



JUNE 2020 - Stay warm, Stay safe, and if you can, have fun!

FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

June 2020.

Dear fellow residents,

Any of you who walked or drove along Plover drive or Robin lane on Friday morning would have noticed Heather Allan's team of volunteer gardeners happily digging, weeding, dead-heading, etc., on the long neglected pavements. What struck me was how much fun they were having; chatting, joking and ribbing each other! Many commented on how nice it was to have something constructive to do on a lovely sunny morning! And anybody walking or driving on our lanes now will certainly notice what a difference they've made.

It reminded me of the early days in Broadacres when Phase 1 and later Phase 2 residents frequently got out on similar volunteer days to work in our common areas. That's where the strong community spirit that exists in this village started, a spirit which frankly can do with a bit of a boost in this time of COVID.

So Heather, a sincere thank you for suggesting and organising this fun morning, and to all your volunteers, thank you for turning up and bending your backs for the benefit of our community! I'm sorry that I couldn't join in the fun on that first gardening morning, but I'll certainly be there on the next! I hope there weren't too many sore backs and legs over the weekend!

Heather, over to you to organise the next fun gardening day!

I stress, as Heather did, this is an entirely **voluntary** initiative - if you feel up to it, join the party; if you don't!

See pictures later in this edition

May ended with Wilma's circular 045 informing us of an electricity tariff structure change, effective 01 June, introducing Block 1 and Block 2 tariffs, and a daily capacity charge. This caused a great deal of confusion and many questions. It also brought Jac Messerschmidt and Dick Townsend into the discussion. Those of you who have bought electricity in June would have noticed that there haven't been any changes yet, i.e. you can still buy any amount of power at R1,5654/ unit and there isn't any daily capacity charge, so go ahead and recharge your meters while the going is good.

I can report that Wilma continues in discussion with Eskom's account executive for our area, plus MeterMan, SmartMatter, and Jac around this subject and that the status quo will be maintained until there is understanding all around.

June started with ResCom's appeal for support to the community, using proceeds from our 100+ club draws. As has been reported, you shot that idea down in flames so the 100+ club draw will continue as before. You also made it clear that you weren't happy about our donation of R6 000. I can assure you that ResCom has taken particular note of your views in that respect and there won't be a repeat.

We are still waiting for an official receipt from the Lonehill Community Improvement project, but we have the following acknowledgement in an e-mail addressed to Jim Goodwin, our Finance portfolio leader.

Dear Jim

Thank you so much for your generous donation. Your generosity is so much appreciated.

Patrice - could you please furnish a receipt.

Shelley - would it be possible to send photos of the food parcels.

Kind regards,

Bev Bulbring

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The perennial, and frankly very disappointing issue of dog poohs has again raised its ugly head! As I've said before, what is it with those few dog owners/walkers who don't have the common decency to clean-up behind their dogs? With this I'm appealing to all residents: please keep your eyes open, and if you can present proof, we'll happily name and shame any culprit.

The COVID 19 pandemic is still very much with us. In fact it is only now getting to Gauteng in a big way so the risks out there are getting worse. I know that many of you are finding the lockdown, especially the additional measures introduced by Evergreen irksome and unnecessary. As explained in Wilma's circular 057 titled **"Thank you for your sacrifice and support"** it is all being done to protect us from the virus. Wilma has my full support and I urge you to respond positively to her appeal. The virus and associated restrictions are going to be with us for many months to come. Indeed, as has been said by so many, the restrictions will be the new norm, so the sooner you get your mind around that, the better you'll be able to cope!

Booklovers Choices (Part Two)

Hi again booklovers, we asked for residents choices of all time favorites for a good read.

Here to start us off are the results in no specific order:

There's some interesting reading ahead!
Let's have some more, folks.

Four good reads from Judy McLaren

Ayaan Hirsi Ali, *Infidel*

This is an autobiography of Ayaan Hirsi Ali, a Somali, Dutch activist and politician. She has attracted controversy, and death threats were made against her in the early 2000's. Inspiring and beautifully written, the book tells of her courageous and enduring fight against the power and cruelty of Radical Islam (including forced marriage and genital mutilation)

Barbara Demick, *Nothing to Envy**

A fascinating read that follows the lives of 6 ordinary North Koreans who manage to defect to South Korea, often via China. One marvels how intelligent folk can be so brainwashed into such adoration for their "beloved leader" that they believe all the propaganda, and that they indeed have "nothing to envy"
*Not in our library, but Judy has a copy.

Carolly Erickson, *The Hidden Diary of Marie Antoinette*

This is historical fiction and an easy read. It is perhaps not all true, but is so interesting as it gives such a wealth of detail of the background and lives in that period. One also has a new look at the person of Marie Antoinette.

Tim Wilton, *Breath*

This is set in Western Australia in the 1970's. It is the story of a young man's experience in pushing himself to the limit in fear and exhilaration, his youthful erotic experience - and later- in maturity, the emptiness of leaving such intensity -in love and in life - behind. Rather philosophical!

Favourite reads from Corrie Cartwright

Francis Scott-Fitzgerald *The Great Gatsby*

Herman Charles Bosman *Mafeking Road*

Deneys Reitz *Commando*

Vincent Carruthers *The Magaliesberg*

Dan Brown *The Da Vinci Code* (being one of the first in that genre)

Her favourite authors in our library include

Bill Bryson

Robert Goddard

Kate Furnivall

Favourite reads from Wally Davey

Frederick Forsyth
Jeffrey Archer
Ken Follett
Jason Matthews
Robert Ludlum

Day of the Jackal
Kane and Abel
The Pillars of the Earth
The Red Sparrow
The Bourne Identity

Favourite reads of Robin Davey

Ray Mouton
Douglas Kennedy
Terry Hayes
Penny Vincenzi

In God's House
The Pursuit of Happiness
I am Pilgrim
Old Sins

Two meters.....how many
times do I have to tell you!!!



SAVOURY

Pork meatballs

A deliciously different take on the usual pork sausages, these crispy fried meatballs will win compliments all round.

Makes four portions

1 onion, finely chopped
2,5ml (½ tsp) dried parsley
600g (1 packet) pork sausages
1ml garlic salt
Black pepper to taste
8 slices of fresh white breadcrumbs
1 egg
Oil for frying

1. Preheat the oven to 180°C.
2. Heat the oil and sauté the onion and parsley until the onion is soft. Remove from the heat.
3. Press the meat out of the sausage casings.
4. Beat the egg and add to the onion mixture, together with the sausage meat, garlic salt, black pepper and breadcrumbs. Blend well.
5. Shape into balls.
6. Fry the meatballs for three to four minutes.
7. Place in a pan and bake in the oven for about eight minutes until cooked through.
8. Serve the meatballs with potato wedges and a green salad.





Computer Class of 2019

This is a blast from the very recent past!

I wonder when we will ever be able to use facilities like this again??

I have started on an alternative for those computer users who want to brush up their skills.

I have prepared a series of short video clips which you will be able to view on YouTube at your leisure and in the comfort of your own home and at a pace which will suit yourselves.

I have started off with Microsoft Word (2 videos so far, probably a total of 5 or 6) covering the more straightforward uses of Word which you might need.

I will carry on with Excel and maybe Powerpoint. Following the computer based theme, I thought I could do something about using Email (Outlook and Gmail) and also accessing and using the Internet.

I have a particular interest in Genealogy and it might be fun to delve into the past.

If you have a need to put your hobbies/interests on a video, please give me a call. I have a superb piece of video editing software and can produce and help you with your endeavour.

To check out my videos so far, goto Google and type:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qAEMvPtG_IA

Click on the picture and the video will start.

Click on ""Kingfisher Videos" and you will see other videos available



Heather's Idea grew and grew



Has Lilo found the ideal job?



Penny T getting stuck in



Henry....you know that fishing is illegal, or are you trying to connect the electric fence to your Caravan??

Lockdown Landscapers from Heather Allan (thanks to the pony tailed blonde for title and pics)

What a team !

Sixteen volunteers got stuck into the verges, mainly on Plover drive, last Friday morning to tidy up, sweep and weed and what a wonderful, happy and productive morning it was.

We filled eighteen bags and had three hours of companionable work, chat and great satisfaction by the end of the morning.

Each person made a huge contribution in time and effort, grateful thanks to each and everyone of them.

We plan to have another gardening morning the week 6-10 July, day to be confirmed.

A WWII story of loss and love
By Emily Maclachlan, November 2018
(Aged 10 from Cambridge, UK)

How WWII affected my family.



My great grandfather Arthur Terence Larkan, (he hated the name Arthur and never used it so his friends and family called him Terry), was born in 1918 in Nqabeni *, a tiny village in KwaZulu Natal South Africa. At the age of 21, he joined the Natal Rifles, an infantry regiment, in Durban when war broke out in 1939. He then wanted to train as a pilot, so he joined the South African Air Force, (SAAF).

He joined the 24 Squadron, one of the most renowned squadrons in the SAAF during World War II. He saw action in Egypt and Italy, flying 96 active bombing missions on the side of the allies. He flew so many missions in such a short time, he was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC).



The Distinguished Flying Cross awarded to Terence Larkan

* Nqabeni - Is near the N2 between Port Shepstone and Harding.

Terry Larkan, November 1942

My great grandfather's friend and fellow pilot, Reginald Tarpey, wrote a poem about him. This is the poem that my grandmother, Marilyn Maclachlan, committed to memory:

'Here's to Terry, King of the skies,
Full of blarney and those Irish eyes, His recent acquisition, a DFC,
Means little to him and lots to me,
Long may he wander, long may he roam,
But then, finally, may he stagger on home!'



Terry flew a Marauder Bomber

There were 2000 odd pilots and crew in 24 Squadron and 220 of them died in the war. My great grandfather's plane was shot up with bullets on many occasions and he was lucky to survive the war.

Graham Hackland

Sadly, my great grandfather's best friend, Graham Hackland, who had been married just seven months earlier, died at the beginning of the war. Hackland was flying in formation, when the plane next to him tipped his wing. It sent his plane into a tail spin and he crashed and died.

A couple of years later, my great grandfather saw a picture of the late Graham Hackland's widow, Enid, in the local newspaper, she had been crowned Pietermaritzburg City Hall's Spring Queen. He went to visit Enid to give his condolences, as he had been up North in the war and hadn't seen her. The decorated war hero met eyes with the beauty queen and love sparkled in their hearts.

Enid refused to remarry, although my great grandfather kept asking her. One day they were filling up with petrol, and she watched him speaking so nicely to the petrol attendant, she suddenly wound down her window and said "Alright, I will".

In response my great grandfather said, "You will, what?", and she answered, "Marry you". This is how a happy ending bloomed.

Enid Larkan became my great grandmother. Without the events of World War II, I would never have been born!

Terence and Enid Larkan on their wedding day in 1944



Thank you Marilyn for that wonderful story about your Dad.

Herewith a brief report and summary of Rescom's Financial position, as at 30/6/2020

	Income	Expenses	Balance
Cash on Hand (31/5/2020)			R 13,717.00
100+ Club tickets - EFT	R 6,550.00		
100+ Club tickets - Cash	R 5,300.00		
100+ Club - Prizes paid	R 5,900.00		
Donation - Lonehill Residents assoc Feeding Scheme		R 6,000.00	
Bank Charges and Interest	R 22.00	R 180.00	
Funds Available			R13,509.00

The 100+ Club contributed R5950 to Rescom's funds, after paying out R5900 in prizes

A "Support the Community" donation of R6000 was made to Lonehill Residents Assoc as a contribution to a Feeding Scheme for the local community.

Jim Goodwin



Rainfall Report for June 2020.

The month's rainfall shows the same unpredictable pattern of previous years. The measurement for June arose from unexpected showers over two days - 16th & 17th. A similar pattern is anticipated until the September rains appear again.

We remain keen to see the impact of the borehole system on our Municipal water usage. Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative as dam levels are now below those recorded last year.

Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

Jul 2019	0.0
Aug 2019	0.0
Sep 2019	3.5
Oct 2019	4.0
Nov 2019	153.7
Dec 2019	230.5
Jan 2020	79.5
Feb 2020	145.2
Mar 2020	81.1
Apr 2020	72.4
May 2020	23.0
June 2020	15.5

12 Months 808.4

Rainfall in June over the years

2013	0
2014	0
2015	1.8
2016	13.0
2017	0
2018	6.0
2019	0
2020	15.5

Average for June since 2013 is 4.5mm

Just Like That.....

**A priest, a rabbit and a minister walk into a bar.
The bartender asks the rabbit "what'll ya have?"
The rabbit says "I dunno. I'm only here
because of Autocorrect."**



Apologies to our Rabbi


Turns out it was a marble in the ashtray 😂😂



Wheres your Mask, Zoe Powell?



Basil's son in Switzerland is encouraging him to get an e-bike. I think this one could be a project??

New Social Distancing Flights now available 



The Book is titled "How to teach your dog to drive"

Just a reminder: The flu
HAS a vaccine and still
kills 45K to 65K each
year.
Educating the Panicked



FOLLOW ME FOR
MORE RECIPES!



Now you know why
the Internet can
be slow sometimes.



You realize how isolated you have been
when a world pandemic happens and
you need to make almost zero
changes to your lifestyle

Q: How did you meet your husband?

A: I'm a pharmacist. He came to buy condoms asked for XXXXL.

And only after we got married I realized that he stutters...



Fifty ways to beat COVID-19

**Don't hop on the bus, Gus,
Stay away from the pack, Jack,
Sneeze into your sleeve, Steve,
To keep virus free.**

**Stop touching your face, Grace,
Stay back to six feet, Pete,
Keep washing your hands, Stan,
And heed CDC.**

**Don't visit your Gran, Jan,
Wipe down every toy, Roy,
Don't hoard all the food, dude,
Please buy sensibly.**

**Just use some Purell, Mel,
Keep wipes near at hand, man.
Don't listen to John, Don -
You don't need more TP!**

**This isn't Spring Break, Jake,
Stay home if you're sick, Dick,
Just follow the rules, fools,
And stay virus free!**



CLOCK QUIZ

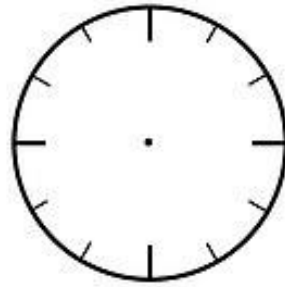
Use the clues to determine the correct time and then draw it in the clock.

1. This time is in the pm. It is 50 minutes past 2:10. What is the time? _____

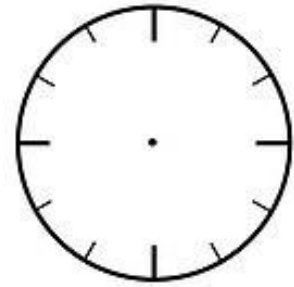
2. This time is after noon. It is 200 minutes before midnight. What is the time? _____

3. This time is in the morning. It is 915 minutes past noon. What is the time? _____

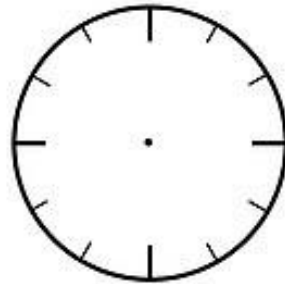
4. This time is between 9:30 pm and 2:30 am. It is 345 minutes before 5:00. What is the time? _____



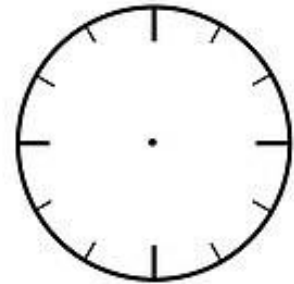
Draw the correct time



Draw the correct time



Draw the correct time



Draw the correct time

UNITS OF TIME

DETERMINE the correct answer to each question. Try to do the sum in your head first, then use paper if needed. Do not use a calculator.

1. How many minutes are in 4 hours? _____

2. How many seconds are in 2.5 hours? _____

3. How many hours do 120 minutes and 10,800 seconds equal? _____

4. In 8 hours, it will be 5am. What time is it now? _____

5. In 14 hours, it will be 8pm. What time is it now? _____

6. In 4.5 hours, you will be

30 minutes late for your 2pm appointment. What time is it now? _____

7. You started doing garden work at 8am. You spent 1.5 hours weeding, 45 minutes planting seeds, 20 minutes watering, and then 15 minutes cleaning up. What time is it now? _____

8. You need to do all your errands before you meet

friends for lunch at 12.30pm. First you need to go to the bank (20 minutes), pick up dry cleaning across town (35 minutes), buy household items at the store (45 minutes), return library books (15 minutes), and then pick up repaired jewelry (25 minutes). How long will it take you to do these errands? _____

GRANDCHILDREN COMPARISONS

Using the clues given, make the requested comparisons to determine the correct answer.

1. YOUR grandchildren are racing in the back garden. Jimmy beat Cathy, and Melanie beat Patrick. If Patrick beat Jimmy, what was the outcome of the race?

1ST PLACE _____

2ND PLACE _____

3RD PLACE _____

4TH PLACE _____

2. YOUR grandchildren are measuring their heights. Tom is taller than Sally, but he is not taller than Lucy. Amber is not as tall as Sally. What is their order of height from tallest to shortest?

1ST (TALLEST) _____

2ND _____

3RD _____

4TH (SHORTEST) _____

3. Your grandchildren are comparing their allowances. Kate earns more than Henry, who earns the least. Joe does not make as much as Kate. What is their order from the highest allowance to the least?

1ST (HIGHEST) _____

2ND _____

3RD (LEAST) _____

4. YOUR grandchildren are comparing their grades. Yvonne earned a higher

grade than Albert, but she did not earn as high of a grade as Neil. Marie earned a higher grade than Neil. What is their order from highest grade to the lowest?

1ST (HIGHEST) _____

2ND _____

3RD _____

4TH (LOWEST) _____

5. Your grandchildren are comparing how many toys they have at your house. Louie has fewer than Tamra, who has fewer than Olivia. Robert has more toys than Olivia. What is their order from the most toys to the least?

1ST (MOST) _____

2ND _____

3RD _____

4TH (LEAST) _____

6. Your grandchildren are playing a board game. Eva has four more points than William, but she has eight fewer points than Vivian. If William has 32 points, in what order did they come in the game and with how many points?

	Name	Points
1ST	_____	_____
2ND	_____	_____
3RD	_____	_____