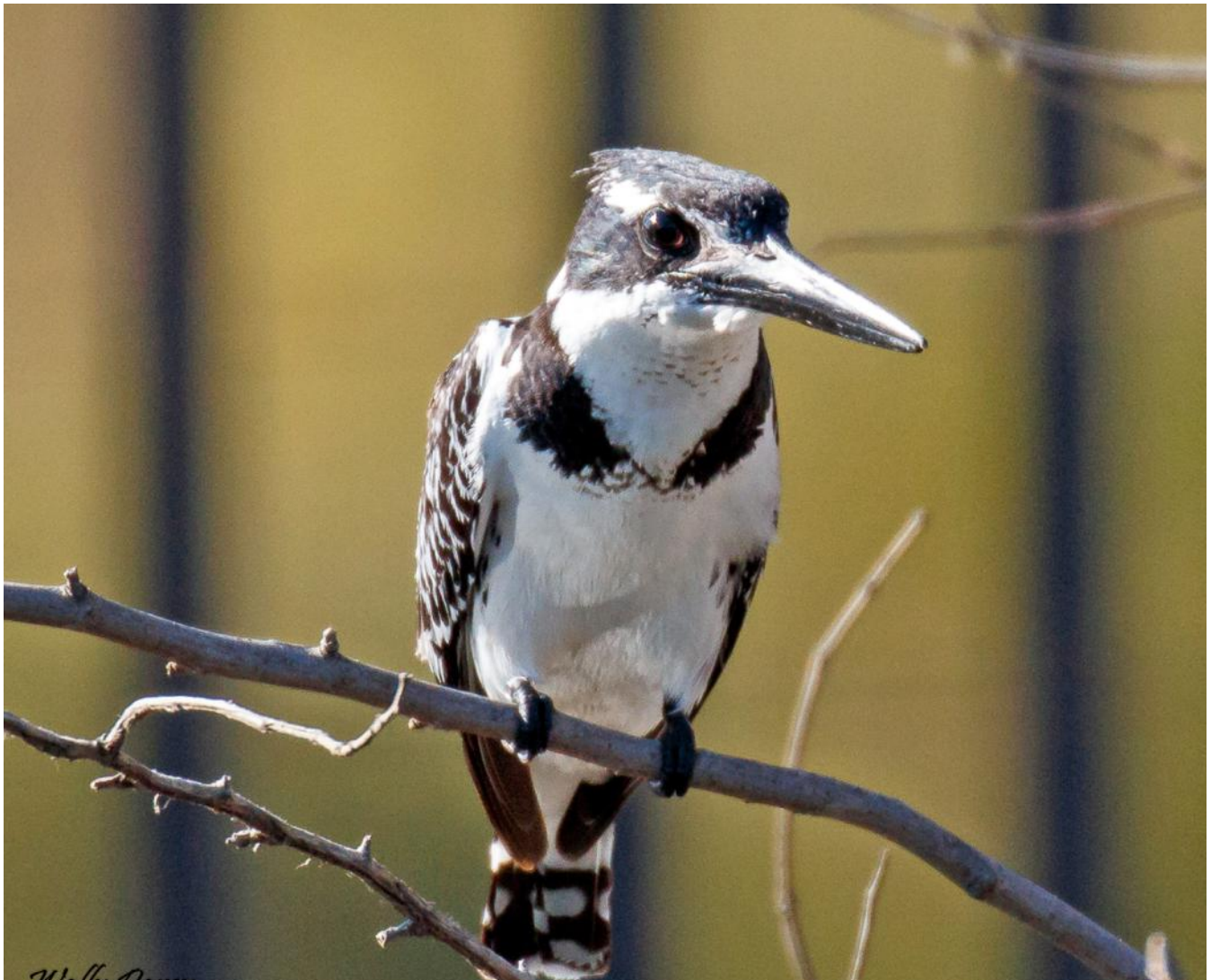


RESCOM CHATTER

MARCH 2022



Mrs Kingfisher checking out the Top Pond for Breakfast

What did she do next???



**It's fingerling and Chips
Yum!**

Welcome to Our New Residents

On 15th March, ResCom hosted a tea party in the Club House to welcome a number of new residents.

The following came and enjoyed tea, coffee and a huge spread of eats from the Bistro;

Carol Curtis (22), Klaus Kreft (25), Stewart & Rita Cloete (28), Willem & Hester Killian(40), Rose-Marie Bryson (53), Vicki Broad (58), Carol Roberts (83), Julie Du Preez (A002), James McGibbon (A010), Frikkie & Catharina Kraamwinkel (A013), Deneise Gregor (A014), Christopher & Pauline Joyce (A109), Cedric Wood (Woody) (A114), Ellen Blekie (A209), and Thomas & Coila Kneen (B002).

Also those who were unable to attend;

Kirsten Chalker (11), Fred Holtshauzen (20), Jenny Traviss(29), Merle Gush (35), Diane Muller (48), Patrick Broad (58), Maureen Tucker (A214), Dennis Allen (A212) and Charles & Margo Clarkson (A112).

ResCom has agreed that every new resident will be visited within at least a month of their arrival.

All residents are encouraged to use the Dear Chairman Box at reception in the Clubhouse to drop notes of suggestions that may have improved their experience of moving in.



**Kiloran did her bit and we thank you
for the photos**

And here are some of our New Residents



Frikkie & Catharina Kraamwinkel (A013)
above.
Dennis Allen (A212) to the right.



Klaus Kreft (25),
at the left,
Rose-Marie Bryson (53)
at the right.



Kirsten Chalker (11),
to the left
Carol Curtis (22)
at the right.



some more coming next month

Prepaid Electrical Meter charges

Please note as from the 1st April 2022, our electrical tariffs will increase.

If you favour building up a reserve for use during the winter months or beyond, the need to purchase the maximum block one prepaid units will still apply. That maximum is 600 units (Kwh) at a present cost of R1.9972 per unit. Any additional units purchased in the same month will move you into the next block charge and cost R3.3947 per unit.

On the last day of the month the software controlling the meter is reset so you can purchase another 600 Kwh for the new month. Any additional amount you may have purchased in the past will not be affected, you can still top up your total.

Indications are that there will be regular, and significant, Eskom increases ahead. It therefore makes sense to purchase 600Kwh every month to build up a reserve and to delay the effect of these increases.

Communications Portfolio

I will not be standing for re-election at the next RAC or AGM.
I have been asked to find a replacement, and I am sure there are hundreds (well, maybe tens) of residents who will be itching to do this job.

If you would like to volunteer, I will be happy to show you the ropes.
Please give me a call on Ext 1089 or 084 582 9129.

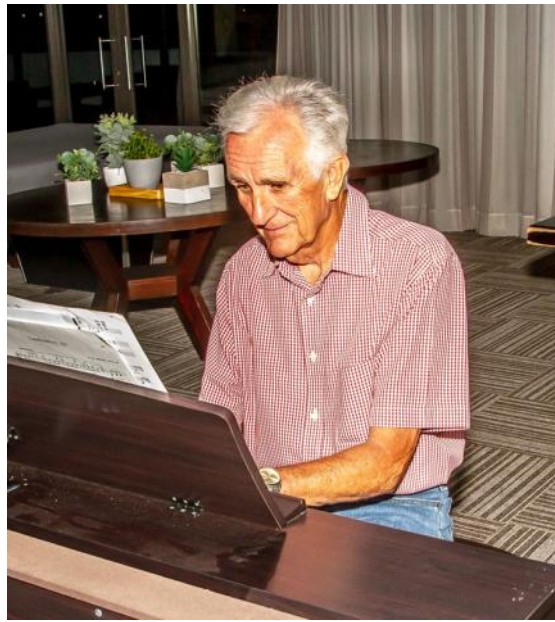
Thanks very much, Chris Edwards

St Patricks Social Evening 16th March 2022



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similar.





Kiloran and Heather on the same wave length (antenna that is)

SM Audiology offers free hearing tests once a month at the Evergreen Care Centre. We supply, fit, service and fine tune MOST BRANDS of hearing aids. Stock all consumables such as batteries, domes, drying capsules.

For your personalised free hearing test at Evergreen,

Tuesday 26th April 2022

please contact us for an appointment on:
010 5971975 / 0798916637



Has anybody seen Our Fairy??

Maybe the trauma of sharing a bathroom has affected her story telling abilities. If you see any sign of her please notify her keeper at:

No 36, Fairy Grotto
Bottom of the Garden
2694



Woke Enough

Will the West's obsession with Woke survive war in Europe? Or will Putin's missiles finally explode the Never-Never Land of unreality in which we have been living?

It's early days, of course, but so far, the West's mythical land of prancing unicorns looks bulletproof.

Even as rockets rained down on Ukraine, Western elites worried about how the war would affect LGBTQ people, as if Putin might have developed queer-seeking missiles.

Others voiced concern that grandparents huddled in bomb shelters beneath the pockmarked streets of Kiev might not be social distancing.

The New York Times lamented that few of the Ukrainians fleeing for their lives were wearing masks. They probably weren't triple-boosted either. And God forbid any of them were shot dead without first using a QR-code to check out.

Meanwhile, former US Secretary of State John Kerry expressed dismay at what he called the 'emissions consequences' of war in Europe. He would presumably be far more comfortable with the Russian invasion had their tanks first met strict European emission standards.

Kerry said he hoped Vladimir Putin would 'stay on track' with fighting climate change while fighting the Ukrainians. We can only hope the Russian army will sort the plastics from the metal bomb casings when they get around to removing corpses from the battlefield.

And in Australia, Victoria Premier Daniel Andrews lit up Melbourne in the Ukrainian colours as 'a show of support'.

If that doesn't work, he will likely deploy a hashtag.

And if China invades Taiwan, he will (of course) paint the town red.

Those who say cockroaches are the only things that will survive a nuclear holocaust are wrong. On the evidence available so far, Woke - that virus of the mind which has turned Westerners into mindless, unicorn-chasing simpletons - will probably survive as well.

The Russians may well destroy Europe, and China may well dominate the Pacific, but they will never kill our stupid!

Nothing better illustrates the disconnect between the imaginary world of the West and the cold, hard reality that is right now marching toward Kiev than the fact that, just three weeks before the invasion, British troops were spending a day 'reflecting on inclusivity'.

At the very moment Putin was surrounding Ukraine with rocket launchers, British soldiers were taking a break from tiresome military exercises to discuss 'unacceptable behaviours' such as bullying, sexual harassment, and racism.

Doesn't Putin know we have the most diverse, equitable, tolerant and trans-inclusive militaries in the history of the world?

And he's still messing with us?

If all of Europe descends into war, the Brits might not win, but by God they will be the best-behaved losers in military history. If only Putin would challenge us to a 'Celebrate Diversity Day', we'd kick his ass.

Western armies may well comprise the nicest soldiers you could ever meet on a battlefield. Just ask the Taliban.

'Oh, you'd like a Black Hawk helicopter, would you? Here, have 33! And would you like Humvees with that? Have 27.'

Little wonder that, after watching American soldiers run away from a bunch of Afghani goat herders, Vladimir Putin decided to try his luck.

It's not by accident that the acronym for the West's favourite things - diversity, inclusion, and equity - is DIE.

Putin wants to fight. So much toxic masculinity.

If our military leaders want to discuss 'unacceptable behaviours', they might like to talk about their total unpreparedness for conflict.

For decades now, we in the West have imagined we lived in a post-war world. Conflict was, like, so last century.

With the loss of Christianity, we lost the doctrine of original sin; the idea that human beings - while made in the image of God - are fallen and so have a propensity toward evil. Instead of preparing for the inevitability of conflict, we embraced the illusion of the brotherhood of man and the perfectibility of mankind.

Singing John Lennon's Imagine - as only a decadent culture would - we slashed defence spending so that we could focus instead on welfare and aged pensions and pet projects like wind turbines that, incidentally, would be a great defence if only Putin would invade using pigeons.

What soldiers we did bother funding, we trained as peacekeepers to win hearts and minds rather than as warriors to kill the enemy. Violence is nasty, you see. And so unnecessary.

We are the 'Defund the Police' generation, remember. We cannot imagine a problem that can't be solved by people holding hands in a circle and singing Kumbaya. Or by sitting down with a social worker who has a PhD in gender studies.

And so the German army has, in recent times, taken to conducting military exercises using broomsticks as guns. Why not? It's not like we'd ever need guns in our mythical world of love and rainbows.

Germany's chief of land forces, Lieutenant General Alfons Mais wrote this week on his LinkedIn page, 'I would not have thought I would have had to experience war.'

But while we have been busy beating our swords into broomsticks, Putin and Xi Jinping and the Mullahs and Kim Jong-un have rationed their population's pruning hooks in order to afford more spears.

Western elites have allowed a situation in which wealthy countries rummage around in the broom cupboard for something with which to defend themselves while basket case nations have nuclear weapons. What did they think was going to happen?

The Ukraine today. Taiwan tomorrow. And God only knows what comes after that.

The West will impose sanctions (provided they don't cost us too much), but Putin has a war chest of billions.

The West will light up monuments, but thanks to a scowling Swedish schoolgirl, Putin controls the West's energy supplies.

The West will appeal to 'international law', but it can only be upheld by force. And we stopped believing in force years ago.

The West will try to galvanise the much talked about 'international community', but no such community exists. Pakistan president Imran Khan, a supposed Western ally, visited Putin last week declaring it 'an exciting time'. And just watch the so-called international community rush to cut sweet deals with Xi Jinping if China succeeds in snatching Taiwan.

The West will look to the European Union, but the bureaucrats in Brussels are committed to the elimination of nation-states. Meanwhile, Europe is an idea of elites that the man on the street is not prepared to die for.

The West will appeal to the United Nations, but the UN Security Council was chaired by Russia at the very time Russia was invading Ukraine. The UN General Assembly's most likely response to Russia invading Ukraine is to agree on harsh sanctions against Israel.

On and on it goes.

We have lived in a world of illusion. And now reality is hitting us like a rocket. But will it be enough to make us finally realise that the real world is where the monsters are?

Our Broadacres ResCom

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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 - (Evergreen Health) - Sipho	079 579 4297
Sister Marius -	082 218 4206

(Please note changes to previous Care Centre numbers)

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.

Remember to wear your Buddy Band at all times and carry your emergency button (it is waterproof) on its lanyard.

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

They Call It God's Garage

Tucked away in a tiny suburb off of the Witkopp Road, you will find a lady called Luane.

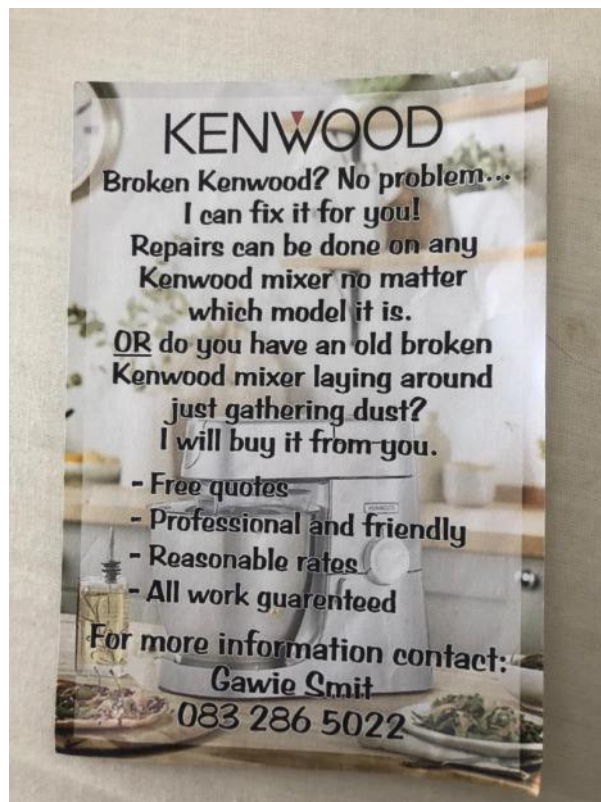
Her double garage is packed from floor to ceiling with what may be confused with a house clearance. It is only when you look closer you see Luane's helpers sorting and packing ready for various destinations.

Backed by the Bryanston Catholic Church, she can distribute to the various satellite charities.. Even underwear and those little hotel shampoos/soap/lotions .. they are for Rape Centre operations.

She is looking for donations. Eg. Clothes. Non perishable food. Bedding, towels, Shoes, Furniture. Actually any thing... Collections can be arranged or you can leave stuff at No 89.

Thanks for reading, and thanks to all who have contributed. I will leave this appeal here for a couple of months. Thank you all for the continuous contributions, remember also those electrical and electronic items that are gathering dust, they have a man who repairs stuff for resale.

Chris



Print it and pin it on your fridge
The people and companies below come recommended
Any changes/additions? please let me know - Chris 084 582 9129

Please note that I cannot be held responsible for claims against
those companies or individuals noted below

Directory of Services

Fridge Repair

Richard - 079 082 2681

Bergen Appliance Repair - 011 467 9474

Reglazing on site mirrors etc.

Glass King and Mirror - 082 441 0896

Shuttle

Peter Rafferty - 082 876 1380

Ward of Corporate Cabs - 082 453 3632

Airport Link - 086 137 8883

Buzz Wilson - 079 895 5738

Mike Ashcroft - 072 284 0340

TV repairs

Adam - 073 162 4048

Johan - 082 744 0208

Gas Supplies

BP Garage Fourways Gardens

Ziaad - 078 021 2442

LPG Country View - 011 318 1614

Andries - 082 895 8229

Computer Assistance

Andy Scott - 078 017 6045

Shaun Brogan -

Willam Keegan - 082 783 0288

Laptop Batteries

Akita - 011 704 2429

Dog Boarding

City Paws - 082 922 8093

Blinds and Awnings

Effective - 082 852 2339

Nursery

Farm Nursery - (Joan)082 654 7223

Medical Care 24hours

Fourways Urgent Care (7 Sunset Square) - 010 900
2224

Vet

Fourways Vet - 011 465 9120

Lonehill Vet - 011 705 3071

Animania -

Motor Bikes

Harley Davison Jhb - 011 884 0454

Sell Your Car

We Buy Cars (Henry)- 084 757 9165

Directory of Services

Inkjet Cartridges

Inky (4ways Crossing) - 011 467 4108

Landscaper and Garden Designer

Jackie -083 458 7779

Jaco @ Heuers - 083 251 2697

Laundry Services

Brenda (Broadacres) Loads of Laundry - 011 465
9589

Woodwork

Louis Webber - 082 825 4345

Car Make Over and Small Dings

Metal Cross - 011 704 1802

Pet and Bird Food

Milmac Foods - 086 100 1182

Hearing Aids

Sashni - 079 891 6637

Carpet Cleaning

Red Hot Cleaners - 011 465 2874 or 072 823 5272

Fluffy

Carpet Washing

Plumber

Paul Hoban - 082 326 1979

Electrician

Geyserwise service and repair

Garth - 086 104 3973

Kenwood Mixers

Gawie Smit - 083 286 5022



It has nothing to do with Rainfall, but I thought it was a stunning picture of the Skeleton Coast

Rainfall report for March 2022.

I am reminded of my early working days when deadlines kept rushing up on one, but paydays seem to take forever,(we know the feeling Cecil!)

This month clearly reflects the extremely erratic pattern over previous years. We have experienced no shortage of cloudy days without much to show for it. Barring anything unusual our monthly rainfall will now start reducing in the months ahead.

Total dam levels across the country continue to show an appreciable improvement over the same week last year (94% vs 85%).

This data as at 23rd March 2022. Feel free to visit the website sawx.co.za/state-of-dams for this and much more weather-related information.

Nonetheless the drive to conserve water remains a national imperative.

Rainfall in mm for 2021/2022

Apr 2021	28.1
May 2021	29.5
Jun 2021	0.8
Jul 2021	0.0
Aug 2021	0.5
Sep 2021	0.0
Oct 2021	87.1
Nov 2021	72.5
Dec 2021	154.1
Jan 2022	119.5
Feb 2022	174.0
Mar 2022	54.0

12 Months 720.1 mm

Rainfall for March over the years

2013	28.0
2014	210.3
2015	83.1
2016	251.4
2017	16.8
2018	184.0
2019	14.8
2020	81.1
2021	64.9
2022	54.0

Average for March since 2013 is 98.8 mm

Just Like That.....



A regular contributor to Chatter has just invented this, that was just during breakfast. With the rest of the day stretching before him, who knows what next? Maybe it can be turned into an egg container???!!!



**FIRST GOD
CREATED MAN.**



**THEN HE HAD A
BETTER IDEA.**

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aunty ago

Paddy: "Hey murphy,
I heard you were
arrested for
annoying your
neighbours by
playing endless
Engelbert
Humperdinck songs,
what happened?"

Murphy: "Police
released me, let me
go...."

MY MATE WAS TELLING ME
HE FAILED HIS EXAM IN
ABORIGINAL MUSIC...

I SAID
'DIDJA REDO IT?'



Sophia doing a bit of Fine Dining!

What's the difference
between a kleptomaniac
and a literalist?

The literalist takes things
literally. The kleptomaniac
takes things, literally.

**Woke up warm and safe in my bed.
While someone else heard bombs over their head.
I jumped into a nice hot shower,
While someone else has lost all power.
I hugged my family, we were all together,
While others said goodbye, possibly forever.
While I fear the money that I will spend,
Others worry of losing the country they defend.
In the time it took for me to write this post,
Many have lost the things they love most.
So, when I start to bitch and want to complain,
I will stop myself and pray for Ukraine.**

-Art Smith