



CHARTWELL

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CHARTWELL COMMUNICATION

Without communication, we have no community. In order to achieve what we, as a community would like to achieve, it is critical that we talk to and listen to each other. Information is power, and we encourage every resident, young and old to get onto at least one or two of the CCE communication channels. As part of the CCE vision laid out earlier this year, communication is a vital cog in helping Chartwell reach its full potential. We are very excited to announce the following upgrades and additions to our CCE communication bouquet.

The Newly Upgraded CCE Website

This is one of the biggest steps forward that we have made in Chartwell's communication, both internally & to the surrounding community. The fresh new website will serve as a hub for all current and potential residents of Chartwell to hopefully visit and interact with on a daily basis. Residents will each have their own individual login details. All important documents, notifications and information relating to our area will be loaded onto the website and be accessible to registered users. We have a platform for all local businesses and residents to advertise their services, accommodation, rentals and items for sale. We are in the process of setting up payment facilities on the website to allow for secure credit card payments. Ultimately once the CCTV project is fully up and running, registered residents will be able to login to view live CCTV footage from the various area overview surveillance cameras. We encourage all CCE residents to log on to the FRESH NEW WEBSITE, register and add it to the homepage on your mobile!!

www.chartwellcountryestate.co.za

Newly Launched CCE Instagram Page

Very exciting news. 'Chartwell_Country_Estates' is officially on Instagram!!! Photo's, notifications and updates will be posted on our Instagram page. Follow us, like us and watch

this space...

Whatsapp Groups

We continue to use the official CCE Whatsapp groups as an easy tool for direct intercommunication between residents.

The current Whatsapp groups:

SOS Groups – North & South – These groups are strictly for life threatening emergencies
Chartwell Blockwatch – For Blockwatch operational purposes and security

Chartwell General Info & Chat Group – For general information and chatting

Various Ward Groups – Localised chat between residents in specific wards within Chartwell

CCE Walk & Running Group – A platform where residents can connect to do group walks or runs

Each group has a description outlining what the objective of the group is. Whilst these groups are mainly administered by members of the CCE board, they should be considered as self-regulating platforms, we are all hopefully mature adults, educated in social media etiquette. Whilst we believe in healthy and sometimes hearty debate, we ask that we all keep things civil. Please don't just leave the group every time someone voices an opinion that differs from your own. We have often seen certain differences & divides being bridged and solutions being found through a good whatsapp tussle.

Facebook

We will continue to keep our Facebook page – 'Chartwell CCE' current and up to date with the latest pictures, documents and relevant information.

CCE Monthly Newsletter

We hope that all Chartwellians are enjoying our informative and colourful monthly newsletter!!!

UP COMING
EVENTS
OCTOBER

9

CCE BOARD
MEETING

12

CHARTWELL
FAMILY WALK &
FUN RUN

more info on pg 2 & 3

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COGS

Senior Chartwellians meet for their monthly lunch if interested please contact

Howie Fitzwilliam
082 932 4778

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RIVER CLEAN

UP - SPRUIT DAY

8:30am - 12:00pm

contact Mark on
info@chartwellcountryestate.co.za

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MONTHLY
PHOTO
COMPETITION
FINAL
SUBMISSION
DATE

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SWEEPSTAKES
For more info contact
Maureen on
083 228 1753

CHARTWELL

family walk & fun run



After the run there will be a traditional SA Bring & Braai, barrel braais with coals will be provided, or bring your own skottle if you prefer, along with your own food and refreshments.

- Spot prizes up for grabs.
- Prizes for the first three males, females & youth.

Registration link will be sent out in advance.
14.00 to 15.00 collect race number & final registration from Calgro Park.
For more info contact Mark on 081 262 9505 via Whatsapp.



CCE MEMBERSHIP NUMBERS
Current total
 90 members
Break down
 53 residential
 7 river properties
 11 businesses
 19 tenants
 Contact
 jenni@chartwell.co.za

ADT SUBSCRIBERS
Current total
 143
 Required for
 dedicated vehicle 150
 Innocent - 071 460 3780

SPRING GARDEN TIPS FROM KC LANDSCAPING



By Karen Cox

△ Hopefully the rain will be coming in October, so to prepare and keep your garden looking good in the springtime through into summer, it's a good idea to compost beds now and top dress lawn.

△ Watering your garden is essential at this time too.

△ Cut grass very short spike the lawn so the organics can infiltrate properly and top dress

△ Water your garden every second day ... and do a rain dance.

△ As far as planting goes ... plant indigenous water wise plants, especially succulents because they are low maintenance and look good all the time.

△ Seedlings are fine for small pots to spruce them up but they are thirsty! Most nurseries have a good selection or you can order from me (Karen Cox).

△ Currently it's a good time to prune your trees get rid of dead wood and tidy up your plants in beds turn the soil compost , split and water, to prepare for the upcoming seasons.

△ We are busy with a long term plan to renovate all the verges in chartwell, we are just working around the water challenge we have at this point.

△ A new bed has been prepared on the corner of Runnymead and Third Road and we are looking for succulents and rocks to be donated please.

△ We will collect if anyone has, as well as any indigenous plants to add to our beds in the Neighbourhood.

△ I have also challenged Chartwell to take out one non indigenous tree in your garden and plant an evergreen indigenous tree. Some examples are :

△ Syringa ... poisonous berries

△ Blue gum suck up vast amounts of groundwater

△ Black Wattle which competes with indigenous trees and dominates the grasslands

△ Replace with :

△ Wild Olive

△ Wild Elder

△ Ilex Mitis

All of these trees can be bought and planted by us if you like.



CHARTWELL FUN RUN

By Mark McClue

Bringing back simple values & walking the talk (or run if you'd rather!)

It's amazing how time passes and it's almost 17 years since 2003 when the first Chartwell fun run was arranged by Viv and Jenni Brown and set in motion many that followed thereafter.

I was never that enthusiastic about running back then, preferring to cover distance in my kayak or Landy! But i took part when I could and remember taking my son and daughter around in a pushchair and getting a chance to see Chartwell from outside of our property.

This year this fun event is back on Saturday the 12th Oct as the Chartwell Family Walk & Fun Run...

Keeping it simple we'll follow the old proven route starting at the Calgro park heading down Second, along Seven Oaks... up 1st and back along Runnymead to the finish for a traditional SA Bring n Braai round a fire under the stars.

The route is 5km and whether you walk or run (or a bit of both!) the idea is to enjoy the afternoon with your family and friends getting to see and know your neighbourhood.

For details see the event poster, on the Chartwell website, instagram or facebook page & to register for the event click on the whatsapp link & fill in the details online, on our new website.

△ A R30 donation towards Chartwell initiatives gets your entry number for the spot prizes & a sweepstakes draw on the day.

Come join in the fun & see Chartwell from a different perspective.

Aunty Maureen tells:

FRANK'S STORE
By Maureen Dalglish

A ramshackle General Dealer store that used to be at Plot 92/93 on 4th Road just behind what is now "The Yard on 3rd".

And what was sold there?

Ask any Chartwellian who grew up in the area – and their immediate reply would be "Chappies" Bubble Gum!



Remnants of the old store behind the weeds!

In front of Frank's store was a large well swept yard under Blue Gum trees. Dice games were played there using bottle tops and card games and gambling would be in progress in another section. Music could be heard from the portable transistor radio and then around the back of the store would be an amateur football game in progress. Oh yes, and the inevitable chickens and stray dogs would be running around too.

Inside the store I suspect Frank was making good business as he had no competition – items for sale would include mealie meal, sugar, oil, paraffin decanted into bottles, milk, tomatoes, onions, eggs, buckets, brooms soap, Vaseline, candles, cigarettes and of course "Chappies" Bubble Gum.

So what happened to Frank's Store? Why was it closed and demolished? Surely not because it was a competition for the Broadacres Spar?

Does anyone in Chartwell know the answer to that question for the next newsletter?

'THE CHARTWELL UPCYCLED BIN PROJECT'

Part of the new CCE boards vision is to clean up and beautify the streets of Chartwell. Litter on our streets is a constant struggle that we face. Whilst the Estate Management team picks up litter on a weekly basis the streets are only clean for a day or two. It was decided that if we install a bin at every intersection, hopefully the streets will be clean everyday. The idea of the 'Chartwell Upcycled Bin Project' was brought to the CCE Board by long time resident Julian Walker, who has always been passionate about preserving Chartwells environment. He said "I believe that unless we supply bins, there will never be a change to the ongoing litter issue. It's about education."

The Bin Project aims to help the environment by keeping it clean through discouraging littering in the

Chartwell area. These bins don't only help the environment by reducing litter, they are also mainly made out of upcycled materials. The body of the bins are made from polypropylene sewer pipe offcuts, collected from the Joburg Water sewer upgrade project, and the stand consists of 2 gum poles.

The goal is to ultimately have a bin at every major intersection in Chartwell. The first phase we are aiming at is 15 bins. Discussions are currently being held between the CCE and the Sweepstakes about the sponsorship of this project. As these bins will be positioned on our verges, the hope is that the recyclers will empty the bins for us. Yes, that's it a "Self Emptying Bin". This will be a community project and we will ask for the input of all residents when the time is right.



CHARTWELL PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITION

1. Take a beautiful photo of/in our area.
 2. Submit photos to blueleafandco@gmail.com
- The top 5 images will be chosen, to be featured in the next newsletter, on our instagram, facebook & website. You will also stand a chance to win a prize. Any one can enter!



CHARTWELL ACHIEVER

Lorette Knowles-Taylor - Chartwells showjumping star

Lorette Knowles-Taylor is a long time Chartwell resident whose passion is show jumping. Lorette is a decorated South African show jumper who has achieved incredible things throughout her career. We spoke to Lorette to find out more about her and how she got to where she is today.

QU: How long have you been living in Chartwell?

ANS: Since 1999. My mom-in-laws property which she bought in 1981 was the last (middle) property to be bought up by the group that developed what we now know as the Broadacres Shopping Centre.

QU: Which disciplines do you do? And what is involved with them?

ANS: I am a showjumper. This is where you and your horse jump over a set of fences and obstacles in an arena, designed by a course designer.

QU: How long have you been doing show jumping for?

ANS: I have ridden since I was 7 and competed since I was 9.

QU: What got you into horse riding and showjumping?

ANS: My Dad took me on a ride in the mountains in the Drakensberg one family holiday when I was 7.

QU: Have you always been passionate about riding?

ANS: Absolutely mad about riding and horses since that first holiday ride.

QU: What are some of your top achievements in the sport?

ANS: Receiving Protea colours, ranking no 1 in SA and winning the SA Derby would rank as my personal top achievements thus far.

QU: A bit about your family and what you like to do when you are not on your horse.

ANS: Barry, my husband is also a protea showjumper and I have a 14 year old daughter who rides competitively too, Ashlee. I have 2 step daughters, Lexi and Danah, who are now married and have since moved out of Chartwell. And we have 3 grandsons from our eldest, Lexi. Nicolas is 18 months and the twins Leo and Lex were born in March this year. When our family isn't working or at a horse show we try and get away from the business- we love the Bush and especially the Kruger.

QU: Do you teach showjumping or horse riding?

ANS: Our showjumping stable yard is called Farnham Stables. We specialize in high performance showjumping coaching of ages from 14 years. I am involved with the juniors- from 14 to 18 years old (our sister yard is in Kyalami and produces our pony riders and then they come across to me for their junior careers). Barry is responsible for coaching the young riders and adults.



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