

Cottages Chronicles

VISIT TO THE MALL

The residents enjoyed a trip to the Highveld Mall on Monday 12 February in the minibus. In future the bus will be available to take residents to alternate between the Mall and to Checkers Saveways once per month.

Provided that there are enough residents interested there will be a bus trip to the cinema monthly.

The bus can be made available once per month in the event of sufficient residents being interested in visiting a specific place. We will have to charge for petrol if the trip is out of town.



The official news-
letter of Sound
Memory Cottages
Witbank



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Editorial:

Once again our residents have shown their generosity when others are in need. It was indeed heartening that within two days we were able to collect almost 400 litres of water to be sent to the drought stricken Western Cape.

Thank you all.

Clive



*We don't stop laughing because we grow old,
we grow old because we stop laughing.*



Forthcoming events

Please diarise the following events open for all residents:

Regular events:

Tuesdays 14:00 Bingo

Wednesday 07:00 Hairdresser

Daily Tea:

10:00 & 15:00 **All residents are welcome for a cup of tea or coffee in the lounge.**

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

2nd Mondays : 09:00 combi takes residents to Checkers Saveways or the Mall (alternate months)

Sunday 11 November: 13:00 Armistice Day Parade—100th Anniversary of the end of WW1



Church services:

09:00 Every Sunday - interdenominational service

10:00 First Tuesday: Shalom

14:30 Second Thursday: Baptist

14:30 Fourth Thursday: Methodist



Best wishes to the following residents who are unwell or recovering from a recent illness.

We trust that all of you will have a full and speedy recovery.



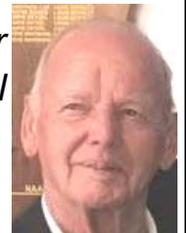
Moth Piet Human is undergoing a knee replacement and should be home soon.

Best wishes to Rae Swart who is recovering from a car accident in which her knee was broken



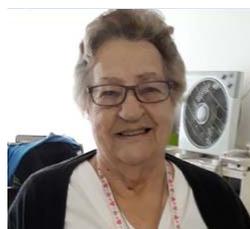
Trudie Venter is back home after having had surgery on her neck at the end of last year

Moth Mike Long is recovering well after recent heart surgery we wish him a full and speedy recovery.



Margaret Hannon spent a couple of days in hospital after falling in her room.

Johann Pistorius is home after being in hospital to stabilize his blood pressure.



Maureen Cummings is also home after spending a couple of days in hospital.

CONDOLENCES—BARBARA CAMERON



It was with great sadness that we heard that Barbara Cameron had passed away on 18 December 2018 while in Pretoria. Barbara had been a resident in the complex since January 2012.

Barbara Mac Shannon was born in Campbeltown, Argyll, Scotland on 24 July 1937 and was the 11th of 13 children. On her 21st birthday she married Malcolm Macleod from Stornoway, Isle of Lewis. Three months later they moved to Ghana. They returned to Scotland for seven years due to Malcolm's ill health.

In August 1966 they immigrated to Carltonville Gold Mines in SA.

She was widowed in 1986 at the age of 49. She married Gordon Cameron in 2004.

While in Witbank Barbara worked as a baker for Cosmos Hospital. Her and a friend started up **The Coffee Pot** a coffee shop in the Nedbank Centre, this was a popular meeting place for people wanting a hearty Scottish breakfast or other Scottish goods.

Being proud of her Scottish heritage Barbara learnt to play the bagpipes, the only one of the 13 children to do so.

The residents extend the sincere sympathy to Barbara's three children John, Catriona and Ronald and her five grandchildren Ryan, Malcolm, Kyle, Shannan and Kayleigh. May she RIP.

Best wishes to the following people who have celebrated their birthdays since the last edition of the Chronicles. We wish you many more happy and healthy years in the future.



DECEMBER:

- 1st Maritz Pretorius
- 30th Cellie Farrell
- 30th Enslè Wright
- 3rd Sharon Mamba (staff)
- 16th Maria Fundama (staff)

JANUARY:

- 4th Eddie Myburgh
- 6th Ramona Delport
- 7th Rita Burger
- 14th Johan Pistorius
- 17th Liz Glenn
- 17th Piet van Wyngaard
- 21st Elise Baillie
- 24th Annetjie Oosthuizen
- 29th Trudie Venter
- 30th Mariam Groenewalt

FEBRUARY:

- 5th Rienie Uys
- 10th Maggie Boast
- 12th Elise Strumpher
- 14th Annetjie Potgieter
- 26th Drien Mong
- 28th Bessie Pieterse

Christmas party 2017

Once again all the residents, staff and committee members enjoyed the annual Christmas Party on Saturday 2 December in the lounge and dining room.

Bettie and the staff ensured that a spread 'fit for a king' was presented for the residents, champagne and other liquid refreshments flowed freely and everyone joined in dancing to the music provided by Chris Juan.



Whats going on here?



Residents celebrate the start of

The residents of the Witbank Sound Memory Cottages got together around the Lapa on the front lawn to celebrate the start of the new year.

The meat was braaied under the watchful eye of Maritz Pretorius and Wollie Badenhorst while other residents enjoyed the wonderful sunshine and sipping all forms of liquid refreshments.



Valentines Day 2018

Valentines Day was celebrated with a community braai at the lapa and front lawn of the cottages on Wednesday 14 February.

Many of the residents as well as the staff joined in the spirit of the occasion by wearing red and white.

Only time will tell if *Cupid* popped in for the day!



WANTED: A resident who knits bed socks, phone Lorraine 082 459 7212

Quotes from genuine insurance

"The car in front hit the pedestrian but he got up so I hit him again"

"I pulled away from the side of the road, glanced at my mother-in-law and headed over the embankment."

"I collided with a stationary truck coming the other way"

"A truck backed through my windshield into my wife's face"

"A pedestrian hit me and went under my car"

"In an attempt to kill a fly, I drove into a telephone pole."

"I had been shopping for plants all day and was on my way home. As I reached an intersection a hedge sprang up obscuring my vision and I did not see the other car."

"I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way causing me to have an accident."

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my car and vanished."

"I was thrown from the car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows."



Residents are reminded that Clive Hatch is available in the office on Thursday mornings to assist residents with problems of any nature, not only related to the cottages.

Help desk times:

Thursday 10:00 to 11:00



As from Thursday 1 March 2018 small packs of fruit and vegetables will be available from the tuck shop.

REMINDER:

Permission has to be obtained in writing for family and friends to stay with a resident in the flats for more than seven days.

Club 111

Club 111 is a fund raising project of the Sound Memory Cottages Witbank and operates as follows:

1. Membership is open to any person who applies for membership and pays the Club's fees;
2. Membership is limited to 111 members;
3. Membership fees are R100 per month for eleven months. Members may make a once off payment in January of R1000 to cover the fees for the full year;
4. Monthly payments can be paid either in cash or by EFT. Payments must be received by the 1st of every month;
5. 11 monthly draws will be held on the first Sunday of every month for three prizes:

First Prize:	R 5 000
Second Prize:	1 000
Third Prize:	500
6. A FREE Christmas Draw will take place in December for the following three prizes:

First Prize:	R 8 000
Second Prize:	2 000
Third Prize:	1 000
7. A member must have participated in at least 9 monthly draws to qualify for the Christmas draw;
8. In the event of the target membership of Club 111 not being attained the prize money will have to be adjusted accordingly.

Application forms are available in the office

Welcome

Welcome to Meisie Rossouw recently moved into flat 35.



Welcome to Alf and Maggy Boast who have recently moved into flat 18.



We trust that you will have a long, happy and healthy stay at the SMC Witbank

REMEMBER OUR VINTAGE FAIR ON SATURDAY 8 SEPTEMBER 2018

We set the beam very high last year—we must do even better this year

START PREPARING NOW!



MOTH News

True comradeship * mutual help * sound memory

On Sunday 4 February 2018 the MOTH Crater Shellhole celebrated their 90th birthday at the monthly meeting followed by a flag raising ceremony to commemorate its ninety years of service in Witbank and to those MOTHS from Witbank who have passed through the ranks of Crater Shellhole.

Following the formal proceedings the members of Crater with their families enjoyed a sheep on the spit donated by Sergeant-at-Arms Moth Redmond Lennox which was expertly prepared by Shaun van As.

Crater Shellhole was founded in 1928, less than a year after the establishment of the MOTH. The Charter of Crater Shellhole was signed by Moth "O" (Eveden) the "Founder Member" of the MOTHS on 3 February, 1928 and is the second oldest surviving Shellhole in the MOTH Platinum Province.

From its inception Crater Shellhole met at Landau Colliery, SA Coal Estates but later transferred its headquarters to the dugout at the Sound Memory Cottages in town. Although the Shellhole struggled to survive in the late thirties and particularly during WWII, when it was down to a mere 4 members, Crater Shellhole through the faithful efforts of a few Moths has been the pivot around which other Shellholes of the Coalfields District evolved.



Moth Dion Slabbert received his diploma after graduating in his first module of Ancient Hebrew history.

Congratulations Dion, we are all impressed!!

Moth Dion still manages to study despite holding down a fulltime job together with devoting time and energy to his various MOTH activities as Old Bill of Ratel Shellhole, Vice Chairman of SMC Witbank and the District Sergeant at Arms.

Successful Crater Shellhole Bowls Day

The annual Crater Shellhole MOTH Bowls Day was held at the Witbank Golf Bowling Club was held on Sunday 10 December 2017. A total of 12 teams participated in the day including Moth Shellholes from as far afield as Ermelo and Pretoria.

The day was enjoyed by all with the Underdogs Monte Sole Shellhole 3rd team from Ermelo being the eventual winners squeezing Crater Shellhole B team into second place. Following up in twelfth position was Gondar Shellhole who received some of Ma Rooi's special koeksusters to sweeten up their day.



Maritz Pretorius, Len Bowker, Wollie Badenhorst and 'JJ' Strumpher representing the cottages at the bowls day.



The Winning Team the 'Underdogs' from Monte Sole Shellhole in Ermelo Sticks Steyn, Clutch Ferreira, Hans de Wet and Sarel Coetzer with Chris Sonnekus the Old Bill of Crater.



At the meeting to commemorate the 90th Birthday of the MOTH Crater Shellholes the following certificates of comradeship were presented.

Two **Comradeship C Badge and Certificates** were presented to Moths whose service is of exceptional merit.

- **Moth Redmond Lennox** excels in good Mothing, participation at meetings and parades. Regular suggestions to improve meetings and create more interest in the MOTH.

- **Moth Raymond Cane:** In spite of some broken service, Moth Raymond is per se the longest serving Moth at Crater Shellhole. He regularly volunteers to assist in tasks where needed. He made the Supply Bill duty a pleasure to observe. Moth Cane's attendance and participation is an example for others.

Three **Good Comradeship Certificate and G Badges** were presented. These certificates with the accompanying G badge is awarded by the Shellhole to Non-Moths who advance the purposes of the MOTH. for "outstanding efforts by the individual" who is not a Moth.

- **Friend Clive Hatch** takes his role as a friend of the MOTH rather seriously. In a very short while he did a training presentation, organized a very interesting lunch time speaker, and excels in Crater Shellhole's marketing in the press and on the MOTH website.

- **Friend Karin Bowker** was one of the first Friends of the MOTH to be initiated. Her outstanding support at meetings and Crater functions as well as her regular suggestions to make "Mothing" more user friendly did not go unnoticed. Friend Karin's attendance record is outstanding. Her support of Moth Len Bower's District and Shellhole MOTH duties is also remarkable.

- **Linda Volschenk** Linda Volschenk has forever been seen on her husband's side at Shellhole, District and Provincial functions. The Ideal MOTH wife