



RESKOM CHATTER

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

End November 2018

One of the great things about living in South Africa in general and Johannesburg in particular is the wonderful array of sights and sounds which greet each morning and evening, in particular in our wonderful village.



Taken at sunset from the gate house, a couple of days ago.

Although we have been here, coming up for 3 years in March, it is always so interesting to meet new people. I was passing through reception the other day and came across a lady who had been here for 2 years and we had never met before!!

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

End November 2018

Dear fellow Residents,

Hooray – the Park Homes have gone and our village is once more a place we can be proud of! Having cheered their disappearance I must confess that Basil Bold had my full support in trying to convert them into useful and attractive facilities – but that was not to be!

We still have the problem of the Arts and Crafts room and the re-cycle and bin wash areas. Management has made specific promises about these and we're keeping the pressure on for those and all the other projects listed on our P & P list.

Arthur Hills and his Ponds team lost no time in getting going. When they started they all professed ignorance. Fortunately, John Schulkins knows Gill Ledger, an expert on wetlands, ponds and dams (the Dept. of Water Affairs consults her on the Hartebeespoort Dam) and they went to have a chat with her. They came away much wiser and immediately implemented some of her advice. Hopefully you've already noticed the difference! But there's more to come so watch this space!

What else from your ResCom?

- The 'Stop' signs proposed by Graham Brickett, our Safety, Security and Traffic Portfolio Leader, have been painted on all the roads leading into Heron Drive. Thank you to Graham and Village Management! His proposal to install more '20 km/hr' signs in Heron drive is still under consideration.
- Graham also identified the culvert under Frederick Road as a security risk and a proposal to install security beams has gone to Management.
- We are looking at a proposal to reverse the direction of the traffic in Loerie Lane.
- Would you like to know what the Municipal Valuation or Rates of your unit are? Simply write to the Village Manager and you'll get the answer.
- The problem of certain Residents helping themselves to overly large portions, thereby leaving other Residents short, has arisen again. We appeal to Residents not to dish-up for themselves, but to leave it to the Bistro staff.
- We are working on the Generic House Rules, i.e. those rules that will apply specifically to Broadacres.

Residents are reminded that copies of the approved ResCom minutes are available on request from the office.

How the year has flown! Here we are at the end of November and in the next few weeks many of you will be setting off on your Xmas and summer holidays. Others will remain here for the Festive Season, but to all of you – from Marion and I – our sincere good wishes for safe travels and a blessed and very enjoyable Festive Season!

HOUSEKEEPING

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, maybe via the Dear Mr Chairman Box, but advise the Village Manager when doing so.

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

WhatsApp Groups:-

WATERHOLE GROUP	- (33 participants)
INFO EVERGREEN GROUP	- (80 participants)
MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP	- (56 participants)
CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP	- (18 participants)

A WhatsApp group has been suggested for notification of things like painting walls etc

I would like to invite all new residents with iPhones and Android smart phones to join any group or groups. We try to limit 'chatter', so if your previous group experience had lots of it, rest assured we are a little more controlled.

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.

Telecare System

Your 'TeleCare' system is so important in your lives, yet it can be a bit of a problem to use when an emergency arises. So, as you are aware of the instructions for use, there is a laminated card available from René or Roy at the office which can be set up adjacent to the machine. But, on top of that, press the yellow and red buttons on a test basis and see what response you get. Just tell them it's a test. In a panic situation it could save valuable minutes.

RAINFALL

Report for November below:

Although we have enjoyed a few showers, November has proved somewhat disappointing. Hopefully December will yield a marked improvement. We continue to remain in hope that the implementation of the borehole irrigation system will receive the priority it so desperately deserves! Remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2017/2018:

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
Nov '18	29.6
12 Months	577.8

Rainfall for November in prior years:

2012	110.1
2013	132.9
2014	75.7
2015	77.0
2016	130.3
2017	55.5

The average for November since 2012 is 87.3 mm.

Summary of ResCom expenses for September 2018

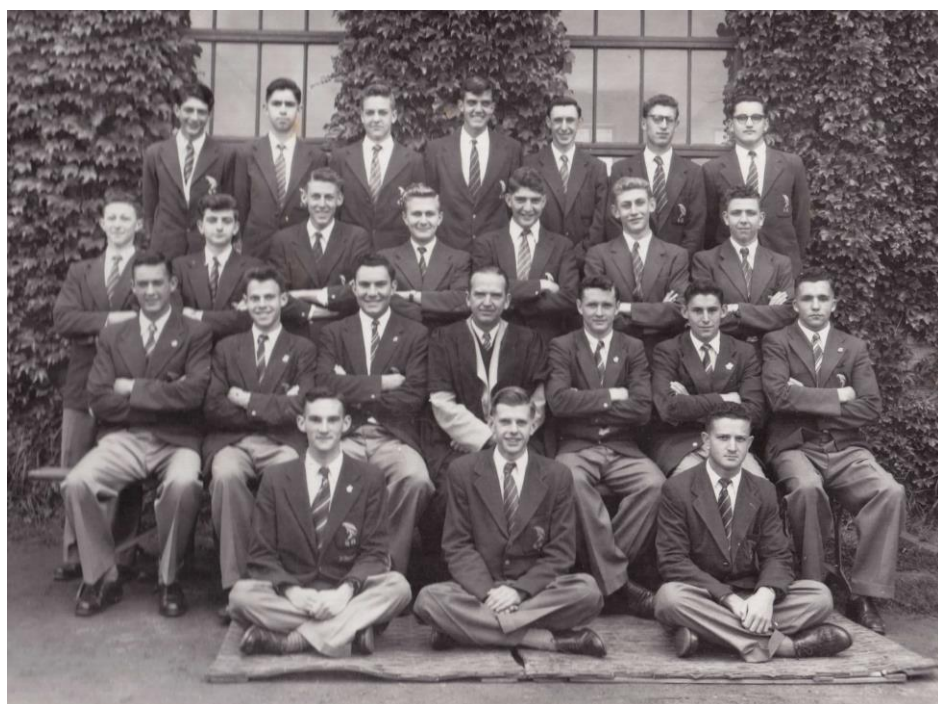
Herewith the schedule for October 2018. It is of necessity a month in arrears as the current month is still open by publication date.

For the record:

Summary of ResCom expenses for October 2018

Reusable Function Equipment	1 257
Function Decorations & Consumables	272
Oktoberfest Keg & Glasses Hire	1 751
Farewell Gifts for Outgoing ResCom	716
Donation to All Saints Church (Chair Hire)	300
Sympathy Cards	60
Communiqué Printing	256
Bank Charges	7
Total expenditure	4 619
Cash on hand at month end	15 370

You will find it hard to believe that this is a men's football team? Check out the little brunette on the left-hand front?? Who could it be??



Even harder to think the team came from these fine upstanding matric schoolboys.



Now, who might these two be?? Answers on a postcard please (but please don't post it)

Here is the story of Judy Stowell's trip to
EGYPT and JORDAN - October 2018

Judy and Anna, her school friend and travelling companion, were part of a congenial group of twelve (8 Australians, 2 New Zealanders and us).

Anna flew to Cairo from London and I flew Egyptair from Johannesburg. Amazingly we met up at the hotel in Cairo with very few hassles. We had an excellent female guide who had a history degree, she was an Egyptologist and had studied hieroglyphs, added to which was her charming personality.

It was a half an hour from the hotel and to the famous pyramids of Giza. We decided not to take the option to go inside the pyramid. Apparently very busy and hot and in places very low but crawling not necessary. (Not recommended for those with claustrophobia). We walked around and kept hydrated as it was 32°C. Drove to other pyramids and looked back at the two large ones. Though a hectic tourist attraction it was all most impressive and we really wondered how they managed to build them. Into the bus to go to the Sphinx and then on to the Museum. The Tutankhamun exhibition was a feast for the eyes, especially the well-known mask. There were five large gilded wooden boxes each in its own display cabinet and made to fit one inside the other. Also, we were impressed by the sarcophagi shaped like Tutankhamun which also fitted inside each other, reminiscent of Russian dolls. Tutankhamun's mummy was discovered by English Egyptologist Howard Carter and his team on 28th October 1925 in tomb KV62 of Egypt's Valley of the Kings. We saw it later in the cruise.

A huge new museum is under construction near the pyramids and the Tutankhamun exhibits will be housed there. It is due to be completed in 2022; later than originally planned as tourism dropped from 14 million to 2 million, so revenue has dropped as well. Tourism is on the rise and is now around 10 million. The current museum is rather like a glorified store room.

The Nile cruise was excellent with good food and stops along the way to disembark to view temples. We flew from Aswan to Abu Simbel where the airport was built specially to accommodate tourists. We stayed for two hours before flying back! These Temples were dismantled, raised and reassembled from 1964 - 1968 by a team of archaeologists, engineers and skilled heavy equipment operators who worked together under UNESCO. The original site would have been under water once Lake Nasser rose following the construction of Aswan High Dam.

Finally, we flew from Aswan to Cairo with more sightseeing before flying Royal Jordanian Airways to Amman. Wadi Rum and a night in a Bedouin camp was truly remarkable as was Petra where we spent eight hours walking. I went with the others to the Monastery at the far end, up 850 steps, and what goes up has to come down (which was easier than I thought). Being the oldest in the group I got a round of applause when I arrived at the top! Anna did not attempt to go up and found the walking far too much so it was not her best experience. I turned my ankle, on the flat, so rested for a while once back at the hotel. Took a pain killer and then had some of Anna's rum and coke so was completely pain free when we went down for dinner and had my leg pulled about rum being the cure! (Nothing to do with the rum of Wadi Rum!)

Another experience was swimming in the Dead Sea. We did not know what to expect. It was warm and clear and the water seemed to have a slight oily texture and of course we floated. Showered to get the salt off and then swam in the large pool.

It was a very good trip but as always touring can be very tiring - **you have to be fit to be a tourist!** Early starts were good to allow us to get ahead of the crowds, especially at Petra, and also to avoid the heat of the day.

We had been warned of the dirt and overwhelming numbers of people especially in Cairo and also that the Pyramids were overrun with tourists, large coaches and local hawkers. In spite of this we found the whole Giza experience lived up to our expectations. It is amazing that these vast edifices have survived in such good condition. The construction of the pyramids and tombs is awe inspiring. It was so interesting to be immersed in the ancient history of this region and the customs of that time.

The Nile Cruise was a most enjoyable part of the tour and the short return flight to Abu Simbel was something not to be missed.

In Jordan Petra was the highlight though the experiences of Wadi Rum and the Bedouin Camp were memorable.

Anna flew back to the UK for nine days and then down to Johannesburg for her annual month of November in the sun!

Evergreeners from all over the World by Ivar



Hi Chris

One of the subjects that often comes up when Evergreeners meet, is how many nationalities live here at Evergreen Broadacres.

The other one is, are there more of our children living in other countries than in South Africa?

In order to solve this, I decided to do a survey among the Residents, whilst selling tickets for the 100+ Club Draw. Out of the 130 units at Broadacres I surveyed 122. The balance of units could not be surveyed as a result of the owners having passed away, moved to the Care Centre, moved to stay with children or gone overseas for long periods.

Of the 122 units the following are the results:

- 69 units occupied by couples
- 44 units occupied by single females
- 9 units occupied by single males

A total of 191 people.

Of these 103 were born in South Africa, and 88 were born in other countries as follows: -

48 were born in the UK	1 was born in Norway
7 were born in Zimbabwe	1 was born in Sweden
5 were born in Germany	1 was born in Palestine
4 were born in the Netherlands	1 was born in Italy
3 were born in the USA	1 was born in Zambia
2 were born in Australia	1 was born in Argentina
2 were born in New Zealand	1 was born in Swaziland
2 were born in Ireland	1 was born in Belgium
2 were born in India	1 was born in Mauritius
2 were born in Austria	1 was born in Madeira

Of the Residents' children

179 are living in South Africa, 111 are living in other countries, as follows: -

38 in the UK	1 in Namibia
24 in Australia	1 in Switzerland
20 in USA	1 in Dubai
7 in New Zealand	1 in Kenya
4 in Zimbabwe	1 in Norway
3 in Germany	1 in Thailand
4 in Canada	1 in Tanzania
1 in France	1 in Zanzibar
1 in Botswana	1 in Uruguay

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You might like to know what has happened to the plastic bread tags and bottle tops you have been collecting for what seems to be ever!

'Bread Tags for Wheelchairs' started in 2006 and enough plastic was collected by 2008 for the first wheelchair. Now - enough is collected countrywide for nearly 75 wheelchairs per year. It takes 450kg bottle tops or 50kg bread tags to Help Fund a Wheelchair.

A new player has also started called 'Sweethearts' running since 2013. They have collected 43.3 tons of bottle tops and 5.9 tons of bread tags enough for 294 wheelchairs.

What amazes me that at our Evergreen recycling area, I still see bottles with tops on and I ask you to have a care and save these scrap pieces of plastic and put them in the container in the library or if you can't do it give them to a friend. Maybe, you will be the one to make a difference?

SOCIAL HAPPENINGS (Kiloran, many thanks for the lovely pictures).

10th November saw another successful Xmas Craft Market



Judy Stuart with some of her team who made it all possible.





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HAVE YOU GOT WHAT WE WANT? ADVERTISE HERE

- 1) Did anyone recently come across a small blue pouch near to our entrance path. It contained lipsticks and pouch has sentimental value.
- 2) Does anyone have the name of a dressmaker / tailor. Aileen's lady has moved to Plett.

Regards,
Graham L

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Dick Townsend has a worm 'farm' which is fully functioning but he would like to dispose of. Anybody interested??

CHATTER STUFF

December calendar (from Chairman Hennie)

(Are you ready for this?? It will be the only time you will see this phenomenon in your lifetime)

M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	28	30
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The month of December this year will have 5 Saturdays, 5 Sundays, and 5 Mondays. It happens only once every 823 years.

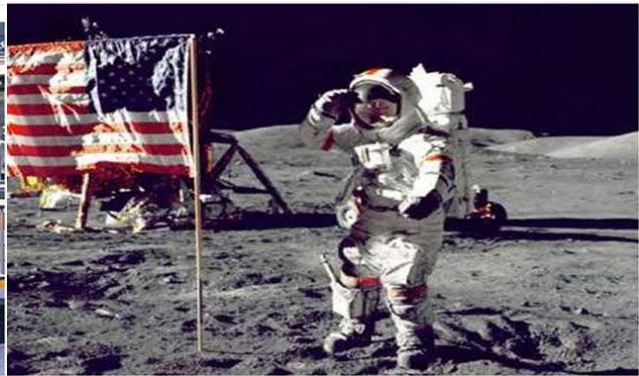
25 Chestnuts

Actual predictions that were absolutely wrong. How on earth could they get it so wrong?

5 "The Americans have need of the telephone, but we do not. We have plenty of messenger boys." — Sir William Preece, Chief Engineer, British Post Office, 1878



1 A rocket will never be able to leave the Earth's atmosphere." — New York Times, 1936



2 "When the Paris Exhibition [of 1878] closes, electric light will close with it and no more will be heard of it." — Oxford professor Erasmus Wilson



3 "And for the tourist who really wants to get away from it all, safaris in Vietnam" — Newsweek, predicting popular holidays for the late 1960s.



4 "It'll be gone by June." — Variety Magazine on Rock n' Roll, 1955



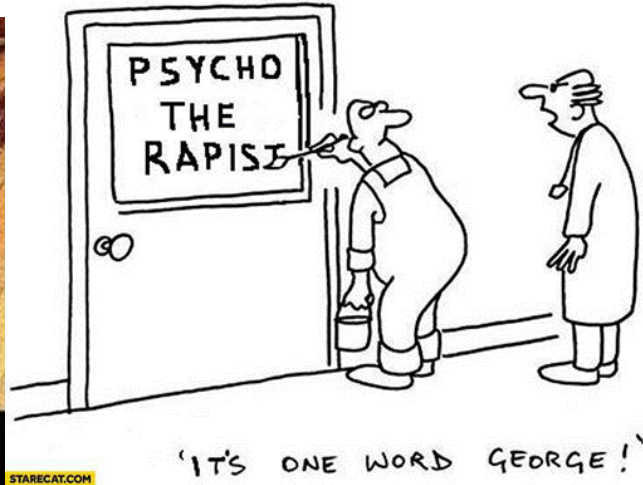
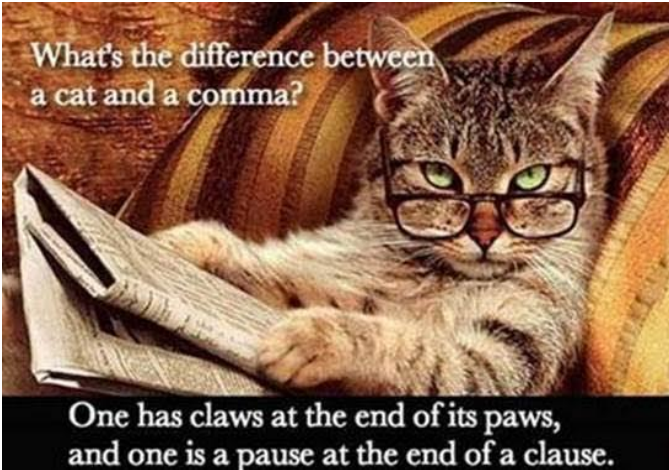
JUST LIKE THAT (these are not attributed to anyone in particular but thank you so much, Graham L, Cyril and Penny, Graham and Caroline, and Taffy)

A little five year old girl was usually driven to school in the mornings by her Grandad, but one day he had a bad cold so her Grandmother took her. That night the little girl told her parents that the ride to school with Granny was very different. What made it different? asked her parents. Well, she replied, Gran and I didn't see a single tosser, blind bastard, foreign prick or wanker on the whole journey.





"Bad news, its curiosity"



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JUST AGREE:

Arguing with a woman is like reading a computer Software License agreement. In the end you ignore everything and click "Agree".

THE KISS:

A tough looking biker was riding his Harley when he sees a girl about to jump off a bridge so he stops. "What are you doing?" he asks. "I'm going to kill myself," she says. While he did not want to appear insensitive, he also didn't want to miss an opportunity, so he asked "Well, before you jump, why don't you give me a Kiss?" Which she does. After she's finished, the biker says, "Wow! That was the very best Kiss I have ever had. That's a real talent you would be wasting. Why do you want to commit suicide?" The girl says, "My parents don't like me dressing up like a girl....."

A CHILD'S INNOCENCE:

I was driving with my three young children one warm summer evening when a woman in the convertible ahead of us stood up and waved.

She was stark naked!

As I was reeling from the shock, I heard my 5-year-old shout from the back seat, "Mom, that lady isn't wearing a seat belt!"

MORE NUDITY:

A little boy got lost at the YMCA and found himself in the women's locker room.

When he was spotted, the room burst into shrieks, with ladies grabbing towels and running for cover.

The little boy watched in amazement and then asked, "What's the matter, haven't you ever seen a little boy before?"

Jewish Proverbs

If the rich could hire other people to die for them, the poor could make a wonderful living.
Yiddish Proverb

What you don't see with your eyes, don't invent with your mouth.
Yiddish proverb

A hero is someone who can keep his mouth shut when he is right.
Yiddish Proverb

One old friend is better than two new ones.
Yiddish Proverb

A wise man hears one word and understands two.
Yiddish Proverb

"Don't be so humble - you are not that great."
Golda Meir (1898-1978) to a visiting diplomat

Pessimism is a luxury that a Jew can never allow himself.
Golda Meir

**Any intelligent fool can make things bigger and more complex.
It takes a touch of genius - and a lot of courage to move in the opposite direction.**
Albert Einstein

Life is like riding a bicycle. To keep your balance you must keep moving.
Albert Einstein

Intellectuals solve problems; geniuses prevent them.
Albert Einstein

You can't control the wind, but you can adjust your sails.
Yiddish proverb

I don't want to become immortal through my work. I want to become Immortal through not dying.
Woody Allen

Imagination is more important than knowledge.

Sign hanging in Einstein's office at Princeton .

We can't solve problems by using the same kind of thinking we used when we created them.
Albert Einstein

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FOR THOSE WHO ENJOY THE PHILOSOPHY OF AMBIGUITY, AS WELL AS THE IDIOSYNCRASIES OF ENGLISH:

- 1. ONE TEQUILA, TWO TEQUILA, THREE TEQUILA..... FLOOR**
- 2. ATHEISM IS A NON-PROPHET ORGANIZATION.**
- 3. IF MAN EVOLVED FROM MONKEYS AND APES, WHY DO WE STILL HAVE MONKEYS AND APES?**
- 4. I WENT TO A BOOK STORE AND ASKED THE SALESWOMAN, "WHERE'S THE SELF- HELP SECTION?" SHE SAID IF SHE TOLD ME, IT WOULD DEFEAT THE PURPOSE.**
- 5. WHAT IF THERE WERE NO HYPOTHETICAL QUESTIONS?**
- 6. IF A DEAF CHILD SIGNS SWEAR WORDS, DOES HIS MOTHER WASH HIS HANDS WITH SOAP?**
- 7. IS THERE ANOTHER WORD FOR SYNONYM?**
- 8. WHERE DO FOREST RANGERS GO TO "GET AWAY FROM IT ALL?"**
- 9. WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU SEE AN ENDANGERED ANIMAL EATING AN ENDANGERED PLANT?**
- 10. IF A PARSLEY FARMER IS SUED, CAN THEY GARNISH HIS WAGES?**
- 11. WOULD A FLY WITHOUT WINGS BE CALLED A WALK?**
- 12. WHY DO THEY LOCK GAS STATION BATHROOMS? ARE THEY AFRAID SOMEONE WILL BREAK-IN AND CLEAN THEM?**

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Here's a Parlour Story for you to start your day - - - - -

On their way to the church to get married, a young Catholic couple were involved in a fatal car accident. Being good Catholics the young couple find themselves sitting outside the Pearly Gates waiting for St. Peter to process them into Heaven. While waiting, they begin to wonder: could they possibly get married in Heaven?
When St. Peter finally showed up, they asked him.
St Peter said "I don't know. This is the first time anyone has asked. Let me go find out" and he leaves them sitting at the Gate.

After three months, St Peter finally returns, looking somewhat bedraggled.

"Yes" he informs the couple " I can get you married in Heaven".

"Great!" said the couple "But we were just wondering, what if things don't work out? Could we also get a divorce in Heaven?"

"You must be bloody joking" says St. Peter, red-faced with frustration, slamming his clipboard on the ground.

"What's wrong?" asked the frightened couple".

"OH, COME ON!" St. Peter shouted "It took me three months to find a priest up here.....Do you have any idea how long it'll take me to find a lawyer?"

Yesterday after shopping in our local supermarket, I was in the queue at the Check Out, and heard when the young cashier suggested to the much older lady that she should bring her own grocery bags, because plastic bags are not good for the environment.

The woman apologised to the young girl and then sighed, "We didn't have this 'green thing' back in my earlier days."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. You folk didn't do enough to save our environment for future generations."

The older lady said "Ahh yes you're right -- our generation didn't have the "green thing" in its day." She sighed then continued:

Back then, we returned milk bottles, lemonade bottles and beer bottles to the shops. The shops then sent them back to the plant to be washed, sterilized & refilled, so those same bottles were used over & over, and thus REALLY were recycled. But we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Grocery stores put our groceries into brown paper bags that we reused for numerous things. Most memorable was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our school books. This was to ensure that public property (the books provided for our use by the school) were not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalise our books on their brown paper bag/covers. But, too bad we didn't do the "green thing" back then.

I remember how we walked up stairs because we didn't have an escalator in every store or office building; walked to the grocery store & didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go 200 yards.

. . . But she was right. We didn't have the "green thing" in our day.

Back then we washed the baby's nappies because we didn't have the throw away kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts. Wind & solar power really did dry our clothes back in our days. Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. . . . But that young lady is right; we didn't have the "green thing" back in our day.

Back then we had one radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And if anyone did own a TV, it had a small screen the size of a handkerchief (remember them?), not a screen the size of a football pitch. When cooking we blended & stirred by hand coz we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send by post, we used layers of old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity., , , But she's right; we didn't have the "green thing" back then.

We drank from a tap or fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, & we replaced the razor blade in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the "green thing" back then. Back then, people took the bus & kids rode bikes to school or walked instead of turning their mothers into a 24-hour taxi service in the family's expensive car or van, which cost what a whole house did before the "green thing"..

Oh and we had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest leisure park.

. . . . But it so sad this current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the "green thing" back then? . . . I think you should forward this on to another selfish old person who needs a lesson in conservation from some smart ass young person. . . .

We don't like being old in the first place, so it doesn't take much to piss us off... Especially from a tattooed, multiple pierced smart ass who can't make change without the cash register telling them how much.

FACTS OF LIFE IN THE CLUBHOUSE

FACT #1

A generous resident made available a beautiful Snooker Table.

FACT #2

A second generous resident donated a set of new snooker Balls.

FACT #3

A third generous, (maybe to a grandchild), resident allowed the set of balls to be removed from a high shelf in the Library. The set was taken outside and played with on the grass – including an impact against a very hard material, Nett result – a ball damaged beyond further use!!!

FACT #4

A fourth resident, maybe the same one as #3, had **the very heavy** covers lifted off the pool table. Cues were taken from the storage rack and children played on the table. Fortunately, before the baize was torn a staff member stopped them.

PLEA

Please folks, this equipment is expensive. It gives a lot of pleasure, and some exercise, to those residents who use it carefully.

December Birthdays



DECEMBER Birthdays

2nd Judith Melaren (#32)
4th Elske Fann (#76)
5th Carole Saagman (#107)
10th Joe Rebelo (#44)
13th Lucia Ressa (#21)
14th Gloria Boswell (#19)
18th Brian Morgan (#11)
Precious Gameze (Domestic Staff)
25th Elizabeth Davics (#62)
28th Corrie Cartwright (#46)
29th Lilo Kauzil (#25)
29th Graham Brickett (#126)
29th James Green (#115)
29th Jabulani Nkuna (Security)
30th Chris Sleigh (#68)

December Anniversaries

- 5th Derek & Grace Schuurman #120
- 23rd Steve & Carol Saayman #107
- 28th Cecil & Elske Fann #76
- 29th Andrew & Norma Johnston #101



Many thanks as always. Keep those articles 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 to all of you.

Cheers for now.

Chris