

Important news from Our Chairman.

Please read Hennies report below as it affects us all and if only 50% of the village could come to the RAC we may be missing some points for the AGM on the 12th November 2020.

#### FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

Dear fellow residents,

Our RAC (Residents' Annual Caucus) was held on 23rd September. COVID restrictions meant that we could only have 90 people present in the clubhouse. Disappointingly, only 62 turned up including ResCom members. In addition 12 joined the meeting via a Zoom link.

All reports indicate that the Zoom link worked very well and for that we thank Chris Edwards and Basil Bold who spent many hours before the meeting sorting out the technology. Holding a meeting with all the participants on Zoom is easy, holding a meeting with some present in person and others via a Zoom link <u>plus</u> sharing a slide show video and audio, is a whole different kettle of fish and took a lot of sorting out! Well done Chris and Basil!

It was a good meeting. Many grievances were aired and a letter listing all of them has gone to management. Before listing them here, an important announcement about the Waterhole.

We may open the Waterhole again but we need a new team to run it. Dave Bromfield and Dave Nesbitt have run it almost single handedly since it opened in November 2018, i.e. for nearly 2 years! But they are standing down. To the two Daves then a very big thank you from all the Waterhole members and their guests for the many hours we could spend enjoying ourselves there! You have done a great job and your efforts are very much appreciated!

So until we get a new team, the Waterhole will remain firmly closed. If the spirit moves you and you'd like to be part of that team, please let me know. The two Daves have offered their assistance to get the new team going.

#### Now for the letter sent to management:

Here is the list of matters raised in the RAC. Residents made it clear that they wanted management's answers at the AGM, with specific time commitments, and the opportunity to debate those answers and commitments.

- Repainting and general maintenance of the exteriors of all Phase 1 and 2 house: A great deal of anger was expressed. At the 2019 AGM there had been a very strong commitment by the present management that it "... would be done in the coming year", a commitment that had also been made in at least 1 if not 2 previous AGM's. When COVID arrived in March, 6 months into the current year there wasn't any sign that the work was about to start so is blaming COVID for any further delays is not acceptable! What is management's plan?
- Fibre to Phase 1 and 2 houses: A lot of anger and dissatisfaction was expressed. We were first promised that it would be installed as an extension to the contracts for the construction of the lifestyle centre, then the apartment block A, and again apartment block B. So a similar story: promises, promises, and nothing else! While repainting the exterior of our homes doesn't affect our daily lives, the unavailability of fibre does. It is advertised as an existing reality and its non-availability is causing distress and anger. Surely EPI can get a firm commitment from the contractor as to when work will start!
- Recreation room and Waterhole bar counter: Residents are aware that plans have been drawn-up and quotations obtained. When will this work be done?
- Garbage disposal and recycling area: The same comment and question apply. Additionally:
- o Before the lockdown management talked of engaging a contractor to handle the whole process for garbage and recyclables: from the collection from our homes to its disposal. The hold-up then was getting out of the CoJ garbage removal contract. Where are we on that?
- o If that works, the alterations to the re-cycle and garbage removal areas won't be necessary!
- Generic house rules: Those have been available to ResCom members for more than 18 months, but never distributed to residents. On receipt, we were told by the previous management that they were final and that no further amendments would be entertained. The present management appears to have relaxed its views on this point. Finality on the Generic rules determines what goes into the Addendum 'A' rules that are specific to our village. Discussions were planned but not held because of COVID 19.

The Generic House Rules and the applicable Addendum are critical to the Governance and smooth running of our Village ensuring discipline, compliance, and legitimacy.

This last point is relevant to the extent that given that it has been agreed that ResCom does not have, and will not get a Constitution it is imperative therefore that the Generic House Rules and Addendum 'A' be finalized to provide the necessary and appropriate statutory guidelines/framework for this body to operate legally and effectively. When will final discussions take place?

• Repairs to fences: Many have been done in the distant past, some have been done in the recent past, but what about the rest? Again, what is management's plan?

• Bistro: When will service resume? This is one of the services promised in the LRA, and for which residents continue paying that has not been available since March. There are stories that ELV will take this in-house but there isn't any certainty. So what is planned and when will service resume?

If the staff have to be recruited and appointed this could take more than a month or two, extending the non-availability of this service into the new year.

So what is planned in the interim?

- Garden service: This is another service that residents continued paying for, but that wasn't provided between March and early September.
- Levy increase: Residents felt that delaying the levy increase for 6 months would have been a well-appreciated gesture of goodwill from ELV for the services we have been deprived of. From the village accounts, it is clear that ELV has benefited from not paying for those services, during the COVID lockdown.
- Care centre: We have been told that ELV will be taking the Care centre in-house as well.

What is the latest on that and what is the time frame?

• LED Information Board at the entrance: Residents wanted to know why this proposal was rejected and felt strongly that it would greatly improve real-time communication with residents. It could have increased attendance at the RAC because again there were residents who, when asked whether they're attending the meeting, answered: "What meeting?"

Could this decision be revisited?

- Loerie lane: Management's decision and reasons, supported as they were by ResCom must be communicated to all the residents, especially those in Loerie lane.

  The AGM would be a good place to do that.
- Apartment's climate control: The climate control problems in block A are well known: overheating in the afternoon of the inward-facing apartments. That will be an even bigger problem for the inward-facing apartments in Block B. The outward-facing apartments will have the opposite problem: for 2 or 3 months over winter, they won't see the sun at all and those apartments will be like ice boxes! Any prospective buyer who has even the slightest understanding of those issues will need a very good explanation not to be put-off!

What does ELV/EPI have in mind as a permanent solution to those problems?

• Convenience store: There was a suggestion for a small shop in the Bistro selling such items as milk, bread, etc.

What is management's response?

Wilma answered: "Will make sure we answer all these questions at the AGM." So the AGM now planned for Thursday 12th November will be an interesting meeting.



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### EVERGREEN 100+ CLUB DRAW WINNERS 10TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Drawn by Wilma on Zoom at the ResCom Meeting

	AMOUNT	TICKET	WINNER UN	NIT
1st No. drawn	R100	104	ARTHUR HILLS	113
2nd No. drawn	R100	44	ALAN BEATTIE	117
3rd No. drawn	R100	8	CHRIS AND SUE EDWARD	S 89
4th No. drawn	R100	16	DAVE NESBITT	14
5th No. drawn	R200	169	SHIRLEY LOMBARD	3
6th No. drawn	R250	238	DEREK HEARD	98
7th No. drawn	R300	241	SUE HARTLEY	A005
8th No. drawn	R500	2	KEITH COOMBE	13
9th No. drawn	R1000	99	PETER MCMURRAY	108
10th No. drawn	R1000	195	GILLIAN CROISIER	A107
11th No. drawn	R1500	222	FELICITY BRANDT	122

TOTAL WINNINGS R5150

#### 100+ Club news

Here are some more details on this draw. 205 tickets were sold which raised R10 250.00 of which R5 150.00 was paid out in prizes and R5 100.00 went to ResCom. This was the 29th draw held and the total raised for ResCom since inception has been R125 875.00 A big thank you to all residents who contribute.

The next draw will be taking place in November or December (date to be advised) and Heather will be contacting residents by phone for them to select their draw numbers. Payments can be made via EFT into the Rescom bank account (stating Your Name and Unit Number) or by dropping cash at Unit 69.

Payments to be made before end of October please.

Bank details: First National Bank, Broadacres

Account Number: 62847606037

### BINGO IS BACK !!!!

We will be starting Bingo on Friday 16th October, in the clubhouse at 2.30pm. Cost: R40.00 for the full session. All proceeds collected go into prizes. Plus we will be having a Mystery Prize that has been kindly donated by one of the residents. So bring your money and your mask and come and enjoy a fun afternoon with us. The chairs will be spaced apart for social distancing.

#### These are the members of the Broadacres ResCom

Communications	Leader:	Chris Edwards	[89]
Environment	Leader:	Hennie DuPreez	[72]
Projects	Leader:	Basil Bold	[90]
Finance	Leader:	Jim Goodwin	[129]
Governance	Leader:	Royston Knowles	[9]
Hospitality	Leaders:	Kate van Rooyen	[93]
		Heather Allan	[96]
Safety & Security	Leader:	Graham Brickett	[126]
Chairman	Leader:	Hennie duPreez	[72]

## **Emergency Numbers**

Other than the Telecare unit which is to be used for personal emergencies whilst in the unit.

Reception desk -	087 809 3366
Guardhouse - (Thorburn Security) -	071 173 2406
Care Centre - (Unique Health) -	011 568 4307

It is advisable for the residents to store these telephone numbers in their cellphones in case of need.

It will help if you enter these and your local relatives as ICE (In Case of Emergency).

This is the first place emergency responce personel look for when trying to contact your carers etc.

So for an example the entry: 'ICE Daughter 084 123 4567' would be found very quickly if you are not able to tell them.

# Arbour Days September 2020 The Big Prune



Pruner-in-Chief Hennie with Joe

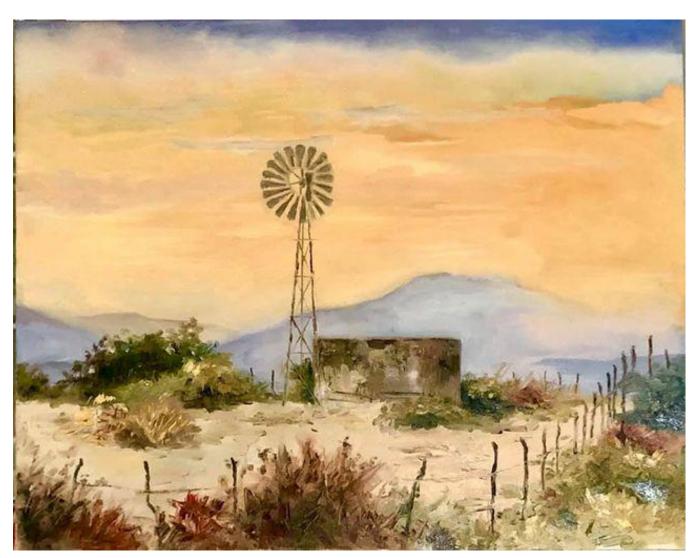




thanks Kiloran for the Pics







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

Judy McLaren recently had carpets and upholstery cleaned and was very pleased with the result. The work was done by Paula at Swiss Clean 082 455 3213. She came with two assistants and stays to supervise all the work. Give Paula a call.

The website: www.gov.uk/world/south-africa has detailed guidelines and forms which must be completed online, the supporting documents are then sent by post or courier to the Passport Office in Durham UK. Sue Jackson has chosen this route and has made two applications recently for her and her son with no problems.

Another Jackson, Bev this time, whose son downloaded everything and went to Postnet and sent it all overseas. In 3 weeks he got his new passport.

Then came John Schulkins who has used the website: www.ukabroad.net/british/passport and found them very efficent.

Our Graham Langmead used Tanya 084 555 5804 or Dean 082 973 0454 who give an excellent service and are cost effective.

Laurraine Lotter Ext 1077 has offered to help anyone with the passport process.

#### Message from Sandy the Art Mistress

All my Wednesday artistes have gone to Paris to find themselves, so please come and join me. Beginners are most welcome and I have had some real stars who blossomed into budding Renoir's. Contact Sandy on Ext 1121 or 073 976 1264.

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Hennie du Preez is looking to share his DSTV subs with anyone. Up to 4 can share and you will bring your costs down considerably. He is on Ext 1071 or 083 325 7302.

Henning and Felicity Brandt have a maid who is looking for one days work on a Friday. They say

'Our Maid Letty is 40 years old. She is a very good worker, pleasant & honest. She lives only about 20 minutes from here.

She has Fridays free at the moment and is looking for work on that day. For us she does cleaning, ironing, silver, copper, brass etc..'

For more information contact Felicity Brandt, Unit 122, Ext 1122 or 082 604 5904.

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We are off to the Chestnut Country Lodge at Hazyview in October. They have a special half price deal until 31st December.

A Standard double room at R500 per person, Bed and Breakfast, and a Luxury double room at R650 per person, Bed and Breakfast. These rates are 50% of the normal and offer brilliant value.

Marilyn Maclachlan and Jenny Hammond are staying there as we go to print. You can have dinner there, which I have heard is exceptional, and the lodge is 30 mins from Phabeni Gate at the Kruger Park. Give Christine Curnow, the very friendly managing owner, a call on 082 462 2740.







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Just recently a man won the one million pound prize in the TV quiz game "Who wants to be a Millionaire" it was the first time in 14 years that the prize had been won.

Her are the 15 questions that earned him a fortune. Can you answer them??

1 (£100) Q:In the UK, the abbreviation NHS stands for National 'what' Service? Humanity / Health / Honour / Household

2 (£200) Q: Which Disney character famously leaves a glass slipper behind at a royal ball?

Pocahontas / Sleeping Beauty / Cinderella / Elsa

3 (£300) Q:What name is given to the revolving belt machinery in an airport that delivers checked luggage from the plane to baggage reclaim? Hangar / Terminal / Concourse / Carousel

4 (£500) Q: Which of these brands was chiefly associated with the manufacture of household locks?

Phillips / Flymo / Chubb / Ronseal

5 (£1K) Q: The hammer and sickle is one of the most recognisable symbols of which political ideology?

Republicanism / Communism / Conservatism / Liberalism

6 (£2K) Q: Which toys have been marketed with the phrase 'Robots in Disguise'? Bratz Dolls / Sylvanian Families / Hatchimals / Transformers

7 (£4K) Q: What does the word 'loquacious' mean? Angry / Chatty / Beautiful / Shy

8 (£8K) Q: Obstetrics is a branch of medicine particularly concerned with what? Childbirth / Broken bones / Heart conditions / Old age

9 (£16K) Q: In 'Doctor Who', what was the signature look of the fourth Doctor, as portrayed by Tom Baker?

Bow-tie, braces & tweed jacket / Wide-brimmed hat & extra long scarf / Pinstripe suit & trainers / Cape, velvet jacket & frilly shirt

10 (£32K) Q: Which of these religious observances lasts for the shortest period of time during the calendar year?

Ramadan / Diwali / Lent / Hanukkah

11 (£64K) Q: At the closest point, which island group is only |50 miles south-east of the coast of Florida?

Bahamas / US Virgin Islands / Turks and Caicos Islands / Bermuda

12 (£125K) Q: Construction of which of these famous landmarks was completed first? Empire State Building / Royal Albert Hall / Eiffel Tower / 'Big Ben' Clock Tower

13 (£250K) Q: Which of these cetaceans is classified as a 'toothed whale'? Gray whale / Minke whale / Sperm whale / Humpback whale

14 (£500K) Q: Who is the only British politician to have held all four 'Great Offices of State' at some point during their career?

David Lloyd George / Harold Wilson / James Callaghan / John Major

15 (£1M) Q: In 1718, which pirate died in battle off the coast of what is now North Carolina?

Calico Jack / Blackbeard / Bartholomew Roberts / Captain Kidd

#### Rainfall Report for September 2020.

The first tentative rainfall for September has appeared. Hopefully we can expect a considerable improvement in October.

We are informed that the savings to the municipal water bill, from the borehole irrigation system installation thus far completed, has over the past 6 months yielded a benefit of  $\pm$  R140k.

This is a most impressive and welcome relief, and bodes well for the full implementation of the system.

Rainfall in mm fo	r 2019/2020
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
Sep 2020	5.0
12 Months	809.9mm

Rainfall for September over the years	
2013 0.0 2014 0.6 2015 41.0 2016 7.0 2017 3.6 2018 3.6 2019 3.5 2020 5.0  Average for September since 2013 is 8.0mm	

# Just Like That......

He always gets so excited when I take him to the dog park.



Also he is not wearing his seatbelt or a mask!

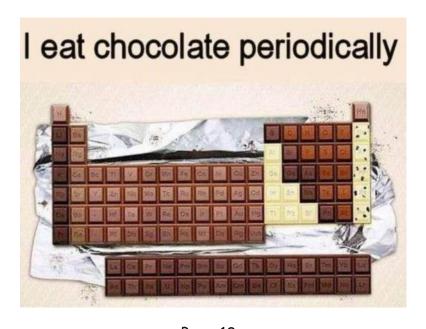


The real Social Dilemma

#### Do You Remember - Food in the 1950's

- \* Pasta was a word used by shifty foreigners.
- \* Curry was a surname.
- \* Herbs were used to make rather dodgy medicine.
- \* A pizza was something to do with a leaning tower.
- \* Condiments consisted of salt, pepper and vinegar if we were lucky.
- \* Soft drinks were called pop.
- \* Coke was something that we put on the fire.
- \* A Big Mac was what we wore when it was raining.
- \* A Pizza Hut was an Italian shed.
- \* A microwave was something out of a science fiction movie.
- \* Brown bread was something only poor people ate.
- \* Oil was for lubricating, fat was for cooking.
- \* Tea was made in a teapot using tea leaves, and never green.
- \* Coffee was special, and came in a bottle.
- \* Coconuts only appeared when the fair came to town.
- \* Hors d'oeuvre was a spelling mistake.
- \* Starters were found in cars.
- \* Only Heinz made beans.
- \* Leftovers went to the dog.
- \* Special food for dogs and cats was unheard of.
- \* Fish didn't have fingers in those days.
- \* Eating raw fish was called poverty, not sushi.
- \* Ready meals only came from the fish and chip shop.
- \* Frozen food was called ice cream.
- \* Ice cream only came in one colour and one flavour.
- \* None of us had ever heard of yoghurt.
- \* Long-life milk was still in the cow.
- \* Healthy food consisted of anything edible.
- \* Indian restaurants were only found in India.
- \* A supermarket was a large building where they sold vegetables.
- \* If we had eaten bacon, lettuce and tomato in the same sandwich we would have been certified.
- \* Eating outside was a picnic.
- \* Al Dente sounded like an Italian poet.
- \* A Kiwi fruit was a strange New Zeelander.
- \* A chocolate mousse was a Scottish confectionery.
- \* Roux was our neighbour's surname.
- \* Meuniere was Afrikaans for mister.

- \* Cooking outside was called camping.
- \* Seaweed was a weed.
- \* Calamari was an Italian seaside resort.
- \* Mussels were the bits and bobs in your biceps.
- \* Canapes . . was an unfinished zoological question.
- \* Hot dogs were a type of sausage that only the Americans ate.
- \* The phrase "boil in the bag" would have been beyond comprehension.
- \* The idea of "oven chips" would not have made any sense at all to us.
- \* Prunes were medicinal.
- \* Olive was a girl's name.
- \* Julienne was also a girl's name.
- \* Medallions were handed out to athletes.
- \* Rissoles were hoity toity meatballs.
- \* Casseroles were up-market stews.
- \* A mixed grill was designer food to us.
- \* Bars were for beer, not coffee.
- \* Surprisingly muesli was readily available in those days, it was called cattle feed.
- \* We never heard of Croissants, we certainly couldn't pronounce it.
- \* We thought that Baguettes were a French skin problem.
- \* Garlic was used to ward off vampires, but never used to flavour food.
- \* A "steamer basket" contained a locomotive driver's lunch.
- \* For take-out food you went into the pantry.
- \* "Cool Beans" would have tasted funny.
- \* Water came out of the tap, if people suggested bottling it and charging more for it than petrol, they would have been locked away.
- \* Food hygiene was all about washing your hands before meals.
- \* A food allergy was . . . well, what was it?
- \* Campylobacter, Salmonella, E.coli, Listeria, and Botulism were all called "food poisoning."
- \* Passion Fruit was never mentioned in front of Granny.
- \* The one thing that we never ever had on our table in the fifties -- ELBOWS!



#### Puns

Those who jump off a bridge in Paris are in Seine.

A man's home is his castle, in a manor of speaking.

Shotgun wedding - A case of wife or death.

A man needs a mistress just to break the monogamy.

A hangover is the wrath of grapes.

Dancing cheek-to-cheek is really a form of floor play.

Does the name Pavlov ring a bell?

Condoms should be used on every conceivable occasion.

Reading while sunbathing makes you well red.

When two egotists meet, it's an I for an I.

A bicycle can't stand on its own because it is two tired.

In democracy your vote counts. In feudalism your count votes.

She was engaged to a boyfriend with a wooden leg but broke it off.

A chicken crossing the road is poultry in motion.

If you don't pay your exorcist, you get repossessed.

With her marriage she got a new name and a dress.

The man who fell into an upholstery machine is now fully recovered.

You feel stuck with your debt if you can't budge it.

Local Area Network in Australia - the LAN down under.

A boiled egg in the morning is hard to beat.

Once you've seen one shopping center, you've seen a mall.

Bakers trade bread recipes on a knead-to-know basis.

Santa's helpers are subordinate clauses.

Acupuncture is a jab well done.

# **Ancestral Mathematics**

In order to be born, you needed:

2 parents
4 grandparents
8 great-grandparents
16 second great-grandparents
32 third great-grandparents
64 fourth great-grandparents
128 fifth great-grandparents
256 sixth great-grandparents
512 seventh great-grandparents
1,024 eighth great-grandparents
2,048 ninth great-grandparents

For you to be born today from 12 previous generations, you needed a total of 4,094 ancestors over the last 400 years.

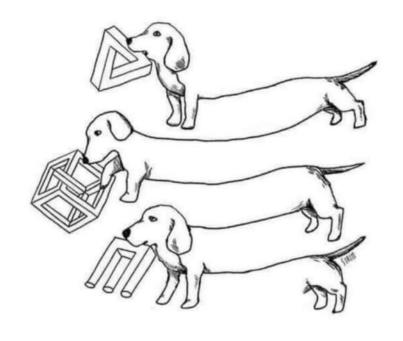
Think for a moment – How many struggles? How many battles? How many difficulties? How much sadness? How much happiness? How many love stories? How many expressions of hope for the future? – did your ancestors have to undergo for you to exist in this present moment...



I guess someone has to be the provider during quarantine.

Open the window, Karen. I brought snacks.







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Another bunch of Electrical Appys have graduated from the Rabinowitz School of Electrical Excellence



### ANSWERS to the Who wants to be a Millionaire Quiz

- 1: B, Health
- 2: C, Cinderella
- 3: D, Carousel
- 4: C, Chubb
- 5: B, Communism
- 6: D, Transformers
- 7: B, Chatty
- 8: A, Childbirth
- 9: B, Wide-brimmed hat & extra long scarf
- 10: B, Diwali
- 11: A, Bahamas
- 12: D, 'Ben' Clock Tower
- 13: C, Sperm whale
- 14: C, James Callaghan
- 15: B, Blackbeard