

Cottages Chronicles

ARMISTICE DAY PARADE A GREAT SUCCESS



Robert Carruthers School singing Amazing Grace at the Armistice Day parade.

The Armistice Day parade that was held on Sunday 8 November 2015 was most successful and attended by a large number of members of the general public, residents, Moths and their families.

The proceedings were ably led by the District Old Bill Moth Chris Sonekus. Moths Neville Lynn, Mike.....

and Dion Slabbert all read appropriate poems relating to the occasion .

A large number of wreaths were laid on behalf of the Moth organisations, various elements of the defence force and civil society.



Our oldest resident Esme Taylor assisted by Moth Dion Slabbert lays a wreath on behalf of the residents of the complex



RECORD POPPY DAY COLLECTION

The Poppy Day collection held on Saturday 7 November 2015 was a fantastic success as a result of the many Moths, their wives and most importantly the residents of the Moth Cottages who gave up their time to man the various collection points.

This year a record amount of R 14 416.45 was collected. The residents of the cottages. The staff and residents raised R 6 588.79 of the total amount.

The top collector was Sheila Bower who raised R2 930.99 with Lettie Sonekus a close competitor.



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Sheila Bower this year's top Poppy Day collector.

RESIDENTS ON LEAVE OR AWAY



We wish the following residents who have gone to away on holiday, we trust that they will enjoy themselves and return home safely:

Trudy Venter is in Jeffrey's Bay;
Hettie du Toit in Middelburg;
Barbara Cameron is in Scotland;
Harry Reichert is in Zimbabwe;
Myrtle van Jaarsveld is in Springs;
Neta Oberholzer is in Pretoria;
Johan Steenkamp is in East London;
Maria van der Linde is with family;

Welcome home to the following who have been away and returned home recently:

Lynne Webster has recently returned from her six week visit to her daughter in Perth, Australia.

The six residents who spent a week in Badplaas at the Rotary Holiday Resort.



Marie Siebert is recuperating from her recent fall with her daughter in the Johannesburg area

Best wishes to the following people who either celebrated their birthdays in October or are doing so in November. May you have many more happy and healthy years in the future.

Happy Birthday



NOVEMBER:

1st Maria Quental
 8th Theo van Aarde
 25th Molly Joubert
 6th Jumaima Mnisi (staff)
 9th Piet Uckerman (staff)
 20th Lucky Khoza (staff)
 27th P Engelbrecht (staff)

OCTOBER:

1st Poppie van Dyk
 2nd Myrtle van Jaarsveld
 17th Lynne Webster
 25th Mariella Vermaak
 26th Kotie Human
 5th Chris Sonnekus (committee)
 26th Herra Hutton (staff)
 29th Winnie Phakathi (staff)

IMPORTANT NOTICES



HELP DESK:

In order to assist residents with any problems **Clive Hatch** will be available in the Admin building every Thursday from :10:00 to 11:00.

Please make use of this opportunity.



PAYMENTS:

Please note that all payments including electricity should be made directly to **Betty** in the office.

In order to avoid any misunderstandings please do not pay any staff member.

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon to Fri 08:00-13:00



R5 STORE CHRISTMAS PARTY



All residents are invited to attend the Christmas Party that will be hosted by the R5 Store.

The Party will be held in the lounge at 14:00 (2pm) on Saturday 28 November 2015.

Sally Vaughn will entertain the residents.

Forthcoming events:

Please diarise we would love to see all residents joining in.

November:

28th R5 SHOP Christmas party

December:

12th Annual Christmas Party

Regular events:

Tuesdays 14:00 Bingo

Daily Tea:

10:00 & 15:00 **All residents are welcome to come for a cup of tea or coffee**



Church services:

09:00 Every Sunday - interdenominational service

10:00 First Tuesday—Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday— Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday—Methodist

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



All resident's are reminded that the annual Christmas Party will be held in the resident's lounge on Saturday 12 December 2015 at 17:30.

All residents are urged to attend the party and enjoy the evening together.

Wie is ek?

'n Mens is wat jy is, of jy is wat ander van jou gemaak het .

Wat 'n verantwoordlikheid het die mensdom tog nie teenoor sy medemens nie, jy bou of breek, jy laat letsels en vernietig, jy vertrap en laat wrakstukke agter.

Wanneer gaan ons leer om ander se diepste wese in ag te neem?

The MOTH flag



A friend who was visiting me one day, asked me what the 12 stars on the MOTH flag represent. I told him that I don't know but would find out and let him know. I asked Neville and after a few days this was his answer:

Hi Enslè, as requested:

"The 12 stars signify mutual help which are these stars within an unending circle that expresses life and harmony without end"

As a matter of fact not many MOTHS know this.

Love, Nev.



On behalf of the Committee and the residents a very sincere thank you to the people who assisted so generously when there was a veld fire that damaged the electrical box outside of the complex.

Many residents assisted but a special thanks to *Eddie Myburg, Hennie van der Walt, Jack Strumpher and Sheila Bower*. Our thanks also to *Betty and Koos Grovè*.

Amazing enough the fire brigade arrived quickly and had sufficient water.

NURSES ROUNDS:

All residents must please ensure that **you personally** sign to confirm that the nurse has been to see you daily. The purpose of the nurses rounds is to ensure that there is nothing seriously wrong with a resident.

Please note we do not have a frail care unit and as such we are unable to supply medication not prescribed by your doctor. Should you require medical treatment kindly inform the nurse and we will arrange a doctors appointment for you.

Your cooperation in this matter will be appreciated.



On Tuesday 17 November there was an incident at the complex which was disturbing for some resident's. Although there was a loud commotion we would like to assure the residents that the matter was at all times under control.

The Staff and the committee were kept apprised of the situation at all times and with the prompt response from **Secure Access** we were able to resolve the matter without any danger to the residents.

All residents are reminded to adhere to the following access procedures:

- Make sure that the main gate is closed when you leave or enter the complex;
- Stop at the stop sign before leaving the premises;
- Do not allow strangers to enter the complex;
- Please ensure that your doors are locked and windows shut when you are out of your premises.

Safety and security is our collective responsibility.

Know your committee - Moth Neville Lynn -



Moth Neville Lynn was appointed chairman of the Sound Memory Cottages, Witbank in July 2001 after having served on the committee since 1995.

Neville was born in White River on 27 April 1954 and is one of three children of Harry and Leonie Lynn. His father Harry was the Town Clerk of White River.

After attending Belfast High School in 1971 Neville moved to Witbank in 1972 where he was employed in the planning department at Highveld Steel until 2011. He left Highveld to take up the position of Planning Manager at Benicon. He retired in 2014.

In November 1975 Neville and Annie were married in Witbank. They have two married children Angie (39) and Vaughn (37) as well as three grandchildren, Christian (6); Machaela (4) and Sarah (2).

Neville did his military service from July 1993 to June 1974. He also had to do various camps, including border duty between 1975 and 1995.

He joined Crater Shelhole in 1976 and has various positions including Wee Bill and in 1993/94 he was the Old Bill. In 1995/96 he served as Old Bill of the Coalfields District Dugout.

Aan al die mense wat so gekla het gedurende die winter, dat dit te koud is.



Is julle nou flippen HAPPY!

Water Restrictions

All residents are advised that the municipality has implemented water restrictions with immediate effect.

Gardens may only be watered after 18:00 and no sprinklers may be used. No hosepipes may be used to wash motor vehicles.

Please cooperate in order to save water, the Witbank Dam is now only 60% full down from 92% last year.

Reporting faults and other requests

All residents are reminded that all requests and the reporting of faults should be written in the complaints / maintenance book in the dining room.

Please do not direct your requests to the staff members, the system is intended to ensure that all matters are attended to timeously.

All complaints should be directed to Betty in the office or to the help desk on a Thursday morning.

Shakespeare said:

I always feel happy, You know why?
Because I don't expect anything from anyone, Expectations always hurt.. Life is short, So love your life, Be happy.. & Keep smiling. Just live for yourself & Before you speak, Listen. Before you write, Think. Before you spend, Earn. Before you pray, Forgive. Before you hurt, Feel. Before you hate, Love. Before you quit, Try. Before you die, Live.



HELP DESK REPORT BACK



A number of important and useful suggestions and constructive ideas have been made to the help desk. Those items that could be quickly rectified or implemented have been done and several others will be done in the new year,

Please note that we have reported the street lights that are not working to the municipality. We are informed that it is a cable fault that will have to be attended to.

PHOTO: Jack Strumpher and Mariella Vermaak the first two resident's at the help desk together with Clive Hatch.



Please:

- Do not drop cigarette butts into the flower pots;
- Do not pick shoots off other resident's plants;
- Do not leave hosepipes or garden tools in the open;
- Keep our complex neat and tidy at all times;

TODAY'S PRAYER

Heavenly Father, Thank You for Your goodness and faithfulness in my life. Thank You for refreshing and renewing my heart. Fill me with Your peace; fill me with Your strength. Help me to do good and stand firm until I see my harvest of blessing in Jesus' name. Amen



Thanks! Our sincere thanks to:

- Dirk van Niekerk of Distinctive Choice for having donated his time and the spares to carry out much needed work on the venture;
- The members of Ratel Shellhole for refurbishing the flag-