

Cottages Chronicles

SPRING DAY AT THE COTTAGES



On 1 September the residents of the retirement village gathered at the lapa where the staff had prepared a feast for everyone to enjoy and bid farewell to the winter.

The residents joined in the spirit of the occasion by wearing their spring hats and brightly coloured clothes.



The cottages chairman **Moth Neville Lynn** welcomed everyone to the function and thanked Bettie and the staff for their arrangements.

Clive Hatch said grace before the party started but also reminded everyone that while it was a glorious spring day they should not pack away their winter woolies because it has been known to snow in Witbank during September in the past.

The official news-
letter of Sound
Memory Cottages
Witbank



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CHRONICLES ONE YEAR OLD!



The first edition of the **Cottages Chronicles** was published in September last year.

This will be the seventh edition that has been published. By all reports it would seem that it has been well received but of course there is always room for improvement. Please let me know if the **Chronicles** do meet up to your expectations or what can be done to improve the publication.

Your comments are welcome either by e-mail: cliveh@yebo.co.za or phone: 082 601 9376 or hand in your comments to **Bettie** in the office.



It is a shame that a shower of rain can't freshen peoples attitudes like it does flowers and grass

RESIDENTS COMINGS AND GOINGS



A very warm welcome is extended to:

Jannie Oosthuizen in the single quarters;

Maritz Pretorius into Flat 18;

Gerald and Rita Burger into flat 5;

Chris and Meraai Steynberg into flat 29;

Farewell to Hazel Bibby who has left for health reasons



There have been a number of complaints about pot plants and ornaments having gone missing from in front of residents premises and even from the front door of the lounge.

Please report any one you may see removing plants. It would be sad if we have to install closed circuit TV to eliminate petty theft.

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

SEPTEMBER:

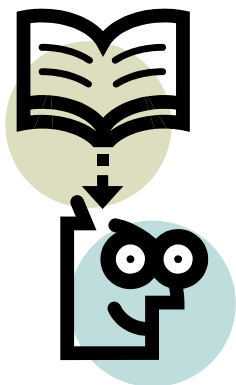
7th Miems Els
 7th Magriet Venter
 12th Annamarie Broodryk
 24th Martie Page-Lee
 25th Beatrice Verkuil
 29th Jack Strumpher
 3rd Betty Grove (staff)
 9th Janetta Mahlangu (staff)

OCTOBER

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



FOR YOUR INFORMATION



HELP DESK:

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

OFFICE HOURS:

Mon to Fri: 08:00 to 13:00

Electricity purchases:

09:00 to 11:00

Please arrange to purchase electricity during these hours.

CHRISTMAS PARTY



We are very happy to report that **Stanley White** will once again be at this years Christmas Party to entertain us with his enjoyable repertoire of music.

This years Christmas party will be held on Saturday 10 December 2016.

All residents are requested to diarise the date as we look forward to seeing you all at the party. Please note that this is a residents party and you are all urged to come and enjoy the evening.



URGENT REMINDER:

Residents are reminded that it is dangerous to consume medicine not prescribed for you by your doctor.

This practice can have dangerous or even tragic consequences.

Current water restrictions



Watering (with drinking water from municipal supply) of gardens, flower beds, sports fields, parks, lawns and other open spaces allowed only on **Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays** for a maximum of one hour per premises either **before 09:00 or after 16:00**. (This includes watering with buckets or automated sprinkler systems.)

- No watering will be permitted within 24 hours of rainfall that provides adequate saturation.
- No filling of tanks and other water retaining containers is allowed except for recycling and the use of grey water. When using grey water you need to put up a sign stating that you are using non-potable water for irrigation.
- Ornamental water fountains/water features to be operated only by recycling the water.
- Washing of vehicles (including recreational vehicles and watercraft) allowed only with hose-pipes fitted with automatic self-closing devices, or with waterless products.
- No washing or hosing down of hard-surfaced or paved areas with drinking water from a tap is allowed.
- All taps, showerheads and other plumbing components encouraged to be replaced with water efficient parts/technologies

SOME MORE POLITICAL PEARLS OF WISDOM:

When I was a boy I was told that anybody could become President; I'm beginning to believe it.

~Quoted in 'Clarence Darrow for the Defence' by Irving Stone.

I have come to the conclusion that politics is too serious a matter to be left to the politicians.

~Charles de Gaulle, French general & politician

Instead of giving a politician the keys to the city, it might be better to change the locks.

~Doug Larson (English middle-distance runner who won gold medals at the 1924 Olympic Games in Paris, 1902-1981)

A politician is a fellow who will lay down your life for his country.

~Texas Guinan. 19th century American businessman

Politics is the gentle art of getting votes from the poor and campaign funds from the rich, by promising to protect each from the other.

~Oscar Ameringer, "the Mark Twain of American Socialism."

THANK YOU



We express a very sincere thanks to the following people and organisations who assist the cottages and our residents.

- The ***New Life Church*** for their very generous donation of tinned groceries;
- ***Harry Reichert, Poppie van Dyk and Mary (legal) Neville*** who regularly give up their time to collect on behalf of the cottages on a Friday at Spar;

Gardening tip:



An easy way to keep your pot plants watered during the current drought and hot weather, especially when you are away on leave, is to obtain a 1 or 2 liter cold drink bottle, make a hole in the top then fill it up with water.

Once filled place it upside down in the pot plant and the water will drip into the pot slowly.



Forthcoming events:

Please diarise the following we would love to see all residents

Regular events:

Tuesdays 14:00 Bingo

Daily Tea:

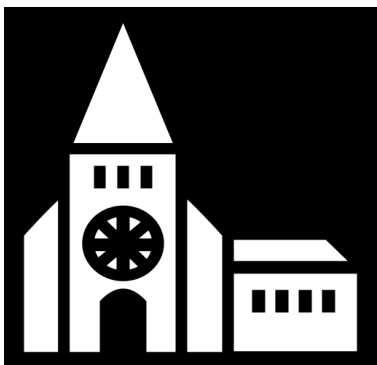
10:00 & 15:00 *All residents are welcome to come for a cup of tea or coffee*

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

Saturday 12 November: -
Poppy day

Sunday 13 November -
Armistice Day

Saturday 10 December -
Christmas Party



Church services:

09:00 Every Sunday -
interdenominational service

10:00 First Tuesday—Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday—Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday—Methodist

SICK BAY REPORT



An unusually large number of residents have been unwell over the past month.

We wish them all a speedy and full recovery.

Ben Botha spent a few days in ICU with heart problems;

Kotie Botes had a serious bout of flu and is still trying to get over all the side effects;

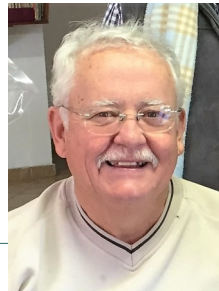
Johnny Botes who had a heart attack and has to go for an angiograph in the near future;

Maryelia Vermaak also had a serious bout of flu and has developed symptoms of asthma;

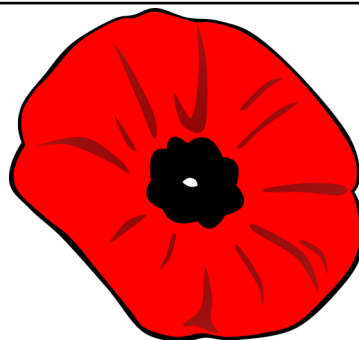
Renette Nel who was also in hospital with an ear problem and is now recuperating;

Neels van der Walt has had a knee operation and is at home recovering;

Moth **Dion Slabbert** was also in Cosmos suffering from a colon problem;



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Chairman of the cottages Moth **Neville Lynn**, his wife **Annie** and their family. Neville remains in ICU at Cosmos Hospital after having undergone an emergency abdominal operation on Wednesday 12 October,



POPPY DAY:

The annual poppy day collection will be held on Saturday 12 November.

All residents who are available to assist with the collection are requested to give their names to Bettie.

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE:

This years Remembrance Day will take places at the cenotaph on the cottages premises on Sunday 13 November. All residents are invited to attend the service.

Thea Loots has decided to start training the cottages residents and staff to be fit enough to join in the Great Train Race next year. As can be seen in the photograph below they are making excellent progress. After only three weeks they are able to get out of their chairs and do some stretch exercises.

All residents who would like to join the group are welcome to come to the lounge at 09:00 every Thursday morning in suitable attire.

Front runners for the relay team at this stage are **Sheila; Beatrice; Margaret** and **Ben**.



The vegetable garden is making progress and home grown cabbages and spinach will soon be ready for the kitchen.

In a couple of weeks time we should be able to start to supply tomatoes, onions and green peppers.

We will also be starting to grow some herbs in the garden in the near future.

HELP DESK ONE YEAR OLD



In September last year the committee introduced the help desk to try and improve communication between the committee, management and the residents of the complex.

During the first year we have attended to a number of issues that have been reported such as having the street lights repaired and the poles painted as high as we can; road markings redone; light installed at the steps behind the security gate; repainted water and drain pipes as well as a number of issues to individual flats.

A number of residents personal problems have also been addressed.

We are currently in the process of repairing and replacing fascia boards we hope to replace the fibre glass behind flats 19 to 22.

Is the **Help Desk** serving its purpose? If you are unhappy with the operation of the service that you are receiving, I would hate to think that I am wasting my time.



MOTH NEWS

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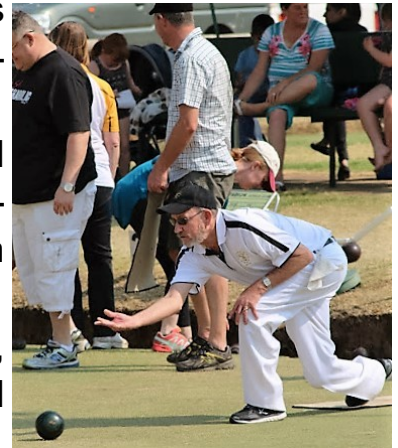
The Crater 1928 Shellhole badge that was designed by **Old Bill Chris Sonnekus** and adopted at the 2 October 2016 meeting is now available from **Moth Chris**. This badge does not replace the traditional MOTH badge but is designed to be worn by MOTHS and friends of the MOTH.

Prices:	Pocket badge	R85.00
	Lapel pin	R60.00
	Name badge	R60.00

Crater 1928 Shellhole was well represented at the Bowls Day organised by Gondar Shellhole in Middelburg on Saturday 10 September.

Two rinks from Crater 1928 attended the event which by all accounts was fun filled and well organised. Moth Piet Human was actually reported as having jived on the green in time to the music.

The cherry on the top was that Moths Brian Engelbrecht, Piet Nel, Piet Human and Eben Fourie were the eventual winners



The community project at the Old Witbank Cemetery organised by **Cllr. Anthonie Brits** On Heritage Day, Saturday 24 September 2016 was attended by District Old Bill **Len Bowker** and Crater 1928 Old Bill **Chris Sonnekus**.

Moths Chris and Len visited the military Graves in the cemetery that had been restored by Crater 1928 Shellhole and the Witbank Sound Memory Cottages.

Moths **Archie Taylor** and **Mervin Maufs** once again did the shellhole proud with the Crater 1928 golf tournament at the Kriel Golf Club on Saturday 24 September

They were very ably assisted by **Thea** and **Sandi-Lee Laufs**. **Moth Johan Gerber** contributed to the success of the tournament with a very generous sponsorship.

After the golf District Old Bill **Len Bowker** and Crater 1928 Old Bill **Chris Sonnekus** presented a Certificate of Good Comradeship (Non MOTH) to the Management of the Kriel Golf Club for their assistance in hosting the event over many years.

