

Cottages Chronicles

WELCOME TO 2016



2016 started with a number of the residents getting together in the front of the complex next to the lapa to celebrate the start of the year with an impromptu braai.

Everyone sat in the shade around the lapa to avoid the hot sun that would certainly ensure that not only the meat would be braaied, in fact unlike the meat the residents could have got themselves burnt to a crisp.



While Eddie Myburg was doing the honours and braaing the meat for the residents they sat around and sipped cold fruit juice, wine and other refreshments.

This will hopefully be one of many braais to be held during the year.



HAPPY NEW YEAR

ON BEHALF OF THE CHAIRMAN AND COMMITTEE I WOULD LIKE TO WISH ALL RESIDENTS OF THE WITBANK MOTH COTTAGES A VERY HAPPY, HEALTHY AND BLESSED 2016.

WE HOPE AND TRUST THAT YOU WILL ALL CONTINUE TO ENJOY YOUR RETIREMENT IN THE COMPLEX.



The official newsletter of the Witbank Moth Cottages
Editor: Clive Hatch



Elke tree skets 'n verhaal waar ons was en waarheen ons mag gaan. Ons kyk terug en is Dankbaar. Ons kyk vooruit en is Hoopvol. Ons kyk boontoe en is Gerus. Ons gaan op ons knieë en sê: **DANKIE HEER** vir alles wat ons het en die kosbare mense in ons lewe.

RESIDENTS COMINGS AND GOINGS

Welcome home all our residents who have been away over the festive period.

We trust that you all had a very pleasant and restful holiday.

Best wishes to all of the people who have gone away in January to relax after hectic Christmas and New Year parties we wish you a happy holiday.



A very warm welcome to **Johan and Drien Mong** who have moved into Flat 4.

We wish you a long and happy stay at the complex.



Regretfully **Nettie Oberholzer** had to leave the complex for health reasons and go to stay with her family in Pretoria .

Nettie, all our best wishes for the future.

OOPS: a printers gremlin crept into the last edition and I left out **Margaret Hannon's** birthday on Friday 13 November 2015. Sorry for the oops and best wishes for the year ahead.

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

Happy Birthday

DECEMBER:

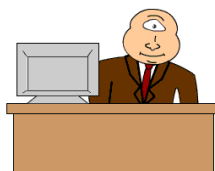
- 14th Stella Wales
- 30th Ensle Wright
- 30th Cellie Farrell
- 3rd Sharon Mamba (Staff)
- 16th Maria Fundama (Staff)

JANUARY:

- 4th Eddie Myburg
- 6th Ramona Delpont
- 11th Annetjie Grobler
- 17th Piet van Wyngaard
- 21st Elise Bailey
- 24th Annatjie Oosthuizen
- 24th Annette Rademeyer



IMPORTANT NOTICES



HELP DESK:

Residents are reminded that **Clive Hatch** will be available in the Admin building every Thursday starting 14 January from 10:00 to 11:00 to assist residents with their problems.



OFFICE HOURS:

Please note that **Bettie** is on leave until Monday 26 January 2016.

During her absence on leave **Hannetjie Stiglingh** will ONLY be in the office on Monday and Thursday mornings.

Your cooperation is urged, please.



Forthcoming events:

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

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*

After the hectic December there are no special functions pending.



Church services:

09:00 Every Sunday -
interdenominational service

10:00 First Tuesday—Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday— Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday—Methodist

CHRISTMAS PARTY ROCKS



On Saturday 12 December the annual Christmas Party was held for the residents of the complex.

After an enjoyable three course buffet dinners and some

liquid refreshments the party got into full swing.

The party came alive when Stanley White started playing music and singing songs that had everyone dancing and joining in with the singing. Some people, myself included, were on the dance floor for the first time in years.

The evening was enjoyed by all with the party carrying on late into the night.



R5 Store donates generator



At the 2014 Christmas Party that was hosted for the residents at the cottages by the R5 store there was a power cut.

Wilma then promised to donate a generator to the complex.

As usual Wilna was true to her word and kept her promise and donated the generator at this year's function.

The generator will make a huge difference to the cottages, we extend our very sincere thanks to Wilna and her staff for their generosity.

R5 Store Christmas Party



Once again the Christmas party hosted by Wilna and her staff from the R5 Store was a wonderful occasion for all the residents attending the function.

Wilna provided all the refreshments and gifts as well as the entertainment. Well known country and Western singer Sally Vaughn started the entertainment and was followed by a talented young local singer Esmond Minnie. Both of them entertained the crowd.

A most enjoyable afternoon was had by all.



Give Thanks!

On behalf of the Committee and the residents a very sincere thank you to the people and organisations who assisted on making the festive season a very happy and enjoyable occasion for our residents. A special thank you to the following:

- **Wilna** and staff from the R5 store for the Christmas Party and for providing the gifts and entertainment for the afternoon;
- **The New Life Church** for their very generous gifts donated to all residents;

Christmas Party:

- **Betty and Nic van der Westhuizen** for the donation of food for the buffet;
- **Phyllis and Martie** from the **VLU** for the table decorations and as well as for the starters and pudding;
- **Stanley White** for the music and entertainment;
- **Hannetjie Stiglingh** for decorating the serving table;
- **Lorraine Hatch** for the gifts;
- **Priscilla** for the beautiful Christmas tree;
- **Bettie, Sheila, Priscilla** and all the **other staff** members who went out of their way to ensure the success of the party;

Christmas Lunch:

- **Sandy** for the “goodies” for the lunch;
- Once again the **staff** that prepared a lovely spread for the residents who had Christmas lunch in the dining room;



Thank you to those residents who have green fingers and assist in keeping the garden in the complex neat and tidy.

However please remember that there are currently water restrictions in force and you may only water after 18:00 on Wednesdays; Saturdays and Sundays and only using a hand held hose or watering can.



With the recent heat wave do you still believe that global warming is a myth?

If you would like to receive the Cottages Chronicles please contact me on E-Mail address:

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Know your committee - Moth Chris Sonnekus - District Old Bill



Moth Chris Sonnekus has been a Moth since 1993 and is currently the Adjutant of Crater Shellhole and District Old Bill of the Moth Coalfields District. He joined the Witbank Sound Memory Cottages committee in 2011.

Chris was born in Pretoria on 5 October 1947 and is the only son of Jan and Lena Sonnekus. Jan saw service in Egypt and Italy during World War II. Chris has one sister Gretha.

Chris attended Riebeeck High School in Randfontein where he matriculated as Deputy Head Boy. Chris saw service in the SADF as an ACF member and was awarded a Pro Patria with Cunene clasp Medal for his involvement in the Angola Campaign. He also holds a Service Medal and a John Chard Bronze medal.

In 1965 he joined Coalfields and later the Anglo American Corporation and was transferred to Witbank in 1969. He retired from Anglo in 2008 as the Safety Manager of the Coal Division. He proudly recalls his service at Greenside Colliery where he was the Manager, Mining.

Chris is married to Lettie and they had a son Tertius who passed away. Tersius also served in the South African ACF and was a proud Moth. They have two grandchildren Tertius and Christiaan.

When not active with the Moths Chris finds the time to be the Chairman of the Delflora policing forum and the secretary of the Eikeboom Corporate Body. He enjoys playing bowls and doing some painting but detests having to go shopping.