



# The Olive Branch

Reaching out to everyone

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## EDITORIAL

HELLO 2024 AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL!

Welcome to our first issue of the Olive Branch for 2024.

A new year with new expectations and new challenges. In general conversation, all the residents had a good festive season. The saying – life is not fair – has a way of surprising us. During joyful times and in difficult situations, we wish you strength and happiness in 2024.

Some contributions to the news and views are not time related but are to entertain, inform, challenge, or just to enjoy and put a smile on your face. To those who have contributed to the News & Views, thank you.

We would also love to hear about your travelling experiences, your opinions and recommendations on the places and sights that you have

seen. So, please share your photo's and stories with us. If you need any assistance, we would be more than happy to help you put a piece together.

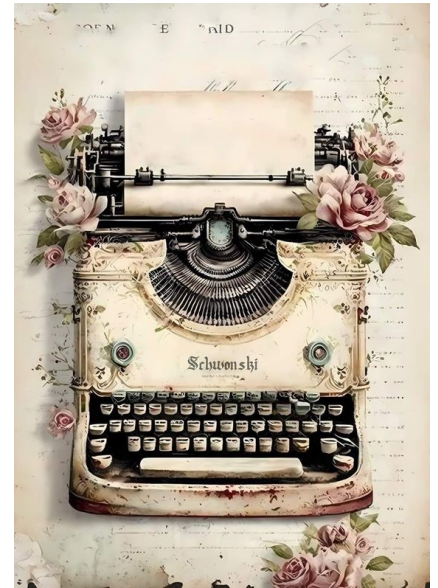
In this month's edition we have some images from the various festivities which took place during the last few weeks of December and January which had been enjoyed by many.

These past few months have been extremely hot; I'm hoping for some cooler weather. I see that my tolerance for heat is declining with age.

This year, let's make the most of the goodness and beauty that surrounds us and anticipate having a successful year.

Warm greetings to all of you.

Angie  
Editor.



## VILLAGE NEWS : CHANGE OF DIRECTORS

Mr Johann Tait has resigned from the ORV board with immediate effect. Mr Martin Lockwood has been elected as the new Chairman with Mr David Marshall as Vice-Chairman by the board. Vanessa Lohmann has joined the board as director for the diningroom.

## THE WATER SHOP

A special thank you to the owner of the water shop, Ian Willis, for donating a full truck load of bottle tops to our village.



# SECOND PHASE HOUSES REQUIRING RISING DAMP REPAIR

## The plan for 2024

### 1. RISING DAMP REPAIR

The program that was started in 2023 to repair Rising Damp will now continue into 2024.

This year, we are planning to start the damp repair on the remaining 54 houses. It needs to be noted that these remaining 54 houses were scheduled for this year due to budget restraints as well as the nature of the damp identified. This was not as severe as what was repaired in 2023. Not all walls are affected with the rising damp. We need to stress this point so that you do not become concerned when you realise that not all walls will be repaired. These houses have been thoroughly inspected by our contractor (DampOut) to identify which walls need repairing.

The houses on the schedule are as follows:

8, 9, 13, 21, 24, 40, 41, 47, 49, 50, 53, 62, 70, 83, 85, 100, 101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 118, 119, 124, 125, 131, 135, 137, 139, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 151, 153, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 166, 167, 168, 173, 174, 176, 179, 193

The contractor has been appointed to do this work. We will inform you of the program as accurately as we can. We are hoping to commence at the beginning of March.

Painting will commence +/-6 weeks after the rising damp has been repaired.

Please note that the painting regime is

based on two primer coats and two final coats to match the existing colour in the Village. The final coats will be a good quality PVA paint. The first three coats will cover the repaired area only and the final (fourth) coat will cover the entire window and/or door surrounds to ensure that everything matches. This process, for each house, will take a few days as the different coats need to dry before the next is applied. The walls that have not been repaired will only have a single coat of the final PVA to ensure that the colour is matched throughout the house. Minor repairs e.g. crack filling will be done where necessary.

Please keep an eye on the progress made on adjacent houses to provide an indicator of when yours will be due. Once again, all work will be external and those residents affected are requested to provide clear access to the painting contractor's staff.

Please remove all furniture, pot plants, irrigation piping etc that will interfere with the repair of the plaster surrounding the affected windows and doors (including the garage).

We thank you all for your patience and understanding during this disruptive, but essential repair process. The end result will certainly be worth all the inconvenience.

### **PAINTING THOSE HOUSES THAT DO NOT REQUIRE RISING DAMP REPAIR**

There are houses in the Village that do not

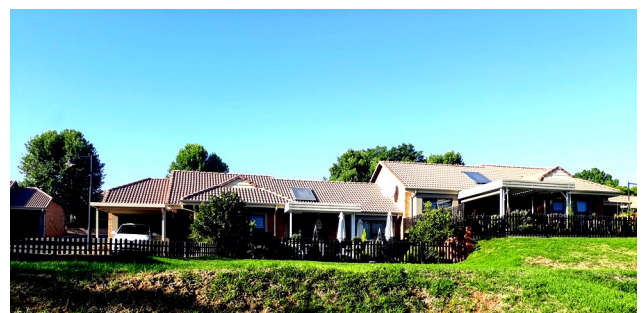
require rising damp repairs. These houses are listed below and fall under the 10-year maintenance plan and are due for repainting. This takes place in early 2024. In total there are 86 houses that fall into this category. The intention here is to do whatever minor maintenance is required to fill small surface cracks and blemishes etc and then to do a complete repaint of all plastered surfaces. The paint on many of these houses has faded slightly and with the repaint, all houses in the Village will match. These houses will only require a single roll over of the final coat. Some areas may require a second coat but these will be the exception.

These houses are

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 22, 23, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 48, 51, 52, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 77, 80, 81, 82, 84, 87, 89, 91, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 104, 105, 110, 111, 112, 113, 120, 127, 164, 171.

Please remove all furniture, pot plants, irrigation piping etc that will interfere with the repainting of the plaster surrounding the windows and doors (including the garage).

Martin Lockwood



# Major water outage 14th December

The following is an email that was circulated by Martin Lockwood, Chairman of the Board.

This past weekend has been a most stressful one for many of us.

Firstly, the major water leak outside the Olivedale Hospital meant that from midday Thursday we had no water in the village. This continued for the whole weekend. With the heat we have been experiencing, the situation was made worse.

Secondly, the change over to the new telephone service provider has proven to be somewhat of a nightmare as it has not gone according to schedule with many phones still not working as they should.

And finally, all this took place when our management company had their planned annual staff lunch on Friday when we had no water and a faulty phone system.

On the first point we had no control and as the event unfolded, we were left in the dark with poor predictions and reports from Johannesburg Water.

We were unable to communicate the limited information we had as the management team were not on site on Friday. The Board will try and address this issue as soon as possible.

However, what was unexpected was that many residents were unaware of the location of the JoJo emergency tanks even though this has been communicated regularly and the latest Olive Branch covered a full front-page article on the newest tank located at the entrance of the 500-apartment block. In addition, residents have been advised to carry emergency water supplies in case we are ever faced with a no water position. These advisories have been ignored by many.

On the second point, we will be taking the lack of telephone services up with the new service provider. We will endeavour to get this issue resolved ASAP.

Finally, we will have discussions with

Trafalgar to see what can be put in place to ensure that we do not have a repeat of this situation in the future.

However, with all of this going on, when our receptionist Lizele Nel came on duty on Saturday morning she was faced with rudeness and verbal abuse from many of our residents and this type of behaviour is completely unacceptable. As a result, Lizele was left in tears on more than one occasion while she was doing her best to remain polite and calm. I realise that there was frustration caused by a combination of the three events mentioned above but to take this out on Lizele who had nothing to do with these events was exceptionally rude. I sincerely hope that these residents, and I must stress it was not everyone, take time to reflect on their unacceptable behaviour and go and apologise to Lizele.

The Board and I sincerely hope that this does not happen again.

## KNOW OUR VILLAGERS

As we reach our more senior years, we all tend to look back over our lives and assess our past performances, our joys, our sorrows, our successes and failures, our experiences in general. Sometimes memories are clear, sometimes distant. Some we share, some we hold close.

No matter what hand life dealt out, everyone is unique and remarkable in their own way and has added value to their lives and the lives of others. We often think we know people but sadly, we only get to know the full story of their lives when it is too late. If you know someone who has an interesting story to tell, has a special

talent, or has filled specific roles, has had spectacular successes or failures, but survived, or has had a unique experience, please put their name forward for a chat. We would love to meet them!

Angie Moir  
Editor

A big thank you to the HOA for installing JoJo tanks. It was not so easy though to walk to the tanks, fill bottles and carry them back to our apartments. Two earth angels came to our rescue, Glanville Craig and Sam Sibanyoni went to fetch the bottles from the apartments and houses, filled them and returned them.

realise how fortunate we are to have access to water in our homes. This is a privilege that many lack.

Thank you so much.  
We appreciate you!

When something like this happens we





# NATURE IN FULL SWING IN THE GARDEN of REMEMBRANCE

## The miracle, tragedy, and compassion of nature

Nature was in full swing recently when, what I think was a Cape Robin, decided to hatch her family in our Garden of Remembrance. This sequence of photographs, taken over a period of about 16 – 18 days, sets out what happened as the mother started the process of increasing the population of birds in our Village. This story is my

interpretation of what was happening.

### THE MIRACLE

I first noticed this when I spotted a nest in the Garden of Remembrance with two obviously new-born chicks which had recently hatched. An adult Cape Robin was running around the gardens, making no attempt to fly away as I walked around. It simply ran from

garden to garden, while always keeping a wary eye on me. I am not a birder, but this behaviour made me think that the chicks were hers. In subsequent days, I often saw the Cape Robin sitting in a tree near the nest and chirping at the chicks.

1

The first sighting of the two chicks. So small and helpless.



2

Within a few days, it was apparent that a tragedy was unfolding.

One of the chicks was dominating its sibling by blocking it whenever a meal was being served. It demonstrated a strong determination that any food on offer was not going to be shared.



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Not long after that, the surviving chick had transformed into what was really starting to look like a bird. There was no longer any sign of the sibling.



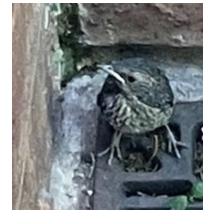
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The next day the nest was empty. What looked like a chick still very dependent on its parent the previous day had now left the nest for good.



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The good news is that I spotted the newly hatched youngster in one of the gardens and managed to take a picture of him/her. Hardly able to fly properly, it managed to skim in short bursts about half a meter above ground. It could run really fast and certainly looked fat and healthy and ready to start its life in the wild.



6

I noticed that, in the picture of the empty nest, the right half had been covered by leaves and twigs. I decided to look under this vegetation and found something interesting.



Maybe I have an overly active imagination, but this looks like it could be the partly mummified corpse of the sibling that did not make it. Something looks very much like a beak to me, but maybe you also need to let your imagination run wild! If it is the dead sibling, it sure shows the compassion of the parent in not just discarding the corpse of its child but giving it a decent "burial". No matter whether my interpretations are correct or not, this is a wonderful example of the many aspects of nature:

miraculous, tragic and compassionate all at the same time.



# WORLD WETLANDS DAY 2024

By: Wetland Working Committee

World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February to mark the day on which the Convention on Wetlands was adopted back in 1971 in Ramsar, Iran. A different theme is addressed each year and this year the theme is “2024: Wetlands and Human Wellbeing”. This theme is particularly relevant to ORV’s development of the open space on Erf 1250 and Erf 1248 north of the electric fence as a recreational area for the villagers to enjoy.

Now that the dam wall and spillway have been completed, we can hopefully fill the dam in the remaining rainy months. Once we know where the water will pond, we can start looking at what rehabilitation and revegetation is appropriate. Unfortunately, much of what currently grows in the wetland is alien and some

invasive too. A member of the WWC picked six small wild flowers in the wetland with great excitement only to discover that none of them were identified as indigenous. Though the task of revegetation may be enormous, much can be achieved by continuing to tackle small areas at a time to eventually create an indigenous wetland where only invasive scrub existed before. What a contribution for ORV to make to wetland conservation.

Researchers at the University of California Davis, examined the effect on people of looking at open water. They found that it may well be good for one. Some study participants’ heart rates slowed, and their blood pressure lowered when they were looking at water rather than at a parking lot or the adjacent ground. Though the effects of looking at water is

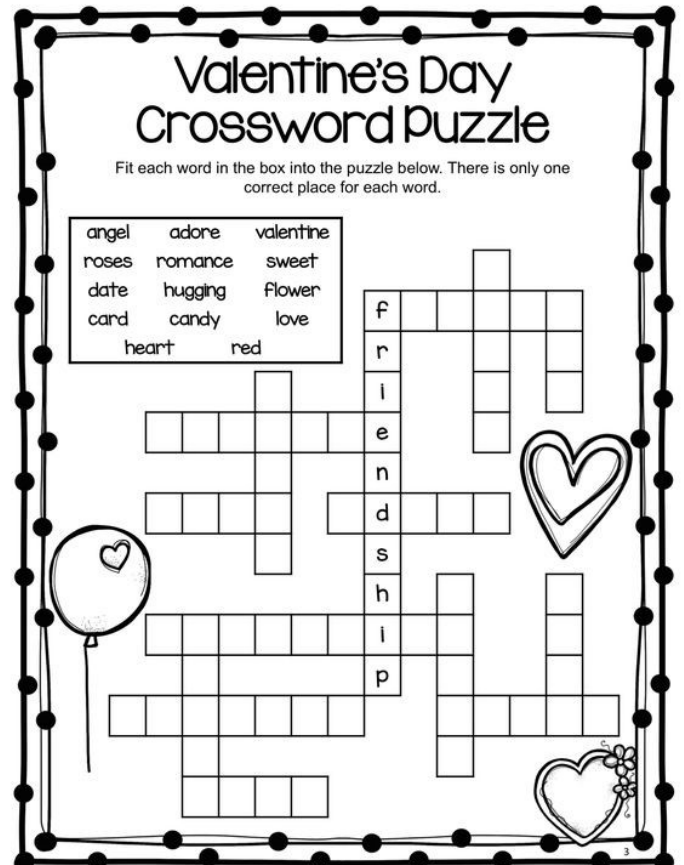
temporary, it does relax one. Once the dam is filled, ORV residents will have their own body of open water to look at to get relief from stress for a while, and if you are lucky, you may spot a bird or two as well.

The first two projects to provide recreational facilities for residents of our village in the open space should start early in the new financial year when the funds become available. This development will make the wetland and surrounding grassland accessible for all to enjoy and to come and relieve some stress by looking at water in a lovely natural environment.

Sources: <https://www.worldwetlandsday.org/en/materials#> [Accessed 2024-01-08]  
<https://www.ucdavis.edu/curiosity/blog/what-are-health-benefits-viewing-water>

Sudoku Solution on page 7

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# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

It was a huge success and enjoyed by all who attended.

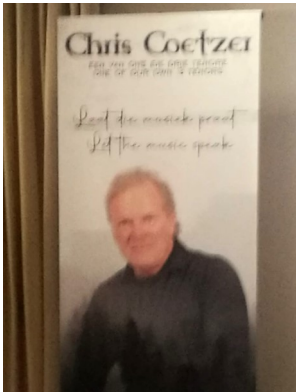




## MORE PICTURES FROM THE CHRISTMAS LUNCH



## CHRIS COETZER CONCERT HELD IN DECEMBER



### Sudoku Solution

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4	7	8	6	9	3	1	2	5
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**Bought a head of  
lettuce from a small  
grocery store called  
Mommas and  
Papas.  
Can't eat it because  
all the leaves are  
brown.**

**WHAT DO YOU CALL  
A ROW OF RABBITS  
HOPPING AWAY?  
A RECEDING HARE LINE.**



## CHRISTMAS BINGO

Great fun had by all



## BIRTHDAY TEA JANUARY



*happy 80th birthday!*



Anette Dam residing at unit 143, celebrated her 80th birthday on 28 January.

Happy birthday Anette  
love from all of us.

"Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young."  
- Henry Ford

## Vir Valentynsdag

### Jy is myne

Jy is in my lyf gegraveer  
in my hart getatoeër.  
Jy is myne, myne, myne  
Ek wil jou nie meer laat gaan nie!

In die heerlikheid  
van lyflike genot  
hou ons die seën  
van die liefdesgebod  
Jy is myne, myne, myne  
Ek mag jou nie meer laat gaan nie!

Daar is paaie om te loop  
En vlinders om te vang!  
Jy is myne, myne, myne –  
Daar is vreugdes om in te lag,  
daar is ruimtes wat vir ons wag –  
Ek kan jou nie meer laat gaan nie.

### Liefdeskruik

Rangskik die liefde in  
‘n blinkend kruik,  
‘n sieraad –  
Laat dit wedersyds weerkaats  
die sielsgenot  
laat dit ewig bot,  
wit ontluik –  
jy my kameraad  
‘n silwer prys.

Elma van den Berg



### Ons vier die Liefde – Boekbekendstelling

Ontmoet die skrywers

Japie Croukamp – The Time is Now

Elma van den Berg – Wense en Verse vir Jou

Kinderboeke

Woensdag 14 Februarie

15h:00 in die saal

Sang deur Sheldon en Monya van Wyk

Verversings sal voorsien word Kaartjies teen R30 by ontvangs

### We celebrate Love – Book launch

Meet the writers

Japie Croukamp – The Time is Now

Elma van den Berg – Wishes and verses for You

Children's books

Wednesday 14 February

15:00 In the hall

Singing by Sheldon en Monya van Wyk

Refreshments will be provided. Tickets R 30 at reception



Stories van 19 Voetsek

Oom Joël en Tant Jak - Deel 1

Hantie de Beer en Elma van den Berg

Tarentale

Namiddae is stoepsittyd, vir almal om te kom saamsit, witblits en koffie drink en stories te vertel. Oom Joël is aan die woord. 'Die tarentale saai verwoesting in my groentetuin en lande! Ek moet 'n plan maak!' 'Jak', sê Tant Jak. Jy moet

verseker 'n plan maak.'

'Wat sal jy kan doen, Joël, teen sô 'n klomp tarentale?' vra Annie, Tant Jak se suster. 'Môre maak ek 'n reguit paadjie al langs die groentetuin af. 'n Reguit paadjie met geen draaie nie.' 'Vir wat wil jy dit doen?' vra Tant Jak. 'Julle sal sien, wag maar.' 'Ons sal moet sien!, sê Tant Jak. Die volgende oggend maak oom Joël sy smal reguit paadjie. Hy gaan koop by die koöperasie 'n pak mieliepitte. Al met die paadjie langs pak

hy dit een-een in 'n reguit lyn.

Namiddag vat hy sy geweer en die tarentale kom loop in 'n reguit ry om mieliepitte op te pik. Hy skiet. Een skoot. 'Hoeveel tarentale het jy geskiet?' vra Koos, Annie se man. '99', antwoord Oom Joël.

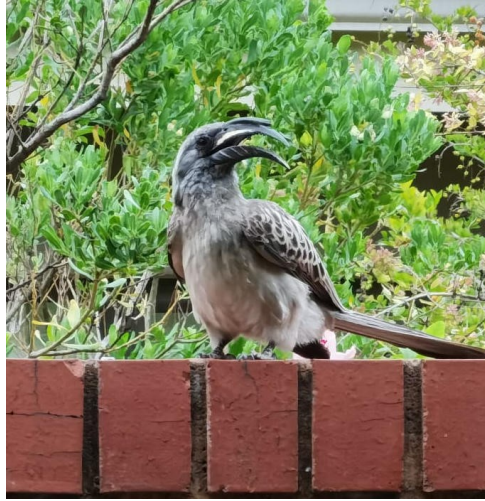
'Hoekom nie 100 nie?' vra Koos. 'Luister Koos, sal ek nou vir jou met 1 tarentaal lieg?' sê Oom Joël baie drifting! 'Jak!' is Tank Jak se kommentaar, terwyl almal slurp aan hul koffie.



**THIS AND THAT**



Fanie Kruger did his 300th Parkrun during December 2023. He said that the cooler weather played its role as he was able to achieve his 2nd best time this year. We wish our fellow resident all the best as he looks forward to further challenges in the years to come.



A hornbill on the wall of one of the houses



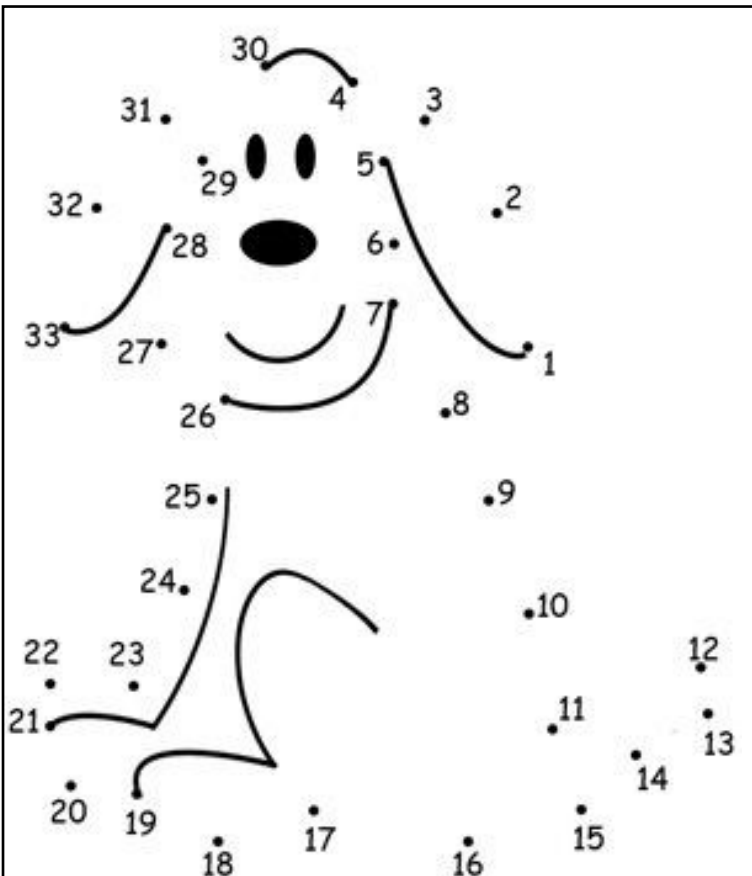
Three kings celebration at resident Lucelia Paulo's house. A lovely evening spent with special friends.

Three Kings' Day is celebrated on January 6th. It marks the day that the Three Kings, also known as the wise men travelled across the desert to

present gifts to baby Jesus.

In Portugal, the day is mostly celebrated indoors as a warm and peaceful day to spend with family.

This time is also of course another excuse to eat Bolo Rei (King Cake) a sweet cake with a hole in the centre, filled with dried and candied fruits.



These exquisite pieces of art were produced at the Tuesday 2-4 p.m. art classes. Please join us, beginners are welcome



# THE RAMBLINGS OF AN OLD WOMAN

## Of heatwaves and the oddities of the English language.

For many years my late husband and I lived in the winelands of the Western Cape. I loved the peace and quiet, having not a single traffic light in the town and, being almost pioneers, were only the third English speaking family in the town. Fortunately, we were both bi-lingual. Things have since changed in that regard. It is an area where temperatures can reach 40 degrees and higher in summer. Initially, I didn't understand why so many houses had their windows closed all day, the curtains drawn and, if it was an old house, like ours, the shutters closed. I was enlightened by a long- time inhabitant whom I asked about this phenomenon. Her reply was as follows:

In winter we close doors and windows to keep out the cold. Why in summer open everything to let the heat IN? Open all the doors and windows in the evening when it is cool and leave them open if it is safe to do so. Then, in the morning, before the heat hits, close as much as possible, including drawing the curtains.

I tried it and it worked. By late afternoon it sometimes became a little stuffy, but soon we could open doors and windows and enjoy the evening. I still do this. I am in one of the apartments and I open everything early in the day, including the corridor windows. Then as the heat increases I close up, especially the corridor windows, and I find it does help. I am on the top floor and the heat builds up inside the roof space as there is no insulation in the ceilings. This floor is, I am sure, as much as four degrees hotter than flats on lower floors. I do all I can to keep as cool as possible.

I recently went to my old friend Google to search for tips on coping with heat. The advice is exactly the same as what I had been given in the winelands. Try it.

### The oddities of English.

As regular readers know, I am fascinated by the English language. There are many words that are spelled the same way but pronounced differently, according to

the context. On the other hand, there are those that are spelled differently but pronounced the same. It makes it very difficult for those whose home language is not English. I found this on Facebook: A compilation of sayings that are almost right.

Most people could care less that people say irregardless. This misuse should of been nipped in the butt long ago. Maybe they are just escape goats for the broader problems of the decline of education, but even though I have been biting my time here, cringing at the next foe par while they get off scotch free, it's truly a mute point these days. Face it: it's a doggie dog world. I think I'll just go curl up in a feeble position. Ex cetera, ex cetera, ex cetera.....

I still laugh when I read it because it is so cleverly written.

Maureen Lamprecht

## WELL SAID!

"For last year's words belong to last year's language and next year's words await another voice. And to make an end is to make a beginning." T.S. Eliot

Another romantic evening comes  
... and goes



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is oud as  
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die weer  
beter  
voorspel  
as die  
weerburo.

Vriendskap Flenterjies



Daar is geen  
groter rykdom  
in die lewe  
as vrede in  
jou siel

## THE ORV RECYCLING INITIATIVE

As you may have heard via the grapevine, a recycling project at our Olivedale Village has been in the planning stages for well over a year. At long last we can bring you the good news that the first step in this project is now up and running, and we need your help and interest to make it function in the best possible way.

The Village now has its own "Bottle Bank" for the collection of glass bottles. This is situated in the rubbish yard next to the Garden of Remembrance. It is a large green container with a smallish hole at the top through which the bottles can be thrown into the container. When it is full, this container will be collected and a replacement left in the yard. The Village will receive payment for the weight collected.

Recycling companies know there are

not many of them so they set very clear rules for whatever we want them to collect. With these Glass Banks, the items to be thrown inside are ONLY glass bottles – not plastic at all please, and no tops on the wine bottle, the coffee bottle or the chutney, tomato sauce or mayo bottles. Please just "rinse and recycle". Also avoid tossing in any broken tumblers or wine glasses, window glass or mirrors. If these items are found inside, the whole consignment is discarded. There is an official notice on the Bottle Bank about this and we ask for your help to stick to their rules.

Any glass bottles can now be put out for the normal rubbish collection in whatever manner you use for your other recyclable material. If you can keep the recyclables separately from

the dirty or wet kitchen waste, it will help when the next phase is ready to go. Please remember – "rinse and recycle" and the flies and goggas will not bother anyone in the vicinity of your apartment, house or bin yard..

We look forward to filling our first Bottle Bank and will report back to you.



Resident Sean Raine and Head gardener Clement, Bushy and Komotso tossing the first bottles



## RAILWAY JACK: THE TRUE STORY OF AN AMAZING BABOON

The elderly lady in the railway carriage did a double take. This was no ordinary signalman, instead she saw a very hairy chacma baboon working the levers and rails as trains sped passed. She laid a complaint with the railway authorities. Several officials were dispatched to sort out this somewhat unbelievable complaint. Jack the simian, was already a well-loved and fascinating sight in Uitenhage. Everyone travelling on the Port Elizabeth-Cape Town rail line would keep an eye out for him. The authorities put Jack through the most stringent tests. He never faltered and to their amazement passed every single signalman exercise with flying colours. Finally, he was appointed assistant-signalman to his master, James (Jumper) Wide. The first (and last) baboon to be employed by S.A. Rail earning a whopping 25 cents a day and

a half pint of beer every week. The story goes that Jumper spotted Jack at a market, driving an oxcart, and realised his potential. James had lost both his legs in a rail accident. First, he trained Jack to push him to work at Uitenhage station in a trolley, then to clean their living quarters and do the gardening. So mentally adept was Jack that, in time, he learnt to count the signalman whistles, changing train tracks and levers accordingly. Never once in 9 years did he make a mistake! His previous owner had warned Jumper to give Jack 3 sips of Cape brandy every night or beware...Jack would sulk all the next day and refuse to do anything. Jumper only made that mistake once! Over the decade Jack and Jumper became inseparable. Passers-by would observe them sitting happily side by side and its said that when pushing

Jumper on the trolley, the baboon would gleefully jump up behind his master on the downhills. Together they became a living legend astounding both laymen and primatologists alike. In 1890 Jack contracted tuberculosis and eventually passed away in his master's arms. Jumper was beyond distraught. Jack's skull rests in the Albany Museum in Grahamstown and several books have been written about him.





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## THINGS TO PONDER:

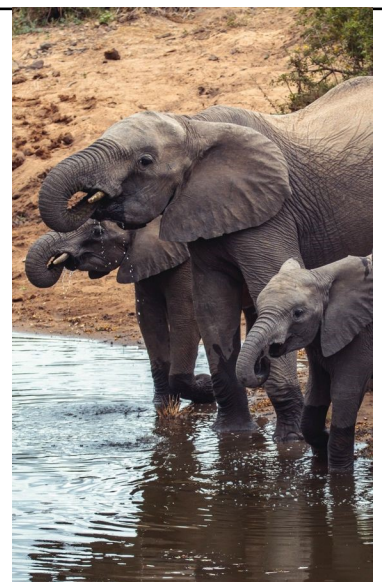
- What if my dog only brings the ball back because he thinks I like throwing it?
- If the poison expiration date is past does that mean it's less or more poisonous?
- Which letter in "Scent" is silent...is the S or the C?
- Do twins ever realize that one of them is unplanned?
- Why is W pronounced "double U" instead of "double V"?
- What if oxygen is killing you & it just takes 75 to 100 years to work?
- Everytime you clean, you make something else dirty.
- 100 years ago, everyone had a horse, only the rich had a car. Today everyone has cars & only the rich have horses.
- If you replace the "W" with a "T" in "What, Where & When", you would have the answer to each one.
- If you rip a hole in a net, you have less holes than you started with.

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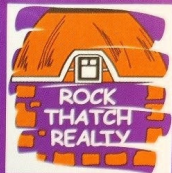
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