



RESCOM  
**CHATTER**  
DECEMBER 2020



  
**EVERGREEN**  
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broadacres  
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**Some people have to get up very early to take pictures of spectacular sunrises. That's why Cyril took a picture of the sunset!**

**Nice one Squirrel, the talent on display at Broadacres is overwhelming**

### FROM CHAIRMAN HENNIE

Dear fellow residents,

What a different and difficult year 2020 has been. COVID 19 changed our lives beyond all recognition, changes that will persist until a majority of South Africans have been vaccinated and who can guess when that'll be?

The year started with our Burns Night celebration. They were the best and I'm simply going to repeat what I wrote in January: "Congratulations to all those who had a hand in the preparations for, and running of the Burns Night celebrations. The choice of speakers was brilliant, the speeches entertaining, the food excellent and Piper Paul set just the right tone! Thank you all for a great evening!"

Then in March, COVID 19 arrived. Evergreen's lockdown started on the 12th and Level 5 of the national lockdown on the 27th. We are presently under Level 1 restrictions. With infections surging again across the country who knows what's going to happen next? Let's hope that all those bad memories fade soon. Thankfully there are a few silver linings!

None of us will forget Wilma, her husband Kobus, Joseph, Luvoyo and Henry arriving here on a Saturday morning in April to cut our lawns. That at a time when some of us had resorted to using hedge clippers and scissors in an attempt to keep our lawns in trim. And Heather Allan and her team of residents rolling up their sleeves and tending the pavement gardens. Hard work but also fun and rare opportunities for some social interaction!

Many of us learnt about Zoom and other apps to keep in touch with family and friends and even to hold virtual meetings. That may lead to other digital skills, not a bad thing as we move into a more digitally dependent world.

In June, the two Daves (Bromfield and Nesbitt) wound-up the much loved Waterhole and informed us that they were hanging up their aprons. They had run the Waterhole since November 2018. Since then many of us had enjoyed many convivial hours there, in the process contributing R14 000 to ResCom funds!

During lockdown 15 new residents arrived in the apartments. The rest of us didn't get to meet them until the clubhouse opened, but they had lost no time in getting to know each other. By the time we met them they were already a closely knit group, very much like the early days in Broadacres! Welcome to all of you and all the other residents who moved into the village this year. We wish you all a long and happy stay with us!

The clubhouse opened in late September, in time for our delayed RAC. Residents were wary about large gatherings so only 62 attended in person. Another 12 attended via Zoom links. Despite the small numbers it was a good meeting. ResCom members reported on their work and new members for the next year were nominated. Residents' grievances and complaints were recorded and subsequently presented to management.

Libby made-up for lost time with a first library morning in October (books reviewed) and a second in December when Prof. Graham Hall delivered an informative and entertaining talk on "The star of Bethlehem". Ladies' and gents' pool and line dancing started again and John Schulkins, Peter Hubner and Val Hutton-Wilson put up their hands to run the Waterhole. It will open again early in 2021. In the meantime, the Waterhole is open every Friday evening at 5 pm on a BYO basis.

The Bistro opened in October under executive chef Andrew Hammond. Welcome Andrew and your team! If the fare you've served up for that opening, the Christmas social and all the meals in between is anything to go by, we can look forward to many wonderful meals from your kitchen! Talking of the Christmas social, what a wonderful show Wilma organised for the 100 residents who attended. Beautiful table decorations, excellent food and wonderful entertainment by the Johannesburg Opera group - thank you Wilma!

On the staff front, we bade farewell to René Kleinhans, Thola Khasi, Lyn O'Rourke, Pierre Theron and Maureen Python. We welcomed administrator Kiera Hyman, duty managers Priscilla Holtzhausen and Freddy Tema and receptionist Tswanelo Makgoba. We look forward to having you with us for many years to come.

Thanks are due to many! To name all will take up more space than the editor allows me, so collectively:

- To all the members of ResCom, and their spouses, my sincere thanks! Without your selfless support and commitment none of this would have been possible!
- Thanks also to all those residents who run those other activities that make life in our village as wonderful as it is.
- And finally, on behalf of all the residents, our sincere thanks go to the management and staff of Evergreen both in Broadacres and Cape Town for creating this environment and looking after us so well!

And collectively, thank you all for the role you play in making this:

"The village of our dreams!"

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a happy New Year!

Just a few of the many  
Evergreen Broadacres  
Christmas Decorations  
put up by our very  
creative Residents





Oh, what a Night!!

## Christmas Social on 9th December 2020



Last night we celebrated the Evergreen Village 2020 Christmas Social.

Rituals to keep us safe were strictly adhered to and prior to rearranging each table for a photograph, it had to be "ready steady go" for everyone to take their masks off, hold their breaths and smile before re-establishing the social distance arrangements around the table.

As you will see the décor was festive and stunningly opulent with lots of glitz, glamour and bling. The residents, men and women, added all their own decorations with clothing, tinsel, Christmas hats, reindeer horns, spectacles and jewellery. On entry we were welcomed with a glass of champagne. Our Executive Chef Andrew Hammond and his very capable team put on a wonderful meal with festive starters, a main course of lamb and turkey (the latter I gave a miss to) and veggies. After a suitable interval we were asked to maintain social distancing and make our way to the library where desserts were served. The tables were laid down with calories the size of ostrich eggs but all suitably festive, colourful and decadent, by all accounts very moreish.

We were entertained by an incredible trio of very talented singers from the Johannesburg Opera Company; Pheny Modiana, tenor, Solly Motaung, baritone, and Khayakasi Madlala, soprano and their pianist Paul Ferreira. They had us spellbound with a selection of operatic renditions and a lot of sing-along Christmas carols.

We were also extremely happy to know that we had contributed with our small function, in providing a performance opportunity and work for this gifted entertainers, and the entertainment industry which has been so badly battered with this Covid-19 lockdown.

Well done to Wilma and Evergreen. We need to say a huge thank you to Wilma and all her team for the wonderful evening we all had. We look forward to more of these thank you!!!!

(and thank you to our roving reporter Kiloran for this report and most of the pictures on the following pages)





You might have wondered why your presents were a bit late this year,  
no, it wasn't Covid, nor the snow,  
it was because Santa and his Reindeer were having a jool at the social.  
Rudolph Bold\* and Prancer Edwards\* relinquished  
their reins and their bevy of beautiful ladydears\*\* for a few minutes to let  
their antlers down.

jool = a bit of a 'knees up'  
'knees up' = ceilidh (oh! you know what I mean)

\* Not their real names

\*\* Names available upon request



The Johannesburg Opera entertaining us



Wilma and her teams preparing, cooking and serving a sumptuous dinner

### These are the members of the Broadacres ResCom

Communications	Leader:	Chris Edwards	[89]
Environment	Leader:	Hennie du Preez	[72]
Projects	Leader:	Basil Bold	[90]
Finance	Leader:	Jim Goodwin	[129]
Governance	Leader:	Royston Knowles	[9]
Hospitality	Leader:	Laurraine Lotter	[77]
Safety & Security	Leader:	Graham Brickett	[126]
Chairman	Leader:	Hennie du Preez	[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 response personnel 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.

### FINANCE PORTFOLIO

ResCom Bank Account :- FNB Acc No 62847606037

#### DECEMBER 2020

1. This year, residents donated a very generous R27,580 to the Staff Christmas Appeal Fund. There was a carry over of R2300 from the 2019 fund, giving us a total of R29880 for distribution to 36 Village employees. At a meeting of all Village Staff, held on 14th December, 2020, our Chairman, Hennie Du Preez, on behalf of all residents, thanked the Staff for their hard work in what was a very difficult year for all of us.

All monies collected were paid over to the Village Staff by way of on-line deposits to their personal banking accounts, on 15th December, 2020.

2. Rescom available funds R10600.



Welcome to our newest resident.

Chris Salt at No 47, who is joining us soon.

We hope you will be as happy as everyone who has come here before you.



Well done! Dave Powell  
Mens Bowls Champion at  
the Bryanston Country Club  
for the third year running.



Talking of running and Dave, here is another one,  
Dave Nesbitt - Time Trialist of the Year 2020  
at the  
Fourways road Runners, well done Dave.

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

I am still looking for a small car or bakkie in reasonable condition and preferably a runner. Mileage not that important. Maybe somebody you know who wants to get a newer vehicle would have something that would be suitable. Please contact Chris Ext 1089 or Whatsapp 084 582 9129. Adi Gough thought that I was looking for a little run around so she brought me this,



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There is a real need for a shared wheel chair for use in the apartments. If you have one to donate please contact Sue Hartley in Apartment 105 or 082 454 7817. She will put it to good use to help those apartment residents who miss out on social and other events.

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Jenny Hammond at No 64 has lots of National Geographic Magazines all current and new. Please give her a call on Ext 1064 or 083 700 4364. When you have read them give me a call and I will pass them on.

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Several residents have had DSTV problems. This man has helped out give him a call







A rare event; Adi's dam in full flood

Rainfall Report for December 2020:

After November's impressive showing, December continues the extremely variable pattern seen over the years.

The readings are all reported up to the 25th of each month, but the exceptions to this are shown in the table below.

More news on the borehole water savings next month!

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

Thank you Cecil, from all of us.

Rainfall in mm for 2019/2020

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
Oct 2020	21.8
Nov 2020	211.9
Dec 2020	107.5

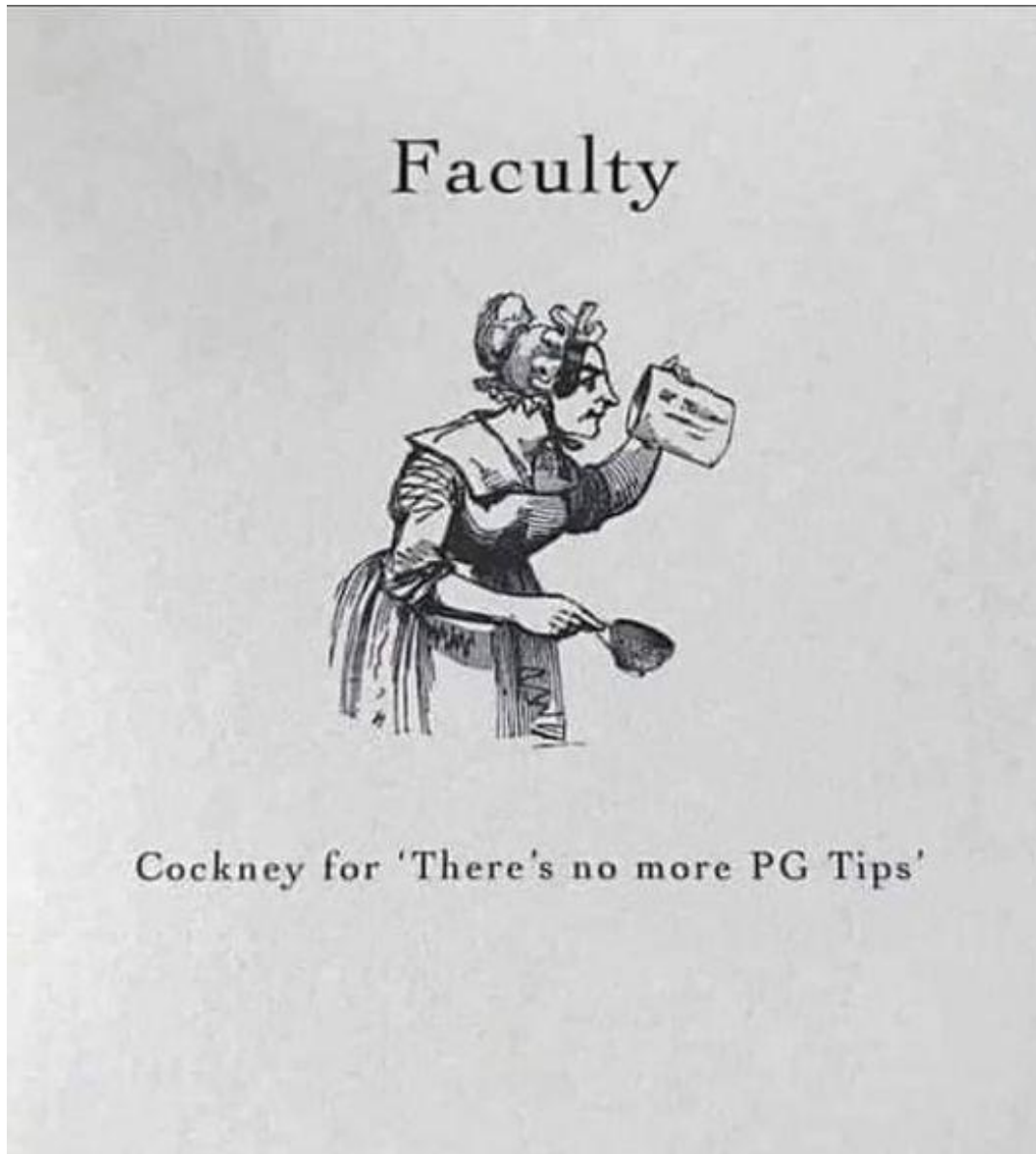
**12 Months** 762.9mm

Rainfall for December over the years

2012	116.8	
2013	182.1	
2014	154.9	To 31st
2015	66.1	
2016	101.3	
2017	126.0	
2018	84.3	To 31st
2019	230.5	To 28th
2020	107.5	To 21st

Average for December since 2012 is  
129.9mm

# Just Like That.....



translation  
P G Tips = Joko, Five Roses etc



One of the two Spurs football fans in South Africa recognised this picture of their supporters arriving at White Hart Lane in 1962. He said that they had all just been to a Mensa meeting? I say it was more likely a prayer meeting in the Chapel at the back of the pic.



Is it real ???



The history of the Earth in one chunk of rock

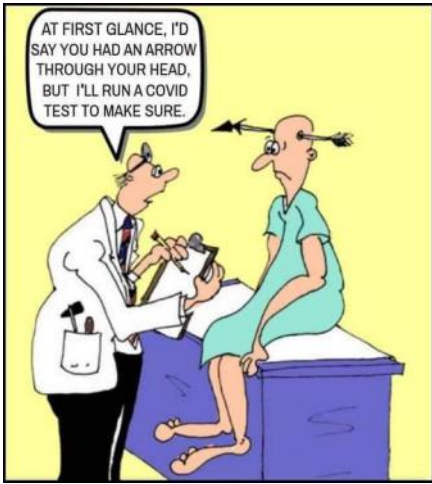


That was when sixpence  
was worth a tanner

Remember the days of  
walking sticks  
at the door?  
Check out the 2020  
replacements!







**YUM !!**

Steak and Kidney  
Pudding



Anybody know  
what these  
flowers are ???



Covent Garden  
Christmas Eve



Next Project:  
A replacement for  
the Golf Cart

**Single man  
with toilet  
rolls would  
like to meet  
single female  
with hand  
sanitiser for  
good clean  
fun**

