

Cottages Chronicles

NOMADS DONATE POTS TO THE COTTAGES



Nomads Bowls Mpumalanga made a considerable donation to the Witbank MOTH Sound Memory Cottages for the purchase of much needed cooking ware.

A small function was held on Thursday, 30 March 2016, at the MOTH Cottages, Ms. Gussie Dick, President of Nomads Bowls Mpumalanga, handed the cookware to the management and staff of the MOTH Cottages.

Nomads' Bowls is a non-profit organisation, where bowlers from various bowls clubs meet once a month for a game of bowls, fundraising and fun. Members dig deep into their pockets to donate money for redistributing to needy organisations or individuals.

Our sincere thanks to the Nomads for this kind gesture.

The official news-
letter of Sound
Memory Cottages
Witbank



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THANK YOU LADIES



Sincere thanks to the ladies who went that extra mile to provide first class meals and services to the residents when the staff were unable to attend work on Monday 11 April.

Thank you:

- Betty
- Sheila
- Hannetjie
- Drien

Thankful

COMINGS AND GOINGS



Welcome to **Elize Evans** who has started as the nurse to replace Priscilla who left for personal reasons.

We trust that her stay with us will be a long and happy one.



We were very sorry to see **Stella Wales** leave us because she has had to go to the hospice for specialized care.

We wish her all the best in her new home

Oops..... Last month I did not welcome **Hazel Bibby** back to the cottages. We all hope that this time her stay will be a long and happy one.

Best wishes to the following people who either celebrated their birthdays in April or will do so in May. We wish you many more happy and healthy years in the future.



APRIL:

- 2nd Kotie Botes
- 11th Johnny van Gent
- 12th Piet Human
- 15th Ray Swart
- 18th Marie Jooste
- 24th Lena Pretorius
- 26th Eris Blake
- 27th Kotie Uckerman

- 28th Magda Steynberg
- 27th Neville Lynn (Committee)
- 16th Auphrey Mabaso (Staff)

MAY:

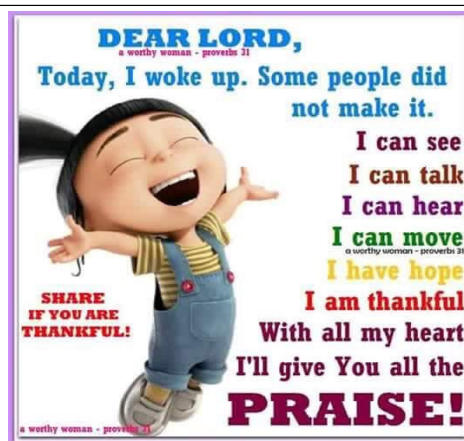
- 7th Johan Steenkamp
- 22nd Hazel Bibby
- 27th Esme Taylor

SICK BAY REPORT



Maureen Cummings is currently in hospital and on behalf of all the residents we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to her coming home soon.

Welcome home to **Elise Bailie** who spent a couple of nights in Cosmos hospital. We trust that you have returned to full health.



Know our staff - 55 years service



Maria Fundame and Jenetta Mahlahangu

Jenetta Mahlangu and *Maria Fundame* have a combined service of fifty five years at the Moth Sound Memory Cottages in Witbank.

Maria born on 8 March 1959 started working at the cottages on 1 January 1988 when *Mrs. Anna Pienaar* was the matron.

Maria has been married to Boy for “a long time” they have a married daughter Cynthia and two sons David and Hamilton. Their third son has passed away. They also have two grandsons Boy and Given.

Jenneta was born on 9 September 1961 and started to work at the cottages on 1 September 1989. She was employed by *Hermien van Niekerk* the matron at that time.

On 9 February 1987 she married Simon and they have four children Leah; Emilina; Sylvia and Eysel.

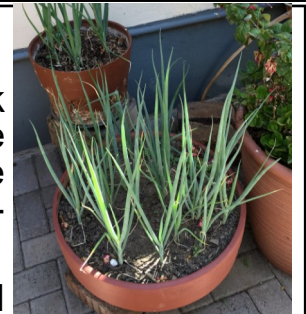
On behalf of the committee and residents I would like to thank Maria and Jenetta for their long and loyal service. We trust they will be with us for many more years to come.



SAVING MONEY !

It is very interesting to walk around the complex to see the number of residents who have started to grow their own vegetables in stead of flowers.

This is a very novel idea, well done.



IMPORTANT:

Office hours: Monday to Friday 08:00 to 13:00

Electricity purchases: Monday to Friday 09:00 to 11:00

- Please do not pick shoots off other residents plants.
- Please do not drop cigarettes butts in the pot plants or in the complex's grounds.
- Please obey the speed limit in the cottages grounds.
- Please do not drive off until the main gate is closed
- Please do not feed the birds.

Some more of those wonderful Church Bulletins! Thank God for church ladies with typewriters. These sentences (with all the BLOOPERS) actually appeared in church bulletins or were announced in church services:

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days..

This evening at 7 PM there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get..

A bean supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday: "I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours"

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs .

“JJ” Misses a headache

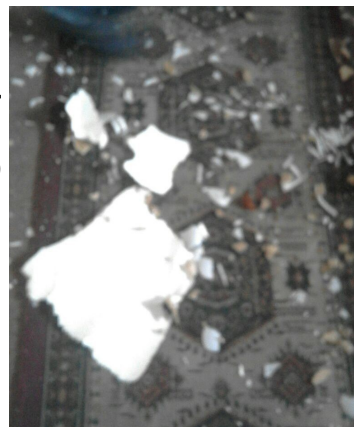


The Lord certainly blessed JJ on Thursday 7 April. He had been in his bedroom doing some work when he decided to go out for a few minutes.

No sooner had he left and the ceiling collapsed where he had been standing as a result of a water leak.

The flat is currently being repaired and should be completed in about ten days.

Any residents who notice any new watermarks on the ceiling must please enter it into the maintenance book in the dining room.



WHO CAN BECOME A FRIEND OF THE MOTHS?



Any person may become a Friend of the MOTH but not meet the requirements to join the MOTH organisation provided that they identify with the three tenets of the order. The three ideals are:

True Comradeship: practising front line friendship in civilian life

Mutual Help: acknowledging the personal and collective obligation to help each other as in front line service;

Sound Memory: remembering the fallen as a living companionship and to serve their memory in practical actions which

rise above divisions of social status, race, or politics.

For further information contact Moth Chris Sonnekus on **082 651 3844**



Forthcoming events:

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

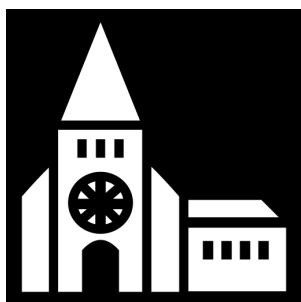
Regular events:

Tuesdays 14:00 Bingo

Daily Tea:

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

Wednesdays : 09:00 combi takes residents to **Family Pick 'n Pay** for shopping



Church services:

09:00 Every Sunday -
interdenominational service

10:00 First Tuesday—Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday—Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday—Methodist

Obituary - Desiree Dunsterville



Desiree Heatherbell Hide was born in Witbank on 23 July 1932 where she attended school.

She married Cecil Dunsterville and they left Witbank however after working in several other towns in South Africa they returned to Witbank and settled down where they settled down.

Desiree, also known as Dee or Ra, was an accomplished bookkeeper in town. She always kept herself active and still did the books of St Margaret's Anglican Church at the time of her death.

After Cecil passed away she remained active in town. Cecil still supported her as she named her walking stick 'Cecil'.

She moved into the Moth Cottages in September 2015 where she renewed her friendship with Myrtle van Jaarsveld. During her short stay in the cottages she proved to be a popular and fun loving person.

She passed away suddenly on 28 February 2016 and is survived by her son Anthony, four grandchildren Devon, Gareth, Duke and Stanton.

Sadly her daughter Jennifer predeceased her by a few weeks.

Condolences



It is with deep regret that we have to report the passing away of Mrs. Frieda van Biljon on Thursday 14 April.

Jan and Frieda only moved into the cottages in October last year.

She is survived by her husband Jan and two sons who live overseas.

Her funeral service will take place in the lounge on Friday 22 April at 11:00.

Our deepest sympathy to her family and friends.

COMPETITION



It is surprising that none of the old Witbankers recognised the building in the photograph.

I took this photo of the Witbank Moth Club in 1966 when I was still a school boy.

Ramona Delport won the bottle of champagne with the only answer and was almost correct.



Thank you very much to the people who have supported the new initiative of selling take away lunches on Thursdays.

The feedback that we have received from the residents has been very positive.

Thanks to Bettie and the Staff for going the extra mile.



Know your committee - Clive Hatch - Treasurer & Cottages Liason



Clive Winston Hatch was born in Johannesburg on 12 March 1950, the only child of the late Moth Ivor and Mothwa Fay Hatch.

The Hatch family arrived in the Witbank area in July 1964 when Ivor was transferred to Wilge Power Station and in 1966 they moved onto the VFP (Eskom) property in Witbank.

Clive matriculated from Jeppe High School for Boys in 1967. He started work at the Witbank branch of the Standard Bank in January 1968. In March 1969 he started as an Administration Trainee at the newly opened Highveld Steel, he left Highveld in July 1999 as Company Treasurer.

In July 1999 Clive achieved a lifetime ambition, to be a fulltime politician, when he was elected to the Mpumalanga Provincial Legislature where he served as the Leader of the Opposition and later as Chief Whip of the Opposition. Clive left the legislature in 2009.

Ever since his childhood he envisaged himself as a politician. He contested his first election at the age of 22 when he was a candidate for the Witbank Town Council. In 1981 he unsuccessfully stood for parliament. Eventually Clive was elected to the Witbank Council in July 1997.

Community involvement has always played a central role in Clive's life having served as the President of the Witbank Junior Chamber (Jaycees); Witbank Chamber of Commerce and Industry; Chairman of the Coalfields District Club. In 1988 he was National President of Junior Chamber South Africa and represented the country as the chief Delegate of the organisation at the African Congress in Mauritius and the World Congress in Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Clive says that the most important date in his life was 20 July 1996 when he married Lorraine. He and Lorraine have been actively involved with the cottages for many years. The both recently joined Crater Shellhole as Friends of the Moth.