.

## ➤ LAST WORDS



*Laugh, and the world laughs with you;*



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

SEEN JUST OUTSIDE BETHLEHEM (the Free State one)

"Blind Spot Driving School"

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## The Cyril and Chris Shootout : part 4

### Cyril came up with this:-

The distance between the ticket counter and your plane is directly proportional to the weight of your luggage and inversely proportional to the time left before take off. (Witzenburgs Law of Plane Travel)

If it happens, it must be possible. (Anon)

In matters of dispute, the bank's balance is always smaller than yours.  
(Rozanne Weismann)

Chris said :- Nah! you win.

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#### **Puns from Graham Langmead**

1. The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
2. I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
3. She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
4. A rubber band pistol was confiscated from algebra class, because it was a weapon of math disruption.
5. No matter how much you push the envelope, it'll still be stationery.
6. A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
7. A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
8. Two silk worms had a race. They ended up in a tie.
9. A hole has been found in the nudist camp wall. The police are looking into it.
10. Time flies like an arrow. Fruit flies like a banana.
11. Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
12. Two hats were hanging on a hat rack in the hallway. One hat said to the other: 'You stay here; I'll go on a head.'
13. I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
14. A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab centre said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
15. The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
16. The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
17. A backward poet writes inverse.
18. In a democracy, it's your vote that counts. In feudalism, it's your count that votes.



## ***MEN ARE JUST HAPPY PEOPLE (by Graham Langmead)***

What do you expect from such simple beings? Your last name stays put. The garage is all yours. Wedding plans take care of themselves. Chocolate is just another snack. You can never be pregnant. You can wear a white T-shirt to a water park. You can wear NO shirt to a water park.

Car mechanics tell you the truth. The world is your urinal. You never have to drive to another petrol station toilet because this one is just too icky. You don't have to stop and think of which way to turn a nut on a bolt. Wrinkles add character.

Wedding dress - R150,000. Tux rental - R2000. People never stare at your chest when you're talking to them. New shoes don't cut, blister, or mangle your feet. One mood all the time. Phone conversations are over in 30 seconds flat. You know stuff about tanks.

A five-day vacation requires only one suitcase. You can open all your own jars. You get extra credit for the slightest act of thoughtfulness. If someone forgets to invite you, he or she can still be your friend. Your underwear is R89.99 for a three-pack. Two pairs of shoes are more than enough.

You almost never have strap problems in public. You are unable to see wrinkles in your clothes. Everything on your face stays its original colour. The same hairstyle lasts for years, maybe decades. You only have to shave your face and neck.

You can play with toys all your life. One wallet and one pair of shoes - one colour for all seasons. You can wear shorts no matter how your legs look. You can 'do' your nails with a pocket knife.

You have freedom of choice concerning growing a moustache. You can do Christmas shopping for 25 relatives on December 24 in 25 minutes .

No wonder men are happier!

### **NICKNAMES**

If Laura, Kate and Sarah go out for lunch, they will call each other Laura, Kate and Sarah.

If Mike, Dave and John go out, they will affectionately refer to each other as Fat Boy, Bubba and Wildman.

### **EATING OUT**

When the bill arrives, Mike, Dave and John will each throw in R200, even though it's only for R425.50. None of them will have anything smaller and none will actually admit they want change back.

When the girls get their bill, out come the pocket calculators.

### **MONEY**

A man will pay R20 for a R10 item he needs.

A woman will pay R10 for a R20 item that she doesn't need but it's on sale.

### **BATHROOMS**

A man has six items in his bathroom: toothbrush and toothpaste, shaving cream, razor, a bar of soap, and a towel.

The average number of items in the typical woman's bathroom is 337. A man would not be able to identify more than 20 of these items.

