



RESKOM CHATTER

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

End April 2019

FROM OUR CHAIRMAN - HENNIE

Dear fellow residents,

I had a lot to say in my 'Good news' communiqué sent out earlier this month so not much more for Chatter this month except to comment on:

- *The drop and rise again of the water level in the top pond;*
- *The very successful St Georges night celebrations.*

Earlier this month it was realised that we needed to drop the water level back to where it was to do some necessary repairs. A syphon system was employed to get the level down to where we wanted it. The repairs were done, and while the level was down, the Four Seasons Gardens (FSG) gardeners cut the bulrushes.

With the rains apparently gone the re-filling process was progressing slowly and then we had the wonderful rains on Easter Monday! The pond filled overnight and since then most of the cut bulrushes have been removed and a second fountain installed. All that is left now is to remove the last remaining bulrushes and to get the fountains to spray straight up. That will be done as soon as we get the boat back from FSG.

All of that required a lot of planning and work so a big thank you to Basil Bold, Henry Dobrowolski, Mandla Dlamini and his team, and last but not least, the dear Lord for the copious rains! Thank you guys, your efforts are very much appreciated!

Those who attended the St George's night celebration will confirm that it was a highly successful and enjoyable evening. From the novel idea of fish and chips wrapped in newspaper to the arrangement of the tables and then the preparation, wrapping and serving of the food – a very special evening! A big thank you to Marilyn MacLauchlan, Sue Stirton and Pauline Mackie and their helpers and Hendra Mostert and hers for that wonderful evening!

Sadly it ended on a sour note. Those same ladies who worked so hard to make the evening a success, then found themselves at the receiving end of rather vicious complaints such as '... the fish and chips were soggy'! The complainants know who they are and the following words are addressed specifically at them:

1. *The hospitality team was not responsible for producing the food; they're not the channel through which such complaints should be addressed either – in a civil or uncivil manner! Such complaints should be addressed to the Village Manager.*
2. *Have you thought about the challenge of producing more than 70 newspaper wrapped parcels of fish and chips, keeping them crisp and serving them all at once? Not easy!*

And there've been consequences! Judy Stuart has had her work cut-out persuading two of those ladies not to resign from her team. As a compromise they have been granted leave of absence to recover from those ungracious complaints.

HOUSEKEEPING

Telecare Receiver

With load shedding and any type of electrical tripping, one of the components giving trouble seems to be your Telecare unit; it ends up with one or more flashing lights. Try this fix as suggested by Roy. At the left hand side of the white box there is a black on/off slider switch. It should be set in the On position. Just slide it to the Off position for a few minutes. Slide it back On and the blue light will start flashing. Press the blue light button and voila you have a working unit.

Main WhatsApp Groups:-

WATERHOLE GROUP	- (57 participants) still growing, 2 more this month.
INFO EVERGREEN GROUP	- (84 participants) come on, let's try for 100 ?
MOVIES EVERGREEN GROUP	- (63 participants)
CHAT EVERGREEN GROUP	- (31 participants) getting used more and more

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 try to be 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.

New Residents 1.

No's 129 and 130 are having a change of residents and we welcome Jim and Margo Goodwin and Stewart and Loraine Phillips. We hope you will enjoy this place as much as the rest of us.

New Residents 2.

Have you noticed the mum duck and 8 (at last count) ducklings on the Top Pond? We are not sure how long they are here for ! (Dave Nesbitt managed to get a short video of them)

New Resident 3.

This one we got a pic of (thanks Kiloran)



RAINFALL

Hi Chris,

Report for April 2019 below.

This month brought some surprisingly generous late rain, comparable to that of 2013 and 2017, and a welcome improvement. Plans are in place for an improved implementation of the borehole irrigation system, which will hopefully be in place soon. Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall, in millimetres, for 2018/2019:

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
Dec '18	84.3
Jan '19	147.5
Feb '19	217.0
Mar '19	14.8
Apr '19	108.9
12 Months	680.1

Rainfall for April by year:

2013	123.0
2014	25.7
2015	46.7
2016	3.8
2017	116.4
2018	42.0

The average for April since 2013 is 66.6 mm.

Best wishes, Cecil

At the last ResCom monthly meeting, a vote of thanks was passed onto our Chairman, Hennie du Preez, for doing an outstanding job over the last 8 months.

Summary of ResCom expenses

Hi Chris,

Herewith the schedule for March 2019.

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

For the record:

Summary of ResCom transactions for March 2019

	Income	Expense	Balance
Cash on hand at 28 February 2019			19 358
Donation from Waterhole			
Collection & Prizes for 100+ Club			
Social functions & decorations		1 574	
Gifts for Guest Speakers		400	
Admin & Library costs	20	59	
Total for the month	20	2 033	
Cash on hand at 31 March 2019			17 345
Reserved funds:			
Hospitality Portfolio Float	(2 000)		
Library Expenses Float	(200)		
Lyn Huddy Memorial Fund	(3 887)		
White Elephant Sale	(1 734)		
Top Pond Pump Cost Recovery	1 668		
Total Reserved	(6 689)		
Cash available at month end			10 656

By the way, I send 'Chatter' to over 30 people, local and overseas, just to make them jealous of what we get up to in Evergreen!

If you want me to include any friends or relatives of yours, just drop me a line, and I can add them on to my email list.

Chris

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

April 2019 - Dick Townsend's 80th Birthday
Well done Dick, congratulations!



24th April 2019 - St Georges Night Social
(Wow, 81 residents attended)



The poster features a red cross on a white background. In the top-left quadrant is a knight on a horse. The top-right quadrant contains text about the menu. The center of the cross contains the event title. The bottom-left quadrant shows the date and time. The bottom-right quadrant has a floral illustration.

Ye Olde English Pub Night
Traditional Fish 'n Chips or Chicken
Served the English Way in Newspaper!
Sticky Toffee Pudding and Ice Cream

St. George's Day Celebration

Wednesday, 24 April 2019
@ 5pm

Book Today, 23 April 2019 before 4pm with The
Bistro on ext. 209



Marilyn "The Chippie" with Bev Jackson, Val and Truly
and the lovely table layout for the occasion.



Many thanks Judy and all your team for making this a really enjoyable occasion



4 Real Poms showing the flag with a couple of transposed Scots



That's right Dave, it's on your flag as well



Oh Liz.....soon it will be St Davids 2020!



DJs Chris and Trish (available for Weddings, Bar Mitzvahs', etc)



Chairman Hennie teaching Erica some moves

accompanying posters in the "Dufy" style. This week the completed posters were finally hung and the occasion celebrated with a morning coffee party and lots of merry chatting.

So, when you next visit the library, take a moment to admire the work of our Evergreen artists – they've really done us proud.



The Artists - Pauline, Sue, Sandy and Penny.

Raoul Dufy [1877-1953] was a French artist and designer whose paintings and prints portrayed leisure activities and urban landscapes. He created airy washes of light and shade, into which he would draw bold calligraphic brushstrokes. He came to see art not as the faithful rendering of external, objective reality but rather as the "miracle of imagination at play in line and colour."

EVERGREEN BIRDS - MARCH 2019

Recently Wally Davey took a stroll around the Broadacres property armed as usual with his camera. For months we have all been hearing the calls of the Diederick's Cuckoos harassing the Southern Masked Weavers and the Southern Red Bishops away from their nests, so that the Diedericks could parasitise these nests by laying their eggs in them. Some success must have been achieved as, in the bottlebrush opposite the entrance gates, Wally discovered a young Diederick's Cuckoo vociferously begging for food, which was then provided by the much smaller host female Red Bishop.

Further down the gully in the reeds Wally found a juvenile Red Bishop also making a loud fuss begging for food, and being energetically fed by Mrs Red Bishop.

Nearby was Mr Red Bishop in all of his breeding glory, while another male close by was rapidly losing his beautiful breeding plumage and looking very unattractive to the ladies. He will have to wait for next year! (Thanks for the pics below from Wally and the story from Robin)



ALL THINGS BIKE

(and gear ratios)

no apologies for the following pics:



This bicycle, is called the "RELATIVITY Special". If pedalled at 90 revs per minute, is designed to travel faster than the speed of light. sTrue! Don't you believe it , just check out the calcs and description of the gear ratios on the sheets seen on the wall behind it. One revolution of the pedals sends the bike 6 times around the earth.

(It is part of the art exhibition "Circle of Time" that Pat Chirapravati now on display at California State University, Sacramento). (Notice the two padlocks to stop it from getting away)

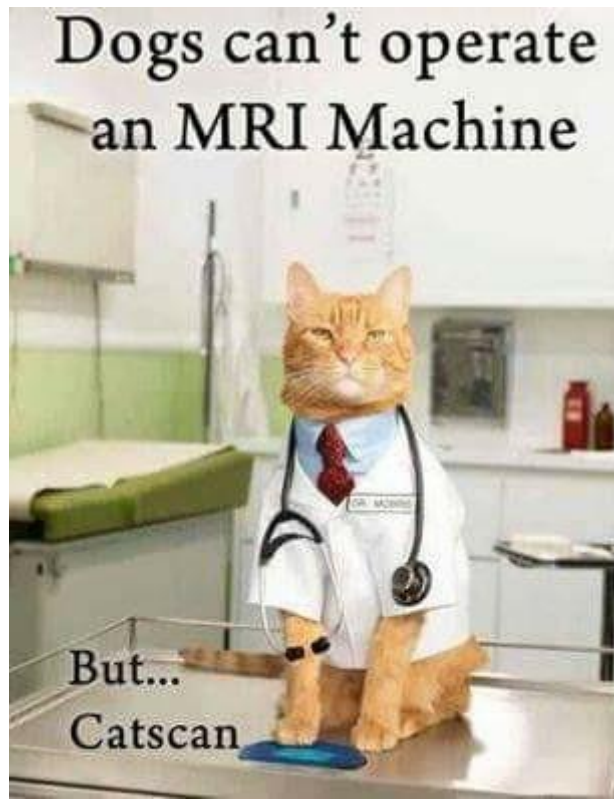




My Gran in 1916 - and you thought eScooters were modern?

**I just finished building a car
using a motor from a
washing machine.**

**I'm going to take it for a spin
later.**



From our friend Todd at Hurley Hospital in sunny Michigan



From The Cyril Rabinowitz Handbook for Electricians (Chapter 11 - Correct uses for cable ties)

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

Pilanesberg, Bakubung Lodge



We would like to offer our Time Share Rental.

Self catering, 2 bed, 2 bath, sleeps 6, facing down valley for:

1. Weekend. 4pm Fri 26th July to 10am Mon 29th July 2019 (3 nights).
R4000
or
2. Midweek. 4pm Mon 29th July to 10am 2nd August 2019 (4 nights). R4000
or
3. Full week. 4pm Fri 26th July to 10am 2nd August 2019 (7 nights). R7500

Free access to Pilanesberg Game Reserve.

Key and remote control refundable deposit on booking in of R150 extra.

Please contact Andy and Norma Johnston

Unit 111. Phone Intl Ext 1111 or 072 141 6895 (Andy)

JUST LIKE THAT (these are not attributed to anyone in particular but thank you so much, Graham L, Cyril (Not Ramaphosa), Penny R and John Shulkins.



Buckingham Palace announce an invite to Donald Trump to see the Queen

"Now Phillip, look for the nice young man with the yellow hair and a quiff outside the arrivals terminal and offer to give him a lift to the Palace, and remember you have to stop at stop streets"

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A British Voters view of what's going on in the House next door



A man is dining in a fancy restaurant and there's a gorgeous redhead sitting at the next table. He's been checking her out since he sat down, but lacks the nerve to talk with her.

Suddenly she sneezes, and her glass eye comes flying out of its socket toward the man. He reflexively reaches out, grabs it out of the air, and hands it back.

"Oh my, I am so sorry," the woman says as she pops her eye back in place.

"Let me buy your dinner to make it up to you," she says.

They enjoy a wonderful dinner together, and afterwards they go to the theatre followed by drinks. They talk, they laugh, she shares her deepest dreams and he shares his. She listens.

After paying for everything, she asks him if he would like to come to her place for a nightcap and stay for breakfast. They had a wonderful time.

The next morning, she cooks a gourmet meal with all the trimmings. The guy is amazed. Everything had been SO incredible!

"You know," he said, "you are the perfect woman, are you this nice to every guy you meet?"

"No," she replies. . .

"You just happened to catch my eye."

Happy Anniversary



- 5th Royston & Helen Knowles
- 15th Jimmy & Beryl Sletcher
- 17th Ossi & Lilo Kauzil
- 23rd Brian & Judy Stowell
- 23rd Robert & Anne Haselum



- 1st Lesley Murphy
- 1st Pieter Moolman
- 2nd David Bromfield
- 2nd Helen Stoyell
- 3rd Fred Solesbury
- 4th Alan Beattie
- 5th Elsbeth Hallbauer
- 12th Pat Morgan
- 13th Neville Slaughter
- 14th Pat Moolman
- 15th Royston Knowles
- 20th John Schulkins
- 21st Wally Davey
- 22nd Rosalin Messerschmidt
- 24th Joy Blandin De Chalain
- 25th Philip Hartsliel
- 25th Marlies Bold
- 31st Doreen Tim

Help!! get me out of here.

We are off to Cape Town via our adopted school in Ugie, Eastern Cape, for about 3 to 4 weeks. If you have any items you think would be useful for 80 primary school kids, please let me have them before 20th May.

We are taking a laptop PC (from Ruth), a desktop PC (from Traudi), and a printer (From Judy Mac), plus stuff from Viv Pike and Hennie and Marion, all very useful particularly now they have had electricity for a year.

As I will be away for the next Chatter, I will be combining May and June into one issue.

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 to you.

Thanks to all of you,

Cheers for now. Chris