SEPTEMBER 2021

Rain, rain, beautiful rain....

A Welcome start to our annual rainy season.



Thankfully repairs to the dam wall were concluded in September 2021 just in time before our first rains With lots more to come.



SPRING DAY BRAAI 3 September 2021

It was a dangerous move to introduce a spring day braai for lunch to replace the usually institution of fish and chips..... But it was a lot of fun and the prize for the best spring hat went to Penny Tsandelis.



HERITAGE DAY SOCIAL DINNER – 22 September 2021















HERITAGE DAY BRAAI – 24 September 2021

Our Heritage Day afternoon Braai was set on the deck of the Lifestyle Centre on a superb spring evening with a lovely backdrop of our lovely Evergreen gardens. Apart from the odd green rugby jersey, very few people made any effort to dress for the theme, which was a pity, but Felicity Brandt pulled out all the stops with colour and make up and won the prize for the day.

















WATER – but not a drop to drink

What a weekend!! We had a huge water issue or let me say units 64 – 77 had water issues.

A pipe had burst on Thursday, then they had to dig to locate the source of the rupture. Lots of muddy soil to remove to dig down about 3 meters to find the main water line. When it felt like they reached China, they had to start bailing out the accumulated water. Needless to say, I wasn't "permitted" to go near the cavity so had to use my photographic prowess to try and verify what I am saying. There was a lot of consternation from those who were in the effected units, no showers, baths, no water to replenish the water in the flushed loos, washing of dishes and washing in general was out of the questions. Never mind the obligatory coffee, pills or drinking water.

After a furious train of WhatsApps, offers of washing machines, showers and bathrooms, 5 litre drinking water bottles and buckets of water to replenish the depleted toilet supplies were delivered to many of those unable to carry of lift the heavy liquid. In the meantime, 2 teams of plumbers had arrived with mammoth sized bobejaans, bags of something, spades and buckets. The perished joint was removed and a Saturday morning search was in progress to find a replacement. A temporary repair was done and the final part sourced and repairs completed on Monday.

Thank you to all the Water Fairies, who in true Evergreen spirit, made what was a terrible event into a tolerable and unforgettable experience. You are all stars and too many to mention but your efforts are so much appreciated.













Between a rock and a hardplace.....

Joe Rebelo from No 44 and his life with Alfa Romeo





On Sunday 19th September 2021, after the relaxation of Covid lockdown, some 130 Alfa Romeos descended on the lawns of the Flamingo Shopping Centre, Modderfontein to display their shiny vehicles in the sun, where prizes are awarded to the cleanest, best condition and most original classic car.

I had one look at the competition and I thought I had no chance, but I stayed for the prizegiving anyway. Just as well as my car was judged the overall winner (best car on show).

The idea behind this competition is to promote good custodianship of vehicles over 20 years of age where the vehicle must look as if it has just come off the assembly line.

Back in 1974 at the age of 26 I purchased this Alfa Giulia GT Veloce 2000 out the box. I only had beer money but apparently champagne taste.

This yellow Alfa cost R5,300, back then a princely sum considering that one could buy two Ford Capri 2000 GTs for the same price as the Alfa.

About 25 years ago I had the car resprayed in the same colour and thereafter I drove the car very sparingly, averaging only 1,000 kms per annum.

A month ago I had the car valued by the car club for insurance purposes and was pleasantly surprised to learn that it is now worth in excess of R700,000 making it a good hedge against inflation.

Currently it is at Ferris motors, the Ferrari dealer at Broadacres Shopping Centre on consignment. I shall be sad to part with it but all good things come to an end.

It has been a pleasure to see the amount of local and international interest it has attracted.

TELECARE UNITS

Below are copies of the two different types of telecare units we have in the Village houses and apartments. Please take some time to refresh yourself on how to operate your telecare unit. It is vitally important that you are familiar with how to use it. You are also responsible for regularly testing your unit to ensure it is working.

Should you still be unsure of how to work your telecare unit, please call reception who will gladly send a Duty Manager to come and give you a demonstration on how to use your unit.

YOUR TELECARE UNIT

- RED: Emergency -Telecare Centre: Use this button for ALL medical emergencies
- YELLOW: Nurse on duty: this button is connected to the duty nurse's cell phone
- BLUE: In the moming, this button will flash. Please press to confirm that you are safe

















- 1. In the case of an emergency press the red button on your Telecare unit or remote: only press it once: don't press any other buttons on the system as this will then cancel your emergency call
- 2. Do not use your landline whilst waiting for a response from a Care Specialist. You should hear the voice of the Care Specialist (through your Telecare unit) within 60 seconds
- 3. Assistance is mobilised immediately
- 4. The Care Specialist stays connected with you until your emergency is resolved

Most Telecare units are connected via your Telkom landline. Unless your telecare unit is programmed via built-in Sim card, you must not use your Telkom landline whilst your request for help is in progress.



Our Fairy popped up from nowhere.

Now we all know that fairies live at the bottom of the garden, our one has broken cover and is hovering out there somewhere



I was pondering the other day as I sat on my little red and white polka dotted toadstool near Crab Crossing whether any of you knew that this is now the year 5782 if you happen to be Jewish. The number of years is determined by the number of years since the creation of the world as accounted for in the Bible. This led me to look up a few of the High Holy Days in the Jewish calendar and share them with you. I hope you find it as interesting I did.

Their New Year is always in September or October and is called Rosh Hashanah. I thought it moved around like Easter and is governed by the moon, but I was wrong. Well thank goodness for Rabbi Google! Turns out this Fairy shouldn't guess. I was wrong! Horribly wrong! Rosh Hashanah being the Jewish New Year falls on the first day of the first month of the Jewish calendar! Just like our New Year but different. In the synagogue the Shofar is blown. It is a ram's horn and to my untrained ears, it makes a dreadful sound! It is blown to call the people to think of God and their fellow men and to remember to act nobly and do good deeds during the months to come. At the festive meal at home that the Mother has prepared, the hallah or the twisted bread that you might have seen for sale only on Fridays, is dipped into honey. This is a symbol of hope that the New Year will be a sweet and joyous one. Is that not a lovely thought?

Jews always prepare the most delicious food to be eaten after the visit to the Synagogue on Friday evenings which is known as the Sabbath. Some of their foods are unknown to us Gentiles, however, if you ever get the chance, do try and taste some. You really will enjoy most of it I'm sure. On the High Holy Days like Rosh Hashanah, the New Year; Hanukkah which is a Festival of Freedom; Pesach which is the Passover, the table us laden with the usual festive fare plus other special delights, but no bread.... more about this later. By the way, the word "Gentile" is used for anyone who is not Jewish and Jesus was on his way to celebrate the Passover when he entered Jerusalem.

We are told told that when Jerusalem was recaptured from the Syrian Greeks in 165BC, they wanted to cleanse the Temple and re-light the Menorah but only found a tiny bottle of oil which would last for only a day at the most. They needed the oil for light to clean and that was the first Hanukkah and it has been celebrated every year ever since for eight days as that is how long the oil lasted! Do Christians not have a similar story, but different?!

Hanukkah is also known as The Festival of Lights. The Hindus also celebrate The Festival of Lights or Diwali round about the same time, November or December but that is something all together different. You might have seen pretty little coloured twisted candles in the supermarkets at this time. These are used for the Menorah. Believe it or not, this festival first appeared in the Bible in Exodus. The Menorah was used as a sort of portable tabanacle while the Jews were wandering in the Wilderness for all those years. Forty I believe. There's a story that if Moses had listened to his wife and asked for directions, they would have reached the Promised Land a lot earlier! Nowadays children are given gifts and in some countries, notably the United States, it has become so commercialized that its been combined with Christmas. This is sacrilege to the Orthodox Jews as you can imagine. However, it must have been hard on those little Jewish kids seeing their Gentile friends, if they had any, getting loads of gifts.

I said "if they had any" because until relatively recently, Jews and Gentiles didn't really mix. Intermarriage was frowned upon and indeed sometimes the person marrying a Gentile was often cast out of the family. I know of a case where, only about 50 years ago, the 2nd son of a Jewish family married a Gentile girl and the mother of the family sat "Shiva". This is a custom where one sits on a low hard surface like a coffee table with no cushion for a week. The women wear no make up and the men don't shave and shoes are not worn but slippers are allowed. All mirrors and any reflective surfaces like glass on framed pictures, are covered. This is a period of mourning when a close member of the family has died so this was a very severe token of disapproval by the mother of the young man in this case and hardly a welcome into the family for the bride.

The Menorah is a candle stick with holders for 9 candles, four on each side of a central candle which is raised above the others. On each of the eight nights of Hanukkah, using the central candle, one of the other candles are lit. Presents are usually given at this time and if the little candles burn out, they can be replaced.

It is a time of celebrating the creation of the world followed by a 10 day time of reflection and repentance culminating in Yom Kippur better known as The Day of Atonement. This is the holiest day in the Jewish calendar and is a day that almost all Jews observe. It is a period of repentance and "purifying one's soul" by fasting for 24 hours starting, as all Jewish days start, at sunset. Nothing, not even a sip of water may pass one's lips! No cleaning of teeth......

We now come to the Passover or Pesach which festival commemorates the liberation of the Jews from their slavery in Egypt. The story is told every Pesach of how the Pharoah was uneasy that the Jews living in Egypt at the time would outnumber the Egyptians so he enslaved them and took the children and drowned them in the Nile. One child had been hidden in the bullrushes and was found by the Pharoah's daughter. His name was Moses and the rest is another story!

Christians know this story well as God sent the Angel of Death to pass over houses of the Jews who were told to mark their doors with the blood of a sacrificial lamb so that their children would be spared. This is a joyous festival where the story of the liberation and the plagues are told with much glee and gusto, every year, at the dinner table over a long leisurely meal. At the beginning of the meal, the youngest child is asked traditional 4 questions that have been asked every year since the beginning of Passover. Over Pesach no bread, pasta or anything with a raising agent is allowed in the home. Matzoh is the "unleavened bread" spoken about in the Bible and tastes like a dry tasteless biscuit made without using any raising agent. The Passover traditionally lasts for 8 days.

The above are the most well known known of the Jewish festivals although there are many more, however, I feel these are sufficient for now. I have left out two important occasions and those are the birth of a boy child and his 13th birthday which is known a bar mitzvah. Some girls also celebrate their 13th birthday but this is called a bat mitzvah. And then of course there is marriage. Maybe some other day and some other time we can explore those but I feel this is enough "education" for now!! I hope you enjoyed it and found it interesting.

Our new Resident's Committee Members:

Our new ResCom

Laurraine Lotter - Chair
Colin Grenfell - Vice Chair
Chris Edwards - Communications
Judy Stuart - Health
Brenda Brophy - Hospitality
Colin Grenfell - Infrastructure and Development
Graham Brickett - Safety and Security
Cecil Faan - Treasurer

Hennie du Preez - Past Chair





As you might know, Heather Allan is a keen gardener and she came up with the idea of keeping cuttings and thinning, rather than throwing them away. So, we have placed the blue planting box by the "nursery area" to the right of the recycling area. And hope to raise a few rands for Rescom. So please leave your discarded flower pots and seed trays under the pot tray and anybody who can use them for cuttings please pot them and put them on the pot tray. Please label the cuttings, Name, Sun/Shade, & height full grown.

Please make a donation of R10 per pot to go to the Honesty box at reception, and let's see how it goes.

That is definitely a lot less than any Nursery Price!!

Thank you, Heather and Lyn Turner, for getting this up and running!

Jeff Spire's Beginners Bridge Course

Don't put it off any longer!

It's never been easier to start learning from the comfort of your own home.

WHAT: A course of 14 lessons
Starting with basics and progressing to more advance concepts
Recordings of each session and notes will be sent after each lesson.

On completion of the course, you will be ready to start playing at a basic level. The course also includes guidelines about how to play online bridge.

WHERE: ON ZOOM

WHEN: Monday evenings from 6 - 8 pm. **COST**: R3080.00 for the full course.

Payment in advance (But arrangements can be made if necessary)

Please contact Jeff Sapire on 082 551 2526

Or email at either Jeffshirl@telkomsa.net or jeffsapire@outlook.com
For more information

Remember that Rentia, the Manager of Agora BP Garage at Fourways Gardens will renew your car licence as well as arranging drivers licence renewals.

I took in my last year's license papers, and a copy of my ID. Two days later I got a call to come and fetch the new disc and pay R150.00

This scarf was used to hold Sally's dog during the traumatic events and fire at her house.
Please phone Chris to reclaim it (it's not my colour)



Rainfall Report for September 2021

Alas, nothing much to report! October hasn't failed us in the past so we wait with eager anticipation.

Total dam levels across the country continue to show an appreciable improvement over the same week last year (80% vs 65%), although the Eastern Cape continues to experience extreme difficulties.

This data as at 21 September 2021. Feel free to peruse the website sawx.co.za/state-of-dams for this and much more weather related info.

The drive to conserve water remains a national imperative however as the low-rainfall months are still with us.

Remember we are subject to water use restrictions in Johannesburg.

Rainfall in mm f	or 2020/2021
Oct 2020	21.8
Nov 2020	211.9
Dec 2020	107.5
Jan 2021	153.5
Feb 2021	165.6
Mar 2021	64.9
Apr 2021	28.1
May2021	29.5
Jun 2021	0.8
Jul 2021	0.0
Aug 2021	0.5
Sep 2021	0.0
12 Months	784.1 mm

Rainfal	for Sept over the years
2013	0.0
2014	0.6
2015	41.0
2016	7.0
2017	3.6
2018	3.6
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2020	5.0
2021	0.0
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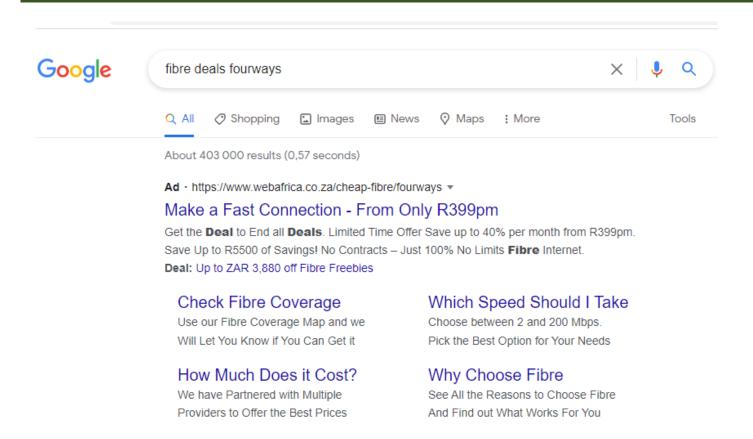
"I've got it, too, Omar ... a strange feeling like we've just been going in circles."

LATEST UPDATE ON FIBRE INSTALLATION

With our fibre installation almost complete, we are almost ready to go live. We are aiming at having all fibre completed and ONT's installed by next week. This means that when you get the message from Management that the fibre is "live", you will be able to access wi-fi through your service provider of choice. How to then get started? You will have to choose your own ISP (Independent Service Provider) to contract with should you wish to use the fibre for wi-fi. There are many different suppliers that you can contract with. Very much like a cell phone contract the price will be dependent on the speed and the amount of data you will require.

Below are a few options from different suppliers. Go and search "Fibre deals fourways" and you will find numerous deals and prices from all the major ISP's.

We have specifically installed the fibre "Backbone" so that residents have the option to contract with different service providers and to change between service providers. This way you can always shop around for better deals to ensure you are getting the best price and value for money.



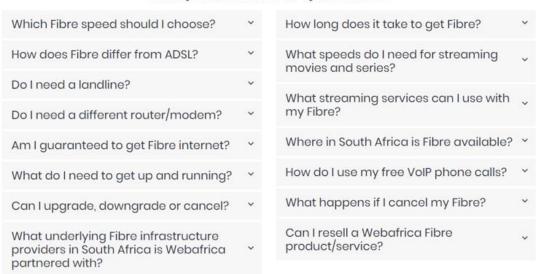
CHOOSING THE RIGHT LINE SPEED FOR YOU & YOURS

Not sure which line speed is right for you? This is what the different line speeds can handle comfortably:

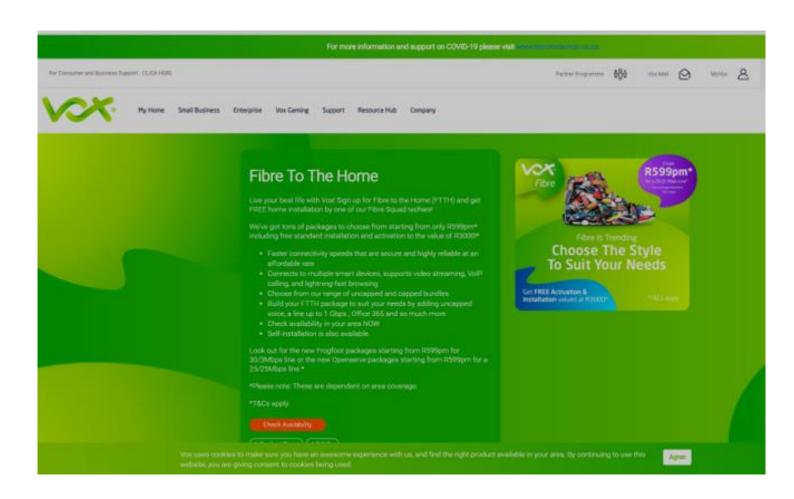
	10Mbps	20Mbps	40-50Mbps	100Mbps	200Mbps
Number Of Connected Devices In The House	3 - 4	4 - 5	5 - 10	10+	20+
HD Streaming (Netflix / Showmax / Etc.)	2 Devices	Up To 4 Devices	4+ Devices	5+ Devices	Multiple Devices
◆ 4k Video Streaming	-	1 Device	Up To 2 Devices	Up To 5 Devices	5+ Devices
Email / Web Browsing	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Social Media	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
Time To Download 5 Gigs (1HD Movie)	1 hr 8 min	36 min	18 min	7 min	4 min
↓ Music Streaming	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø	Ø
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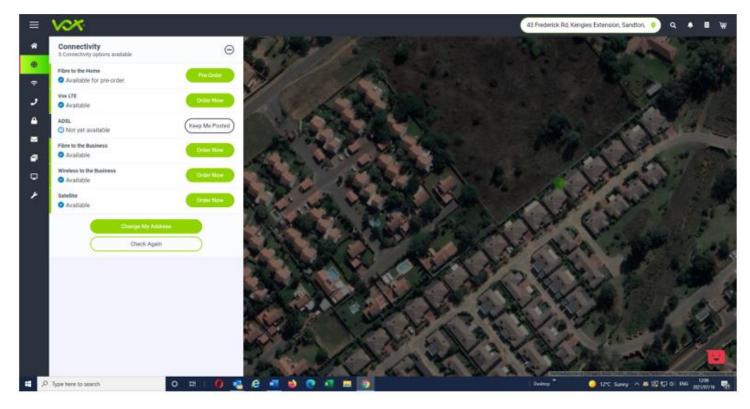


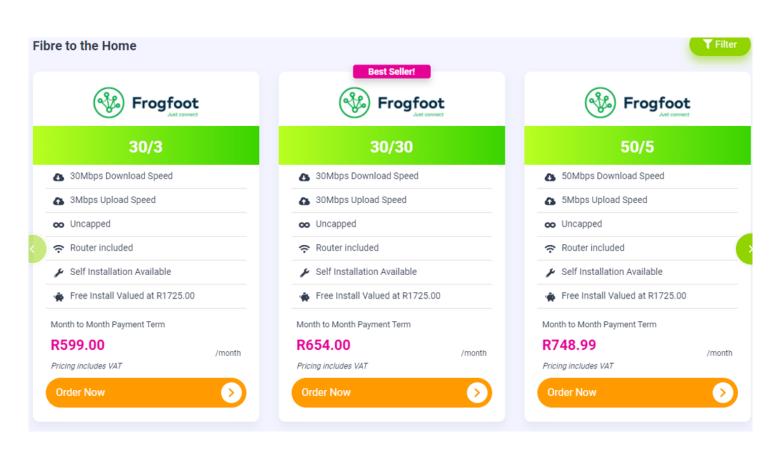
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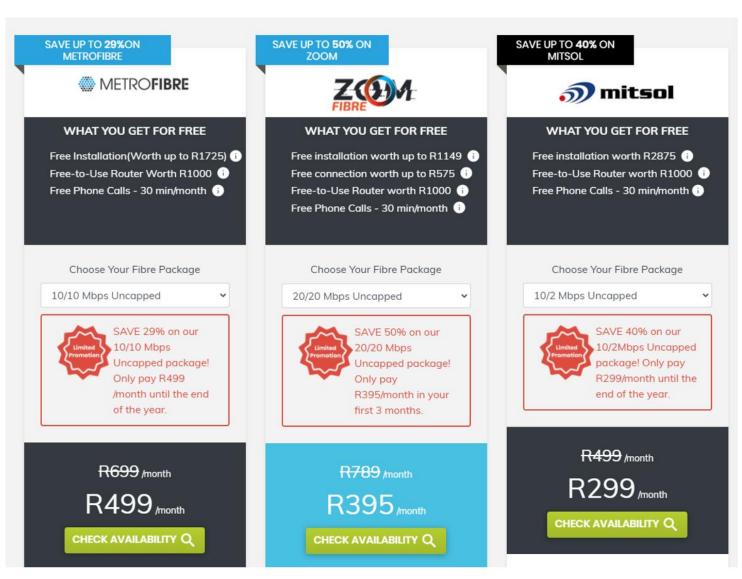


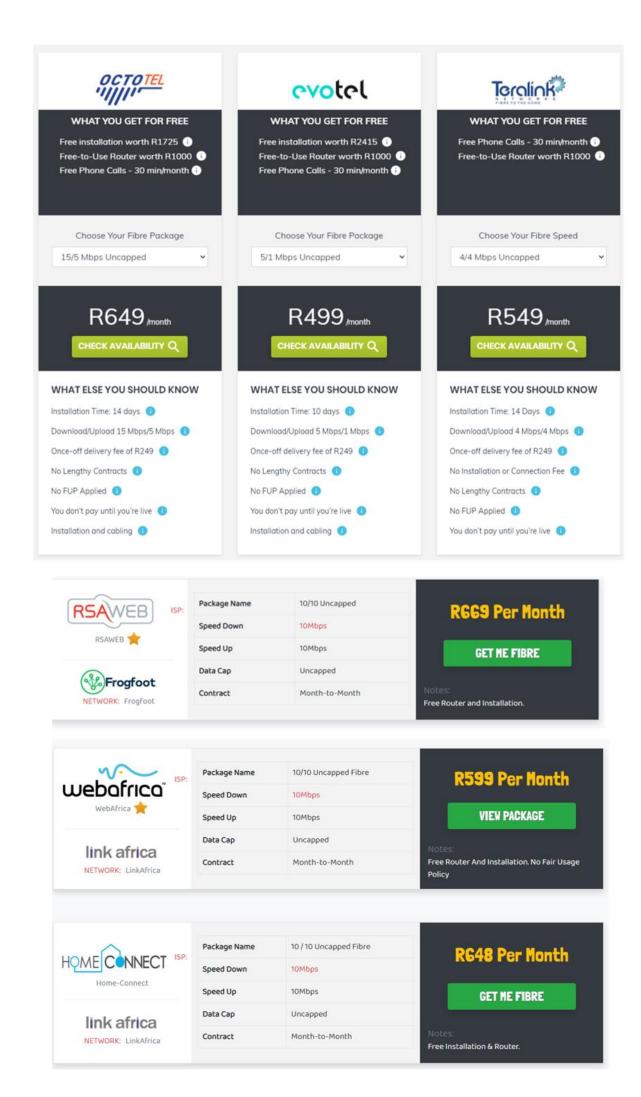
















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7 th	Pauline Sampson
11 th	Jenny Traviss
17 th	Dorothy Savage
22 nd	Jac Messerschmidt
22 nd	Irene Carroll
23 rd	Marilyn Maclachlan
24 th	Chris Edwards
24 th	Margarete Meyer
25 th	Nello Vercellotti
28 th	Pat Bayley
28 th	Erika Barton
29 th	Cecil Fann
29 th	Sue Jackson
30 th	Judy Powell
	ANNIVERSARIES:
12 th	Dave & Gillian Campbell
13 th	David & Sheila Rackley
14 th	Ernie & Heather Mutch
15 th	George & Maureen Privett

Congratulations to you all!



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
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