

CHIT CHAT

FROM

WAKKERSTROOM NO.1

We are hoping to have a newsletter every two weeks or so with general chat to keep everyone informed of local news. Here's hoping I manage to keep on top of things and don't leave any interesting things out. You are welcome to phone me at any time with snippets of important info or even just "juicy bits"

1) Congratulations go to Rupert and Gwynne at Chetnole Cottages. They have received their 4 Star rating

2) Closings. -
Len and Hannelie held their last Sunday Lunch at De Oude Stasie today. They have decided to retire to their home "on the hill".

This weekend marks the last weekend that Mooi will be open. Hannie van Bergen has decided to close her shop.

3) Openings - Len and Hannelie will be doing a "Boerekos Buffet" on some Sundays at Moreson (Their home on the Hill). Details to follow

Hannie will be opening a new branch of her shop at The Bistro in a back room. Christa Lourens will be "manning" it. Details of the opening to follow.

Jane and Carol have opened "Wakkerstroom Central" in Badenhorst Street. This incorporates an Internet Café and a Business Centre. It also includes an Art Gallery, the brainchild of Carol and a Frame Shop. The formal opening is today and a pre-opening party was held in the premises.

Howard and Eric have opened a cosy new pub down on the Vlei called the CROWNED CRANE. Their "Opening Ceremony" was on Friday 29 April.

Sharmaine Allen will be taking over De Oude Stasie and will advise more details in due course.

Berry Duncan has opened a second-hand clothing shop opposite the old clinic. She would welcome any donations of clothing etc. How about shopping there yourself when you visit?

4) ROAD TO RECOVERY - John Barrow had his appendix out last week and Jan Oosthuizen at the Butchery had a hernia op three weeks ago.

5) SOMETHING TO DO -

A walking group leaves from the hotel at 7.00 am on Tuesday mornings. All are welcome. Bring a hat and water.

A cycling group leaves the hotel also at 7.00am on Thursday mornings. All are welcome. Likewise bring a hat and water.

Movies on a Tuesday afternoon from 2.30pm at the Bank Gallery with the exception of the third Tuesday in each month as Nigel Mason, the projectionist, has Book Club. If you wish to receive details of what's showing, call Shirley Blackwell on 072 261 4958 / 017 730 0144 who will put you on her mailing list if you are not on it. . This is advised as these showings will only be held when Nigel is in town. Tea and coffee are provided. Donations are welcome

6) WACKY KNITTERS- have put together a beautiful blanket. It's made of Knitted squares and includes squares of pictures of the historic buildings of Wakkerstroom. These pics were taken by Norman Dennett and are stunning! The blanket is being raffled and the draw will take place on Tuesday 3 May.

7) OSSEWAKOP - Many thanks to Mark and Karen Kotze who have been instrumental in getting the painting on Ossewakop going. Fred Kolbe has supplied the lime, Andre Landman will supply the necessary weed-killer and the Working on Fire team will be cutting down the bushes. The Endangered Wildlife Trust under Mo de Bruin are going to do the work on an on-going basis. There is still a need for donations for pipes etc. Good luck Guys! Hope we can start the project soon.

8) WAKKERSTROOM MOUNTAIN CHALLENGE - Saturday, 18 June. This challenge has been revived by Rupert and Gwynne Lawlor. Hope you all support it as it should be a lot of fun. All Welcome, just bring tekkies!

9) NAME AND SHAME COLUMN A brilliant suggestion from an un-named source is that we have a column that will list "offenders" against the ethos of our happy little town. So, beware, if you jump Stop Streets; speed; toss litter; create an unpleasant disturbance etc.!! Please be warned and if you see something that disturbs you, let me know.

Any ideas?

We will try to send CHIT CHAT to all the addresses that we have. If you know of anyone who would like to be on our mailing list and didn't get one or is not a member, please let JOHN BARROW on info@wakkerstroomtourism.co.za have the contact details.

Cheers!

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