



# RESCOM CHATTER

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

End October 2018

## FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Dear fellow Residents,

My life in September was dominated by the Park Homes, and that continued through October. As I informed you a few days ago, Management has decided to dismantle and move them, and all the bits and pieces lying behind them, out of the village. EPI is now looking for a contractor to do that and as soon as one is appointed, they'll be gone.

That leaves the problem of the Arts and Crafts Room, the recycle and bin wash areas.

Your ResCom has asked the Arts and Crafts groups to come up with a proposal for a layout and furnishings for that room that will be acceptable to both groups. We understand that this will be an uncomfortable compromise, especially for the Arts people, but we've been given the assurance that everything within reason will be done to create the best possible facility.

Management has agreed to improve the recycle and bin wash areas. EPI's (Evergreen Property Investments) Development Team has been instructed to study the problem, prepare plans and construct what is necessary, including appropriate screening.

I have been inundated with complaints about the state of our ponds, so I sent out an SOS for help. Arthur Hills, Charles Carroll and John Schulkins kindly put up their hands. They're busy with their investigations and I'm hopeful that we'll see some improvements early in November.

So what else from your ResCom?

- The costing on the borehole and irrigation project has been finalised and Management is planning the funding;
- At the request of Dick Sheppard, the name of the Safety and Security Portfolio has been changed to Safety, Security and Traffic;
- The revised Generic House Rules (those rules applicable to all Evergreen Villages) have been received. We're now drawing up what is referred to in those rules as Annexure 'A'. Those will be rules that are specific to our village.

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 (VM). 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, maybe via the Dear Mr Chairman Box, but advise the VM when doing so.

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

## WhatsApp Groups: -

**INFO EVERGREEN GROUP:** Not much chat, moderated, except when information comes to hand and which is useful to the group as a whole (84 participants). Remember you can mute notification sounds.

**MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP:** Not much chat, moderated, but mainly one-way communication about forthcoming movies (54 participants).

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

**BLACK TV BOX GROUP:** Closed group. Two-way information on topics concerning use and content of 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.

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## RAINFALL

Report for October below:

We were treated to a welcome beginning of the Spring rains this month. Since records began at Evergreen, October has always heralded the first meaningful rain. Hopefully the pattern will continue. 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 for October in prior years - The average for October since 2012 is 45.1 mm.

2012	65.0
2013	52.1
2014	21.4
2015	13.7
2016	40.3
2017	68.2

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2017/2018

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
Oct '18	54.7
<b>12 Months</b>	<b>603.7</b>

## Summary of ResCom expenses for September 2018

Herewith the schedule for September 2018. It is of necessity a month in arrears as the current month is still open by publication date.

### Summary of ResCom expenses for September 2018

Materials for Art Class Showcase	175
Garment Rack for White Elephant Sale	359
Durban July Sweepstakes Prizes	500
Arbor Day: Trees, Compost & Labour	9 158
ResCom Stationery	19
Bank Charges	14
<b>Total expenditure</b>	<b>10 225</b>
Cash on hand at month end	<b>19 982</b>

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## SOCIAL HAPPENINGS

(Kiloran has been busy again this month! Many thanks for the wonderful pics).  
From a paucity to a cornucopia in one month, lots of social things happening.

We start off with the last week or so of September: -



21st September - The Trevor and Heather Bingo Show -  
(or was he auditioning for Classic FM?)



26th September - The Black Prince (scourge of the Scots) and a local ethnic beauty getting their just after desserts from Hendra.

(We have been assured by the organisers that there had been no underhand voting going on because of both the winners being part of ResCom - so there !)



10th October - Chairman Hennie (? Classic FM again looking for talent) introduces the First Couple (Cecil and Elske Fann) who arrived in our Broadacres Village 6 years ago



12th October - Jay Barton being presented with a little something from Isabel for his talk on disproving the impact crater theory for the Vredefort Dome



13th October - We welcomed the rain, and some bedraggled walkers with a very unhappy Hamerkop were features of our Fun Walk. The '1<sup>ème</sup> Grand Prix de Eververt' was called off due to safety, aquaplaning and wheel spin problems for some of the participants



16th October - Suddenly... all the Classic FM buffs found out about the superb eats and drinks which were available for the evening !!!!



Yet another aspirant Classic FM radio jock! (they are all over the place)



17th October - The Evergreen Oktoberfest came to town with a bang and an OooMpah, plus Anke and Jens Langenhorst provided the authentic look and very necessary help with dispensing lots of beer.







'Heidi and Hans' came from overseas to yodel (but the Tukkies socks gave him away)



Is Ivar now changing nationality? Well done, Judy it was a great success.



A rare sighting - Zap Lupini with one of his old school pals, Simpson Minor, (the other, Rabinowitz Major was away on this occasion)

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**NATURE AND BIRDING GROUP**

All residents are invited to the next group meeting in the clubhouse on Tuesday 20 November at 10.30am, when Wim Spronk will present the second in his series of DVD's on nature. Wim's interest in the natural world started very early in Amsterdam where he was born 85 years ago. The treasure trove that South Africa offered this fourteen old inquisitive youngster got him interested in photography and nature. His job, hobby and passion have resulted in a fascinating life creating nature and wild life documentaries in the early days of TV in South Africa. The presentation is divided into a number of diverse and separate DVD's which he will discuss and answer questions after each section. The programme includes one on the Namib desert showing why it has more flora and fauna than any other desert in the world, another on the journey of an Amur falcon all the way from Mongolia and Siberia to Newcastle KZN, and of special interest to Evergreen, one on the birds and creatures we can expect to see in the Village.

**HAVE YOU GOT WHAT WE WANT? ADVERTISE HERE**

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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# CHATTER STUFF

## 25 Chestnuts

***Actual predictions that were absolutely wrong. How on earth could they get it so wrong? One of the words they use is 'never'(OK not all of them). But according to the so called Head of IT at SARS "Excuse me Maam, there is not a problem, cos I have only been here since 2017"***

**12** "No, it will make war impossible." -- Hiram Maxim, inventor of the machine gun, in response to the question "Will this gun not make war more terrible?" from Havelock Ellis, an English scientist, 1893



**6** "The world potential market for copying machines is 5000 at most." — IBM, to the eventual founders of Xerox, saying the photocopier had no market large enough to justify production, 1959



**7** "I must confess that my imagination refuses to see any sort of submarine doing anything but suffocating its crew and floundering at sea." — HG Wells, British novelist, in 1901



**8** "The idea that cavalry will be replaced by these iron coaches is absurd. It is little short of treasonous." — Comment of Aide-de-camp to Field Marshal Haig, at tank demonstration, 1916



**9** "How, sir, would you make a ship sail against the wind and currents by lighting a bonfire under her deck? I pray you, excuse me, I have not the time to listen to such nonsense." — Napoleon Bonaparte, when told of Robert Fulton's steamboat, 1800s



**10** "There will never be a bigger plane built." -- A Boeing engineer, after the first flight of the 247, a twin engine plane that holds ten people



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## JUST LIKE THAT

If you're a current electrician this is certainly no way to conduct yourself. I hope his peers attempted to impede him with a lot of resistance. This job has the capacity to frequently deliver powerful charges. Although now I am pretty amped to see someone else inducted into the order of iffy electricians.

(From the "Handbook for Dodgy Electricians" edited by Cyril Rabinowitz... fortunately out of print!!)



Yes I can see the safety issue here, that zip tie has been cut on an angle and someone might cut themselves on it

Yeah ... this is sign of a professional installation! an amateur never would cut the zip tie! I guess it's a typical handcrafted installation for technical obsolescence ... maybe for 6 months, then get cracked and the following great fireworks need an complete overhaul of electricity ... a thousand dollars business!

The only thing I see wrong is that he failed to tape up the connection. Over time it will develop corrosion that will cause it to fail and over-heat. Tape would prevent the corrosion from taking place and help hold the wires together.

That's \*\*\*\*. Obviously he should have used black zip ties

I'm glad the Big Red Circle of Stupidity was there to show me what I'm supposed to notice. I would have had no clue otherwise.

Very dangerous, everyone knows you have to use at least 3 straps.

The obvious problem is they didn't use the black nylon ties. Those ones are for use in direct sunlight. Will they never learn?

As long as the straps are only temporary until the super glue dries, I don't see a problem?

Wow really ??? The stupidity !! I mean I can't believe someone would do that !!! No one uses tie wraps...should have used Velcro !! The nerve of some people !!!

Just wrap some electrical tape around it. It will be fine

Microsoft Windows has upgraded your connection

ELECTRICIAN!!!! We don't need no stinking electrician! Here, hold my beer.....

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OK - Now the British Summer has really come to an end, 6 months till the next one. (Sister Linda are you ready for this in Portsmouth??)



**In response to the invitation for a rather unusual REUNION of all time greats:**

***Newton said he'd drop in.***

***Socrates said he'd think about it.***

***Ohm resisted the idea.***

***Boyle said he was under too much pressure.***

***Darwin said he'd wait to see what evolved.***

***Pierre and Marie Curie radiated enthusiasm.***

***Volta was electrified at the prospect.***

***Pavlov positively drooled at the thought.***

***Ampere was worried he wasn't current enough though alternately none were.***

***Edison thought it would be illuminating.***

***Einstein said it would be relatively easy to attend.***

***Archimedes was buoyant at the thought.***

***Morse said, "I'll be there on the dot. Can't stop now, must dash."***

***Hertz said he planned to attend with greater frequency in the future.***

***Wilbur Wright accepted, provided he and Orville could get a flight.***

## **A quick thinker.**

A man in Tesco (the UK Pick'n Pay) tries to buy **half a cauliflower**.

The very young produce assistant tells him that they only sell whole cauliflowers.

The man persists and demands to see the manager.

The boy says he'll talk to his manager about it.

Walking into the back room, the boy said to his manager,

'Some old fart out there wants to buy half a cauliflower.'

As he finished the sentence, he turned to find the man standing right behind him, so he quickly added, '... and this gentleman has kindly offered to buy the other half.'

The manager approved the deal, and the man went on his way.

Later the manager said to the lad, 'I was impressed with the way you got yourself out of that situation earlier. We like people who think on their feet here.'

Where are you from, son?'

'Liverpool, sir,' the boy replied.

'Well, why did you leave Liverpool?' the manager asked.

The boy said, 'Sir, there's nothing but whores and footballers up there.'

'Really?' said the manager. 'My wife is from Liverpool.'

'You're kidding?' replied the lad. 'Which position did she play?'

## **WHEN THE HONEYMOON IS OVER:**

After 30 years of marriage, a couple were lying in bed one evening, when the wife felt her husband begin to fondle her in ways he hadn't done in quite some time. It almost tickled as his fingers started at her neck, and then began moving down past the small of her back. He then caressed her shoulders and neck, slowly worked his hand down over her breasts, stopping just over her lower stomach.

He then proceeded to place his hand on her left inner arm, caressed past the side of her breast again, working down her side, passed gently over her buttock and down her leg to her calf. Then, he proceeded up her inner thigh, stopping just at the uppermost portion of her leg. He continued in the same manner on her right side, then suddenly stopped, rolled over and became silent. As she was enjoying the caressing, she asked in a loving voice.

"Honey, that was wonderful. Why did you stop?"

".....I found the remote," he mumbled.

Bikes are my passion



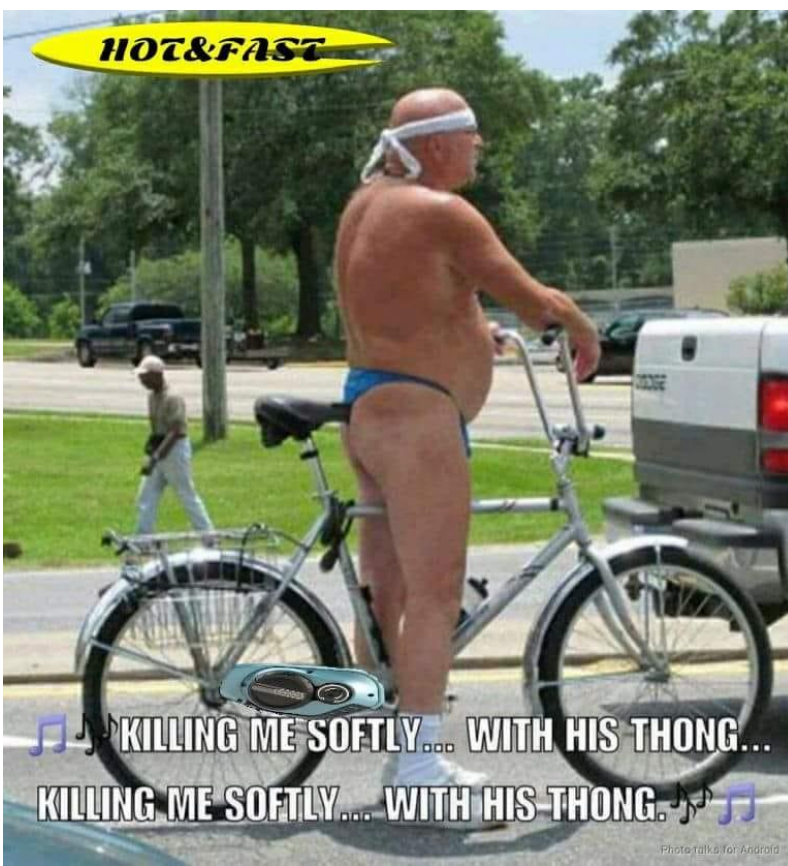
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Just off to the Spar at Broadacres



Past and Future



"No, Adi, I am not going to do this for the next Fun Walk!!" regards Chris

But maybe my next project eTrike below will be ready by then.



## 68 AND PREGNANT

A woman went to the emergency room, where she was seen by a young new doctor. After about 3 minutes in the examination room, the doctor told her she was pregnant. She burst out of the room and ran down the corridor screaming.

An older doctor stopped her and asked what the problem was. After listening to her story, he calmed her down and sat her in another room. Then the doctor marched down the hallway to the first doctor's room.

*"What the hell's wrong with you?" he demanded. "This woman is 68 years old, she has two grown children and several grandchildren, and you told her she was pregnant?!"*

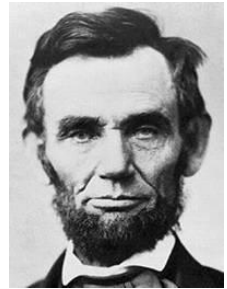
The new doctor continued to write on his clipboard and without looking up said, ... *"Does she still have the hiccups?"*





Have a history teacher explain this----- if they can.  
From Libby

Abraham Lincoln was elected to Congress in 1846.  
John F. Kennedy was elected to Congress in 1946.



Abraham Lincoln was elected President in 1860.

John F. Kennedy was elected President in 1960.



Both were particularly concerned with civil rights.  
Both wives lost their children while living in the White House.

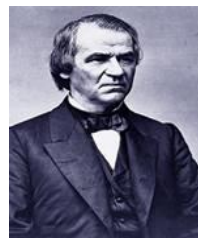
Both Presidents were shot on a Friday.  
Both Presidents were shot in the head

### ***Now it gets really weird.***

Lincoln 's secretary was named Kennedy.  
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Both were assassinated by Southerners.  
Both were succeeded by Southerners named Johnson.

Andrew Johnson, who succeeded Lincoln, was born in 1808.  
Lyndon Johnson, who succeeded Kennedy, was born in 1908.



John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated Lincoln, was born in 1839.  
Lee Harvey Oswald, who assassinated Kennedy, was born in 1939.

Both assassins were known by their three names.  
Both names are composed of fifteen letters.



## ***Now hang on to your seat.***

Lincoln was shot at the theatre named 'Ford'. Kennedy was shot in a car called 'Lincoln' made by 'Ford'. Lincoln was shot in a theatre and his assassin ran and hid in a warehouse. Kennedy was shot from a warehouse and his assassin ran and hid in a theatre. Booth and Oswald were assassinated before their trials.

## ***And here's the kicker...***

A week before Lincoln was shot, he was in Monroe, Maryland  
A week before Kennedy was shot, he was with Marilyn Monroe.



## **BIRTHDAYS IN NOVEMBER**

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



### **November 2018**

- 2<sup>nd</sup> Keith Coombe (#13)
- 4<sup>th</sup> Ada Rebelo (#44)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Rosemary Ross (#104)
- 9<sup>th</sup> Hamilton (Bistro)
- 11<sup>th</sup> Neville Savage (#82)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Elaine Gladstone (#26)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Basil Bold (#90)
- 17<sup>th</sup> Taffy Davies (#62)
- 18<sup>th</sup> Shirley Lombard (#5)
- 25<sup>th</sup> Maureen Phythian (Sales)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Graham Hall (#105)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Rod Matheson (#86)
- 29<sup>th</sup> Adi Gough (#70)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Henri Postema (#18)
- 30<sup>th</sup> Brian Quinn (#118)



**WISHING YOU A  
FAN {TACHE} TIC  
BIRTHDAY**



# ANNIVERSARIES IN NOVEMBER

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

## Happy Anniversary November 2018

- 7<sup>th</sup> Wally & Rosemary Ross (#104)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Bob & Lilian Hartslief (#112)
- 12<sup>th</sup> Eddie & Ann Simpson (#28)
- 14<sup>th</sup> Trevor & Heather Morgan (#69)
- 15<sup>th</sup> James & Heather Allan (#96)
- 27<sup>th</sup> Pierre & Moira Theron (#130)
- 28<sup>th</sup> Keith & Sue Coombe (#13)



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Many thanks as always. Keep those articles coming (sorry, Dick Townsend and Henry, there was too much going on this month, maybe November) and e-mail to me at: -

[chrisandsue291@gmail.com](mailto: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 to all of you.

Cheers for now.

Chris