



RESKOM CHATTER

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

End September 2018

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear fellow Residents,

The last few weeks have been dominated by the CI Parkhomes. As Linda Brennan put it – *"We bought into an upmarket estate and not a trailer park!"* I'll be reporting on this later, but first, something a lot more cheerful!

Arbor Day! What stars you are! With very little prompting and not a single complaint, you generously contributed R 9,490 to the day – what a fantastic effort, thank you! Adding in ELV's contribution we were able to buy 26 trees.

Then you amazed me further – the planting was done-and-dusted by 10.15! As usual it was a good socialising experience and good fun was had by all. My thanks go to Bev Jackson and her team for arranging the coffee and muffins, the planters, those that pruned and fertilised the older trees and the water carriers – a great job well done!

"Die Bokke" were the only disappointment of the day, but we soon got over that to enjoy another wonderful street braai. We're fated with the weather. No sooner had we settled down when we were driven inside by a howling gale. But that didn't dim our spirits and it turned out to be another great party. My thanks again go to Bev and her team for setting it all up, and to Heather and Ernie Mutch for borrowing and transporting the extra chairs from the All Saints church.

So back to Linda's *'Trailer Park'*! Your cries have been heard and top of our agenda for the ManCom meeting on 2 October 2018 will be a report to Management on your very strong, negative reactions and a proposal that Basil Bold and Graham Brickett are working on.

The proposal will NOT be to get rid of the Parkhomes, but simply to do some proper planning and work around their positions and finishes. If we succeed, we'll end up with buildings that have been moved further back, that fit in architecturally with the rest of the village and two very useful facilities, one to be used as an art studio with its own toilet and the other as a workshop and store for the village maintenance manager and a men's hobby-room.

Included in the planning will be a proposal around the re-cycling bins and area. The Parkhomes have given us the opportunity to create much more space for this and to hide the bins much more effectively from the village and Frederick Road.

So what else from your ResCom?

- We have decided not to run a Movember competition this year.
- The new lunch menu has been launched. Bev and Reef Caterers are investigating options to improve attendance and the reported poor service.
- Management is replacing the present, bright 'Daylight' luminaires in the club house as they fail, with 'Warm white' luminaires that give a much softer light. Technically it is not possible to dim the lights.
- Chris Edwards is investigating the options for a DSTV 'Hotel' bouquet.
- Management will shortly be asking you to inform it of any problems you are experiencing with your garage doors or motors. A service provider will visit you to examine your system and quote you for repairs.

And of course, we haven't lost sight of all the current projects that are listed on the latest P & P list that will be updated and distributed after our next ResCom meeting.

HOUSEKEEPING

Just a reminder of the protocol for registering problems you may be having...

First Notification: To the Village Manager. Feel free to include copy to the ResCom Chairman, purely for info, **NOT** for action.

Secondly: Should the matter not be attended to within a reasonable period of time, then elevate to ResCom via the Chairman, but advise the VM when so doing.

Lastly: And if still unresolved within a reasonable time, then ResCom to elevate it to ManCom.

WhatsApp Groups:-

INFO EVERGREEN GROUP - No chat, but information which comes to hand and which is useful to the group as a whole. (76 participants (now up to 81))

MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP - No chat, but a one-way communication about forthcoming movies. (46 participants (now up to 48))

CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP - All chat, all subjects, whatever floats your boat, no moderation by Group Admin. (18 participants, so far)

BLACK TV BOX GROUP - Closed group. Two-way information on topics concerning use and content on Android TV boxes. (14 participants)

RESCOM MEMBERS - Closed group, just for ResCom members. (9 participants)

I would like to invite any of you with (iPhones and Android smart phones) to join any group or groups. WhatsApp is really a quick (make that instant) and easy way of passing on information between users and of course it is totally **free** (apart from any transport medium used i.e. Wi-Fi, Fibre etc) Just contact me (Chris on ext 1089 or 084 582 9129) and I can add you to any group of your choice or show you how to get WhatsApp. In October, we are giving an incentive gift to the 5th, 10th, and 15th new members to get connected, so roll up!

RAINFALL

Report for September below:

Hopefully the Spring rains will make their appearance soon. Since records began at Evergreen, October has always heralded the first meaningful rain. Hopefully Mother Nature won't disappoint!

We continue to remain in hope that the implementation of the borehole irrigation system will receive the priority it deserves!

Remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2017/2018:

Oct '17	68.2
Nov '17	55.5
Dec '17	126.0
Jan '18	60.2
Feb '18	58.0
Mar '18	184.0
Apr '18	42.0
May '18	12.7
Jun '18	6.0
Jul '18	1.0
Aug '18	Nil
Sep '18	3.6
12 Months	617.2

Rainfall for September
in prior years

2013	Nil
2014	0.06
2015	41.0
2016	7.0
2017	3.6

The average for September since 2013 is 9.3 mm.

Summary of ResCom expenses for August 2018

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

For the record:

Summary of ResCom expenses for August 2018

Prizes for 100+ Club Draw	5 000
Prizes for Literary Morning	80
Wine & Lunch for Guest Speaker	113
Birthday & Anniversary cards	245
Sympathy Plant & Card	236
RAM Copy charges & stationery	572
Bank Charges	7
Total expenditure	6253
Cash on hand at month end	28089

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS (Wow! Kiloran has been busy again this month)
(Many thanks for the wonderful pics)

TRULY - Baby Shower (a real shower of Wonderful gifts for our Wonderful friend)

Agh Shame!!!



Arbor Day 2018







Ness giving her orders (You planted this one a long time ago, Dick!)



"Nobody mentioned planting a Springbok"



Poetry in motion

The finished article (what a wonderful legacy for the future)



September 2018 100+ Draw from Ivar and Pat

At the 100+ club draw at the Clubhouse on Wednesday 29th August 2018 the following were the lucky winners:

R100 each: Dick Sheppard, Walley Davey, Pierre Theron, Ruth Fidler and Paul de Chalain.

R200 each: Ozzi Kauzil and Kate van Rooyen.

R300 each: Ron Mackie and Isabel Labuscagne.

R500 each: Jay Barton and Lila Kauzil.

R1000: Libby Baker.

R1500: Libby Baker !!!!

Congratulations to Libby for winning the top two prizes.

The next draw will take place in the Clubhouse at the end of November 2018.

Dear Graham & Aileen, (from James Campbell's family)

I'm so sorry that it has taken me so long to respond to your very kind letters to my father and to the family after his passing. I'm sure that you will understand that we were totally exhausted, both physically and psychologically and we are only now finding our feet again.

Anyway, I cannot sufficiently express the gratitude that we as a family feel towards you and to the entire Evergreen community, including the staff. We have only positive memories of how much support we received during and after the period of Dad's illness. Elaine and I wish that we were in the right place in our lives to have been able to take up his house and to also become a member of the Evergreen family.

All of the staff in the Frail Care Unit were absolutely fantastic. Even when Dad may have not been quite his normal self as a result of the pain that he was experiencing in the last few weeks of his life, they just kept on smiling and administering to his needs. We would like to specifically praise Marius, the resident Nurse. I must say that he was incredible, and although at the times Dad was sometimes a little difficult, he took to Marius's gentile firmness in such a positive way. He was a total God send to us throughout the whole period. Please look after this gem that you have.

When you get the opportunity, please convey our family's appreciation to all.

Kindest regards and we hope to see you around the village while we sort things out.

Malcolm & Elaine Campbell

Dear Chris,

A while ago Ernie wrote to 'Dear Mr Chairman' appealing for a permanent braai area somewhere on the estate where residents could entertain family and friends with a private braai party. He had in mind some permanent structure with paving etc.

This appeal has been considered by ManCom. It agreed that it's a good idea, but they wanted to determine the level of demand.

Management pointed out that there are already 2 portable braais in the village: a small one used by the Bistro and the larger one on long-term loan from All Saints church. As a first solution, and a means to determine demand, residents should be informed of the availability of those braais for such functions and encouraged (and reminded from time-to-time) to use them.

All that is needed is for the required braai to be reserved with the office at least one full working day ahead of the planned event, giving the expected numbers. In the case of a braai over the weekend, the request must be made on the Thursday. The braai, chairs and a table will be moved into position in time for the event, and then moved back after the event.

Still to be decided is the site. Ernie, and any other interested residents, are invited to get together with Hennie du Preez to identify options and then to present these to ResCom and management for approval.

Hi Chris and Hennie

I previously suggested that the permanent braai be built on the right side of the fallen tree with the back facing the clubhouse. One of our talented artists could paint a mural on the back so that when you look at it from the clubhouse it will blend in with surrounding area.

It is probably a "nice to have" item at this stage but I think it will be used a lot when the apartments are occupied as they will not be able to have one in their units, especially if they invite a number of people to join them for a braai.

Question is - would Amdec agree to pay for it or would it have to be paid from ResCom funds? Does anyone know approx what it would cost to have a 2 or 3 berth braai built?

Kind regards
Ernie

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Message from Bev: - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL YOU CAT OWNERS

Anima Cattery has relocated from Richard Rd, Broadacres to Beaulieu. I have been to see it and it is beautiful. Pauline, as usual, is a star, and her and Mike are looking forward to welcoming all their "old" clients and their cats once again soon.

For bookings and any further info their contact numbers are as follows: -

011 468 1915 or (Cell) 079 897 1637.

Their email address is the same as it was. Check with Bev if you do not have it.

HAVE YOU GOT WHAT WE WANT? ADVERTISE HERE

Lettie Goslin at No 5 has the cast aluminium patio set shown below for sale. She is looking for R450.00 or n.c.o. Give her a ring on 083 3043058.



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Hennie has this phone charger which duplicates the unit he already has. Brand new, they are R115.00. Chris also has a PCE camping electrical 16 amp 3 pin plug which enables you to connect to the mains supply at most camp sites. (R79,00 at Makro)



We would like to auction them separately for ResCom funds. Please make your offers to Chris on WhatsApp 084 582 9129.

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Hennie Du Preez (No 72) has got plenty of plants rescued from the old Clubhouse. Give him a call (083 325 7302) if you need something from his collection.

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Bee Elliott (No 55) is a keen student of the University of the 3rd Age. She would love to continue to attend meetings once a month at the Rosebank Union Church. However, her long-distance driving days are over and she would love to catch a lift from any villager using the same facility. (Please phone her on 079 157 5506)

CHATTER STUFF

5 POINTS - THIS IS INTERESTING - FROM PAT BAYLEY

There are a few things that can be done in times of grave emergencies.... Your mobile phone can actually be a life saver or an emergency tool for survival. Check out the things that you can do with it:

FIRST

Emergency Services

The Emergency Number worldwide for all Mobile Phones is 112. If you find yourself out of the coverage area of your mobile network and there is an emergency, dial 112 and your mobile will search any existing network in your area to establish the emergency number for you, and interestingly this number 112 can be dialled even if the keypad is locked. This works on all phones worldwide and is free.

SECOND

Have you locked your keys in the car?

If your car has remote keyless entry. This may come in handy someday. Good reason to own a cell phone: *If you lock your keys in the car and the spare keys are at home, call someone at home on their mobile phone from your cell phone.*

Hold your cell phone about a foot from your car door and have the person at your home press the unlock button, holding it near the mobile phone on their end. Your car will unlock. Saves someone from having to drive your keys to you. Distance is no object. You could be thousands of miles away. Editor's Note: I didn't believe this when I heard about it! I rang my daughter in Sydney from Perth when we went on holiday. She had the spare car key. We tried it out and it unlocked our car over a mobile phone!

THIRD

Is your mobile phone battery flat?

All mobiles have Hidden Battery Power.

To activate, press the keys *3370# (remember the asterisk). Do this when the phone is almost dead. Your mobile will restart in a special way with this new reserve and the instrument will show a 50% increase in battery life. This reserve will get re-charged when you charge your mobile next time. This secret is in the fine print in most phone manuals. Most people however skip this information without realising.

FOURTH

How to disable a STOLEN mobile phone?

Check your Mobile phone's serial number: to do this key in the following digits on your phone:

*#06# Ensure you put an asterisk BEFORE the #06# sequence.

A 15-digit code will appear on the screen. This number is unique to your handset. Write it down and keep it somewhere safe. If your phone ever gets stolen, you can phone your service provider and give them this code. They will then be able to block your handset, so even if the thief changes the SIM card, your phone will be totally useless. You probably won't get your phone back, but at least you know that whoever stole it can't use/sell it either. If everybody does this, there would be no point in people stealing mobile phones.

This secret is also in the fine print of most mobile phone manuals. It was created for the very purpose of trying to prevent phones from being stolen.

FIFTH

Also - ATM PIN Number Reversal - Good to Know!

If you should ever be forced by a robber to withdraw money from an ATM machine, you can notify the police by entering your PIN # in reverse. For example, if your pin number is 1234, then you would put in 4321. The ATM system recognizes that your PIN number is backwards from the ATM card you placed in the machine. The machine will still give you the money you requested, but unknown to the robber, the police will be immediately dispatched to the location. All ATM's carry this emergency sequencer by law. This information was recently broadcast on by Crime Stoppers. It is, however, seldom used as people just don't know about it.

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Some words of caution.

We have had two recent cases of cyber crime. One concerned a phone call supposedly from the Bank, saying that fraud was suspected on the account. They requested various pieces of information to validate the account and this was sufficient to withdraw R14 000.00 from the account fraudulently!

The second was an attempt to use a credit card on an online shopping account. But the card did not belong to the shopper! The bank stopped the fraud attempt.

Please be careful when dispensing personal information as thieves will use any details to attempt to break into your accounts. **Remember - No bank will ever phone you requesting personal information.** If you are suspicious, ask to phone them back to confirm their bona fides. You will not hear from them again!

Hijacking is on the increase. As safe as we may feel in our village, it is always the weak points that criminals exploit. So when driving home late, phone the Guard House (071 173 2406 - put it in your phone contacts while you are reading this) and give them your approximate E.T.A. They will be waiting outside the gate to protect you should anyone be following you.

Another bit of safety info. When you think you hear a cricket chirping in the house, just check the Smoke Alarm. There is a good chance that the battery is giving up and the noise is its last effort to warn you to change the batteries!

25 Chestnuts

Actual predictions that were absolutely wrong. (another 6 this month, more later)

19 "X-rays will prove to be a hoax." – Lord Kelvin, President of the Royal Society, 1883



14 "There is no reason for any individual to have a computer in his home." – Ken Olson, president, chairman and founder of Digital Equipment Corporation (DEC), in a talk given to a 1977 World Future Society meeting in Boston



15 "No one will pay good money to get from Berlin to Potsdam in one hour when he can ride his horse there in one day for free." – King William I of Prussia, on trains, 1864



16 "Television won't last because people will soon get tired of staring at a plywood box every night." – Darryl Zanuck, movie producer, 20th Century Fox, 1946



17 "The horse is here to stay but the automobile is only a novelty—a fad." – The president of the Michigan Savings Bank advising Henry Ford's lawyer not to invest in the Ford Motor Co., 1903



18 "Everyone acquainted with the subject will recognize it as a conspicuous failure." – Henry Morton, president of the Stevens Institute of Technology, on Edison's light bulb, 1880



10 things that will disappear in our lifetime

1. The Post Office (this is from USA) (I wonder if SAPO have read this yet?)

Get ready to imagine a world without the post office. They are so deeply in financial trouble that there is probably no way to sustain it long term. Email, Fed Ex, and UPS have just about wiped out the minimum revenue needed to keep the post office alive. Most of your mail every day is junk mail and bills.

2. The Cheque

Britain is already laying the groundwork to do away with cheques by 2018. It costs the financial system billions of dollars a year to process checks. Plastic cards and online transactions will lead to the eventual demise of the cheque. This plays right into the death of the post office. If you never paid your bills by mail and never received them by mail, the post office would absolutely go out of business.

3. The Newspaper

The younger generation simply doesn't read the newspaper. They certainly don't subscribe to a daily delivered print edition. That may go the way of the milkman and the laundry man. As for reading the paper online, get ready to pay for it. The rise in mobile Internet devices and e-readers has caused all the newspaper and magazine publishers to form an alliance. They have met with Apple, Amazon, and the major cell phone companies to develop a model for paid subscription services.

4. The Book

You say you will never give up the physical book that you hold in your hand and turn the literal pages I said the same thing about downloading music from iTunes. I wanted my hard copy CD. But I quickly changed my mind when I discovered that I could get albums for half the price without ever leaving home to get the latest music. The same thing will happen with books. You can browse a bookstore online and even read a preview chapter before you buy. And the price is less than half that of a real book. And think of the convenience! Once you start flicking your fingers on the screen instead of the book, you find that you are lost in the story, can't wait to see what happens next, and you forget that you're holding a gadget instead of a book.

5. The Land-Line Telephone

Unless you have a large family and make a lot of local calls, you don't need it anymore. Most people keep it simply because they've always had it. But you are paying double charges for that extra service. All the cell phone companies will let you call customers using the same cell provider for no charge against your minutes.

6. Music

This is one of the saddest parts of the change story. The music industry is dying a slow death. Not just because of illegal downloading. It's the lack of innovative new music being given a chance to get to the people who would like to hear it. Greed and corruption is the problem. The record labels and the radio conglomerates are simply self-destructing. Over 40% of the music purchased today is "catalogue items," meaning traditional music that the public is familiar with. Older established artists. This is also true on the live concert circuit. To explore this fascinating and disturbing topic further, check out the book, "Appetite for Self-Destruction" by Steve Knopper, and the video documentary, "Before the Music Dies."

7. Television Revenues

To the networks are down dramatically. Not just because of the economy. People are watching TV and movies streamed from their computers. And they're playing games and doing lots of other things that take up the time that used to be spent watching TV. Prime time shows have degenerated down to lower than the lowest common denominator. Cable rates are skyrocketing and commercials run about every 4 minutes and 30 seconds. I say good riddance to most of it. It's time for the cable companies to be put us out of our misery. Let the people choose what they want to watch online and through Netflix.

8. The "Things" That You Own

Many of the very possessions that we used to own are still in our lives, but we may not actually own them in the future. They may simply reside in "the cloud." Today your computer has a hard drive and you store your pictures, music, movies, and documents. Your software is on a CD or DVD, and you can always re-install it, if need be. But all of that is changing. Apple, Microsoft, and Google are all finishing up their latest "cloud services." That means that when you turn on a computer, the Internet will be built into the operating system. So, Windows, Google, and the Mac OS will be tied straight into the Internet. If you click an icon, it will open something in the Internet cloud. If you save something, it will be saved to the cloud. And you may pay a monthly subscription fee to the cloud provider. In this virtual world, you can access your music or your books or your whatever from any laptop or handheld device. That's the good news. But, will you actually own any of this "stuff" or will it all be able to disappear at any moment in a big "Poof?" Will most of the things in our lives be disposable and whimsical? It makes you want to run to the closet and pull out that photo album, grab a book from the shelf, or open up a CD case and pull out the insert.

9. Joined Handwriting (Cursive Writing)

Already gone in some schools which no longer teach "joined handwriting" because nearly everything is done now on computers or keyboards of some type (pun not intended)

10. Privacy

If there ever was a concept that we can look back on nostalgically, it would be privacy. That's gone. It's been gone for a long time anyway. There are cameras on the street, in most of the buildings, and even built into your computer and cell phone. But you can be sure that 24/7, "They" know who you are and where you are, right down to the GPS coordinates and the Google Street View. If you buy something, your habit is put into a zillion profiles, and your ads will change to reflect those habits.. "They" will try to get you to buy something else.....again and again and again.

JUST LIKE THAT

The Vicar asked if anyone in the congregation would like to express praise for answered prayers. Sue Smith, who often did the flowers and cushions in the church, stood up without hesitation and walked directly to the podium.

She said, "I have. Two months ago, my husband, Tom, you all know him, had a terrible bicycle crash and his scrotum was completely crushed. That's why he hasn't been here on a Sunday for a while. He was in excruciating pain and the doctors didn't know if they could help him."

There was a barely muffled gasp from the men in the congregation as they imagined the pain that poor Tom must have experienced.

"Tom was unable to hold me or the children," she went on, "and every move caused him terrible pain. Our marital life was, for a while, completely destroyed. We prayed as our wonderful NHS doctors performed a really complex operation and it turned out they were able to piece together the crushed remnants of Tom's scrotum and wrap wire around it to hold it in place."

Again, all the men in the congregation cringed and squirmed uncomfortably as they imagined the horrible surgery performed on Tom.

"Now," she announced in a quivering voice, "thank the Lord, Tom is out of the hospital and the doctors say that with time, his scrotum should recover completely."

All the men sighed with unified relief.

The Vicar rose and tentatively asked if anyone else had something to say. A man stood up immediately and walked haltingly to the podium. He was clearly in some pain.

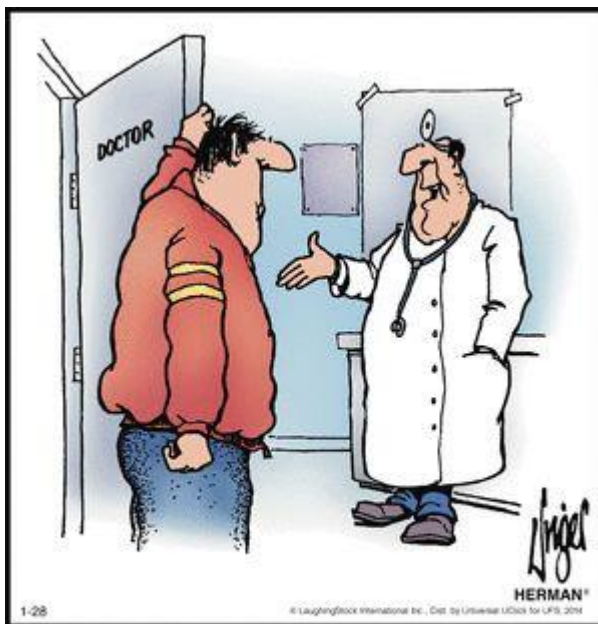
He said, "I'm Tom Smith."

The entire congregation held its breath.

"I just want to tell my wife the word is sternum."

The Drunk Poem

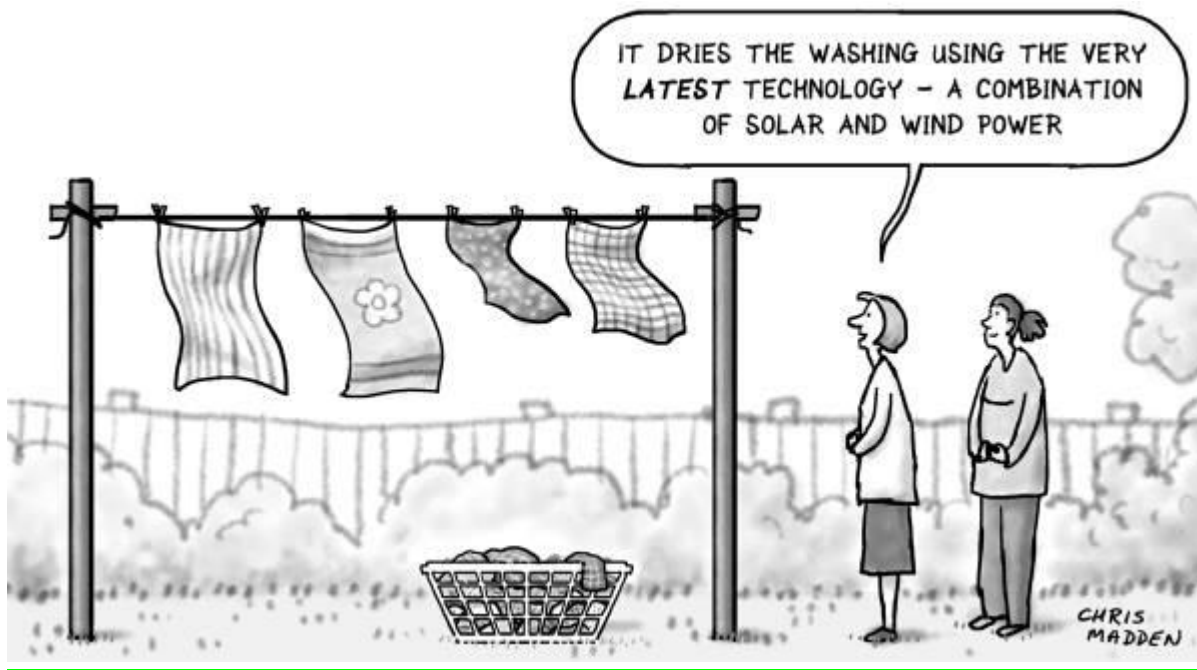
Starkle, starkle, little twink,
Who the hell are you I think.
I'm not under what you call
The alcofluence of incohol.
I'm just a little slort of sheep,
I'm not drunk like thinkle peep.
I don't know who is me yet,
But the drunker I stand here the longer I get.
So just give me one more fink to drill my cup,
'Cause I got all day sober to Sunday up.



**"Hey, it's good to see you again.
That medicine must have worked!"**



**"I'll have to open you up again;
that watch has great sentimental value."**



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This from Basil

A young woman who submitted the tech support message below (about her relationship to her husband), presumably did it as a joke.

Then she got a reply that was way too good to keep to herself.

The tech support people's love advice was hilarious and ingenious!

Dear Tech Support,

Last year I upgraded from Boyfriend 5.0 to Husband 1.0 and noticed a distinct slowdown in overall system performance, particularly in the flower and jewellery applications, which operated flawlessly under Boyfriend 5.0. In addition, Husband 1.0 uninstalled many other valuable programs, such as Romance 9.5 and Personal Attention 6.5, and then installed undesirable programs such as: Rugby Union 5.0, Soccer 3.0 and Golf 4.1. Conversation 8.0 no longer runs, and House Cleaning 2.6 simply crashes the system. Please note that I have tried running Nagging 5.3 to fix these problems, but to no avail.

What can I do?

Signed,

Desree Desperate

The response came weeks later:-

Dear Desree,

First, keep in mind, Boyfriend 5.0 is an Entertainment Package, while Husband 1.0 is an operating system.

Please enter command "I Thought You Loved Me.html", and try to download Tears 6.2. Do not forget to install the Guilt 3.0 update. If that application works as designed, Husband 1.0 should then automatically run the applications Jewellery 2.0 and Flowers 3.5.

However, overuse of the above application can cause Husband 1.0 to default to Grumpy Silence 2.5, Happy Hour 7.0, or Beer 6.1.

Please note that Beer 6.1 is a very bad program that will download the Farting and Snoring Loudly Beta version. Whatever you do, DO NOT, under any circumstances, install Mother-In-Law 1.0 as it runs a virus in the background that will eventually seize control of all your system resources. In addition, please do not attempt to re-install the Boyfriend 5.0 program.

These are unsupported applications and will crash Husband 1.0.
In summary, Husband 1.0 is a great program, but it does have limited memory and cannot learn new applications quickly.
You might consider buying additional software to improve memory and performance.
We recommend Cooking 3.0.

Good Luck!

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BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER

May you each enjoy a wonderful day and a blessed year ahead.

2nd Robin Davy
7th Pauline Sampson
8th Jay Barton
11th Jennifer Traviss
17th Dorothy Savage
22nd Jac Messerschmidt
22nd Irene Carroll
23rd Marilyn Maclachlan
24th Chris Edwards
28th Pat Bayley
28th Erika Barton
29th Cecil Fann
29th Sue Jackson
30th Judy Powell

ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER

These villagers have an anniversary this month and we wish you all the best and wonderful years ahead: ^

1st Ian & Judy Stuart #87
12th Dave & Gillian Campbell #61
14th Ernie & Heather Mutch #80
15th George & Maureen Privett #84

Many thanks as always. Wow! this month we had a lot to include, I started off with 56 pages of photos and articles! This had to be shrunk down to 20 pages. But don't stop, keep them coming and e-mail to me at: -

chrisandsue291@gmail.com.

You know this is a team effort, not only from you the team of contributors, but also my lovely assistant/sub editor Sue Edwards and then there is Rene and Roy who bash it around to get it into Adobe format for publishing and posting it to you. Thanks all of you.

Cheers for now.

Chris