

Message from the Chairman

At the beginning of a new year it is worthwhile to reflect on the past year and to look ahead at the next year. One often wonders what the future will bring in terms of opportunities and challenges. From many years' experience I have learned to avoid New Year's resolutions, but to rather set goals for myself. If you don't know where you want to go, you will certainly not get there.

During 2018 Olivedale Retirement Village experienced many changes, some of them started in the year before and some will continue into this year. Most of the changes came in the form of new service providers, but some important changes were made to the infrastructure, such as adding gutters to the apartment buildings and fitting more appropriate door locks to the apartments.

The garden next to the Frail Care was developed in spring to the delight of the residents who can now enjoy the plants and flowers from their rooms or go for a walk and sit in the garden.



Work has started on the attenuation dams to make it safer for people walking along the perimeter of the village.

The approval of the revised Memorandum of Incorporation by the members and acceptance thereof by the authorities ended 2018 on a high note. Following from the MOI, practice directives will be developed for various activities to improve the corporate governance and streamline the administration needed for the smooth running of the village.

One of the main concerns was the large number of water leaks on the main line supplying the houses in the village over the past two years.

In the second half of 2018 the cause of the water leaks was identified as being high water pressure in the supply lines of the City of Johannesburg. After considering various options it was recommended to install a pressure reducing valve on the main supply line entering the village.

This will be one of the first projects for 2019.

Since the first Board of Directors was appointed the main focus of the Boards was to defend the interest of the owners and residents in terms of the defects in the construction of the buildings and infrastructure of our village. This will again be a priority for 2019. The implementation of the ten year maintenance plan will also start this year.

Most importantly, the focus must be on the people. We have to create an environment in which all the residents feel safe, welcome and cherished.

Loneliness is one of the dangers of our time. People are

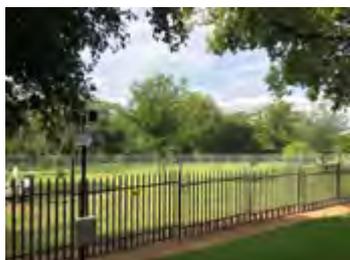
often lonely even when they live amongst people who are in the same situation.

The Social Committee is doing wonderful work to create opportunities for people to interact with others in group activities.

We need to do more about those who feel uncomfortable in groups. Let us identify them and help them to overcome their loneliness.

We wish you a prosperous remainder of 2019.

Adam Mostert,
Chairman of the Board



The fencing-off of Erf 1250 was also a milestone and first step in creating a special area to be enjoyed by the residents of ORV.

The Garden of Remembrance was opened during the winter of 2018.



Profile on Masana Merima

My name is Masana Merima, I'm 29 years old and grew up in Malamulele, Limpopo where I matriculated from Photani High School in 2008. I've been married to Mr Kagiso Keipopele for 4 years now and we are blessed with a handsome baby boy named Kamogelo Keipopele. I did my nursing training at Lunghile Nursing School in Rosebank during 2013 and 2014. I then joined Unique Health in November 2016 and got my permanent position here at Olivedale Retirement Village in 2017.

I love working for the elderly in Frail Care and looking forward to a blessed 2019.



Editorial

2019 already – whatever happened to 2018? It appears to have galloped past at a great rate of knots - if you blinked too long you may have missed it. Well - what's past is past - let's look to the year to come. My late Dad taught me a little saying which I think is pretty apt at the start of a new year. "May the worst of the year to come be better than the best of the year just past". It has that kind of niceness about it that many of those cheery Irish sayings have.

So what do we have for you this month? We have some images from the various festivities which took place during the last few weeks of December. Frailcare Christmas party, Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve parties which seemed to have been enjoyed by many.

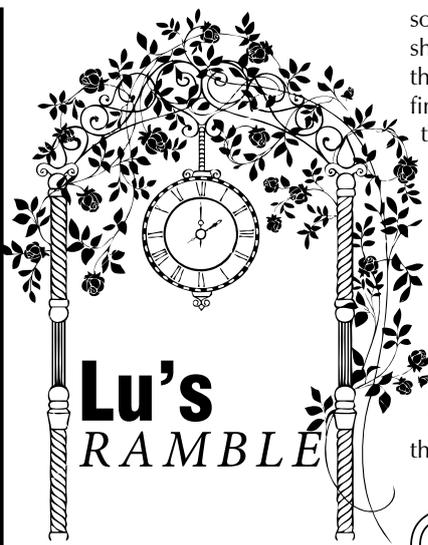
We have some information from Charles Bouwer which was as the result of an earlier article which mentioned the "Harvest Moon". Juanita writes a short piece to say "thank you" to some of the teams in the village whose work makes our lives that much easier and just a little more comfortable.

Do you know that a sufficient weight of plastic bottle tops can be swapped for a robust foldable wheelchair? Read on to learn how this can be accomplished.

We have a delicious pudding recipe for you to try in this month's issue - an oldie but goodie.

I am very sad to report the passing of one of our regular correspondents - Ian Young. I will most certainly miss his interesting and easy to read style of writing. 'til next time.

Chris.



Lu's Ramble

2019 ! Hard to believe than another year has come and gone. The year tucked away has been such a difficult one for many, but here's hoping that the twelve months ahead will be truly good. Good health, needs met and the love and support of friends and family.

I don't know about you, but I have found the weather in the last month or two totally bizarre ! In my younger days, a stifling summer's day ended with a thunder storm and deluge - normally just when leaving work. These days, the ghastly heat is followed by storm clouds that refuse to release a drop. Must say though, the rain that has finally fallen has brought much needed relief. The parched earth has absorbed every bit like a dry sponge.

Chris and I were in cloud nine over the holidays as my daughter and her family spent a couple of weeks with us. The weather in Switzerland is abysmal at the moment with grey skies, snow and the temperature trying to claw its way above freezing. They were

so looking forward to African sunshine. The first week or so saw them sweltering and during the final week they were subjected to rain, rain and more rain. We need the rain - but they sure didn't.

Amazing how one can water a garden and it just ticks over, but get good rains and it explodes into a riot of colour and greenery. Not too thrilled about the weeds though, which are growing just as vigorously.

We have had a few hiccoughs in the village over the last few days

of 2018. Burst water pipes that left some of the villagers without water for a while, skeleton staff and many minor gremlins. Please be patient. Once everyone has settled down and daily routine is resumed, all will be sorted out. If you have a problem, please don't inform a neighbour, bring it to the attention of the office staff in order for action to be taken.

Well, January begins, a new slate to start afresh. Wishing each and everyone the most excellent year ever. Looking forward to our next chat.

My Village Project

Those of you who shop at Woolies are no doubt aware that there is an option to support your Schools and Villages whenever you use your Rewards Card.

We have registered the Village at Woolworths for the My Village Project.

Please would you sign up for the My Villages option as Woolworths will donate funds to ORV every time you swipe your card. These funds will be used for the benefit of all the village residents and best of all, it costs you NOTHING.



The requisite forms can be obtained from reception and returned there after completion. They can also be obtained from any Woolworths store.

Japie's Delight

Ingredients

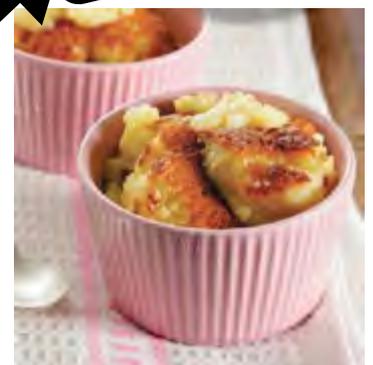
- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1/4 cup cake flour
- 1 cup milk
- 1 Tbsp lemon juice
- 3/4 cup orange juice
- 2 Tbsp melted butter or margarine
- Grated rind of 1 lemon

Method

1. Beat the yolks of egg and fold in the sugar.
2. Add flour and milk alternately.

3. Add lemon juice, orange juice, grated rind and melted butter.
4. Fold in whites of egg, beaten stiff.
5. Turn into a greased, fireproof baking dish, place in a pan of hot water and bake in a moderate oven at 180°C (350°F) for 45 minutes or until nicely browned.

N.B. This pudding forms a delicate crust on top and a sauce underneath.



Fault Logging

Estate management would like to remind residents of the Handyman Service available on the estate, and the correct procedure to follow when reporting an issue. Residents to call extension 5500/5499, landline 010 596 5500/5499 or email olivedale@trafalgar.co.za and report the issue.

A job card will be created and a reference number issued as proof that the matter has been captured and will be attended to. Faults are not to be logged directly with the handymen. The handymen will not work at a unit without a proper job card. Please note that there will be a charge for labour should the job take longer than 15 minutes and any HOA stock used: Labour charge: R20-00 per 15-minute cycle
Stock: Retail price of the item.

The service by handymen, Sam Sibanyoni and George Motebo, is limited to the minor maintenance and odd jobs listed below.

The maintenance jobs within our mandate are as follow:

- Simple plumbing; loose taps and leaking head parts; small blockages; straightening toilet seats; replacing water connections on toilets, wash-basins and sinks, applying silicone around basins, baths and sinks, changing pan seals on toilets; and water connections of appliances.
- Changing light bulbs; changing plugs on lamps and appliances; and cleaning insects from light fittings.
- Removing cooker hood for cleaning or replacement of filters.
- Moving furniture and large appliances (e.g. stove, fridge, washing machine, dishwasher, tumble dryer, microwave oven); and turning of mattresses.
- Tightening or replacing cupboard hinges; realigning drawers; refitting cupboard and drawer handles; repositioning cupboard shelves; and chang-

ing locksets on cupboards (no locksmith work).

- Light sanding of doors and windows that stick; oiling of door and window hinges; and sealing around window frames and door frames.
- Hanging pictures, mirrors or wall hangings; filling holes when wall hangings are taken down; and refitting finials to curtain rails.
- Placing of rodent poison in

roof (without climbing into the ceiling).

- Replacing washing lines at houses or repairing washing lines within an apartment.
- Painting of window beading were window pane was replaced.
- Tiling or tile repairs

Excluded from the services are the following:

- Plumbing or electrical work not listed above.

- Repairs and installations of computers, telephones, DSTv or any other electronics.

Security Issues

Residents can phone Security on Ext:5400 for all panic button and security related issues.

Kind regards,
Tertia Poole
General Manager.

Bottletops for a Wheelchair

This scheme was devised and sponsored by INTERWASTE, one of the larger recycling companies in Gauteng. It was developed as an initiative for schools, institutions and individuals. It is now being promoted by our caterers and the collection point is the Tuckshop.

The aim is to collect plastic bottle tops until a certain weight is reached. Then the quantity of bottle tops will be exchanged by the recycling company for a Wheelchair. The wheelchair is of durable build quality, has solid puncture resistant tyres, fixed arm and footrests and is foldable.

The weight of Bottle tops required is 450kgs which is a

huge number of tops. One large supermarket plastic packet contains on average only 2kgs when filled to the maximum so it is obvious that all the help possible is needed for this collection.

The tops accepted are ONLY the solid screw-on type, such as those on a milk bottle, juice bottle, cough mixtures and medicines, up to the size of the brown Nescafe coffee bottle lid, as long as they are rigid and do not flex or bend.

The softer plastic tops on cream, yoghurt or cream cheese, which can be folded between the fingers are NOT accepted and if mixed in with the others, the whole load is

rejected. Moulded plastic lids with a shiny finish, such as the green lid of the Jakobs Kronung coffee and cosmetic jar lids, are also not acceptable.

Please help us collect and recycle the tops. Rinse out the top or lid, remove the card lining inside if there is one, drop the tops into a small container or packet and bring the collection down to the Tuckshop when you pass by. Any number of tops are welcome and together we should be able to raise enough to present a brand new wheelchair to Frail Care or a deserving resident of our Village before the end of the year - or hopefully, even sooner.

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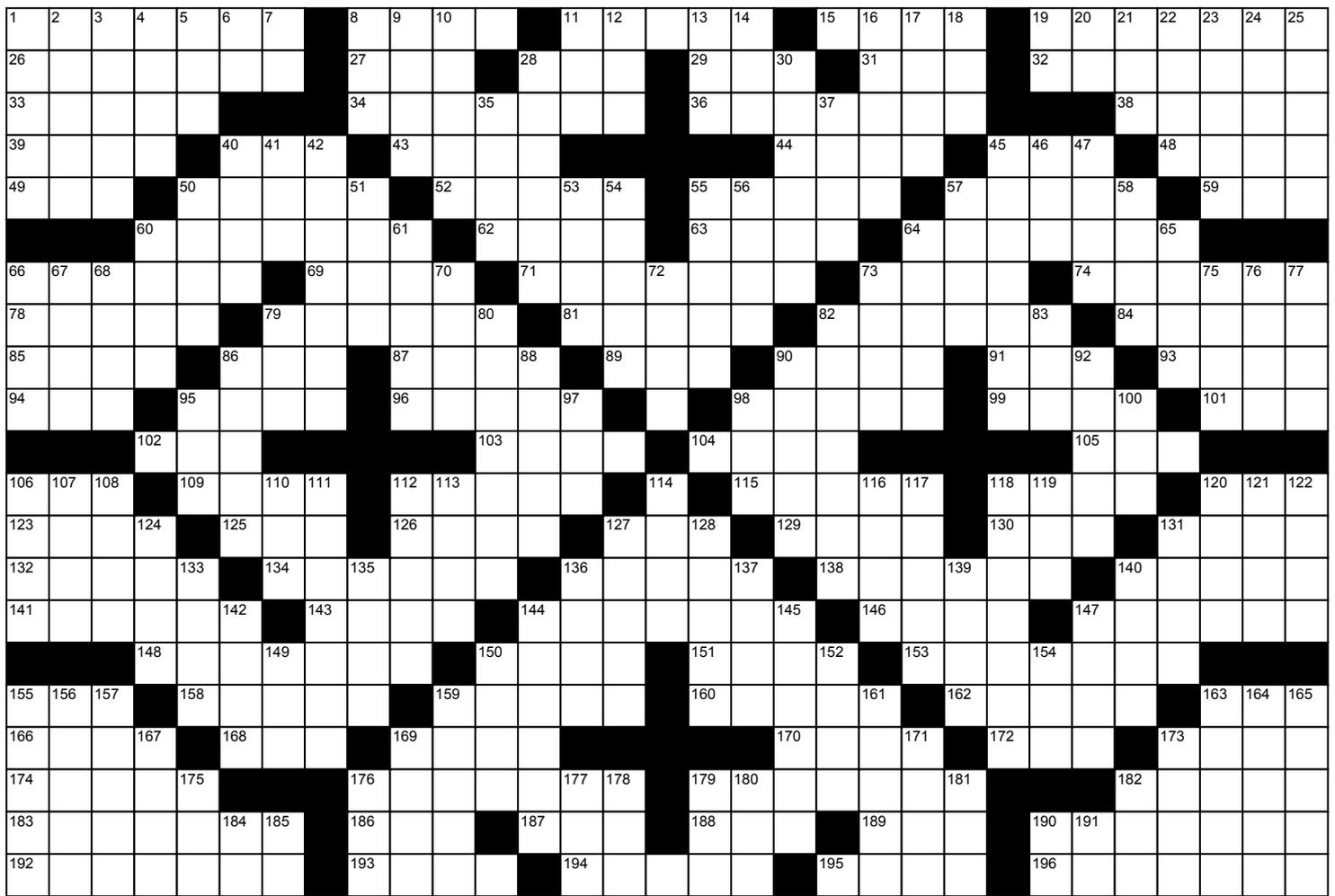
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The Greenbelt of ORV

We have a beautiful greenbelt of lawn, trees and river views on our Northern and Eastern boundaries. This stretches from the Memorial Garden to



diagonally opposite it at unit 193, which is approximately half of the circumference of our village. Unfortunately, the developers, in their lack of planning or execution thereof, built dangerous attenuation dams on the lower Northern

boundary to control the flow of storm waters from flooding the river below. These were too high, too narrow and an overkill. Only the more agile and daring of our villagers could walk along the narrow dangerous outer dam walls at their own risk.



Over the past few years, a sum of money was negotiated with the developers to recompense ORV for this and other construction blunders. The Infrastructure Committee was

now able to get contractors in to lower and widen the dam walls. The contractors could not use machinery as the walls were too narrow and inaccessible, and so manual pick and shovel labour had to be used.

In the dry, hot October and November weather we have just had, the digging was a tedious and slow process. The diggings were deposited into the dams to widen the walls. The walls each had to be lowered a little over a metre. Dam 2 was problematic with excess soil that could not be accommodated by the dam. The overflow gully had to be extended and filled with this excess soil as there was no other suitable dumping place.

At last the outer walls of the first



3 attenuation dams have now been lowered and widened substantially. This will provide a safer pathway around the Northern greenbelt of our village, not only for the security guards on their inspection patrols, but also for many villagers wishing to walk off road.

The work is well underway and the tops of the walls are to be grassed by the end of January, by which time it is expected that work on dam 4 will have started as well. It is expected to construct safe stairways down between the dam walls with adequate railing facilities.

When completed, it is envisaged that a greenbelt walkway will have been created from the park area in front of unit 159 down to around the park area adjacent to unit 179.

Our greenbelt walk-about will then be from the Memorial Garden to just beyond the unit 179 area - almost half the circumference of our village. A big word of thanks to Kobus Booyens of the Infrastructure Committee under whose guidance and control the project has run smoothly. Thank you Kobus for your time, expertise and involved interest in the project.

The Garden Committee is hard at work re-establishing the inner walls of the dams to make the greenbelt walk one of beauty and enjoyment for all of our villagers present and future.

We will keep you posted as work progresses.

Jim Taylor.



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When in Doubt - Improvise

Family holidays with young children can be fun – providing all goes smoothly.

The date is easy to remember – Prince Charles and Lady Diana were getting married that afternoon...

Our destination was a remote camp in the Game Reserve on the Nyika plateau to the very far North of the country and several hundred miles away. We decided the Journey was too much for the kids and instead I drove the first 300 miles or so the day before and was waiting at the local Airport to pick up the family and complete the final 200 miles to the camp on mainly very rough dirt roads.

Killing time waiting for the aircraft arrival, I had wandered into the local 'supermarket' to see what they stocked in such a remote location and came away with a bag of oranges and some freshly baked raisin buns.

The journey was a bit rugged but uneventful and we saw a lot of game on the way to the camp. It had been designed by someone with an eye for landscaping and consists of a series of chalets clustered around a small dam stocked with brown trout. An oasis of calm and just what we were hoping for. Hot water came from a Rhodesian boiler, there were open fires in all the rooms and an experienced cook/houseman to look after us. Bliss.

But as we unpacked the Range Rover it became obvious that two of the cartons of basic foodstuffs had been left behind – all my fault of course – and we were miles from anywhere and in danger of going hungry before the end of the week. I immediately shot back to the Camp Office where we had checked in to see what they had in their 'shop'. The answer was two packets of washing powder and a box of matches!

So I went back to the chalet with my tail between my legs and decided to try the bush telegraph. I asked the houseman to spread the word that I would happily buy any food that was available for cash – no question asked.

In the meantime I set to to make some marmalade from the oranges I had brought while the children were happily toasting the buns on sticks in front of the open fire – something they had never done before.

The day passed with no sign of any food but as it got dark there was a knock on the door and a gentleman in a tattered raincoat presented four eggs for sale wrapped in newspaper. I paid through the nose for them praying they were fresh hoping to tempt other sellers.

Gradually through the week I bought some potatoes, spinach and a dubious leg of springbok. I had obviously been seen down at the small lake with my bent pin and a worm trying to catch one of the brown trout and the main prize was a pair of very fresh fish.

Our saviour in this instance was also the kind donation of the 'leftovers' of another family on the way home who had heard of our problems.

So we spent the week playing monopoly and scrabble while I revived my camping skills learnt in the Boy Scouts. The children loved making dampers and twists on sticks, cooking grey coloured dough over the open fires. They said it was one of their best holidays ever!

The journey home was uneventful but I was never allowed to forget the two cartons of food left in the hotel cupboard 'for safety'!
Ian Young

A Celebration to Remember

From articles submitted by Petro de Beer and Estelle Visser
images by Margaret Cochrane.

Early in December family members and ORV Directors joined the Frail Care residents (and their families) and staff to celebrate Christmas in style.



With nearly a hundred people present, Frail Care, beautifully decorated by Fatima Ferreira and her helpers, and the tables creaking under Christmas treats, donated by the families, the party was off to a good start.

Rev. Trevor Slade, chairman of the Frail Care Resident's Committee welcomed every-



one and ORV Chairman, Adam Mostert expressed the Board's sincere appreciation for what Matron Petro de Beer and her staff do for the village on a daily basis.

Unique Health have been running Frail Care for just over a year and their Nursing Manager, Yolanda Wilson, added how happy they were to be at ORV. For almost a year the facility has been fully occupied and there is now a waiting list. After a reading by Rev Gwyn Slade, the Frail Care staff entertained the guests with their choir performance and brought a tear to the eye with their beautiful soothing voices. Everyone then joined in singing Christmas carols. The big moment was drawing the lucky winner of the Frail Care hamper. Mrs Maria de Melin, who was the first resident in Frail Care, drew the list code, and Mrs Herma Herrevelt, who has been resident second longest in Frail Care, drew the number on the list. The lucky winner was none other than André Jelliman, one of our directors.

We are sure he and his family will enjoy all the goodies when they return from holiday. Thanks to all who supported this raffle which raised R4000+.



Frail Care staff, led by Frail Care receptionist Masana Marima, entertain guests at the Frail Care Christmas party.



Mrs Maria de Melin enjoying the party.



Three generations together at the party.



Waiting for the fun to start.



Matron Petro gives a special thanks to Fatima Ferreira and Rev Gwyn Slade while Rev Trevor Slade and Elizabeth Ntlema look on.



Beautifully decorated table laden with eats.

Enjoying the sumptuous spread



Goodbye to the year just past – 2018

Images kindly supplied by Margaret Cochrane

ORV Villagers said goodbye to 2018 over the last few weeks. Elsewhere in this issue, you will find a couple of write-ups on the Frail Care Christmas Party which kicked off the whole process. This was later followed by the Christmas Eve Party and a week later, the New Year's Eve Party which ushered the old year out.

First we have those from Christmas Eve



And here are a few from New Year's Eve



Hidden Gems



*The Silver Birch
Lifestyle Garden Centre*

My wife and I have been going to this restaurant for many years, and it remains one of our favourites. Set in the midst of Randpark Ridge in the Lifestyle Garden Centre, this lovely restaurant has a peaceful and very pretty garden where you can sit and enjoy your meal. Pop in for a hearty breakfast to start the day or cruise in later for lunch, high tea or dinner. The popular English breakfast is a large portion of all-things-nice, but difficult to choose among all the other gourmet dishes on offer. Open sandwiches, with extraordinary fill-

ings, gourmet burgers, wraps, indulgent salads and more are some of the lunchtime specials. Sink your teeth into a succulent and tender steak, lamb curry, salmon or fabulous pizzas if you are a little more hungry. If you are only popping in for tea and cake or happen to have enough room for dessert then make sure you try the lemon meringue pie!

The restaurant has a small community of feral cats that keep the rodents in check. Some are friendly and will eat a piece of bacon from your hand.

Thank You

Dear Editor
This is a letter of appreciation I have wanted to write for a very long time and I thought it would be a good time now at the beginning of 2019.

I realise there are many people serving our community but I need to thank two teams who serve ORV in particular. In no particular order, the first team is the security guards who day in and day out, night after night, come hail, rain, freezing nights or sweltering heat during the day, walk our streets and control our borders hour after hour. Be we sleeping peacefully at night or going about our daily tasks, they are quietly doing theirs.

The second team I want to thank is our permanent gardening and bin collecting team. Day after day, on freezing days and especially in hot overalls in the sweltering heat

in summer, they quietly walk our streets whilst working, facing these challenging elements.

I know they are all on contract to us, and I know it is their chosen task, but I needed to thank them for their on-going commitment no matter their exposure to the elements. That requires continued diligence and perseverance. And what touches me the most about the above two teams, is that they always greet me with respect and the biggest smile. No matter the weather, their own personal challenges, financial and or otherwise, they always smile.

I take a leaf from their book as they inspire me every time I greet them in passing or in return. Thank you and a happy new year to you all.

Regards, Juanita le Roux
Unit 193



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January in History

New Year's Day - The most celebrated holiday around the world.



January 1, 1502 - Portuguese explorers landed at Guanabara Bay on the coast of South America and named it Rio de Janeiro (River of January). Rio de Janeiro is currently Brazil's second largest city.

January 1, 1942 - Twenty six countries signed the Declaration of the United Nations, in Washington, D.C., reaffirming their opposition to the Axis powers and confirming that no single nation would make a separate peace.

January 3, 1924 - British Egyptologist Howard Carter found the sarcophagus of Tutankhamen in the Valley of the Kings near Luxor after several years of searching.



January 5, 1809 - Louis Braille (1809-1852) was born in France. Blinded as a boy, he later invented a reading system for the blind using punch marks in paper.

January 5, 1972 - President Richard Nixon signed a bill approving \$5.5 billion over six years to build and test the NASA space shuttle.



January 6, 1066 - Harold, Earl of Wessex, was crowned King of England following the death of his brother-in-law Edward the Confessor. Harold II was England's last Anglo-Saxon king.

In October of 1066, Harold met the invading army of William the Conqueror at Hastings and died on the field of battle.

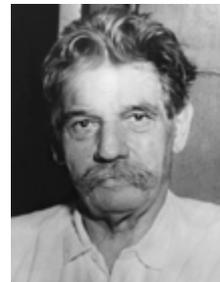


January 7, 1714 - A patent was issued for the first typewriter designed by British inventor Henry Mill "for the impressing or transcribing of letters singly or progressively one after another, as in writing."

January 8, 1935 - Elvis Presley (1935-1977) was born in Tupelo, Mississippi.



January 10, 1863 - The world's first underground railway service opened in London, the Metropolitan line between Paddington and Farringdon.



January 10, 1875 - Philosopher-physician Albert Schweitzer (1875-1965) was born in Upper Alsace, Germany. He served as a medical missionary in Africa and received the 1952 Nobel Peace Prize for his work on behalf of the brotherhood of all nations.

January 15, 1539 - Elizabeth Tudor, daughter of Henry VIII and Anne Boleyn, was crowned as Elizabeth I in Westminster Abbey.



January 17, 1773 - The ship Resolution, sailing under Captain James Cook, became the first vessel to cross the Antarctic Circle.

January 21, 1954 - The USS Nautilus, the world's first nuclear powered submarine, was launched at Groton, Connecticut.

January 21, 1976 - The Concorde supersonic jet began passenger service with flights from London to Bahrain and Paris to Rio de Janeiro, cruising at twice the speed of sound (Mach 2) at an altitude up to 60,000 feet.



January 22, 1901 - Queen Victoria of England died after reigning for 64 years, the longest reign in British history, during which England had become the most powerful empire in the world.

January 22, 1561 - British essayist, philosopher and statesman Francis Bacon (1561-1626) was born in London. Best known for his philosophical works concerning the acquisition of knowledge; *Novum Organum* and *The Advancement of Learning*.



January 23, 1943 - In North Africa, British forces under General Bernard Montgomery captured Tripoli in Libya.

January 24, 1965 - Winston Churchill (1874-1965) died. He had been Britain's wartime prime minister whose courageous leadership and defiant rhetoric had fortified the British during their long struggle against Hitler's Germany. "I have nothing to offer but blood, toil, tears, and sweat," he stated upon becoming prime minister at the beginning of the war.



January 27, 1756 - Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart (1756-1791) was born in Salzburg, Austria. From the age of five, through his untimely death at age 35, this musical genius

created over 600 compositions including 16 operas, 41 symphonies, 27 piano and five violin concerti, 25 string quartets, 19 masses, and many other works.

January 27, 1832 British novelist Lewis Carroll (1832-1898) was born in Daresbury, Cheshire, England (as Charles Lutwidge Dodgson). Best known for *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and *Through the Looking Glass*. He also lectured in mathematics and was a pioneering photographer.



HARVEST MOON

Referring to your article on the Harvest Moon in the December issue of *The Olive Branch*, I would like to point out that due to this event, the English vocabulary became richer with a number of words. I am not a literary man but because of my interest in astronomy, I came across the following information: In England, Harvest Moon appears in the month of September in the constellation CAPRICORNUS. CAPRA is the Latin for "goat" and CORNU the Latin for "horn". The English words caper, capric, capricorn, caprine, cornu and capriole are emanating from the name of the constellation and the English word "cornucopia" means horn of abundance i.e. a very fruitful year.

It is also of interest to note that this occasion is celebrated yearly in Japan and China. In Japan the event is taken up in their "Haiku", a type of volume with poems. The Chinese bake special cookies for the festival.

Charles Bouwer
Apartment 434

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WEEKLY SERVICES

- **SUNDAY** Interdenominational Communion Service *every Sunday at 9.30am* in the Community Centre. Fellowship tea and coffee after the Service
- **MONDAY** Christian DVD, drinks and snacks 5pm – 7pm in the Community Centre and Restaurant
- **THURSDAY** Bible Study 10am – 11am in the meeting room.

ALL WELCOME – and do feel free to bring a friend
with you – many Blessings



Ian's Campfire Stories

It is almost inevitable that campfire talk will at some stage turn to the matter of domestic servants.

In these day of labour saving devices and on-line takeaway meals many families chose to do their own cooking and housework. The further you travel towards the equator however the more hot and humid it becomes and it becomes almost impossible to maintain a family home without some help. This leads to the installation of full time house servants and cooks whose continually looming presence in what is your own private space can become very much an irritant.

Finding, and keeping, good staff can be quite difficult and it took me about a year to 'poach' a cook from the outgoing French Deputy Ambassador.

I can recall his first day quite vividly. We had longed to be able to open the kitchen door after breakfast and shout 'Isaac – eight for dinner tonight at seven o'clock please'

We decided to start as we meant to go on and duly ordered dinner for two and refused to enter the kitchen and sat back to see what transpired.

Seven o'clock came and we sat down at a nicely laid out dinner table. We sat and waited and waited and waited trying not to listen to the noises coming from the kitchen. It was after eight o'clock before the door was flung open and we were served with two plates of beautifully cooked Tilapia decorated with slices of lemon that had been sculpted to form beautiful shapes on the plates.

The main meal was equally stunning but the real talking point was the dessert. He had

made choux pastry shaped into swans with curved necks turn to the matter of domestic servants. set with clotted cream and floating in a custard sauce.

When I opened the kitchen door to say thank you I was confronted with a scene of utter chaos with every surface covered and a sink full of pots! Cooking was his forte, cleaning up afterwards was not!

He stayed with us for many years and his Sunday curry lunches became legendary with people ringing to try and wangle an invitation!

At the other end of the spectrum were those ladies with time on their hands who took it on themselves to take a raw garden boy, train him to be a houseman and eventually a cook.

This led to some interesting results. I recall one dinner at which a new cook was being put through his paces by our hostess having helped to prepare a whole chicken in a pot. He was delegated to bring through a tray on which was balanced a chicken pot at one end and four plates on the other. Unused to such service he didn't know what to do with the tray and ended up perching it on a nearby chair.

He then made the tragic mistake of lifting off the four plates to arrange them at the table. This completely unbalanced the heavy crock pot which promptly fell off the tray and the chicken shot under the sideboard while the 'sauce' spread all over the floor.

I rescued the chicken from its hiding place and we assured the hostess that it tasted fine and a little bit of red cardinal floor polish on the chicken skin gave it an interesting flavour...
Ian Young

Smalls, Notices and Classifieds

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Compliments/Complaints/Suggestions

A reminder to all residents that cards are available to complete and place in the box at reception. ALL complaints will be escalated to the parties concerned. If the problem cannot be sorted out by the various committees and the board, eventually the Managing Agent's lawyers will be called upon to resolve the issue. Problems cannot be attended to if they are not brought to the attention of those concerned. Please remember that it is just as important to register your compliments as well - they will most certainly be appreciated. We all need to thank these wonderful people who have taken the time and expense to give us such pleasing surroundings.

Happy Birthday!

We would like to wish all our residents celebrating their birthdays in January, a wonderful day and an amazing year to follow.

We wish you good health, comfort, contentment and the unending love and support of family and friends.

Remember - a Birthday Tea is organised on the 3rd Monday of every month for those who are celebrating their birthdays during that month. We salute all our January Babies.

The Communications Team

Garden of Remembrance Plaques

The Garden Committee would like to remind villagers that plaques are available at the cost of R200 for mounting in the Garden of Remembrance.

All script and design will be of personal choice. Cost includes engraving and mounting. If you would like to make use of this service, please get in contact with any of the Garden Committee members.

Articles for Submission

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