



**It's that time of year for beautiful sunrises and they are not too early
I took this picture from my front stoep at 7.01am.
5 minutes later the shot had disappeared!**

FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

August 2020.
Dear fellow residents,

The COVID 19 virus continues finding its way into the village. In this month 3 more cases were reported. Fortunately, they were all mild and the residents self-isolated at home and have now recovered. Two of those cases chose to remain anonymous.

Remaining anonymous is of course your right, but that causes a lot of anxiety amongst your fellow residents because they are all wondering: 'was I perhaps in contact with that unnamed person and am I now perhaps infected?' While we all sincerely hope there won't be any more cases, this is a heartfelt appeal to any new cases not to choose to remain anonymous. Far from being stigmatized, your fellow residents will be full of understanding, sympathy and offers of support.

At our most recent ResCom meeting we passed a vote of thanks to Jac Messerschmidt. The vote of thanks was for the many hours he had spent with Wilma, and the special knowledge he could bring to the table to sort out the problem's around the village's under-recovery on its electricity account, the base capacity charge it was paying for and the correct Eskom tariffs that should be applied by MeterMan and SmartMatter.

Jac, I'm sure all your fellow residents join ResCom in extending that vote of thanks to you!

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In normal times the RAM (Residents' Annual Meeting) and AGM would have been held in July and August respectively. We have been assured that those meetings will be held as soon as the COVID 19 regulations permit. In the meantime, here's a reminder that Heather Allan and Kate van Rooyen will be resigning from the leadership of the Hospitality portfolio and that we need somebody else to run that rewarding portfolio beyond the AGM.

Perhaps that person, or persons could come from the apartments. The apartment residents are not represented on ResCom, and ResCom, being organized along portfolio lines, don't have a position for a designated 'Apartments representative'. So here's the opportunity for somebody from the apartments, perhaps a husband and wife team, to put up their hands to lead the Hospitality portfolio, to get involved in the business of running the village and at the same time to be a voice for the apartments on ResCom.

So how about it apartment residents? If you're wondering what the position entails, why not give Heather (ext. 1096), Kate (ext. 1093) or me (ext 1072) a ring to find out?

Speaking of Kate, she would like to thank those still dropping off loaves of bread for the soup kitchen. There is still a need to feed even when the weather is getting warmer, so get an extra loaf or loaves when you are out shopping.



Evergreen Broadacres - Wetlands Sunrise (before Lifestyle Centre and Apartments) from Kiloran or was it a painting??

GirlsBoys40 most popular baby names in 2019
England and Wales

1	Olivia	Oliver
2	Amelia	George
3	Isla	Noah
4	Ava	Arthur
5	Mia	Harry
6	Isabella	Leo
7	Sophia	Muhammad
8	Grace	Jack
9	Lily	Charlie
10	Freya	Oscar
11	Emily	Jacob
12	Ivy	Henry
13	Ella	Thomas
14	Rosie	Freddie
15	Evie	Alfie
16	Florence	Theo
17	Poppy	William
18	Charlotte	Theodore
19	Willow	Archie
20	Evelyn	Joshua
21	Elsie	Alexander
22	Phoebe	James
23	Sophie	Isaac
24	Sienna	Edward
25	Alice	Lucas
26	Sofia	Tommy
27	Ruby	Finley
28	Isabelle	Max
29	Harper	Logan
30	Matilda	Ethan
31	Daisy	Mohammed
32	Emilia	Teddy
33	Jessica	Benjamin
34	Maya	Arlo
35	Eva	Joseph
36	Luna	Sebastian
37	Millie	Harrison
38	Eliza	Elijah
39	Chloe	Adam
40	Maisie	Daniel

There are not too many things we do in life which will have a lasting impression on our descendants.

Naming your baby was one of them!

I don't see Wilfred (Boris Johnson's latest) here, so maybe next year.

Nor do I see my great grandmother, Zilpah !

Stealing your airtime

MyBroadband recently reported that fraudsters are using a gateway developed by Vodacom to steal millions in airtime from its subscribers.

These rogue Wireless Application Service Providers (WASPs) have been stealing airtime from mobile users on a mass scale for years.

While exact figures about airtime theft is a closely guarded secret, industry estimates suggest that billions in airtime have been stolen from mobile subscribers in South Africa over the last decade.

There have been numerous calls for mobile operators to block WASP billing by default, but these calls have fallen on deaf ears.

Some consolation is that mobile operators make it possible for subscribers to block premium content subscriptions and WASP billing.

If you have been a victim of airtime theft, you can lodge a complaint with the Wireless Access Service Providers' Association (WASPA) to claim your money back.

- Unsubscribe from WASP subscription services using the methods listed below.
- Don't ignore messages saying you are subscribed to a particular service and giving you an option to unsubscribe.

If you're getting "welcome" messages, you're being billed.

- Check your cellphone statements for content charges. If you're on prepaid, monitor your balance.
- Be mobile-savvy - think twice before entering your cell number and beware of clicking on banners and links without reading the fine print. Many are subscription services, albeit legitimate ones.

Check if you are subscribed to WASP services.

Vodacom Send "Stop All" to 31050 (If you receive a message saying it was unsuccessful, you weren't subscribed to anything).

Dial *111# >> Select option 8 (Services) >> Select option 11 (Next) >> Select option 2 (Content Services) >> Select option 1 (View and Stop Content Services)

MTN Dial *155# >> Select option 1 (View and Unsubscribe)

Cell C Dial *133*1# to view active subscriptions.

Cell C subscribers can see content subscriptions on their invoice under call charges where there is a line item called "Content Services".

Telkom Use the Telkom Mobile app and navigate to My Product > Subscriptions > Content Services.

How to unsubscribe from or block WASP services.

Vodacom Send "Stop All" to 31050

Call customer care on 135

Dial *111# >> Select option 8 (Services) >> Select option 11 (Next) >> Select option 2 (Content Services) >> Select option 1 (View and Stop Content Services)

Prepaid - Dial *135# >> 12 >> 1 >> 10 >> 1 >> 3 OR *111# >> 12 >> 1 >> 10 >> 1 >> 3

MTN Dial *155# >> Select option 1 (View and Unsubscribe) >> Select option 1 (Cancel All)

Cell C Dial *133*1# to view and cancel any active subscriptions.

Telkom Manage your WASP subscriptions within the Telkom Mobile app by navigating to My Product > Subscriptions > Content Services.

You can also navigate to My Products > Manage > Protect Your Mobile Number, and set it to "On" to prevent any future WASP billing.



Our Public areas took another day of attention from the Verge Cleaning Squad.

Well done ladies and gents, your efforts are so appreciated.

Heather, well done for organising these events.

Thanks to Margo for the snacks.

Cheers for the pics Kiloran.

Kindest regards from Penny Henegan

Thanks to the Workers who cleaned up around the single units two weeks ago. Much appreciated by units 38 through to 43.



Can we help ??... Have we got what you want??..

Now that the ADSL service is being stopped it may also be time to stop paying for the privilege of a tied email address. Please everyone just think of using a new Gmail address, it is **free**, has **unlimited post box size** and can be accessed **anywhere in the world**. All it means is you send one email to all your Address Book or Contacts telling them of your change of email address. It could also get rid of those annoying subscriptions and advertising that won't go away!

NB We have heard that Telkom will not drop ADSL if there is no fibre in the area, we hope that is correct.

Call Chris at Ext 1089 if you need help.

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If any Resident is looking to have appliances repaired on site, contact Jonathan Selvan 082 443 6953. He is very reliable and doesn't charge the earth. He has been repairing our appliances for over 20 years and is highly recommended.

Chris says "Thank you for the tip, Elaine Gladstone"

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Penny Henegan still has a mobility scooter available, it belongs to her friend's Dad who cannot use it any more...sadly, he is now completely immobile. She bought it for him a year ago for R15 000, but would happily let it go to a person who needs it for **R9 000**.

She is hoping to bring it into the village so as you can try it out, along with Cliffie and Penny R, we could have a fleet of scooters to enter in the Tour d'Evergreen in the Spring.

. Would it be of value to anybody here? maybe you know of somebody outside who could use it?? Call her on Ext 1039

Lockdown brings importance to the most mundane things. Here is Jen and Jane who wish to extol (lovely word that) the virtues of their MOPS
Mop your driveway anyone??



SPORTING NEWS

Apart from Fulham getting back into the Premiership, what other important sporting news could there be??

Oh, yes, Congratulations to Dave Powell from No 97, he is the Bryanston Country Club Mens Bowls Champion for the third year running.
Well done, Dave!

ECOBRICKS

Sometime ago Lorraine Phillips told me about a scheme for building walls from discarded plastic bottles and plastic wrapping and bags. We were reminded about this by an article in the latest 4Ways Review.

The bottles could be any size but 2litre works the best.

Please stuff the plastic bags inside the bottles and ram them down hard with something like the end of a wooden spoon, always a good morning exercise for everyone!

Once you have filled the bottles and put on the caps, they can be dropped off at Pickn'Pay at the junction of William Nicol and Republic or at Jackson's in Kyalami Corner shopping centre.



Building a bottle wall

Bottles

Students and volunteers stuff the plastic bottles with plastic bags and other insulating trash. More bags fill in the gaps between bottles.

Chicken wire
The bottles were bound between layers of chicken wire, which are attached to a metal frame.

Concrete
Up to three layers of cement mixed with sand were applied to the outside of the bottles, with orange paint adding the finishing touch.

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Rain

Will it or Wont it?

Only Ernie will know

Hardy Rainwalkers

Rainfall Report for Aug 2020.

Much as expected for August, after which we will hopefully welcome the September rains.

We remain keen to see the impact of the borehole system on our Municipal water usage - hopefully after lockdown.

Please remember the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative as dam levels remain below those recorded last year.

Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

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
Jun 2020	15.5
Jul 2020	0.0
Aug 2020	0.0

12 Months 808.4

Rainfall in August over the years

2013	7.0
2014	20.5
2015	0
2016	3.9
2017	0
2018	0
2019	0
2020	0

Average for August since 2013 is 4 mm



These paintings are by Dini Condy (sorry they got left out from the July Chatter)

The Rhodes too far?

After my mentioning Dini Condy in July Chatter, Idonea Prentice informed me that she and Dini were at the same school in Zim!!



Just Like That.....

Pronunciation Poem

I take it you already know
of tough and bough and cough and dough?
Others may stumble, but not you,
on hiccough, thorough, laugh and through.
Well done! And now you wish, perhaps,
to learn of less familiar traps?

Beware of heard, a dreadful word,
that looks like beard and sounds like bird.
And dead -- it's said like bed not bead --
and for goodness' sake don't call it deed!
Watch out for meat and great and threat
(They rhyme with suite and straight and debt)

A moth is not the moth in mother,
nor both in bother, broth in brother.
And here is not a match for there,
nor dear and fear for bear and pear.
And then there's dose and rose and lose --
just look them up -- and goose and choose,
and cork and work and card and ward,
and font and front and word and sword,
and do and go and thwart and cart --
come, come I've hardly made a start.
A dreadful language? Man alive.
I'd mastered it when I was five.



This picture has got nothing to do with anything here, except her bike is rather special.

Did you know?

Imagine you were born in 1900.

When you're 14, World War I begins and ends when you're 18 with 22 million dead.

Soon after a global pandemic, the Spanish Flu, appears, killing 50 million people. And you're alive and 20 years old.

When you're 29 you survive the global economic crisis that started with the collapse of the New York Stock Exchange, causing inflation, unemployment and famine.

When you're 33 years old the Nazi Party comes to power.

When you're 39, World War II begins and ends when you're 45 years old with a 60 million dead.

In the Holocaust 6 million Jews die.

When you're 52, the Korean War begins.

When you're 64, the Vietnam War begins and ends when you're 75.

A child born in 1985 thinks his grandparents have no idea how difficult life is, but they have survived several wars and catastrophes.

Today we have all the comforts in a new world, amid a new pandemic. But we complain because we need to wear masks. We complain because we must stay confined to our homes where we have food, electricity, running water, Wifi, even Netflix! None of that existed back in the day. But humanity survived those circumstances and never lost their joy of living.

A small change in our perspective can generate miracles. We should be thankful that we are alive. We should do everything we need to do to protect and help each other.

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HOTEL MINHETTI
PORT ELIZABETH

TABLE No. 3

	No. of Persons	
2 doz oyster	2	50
1 Prawn cocktail	1	50
1 Shrimp	3	50
2 Sole m. unite	5	00
1 T Bone steak	1	75
1. minestone soup		50
2 Lobster Thermidor	6	00
2 " cocktail	3	00
2 Fillet Steak	3	60
1 Portion mushroom		25
2 Salads		50
10% Service charge		2 61
TOTAL R		28 71

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I got this piece of memorabilia from Penny Henegan.

Was there a story behind it I asked? "Not that I can remember" was the coy reply

So I decided to make one up!

Jack was obviously her 'date' for the night.

But who ate the 24 Oysters?

This does seem to be rather a lot of food for two maybe it was a long lunch developing into dinner?

Why did she keep it for 55 years?

R28.76 in 1975 is worth R1 361.23 today

More questions than answers, Penny!

Little Wabbit

A little girl walks into a pet shop and asks in the sweetest little lisp
"Excute me, mithter, do you keep widdle wabbits?"

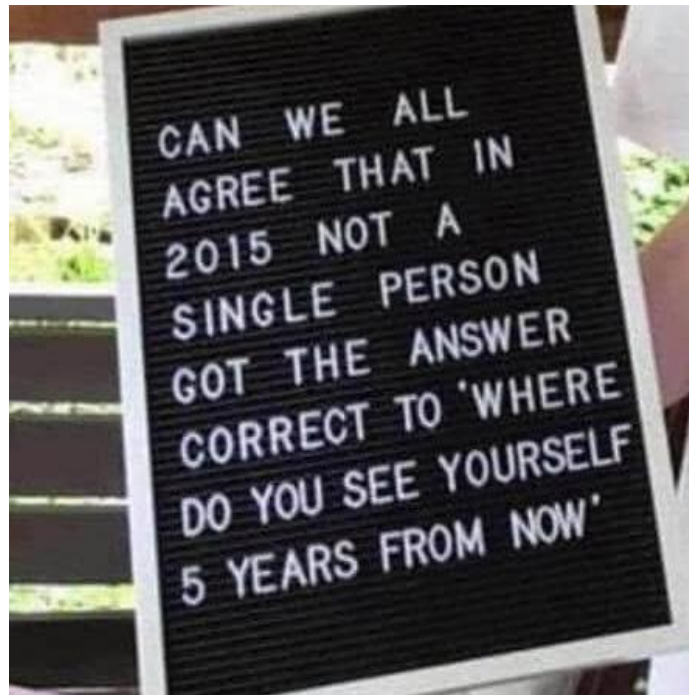
As the shopkeeper's heart melts, he gets down on his knees so that he's on her level and asks

"Do you want a widdle white wabbit or a thoft and fuwwy bwack wabbit, or maybe one like that cute widdle bwown wabbit over there?"

She in turn blushes, rocks on her heels, puts her hands on her knees, leans forward and says in a quiet voice,

"I don't fink my pet python weally gives a thit."





SOMETHING TO MAKE YOU SMILE ON A MONDAY MORNING!



Church Ladies With Typewriters.

They're Back!

Those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for the church ladies with typewriters. These sentences actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services:

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Scouts are saving aluminium cans, bottles and other items to be recycled. Proceeds will be used to cripple children.
- The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- Don't let worry kill you off - let the Church help.
- Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I Will Not Pass This Way Again,' giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.
- For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.
- Next Thursday there will be try-outs for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members, and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Please place your donation in the envelope along with the deceased person you want remembered.
- The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment, and gracious hostility.
- Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.
- The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.
- This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.
- The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 PM. Please use the back door.
- The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the Church basement Friday at 7 PM. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.
- Weight Watchers will meet at 7 PM at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use the large double doors at the side entrance.

OUR SHOWS WILL GO ON
we will be back as soon as possible.

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You have seen eBike, eTrike, eScooter
How about eCanoe? maybe ePedalo?



What kind of tea is that???
I don't know, I found it in my
grandson's room.

TEA POT



She/He also does not own a computer.
See last item of stories below

Meanwhile in a Call Centre somewhere

Customer: 'I've been calling 0700-1800 for two days and can't get through; can you help?'

Operator: 'Where did you get that number, sir?'

Customer: 'It's on the door of your business.'

Operator: 'Sir, those are the hours that we are open.'

Samsung Electronics

Caller: 'Can you give me the telephone number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, sir, I don't understand who you are talking about.'

Caller: 'On page 1, section 5, of the user guide it clearly states that I need to unplug the fax machine from the AC wall socket and telephone Jack before cleaning.'

Now, can you give me the number for Jack?'

Operator: 'I think it means the telephone plug on the wall.'

RAC Motoring Services

Caller: 'Does your European Breakdown Policy cover me when I am traveling in Australia?'

Operator: 'Does the policy name give you a clue?'

Caller (enquiring about legal requirements while traveling in Europe)

'If I register my car in France, and then take it to England, do I have to change the steering wheel to the other side of the car?'

Directory Enquiries

Caller: 'I'd like the number of the Argo Fish Bar, please'

Operator: 'I'm sorry, there's no listing. Are you sure that the spelling is correct?'

Caller: 'Well, it used to be called the Bargo Fish Bar but the 'B' fell off.'

Then there was the caller who asked for a knitwear company in Woven.

Operator: 'Woven? Are you sure?'

Caller: 'Yes . . . That's what it says on the label . . . Woven in Scotland'

On another occasion, a man making heavy breathing sounds from a phone box told a worried operator:

'I haven't got a pen, so I'm steaming up the window to write the number on.'

Tech Support: 'I need you to right-click on the Open Desktop.'

Customer: 'OK.'

Tech Support: 'Did you get a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No.'

Tech Support: 'OK. Right-Click again. Do you see a pop-up menu?'

Customer: 'No.'

Tech Support: 'OK, sir Can you tell me what you have done up until this point?'

Customer: 'Sure . . . You told me to write 'click' and I wrote 'click'.'

Tech Support: 'OK. At the bottom left hand side of your screen, can you see the 'OK' button displayed?'

Customer: 'Wow! How can you see my screen from there?'

Caller: 'I deleted a file from my PC last week and I just realized that I need it. So, if I turn my system clock back two weeks will I get my file back again?'

Actual dialogue of a former WordPerfect Customer Support employee.
(Now I know why they record these conversations!):

Operator: 'Ridge Hall, computer assistance; may I help you?'

Caller: 'Yes, well, I'm having trouble with WordPerfect

Operator: 'What sort of trouble?'

Caller: 'Well, I was just typing along, and all of a sudden the words went away.'

Operator: 'Went away?'

Caller: 'They disappeared'

Operator: 'Hmm. So what does your screen look like now?'

Caller: 'Nothing.'

Operator: 'Nothing??'

Caller: 'It's blank; it won't accept anything when I type.'

Operator: 'Are you still in WordPerfect, or did you get out?'

Caller: 'How do I tell?'

Operator: 'Can you see the 'C: prompt' on the screen?'

Caller: 'What's a sea-prompt?'

Operator: 'Never mind, can you move your cursor around the screen?'

Caller: 'There isn't any cursor; I told you, it won't accept anything I type..'

Operator: 'Does your monitor have a power indicator?'

Caller: 'What's a monitor?'

Operator: 'It's the thing with the screen on it that looks like a TV. Does it have a little light that tells you when it's on?'

Caller: 'I don't know.'

Operator: 'Well, then look on the back of the monitor and find where the power cord goes into it. Can you see that??'

Caller: 'Yes, I think so.'

Operator: 'Great. Follow the cord to the plug, and tell me if it's plugged into the wall.'

Caller: 'Yes, it is.'

Operator: 'When you were behind the monitor, did you notice that there were two cables plugged into the back of it, not just one? '

Caller: 'No.'

Operator: 'Well, there are. I need you to look back there again and find the other cable.'

Caller: 'Okay, here it is.'

Operator: 'Follow it for me, and tell me if it's plugged securely into the back of your computer..'

Caller: 'I can't reach.'

Operator: 'OK. Well, can you see if it is?'

Caller: 'No...'

Operator: 'Even if you maybe put your knee on something and lean way over?'

Caller: 'Well, it's not because I don't have the right angle -- it's because it's dark.'

Operator: 'Dark?'

Caller: 'Yes - the office light is off, and the only light I have is coming in from the window.'

Operator: 'Well, turn on the office light then.'

Caller: 'I can't.'

Operator: 'No? Why not?'

Caller: 'Because there's a power failure.'

Operator: 'A power . . . A power failure? Aha. Okay, we've got it licked now. Do you still have the boxes and manuals and packing stuff that your computer came in?'

Caller: 'Well, yes, I keep them in the closet..'

Operator: 'Good. Go get them, and unplug your system and pack it up just like it was when you got it. Then take it back to the store you bought it from.'

Caller: 'Really? Is it that bad?'

Operator: 'Yes, I'm afraid it is.'

Caller: 'Well, all right then, I suppose. What do I tell them?'

Operator: 'Tell them you're too stupid to own a computer!'