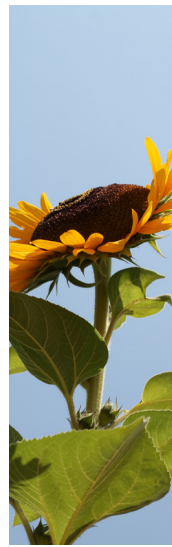




# CHARTWELL COUNTRY ESTATES

NOVEMBER 2020 NEWSLETTER

## 2020 - WORDS JUST CAN'T EXPLAIN





# COMMUNITY MATTERS

By Mark McClue

The 2020 Chartwell Walk and Fun Run- Bigger and more fun than ever

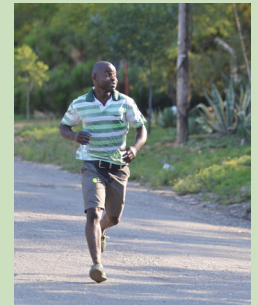
After such a disruptive year no one knew if we would be able to hold the 2020 Chartwell Family Walk and Fun Run, however in the inevitable way that our Chartwell community can rise to the occasion when given a challenge on the 14th of November, we did exactly that!

With people keen to escape lockdown fever, it gave an opportunity for residents to get out and catch up with community members that haven't seen each other for a while.

Indeed this year, even whilst taking the recommended COVID precautions into account, we saw 89 runners take part each getting this year's Chartwell fridge magnet and over 150 people turned up to join in and support.

## Congratulations and thanks

Well done to all the runners and walkers taking part and in particular to the finishing positions below. It was a fun race with challenges to some of last years winners and a good show again from Eldorado Stables and REM staff competing for top positions along with residents and landowners.



The organisation of the event area and sponsors was handled by the team efforts of Chez, Laura, Ronnie and with REM Landrover & Howard and Currie (who both also provided awards), along with Erin, Jemma and Chris as time keepers. A big thank you goes to the community volunteers Margie, Rick, Ashleigh and Sheldon who assisted with water tables handing out water courtesy of Broadacres Spar and to Howie, Graham, Hein and Dylan for marshaling along with ADT on the streets for safety.

The evenings awards and social was held at Hoopoe Haven with a bring and braai area along with sound and celebrations into the evening, thank you to Tracy and her team for hosting and making all feel welcome.

## Awards and Sponsors

Ryan who recently joined the residents board acted as MC and had the fun task of handling the awards and lucky draw which was even more successful this year with over R10,000 worth of prizes all sponsored from within the 1st mile principle of supporting our local community suppliers.

A list of these is contained within the classified section and we urge you to support them in mind for your Xmas purchases as they have supported us as residents, even during this challenging year.

## Moving Forward

After last year's successful race we started a local whatsapp group to enable runners and walkers to share routes, find running partners and residents to get out and explore our beautiful Chartwell and Conservancy area. More people have joined up since this years race and there is talk of encouraging residents and staff to join in more regularly to keep fit and get to know their neighbourhood.

Be sure to check out the photos of the event where almost everyone had a picture that took part and we will see you at the next event.

### CHARTWELL FUN RUN AWARDS



FIRST PLACE GIRLS	FIRST PLACE BOYS	FIRST PLACE LADIES	FIRST PLACE MENS
<b>SARAH COPELAND</b>	<b>KIRAN GOUWS</b>	<b>CAROLINE JACQUES</b>	<b>TRIMORE</b>
SECOND PLACE GIRLS	SECOND PLACE BOYS	SECOND PLACE LADIES	SECOND PLACE MENS
<b>KIM BORRINO &amp; FATIMA</b>	<b>ALEX CRIPSEY</b>	<b>ASHLEY KREFT</b>	<b>ESAU</b>
THIRD PLACE GIRLS	THIRD PLACE BOYS	THIRD PLACE LADIES	THIRD PLACE MENS
<b>KEIRAH WARREN</b>	-	<b>MEGAN HOWARD</b>	<b>ANDREW COPELAND</b>



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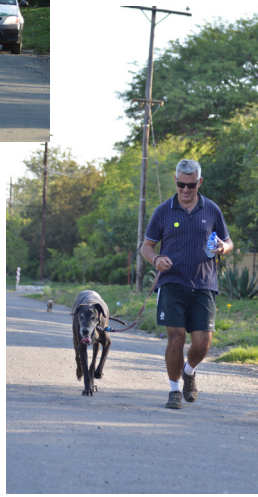


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## What do we mean by Community Matters?

This section of the newsletter is headed, Community Matters, and it can be read in different ways. Yes it recognises that we form part of a Chartwell Community, and yes we use it to share stories or events, which you could call 'matters' that our residents should know about ie as a noun 'a subject or situation under consideration' However as a verb it means 'to be important or significant' and it is here that we believe the heading draws attention to the fact that our Chartwell 'Community.... Matters' to us all, regardless of differences in opinion, status or belief.

We are thankfully not all the same, and yet the spirit in Chartwell, our surroundings and lifestyle for those who choose to live here is what makes us significant and different to others as an area within the community of Chartwell Country Estates and Conservancy.

That surely has been one of the key aspects and values we have been able to experience during this lockdown period. At least we have had room to breathe and move during a period where others have been far more restricted. This is something that has always been under flux and will be challenged further as developments in the area increase and it will take open mature minds within Chartwell to work together as a community to respect each other's rights and address what is ultimately best for the residents and community as a whole.

Allowing for differences, that takes cooperation with each other, as neighbours, as friends, as volunteers, committee members and residents alike which consist of landowners and tenants that make up Chartwell.

## Thanks, where thanks is due.

There have been many individuals, families, businesses and personalities over the years that have held different roles within this community that has made up Chartwell and led it to where it is today. Without those people the area may have just succumbed to another urban or industrial sprawl or indeed informal settlements of a vast scale as seen elsewhere.

Our thanks goes to them all and this year as recognition of this important aspect of the community we decided to introduce the 'Chartwell Community Matters' award. This is not a medal or prize of material value, more as a simple act and gift to acknowledge an outstanding contribution to the Chartwell Community.

For this first year we were proud to present this award to Jenni Brown who moved into Chartwell during 1991 and has lived here raising her family of Leigh-Ann, Tarryn, Charlene and Callen with Viv her loving husband. As most would know along with a devastating 2020 due to the covid period Jenni faced her own tragic loss which has changed her life within Chartwell forever and yet Jenni along with her family still embrace and are involved actively in Chartwell which she will forever be part of its history and make up. Here is Jenni completing this year's fun run with her daughter Charlene and receiving her Chartwell Community Matters award.



Jenni joined the Chartwell community committee in 1998 after the loss of a dedicated resident at the time, Pat Foster. Jenni who has a vested interest in the area and didn't choose to take on the position of a board member, however has used her skills and provided the administration services for the main residents board and countless volunteer roles and subcommittee teams for whatever Chartwell needs to address. As this newsletter covers for this year and acknowledged at the race awards Jenni and her family organised the first of 12 Chartwell fun runs from 2002 and I remember taking part in these being welcomed into the area.

Non political, always led by the greater good, Jenni is willing to assist wherever she can and often the first person people interact with as a new resident, as was my own case or where any residents may have challenges as they adapt to living within the unique lifestyle that Chartwell represents. When asked why? Jenni says 'I got involved in serving, because I grew to love the people in the area and the work tasks are a minor part of loving and being part of the community and I wish that always to be the case where I can'

Thank you Jenni for being a leading example and inspiration from within our community and one of it's own who has led and acted selflessly through the trials and tribulations that Chartwell presents and indeed has shown necessary in one's own life to overcome obstacles always with a smile and a brave spirit. We wish you and the

family well with positive strength forward into 2021.

After such a disruptive year this unity and community serving attitude is needed more than ever as we face ongoing challenges around security, roads, the river, municipal services and maintaining the environment we wish to see and live within.

We encourage you to embrace what Chartwell represents and to get involved where you can and to take a lead and inspiration from those who have come before you.

May 2020 be the year you reflect on being grateful for what you have as opposed to focusing on what you don't and make 2021 a year to make a difference within your live with others and your community.



**"A Southern White Faced Owl that I saw on the eskom lines"**

**Photo by Mark McClue**

# Aunty Maureen tells:

## The Indaba Hotel (Part 1) By Maureen Dalglish

The Indaba Hotel was once "Fourways Gardens Hotel" and before that "Little Roseneath" and, if walls could talk, would have many scandals to tell!

"Little Roseneath" was a quaint thatched country guest house to which sophisticated people would drive out into the country on a Sunday afternoon for tea and cream scones or, as I learnt from one of our Chartwell residents, young men would gather in the bar "The Good Knights" on a Friday for a rowdy drinking evening, which once resulted in the elderly owner, a certain Mrs Steffokis, physically throwing out one of their colleagues who had been drunk and disorderly. Then there was an "Auction" and this White Elephant was bought by Jim and Rosa Hodnett for a very reasonable sum and the Hodnett family were all delegated to different tasks, even the two schoolgoing boys were expected to serve at the reception desk or answer telephones over the weekend and school holidays.

And so began the era of the Fourways Gardens Hotel. Rosa, now a darling Grandmother well into her 80s, recalls how she took over the catering – The Drawbridge Restaurant. Among the staff members whom the Hodnetts had inherited was a Mozambican chef, John, whose cooking was fantastic but who could neither read nor write and this of course was quite a challenge as he could never be handed a new recipe to try. His

reputation was known far and wide and cooks from other restaurants would come on their off days to try out and to steal his recipes and many a restaurateur would have liked to have stolen him as well.

In the kitchen, too, was a little Zulu whose task was washing up the dirty dishes. Rosa became aware that whenever she was decorating cakes or puddings, this guy would stop his work and study her closely. He, too, was illiterate, but one day plucked up courage to ask her if he could learn to prepare and decorate the cakes and puddings ... and so with a little help and encouragement he was promoted to do the job.

Running a country hotel, even though a fairly small one, was more than a full time job for the family and after almost 10 years Rosa confessed to one of the guests that she was getting tired. This lady guest apparently was a clairvoyant and looking Rosa straight in the eye announced to her that they would soon sell their hotel for a very good price and so it happened that, unexpectedly, they were offered R3 million (a fantastic price at the time) and the little hotel was sold. Jim Hodnett packed up his tools, Rosa said goodbye to the seahorse mosaic that she had made for the pond and with their two boys they bade farewell to Fourways and travelled abroad for the next few years...

(Part 2 to follow in the next issue)



# CCE FUN RUN A TRIBUTE TO CHARTWELL

By Charlene Brown

I was only a few months old when my parents, Viv and Jenni Brown, moved to Chartwell in 1991 and I was 12 when they hosted the first CCE Fun Run in 2002. This year's event brought back so much nostalgia and reflection for my mom and I as we looked back on the years that have passed since the very first run.

My parents have always been involved in the community, and so it seemed to be a natural extension of that involvement when my dad decided to share his love for running (and of course a good-social-braai) with the rest of Chartwell. While many of us might not be as endeared by the thought of running Comrades, we can all share in our love for Chartwell. The first run was planned for the start of Spring- always my favourite time in Chartwell, with the smell of the Syringa trees filling the air like a promise for warmer weather and long summer evenings- and it became a bit of a tradition in the beginning years that the run would manage to bring on some of the first rains of the season. Many finishers would get a free shower before the end of their race.

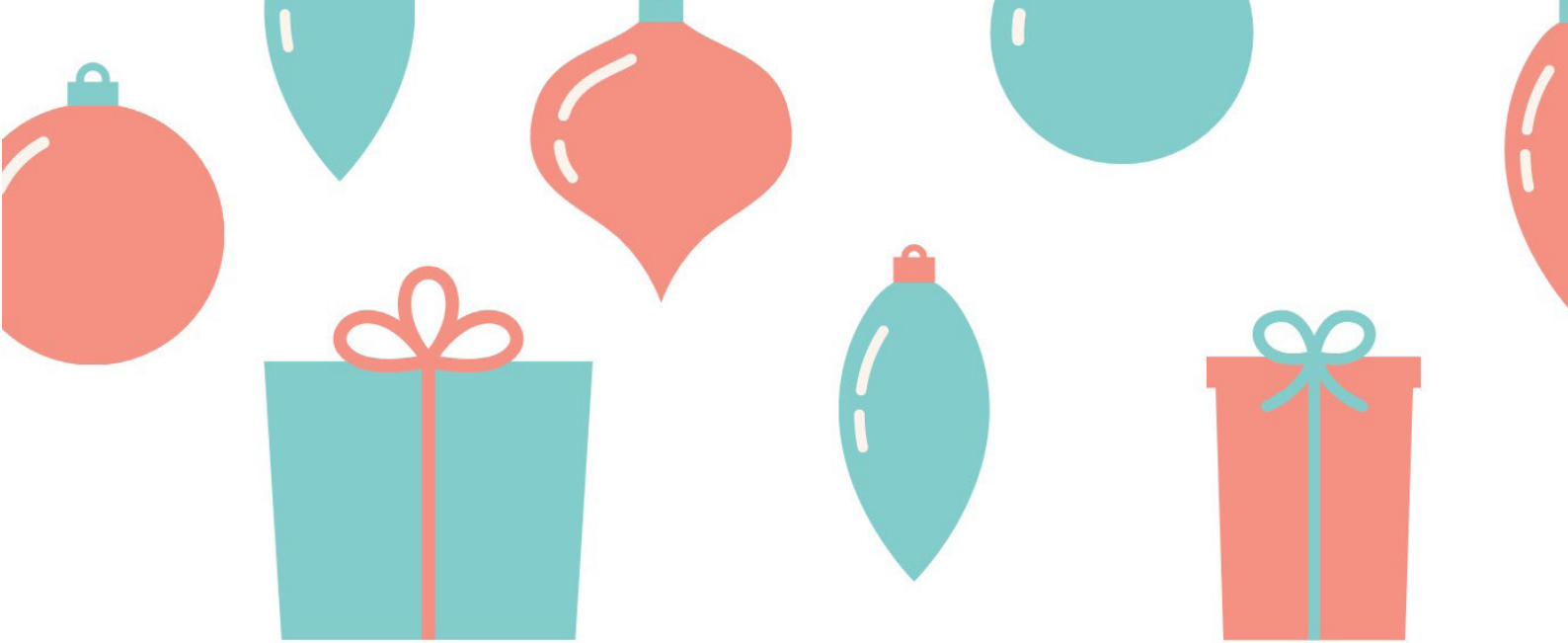
So many things have changed since

the first run was held- Chartwell got its own traffic light, Syringa trees are rather frowned upon and the event has been organised by many different people- but even 18 years later, the original route has been unchanged. There is the same sense of community and support from sponsors- including the Broadacres Spar who were the biggest sponsor of the original event in 2002. There has been no change in the chirps and laughter between runners, walkers and the volunteers at the water tables and marshalling points.

I feel extremely blessed to have grown up in Chartwell- the open spaces, sunsets and Second Road as much a part of me as my gapped-toothed smile inherited from my father- and it is so comforting and heartwarming to know that generations to come will be able to experience the same Chartwell that my family will always love.

A huge thank-you to the CCE Board and this year's organisers- Cheryl Borrino, Laura Murray and Mark McClue- for another fantastic Chartwell Fun Run.





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